

Fillingham Rites Held

Funeral services for Charles Fillingham, 80, retired Motor Wheel employe, were held November 22 at the Palmer Bush Funeral Home with the Rev. Cornelius Mulienburg, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Fillingham who retired from active employment here June 5, 1949, died at the home, 307 Strathmore Road, November 19, following a short illness.

His employment at Motor Wheel began in 1927 when he was made a truck wheel foreman at Plant No. 2. He held that position for 17 years until he was transferred to Plant No. 3 in June of 1944 where he remained until retiring.

Mr. Fillingham had resided in Lansing 48 years and was a charter member of the Industrial Executives Club.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa; two sons, Earl, a Motor Wheel employe, and Frederick J., of Mason; 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Ashley Frith Killed In Car Truck Accident

Ashley E. Frith, 29, of Vermontville, was killed instantly at 6:30 a. m. Tuesday when his car collided head-on with a heavy truck-trailer on M-78, six miles north of Battle Creek. He was enroute to Percy Jones hospital, where he was employed in the engineering department.

Ashley was the son of E. Dean Frith of route 3, Nashville. He was graduated from Vermontville High school and served during World War II in the Merchant Marine. His war record also included distinguished volunteer service on top secret missions connected with mapping coastlines in preparation for the European invasion.

On Monday his wife the former Marjorie Burnett of Albion, underwent surgery at Hayes-Green-Beach hospital Charlotte. They were married in November 1943 and have two sons, Larry, 6 and Tommy 11 months.

He was a member of the Vermontville Methodist Church and has lived in Vermontville the last four years.

Besides his wife, two children and father he is survived by his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Etta Frith of Vermontville; six brothers, John of Saranac; Joe of Lansing, Charles of Pensacola, Florida; George of the Great Lakes training center, Great Lakes, Ill., and Leon and Herbert at home. Three sisters, Mrs. Paul (Carolyn) Palhamus of Vermontville; Mrs. Arthur (Mabel) Drake, Jr., of Bellevue and Anna at home.

Funeral services were conducted from the Ward Funeral home at 2:00 p. m. Thursday with Rev. R. Dean of Wayland officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

The family of
Leon L. Simpson
acknowledges with grateful appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy



John Kent
NASHVILLE, Dec. 27—John Kent, 76, a farmer in the Grand Ledge area for 40 years until last May, died Friday in the American Legion hospital, Battle Creek. He moved here in May to reside with a son, Walter. He had been hospitalized since last August. The body will be at the Otto funeral home here until Monday, then will be taken to the Teman funeral home in Grand Ledge where it will lie in state from 10 a. m. until services at 2:30 p. m. Rev. William B. Walter of the Grand Ledge Baptist church will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery, Grand Ledge. In addition to the son, he is survived by a stendaughter, Mrs. James Marsh of Grand Ledge, and four grandchildren.