

Thursday, February 9, 1933

E. B. Hammond's condition not improved. Pleurisy has added to his suffering, however, he was able to appreciate the fine bouquet of red carnations sent him by Postmaster and Mrs. Loveland. For the past few days an abscess has been forming on his arm where hypodermics were given. The arm was lanced yesterday and a half pint of pus was taken and he rested the best last night for some time.

The Vermontville fire department banquet Friday evening at seven o'clock was a very enjoyable affair and fourteen partook of the fine supper prepared and served by Mrs. Lizzie Lake at her home. The menu consisted of roast chicken, roast pork, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, noodles, baked beans, potato chips, carrots, celery, pickles, Parkerhouse rolls, angel and devil's food cakes, fruit salad and coffee. Supervisor A. E. Crook, as guest, and the following firemen did justice to the banquet served: Vance Barber, Roy Mathews, Karl Weiler, Oliver Weiler, Laurence Tubbs, Paul Tubbs, Armond Hammond, Gerald Hammond, Kenneth Ward, Eugene Dickey, Lou Loveland, Eli Chatfield, and Kenneth Powers. At their meeting at the Legion Hall which followed the banquet it was decided to have their annual benefit dance St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, which will be held in the opera house.

Lytle Hope, our youthful burglar, was taken before Judge McPeck last Tuesday afternoon, and was given the following sentence: Sixty days in the County jail, two years probation, no liquor of any kind, to work and take care of his family. He is to report every month to Probation Officer, James Brown, and also \$25.00 fine which is payable half in eighteen months and half in two years.

This means that the boy will follow the straight and narrow for at least two years, and will comply with all the conditions laid down in the parole. Otherwise, he will be taken in and be given a good, first class jolt, if he violates his parole.

This sentence was given on a plea of guilty, as it was a dead open and shut case with absolutely no chance for argument.

Mrs. Margaret Hawkins of Lansing was called to Canada last week by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Mary McWha.

Roselyn Hawkins and Catherine Barningham plan to spend the week end at home if weather and roads permit.

E. H. Fields was crowded from the highway by an oil truck Monday on his way to attend the funeral of his friend, Mr. Clayton Furniss, of Grand Ledge and his car badly wrecked. However, he escaped injury. The car was fully covered.

Mrs. Clarence Faust is home from St. Lawrence hospital, Lansing, Edward Barber bringing her Tuesday in the ambulance. We are glad to report her doing nicely from her operation although not able to sit

February 16, 1933

HOW THE NEWS OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION WAS RECEIVED IN VERMONTVILLE

From the Diary of H. J. Martin, Kept at That Time

Saturday, April 15, 1865—After a busy day attended choir practice at the church. The news had come that on Friday evening, April 14th President Lincoln and wife attended Ford's Theatre on Tenth Street, Washington, D. C.

At the end of the third act a man passed into the rear of the Lincoln box and shot the President, jumping from the box to the stage shouting "Sic Semper Tyrannis," "the South is avenged" and escaping by a rear entrance. The murderer of the President was John Wilkes Booth, an actor.

Sunday, April 16—I arose at six a. m., and proceeded to the Academy where I tolled the bell for an hour when I was relieved by Frank Barber and he by others, the tolling being continued till nine o'clock. I then went to the church, where I assisted in decorating it in mourning. Remained till latter part of the service when I went home, being very weary.

At two o'clock met the choir at the church to practice music for a special memorial service to be held at 2:30, for President Lincoln. We sang five pieces from the Lute, of an appropriate nature and they all went well.

The meeting was intensely interesting, remarks being made by W. U. Benedict, O. H. Spoor, R. W. Griswold, Willard Davis, Daniel Barber, Hinman Dickinson and Dr. Parmenter. The pulpit lamp-pillars, table and chandeliers were all draped with black, a large flag at half-mast on the wall back of the pulpit and another over the front door. It was a sad and impressive occasion.

At close of the meeting I took a long walk alone through the woods south of town.

Dr. Inwood of Chicago was called to the Hammond home again last week to care for E. B. Hammond. He came Friday. Both arms were lanced and pus drawn that relieved the pain to the extent that it is believed with proper rest and care he will steadily regain his health. Mrs. Inwood and their daughter did not accompany him.

Alice Hill who was transferred from her nurse's training at Albion to Herman Kiefer hospital, Detroit, writes the home folks she likes her work very much. Although the two places are different, the procedure strange, she finds her work interesting and is quite contented.

Mrs. M. L. Stiles is quite poorly, being bothered with stomach and liver trouble, but is better at this writing.

Vermontville people will be interested in a letter received by the Editor from Mrs. Camilla Nease, Grand Rapids. Of Mr. Nease's condition she writes: "Mr. Nease is now in a wheel chair and has become such a care that I am unable to care for him all alone all the time. I am up most of the night, as he needs almost constant care." They are located now at the home of close friends of their's, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dent. In speaking of the Echo Mrs. Nease says: "We enjoy the paper so much; it is like an old friend."

Roy Hager has resumed operations at the E. E. Chatfield mill. Personal nomination for the most beloved old gentleman in town, Doctor Snell.

February 23, 1933

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Loveland are rejoicing over the arrival of another grandchild, a boy, weighing 7 3/4 lbs. born to Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Gutchess, Wednesday, February 15, at the Leila Post Montgomery Hospital in Battle Creek.

H. H. Brown is quite comfortable much of the time but by spells his toe is quite painful. He gets about the house a little on crutches. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bisel of Chester township were Friday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. F. F. Ambrose is spending a few days at the Gutchess-Berry

March 2, 1933

Mrs. Clarence Faust is now able to be at the local telephone switchboard a few hours each day.

W. B. Thompson held an auction sale at his farm one and one-half miles east of town today.