

### January 13, 1927

Mrs. Helen Murray and daughter Katherine of Battle Creek were here for Christmas and the holiday week. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. Loveland taking them home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Jessie Bowman left this morning via the Santa Fe route for Washington State. She has a one day daylight stop over at Grand Canyon. Will go to San Francisco, Seattle, and to the home of her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sackett at Anacortes, Washington for an extended visit.

Mrs. James Boyles was in Charlotte Wednesday and spent the day with Mrs. Towns and Mrs. Lane at the Lane Memorial Home. Mrs. Lane is 93 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bly of St. Joseph returned home New Years afternoon after more than a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Rawson.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Davis and children of Jackson spent the weekend with Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Davis. Geo. and Harry Davis visited their mother at Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, Saturday.

Roy E. Mathews grocery route patrons since the truck has been taken off are getting the "store to door" service this winter that they had in the warmer weather. The orders if not given by person are received by phone or by mail on the order postal cards, sent out by Mr. Mathews, and brought in by the rural carriers in time so Lou gets the goods to them in the afternoon. Some service.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Stiles and Charles motored to Jackson New Years morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welshon and Frances, returning Sunday evening.

Mrs. Guy Ovenshire and daughter Mrs. Gail Wilson and two little boys of Battle Creek came to the Morgan Mrs. Diehl home last Friday to meet her friend, Mrs. Alice Worden of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Barber went to Battle Creek to visit Mr. and Mrs. Philip Barber over New Years and Sunday and Vance attended the Reunion of his Peekskill Navy Club in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Edith Biggs and Marthagene left for Charlotte Sunday afternoon where Mrs. Biggs began her duties as city librarian Monday morning and Marthagene entered the Charlotte schools.

While loading logs on his farm in Chester township Monday, Grover Garn was injured on the head in an unusual accident. He had stuck an ax between two logs and in some manner the ax became released and fell, in its descent cutting a gash back of Garn's left ear. Three stitches being required.

The Grand Rapids Press Saturday, January 8th, under the head of West Michigan Parks, printed a cut showing Vermontville's park in summer time and says: "A quiet, restful park is to be found near the center of Vermontville, occupying the southeast corner at the intersection of the two main streets. This bit of ground was set aside by the early pioneers who came to Michigan from Vermont in 1837-8, and for many years was used as a community playground.

The village forefathers called it the public square, and on the adjacent three corners they built the Congregational and Methodist churches and the academy. The academy was built in 1844 and is one of the oldest buildings in Vermontville. The building was intended for school and church purposes, but now is called the chapel and is used by the Congregational church members.

About 30 years ago the square was planted to maple trees. A little later a cement walk was laid diagonally across the park and seats provided for public convenience. The past summer tables have been added and a bubbling fountain has been placed near the entrance, offering attractions for tourists.

Little did the first settlers dream their baseball diamond and quoit pitching ground in two generations would become a transient home for persons traveling in vehicles drawn neither by oxen nor horses."

### FENNVILLE CROSSING IS A BUT TRAGEDY SCENE

As Ned Bale, driving a light sedan, accompanied by James Bale and William Whitbeck, was about 20 feet from the railroad at Main-st, crossing Monday he saw a south-bound freight train approaching. Applying the brakes he succeeded in swinging the car out of the way, but the cylinder of the locomotive struck a rear wheel of the machine and tore the tire carried from the car.

The occupants were uninjured. The train did not stop.

—Grand Rapids Press  
Ned Bale is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bale of Fennville (formerly of Vermontville) and a nephew of E. D. Lake of this village, and James Bale is the older son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bale, also former residents here, and William Whitbeck is their grandson.

At a bank meeting held at Barber State Bank Tuesday, Charles Stiles was elected a director

Rev. E. S. Scott spoke before the class in Bible Study at Charlotte High School, Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lentz of Charlotte was in town Wednesday calling on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ilo Ferris visited her parent, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood Sunday.

There was a good crowd at the picture show last night for the benefit of V. H. S. Athletic Association.

Ion McLaughlin was a Tuesday evening guest of O. E. McLaughlin and wife.

Mrs. Altie Staup of Nashville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyles, Sunday.

Supervisor Crook was in Charlotte last week and Monday of this week at a meeting of the board of supervisors.

Mrs. Eula Barber went to Buffalo, New York, Tuesday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hance Hammond and family for a week. .. By the way, our teams won both games with Caledonia Friday night!

The girls line-up was the same as usual, no subs having to be put in. We are proud of our girl's team and, what's more we have a right to be.

The boys game was very exciting. Our boys worked hard to win, and win they did. The results of their good practices show plainly on them to win the big Woodland Game which is "coming off" Jan. 21st. "Come on, boys! We know you can do it!"

Bert Lumbert and family will move from E. W. Stevens farm to the farm nearby they purchased some time ago known as the McIntire farm and vacated last spring by Allen Shetenheim and family, and Fred Frith and family will move back to the Stevens farm from the Bob Parker farm in the Hager district.

### January 20, 1927

Karl Weiler, Rollin Deer and Ward Parker are attending the Auto show in Grand Rapids today. K. R. will remain for the Sherwood-Hall banquet at the Morton Hotel tonight.

Ernie Ward's left hand is healing nicely from the shot gun wound. All the fingers were saved, though the little finger and the one next to it will be useless.

Dr. and Mrs. Snell and Miss Norena entertained Miss Maud Morgan, Mrs. Lizzie Lake and Mrs. Una Moss to a fine chicken supper last Thursday evening.

Mrs. C. S. Snell was the victim of a surprise birthday dinner at her home, last Saturday. The surprise was nicely arranged by her daughter, Miss Norena. A number of Edward Dwight Corps ladies and a few of the Post with the help of Mrs. Snell made it a very pleasant day. Mrs. Snell received a number of very appropriate gifts.