

Thursday, August 27, 1936

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Davis and Keith were week end guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis. They motored here Friday from Youngstown, Ohio, with a party who visited in Grand Rapids. Mr. Davis expects to finish his construction work about December 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hill, and daughter Margaret, of Herrin, Ill. spent Saturday p. m. and Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Ambrose, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Loveland. A very happy family gathering was held Sunday, others present being: Mrs. Mary Webb, of Venice, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gtuchess and son, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Berry and son and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conroy of Battle Creek, and Mrs. Nora Loveland. Pictures were taken of the group and of the four generations.

Lightning has been doing quite some damage around Vermontville the past week—the hardest hit section being in the Bismark territory. However, the LaFleur stone house in West Vermontville was struck in the storm Saturday night, doing considerable damage. A flash entered the Echo office during the hard storm Tuesday forenoon, passing down between the two linotypes and put a motor, standing on the floor that furnished power for one of the machines, out of commission, but no other damage was done.

Thursday, September 3, 1936

VERMONTVILLE HOME COMING in 1903

A Vermontville Home Coming Program with a cut of very neat design showing the Old Academy, was found among some books and magazines Mr. James McCotter gave Mrs. Edith Biggs for the Charlotte library. There is no date given but from names that appear it is figured the celebration was held the summer of 1903. The Program follows:

- Thursday—Home Comers Day
- Frank P. Town, Pres. of the Day
- William M. Griswold, Marshal of the Day
- Honorary Reception Committee
- Honorable H. G. Barber, H. S. Dickinson, Arimus Smith, A. D. Lake, D. L. Thayer, George C. Dwight, S. S. Rockwell, Dr. C. S. Snell, C. E. Hammond, J. N. Hawkins, James Fleming, J. L. Green, John McCarty, Rev. W. P. Mosher, H. J. Mar-

tin, W. H. Benedict, David Young, Dr. P. L. Green, C. A. Hallenbeck, Rev. Wm. Haynes, Hollis Patterson

Active Reception Committee

H. H. Church, Walter Davis, H. H. Brown, C. C. Hallenbeck, Dr. S. B. Stegeman, H. L. Williams, Clark Wells, F. E. Hay, C. M. Ambrose, E. E. Sprague, Frank Ward, F. F. Ambrose, E. L. Jones, Eugene Edmonds, E. D. Barber, C. J. Warner, F. P. Town, F. B. Benedict, W. C. Alsover, Homer Bale, Roll Griswold, E. B. Hammond.

Honorary Com. Village Council

F. P. Town, President; D. R. Finley, Clerk; Ernest Granger, F. B. Benedict, C. Marble, D. M. Purchis, M. D. Cross, Trustees.

Program For The Day

- 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.—Reception to Home Comers, "Our Guests."
- 10 a. m.—Juvenile Ball Game, at Park, Nashville vs Vermontville. Admission Free.
- 12 m.—Basket Picnic Dinner in Grove and Public Square. (Hot Coffee Free.)
- 1:30 p. m. Meeting Called to Order
- Invocation Rev. Wm. Haynes
- Anthem—"Let All Unite and Sing"
- Congregational Choir
- Welcome President Town
- Music Nashville Band
- Historical Address Hon. H. G. Barber
- Music Nashville Band
- Reminiscent talks by various people
- Vocal Music
- Dismissal
- 1 p. m.—Ball Game at Park, Woodland vs Vermontville.
- 8 p. m.—Under the direction of H. J. Martin. Fine musical exercises in which distinguished musical talent will take part. Designed as a Free Complimentary Concert for the Home Comers.

MRS. ALICE CROSS 85

Alice Anna Welch was born November 8, 1860, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Welch, departed this life, August 29, 1936, at the age of 75 years, 9 months and 21 days. On July 11, 1876 she was united in marriage to Herbert Cross of Vermontville. To this union was born three children, Casper Cross and Mrs. Myrtle Hydorn of Vermontville and Mrs. Eva Kilpatrick of Battle Creek at whose home she died.

Miss Evelyn Sprague of Detroit, who was spending the week end with the Clark Wells family in Charlotte, accompanied them to the home of her brother, Milton Sprague for a Sunday afternoon call.

MRS. ALICE LACY PASSED AWAY TUESDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Alice Lacy, mother of Mrs. William Lake, former Vermontville resident, passed away at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, September first at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lake. She has been with her daughter since June first and for several weeks, her condition becoming quite serious early in August. Funeral services will be held at the Mapes funeral home in Sunfield at ten o'clock Friday morning, and burial will follow at Woodlawn cemetery, Vermontville.

Thursday, September 10, 1936

VERMONTVILLE SCHOOL FACULTY 1936-37

Vermontville school opened Tuesday with a large enrollment, and everything looks bright for a very successful year. There are several new members of the faculty.

- J. Robert Childs—Superintendent
- Mrs. Iva Reed—Principal
- Dale Townsend—Junior High and Coach
- Mrs. Thelma Lamb—English
- Miss Margaret Spindler—Latin and Music
- Clare Monroe—Agriculture
- Miss Jennie Boyd—5th and 6th Grades
- Mrs. Greta Firster—3rd and 4th Grades
- Mrs. Florence Ledyard—1st—2nd Grades

Several School Districts are trying to contract with Vermontville to haul their High School students in this year. If this is done the school board will purchase a bus at once.

Thursday, September 24, 1936

Mrs. Jessie Bowman was a guest of Mrs. Edith Alsover from Saturday to Monday. She had been spending some time with her brother Harley Dorman in Detroit and at their lake cottage at Brighton and went from here to Grand Rapids to visit Rollin Dorman before returning to her home with her brother Jerry Williams in Cadillac.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Sprague, Mrs. Robert Wicksall and sons Ross and Guy, and Miss Sue Binske came from Kalamazoo Sunday to spend the day at Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Sprague's and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gehman's.