Dr. Nell McLaughlin went to Ann Arbor Saturday evening and planned to spend New Year's day there as the guest of Miss Lorraine Hinz, but was taken ill with sinus trouble and returned home Sunday night where he was confined to his bed on New Year's day. He was able to resume his practice Tuesday morning. His mother has also been suffering with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gehman spent from Thursday to Saturday of last week in 'Detroit to visit her daughter Mrs. Walter Ross and family who have stored their housefamily effects there. Little Donald Ross returned with them for a few day's visit, Mr. and Mrs. Gehman taking him to Battle Creek Tuesday to meet the family who were motoring to Winona, Minn. where they have a furnished apartment. Gehman received word Saturday on her return from Detoit that her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bergman of Amburst, Mass. had been in an auto accident in a blinding snow storm and Mrs. Bergman suffered a broken arm and bruised knee and was taken to a hospital at Worcester and will be laid up for some time.

### Thursday, January 11, 1934

Mrs. Arthur Todd of Sunfield was taken very ill Friday, at the home of her brother Will Northrup in this village, where she with her infant son had come to stay while Mr. Todd moved their household goods to Maple Grove where he is manager of the elevator. Mrs. Todd was taken to St. Lawrence Hospital, Lansing, where an operation was performed and twenty gall stones, three of them large, were removed, but peritonitis had developed and she is in a very serious condition.

Mrs. Ben Slout underwent an appendicitis operation at Pennock Hospital, Hastings, Wednesday, and is doing as well as can be expected Mrs. Slout has been teaching the Hallenbeck school this year and will return to her work as soon as she recovers from the operation. Mrs. Ruth Hallenbeck is supplying during her absence.

Mrs. Albert Ford, formerly Mrs. Lillian Goodrich, passed away Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at her home in North Vermontville after a few days illness with pneumonia, and her body was brought to the Ward funeral home. Her sons Byron and Cecil Goodrich, who are in the Navy were notified by a telegram. She also leaves besides her husband and son Earl Goodrich at home, three married daughters. Funeral services will be conducted by Elder J. W. Roach at the funeral chapel Friday, afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

# Thursday, January 18, 1934

#### MRS. S. G. ALLEN

Died. December 20, 1933, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herman J. Cone, in Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Sylvia Lucy Allen, widow of the late Spencer G. Allen of Vermontville.

Sylvia Lucy Rowley was born in the Township of Chester, Eaton Co., Michigan. July 8, 1847. Her father was William H. H. Rowley and her mother Esther B. Wheaton, both of them pioneer families of Chester.

October 16, 1869, she was united in marriage to Mr. Spencer Gardner Allen of the Township of Danby, Ionia County, Michigan. The family lived in the edge of Ionia County, north of Hoytville for fourteen years, and removed to Vermontville, Michigan in 1883. From that time until the death of Mr. Allen in August 1915, Mr. and Mrs. Allen lived in Vermontville. To this union were born five daughters: Mrs. Jennie M. Wade of Superior, Wis .; Mrs. Herman J. Cone, Miss Zella E. Allen, and Mrs. Hartle Mosher, all of Seattle, Wash. The youngest daughter, Edith Vera Allen, died in Vermontville, April 20, 1906.

Mrs. Allen was brought home for burial by Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Cone. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Walter Briggs from the Congregational Church of which the entire family were at one time members, and on Friday, December twentyninth, to the solemn and comforting words of the minister, her friends placed her at rest by the side of her husband and her young daughter.

In attendance from away, at the services, were Mrs. Julia Rowley, Mrs. Charles McDonald and Mrs. Edgar Root from Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rowley of Jackson; Dr. Wm. R. Davis and Robert Davis, Mrs. Lucy Yates, and Mr. and Mrs. Day Cheney of Lansing; Mrs. Mollie K. Johnson, Miss Kate Kimball, Mrs. Paul Davidson and Mrs. Volney Johnson of Bellevue; Mrs. Leach of Battle Creek and Miss Edla M. Niles of Superior, Wisconsin.

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Wilma Bell Kamiensky, to our knowledge, is the only teacher taking advantage of the CWA work in Vermontville. She is giving lessons in music—both piano and voice—to a large number of people and in addition has organized a Women's Glee Club and is continuing her work as director of the Methodist and Union choirs.

This is going to prove a fine thing for Vermontville adults inasmuch as it offers to them a chance to improve some fine voices and bring out heretofore undiscovered musicians. There is only one regret in Vermont-ville as to the CWA for teachers and that is that more people have not taken advantage of the offer to teach; help themselves, and in turn offer other students a more varied line of classes.

## Thursday, January 25, 1934

#### ARE WE CORRECT?

Most dear old lady: Mrs. M. L. Stiles

Most highly esteemed old gentleman: Dr. C. S. Snell

Most neatly dressed:

Woman: Mrs. E. B. Hepker Man: L. H. Colburn

Most lovely sisters: Rose and June Offley

Most erudite farmer's wife: Mrs.
Will Lake

Most clean-cut man: Charles A. Stiles

Most beautiful mother and child:
Mrs. Wm. Northrup & Barbara
Most devoted married couple: Mr.

and Mrs. E. W. Stevens

Most devoted unmarried couple:

Margaret Thompson and Morris

Wilson

Most accomplished billiard player: E. D. Barber

Most graceful dancers: Lady: Dorothy Ziess Fellow: Alton Faust

Most likeable lady: Mrs. C. L. D. McLaughlin

Most entertaining amateur actor: Don Smith

Most attractive girls:
Blonde: Barbara Wilson
Brunette: Helen Woodard
Most inseparable pair: Lewis

Woodard and Vernon French Most adorable baby: Marylee Oaster

#### THREE LOCAL CITIZENS PASS AWAY THIS WEEK

Mrs. Maria Steves, aged 78 years, a much-loved and highly respected resident of Vermontville for many years, passed away at 1:30, Monday at Hall hospital where she underwent an operation last week for removal of gall stones. Her operation was a success and she seemed to be recovering nicely until her heart failed about noon Monday. The body was removed to the Ward funeral home and the services held today at her home at 1:30 conducted by Elder J. W. Roach. Burial was at Freemire cemetery.

Miss Mary Lackey, aged 86 years, who has made her home for so oral years with her nephew, Will, and wife, passed way at Wednesday morning after months of failing health. It was an exceptionally bright and during her years in has made many friends.