

Lee Grant met with what might have proved a very serious accident Saturday morning. He was driving the Grant tractor north of town and when near Rawson's Corners the steering wheel broke, and the tractor and occupant were plunged into the ditch. Lee had his left hip dislocated, and was taken to Hayes-Green hospital at Charlotte, but was brought home that night and will soon be out again.

Ira Smith of Lansing passed away very suddenly Wednesday, while at his farm 2 3/4 miles west of the Pete Weyant oil station. He was helping measure his wheat ground when he dropped dead. He was a Vermontville boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Smith, later he lived in Charlotte, then on his farm and about two years ago moved to Lansing. Funeral arrangements, are not obtainable as yet.

**CELEBRATES 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Barrett celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Sunday, November first. The celebration was held at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. B. Thompson, who lives on the old Barrett farm, and in the same house where they began housekeeping sixty years ago. They have spent all their lives in and near Vermontville. Their family consists of the one daughter, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, who with their husbands and wives were all present to spend the day with them. Mr. Barrett is eighty-one years old and Mrs. Barrett is eighty. They both enjoy exceptionally good health. They take great pleasure in riding in a new car which they purchased this summer. Mrs. Barrett very proudly baked and contributed four delicious pumpkin pies for the anniversary feast.

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The second new furnace was installed at the Methodist Church last week in the recently excavated and cemented basement under the parlors of the church, and so piped that either the east or west parlors or both can be heated as desired. This furnace is a smaller one than the one installed to heat the auditorium, and will be a fuel saver when only a small room is needed.

Sunday, Robert Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Titmarsh and daughter Marilyn motored to Kalamazoo, where Marilyn was invited to play with the orchestra of her former accordion classmates, at the Kal-

amazoo Conservatory of Music. A group picture was taken of the class. Then Mr. Tolhurst, the instructor, and Mrs. Tolhurst invited the Battle Creek group to visit at their home and Studio for the rest of the afternoon, where a very enjoyable time was spent before returning home.

**EASTERN STAR INSTALLATION**

The newly elected and appointed officers of Evening Star Chapter No. 342 were installed Tuesday evening by the following members from the Kalamo Chapter: Mrs. Hermina Southern as installing officer, Mrs. Ida Cottrell as Marshal, Mrs. Lulu Southern as Chaplain and Mrs. Iva Wilson of our chapter as Organist. The officers installed were as follows:

- Worthy Matron Margaretta Zemke
  - Worthy Patron Wm. Barningham
  - Associate Matron Hazel Rogers
  - Associate Patron Donald Kelsey
  - Secretary Zella Hammond
  - Treasurer Edith Alsover
  - Conductress Vanita Kelsey
  - Associate Cond. Veva Weiler
  - Chaplain Lydia Wells
  - Marshall Florence Ward
  - Organist Della Welshon
  - Adah Hazel Dane
  - Ruth Nellie Barningham
  - Esther Dorothy Faust
  - Martha Mary Mosier
  - Electa Marjorie Slout
  - Warder Gertrude Andrews
  - Sentinel Florence Kilpatrick
- After the installation ceremony, Barbara Southern sang two numbers. This was followed by light refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake which were served to about sixty. We were very happy to have with us those from Kalamo, Nashville, Sebawaing and Michigan City, Indiana.

**Thursday, December 10, 1936**

**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED**  
(Hastings Banner)

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Ragla of Coats Grove announce the engagement of their daughter Ethel to Edward Barber, son of Mrs. Keith Barber of Vermontville. Miss Ragla is a graduate of Hastings High school and the Detroit Business University. She is a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and secretary of the Barry County Health Unit. Mr. Barber attended the Vermontville high school and Howe Military school and is now employed in Plymouth. The wedding will be an event of next summer.

Mrs. W. L. Gehman's son, Robert Wicksall, and George Weaver, butler for Walter Ross, who trucked the household goods of the Ross family from Minn. to Birmingham, Mich., the first of the week, stopped here Tuesday for a few hours visit, and enjoyed a fine roast chicken dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Donald and Sandra are coming today and will be met in Battle Creek by Mr. and Mrs. Gehman. Their butler and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, will drive through and Mr. and Mrs. Ross will accompany them to Birmingham, leaving the children here with their grandparents for a few days.

Mrs. Roy Weeks left last night for Florida. Mr. Weeks taking her to Charlotte to take the fast train to Detroit, where she took the Royal Palm line to Jacksonville, going from there to Clermont, the home of her sister (Lucy), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey is gravely ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lamb and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitmore, Betty and Madeline left Wednesday morning for Florida to spend the winter. The Lambs will read the Echo at Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkey of near Grand Ledge brought a fine Thanksgiving dinner to the home of Mr. Fred Pendill, and her sister Mrs. Alice Shellenbarger accompanied her home for a visit, returning last Monday.

Fred Kroger and Boyer Rickle have each rented a "Covered Wagon" house trailer of a Lansing concern for two months and will leave together for Florida shortly after Christmas accompanied by their wives and daughters—Mrs. Kroger, Mary Alice and Marilyn, and Mrs. Rickle, Helen and Margaret. Florida looks good to many Vermontville residents this winter after the ice covered earth and long winter last year.

Paul Tubbs, who has been working for Roy Mathews for 9 1/2 years and driver of one of his country grocery trucks for most of those years, has resigned to accept a position at Roy Week's filling station where he will begin his work the last of the year or as soon as Bob Woodard, who takes his position, has become familiar with the grocery routes. Mr. Weeks is planning to go to Florida as soon as Paul learns the business.

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