

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Barber left on the 1:40 train Sunday noon and had stateroom reservations from Charlotte to Jacksonville, Fla., where they planned to make an over night stop before going to Lake Wales, Florida to spend the remainder of the winter. Their many friends hope a few months in the sunny south will greatly improve their health.

The many friends of Mrs. Lena Todd will be glad to know that word has been received from Morgantown, West Virginia that she is improving and the doctors have hopes that this improvement will continue. Arthur, Robert and Russell returned last week Monday from Morgantown, where they were called by her serious illness.

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DAVID M. PURCHIS

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David M. Purchis was born in Leona, Jackson County, Michigan, in 1845. He enlisted in the Civil War at the age of 16 years in the 28th Michigan Infantry, Company B, at Kalamo, Eaton County, Mich. He served one year and fifteen days.

He was united in marriage to Emma Alley in 1869, who passed away in 1876. To this union was born one son Ion Edd Purchis. He was married the second time to Lucina Sherman and lived thirty-five in Vermontville until she died.

He has been a member of the Masonic order for sixty-five years; charter member of Vermontville I. O. O. F., and has held many offices of importance: one time President of the Village of Vermontville, Justice of the Peace, also charter member of Edward Dwight Post.

He has been ailing for two years, but had been failing fast for the past three months.

He passed away Friday morning January 9, 1931 at the home of his son Edd, where he had lived for the past twenty years.

He leaves to mourn his loss his son Edd, and one grandson Raymond D. Purchis of Petoskey.

Funeral services were held at Mapes & Ward Funeral Home at 2:00 p. m., Sunday, conducted by Rev. V. B. Niles, attended by a large number of friends and neighbors, three Civil War veterans and the Masonic Lodge who conducted the burial services at Woodlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Alsover came home Sunday from her visit in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lousberry and daughter, Olive of Dimondale visited Mrs. Art Lake, Wednesday.

The Bridge Club had an enjoyable get-together at Miss Jennie Martin's, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Vern Slout visited friends in Colon the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis spent Sunday in Jackson with Dwight Davis and family.

The days have now lengthened 25 minutes, 2 minutes in the morning and 23 minutes at night.

John E. Lake of Nashville continues to improve and has been sitting in a chair by a window to enjoy a little of the out-of-doors.

Alice Hill, one of our 1930 V. H. S. graduates is taking a nurse's training course at Sheldon hospital, Albion.

Miss Glenna Bursley and Mr. Nelson Stall of near Gresham were recent visitors of Miss Doreen Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilson in Battle Creek, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Roach is buying a nice lot of Poultry. He bought 98 fine Barred Rock chickens of Mrs. Green of Woodland for which he gave her a check for \$58.56.

Eli Chatfield visited his wife at St. Lawrence hospital, Lansing, Sunday. The doctors say her condition is not yet favorable for an operation.

Mrs. Mary Snoko has returned home from Jonesville, where she has been staying with her brother, Albert Ackley, also Mrs. Floy Snoko has returned home from Charlotte.

A. L. Barningham was taken suddenly ill Monday night and has suffered much pain. It didn't seem just like his former appendicitis attacks, but more like acute indigestion. We hope he may speedily recover.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrison, Dec. 28, at the home of Ed Purchis where her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Atwood are living. The little miss was named Murdith May, and accompanied her parents to their home in Kalamazoo, Monday.

Mrs. E. D. Barber writes her sister Mrs. Mary Williams that they arrived at Lake Wales, Florida all O. K. and found everything very beautiful. The abundance of grapefruit, oranges and flowers make them in love with the country. E. D. and Mr. Giddings had gone fishing when Mrs. Barber wrote the letter, so there may be some real fish stories to tell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Crook received a letter from their sister Mrs. Lena Todd the first of the week, four or five pages, written herself though she is not able to sit up yet, saying she was improving slowly. She is at the home of her daughter Mary at Morgantown, W. Va., and her daughter Mable of Detroit, a nurse, is there to help care for her.

We are reminded again that the ranks of the Civil War veterans are growing thin. With the passing of D. M. Purchis, only four are left in Vermontville: Asa J. Brown, H. H. Brown, Dr. Charles S. Snell and

Thursday, January 22, 1931

Allen Whelan, of Benton township, called on his sister, Mrs. E. E. Loveland one day last week and presented her with a fine and completely equipped sewing cabinet, an artful product of his own handi-craft.

Her name and date was skillfully worked in inlay by the use of walnut pegs, the elaborate hand carving being done with a pocket knife. A fine piece of furniture both ornamental and useful.

Mr. Whelan operates a large stock farm but still finds time for this diversion from his many duties.

Boyer Rickle has bought the Brewer milk route and will take over the business February 1st.

Mrs. Warren Taylor is recovering slowly from her operation and is sitting up a short time each day.

Wednesday morning was sure snappy. Thermometers registered around zero and below.

Frederick Hatfield's injured eye is improving. He motored to Detroit Tuesday morning.

Miss Ethel Powers returned to her school in Lansing last week and is standing the work quite well.

A. L. Barningham, who has been very seriously ill, is improving. He is sitting up a little and able to take more nourishment. His many friends will rejoice to learn of his improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Althouse and family were Sunday dinner guests at Glenn Satterlee's. Howard and Gwendolyn Althouse were Saturday night guests of Grandma Althouse and Miss Ruth Althouse.

Misses Margaret and Virginia Powers were guests of Miss Gertrude Stilwell of Charlotte at a very enjoyable party given at her home in honor of Zelmon Phinney, Saturday evening.

Robert Todd received a letter Tuesday night from his sister Clara at Morgantown, W. Va., saying their mother, Mrs. Lena Todd was gradually failing. Other complications developed last week and word came Friday that she was much worse. This news was received with much sorrow by her relatives and friends who had great hopes she might improve and return home.

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