

Vermontville fire department was called out about 3:30 Saturday to the home of Frank Kelley in Carmel township where their house was burned to the ground, with but little saved. Nearly all the six children were in school, and Mrs. Kelley had to go some distance to a telephone, so not much could be gotten out. The family are at present living with his father Marshall Kelley. Frank Kelley is a railroad man and at his work when the fire occurred. Mrs. Kelley is a niece of Mrs. E. E. Loveland.

Mrs. E. E. Loveland, Mrs. L. W. Loveland and Mr. E. J. Loveland attended the funeral of Mrs. Allen Whelan of Benton, Saturday afternoon, the former remaining over Sunday with her brother, Mr. Whelan.

A. L. Barnnham and family motored to Albion Friday for Walter who had received a dislocated left knee on the athletic field, and he accompanied them home. He returned to College and is getting about with the aid of crutches.

William Ambrose Gregg of Belding, is spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. E. J. Loveland.

## Thursday, May 14, 1931

The erection of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. monument is progressing. Mr. Frank Schofield of Woodland is the architect and when the work is completed it will be a very fine memorial stone.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Tubbs visited his niece Mrs. Carl Martens and sons at the home of her father, Fred Warner, in Nashville, Sunday afternoon. They report Mrs. Martens and baby doing fine, and they expect to return to their home in Carmel township soon.

Dr. O. Irving Laird and family of Charlotte expect to move to Angola, Ind., after school closes. Dr. Laird is an optometrist and many Vermontville as well as Charlotte people will be sorry to lose him.

Mrs. Margaret Hawkins of Lansing was still confined to St. Lawrence hospital Sunday, where she had been for a week. The auto accident in which she was injured, happened at six o'clock Monday morning, May 4 when she had just started out with a truck owned by the firm where she is employed. The driver was going to Kalamazoo and return that day, and Mrs. Hawkins was going with him to see her daughter Brunelda who is there in school. Two young students were on their way back to college and their car struck the truck in such a manner as to turn it on its side and Mrs. H. was pinned beneath it. It caught fire and the three men had difficulty in getting the truck lifted and rescuing her before the flames reached her.

Mrs. E. E. Loveland, Mrs. F. P. Ambrose, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Gutchess, Miss Vera Loveland and Mr. M. L. Berry of Battle Creek met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Loveland, Sunday in honor of Mother's Day.

Mrs. Morris Bennett announces the marriage of her daughter, Elizabeth Rhea, to Mr. Ernest Stuart Sprague on Friday, May 1, 1931, New York City, New York. They will be at home after June 1 at 333 East 43rd street, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague left immediately in a month's wedding trip to Bermuda. Mr. Sprague is a former Vermontville and Charlotte boy and is now consul for the National Broadcasting Company. He is a brother of Milton Sprague and of Evelyn and Frances Sprague, now of Detroit.

Mr. Edington and lady helper of the Edington Rug Company of Lansing came over Monday and took the measurements for the new V. H. S. Alumni stage curtain, long planned for, and will be hung before commencement night, June 10. After looking into the matter more thoroughly that evening at the gymnasium the committee, with the help of Supt. Colburn, some of the teachers and others invited to be present, decided that a dark green mercerized rep curtain would be more in keeping with its surroundings than the more expensive red and gold pattern, and could be purchased with the funds on hand. A gold lettering with V. H. S. A., and the years 1889-1931, placed on the curtain will add to its beauty.

## Thursday, May 21, 1931

### ARLAN EDICK OF CHARLOTTE COMMITS SUICIDE

Arlan Edick of Charlotte, age 18, committed suicide sometime Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning in the front yard of the George VanDeventer home south of town.

It appears, from all the information that we can gather, that previously in the evening he had called on the daughter, Nellie VanDeventer, to whom it was rumored he was engaged to be married. What the general discussion was doesn't appear clear, but as he was unable to find work, and he had lost his previous job, he was in some dilemma as to how he would make payments on the car that he had bought for their pleasure. Perhaps it was a discussion over money.

In any event, he left the VanDeventer home sometime late in the evening, saying that he was going to kill himself, and evidently drove to his home in Charlotte, procured the gun which was a

It was a very close call for the Ferris families last Sunday about 5 o'clock as they were on their way home from spending the day in Battle Creek, when they were struck by a car coming down the hill on Lawrence Ave. road, at the intersection of the Kalama road, in front of Pete Weyant's filling station. The occupants were Mr. and Mrs. Prins of Flint and they were driving fifty miles an hour and claim they didn't see the stop sign or the Ferris car. They struck the back right wheel of Ilo's car which turned the car around and threw it against a telephone pole and tree, probably saving their lives. It bent the back wheel, broke some of the car windows, two fenders were bent and one of the front doors stove in. No one was thrown from the car. Mrs. W. J. Ferris was the most severely injured. Her head was cut and she was stunned for a time and has not entirely recovered from the injury. W. J.'s arm was hurt, but not seriously and with the exception of little Billie, they were all bruised some. Dr. Lofdahl of Nashville was called to care for the injured. Mr. and Mrs. Ilo Ferris and Billie had been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gutchess, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ferris had visited at the home of her brother Fred Kelley. Mr. Prins was insured in a Flint company who will settle the damages. The many friends of the Ferris families rejoice that they escaped serious injury.

### MRS. E. H. ECKHART PASSED AWAY IN LANSING MONDAY

Many residents here were shocked Monday to learn of the sudden passing of Mrs. E. H. Eckhart, a former resident of Vermontville, at her home in Lansing. The daughters were home for the week end. Mrs. Eckhart had been confined to her bed only three days. Vermontville friends sympathize with the family in their loss of a true wife and mother.

Mrs. Leonora F. Eckhart, wife of Edw. H. Eckhart, passed away at the home 625 West Barnes avenue Monday morning. Mrs. Eckhart had been a resident of Lansing for the past eight years, when the family moved there from Vermontville. She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist. Besides the husband, she is survived by three daughters, Hazel E. Eckhart and Mrs. Harry G. Dalzell both of Chicago, Madelon C. Eckhart of Lansing; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Mull of Lansing, and Mrs. Henry Bunker of Eaton Rapids. The body was taken to the Jarvis-Estes Funeral home where services were held at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, A. J. Phelps reading the Christian Science service. Interment was at Eaton Rapids.