

Mrs. Frank Smith, who underwent a tumor operation at the Hayes-Green hospital about two weeks ago, was removed to the home of her daughter Mrs. Glenn Lake Sunday, where she is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mathews and Mrs. Lizzie Lake left early Sunday morning for Mancelona to visit Mrs. Mathews' people for a few days and enjoy fishing at some of the nearby lakes.

Vesta Louise was the name given the little daughter born Tuesday, September 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett LaChapelle. The baby weighed 7 lbs. and 3 ounces. Mrs. LaChapelle was formerly Vera French of Vermontville.

The equinoctial storm seems to be here and must have been hastened this year by the NRA as it is not due to arrive until Sept. 23. Bean harvest is also on in this section, and the combination is rather painful to bean growers.

E. B. Hammond's jewelry store is closed this week as he accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hammond and family to Chicago Sunday where they will visit with Dr. and Mrs. Inwood and Helen and enjoy the Century of Progress for a week. Harry's substitute rural mail carrier, Pitt Pugh, is looking after his mail route.

The auditions at the Eaton Theatre in Charlotte came off in a blaze of glory. Several from this locality and many from other parts of the county attended the preliminaries. At the finals Wednesday night Miss Kathryn Rogers with her "squeeze box" was one of the winners. Miss Rogers is a student in the Vermontville High School and during her attendance here has enlivened and entertained at a great many local functions.

Thursday, September 21, 1933

Mrs. J. H. Konechny underwent quite a serious operation last Saturday morning to the St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing where her gall bladder and appendix were removed by Dr. McNamara assisted by Dr. Pinkham. She had been afflicted with gall trouble for several years, and her many friends hope she may be speedily restored to health. Mr. Konechny, Louise and Hilda visited her Sunday and found her recovering nicely from the operation, and Wednesday evening they called, and she was much improved.

Mildred Inman and Rose Offley have gone to Ann Arbor, Miss Inman to take a medical nurses course and Miss Offley a dental nurses course.

MELVIN L. BILDERBECK

The deceased Melvin L. Bilderbeck was born in Allegan County, Michigan, October 17th, 1870, and died at Vermontville, September 17th, 1933, being aged at death, 62 years, 11 months and 12 days.

In his early life he came with his parents to Vermontville and while from time to time he has lived elsewhere yet for the most part since his first coming here, Vermontville has been his home.

On February 15, 1894 he was married to Miss Celia Cheadle and the years of their married life have been filled with trustful cooperative activity and service. Mr. Bilderbeck was a man of strong physique, an industrious hard working helper in everything in which he took a part. Last Spring owing to the sudden death of his cousin he came to the R. E. Chance home to help to carry on the work. That he filled well the place and carried forward the efforts necessary everyone who knew the circumstances will bear testimony.

Thursday, October 5, 1933

Mr. and Mrs. William Zemke and children went to Sebawaing Sunday to greet Mr. Zemke's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Zemke, Sr. who have come from Berlin, Germany to make their home here in America. They arrived in New York Friday on Hamburg American steamer "S. S. New York" and report a wonderful journey with the ocean exceptionally calm, in spite of the fact that other parts of the world have experienced such high winds and severe storms. Mr. Zemke visited in Vermontville 39 years ago. He has been in business in Berlin and Dresden for over 50 years. They expect to come to Vermontville about October 15th to be with their son and visit Mr. Zemke's brothers, Herman and Richard.

Miss Mary McLaughlin is office assistant to her father Dr. C. L. D. McLaughlin also her brother Dr. Neil McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inman were in Ann Arbor Saturday to bring Mildred Inman and Rose Offley home for over Sunday.

Mrs. Merle Spurrell and Sharron of Lansing were Fri. evening callers at the home of their grandmother Mrs. Bell Hall.

Mrs. Zella Bryan and daughters Helen of Charlotte and Mrs. Bierbower of Lansing were Saturday callers of her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dikeman.

Grant Hawkins was retired from the rural mail service October 1st and his route is being covered by the other carriers. He has a record of 31 years and 8 months service.

Miss Jennie Martin came home from Chicago Thursday after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Wile and other friends. Mrs. Mann visited her people in Jackson during her absence.

Last Thursday Rev. and Mrs. Briggs with Mrs. Gilson and the Misses Mary Grant and Mary McLaughlin attended the Lansing Association meeting at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Lansing. It was a fine day and a very happy experience for all.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fuller and Alton of Detroit visited his mother Mrs. S. A. Fuller from Thursday to Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Don Fuller joined them Sunday, and they all returned home that evening, Mrs. Fuller accompanying them for a two weeks visit.

Miss Doreen Kelley who for some time worked as an operator for the Bell Telephone Company at the local switchboard, and later at the Echo office as Linotype operator for three years, will leave Monday to make her home in Redlands, Cal. Frances Lent will meet her in Chicago and will spend the time between trains with her there. Miss Kelley has many friends in Vermontville who will greatly miss her, but we wish for her a pleasant journey and continued happiness in her new surroundings.

Mrs. James Boyles received a letter this week written Aug. 9, from her granddaughter and husband, Edna and Rolfe Graves of Africa, saying they were well and just starting another garden. They keep a flock of laying hens and have several goats. One of their latest comforts is a screened porch.

Mrs. Stiles and daughters Mrs. Welshon and Mrs. Earl, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lent, Clifford Prescott and Jerome Deuel attended the funeral services of Mrs. Cyrus Prince in Charlotte Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Clarence Faust gave her husband a birthday surprise party Saturday night entertaining his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Faust, Miss Blanche Faust, Mr. and Mrs. Verle Stall, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kilpatrick and Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Faust.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Faust and daughter Grace, and Mr. Stone spent the week end in Midland visiting their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Clarke. Mr. Clarke is now assistant superintendent of the Pure Oil Company's Michigan Refinery at Midland.