

Ray Anderson of Vermontville-Detroit has gone to Florida to spend the winter. Mrs. Eula Barber of Vermontville-Olivet accompanied him and is visiting the Giddings family who are located at Lake Wales for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Todd and Richard were in Lansing Monday. They called on Russell Todd at the Ingham County Sanatorium. He has gained seven pounds since entering the hospital two months ago and shows a fine improvement.

OLIVET AUTHOR CREATES 'MARK TWAIN' CHARACTERS

By Ethelyn Sexton

Olivet, Dec. 5: To every reader of boys' books the name of Mark Twain suggests Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer. Slats and Deak are the names of the boyhood pals who live in the stories of LeRoy W. Snell, Michigan author who was born in Vermontville, now a resident of Olivet.

"When I created Slats and Deak," he says, "I had in mind my cousin, Dana Snell, and myself. He lived in Kalamo just a few miles away and I lived in Vermontville. We used to have great times together."

"Dana" is Dr. D. M. Snell, Lansing physician, and LeRoy W. has traveled far from the old home town since the days when the two gathered maplesap, fished in the Thornapple river and raced to the old swimmin' hole. But through the years boys have been his hobby, now one in particular, his son, Charles, in Olivet high school—although one gathers, too, that the two daughters are just about all right and with their brother are their father's best companions.

Mr. Snell graduated from Albion college, then majored in art at Eastern college, Virginia. Later he became art director for the American Boy, Detroit magazine which now includes the Youth's Companion. From art director he became assistant editor of the magazine and meantime juvenile publications throughout the United States were getting acquainted with Deak and Slats who with other boy characters had good times in small towns patterned after the author's boyhood home.

The other locale of the Snell stories is for the most part in northwest Canada. "Wolf-cry", one of his best known books tells the story of Indians, Esquimos, the mounted police and when the author draws a word picture of a stalwart mountie, a pack of huskies or a lone white man in the frozen spaces of the north it does

not lack in vividness; for he has travelled there extensively. He has heard the dialect of the Chippewa and Cree Indians, has sailed the pine-fringed rivers of the region, visited the isolated settlements where trappers and traders are the only white residents.

In Detroit his vocation as writer of boys' stories made Scout work an excellent by-product; and the Snell characters have taken to themselves Boy Scout attributes, enjoyed Scout activities. Now in his roomy Olivet home purchased last summer, in a study overlooking a broad lawn gracious to the eye in winter or summer he is writing another book for young folk. An adult book as well is included in his writing plans. While young people's stories constitute the major part of his work he writes occasionally adventure tales for Colliers and for the "pulp."

In recreation, fencing is his favorite sport. A former member of the tournament fencing team of the Cadillac Athletic club, Detroit, he has been recently engaged as fencing instructor at Olivet; for his skill with the foils is only equalled by his facility in words setting forth adventures which appeal to youngsters of every generation.

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