

George Knowles, second son of Franklin and Amy Knowles, was born in Orleans County, New York, March 3, 1870.

He came to Michigan with his parents, two sisters and two brothers, January 1874, and the family lived in Benton township, Eaton County until 1877 when they moved to Vermontville and bought a place one mile south of the village. Here he attended the village schools and grew to manhood, and tenderly cared for his mother during her long illness.

He enlisted in the 35th Michigan and served his country in the Spanish-American War in 1898, spending much of his time while in the army as a nurse.

He was in the west for several years in the states of Washington, Oregon and California, also spent a year in Florida.

He returned to Michigan in 1917, and on June 27th of that year was united in marriage to Mrs. Alice Hammond and has lived in the home on South Main street where he passed away very suddenly at six o'clock Wednesday morning, March 9, 1927, aged 57 years, and 6 days.

He purchased a feed mill which he conducted until a few months ago when he was obliged to give up his work, his brother George looking after his business.

He was a member of several lodges: Masonic, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Rebekah, American Legion and Grange, and took an active interest in the welfare of his fraternal brothers and sisters.

Besides his wife he leaves two step-sons, Armond and Gerald Hammond, and one brother George Knowles of this village.

His life has been spent in service for his family, his neighbors and his country. His kindly deeds will ever live in the memory of those who knew him best.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 11, 1:30 p. m. at the house and 2:00 o'clock at the Congregational Church, under the direction of the American Legion. Rev. H. H. Rogers' sermon was very fitting for the occasion and was full of comfort for the sorrowing. The Church was filled with friends and neighbors. The burial services conducted by the Legion were very impressive. Burial was made at Woodlawn cemetery.

In the reports last week of the entertainment at the M. E. Church we forgot to mention the splendid music rendered by Miss Shirley and Milton Wheaton during the supper hour. It was much appreciated and helped everyone to enjoy the supper more.

LeRoy Snell of Detroit and Miss Marion Snell of Olivet College visited his parents Dr. and Mrs. Snell over the week end. Miss Norena Snell accompanied her brother to his home Sunday afternoon, returning Wednesday.

The Boy Scouts are very busy this vacation week. They have erected five new shacks up at Barbers woods and it has the appearance of a new hamlet.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reynolds and son Harold visited Friday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brown. Mrs. Gladys Gerlinger and daughter were afternoon callers.

Homor Barber will entertain the Boy Scouts at the L. C. A. supper in the Chapel tonight in honor of his 12th birthday. About twenty-five boys will be his guests.

Robert Crowhurst was taken to his home, west of Barber bank, from Hall hospital Friday. He gets about the house with the aid of crutches.

Mrs. Clyde Hine had another operation performed on her neck at Ann Arbor last Thursday. She came home Sunday. It is sincerely hoped this operation will remove the cause of all this trouble.

A neighborhood farewell party was given Mr. and Mrs. Reix Deer and family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Austin Saturday evening. The Deers go to their farm, the Rosworth farm.

Mrs. Carl McWha and little son Edward of Canton, Ohio are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George McWha.

Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Dellar are moving this week to their farm west of Nashville.

The Community Class of the M. E. Sunday School will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Asa Strait, Friday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Rogers were pleasant callers at different homes on West Main Street, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dikeman are riding out in a very pretty car. Mrs. Dikeman is visiting her mother Mrs. Catherine Green.

March 24, 1927

Issac S. Clough, the son of Josiah and Adelia A. Clough was born September 21, 1853 at West Haven in Rutland County, Vermont and died in Vermontville March 15, 1927. When he was four years old he came with his parents, to Michigan settling at first in Ionia County. Two years after they moved to Vermontville.

On December 25, 1889 he was married to Mary C. Acker. One child was born, a son named Charles. Mrs. Clough died May 10, 1895.

Mr. Clough was a man of Christian faith. His membership was transferred to the local Methodist Church in 1897. He is survived by a sister, Miss Mary Clough of Vermontville, and his son Charles and two grandsons of Spokane, Washington and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Sunday at 10:30. Rev. E. S. Scott officiating. Interment took place at Woodlawn cemetery.

Miss Mary Clough received a telegram last Thursday (too late for the Echo) from her nephew Charles Clough of Spokane, Washington, saying he would not be here for the funeral of his father, but his wife would come as she could remain longer, and the funeral services were then postponed until 10:30 Sunday morning. Miss Clough will hold an auction sale at her home Friday at one p. m. She will return with Mrs. Clough and make her home with them in Spokane. Her many Vermontville friends hope for her a safe and pleasant trip.

Misses Ava Tubbs and Ethel Powers will be home Friday for a week's vacation from Lansing schools.

Miss Nanie Andrews is assisting Mrs. Wm. Dodgson of Kalamo in caring for her mother Mrs. Sarah Remmie, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Warren and children of Kalamazoo spent Saturday and Sunday with Dr. Snell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hay moved their household goods to Grand Rapids Monday and are getting settled in their new home at 1826 Francis Ave., S. E.

Mrs. Dora Irvin has completed her work as administratrix of the Seitz estate and the property has been divided. Mrs. Lizzie Lake bought the Seitz home in this village.

M. L. Blderbeck motored to Ann Arbor Monday to take his wife there for treatment. Mrs. Howard Boyer accompanied her. He returned home that evening.

Cecil Powers has been riding up town for about a week, and with the aid of crutches is getting about and looking after business. He was at the Stock Yards all day Wednesday for the first time in many months.

Bruce's egg station seems to be the busiest place in town afternoons and evenings, where eight or nine women and several men are kept busy. Mr. Bruce has engaged L. W. Loveland to manage his business here, and the Bruce family will soon locate in another field.

Mrs. Eugene Powers is ill in bed at the home of her daughter Mrs. Byron Hallenbeck. She had a slight stroke Tuesday forenoon and another Wednesday forenoon, but rested well last night and it is expected that she will soon be in her usual health again. Later Mrs. Powers suffered another stroke today and is very weak.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Loveland were in Grand Rapids Saturday night and Sunday. Their little granddaughter, Barbara Mate, met with a very serious accident Saturday. She was riding her tricycle on the porch of their home and fell to the ground breaking her left arm at the elbow. She was taken to the hospital and a bone specialist from Chicago, who happened to be there, assisted in setting it. Later reports say she is doing nicely.