

FIRST CLASS MAIL SETS RECORD HERE

Run 294,000 Cards and Letters through Canceling Machines Monday

Monday was the biggest day in the history of the local post office as far as the number of pieces of first class mail handled through the canceling machine is concerned. There were 294,000 Christmas cards and letters, or 50,000 pieces more than were handled on the corresponding day a year ago, run through the canceling machine Monday, according to Col. Walter G. Rogers, postmaster.

As only records of insured packages are kept by the post office there is no way of ascertaining the number of parcels handled. It is apparent, however, that fewer parcels are being mailed this year as compared with a year ago. An average of 43 insured parcels an hour was handled through one window in the post office for 10 hours. This was in addition to non-insured packages.



The late Charles Brown, for many years supervisor of Sunfield. Mrs. Brown was named to the vacancy by the township board.

MRS. E. D. BARBER

Mrs. Edward D. Barber passed away at her home in Vermontville, January 18th at eight o'clock in the evening, due to complications following a prolonged but not confining illness of diabetes.

Frances Dancer Barber was born in Sandstone township, Jackson county, February 27, 1868, and was united in marriage to Edward D. Barber in 1886. Three sons were born, one the late Keith L. Barber passed away August 2, 1931.

Mrs. Barber is survived by her husband and two sons, Vance F. Barber of Vermontville and Phil H. Barber of Battle Creek, also two sisters Mrs. C. E. DePlanta of Grand Rapids and Mrs. H. L. Williams of Vermontville, and two grandsons of Vermontville, Edward D. Barber II and Homer G. Barber.

Time in passing gives way to memories which will live in pleasant thoughts of the past. The loss to the community and her family will always be remembered by her beautiful disposition and constant consideration for everyone.

Seldom does a death occur without heartaches for some one, but Mrs. Barber's passing widens the circle from her family and home community to friends in neighboring cities.

It is difficult to write the tribute necessary to emphasize the sterling qualities and love that was always evident, the loss can never be replaced, but faith that ever meant support lightens the burden.

EDWIN GARRETT

Mr. Edwin Garrett was born in Dale, Wisconsin, May 12, 1852, and died May 16, 1933. He came with his parents to Martin, Allegan county when six years old, then to Chester, Mich., when sixteen. In 1874 he was united in marriage to Bernice Sprague. In 1876 he was converted in Chester under the Baptist preaching and always was a believer in righteous living. He leaves to mourn their loss his companion, four children, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two brothers, and one sister, besides many friends. He died at his home in Vermontville where he spent the greater part of his life. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 18th, at 2:00 p. m., Elder J. W. Roach officiating. Burial was at the Woodlawn cemetery.