

**S. B. TODD  
PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY**

S. B. Todd, another well known resident was called away suddenly about 12:30 Monday night from acute indigestion, at his home north of town.

He was President of the School Board, and served the community in an efficient and conscientious manner.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon from the home at 2:00 and the Methodist church at 2:30, Rev. Rood preaching the sermon in the absence of the pastor. Burial at Woodlawn cemetery.

**SIDNEY BENJAMIN TODD**

Sidney Benjamin Todd was born December 4th, at Hastings, Barry County, Michigan, and departed this life, August 6, 1929 at his farm home, north of Vermontville, aged 59 years 8 months and 2 days.

His entire life was spent in the State of Michigan. On April 12th, 1893, he was united in marriage to Lena E. Crook. To this union were born eight children, seven of whom are living, one son, Shirley Boyer, having passed away, fourteen years ago.

He was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge and the Brotherhood of Vermontville. For several years he was a member of the School Board of Vermontville, and he had recently been elected President of the P. C. Manufacturing Company of Battle Creek.

He was a very ambitious nature and often sacrificed pleasure for his business interests.

He will be sadly missed by his widow and the following children: Mrs. Mable June Schultz, Detroit, Dr. Clarice M. Huffman, Morgantown, W. Va., Mrs. Else Lucile King, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, Arthur C. Todd, Sunfield, Michigan, and Mary, Robert and Russell Todd of Vermontville, also, three brothers and one sister, besides other relatives and hosts of friends.

Mrs. Edith Biggs and Marthagene returned Monday from an extended vacation trip through Northeast Canada and New England.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carey and Neil and Eugene Carey left yesterday morning for an auto trip in northern Michigan.

Miss Barbara Mate of Grand Rapids accompanied her grandfather, L. W. Loveland home Friday and returned with her parents, Sunday.

Leroy Snell and family of Detroit were here for over Sunday with his father and sister. Miss Marian and Charles remained for the week.

**FOUR CHILDREN KILLED AT  
LAKE ODESSA**

Our citizens were shocked Tuesday when the news was passed around that four of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Johnson's children of Lake Odessa had been killed at one p. m. by a fast train. We clip the following from the Grand Rapids Press:

Lake Odessa, Aug. 7:—A special casket, containing the mangled remains of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Johnson, was lowered into a grave at Lakeside cemetery Wednesday afternoon as all Lake Odessa grieved.

In the casket were the mutilated bodies of Benjamin, 12; Gerald, 8; Royal, Jr., 3, and Harriet, 1½, crushed Tuesday afternoon when the new automobile in which they were riding was wrecked by a Pere Marquette flier at the Lake Odessa Canning Co. crossing at the edge of town. The car had been purchased only the day before.

Only a trick of fortune saved Betty Johnson, 6, from the same fate suffered by her three brothers and baby sister. Betty started from home with the others in the new car, but decided she wanted to get out when they reached her grandmother's home.

Robert, 14, the oldest member of the family, remained at home.

Private funeral services at the Johnson home, a quarter of a mile north of the business section preceded the lowering of the casket into the grave. And Lake Odessa proved its sincere sorrow by closing all business places for one hour while Rev. O. F. Bulman, pastor of Central Methodist church, conducted the services.

Mrs. Johnson (Marjorie Stevens) is a sister of Mrs. Marshall Hines of Kalama township, a niece of E. W. Stevens, and a graduate of V. H. S. class of 1909.

The family have the sincere sympathy of Vermontville friends in their great sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Sprague and daughter of Kalamazoo, Mrs. Herbert Wright and children of Nashville, Mrs. Clifford Armitage and son of Detroit and Tom Barningham of Marshall called on their father John Barningham and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barningham, Sunday afternoon.

The Misses Mabel and Celia Sprague, Mrs. Alice Barningham, and Mrs. Della Welshon were in Lake Odessa Wednesday and attended the funeral services and burial of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was a classmate of Mabel Sprague.

Mrs. Zella Bryan and two daughters Rosalie and Helen of Charlotte and her son Louis Rogers, wife and baby of Pontiac visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dikeman last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hay and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Tubbs spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Anna Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bishop and family at their farm home near Diamondale.

Mrs. S. A. Fuller has been entertaining her son Charles and wife and little daughter Catherine. They have been visiting Roy Fuller and family at their cottage at Roscommon. They go from here to Battle Creek.

The Tyler family reunion will be four weeks later than usual this year, and will be held Friday, August 30th., at Potter Park, Lansing. The date was changed to help Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Tyler celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Irvin Powers and family were obliged to give up their trip north for a time at least, as he was called over to Nashville Thursday to care for an aged man. The family, however, accompanied by Miss Eliza Gehman drove to South Haven, Saturday for an over Sunday visit with Mrs. McCarty and daughter.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Cone will be pleased to know that they have a baby boy born Saturday, August 3rd in the Imlay City hospital. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lent and Frances brought the good news Tuesday evening as they stopped at Imlay City enroute home from their trip.

Mrs. Honey and Miss O'Lear of Kalamazoo, Mrs. Green and Miss Walker of Kansas City, and Mrs. Jeffries and daughter of Erie, Pa., and Rev. F. P. Sprague and wife were Miss Amanda Sprague's callers, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson and daughter Margaret attended the Fountain family reunion at Bennett Park, Sunday. Miss Tressa Bera of Belton returned with them to visit Margaret.

Mrs. Catherine Green is growing weaker. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Downs of Traverse City are helping the Barninghams care for her.

The Kroger family and W. J. Ferris and wife visited the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary at Battle Creek, Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Phillips and Betty Jean and the Misses Bessie and Marjorie Granger returned Wednesday afternoon from a fifteen days motor trip. We hope they will share their pleasures and experiences with our readers next week.