

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hess have moved to Kalamazoo where he has a fine position with Grinnell Bros. Music House.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Roach and Verna and Jesse spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Vern Scott of Bellevue.

Mrs. May Slout and Mr. and Mrs. L. Verne Slout attended the funeral services of the former's aunt, Mrs. Cora Scott, in Charlotte, Wednesday.

Howard Cronk of Grandville motored down for his family Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Satterlee and Lynn were also Sunday guests of Mrs. Moss.

Miss Vera Loveland and Victor Gutches came over Saturday night from Battle Creek, to spend Sunday at the Loveland, Ambrose home. Marshall Berry joining them there Sunday p. m.

Clara Jane Epley gave a party at her home Friday, April 5th, with 12 little boys and girls present to help her celebrate her fifth birthday. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by the little people.

Mrs. Alma Williams Swinton of Marquette, a former Vermontville girl, was elected President of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs at their convention in Pontiac, recently.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arlingto Smith (Lena Rowleader) of Batt. Creek, at the home of her parent Mr. and Mrs. Bordy Rowleade Monday morning, April 22, an 8 1/2 daughter Arloa Lucetta. Everybody is fine.

Mrs. Catherine Green fell as she was going up the woodshed step at the home of her son Andre Green, Wednesday p. m. and cut a bad gash in her forehead, and a though she is not seriously injure it was quite a shock to one of her advanced years.

May 2, 1929

K. K. Ward and family, consisting of his wife and nine year old son, Elton, and his mother Mrs. George Ward, who moved here from Lansing last week, are getting nicely located in the hotel building where Mapes & Ward have an up-to-date funeral home and chapel. We welcome this family to our village and to its social and business life, and wish the new firm much success.

Four car loads of Vermontville people drove to Ann Arbor to listen to the debate last Friday evening two evening. K. R. Weiler furnishing two cars, Those going were Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Weiler, Milburne Strait, Noble Sackett, Frances Lent, Beatrice Frey, Mrs. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Barningham, Walter Barningham, Barbara Wilson, Martha Zemke, Rev. Rood, Blanche and Deone Rood, Leta Gehman and Dorothy Hitt.

MRS. VIOLETTA CHILDS

Violetta Andrews, daughter of Harvey and Charlotte Andrews, was born in Sunfield Township December 16, 1861. Most of her girlhood was spent at the place of her birth. On November 25, 1891, she was united in marriage to John J. Childs of Sunfield. Twin boys were born into this home in June, 1896, one dying in infancy, the other J. R. Childs is now Superintendent of Schools in Vermontville. The husband and father passed into the other world September 6, 1910, after which Mrs. Childs carried on the work of the farm in a remarkably efficient manner until the year 1926, when she moved to Vermontville. With the exception of the last few months when ill health made it impossible for her to be alone, she lived alone in her home in Vermontville enjoying the companionship of her son and his wife, who lived near. As ill health gradually closed in upon her, the best of medical advice was sought, but no cure could be found, and the evening of April 30th she quietly slept away into the future.

In early childhood she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and at the time of her passing was a member of the church at Bismarck, where her interest and support remained even after she moved to this village. Her life has been one of devotion and loyalty to the things that she was convinced were of supreme value. She was a hard worker and generous giver in all good causes, and she will long be remembered as a loyal friend, a thoughtful neighbor, and a devoted follower of the Man of Galilee.

Besides her many friends who will miss the passing of such a spirit from our midst, she leaves a number of nieces and nephews, her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Childs of Vermontville, and one sister Miss Naomi Andrews, also of Vermontville.

Miss Martin and Mrs. Johnson spent Sunday in Nashville at the Church—Sackett home. Miss Martin and Mrs. Sackett sang at the funeral of Mrs. George Thomas at 10:30 at the home.

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Neil McLaughlin spent last week at home from Houghton Mining School.

Mrs. Elizabeth Downing went to Grand Ledge today for a few days visit.

The W. R. C. will meet at Mrs. Snell's Saturday afternoon at 2:30. All try to be present.

Arby Lovell and family were Sunday callers at Mrs. Lillian Campbell's.

Mrs. Margaret Hawkins moved her household goods to Lansing Friday and is located at 219 South Grand.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawes and family of Charlotte were Sunday guests of her mother Mrs. Bell Hall.

Robert Hawkins has returned home from Mississippi, is gaining from his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dikeman visited their daughter and family in Charlotte Sunday.

Philip and Albert Green and wives were Sunday callers at Andrew Green's to see their mother.

Leroy Snell and children motored here Sunday and Miss Norena Snell accompanied them home for a visit.

HENRY MILTON NORTON

Henry Milton Norton, the son of Jacob and Mary Ann Norton, was born February 3, 1849, in Ohio, later moving with his parents near Kendallville, Indiana, and still later near Battle Creek. When he was nineteen years of age it became necessary to amputate his right leg, so he always had to use crutches, though he never allowed that to keep him from participating in any activity. He especially delighted in hunting and fishing, and was unusually skillful.

In 1869 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Antha Austin Wells of Vermontville, and one son was born but only lived ten months. For a number of years they lived on Main Street, Vermontville, in the building he erected, part of their home, and part of it for his photograph gallery and general repair shop.

After the death of his wife in 1904 he lived alone for several years then he married Mrs. Mina Mikesell Hultz of Charlotte, who died about nine years ago, after a long period of helpless invalidism. March 10, 1912 fire destroyed his home and he narrowly escaped with his life.

Aside from a comparatively short stay in Charlotte and in Houghton Lake, Mr. Norton's life has been spent in Vermontville on Main St. In spite of his physical handicap and lonely condition, he has been unusually brave and cheerful and everyone's friend. He passed away May 3, 1929, aged 80 years and 3 months. Surviving him are his sister Mrs. Adell Randall of Vermontville and five half brothers and sisters Jacob, of Traverse City; Charles of Windy, Alaska; William of Lansing; Mrs. Amelia Self of Owosso; Mrs. Alice Esget of Lily, South Dakota, and a large number of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Roach Sunday at two p. m. at the Mapes & Ward funeral home in Vermontville and burial took place in Woodlawn.