

## DAVID YOUNG PASSED AWAY

Mr. David Young, aged 89, Civil War veteran, and one of the few remaining pioneer residents of Vermontville, passed away at his home in this village about six o'clock, Saturday evening, December 29th. He had been slowly failing in health for several years and an attack of the flu, in his weakened condition, proved fatal. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the home conducted by Rev. S. C. Parsons of Greenville.

January 10, 1929

### DAVID YOUNG

David Young was born in Lewiston, N. Y. Dec. 26, 1839. He was of full scotch blood, his parents James and Elizabeth Young having come over from Scotland to New York, moving from New York to Michigan when David was a very small boy. James Young was a shoemaker by trade. He lived in Vermontville a few years then moved onto a farm in Sunfield township where David spent most of his boyhood days. When old enough to earn wages he worked out by the day or month working one season for Rodger Griswold. He served in Michigan cavalry during the Civil war, enlisting in 1861 and coming home in 1865 without a wound but with inflammatory rheumatism firmly seated in his system from which he was a great sufferer during the remainder of his long life.

He taught school in several districts in this vicinity and by persistent study was able to fit himself to take the principalship of Vermontville and Bellevue schools. While teaching in Bellevue he married May O. Hammond of Vermontville in September 1872, David Young lived an aggressive Christian life and did not fail to emphasize the life on his pupils and others with whom he came in contact winning at least two students to the Christian ministry and many to the Christian life. St. Clair Parsons paid high tribute to David Young for the help he was to him in his first years as pastor at Vermontville. He was a loyal supporter of the church both in finance and time.

Reading the best, he ever kept abreast of the times.

He is survived by his wife May O. Young and Russell Young the adopted son, who has been very loyal and helpful to him in his last days.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Melvin from Richland moved to Vermontville last week into the Dancer building formerly occupied by the Hine family and Saturday opened a restaurant and also carry a confectionery line.

The Community Christmas tree, after gracing Main street for three weeks was removed the last of the week. The Consumers Power company did the community a good turn by lighting the tree free of charge.

Leslie Faust returned to his school work in Milwaukee Sunday after a vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Faust. Paul Tubbs accompanied him for a few days stay and will return via Chicago. They went to Grand Haven and crossed the Lake.

The weather the past week has been great on variety: Friday—fair and cold, Saturday—all day hard rain, Sunday—cold and blustery, Monday and Tuesday—zero weather (coldest days this winter), Wednesday—very mild, Thursday—mostly fair.

In a letter from Mr. J. H. McCotter of Charlotte, enclosing Mr. Youngs obituary, he says: "I have been an intimate friend of David Young since 1865 when we batched together in the Rocky mountains of Colorado. Mr. McCotter has done much for Vermontville and community and is always a welcome visitor when he comes over to the old home town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ilo Ferris spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood in Charlotte. They motored over early taking the Misses Sprague and returned late bringing Miss Swift and Mrs. Moss. Ilo is doing quite a taxi business since we have no passenger train service except nights.

Mrs. David Young went to Holland Saturday to spend the remainder of the winter with Mrs. Brown, a former well-known Vermontville resident.

F. E. Hay motored to Grand Rapids to help Howard and wife move into their new home at 48 Ardmore street. He will return Friday.

Mrs. Lila B. Surine of Nashville called Sunday to see her aged brother-in-law, William Surine, who has been very ill, and found him better.

Mrs. K. R. Weiler and Nyle motored home from Fremont, Ohio, Sunday in the snow storm, that Nyle might be here for school Monday. Mr. Radde's condition is not very promising.

Rev. Ray T. Caldwell, pastor of the Congregational Church at East Lansing will be the speaker at the Brotherhood meeting to be held at the Chapel, Monday evening, January 14th.

The Misses Mabel and Cella Sprague left Sunday morning to return to their schools in Indianapolis, Indiana and Cleveland, Ohio, after spending their vacation with their parents here.

Miss Kleinhaas of Flint is the new bookkeeper at the Weiler Motor Company garage, taking the place of Mrs. June Kerlin who resigned to return to Lansing to be with her husband, Miss Kleinhaas is boarding with Mrs. F. E. Cook.

January 24, 1929

### VERMONTVILLE BAKERY FIRE

Our quiet village was startled about eight o'clock Saturday morning when the siren sounded a business district alarm of fire and volumes of smoke were seen pouring from the rear of the Inman bakery. The smoke came through the ceiling and was discovered by those inside who with the help of citizens removed all the flour, sugar and baked goods before the water was turned in, preventing much loss to Mr. H. A. Inman. The firemen worked heroically with two streams of water, one at the rear and one at the front of the building and confined the fire to the rear of the attic and roof where it caught from the back chimney, and was put out in a little more than an hour. Had it spread to the adjoining frame building to the north, it would have been a very serious matter. Nashville's rural truck came over but their services were not needed as the fire was then under control. The building was built or placed there by Mr. H. J. Martin in the late 70s or early 80s and used for hardware. It was known as the Post Office building when Mr. J. C. Downing was Post Master, and is owned by Miss Jennie Martin, who informs us the insurance adjusters were here Monday afternoon, and work on repairs will begin at once, and it is expected the building will be ready so Mr. Inman can reopen in about two weeks. The oven was uninjured. His loss is about \$500 besides the loss of the business in the mean time. Mr. Inman has been doing a good business and conducting the best bakery ever in Vermontville and we all rejoice that the building can be repaired and the bakery soon doing business again.

Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Weiler and Nyle drove to Fremont, Ohio, Saturday to see her father, who is no better. They returned Monday and go to Fremont again this afternoon.

Mrs. Una Moss will go to Grandville Friday to visit her daughter and family over Sunday, and help Barbara celebrate her fourth birthday Saturday.