

ay, May 16, 1929

OBITUARY
ROBERT W. RUSSELL

Robert W. Russell was born in Ireland May 1st, 1845, coming to New York with his parents when only six weeks old. His parents later moved to Michigan, settling at Aurelius.

Mr. Russell came to Chester more than 50 years ago, and has lived on his farm there since that time. His wife having passed away about 15 years ago. He has spent the past winter with his son Glenn. His son started to bring him home to Michigan, and when they reached St. Joseph, Mo., there he was taken sick and died May 9th. His body was brought to Vermontville, May 11th., and funeral services were held at the Chester Church Monday, May 13th. at 2 p. m., and his body laid at rest in the Gresham cemetery by the side of his wife. Elder J. W. Roach of Vermontville officiating.

He leaves to mourn their loss one son Russell of California, two grandchildren, and three brothers. He will be greatly missed by his kind neighbors and friends.

Mrs. W. C. Alsover attended a luncheon in Charlotte Tuesday given by Mrs. Fred Beach and Mrs. Ed. Elles at the former's home in honor of Mrs. Ned Alsover who leaves for her new home in Grand Rapids, Saturday.

Mother's Day visitors at Will Gehman's were: Mrs. Sarah Lautz-inheiser of Clare Michigan and son Adelbert Lewis and wife and two children of Lansing, Mrs. Eliza Fuller and Louis King, Mrs. Nellie Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gehman and Clarence Rodgers. Afternoon visitors were Mrs. Emma Powers and three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker of Sunfield, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Dickinson and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Loomis and son Lyle of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dickinson and daughter Leona of Grand Ledge and Mr. and Mrs. George Dickinson and Eldon Potter spent Mother's day with their mother, Mrs. A. L. Dickinson, and although she has been poorly, is feeling much better since their visit.

Mother's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zemke were: Mr. and Mrs. Loren Purchase and two daughters, Carl Zemke, wife and daughter, and Theodore, wife and son of Lansing, Mr. Charles Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snyder, son and daughter, Shirley Southern, wife and two daughters and Erbie Zemke and wife. In the afternoon Roy Dies and family of Charlotte and William Zemke and family and Miss Irene Zemke of Detroit were callers.

CELEBRATE 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A very happy but quiet surprise party took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zemke on Saturday evening May 11, when thirty-five of their relatives came to help them celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. It was a complete surprise.

The wedding cake was baked and decorated by Mr. and Mrs. William Zemke of Detroit. It was a four layer cake with white icing, the top layer was decorated with a horse-shoe for good luck and in the circle was placed a twenty-five indicating the number of years they were married. A delicious luncheon was served. After the luncheon Mr. Loren Purchis and Mr. William Zemke sang a number of duets and played their own accompaniment and the Misses Elizabeth and Marda Purchis also played a number of pieces. The friends and relatives remembered them with a lovely set of dishes and the children a beautiful floor lamp and a silver casserole which Miss Bertha Zemke presented to them with a few fitting words.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pennoek and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brunn and family of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. William Zemke and family and Miss Irene Zemke of Detroit, Miss Bertha Zemke of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Purchis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zemke and family and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Zemke and family of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snider and family of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zemke, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Southern and family, Mr. and Mrs. Erbie Zemke and Mr. Reinhold Zemke of Vermontville. In leaving the party wished them many more years of happiness.

IS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Helen Briggs, who gets her A. B. Degree from Olivet college in June, has been awarded a scholarship at the University of Michigan for next year. The scholarship amounts to \$450 and fees. Last year, Miss Briggs' sister, Miss Elinor Briggs received a similar scholarship in mathematics, and has been studying at Ann Arbor. She plans to teach this coming year. — The Olivet Optic.

Robert Hawkins went to Lansing by bus Friday night to spend his fourteenth birthday, Saturday, with his mother and sisters. Grandma Hall gave him a large decorated birthday cake to take in honor of the event.

, May 23, 1929

GREENVILLE PASTOR, RESPECTED BY ENTIRE COMMUNITY, WILL BE GRANTED D. D. DEGREE BY OLIVET

Greenville, May 15. — After 40 years of faithful service dedicated to the Congregational ministry Rev. St. Clare Parsons, pastor of the Greenville church, will have bestowed upon him the honorary degree of doctor of divinity by his alma mater, Olivet college, at the commencement services June 10.

Mr. Parsons spent his preparatory work at Obelin college, later entering Olivet, from which institution was graduated in June 1907, with the highest scholastic standing ever received up to his time. His average mark for the period spent in college was 98.7 per cent.

Son of Preacher

St. Clare Parsons was born in Flat Rock, May 4, 1880. His father, Rev. Robert Parsons, was active pastor of Flat Rock Congregational church 25 years and pastor emeritus more than 15 years.

In his student days at Olivet St. Clare accepted the position as home missionary pastor at Carsouville and Port Sanilac, later preaching in a number of country parishes around Olivet. Two years were spent in the country parishes by way of which he met expenses for his education.

Upon his graduation from college he took up the pastorate at Vermontville, where he was ordained to the ministry Dec. 18, 1908. It was while in Vermontville that he married Mary Barningham on Dec. 19, 1911. To this union four children were born, all in the parsonage here.

In December, 1911, Mr. Parsons came to Greenville where he has served the past 17 years. Here members of his congregation, in fact the entire local citizenry, have grown to respect Mr. Parsons and to feel a great deal of pride in his success.

Interested in Boys

Mr. Parsons states: "Perhaps the greatest joy in my life is the realization that so many boys have gone through the Phi Kappa Gamma order and now are making a success in the world." Mr. Parsons organized the Phi Kappa Gamma fraternity in the local church more than 11 years ago and in that time received the benefits of this fine social organization.

Mr. Parsons belongs to the Masonic order, Shrine, Knights Templars, Knights of Pythias and the Rotary club.