

**ARDIS ELAINE JACOBSON MET  
PECULIAR ACCIDENT.**

**Passed Away Last Sunday**

A very peculiar and sad accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jacobson in Lansing Monday, December 23. As their little daughter Ardis Elaine was eating peanut brittle she choked, but after a time seemed to be all right, and was very happy Christmas day with her new toys, but Thursday seemed to have a cold and Friday there developed a whistling sound in her breathing, and a doctor called and she was taken to St. Lawrence hospital and an operation performed removing a piece of candy from her bronchial tube. She seemed better and hopes were held of her recovery until Sunday morning when she passed away about nine o'clock. At a post mortem examination it was found that about 1/4 of a peanut had penetrated one lung.

Little Ardis Elaine was two years old August 25, a beautiful, winsome child and her passing is a terrible blow to her family and relatives. She leaves one little brother Harold aged three.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bishop of the Congregational Church, Tuesday, December 31 at two o'clock at the home 914 Durant street, Lansing, and burial made at Deep Dale cemetery.

The Jacobson family were residents of Vermontville during the summer living in the Eitel house on East Main street. Mrs. Jacobson (Leta) being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eitel. Mr. Jacobson is a teacher in the Lansing schools. The Jacobson and Eitel families have the sympathy of their many Vermontville friends in their great sorrow.

Nellie VanDeventer is the new operator at the local telephone office.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burgess of Lansing were Sunday guests of Cecil Powers and family. Mr. Burgess a Drug Store proprietor was held up by three armed men the previous Friday night.

Miss Martin and Mrs. Johnson spent Christmas at the home of Jones Martin in Battle Creek, going Tuesday and returning Friday, they visited Mrs. Edith Biggs in Charlotte enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mate and daughter of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Murray and daughter of Battle Creek were home with their parents Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Loveland, Christmas.

The Michigan Christian Advocate of December 26 contains a fine picture of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wright of Bismarck with an interesting account of their golden wedding anniversary celebration November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Gutchess of Battle Creek and Mr. Marshall Berry of Detroit came Christmas eve to share the pleasures of a tree and gifts with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Loveland and Miss Vera, Mrs. Ambrose and Mrs. E. E. Loveland. Mr. Berry has been a guest of the family for the holiday week.

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**VANDALISM IN THE POST  
OFFICE LOBBY MUST BE  
STOPPED**

Wednesday evening after Post Office hours I was called to the Office by a patron to find that two Lock Drawers had been opened and the mail matter scattered over the floor. Further investigation disclosed that the list of Dead Letters had been removed from the frame, wadded up and thrown in the waste basket. The ferns had been mutilated and the leaves scattered about the floor and the proper date torn from the Calendar and thrown on the floor.

This is the termination of various complaints which have reached me, at intervals of Patron's boxes being molested, and is of interest to all box holders.

If it was the work of adults they could be promptly dealt with upon apprehension, but it is strongly suspected that it is the work of mischievous children from the primary grades who do not realize the seriousness of their offense.

I strongly urge that all parents question their children about their conduct in the lobby and caution them about the seriousness of molesting mail matter as Uncle Sam has no favorites and the calling of an inspector would surely mean much trouble for the guilty ones.

E. J. Loveland, P. M.

Shirley Jean Misner, the little loveable girl Mrs. Bell Hall has cared for from infancy, has now gone to live with her parents in Lansing. We miss her.

**ALEXANDER D. LAKE  
CELEBRATES HIS 98 BIRTHDAY**

(From The Fennville Herald)

Among the many greetings and congratulations extended to Alexander D. Lake, on his 98th birthday, which came on Christmas day, was a magnificent bouquet of roses from the Grand Rapids Herald, of which Mr. Lake had been a subscriber and reader for many years.

Another remembrance was in the form of a poem, "The Bridge Builder," sent by Will Algoover, cashier of the State Bank at Vermontville, where Mr. Lake resided for many years before coming to Fennville last July to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Lydia Bale. The poem was surrounded with cutouts of Santa Claus and Christmas emblems in colors.

The verses entitled "The Bridge Builder," and dedicated to Mr. Lake on his 98th birthday, are as follows:

An old man traveling a lone high way  
Came at the evening cold and gray  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream held no fears to him,  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near.  
"You are wasting your time with building here,  
You never again will pass this way,  
Your journey will end with the closing day;  
You have crossed this chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at eventide,

The builder lifted his old gray head  
"Good friend, in the way I've come"  
he said,  
"There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way;  
This stream that has been as naught to me  
To the fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

Carrol Briggs, who went to Florida a few weeks ago accompanied by Russell Young, has a good position playing with a New York orchestra for the Chamber of Commerce of Miami.

Dr. Clarice M. Huffman left for Detroit Saturday evening on her way home to Morgantown, West Virginia, after spending two weeks with her mother Mrs. Lena Todd, and her brother Robert.

Mrs. Alice Worden and daughter Barbara left for their home in Detroit, Wednesday after visiting their uncle O. F. Morgan and cousin Maud.

Russell Young returned home from Florida last week Sunday, and accompanied by Mrs. Alice Knowles and her household pets left in her car for a warmer climate Saturday.