

Thursday, June 25, 1936

BARNINGHAM—CULP NUPTIAL

A lovely home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Barningham, Saturday, June 20th at high noon, when their only daughter, Catherine Mary was united in marriage to Mr. Ernest C. Culp of Ypsilanti, son of Rev. James J. Culp of Big Rapids.

Miss Barningham was attended by Miss Dorothy Hill of Detroit, as bridesmaid. Walter Barningham of Pontiac acted as best man.

The fireplace, beautifully decorated and banked with large baskets of pink peonies, carnations, roses and white syringa and flanked on either side by tall silver candelabra holding lighted pink cathedral candles, formed an improvised altar before which their vows were spoken.

Miss Kathlyn Hawkins accompanied at the piano by Miss Mabel Sprague, cousin of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly". Then to the strains of Lohrengren's "Bridal Chorus", also played by Miss Sprague, the bride on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage, and preceded by Miss Hill, took her place at the altar where the groom and best man were awaiting her. Rev. Harold R. Kinney, Pastor of the M. E. Church then read the impressive double ring ceremony in the presence of about twenty-five relatives and close friends.

The Vermontville Alumni Association was again favored with a delightful evening for their 22nd annual meeting at the school gymnasium, Saturday, June 20th, 1936.

About one-hundred being in attendance and after some visiting the meeting was called to order by Dr. Neil McLaughlin.

Ethel McLaughlin read an account of the 1935 meeting, and Hildred Figg gave the Treasurer's report.

The passing of Fern Helen Sawyer of Detroit was reported in the past year.

Officers elected for the coming year were:

- President, Donald Carey
- Vice President, Ethel Powers
- Secretary, Ethel McLaughlin
- Treasurer, Margaret Wilson
- Emma Powers, was again named as necrologist.

The welcome to the class of 1936 was ably given by Frances Lent MacDonald, of Chicago, and a fine response by Kathlyn Hawkins.

The President appointed Bessie Granger, Ida Miles and Iva Hill as

the nominating committee for 1937.

The roll call of classes showed that representatives from 28 of the 47 classes were present.

The class of 1930 had the year's honor of the largest class attendance. About half of the 1936 members were present, some coming in later in the evening.

Members were present from Perry, Detroit, Chicago, Northville, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Union City, Albion, Kalamazoo, Mulliken, Howell, Charlotte, Hillsdale, Lansing, and Peoria.

Among our former teachers was our old standby Myra Buchanan of Detroit. Our oldest member was Mrs. Anna Gunn Herring from Gd. Rapids, of the class of 1891.

The President expressed his thanks to all who had in any way assisted in the meeting. The business meeting then adjourned, and refreshments of punch, ice cream and cake were served by Mary Grant and her committee.

The rest of the evening was spent in visiting and dancing. The music furnished by Robert Hall, Dr. Neil McLaughlin, Alton Faust, Alton Benedict, and Kenneth Ward was enjoyed by all.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., 109-111 E.

Mrs. S. A. Fuller went to Detroit Thursday to attend the wedding of her grandson, William Fuller, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edson Fuller, at 8:30 that evening. She returned home Sunday night.

J. H. Konechny went to East Lansing Wednesday morning where he will take a short course in Engineering and Janitor work at the Michigan State College. This course is sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation.

Mrs. Max Wileden underwent an appendicitis operation at the Mason hospital last week Tuesday. Her mother has been with her and Mr. Wilson, Morris and wife were over to see her Sunday, and took her to her home. She is doing nicely and will come to the home of her parents to recuperate as soon as she is able.

Dr. C. L. D. McLaughlin, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mary and Dr. Millard Pugh spent Sunday at Diamond Lake where the former put his boat in condition for the opening of the fishing season which begins today. The Doctor, accompanied by his brother-in-law and a couple of friends motored to the lake on Wednesday afternoon and will return Friday morning.

Van Pendill who lived in Vermontville about twenty years ago, for three years, first clerking in Arthur Allen's store and later went into the undertaking business, and who left in 1918 for Nashville to go into partnership with Mr. Feighner, and later into business for himself, then to Battle Creek

and Dowagiac, but who was living alone on a little place near Marshall, shot himself last Thursday night. He received a bad fall the week before and is said to have suffered much as a result. He went to Battle Creek on Thursday and stopped at a neighbors on his return and left some bread he had purchased for them, and said: "if you don't see me in the morning come up", and when they did discovered the tragedy. Harold Pendill and his mother live in Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Gutchess and son, Nolan, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Berry and son, Ronald, of Battle Creek, spent Friday night and Saturday at the parental home, where two birthdays, two wedding anniversaries, and Father's Day were celebrated, and the day was made happier because Mrs. Ambrose was able to join the family group at the dinner table.

Mrs. Elizabeth Downing who is making her home with Mrs. Mary Prescott in Charlotte, recently returned from a visit with her son Wesley and family in Grand Ledge and is spending this week in Vermontville with Miss Naomi Andrews.

Thursday, July 2, 1936

Ned B. Alsover will resign as cashier of the Eaton County Savings Bank to become confidential man for John W. Blodgett of Grand Rapids, the richest man in Western Michigan. Mr. Blodgett recently lost, by death, a valued employee who had held this place for many years and after a careful search for a successor, he offered the post to Mr. Alsover, who is planning to accept. Mr. Alsover will continue on the board of the Eaton County Savings Bank and plans to spend a day or two in Charlotte in the active management of the bank. His family will move to Grand Rapids August 1.

Phil. H. Barber, present assistant cashier and a grandson of one of the original stockholders and officers of the bank has been tendered the vacancy. Mr. Barber is a young man of fine personality and has been brought up in the banking business, holding responsible executive places in the Old National Bank of Battle Creek and the Eaton County Savings. For some time he represented a well known bond house in this territory and knows that angle of the banking business through careful training. A successor to Mr. Barber will be named directly, according to President Fitch H. Beach.

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