

GEORGE M. SLOCUM



WITH the recent passing of George M. Slocum, Father Time wrote the final chapter to a fine family tradition of service to agriculture — especially Michigan agriculture.

For many years the name has been identified with rural Michigan. George was born 60 years ago, in the village of Caro in Tuscola County. He was the only son of the late Grant H. Slocum, founder of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. His father also founded the farm paper known as The Gleaner, as well as a little marketing paper called "The Pink Sheet." George worked in the print shop for some time and in 1915 became publisher. Soon after that the 2 publications were consolidated under the name of Michigan Business Farming. Later it was changed to Michigan Business Farmer. In 1928 it was consolidated with the MICHIGAN FARMER, and George became vice-president of Capper-Harman-Slocum, Inc., publishers of MICHIGAN FARMER, Ohio Farmer and Pennsylvania Farmer.

In 1925 he originated the Automotive News, a trade publication for the automobile and truck industry, which was a great success. While this publication placed increasing demands upon his time and talents these recent years, he never lost his sincere concern over the welfare of farm folks. His wife, Mabel, survives.

Your editor was privileged to work for and with George M. Slocum for several years. He was a friendly man with a warm personality. His smile was sincere and ready. His handclasp strong. He inspired people to greater efforts through confidence and encouragement. Many of his ideas and programs brought about a fuller life in the country.

He was truly a great friend of farm folks. He was a great friend of mankind. He was a real American.

WILLIAM SHUMAKER
Vermontville—William E. Shumaker, 87, retired farmer, died of a heart ailment Saturday night at Pennock hospital, Hastings. He was born December 31, 1867, in Illinois, and had resided recently with a son, Gerald Shumaker of R. 1. Surviving also are another son, Roy of Vermontville; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Ferris of Ionia and Mrs. Dorothy Frisbee

of Grand Rapids; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Ward funeral home. Rev. D. A. Rood officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Milo Cecil Marsh

Milo Cecil Marsh, 69 years old, died last week Wednesday at his residence in Vermontville township after an illness of several years. He was born June 7, 1881, on the same farm in Vermontville township where he died. He is the son of Levi and Ellen Marsh and was a bachelor and re farmer. Funeral services held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Burkhead chapel. Russell H. McConnell officiated. Burial was in Bosworth cemetery, Walton township.

MYRON HOSEY, 59, DIED SATURDAY

Myron Hosey, age 59, a known resident of Roxand township, died early Saturday morning at a Lansing hospital, following a short illness.

He is survived by the wife, his mother, Mrs. Jennie Hos Sunfield, two sisters, Mrs. Mable Satterly of Lansing, Jennie Cox, Route 1, Mulliken, three brothers, Melvin, Vermontville, Archie, Central Lake, Philip of Mulliken, and several nieces and nephews.

The body was removed to Barker Funeral Home in Mulliken and later taken to the home.

Services were held Monday 9 P. M. from Mulliken Methodist Church. The Rev. R. J. Field officiated. Burial was at Meadbrook Cemetery, Mulliken.

MRS. MERCY AUSTIN, 89, DIED SUNDAY MORNING

Mrs. Mercy Austin, 89, passed away Sunday morning at 7 o'clock in the home where she has resided for more than 60 years.

She leaves to mourn their loss, a daughter, Mrs. Kitty Hosey, at home, son, Frank, of Vermontville; Lawrence, of Mesa, Ariz., and Charles of Muliken; two sisters, Mrs. May Knapp of Sunfield and Mrs. Mary Nichols of Lake Odessa, 18 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Hoytville Benevolent Society.

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