

# Ex-Postal Chief Dies

## Perry Anderson, 84, Passes in Stanwood

Stanwood — Perry Anderson, 84, former postmaster, widely known farmer and Stanwood resident the last 60 years, died Thursday afternoon at his home here after a long illness.

A native of southern Indiana, Anderson moved to Mecosta county in 1892 about a year after his marriage to the former Alice Underwood of Petersburg, Va.

He then took up a homestead of 200 acres, gradually purchasing more until he had accumulated 600 acres. He and wife resided on their farm just west of Stanwood until 1920, when he built a home in town.

Retired in 1940.

Mr. Anderson was a local rural mail carrier for 10 years, later serving as postmaster until 1940, when he retired from government service.

While a government employe, he served through the terms of six presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He was a member of the armed services overseas in World war I,



PERRY ANDERSON



### FRANK GERBER RITES SET

—Funeral services for Frank Gerber, 79, of Fremont, pioneer in the baby food industry and chairman of the board of the Gerber Products Co. in Fremont, will be held at 2 Thursday in the Fremont Community building. The body will lie in state Thursday from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. in the building. The body will be taken to Detroit for cremation after services. Mr. Gerber died Tuesday in Gerber Memorial hospital.

...serving with a motor transport division at Nazarre, France, in 1918.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Huntley, now Stanwood's postmaster; a son, Harold, Stanwood farmer; and four grandsons.

The body is at Rogers funeral home, Big Rapids.

### Rites in Charlotte For Etta Stall, 93

Charlotte—Funeral services will be held at 2 Saturday at the Prey chapel for Mrs. Etta Stall, 93, who died Wednesday night at her residence in Chester township, after a two-year illness.

She was born May 4, 1859 in Chester township the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer McDonald and had resided there her entire life. On Oct. 6, 1880 she was married to Charles Stall, a farmer, who died May 22, 1937. Surviving is a son, Clyde, of Chester township.

Burial in Gresham cemetery, Chester township.

## Clarksville Man Takes Own Life

Clarksville—Eugene Fosburg, 70, shot and killed himself with a shotgun at his farm home near here Sunday.

Coroner Willis Jackson of Ionia reported the death was a suicide.

Fosburg had lived alone at the farm since the death of his wife this summer.

Mrs. Alta Bell Haywood CHARLOTTE, Sept. 27—Mrs. Alta Bell Haywood, 57, R. 5, Charlotte, died late Friday in McLaughlin hospital, Lansing. Mrs. Haywood was born July 5, 1893 in Calhoun county, but spent most of her life in Barry county. She is survived by the husband, Frank; a son, Junior Andrew; three daughters, Mrs. Fannie Bird of Freeport, Mrs. Bessie Willard, Hastings, and Mrs. Flora Rogers, Alto; the mother, Mrs. Minnie Elliott, Hastings; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Brooks of Nashville and Mrs. Martha Bird of Freeport; two brothers, Bert Elliott, Hastings and Jessie Elliott of Lake Odessa, and eight grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Congregational church in Vermontville, with Rev. D. D. Nagle officiating. Burial will be in Irving cemetery, west of Hastings.

Mrs. Ingle A. Tompkins VERMONTVILLE, Sept. 29—Mrs. Ingle A. Tompkins, 44, of Vermontville, died in a Charlotte hospital Sunday morning, following an illness of only a few hours. Mrs. Tompkins had made her home in Vermontville for the past 10 years. Her husband, Russell, died in 1949. Surviving are two sons, Vencil and Walter, and two daughters, Maxine and Marsha, all living at home; and a sister, Mrs. Claudia White of Augusta. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Ward funeral home in Vermontville, with Rev. D. A. Rood, a retired Methodist minister officiating. Burial will be in Rosehill cemetery in Eaton Rapids.

Devillo McDiarmid SUNFIELD, Oct. 10—Devillo McDiarmid, 54, died suddenly Wednesday night while at work near his home at Sunfield. He was born in Lake Odessa Oct. 29, 1898, the son of Colonel and Rose McDiarmid, and was the oldest of a family of seven children. In March, 1924, he was married to Letha Guy of Sunfield and they have spent all their married life in Sunfield and are the parents of 13 children, all living. At the time of his death and for the past 23 years he was employed by the C. & O. railroad. Surviving, besides the widow, Letha, are six sons: Billy, Dean and Lyle of Sunfield; Everett of Grand Ledge; Benson and Neil at home; seven daughters, Mrs. June Munoz of Battle Creek, Mrs. Doris Young of Charlotte, Marie Deloris, Joyce, Alice and Linda at home; nine grandchildren; the mother, Mrs. Rose Davidson of Lake Odessa; five brothers, Harold and Dale of Sunfield, Volght and Hale of Lake Odessa and Niles of Grand Ledge, and two sisters, Mrs. Lucretia Thorp of Sunfield and Mrs. Angie Godfrey of Grand Ledge. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Mapes funeral home at Sunfield, with Theodore Seabolt officiating, and burial in Sunfield cemetery.

Mrs. James Lerone