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FIRE APPARATUS VERY EFFICIENT

Last Thursday the country truck was taken over to Nashville in order that the new Universal connection might be tested out. This connection allows our country pumps to connect on any standard water system in the country, that is, right direct to the hydrant.

Had we had this connection at Lake Odessa undoubtedly one of the other buildings might have been saved, or at least part of it.

With this connection and our pump acting as a booster we are able to pump water at a pressure of two hundred and ten pounds, and this was sufficient to go up about eight stories.

The main trouble at Lake Odessa was that the fire was so hot and the pressure was so low that the water could not be gotten on the fire. Had this apparatus been over there at that time our boys could have shot water right straight through the building to the street and into the alley. Water at this pressure will tear down a twenty four inch brick wall in very few minutes.

This gives us a great advantage in any other town and puts us on an equal footing with the rest of them should we ever have a big fire. We assisted Woodland in their big fire. We assisted Lake Odessa in their big fire, and who knows but what we might be next? They are prepared for all emergencies, so why should we not be prepared in the same way.

Our country truck has saved a lot of property and has paid for itself many times over. We probably have as efficient fire apparatus as any town of its size in the state of Michigan, together with a trained crew of fire fighters who all know their onions and are not afraid to get in and do business.

MRS. WILLIAM RANSOM

Phoebe A. Ransom, aged 68, for many years a resident of this village, passed away at her home Saturday, August 9, following a week's illness, from acute dilation of the heart due to shock. She fell Sunday, August 3, breaking her hip. The body was removed to Mapes & Ward funeral home where services were held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. C. H. Phillips officiating, and burial was made at Woodlawn cemetery.

She is survived by two sons, Walter at home, William of Rives Junction, and one daughter, Mrs. John Counterman of Vermontville.

Ruth Wheaton, who is a student at the Sparrow hospital nurses training school, was taken suddenly ill and an appendicitis operation was performed last night. Her Vermontville friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gaut, Robert and Harold spent Sunday at Pleasant Lake north of Jackson in company with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Darrow and family of Rives Junction. The fine pavilion at the lake burned Saturday about one o'clock. It was thought a cigarette stub was thrown near the oil tanks which caused an explosion. Practically nothing was saved. Only four of the six cash registers were rescued.

The Randalls and Mrs. Tubbs returned from their outing at Houghton Lake and visit at Lake City, Tuesday night. Mrs. Ben Shetehelm also motored here Tuesday, and Wednesday she and Ava Tubbs visited her oldest son, Austin, at Camp Custer where he has been for a months training, and motored to Indiana for a visit until Saturday, when Austin will accompany her home. Phillip Shetehelm, who won high honors this summer will begin an engineering course at M. S. C. this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alsover returned Monday afternoon from their outing.

Edmund Sprague and family, arrived home from Niagara Falls last Friday.

E. J. Loveland was in Battle Creek, Tuesday consulting an ear specialist, who seemed to help him.

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Ben F. Slout, ex-treasurer of Vermontville township, and a well-known young farmer, son of Mrs. Edith Slout, and Mrs. Marjorie Griffith of Nashville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jordan, a former Vermontville resident, and a teacher in our village schools, were united in marriage Thursday morning, August 14th at the residence of Rev. Bingham in Nashville. They left for a northern trip and returned late Saturday night.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Slout have many friends who think this an ideal marriage and are extending their hearty congratulations. They will reside on the Slout farm with the groom's mother. The bride will continue teaching in Vermontville schools where she has done excellent work.

The Echo joins with their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.

A six pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Holton (Ina Barnum) of Sunfield, Friday, August 15th. Mr. and Mrs. William Barnum and family went up Sunday to see the new grandson, who has been named Richard Lee.

The fire department made a quick run to the farm of Mrs. Etta Stevens shortly before eleven o'clock Tuesday where a large straw stack was burning and two small buildings were consumed. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Miss Winnefred Wells of Charlotte sent a card to Mrs. Jay Hawkins from Berlin, dated, August 1st, saying "it has rained every day since I struck Germany, but I'm having a good time." It took a 15c stamp to bring the card.

Harry Hammond is not only an efficient mail carrier but he knows fish and how to get them. He landed a 28 lb. muskellunge at Thornapple lake recently. E. D. Barber caught a 19 lb. musky, and hooked a big one that looked to be 5½ feet long but lost it.

The Thrun family have enjoyed a week camping in a cottage at Saubee Lake. Their supper guests were: Tuesday—Mr. and Mrs. Clare Hine; Wednesday—Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin; Thursday—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Weiler and family and Friday—Mr. and Mrs. Karl Weiler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kenworthy, Agnes and Jackie of Ypsilanti motored up Saturday afternoon and were supper guests of her brother Frank Seitz and family, and spent over night and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Lizzie Lake, and called on other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Dana Irvin and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seitz and sons were also Sunday guests.

Mrs. Harriet Sprague, Margaret and Madeline and a lady friend of Kalamazoo called on Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Sprague the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Squires returned Wednesday morning after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Squires' mother, Mrs. Ray Abehouse of Syracuse, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Faust, Miss Grace Faust and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hawkins were in Detroit, Wednesday attending the National Rural Letter Carriers convention at the Hotel Statler.

Miss Ora Hallenbeck and Miss Abbott returned last week from their trip to Europe, and were week end guests at A. W. Hill's. They report a delightful time with fine cool weather and plenty of rain.

As next week is Eaton County Fair we are asking our rural correspondents to get their items to us on Monday if possible. As has been our custom the Echo will be out a little earlier, so the force may attend the fair Thursday.