

LETTER FROM THE OFFLEYS

Pasadena, Calif.,
February 8, 1928.

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:-
My husband went a fishing out on the Pacific Ocean when we were staying at Long Beach. I am sending you a little poem about it and if you have any extra space in your paper please print it, will you? He went 21 miles out in the ocean on a regular fishing boat. It held 16 men and 7 were sea sick that day. They start at 8 o'clock in the morning and come back at 5 o'clock at night. They fish 900 feet deep and the sinkers weigh 6 pounds.

Sincerely Yours,
Mrs. Earnest Offley,
1511 Monta Vista St.,
Pasadena, Calif.

THAT FISHING TRIP

My husband went a-fishing
Upon a summer's day;
But ere the trip was finished,
He wished he'd stayed away.

He took his luncheon with him,
Good sandwiches of meat,
But when his watch said noon time
He did not wish to eat.

"Go give it to the fishes"
He sadly moaned, and said,
"Please take it far, far from me,
It really hurts my head".

But when the trip was over,
The boat had docked once more,
My husband stepped so briskly
And hied him up the shore.

He stepped into a lunchroom,
Where tempting food was spread,
And sat him down to eating,
Gone was the aching head.

Five fish he proudly carried,
When he came home to me,
And on the table laid them,
That I might plainly see.

"Two hours I spent a-fishing
Then I grew sick" he said,
"I laid down by the engine,
It made a splendid bed".

"And some were still a-fishing
And round me threw the fish;
I had a place to rest me,
What more could mortal wish".

"I cared not for the sunshine,
Nor for the ocean blue,
As far as my enjoyment
It mattered not the hue".

"Once more I'll go a-fishing,
Out on that ocean blue,
And if I then am seasick,
With fishing I am thru".

—Mrs. Ernest Offley,
Long Beach, Calif.

Thursday, February 23, 1928

BERNITA GUNTHORPE TELLS
BETROTHAL AT EVENING PARTY

The following article clipped from the Stockton Record, Stockton, California, will be of interest to many of our readers. Miss Gunthorpe is the only child of Dennis M. Gunthorpe and the only grandchild of William Gunthorpe, former Vermontville and Battle Creek residents.

"Announcement was made last evening (February 14th) at the Valentine party presided over by Miss Bernita Gunthorpe of the betrothal of the hostess to Fred Giffing of Stockton, formerly of Texas.

Miss Gunthorpe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gunthorpe and is a graduate of the local schools.

Her fiance is a young business man of the city and member of the Anteros Club.

No date has been set for the wedding."

Walter H. Kelley of Outlook, Wash., writes, "I have rented my ranch and on Doctor's orders, I am going to play around this year. Do not send the Echo until I know where I will hang up."

Quite a group of men from Vermontville and vicinity attended the Eaton and Barry Insurance meeting at Hastings Tuesday. Eugene Carey was re-elected Director of the Association for two years.

Mrs. Mabel Blackett, violin teacher of Eaton Rapids, who was injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago, is much improved, and able to be at work again.

Mrs. Lauren Dean and little daughter returned from Hall hospital, to the home or her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Crook, on Friday, February 10th.

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George Hubert Wilson of Vermontville and Margery Buxton of Nashville drove to Grand Rapids, on Wednesday morning, February 29th, and were quietly united in marriage at the spacious home of Rev. Henry A. Lyon, (uncle of the groom), who performed the ceremony at twelve o'clock noon. Mrs. Lyon served a bountiful luncheon after which the afternoon was spent calling on relatives in the city. They returned to Nashville the same evening where they are at home to their many friends. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Oleson of Nashville, Mrs. Oleson being a sister of the bride.

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The many friends of Mrs. Lura Downing Niles, who was Matron at Parsons Hall, Olivet, will be glad to know that her household goods were saved when fire destroyed that building Tuesday morning.

Drs. Huffman and Miss Mary Todd returned to Morgantown, W. Va., Thursday, after attending the funeral in Detroit and burial of their brother-in-law, George A. Schultz.

William Fox had his only eye removed by Drs. Woodburn and McLaughlin at the home of Irvin Powers, Monday, February 20.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Weiler entertained Tuesday evening for supper, Rev. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stevens, and Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Weiler and Nyle.

Grange members should not forget the big three county Grange meeting at Charlotte Saturday. Pot luck dinner. Each one takes their own table service. Mrs. H. Brown, Mrs. Frank Cook and Mrs. F. H. Thrum will assist in serving.

Had it not been for the neighborly call of Miss Amanda Sprague at the Stiles home Tuesday about 10:45, probably their fire loss would have been much greater. She went around the south side of the house to the kitchen door and as she passed the east end of the upright, noticed a cracking noise and looking up, saw the fire in the east peak. M. L. was reading, and Mrs. Stiles busy sweeping and it might have gotten quite a start, but a phone call—the siren blew—and Vermontville Fire Department were there. The damage was about \$25.00.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mate and Barbara of Grand Rapids visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Loveland, Sunday. Mrs. Loveland accompanied them home.

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The funeral of Mrs. Sidney Marble (nee Nell Francis) of Chicago, was held Thursday at the Gaffney funeral home. The floral pieces sent with the body were many and elaborate. Mrs. Marble had been elected worthy matron of one of the large O. E. S. orders in Chicago but ill health had interfered with her installation in January. She had been active in the fraternity and was anxious to take her place as the head of the order. Sydney Marble, the husband, was a former resident of Vermontville, where the family at one time conducted one of the hotels of the village.

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Mrs. Bernice Park of Ann Arbor was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ilo Ferris, Friday night.