

Vermontville Boy Scouts are planning a camping trip and expect to leave Monday with their Scout Master, Rev. T. W. Thompson, for Holland Lake, near Sheridan where they will camp in company with troops from Pompei and Ithaca.

Among those from away who attended Alumni were: Supt. B. L. Davis and Mrs. Davis of Hillsdale; Mrs. Ben Shetenhelm and daughter Maradell of Lake City; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carey, Augusta; Miss Ora Hallenbeck and Miss Abbott, Pontiac; Mrs. Maxine Wileand, Jesse and Ralph Hawkins, Howell; Mrs. Howard Cronk and three children, Grandville; Mrs. Ernest Jones and Mrs. Blanche McDougal, Owosso. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitmore, Eagle; Mrs. Walter Nidy, Fulton; Mrs. Ewilda Davis, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Kennon Hull, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin and Mary Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Austin, Mrs. Mygleetis Leach and daughter, Geraldine Hultz, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gutchess, Battle Creek; Mrs. Jennie Twitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jacobson, Miss Della Eitel, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Vincent, Duane Hawkins, Mrs. Mary Margaret Spurrell, Lansing; Roy Benedict, Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lake and son Douglas, Miss Winnifred Wells, Mrs. Ruby Hammond, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hess and Mrs. Gladys Garlinger and daughter, Nashville.

Mrs. Herman Zemke has returned from Caro where she has been for over a week during the illness and death of Miss Bertha Zemke.

LeRoy Snell and son Charles returned Friday with the Doctor to spend some time here, but the former was called back to Detroit by the General Motors company, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Sprague and daughters Mabel and Celia motored to Traverse City the first of the week to take Mrs. Ellen Downs to her home after several weeks visit here.

Mrs. Byron Hallenbeck went to Pennock hospital, Hastings, Monday where she underwent an appendicitis operation Tuesday. She is reported doing nicely and her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Helen Murray and little daughter Katherine have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Loveland and went on to Battle Creek and Detroit for a visit. Mrs. Gertrude Mate and Barbara are coming this week for a visit.

Thursday, July 6, 1933

MAIL HAULING CONTRACT

The much discussed Government contract for bringing the mails from the depot to the Post Office was awarded to agent Kamiensky of the Michigan Central at \$300.00 a year, beginning July 17th. The old contract of Ho Ferris drew down \$702.00 a year, and was held seven years by Mr. Ferris who did the job very satisfactorily.

This gesture of economy is more apparent than real, because in awarding the contract instead of providing a new job and putting one more man to work it gave one man two jobs. There is nothing wrong in this and apparently the Post Office had in mind the idea of having the job done as cheaply as possible. \$300.00 a year wouldn't pay the gasoline and maintain a truck if this job was the only job held by the contractor.

There were six or seven other bids and apparently the Government has got their mails carried at the least possible expense.

Now the public reaction to this whole deal is that everybody is dissatisfied except perhaps the one that got the contract which would have been exactly the same had any other person gotten it. We are glad that in this petty squabble local politics or local opinion has absolutely nothing to do with it and the general local public has got to take what the Post Office Department gives them.

We presume that the delivery of mail will continue along exactly as it always has been and that no noticeable change will be made in the service, as one man is just as capable of doing this job as another, providing he doesn't go to sleep on the job.

The best thing is for everybody to forget all about it and go on about their business as if nothing had happened and when the change in Postmastership comes this fall, which it presumably will, along in December, let's try to get along without having a first class village row. If you haven't been a Democrat all your life keep out of the squabble, because it doesn't concern you. The Republicans had twelve years of uninterrupted power and now the Democrats are in and it's their pic, so let the Democrats run it. Presumably they will try to make as good a job of it as they can. At least let's try to keep peace in the Village.

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Miss Antoinette Pope of California came Monday to visit this week with her cousin, Mrs. W. L. Gehman and old friends in this vicinity. Miss Pope is one of our V. H. S. graduates of the class of 1900. The old home town is always glad for the return of the boys and girls of yesterday.

Mr. Elmer L. Sabin, 82, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Asa King, Charlotte, where the funeral service was held Wednesday at 2 p. m. Interment will be made in Potterville cemetery. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. King and Mrs. Arthur Fox of Vermontville, and a son, Harlow, of Birmingham.

A shower was given Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coleman Monday evening by their friends at their home on East Main St. Many fine presents were received from the fifty guests present, three families from Charlotte attending. The evening was spent with cards and visiting. Miss Dorothy Campbell gave some very nice readings.

Mrs. Beryl Clarke who is visiting here at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Allen Faust, met with a very painful accident last Friday afternoon while calling on her sister in Nashville. Mrs. Clarke fell down a flight of steps with her baby in her arms, breaking her right arm at the elbow joint. She was taken to the Pennock hospital at Hastings for xray and setting of the bone and returned home late that evening. The baby was unhurt.

Otto Johnson has combined his two business places and moved across the street into the Dancer building (formerly the Imes store), Tuesday.

Tuesday callers at Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brown's were Mrs. Arthur Harroun and daughter Miss Elsie Patterson of Charlotte. Mrs. Gladys Garlinger and little daughter were Wednesday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Strait, Helen French and Edwin Williams are enjoying a vacation trip to Petoskey and Mackinac Island. The farm is being looked after in their absence by Mr. and Mrs. Myrlen Strait.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Childs were guests at the Vern Reed home the first of the week and went Wednesday to visit her people at Lake Osdessa.

Mrs. Byron Hallenbeck is recovering nicely at Pennock hospital, Hastings, from her appendicitis operation last week. The family go up to see her every evening.

A fine rain last Thursday night and another Saturday night followed by a heavy rain Sunday was very acceptable and was a boon to farmers and garden growers and cooled the atmosphere.