

Our new bakery proprietor, H. O. Inman, wife and children, Madra and Howard, are settled in the C. B. Hawkins house west of Barber State Bank, and opened the bakery for business Wednesday in the store used by the Kaiser bakery. Mr. Inman has spent twenty-five years in the business and knows it from a to z. A good bakery helps the town and Mr. Inman should be given loyal support. When we help a home industry, we help the town.

Rev. F. P. Sprague returned home last Thursday from Eaton Rapids where his tonsils were removed on Tuesday. This operation is already proving a benefit to Mr. Sprague, as he shows marked improvement. His tonsils were badly diseased.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelley and son George of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. George Swales of South Haven, and Kenneth Kelley of Battle Creek were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ferris the past week.

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Woodland girls have put in a good many hard practices getting in trim to beat Vermontville; but it was of no avail. They played a hard game. However they soon found out that Vermontville could play equally as hard and enough better to carry off the victory with a score of 15-6. We were very glad when our girls won the other Woodland game; but two are so much better than one!

Our boys lost to Woodland; but they worked so hard in the attempt to win that we are very proud of them. They played a good game all the way through; and their teamwork was good. Nevertheless, the Woodland team was a little too much for them; and the final score was 23-10.

What would you say of a team that could go on a strange floor, play an entire game without making any fouls, keep the other team from making a score, and finally making a score of 21. Well, that is exactly what our girls did at Middleville last Friday night! And they used different rules than those they are used to, too.

Vermontville Grange chorus returned from East Lansing last night after taking part in the singing contest, tired, disappointed, and very much perurbed at the result. It is hard for one who took part to look at it from neutral standpoint but try as we will we fail to see how the judges arrived at their decisions. However they are supposed to know their business, and we must accept the result in a true sportsmanlike spirit. The Vermontville chorus sang in a very creditable manner, and have every reason to be satisfied with their performance in compari-

son with the other contestants. Seven choruses took part, and the prize winners were:- first, Ithaca, second Stockman Grange of Bath, third, Eaton Rapids, fourth, Welcome Grange north of Hastings. Vermontville received a prize of \$15 for scoring more than 80 per cent. Those who composed the chorus were, Rev. H. H. Rogers, leader, Mrs. F. E. Wilson, pianist, Mrs. K. Weiler, Mrs. A. L. Barningham, Mrs. W. Ford, Mrs. F. H. Thrun, Mary Thrun, Shirley Wheaton, Mrs. O. B. Tubbs, Mrs. H. H. Rogers, Miss B. Granger, Mrs. Ilo Ferris, sopranos. Mrs. E. W. Stevens, Mrs. A. Dow, Mrs. C. VanderVeere, Mrs. D. E. Clay, altos. Mr. W. Ford, Mr. K. Weiler, tenors. Mr. F. E. Wilson, Mr. H. Wilson, Mr. E. W. Stevens, Mr. L. Matthews, basses.

Mrs. Dorothy Gutches spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Elmon Loveland, who has been ill for several weeks. Her husband, Victor Gutches, joining her for the week end. Mr. Loveland took them to Battle Creek, Sunday, where they are located at 160 Green St.

A telegram received Saturday morning from Palm Beach, Florida by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hager announced the arrival Friday of a 19 lb. boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Townsend.

Benjamin Baight, an old resident of this community passed away at the home of his nephew near Morgan, and was buried Tuesday in the the Freemire cemetery.

Robert Hawkins and a friend Ira Casker from the Big Rapids Institute came home Saturday p. m. to go to Lansing to see the M. S. C. and P. I. game, returning to Big Rapids Sunday. Robert says he likes his school work better every day.

Marian and Ben Fuller drove down from Grand Rapids last Thursday bringing a group of six camp fire girls and spent the day at the S. A. Fuller home. They brought a full course dinner with them including a big thermos jug of hot cocoa. They were a fine bunch of girls and gave the old folks a very joyful day. Also brought their skates but found no skating. They returned to Grand Rapids early in the afternoon.

Earl Gehman has the young peoples degree team organized and expects to confer the 1st and 2nd degrees next Tuesday evening. The team are:

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| Master        | Mrs. D. E. Clay   |
| Overseer      | Rhinehart Zemke   |
| Lecturer      | Eliza Gehman      |
| Chaplain      | Anna VanDeventer  |
| Steward       | Walter Barningham |
| Asst. Steward | Paul Tubbs        |
| Lady Asst. S. | Margareta Zemke   |
| Ceres         | Beatrice Frey     |
| Pomona        | Helen Lake        |
| Flora         | Mary Thrun        |

The older people's team under the direction of Mrs. Otto Johnson are:

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| Master        | Otto Johnson           |
| Overseer      | Mrs. Ora Cook          |
| Lecturer      | Una Moss               |
| Chaplain      | Rev. H. H. Rogers      |
| Steward       | Will Barningham        |
| Asst. Steward | Arthur Barningham      |
| Lady Asst. S. | Mrs. Ethel Gau         |
| Ceres         | Mrs. Nellie Barningham |
| Pomona        | Mrs. Chris VanderVeere |
| Flora         | Mrs. K. R. Weller      |

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MR. AMBROSE SUFFERED STROKE

Friday evening F. F. Ambrose, while sitting in his chair reading his evening paper, was stricken with apoplexy. Mrs. Ambrose called him to supper and hearing no response found him holding his paper but unconscious, the whole left side being affected. We are very glad to report, however, that Mr. Ambrose has considerably improved and can move his hand a little. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

WILL BE GIVEN PARTY

In honor of their forty-first wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pendill will be given a pedro party this evening by a few friends. The company had planned it to be a surprise but to be sure the Pendills would be "at home" had to let them in on the secret. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Pendill the company will consist of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alvoer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank House and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Wells.

On Saturday afternoon the girls of the young ladies class of the Congregational Sunday School surprised their teacher, Mrs. H. H. Rogers, at her home, the occasion being her birthday. They got the information all unknown to her and walked in with baskets well laden for a fine supper including a birthday cake. They also presented her with a birthday gift of a candy jar. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all, and very much appreciated by Mrs. Rogers.

Mrs. Mattie Waggoner visited her sister Mrs. Wood in Charlotte, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence DePlanta of Grand Rapids spent the week end at E. D. Earber's.

Miss Vera Loveland spent the week end in Battle Creek visiting her sister Dorothy and husband.

Mrs. Margaret Hawkins was in Detroit last week on a business trip. While there she was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floy Worden.