

and is said to be the most scenic and beautiful trip in America. We arrived at Salt Lake City five hours late because of being stalled in snow in the Rockies. An extra engine was sent out to help us through the canyon and continued with us to Ogden where we changed on Thursday night to the Southern Pacific and rode across Great Salt Lake on way to Oakland, where we arrived on Friday. We ferried across San Francisco Bay to San Francisco, where we again stayed over night in order to have a daylight run down the coast to Los Angeles, where we arrived at eight o'clock on Saturday night. The distance from San Francisco to Los Angeles is nearly five hundred miles, we rode in full view of the Pacific Ocean. Altogether the trip was a new and marvelous one to us, and we enjoyed it intensely.

We have already visited many points of interest, among them being Santa Barbara, Pasadena, Santa Monica, Hollywood, ZoTanga Canyon, and San Gabriel, where we attended the Mission Play, a very lovely thing, and today returned from Catalina Island, a famous resort, twenty-five miles out in the Pacific where we rode in the glass bottom boat and did all the other stunts one is supposed to do at that place, besides seeing the Wrigley home and famous ball park and golf courses. By the way, Mr. Wrigley, (of chewing gum fame) owns Catalina Island all but the city of Avalon, and has spent many millions of dollars in developing and beautifying it. We greatly enjoyed the steamer ride out to the island which takes something over two hours. The things that we yet must do are to visit Riverside and San Diego, and take the trip up Mount Lowe.

The pleasure of our trip West was greatly enhanced by the use of club and observation cars, and the finest of Pullman service all the way out. We are staying in a very lovely apartment among friends and relatives. This is a very wonderful country and we will be sorry to leave it, yet we expect to be home some time in February, coming by the way of the Santa Fe railroad and the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

We hope all is well with you and our many dear friends at Vermontville.

With kindest regards,  
Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson.

Mrs. Lizzie Lake went to Ypsilanti on the noon train Sunday to spend until Friday with her sister Mrs. John Kenworthy and family.

Miss Ada King of Charlotte and Jackson, who is working for Mr. and Mrs. Ilo Ferris, was a Sunday dinner guest at the House-Waggoner home.

Robert Dies, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dies of Charlotte, underwent a throat operation in a Lansing hospital about two weeks ago and has been very low, but is doing nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Strait were in Grand Rapids, Sunday visiting the latter's sister, Grace L. Dille, and Myrlen Strait. Myrlen has rooms now at 137 South Division near his school.

Mrs. Ralph Townsend and children have moved to Jackson to be with Mr. Townsend. Katherine Hager and Bonnie Stroh have taken up rooms at the home of Nelson House.

Mrs. Zoa Wilma Vernon Briggs, 48, of Kalamo twp., passed away Monday. Funeral Wednesday at 2 p. m., and burial was made in Kalamo cemetery. Mrs. Briggs is survived by her husband, Irvin Briggs, and two daughters, Eleanor and Helen.

Irvin Powers was taken ill last Saturday morning while on a nursing case in Lansing and was brought to his home here Sunday noon ill with erysipelas. He does not know where he contracted the disease, but he is getting on nicely. Miss Daniels of north of Lansing is caring for him. The aged man he was nursing in Lansing passed away Saturday night. We are glad to report Mr. Powers feeling much better today.

Mrs. Frank Kroger was given a very enjoyable surprise party last Thursday evening, January 23 when about twenty relatives came from Nashville, Olivet and Bellevue came with well filled baskets to help her celebrate her birthday. A fine Bohemian dinner was served and gifts left to remind her of the occasion. The company left at twelve o'clock wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Mrs. Grant Hawkins received a letter from her son Robert, who with a company of tree experts, is stationed at Carthursville now, were working at Kennett and Holcomb, No. 30 miles from their boarding house, when a levey on the St. Francis river broke—then next day another levey broke flooding the whole valley along the river cutting them off from their work, with no means of getting there but by row boat. They were fortunate enough to be at the city of Carthursville and are safe and not worrying just laying off till the water recedes. At Kennett and Holcomb people go in boats on their main streets and are living in the upper stories of their houses, with the lower rooms flooded. He says he received the Echoes and reads every word of them.

Mrs. E. E. Ambrose is in Battle Creek this week, with her granddaughters, Mrs. Dorothy Gutches and Miss Vera Loveland, at 17 Fremont St.

Fred Warner, a former resident of Vermontville, but who has been stationed in Wayland for some time, is the new manager of the Kroger store, at Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fuller and family of Detroit motored here Saturday to visit his mother who is about the house again after her fall from a cellar step. Her recovery for a woman of her years has been remarkable. They returned home, Sunday.

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Clara E. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Williams, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, October 11, 1852. After a brief illness in which all that human hands could do to restore her to health, she passed from this life February 10th., 1930.

When a small girl, she moved with her parents from Boston to a farm a few miles east of Vermontville. When she was 22 her parents moved into the village of Vermontville. On May 7, 1880 she was united in marriage to Mr. Earl Hammond. Their entire married life has been spent in Vermontville. She was a faithful wife, a kind mother, and good neighbor, and the world is poorer for her passing.

Besides her friends, she leaves her husband, Mr. Earl Hammond, her sister, Mrs. Addie Briggs, and her son, Mr. Harry Hammond, all of Vermontville, and one daughter, Mrs. Irma Inwood of Chicago.

Funeral services were held at the home at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. H. Phillips, and burial was made at Woodlawn cemetery.

A birthday surprise was given Clyde Hawkins at his home in Vermontville, Sunday, February 2. A bountiful dinner was served by them for those present for both the noon day meal as well as evening meal being well taken care of. Those present were: his daughter Brunelda, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hawkins, Elmer Hawkins, brothers of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Price, all of Lansing, Myrlen Strait of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Strait and Edwin Williams, the latter all being cousins or Clyde. After wishing him many more happy birthdays all departed to their homes in the evening.