

Observations

(By Ray Hawkins, R. F. D. One, Vermontville on daily motor jaunts between his home and employment in Lansing.)

Frank Ward, who operates two farms, two threshing machines and a saw mill this summer, had a \$300 break down with one of his tractors Tuesday. He had another tractor on the job Wednesday morning.

Luther Bosworth of Delta township had the outstanding field of wheat along the road on M-39.

Tuesday we saw a blinder hitched behind a Chevrolet car. What has become of the man that would allow but four passengers in his five passenger car hoping that it would last that much longer.

Parker & Son, east of Mulliken on

M-39 finished their wheat harvest Monday, July 27, with their combine. They have operated this machine three years and are very enthusiastic about harvesting in the modern way. The elder Parker, nearly 80, reported to be the oldest man in the county, if not in the state, actively engaged in this year's harvest, has seen a great change in the wheat industry. He cradled wheat on this same farm when they had a jug of whiskey on each corner and every one racing to get to the jug first. He operates the combine, his son drives the tractor and a nephew drives truck that draws away the grain. They operate this 270 acre farm without horses, preferring tractors. They milk their cows with a modern electric milker.

CHARLES W. HAMPTON

Charles W. Hampton, aged 27 years, passed away at his home March 3, 1932, with pneumonia. He was born January 31, 1905, and has always resided with his parents in Sunfield Township. Those who knew and understood Charlie found him a true and faithful friend, always reliable and ready to help at all times.

This is the second death in the Hampton family in the last ten years. Mrs. Earl (Lutie) Heaven having passed on in 1922.

Charles leaves to mourn his loss, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hampton; four sisters, Mrs. J. C. King, Mrs. R. Mansfield, Frances Hampton and Mrs. L. Garvey; two brothers, Rex and Dorr, besides a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 6th at 2:00 p. m., at the Ward funeral home, and his body laid to rest in the Freemire cemetery, Elder J. W. Roach officiating.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank most sincerely those who so kindly and thoughtfully assisted me during the illness and death of my mother.

Mrs. Sophia Croak.

persons, adopted the policy of the race. In our

WINTER OF 1881-1882

The unusual mild weather which we have experienced thus far this winter, is calling forth the expression on the part of many of our citizens, that Michigan has never experienced such a winter before. The writer recalls very distinctly, the winter of 1881-1882. He spent most of that winter near Auburn, Indiana, coming to Vermontville the middle of March '82. As most of us know, automobiles were not in use at that time, but sleighs and cutters were used during the winter for pleasure, as well as for business purposes. However, during this particular winter not enough snow fell at any time for sleighing. Rains followed by light freezing, then a thaw and more rain was the order throughout the winter. This made the heavy clay roads of Northeastern Indiana almost impassable. Father shipped his household goods and some farm machinery from Auburn to Vermontville, having to transport them by wagon a distance of seven miles to the railroad, and such was the condition of the roads that four horses had to be used on each wagon. The writer then drove a good young team hitched to a lumber wagon, through to Vermontville, a distance of one hundred ten miles, requiring three long days to cover the distance which can now be covered in from two and a half to four hours, depending on the make of car one drives.

I realize that we are quite apt to forget from year to year certain circumstances and conditions, but as to this particular winter, and the events which transpired, the writer speaks with considerable accuracy.

F. E. Hay

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