

(Special to The State Journal)

**Mrs. Elida Clapper**  
**VERMONTVILLE, Dec. 29**—Mrs. Elida Clapper, 84, life-long resident of Vermontville township, died Tuesday evening at the home of her son, Elver Briggs, R. 2, where she had been making her home. She was the widow of James Clapper who died about 20 years ago. Elida Benedict was born in Vermontville township on Dec. 30, 1866; the daughter of Libius and Amanda (Chase) Benedict. Besides the son she is survived by two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The body was taken to the Ward funeral chapel where services were to be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. D. D. Nagle of the Congregational church was to officiate, and pallbearers were to be George Hall, Edward Williams, Fred Rawson, Frank Vermon, Luban Barnes and Henry Gearhart. Burial was to be made in Woodlawn cemetery, Vermontville.

## Charlie Taylor Died Saturday



Mr. Charles Taylor, native of Ohio, and a Charlotte resident for more than sixty years.

## Charles E. Taylor

April 11, 1862—Nov. 25, 1950

My grandfather was born April 11, 1862, in Ohio. He came to Charlotte about 77 years ago. He was city marshal 9 years, county drain commissioner 10 straight years, Court officer 17, and in the Eaton County Courthouse over 40 years. In 1890 he married Ella F. Ford who died in 1942. He leaves one daughter, two grandsons, and three great granddaughters.

So as for business, politics and marriage he was a success in every sense of the word.

However, when one views the life of a person, especially from the perspective of a grandson, historical

factors seem irrelevant and unimportant. More crucial, it seems, is the effect of his life on those who knew him and on his town of Charlotte.

Many times when I walked with him on Main street or sat with him on his front porch, he would speak to almost everyone whether he knew them or not. So surprising is such friendliness that people are often either confused or suspicious of the person running counter to the conventional sophisticated world. To Charlotte, he gave a friendly life.

He was a wit, and that word is carefully chosen. Whether the conversation was on baseball, politics, or current events he injected his clever, terse remarks. And these remarks carried penetrating insights allowing a person to laugh and think at the same time—a rare combination for humor. To Charlotte, he gave humor and wit.

He was precise, exact, and even perhaps meticulous, whether it was keeping courthouse lawyers punctual or expressing his political views. It is not speculation to suppose that God and he have already an understanding on the last Michigan election. However for us to know that understanding, would be speculation. To Charlotte, he gave public service and political leadership.

Finally with his friendliness, wit and service, he expressed a Spirit. It is futile and needless to capture that Spirit by a word or even many words. In fact, it is blasphemous to try it. That Spirit is felt only when it is expressed, and my Grandfather expressed it. Call it Goodness, Love, or God, the word is unimportant; the Spirit is that which Charlotte and the whole world should take heed, unless they forget.

Neil Blintz

## Set Ely Rites Tuesday Morning

Funeral services for Andrew J. Ely, 52, 15925 Brook st., Valley Farms, who died unexpectedly Saturday morning while hunting near his home, will be held at 11 a. m. Tuesday from the Estes-Leadley funeral home. Mr. Ely was foreman at the Motor Wheel and had been a resident of Lansing for the past 28 years coming here from Honor.

Surviving are the widow, Bessie; a son, Jack, who was with his father at the time of his death; two brothers, Walter Ely of Lansing and Archie Ely of Honor, and a sister, Mrs. Vesta Sleight of Laingsburg.

Rev. Lester Boyd of the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist church will officiate. Interment will be in DeWitt cemetery.

Salary.

He	25,000
M.	10,000
Jol	12,000
Mc	12,000
Ed	12,000
J.	10,500
A.	700
Stu	4,500
Ba	4,500
C.	4,500
Cl	5,000
D	7,500
T.	4,000
W	800
Ju	2,400
W	2,400
Jc	3,000
P.	3,000
M	10,000
H.	2,000
G.	6,500
Jd	5,600
H.	6,500
Jc	6,500
E.	6,500
J.	1,000
E.	3,000
M.	3,600
W.	4,500
H.	3,600
C.	4,000
E.	7,500
R.	5,400
L.	5,400
C.	5,000
C.	4,000
C.	3,600
G.	18,000
Thon	8,000
Char	12,000
Frank	12,000
Thor	8,000
Thec	8,000
Robe	2,500
Loui	6,500
John	8,500
Ante	6,500
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