

Yesteryears

March 6, 1952
Forty-three Years Ago

Ex-president Theodore Roosevelt sailed for East Africa in search of big game, beginning one of the most interesting journeys ever undertaken by an ex-president.

Earl G. Hager died after a few days illness. He was but 24 years of age.

Local option for license system in bars was up for consideration as the vote approached.

"Times are not exactly as flush as they might be, so yesterday we took our rifle and killed four jay birds for our wife to trim her hat with", says the editor in regards to fashion of the day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1952

Obituaries

Clarence A. Griffin—

Clarence A. Griffin, 70, died at his residence on East Main St., Friday following a long illness.

He was born August 4, 1881 in Vermontville township, the son of Frank and Lucy (Coon) Griffin. He resided on his farm in Sunfield township until six months ago when he moved to Vermontville.

He was a member of the Sunfield Lodge F. & A. M. 455.

Surviving is the wife, Nina and one son Robert of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, one grandson, two sisters Mrs. Zuilla Bera of Hastings and Mrs. Clara Eschenbacher of Charlotte.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from the Ward funeral home. Rev. Marcius Taber officiating. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery, Nashville. Graveside services were under the auspices of Sunfield Lodge.

Frank C. Saunders—

Frank C. Saunders 81, of Muskegon died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Vivian Hall of 159 W. Fifth street Vermontville following a short illness.

The body was taken to Muskegon where funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon.

George A. Dickinson—

George Alonzo Dickinson, son of Alonzo and Harriet Dickinson was born March 5th 1869 at Marengo, Mich., and was the eldest of a family of six. On March 20th 1890 he was united in marriage of Effie Satter

lee. To this union was born one daughter, Thelma Grace who preceded her father in death in 1927. He spent most of his life as a farmer near Vermontville, where he was a member of the Methodist church for many years.

In February 1949 Mr. Dickinson with his wife moved to Homer where he has since lived with his grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Potter, and where he has made many friends.

He passed away March 1st at the age of 83 years, 11 months and 25 days, at Sheldon Memorial hospital in Albion where he had been a patient for over six weeks.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Effie, one grandson, Elwood Potter, and two great grandchildren all of Homer, besides a host of relatives and friends. He will be remembered by his friends as a kind husband, and father, a good citizen and a friend to all who knew him.

The funeral services were held Tuesday March 4 at 2 o'clock at the Ward funeral home in Vermontville. Rev. Charles Tucker of the Homer Methodist church officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Arthur Dow Passes Away

(Sunfield Sentinel)

A large number of friends and relatives were present at the funeral service held for Arthur Dow 70, who died last week. The service was held at the Ward Funeral home in Vermontville with burial in the Freemire cemetery near Sunfield.

Mr. Dow was a grandson of the veterans' supervisor, John Dgw, who cleared and settled on the homestead, known today as Dow Corners, in 1837.

Born on April 5, 1881, Mr. Dow was the son of John and Harriet Bishop Dow and had spent his lifetime in the Sunfield and Vermontville areas.

He was married Dec. 4, 1904, to Mabel Wright of Vermontville, who is surviving, they having spent the past 37 years on their farm in the Bismark district.

Mr. Dow died February 14. One son, Clair, preceded him in death in 1911 at the age of two.

Surviving, besides his widow, are two daughters, Mrs. Lucene Smith of Sunfield and Mrs. Louise Shipman of Vermontville and three grandchildren.

Rev. Marcus Tabor of Vermontville, officiated. Six nephews, Carl Dow, Kendall Dow, Richard Wright, Durwood Dow, Claud Van Blarcom, and Elwyn Dow were bearers.