

Mrs. F. F. Ambrose returned home Saturday from Battle Creek, where she has been caring for her granddaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Gutchess. Mrs. Gutchess accompanied her home and will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmon Loveland, for some time.

With the passing of Mrs. E. B. Hammond, Vermontville loses another of her older residents who all through these years has been held in the highest respect. She was of a quiet, retiring nature, hardly ever seen in public, yet her life was felt in the community which held for her the highest love and esteem.

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Mrs. Hamlin of Canandaigua, N. Y., sister of Howard Mason, was called here by the passing of Mrs. Mason. Barbara Mason will accompany her aunt home to live with her and her grandmother, Mrs. Mason.

Glenn Dickinson and family are moving today to their farm known as the Homer Morgan farm west of the Brown school house. Luban Barnes has rented Mrs. Althouse's farm and will move soon.

The result of the first Sunday evening of the Epworth League Contest is that two groups are tied at 22 points each, while the 3rd group is close behind with 17 points. This is a good start, and the excitement ought to be getting keen soon.

Mrs. Eugene Murray (Helen Loveland), of Battle Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Smith (Anna Dooling) and Mr. and Mrs. Garvey (Agnes Hickey), of Detroit and Mrs. Floyd Amspacher (Iva Granger), of Carmel were former school friends who attended Nell Mason's funeral. Mrs. Mason graduated from V. H. S. with the class of 1912.

NELLIE VIOLA MASON
February 16, 1930

The entire community was surprised and shocked to learn, late Sunday afternoon of the sudden and unexpected passing away of Mrs. Howard Mason after a brief illness not considered serious, and from which there seemed to be improvement earlier in the day.

Nellie Viola Anderson was born in Tekonsha, Michigan, May 7, 1894, the daughter of Charles A. and Eliza McCrodan Anderson, and came with her parents when a child, to reside in Vermontville where the family home has been since that time.

Upon the completion of her education she entered the teaching profession but was obliged to give up her work after a time because of a physical break-down.

After a considerable period of ill health she became interested in Christian Science as a religion of healing later becoming a member of that Church. After her recovery she resumed her teaching and spent several useful years in the schools of Michigan and Florida.

She was united in marriage to Howard M. Mason March 26, 1922, and resided in Lansing until the autumn of 1928 when after the death of her father, they returned to Vermontville to make a home also, for her brother Mr. Ray Anderson, who with her husband and one daughter, Barbara Ann, form her immediate family.

The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational Church and conducted by Mr. Day Cheney of the Christian Science church of Lansing, the burial being at Dutton, Mich. The well-filled auditorium of the church and the number and beauty of the floral offerings were an eloquent testimony to the love and respect given by all to Mrs. Mason.

No memorial would be complete without at least a brief tribute to the life which has been largely spent in Vermontville.

Mrs. Mason, lovingly and familiarly known to her friends as "Nell", endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact by her friendly spirit, helpful thought and her sunny, buoyant attitude toward the round of human life and circumstances.

A great educator has said, "Influence is the effluence of affluence" —the impression made by the flowing out of a rich and beautiful spirit —and surely this was true of Mrs. Mason who gave generously and ungrudgingly of all she was, and had. She will be held in loving remembrance by all who knew her.

February 27, 1930

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson are to reside at Mackinac Island during their vacation next summer, and he will serve as pastor of the Little Stone church. This is a Congregational church that is kept open during the summer resort season, and Mr. Johnson is to share the pastorate with a representative of the Michigan Congregational Conference, each taking half of the season. Mr. Johnson will begin Sunday, June 22nd, and will return to take up his work in the Clare church, the first Sunday in August.

Victor S. Gutchess drove over from Battle Creek to spend Sunday with his wife Dorothy, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Loveland.

Misses Mary and Grace Thrun gave a very lovely party at their home, Thursday evening, February 20th. The guests were Mr. L. H. Colburn, Milton Wheaton, Keith Kline, William Hill, Forrest Hoyle, Lawrence Thrun, Alice Hill, Barbara Wilson, Dorothy Childs, Gertrude Weeks, and Anna Mae Thrun. A very interesting game of progressive big was played. Barbara Wilson and Mr. Colburn received the honor prizes and Alice Hill and Lawrence Thrun received the booby prizes. After this everyone partook of a delightful lunch of chop suey and sataroga waffers, coffee, jello, and cake. The table was very artistically decorated with red, white, and blue crepe paper ribbon, with gold hatchets for place cards. The party broke up all too soon, but everyone left, feeling they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

J. M. Lent and family were in Lansing Saturday. Miss Nettie Walsh accompanied them home for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walsh and son were also Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Tarbell walked, from her home with her daughter Mrs. Frank House, up town Saturday, and to Dr. Snell's, and also went to see her brother Henry Cross, and wife.

A few sugar bush owners have made a little syrup but the buds have a good start on soft maples, and very little syrup and sugar will be made this year.

Irvin Powers and family called on Mr. William Fox at the home of his son Greeley in Hastings, Sunday, and found him very comfortable and able to walk about the house with canes to help him see.

Miss Eva Hasselquist of Olivet motored over to see Mrs. Downing, Sunday. She reported Miss Helen Niles home from her school work at Royal Oak, ill, threatened with pneumonia.

M. L. Stiles, our Village Treasurer, was nominated for that office at the caucus but has withdrawn his name from the ticket. The village committee have chosen Mrs. Glycene Stiles to take his place on the ticket.

Frank Mason, nephew of Walter Boyles, will go to Ann Arbor Friday and bring Mr. Boyles to his home in Charlotte, where he will be cared for.

Roy Hager and daughter Kathryn moved from the Hopper house to the upstairs rooms at Nelson House's, vacated by the Aldrich children, when their people moved into town.