

### BOY STARTS FROM SCRATCH

*Echo of May 1936*  
Perhaps this story will give some young man an idea of what can be done if you only go after it, for this is a story of a boy starting out on his own and it happens to be the story of the son and grandson of former residents of Eaton county.

C. Burton Folger is the son of Clarence E. Folger and the grandson of Oscar M. Folger, former live stock buyers of Vermontville and other places in Eaton county. When Burton finished the high school, he wanted to go on, wanted to take up electrical engineering. His father told him he would board and clothe him, but he would have to stand the rest of his school expenses. So the young man entered the Kalamazoo normal school for a preparatory course. After 2 years he did not feel he could stand the expense of going away to school, but by spending two years more at the normal he could board at home, hence he graduated at the Normal receiving his degree and life certificate three years ago this June. His father purchased for him a piece of property consisting of a house and lot and gasoline station at Galesburg, on US 12, between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, which he now operates in connection with a sale and service station of Dodge and Plymouth cars. He also has three gas stations selling Sinclair, Shell and Michigan gas besides having purchased a large farm south of Galesburg, which he keeps for pasture. Mr. Folger will trade a car for any thing in the stock line from a goat to an elephant.

Mr. Folger has done all this through the depression just by attending to business and going after business.

Mr. Folger is helped by his father, C. E. Folger, a former Eaton county man, and his brother, Bernard Folger. The business is known as the Folger Sales and Service of Galesburg and includes besides business above mentioned, the distribution of Nehi products for four counties with a couple of trucks on the road.

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### CHILDREN'S BAPTISMAL AND HOME COMING SUNDAY

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The Congregational Church had one of its great days last Sunday. For some time plans were in the making to bring about fine results for this day. A Committee on Invitation consisting of Mrs. Henry Brown, Mrs. F. E. Hay and Mrs. Walter Davis had been doing their work well and many of the members of former years were glad to respond to the invitation to be present on this important occasion.

The Committee on Decoration had outdid itself if that were possible and the remarks of the people present were that the church never looked so pretty. This Committee made up of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sprague and J. H. Konechny worked hard gathering Autumn leaves and branches and bringing the beautiful Fall Flowers and the colors were blended and the decorations arranged in such a manner as to make a view that will not soon be forgotten by those who saw it.

The parents of thirteen children presented their little ones for Baptism and the following were consecrated to the Lord by that service: Ardis Lou Southern, Louise Garnet Priddy, James Leslie Faust and Yvonne June Faust, Carl Edwin Gearhart, Janice Elaine Gearhart and Glen Arthur Gearhart, Gert-rude Claire Snoke, Edgar Potter Sprague, Mary Elizabeth and Geo. Clare Richard Sprague, Katherine Louise Northrup, and Barbara Ann Northrup, the Choir singing that beautiful hymn: "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story Of Old," just before the service and Dr. Binkhorst offering prayer at the close of the service. It was a wonderfully impressive part of the exercises of the day.

Special music which was greatly enjoyed was a solo by Clyde Herring and a duet by Mrs. Snoke and Mrs. Stanley Briggs.

The sermon by Dr. Binkhorst of West College was an inspiring one giving a picture of that city planned by God where His law would be supreme.

Following the service the time of Fellowship was greatly enjoyed. Old members and friends had come from the different points of the compass to be present on that day. Some from as far away as Pontiac and Detroit and the good fellowship enjoyed was marked.

The social committee of the Church had done themselves fine honor in arranging for the dinner and at 1:30 all was ready and the dining room of the Chapel was well filled. Mrs. Snoke and Mrs. Briggs, whom we always love to hear sing rendered that beautiful duet, "In The Garden", and our good friend, Deacon Frank E. Hay, offered a Blessing, such as will not soon be forgotten when we seated ourselves again and were being served by the waiters and almost instantly this good brother was called Home. It came as might be expected as a great shock, and cast a gloom over all present. But as many have said "It was a Glorious Home Going." Right from among his friends after he had performed for us all a most sacred function one of the very happiest days he ever spent on earth he was taken home to glory.

Miss Ora Hallenbeck of Pontiac and Miss Winifred Wells of Charlotte each expressed their deep appreciation of the effective influence of the Old Church upon their lives.

Rev. Rudolph W. Roth, Pastor of the Charlotte Congregational Church, who with Mrs. Roth had driven over from Charlotte after their Sunday School to be with us on this auspicious occasion gave a very appropriate and a most inspiring address on the influence of the church.

And thus our day most beautiful in its Autumn adornment, most pleasant and attractive as far as weather was concerned and most hallowed in its associations came to a close.

### ALEX LAKE, 102, DIES AT FENNIVILLE

Former Vermontville Resident, And Father Of The Late John Lake

(Nashville News)

Alexander D. Lake, father of the late John Lake of Nashville, and former resident of Vermontville, who celebrated his 102nd birthday two months ago, died February 26 at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Ernest Crane of Fenniville.

He had been gradually losing strength, but his last days were as free from disease as was his long life. Cheerful and kind of heart, he spryness that marked his daily walks of a mile or more was one of the reasons he gave for his long life.

Mr. Lake was born Christmas day, 1831, at Lyons, Wayne county, New York, and started early as a voter, casting first vote in 1852 for Gen. Winfield Scott for president. He had been a staunch supporter of the Republican party ever since its organization. He was a charter member of the Vermontville Masonic lodge, joining in 1867, and was the first to receive a life certificate from the Michigan grand lodge.

In 1853 he came to Michigan and lived on his farm near Vermontville experiencing all the hardships of a pioneer. He was twice married and was the father of four children, E. D. Lake of Vermontville being the only one surviving. He had nine grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Burch Funeral Home Wednesday and burial was made in the Vermontville cemetery.