

Deputy Sheriff John Gaut was a business visitor in Charlotte Monday called there by the investigation into the murder case of Deputy Sheriff C. A. Platt.

Jesse Dancer has cleared out the Imes store building owned by him and is re-decorating the interior, preparatory to occupancy by the A and P store that will be opened here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hall and children, who recently moved from Lansing to a farm one and one-half miles north of Nashville, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Strait.

Ralph Hall and Douglas Hall are about to open a new barber shop in the little building recently vacated by the bean picking machine. They are installing three new lavatories this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eitel and daughter Della, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Averill, also Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson of Lansing will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Andrews in Nashville.

Myron Dikeman and friend from Detroit spent the week end with his parents.

Robert Hawkins is operator in Charlotte, substituting for operator Jacobs, who underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clapper, Mrs. Worden, Dewey Hawkins and children and Elver Briggs and family will spend Christmas at the Cupples home in Charlotte.

Antonia Brna of Vermontville township is suing for divorce from George Brna, alleging extreme cruelty. The couple were married in September, 1926. Both have a son by a previous marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hawkins will have as their Christmas guests, F. Rawson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bly from St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Deon Green from Ypsilanti and Mrs. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kenworthy, Agnes and Jackie will be here from Ypsilanti to spend Christmas with Mrs. Lizzie Lake.

Miss Lois Gaut of the Escanaba schools is expected home Saturday morning, and Miss Bernice of the Jackson schools will be home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Satterlee and family and Mrs. Una Moss will spend Christmas at Mr. and Mrs. Will Cronk's, near Hastings.

Miss Maud Waggoner and Mr. N. House will have as Christmas guests Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Wood of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. John Waggoner and their guests from Denver, and Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ferris.

The bandits who fatally shot Deputy Sheriff C. A. Platt of Charlotte early Saturday morning, paid Vermontville a visit Friday night and traded autos, taking Kenneth Pamber's car from Main Street here.

Neil McLaughlin, Forest Randall and Lloyd Hill are home from the Houghton Mining School.

Roy Hager purchased the Bruce Knowles feed mill and has taken possession.

Charles Fuller of New York and Roy Fuller of Grand Rapids have been here part of the week helping care for their father who is gradually failing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lent and Frances and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stevens will motor to Chicago Saturday night to spend Christmas, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Garn will entertain their children and grandchildren Christmas day.

Mrs. Irvin Powers is improving and hopes to get back into school this week.

December 29, 1927

OBITUARY OF FRANK FREMONT AMBROSE

Frank Fremont Ambrose was born in LaGrange, Lorain Co., Ohio April 6th, 1856 and departed this life Dec. 24th 1927 at the age of 71 years, 8 months, and 18 days.

He was the youngest son of David and Mary Ambrose. His Father died when he was four years old. Two years later his Mother married Myron Bronson and after 5 years He moved with his parents to Vermontville, Mich. where he has since resided up to the time of his death.

In 1876 the firm of Barber, Hull & Ambrose was organized and shortly afterward he accepted a position with this Company where he remained through all the changes of the Firm from Barber, Hull, & Ambrose to Barber, Ambrose & Rockwell, then Barber & Ambrose, Homer C. Barber, and finally the present Firm of Barber Bros. for which firm he worked until Jan. 1924 when failing health forced him to retire from active life.

He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, Mrs. Etta Ambrose, and two daughters, Mrs. Bert Cregg of Belding, and Mrs. E. J. Loveland of Vermontville, besides many other relatives and friends.

He was a conscientious, upright citizen. Quiet and unassuming but with many friends gained through long association in his business life.

Funeral services were held at the Loveland Ambrose home, Tuesday, December 27 at ten a. m. conducted by Rev. C. C. Mitchell pastor of the Congregational church.

It would almost seem as though the following lines were arranged particularly for this loved one who has passed on.

People liked him, not because
He was rich or known to fame;
He had never won applause
As a star in any game.
He was not a brilliant style,
His was not a forceful way,
But he had a gentle smile
And a kindly word to say.

Never arrogant or proud,
On he went with a mild;

Never quarrelsome or loud,
Just as simple as a child;
Honest, patient, brave and true;
Thus he lived from day to day,
Doing what he found to do
In a cheerful sort of way.

Wasn't one to boast of gold
Or belittle it with sneers,
Didn't change from hot to cold.
Kept his friends throughout the
years,

Sort of man you like to meet
Any time or any place,
There was always something sweet
And refreshing in his face.

Sort of man you'd like to be
Balanced well and truly square;
Patient in adversity,
Generous when his skies were fair.
Never lied to friend or foe,
Never rash in word or deed,
Quick to come and slow to go
In a neighbors time of need.

Vermontville was shocked Friday morning when the word was passed along that Mr. Frank A. Ambrose, one of the best known and most highly respected residents, had passed away. While he had been in failing health for the past four years, and since a stroke, confined to his bed much of the time, yet when the end came he went very suddenly. The family were making preparations for a Christmas together and he was looking forward to enjoying the Christmas dinner in the dining room. As a clerk in the Barber store, Mr. Ambrose served the community for the greater part of his life, and whether in the store, in public office, or in the home, he was always a gentleman.

Frank F. Ambrose of Vermontville, who died the other day, had a long record of usefulness. As the oldest employee of the late Homer G. Barber, followed by a long service with the present generation of this splendid name, Mr. Ambrose had made a record equalled by few men. He lived every day alike, righteously and Godly, honestly worthy to "see God" as promised in the Sermon on the Mount.

C. A. Anderson spent Sunday and part of Monday with his children in Lansing who accompanied him home and all were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Barber, Monday evening.

Relatives from away who attended the funeral services of Mr. Ambrose Monday were, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gregg and family of Belding, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gutches, of Battle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bronson and two daughters Mrs. Fern Brown and Mrs. Vera Tinker and little daughter of Hastings, Mrs. Chester Ambrose and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ambrose of Battle Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans, of Lansing.