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### Grant Hawkins Retires at Vermontville

Well Known Rural Letter Carrier Has  
Begun In Service Since  
Feb. 1, 1902.

St. Louis

ages; their example was followed in considerable cities. The great vassals less barbarity. The assize of Brittany aticism or injustice of sovereign people the Red, at Ploermel. It complained ruined by the usurious exactions of those who possessed their property to any molestation or information against kill a Jew; in other words, it licensed der. The next ordinance of the pious only at the usuries, but also at the religious thing of awe mingled with the general against this devoted race. The Jews were ing much dark knowledge, which they their revenge on Christians. They were evil spirits. They were the masters of cabalistic spells. A council prohibited cians; for who knew by what assistance great source, as well of their blasphemous these dangerous and mysterious secrets intelligible Talmud. An edict was issued of these volumes. Four-and-twenty tomes were committed to the flames in

Could St. Louis have completed his Talmud from the hearts of the Jewish shakan the rabbinical power, and influence the religion. Many of the wise men fled, to secure their treasures of knowledge. The emigration was well timed for Louis, who wanted money for his Crusade. The goods of the emigrants and their debts were seized by the crown. One thing was yet wanting to crown the cup of misery. Notwithstanding his marked and indelible features, in the common dress of the country, the Israelite might escape the blind fury of the populace. To complete his outlawry, and to mark him out as an object of inevitable persecution, it was ordained that he should wear a conspicuous outward brand upon his dress; this was called the *rouelle*. It was to be worn by both sexes, and consisted of a piece of bine cloth on the front and on the back

Grant Hawkins, one of the pioneer rural mail carriers of Eaton county, was placed on the retirement list Feb. 1. His appointment dates back to Feb. 1, 1902, when the annual salary was \$500 and the horse and mail wagon required a major portion of the day to make the rounds. He was in the service 31 years and 8 months and was retired by the government economy act nearly two years before reaching the retirement age. The saving to the Postal department will be better than \$1250 per year. The territory has been consolidated into three routes with no transfer of patrons either to or from other post-offices. Carrier Thomas Dancer of Route No. 1 relinquishes the north portion of his former territory and takes the south portion of Route No. 2 which is now Route No. 1. Carrier Allen Faust of Route No. 4, now discontinued, retains all of his former territory and takes over the south portion of Route No. 3 all of which is now designated as Route No. 2. Carrier Harry Hammond of Route No. 3 retains all of his former territory and takes over the north portion of former Route No. 1, all of which is now Route No. 3. Carrier Hawkins received many courtesies from his patrons on his final trip and will be greatly missed by his former patrons and the post office force, according to E. J. Loveland, Vermontville postmaster.