

CUPPLES RETIRES FROM RY. SERVICE

SECTION FOREMAN HAD SERVED MICHIGAN CENTRAL ROAD FOR 56 YEARS

Spent Many Years in Eaton County, Being a Resident of Charlotte For 34 Years

Charles Cupples of 123 West Stoddard street, section foreman on the Michigan Central railroad, retired from active service June 30 after 56 years of faithful service.

Mr. Cupples was born at Tecumseh on December 11, 1867, and entered the service of the Michigan Central railroad as a laborer on the section at Dayley in April, 1881. He resigned March 1, 1886, and again entered the service in 1889 as section laborer at Rives Junction, was promoted to section foreman at Vermontville Nov. 11, 1891, and in 1916 was promoted to assistant roadmaster on this, the Grand Rapids division, for the summer months and then returned to the position of section foreman at Charlotte in the fall. He worked as extra gang foreman between Jackson and Niles on the main line during the summer months for the next few years, and was promoted to assistant roadmaster on August 1, 1923, until forces were reduced the following spring.

Mr. Cupples, who was retired on a pension, was the oldest man on the seniority list for many years, and the railroad company feels grateful for the many faithful years of service he has given. He began his railroad service as a boy, working for his father, David Cupples, who also was a section foreman at Chester, Grand Rapids and Kalkaska, meeting his death in an accident at the latter place. He was married July 2, 1893, two years after becoming section foreman at Vermontville, and the couple have resided in Charlotte the last 34 years. He built the ladder track at the viaduct in Grand Rapids. His last work was on the section west from Charlotte for about seven miles, which includes Chester Station. But for some injured muscles, he appears to be in perfect health. Perhaps an evidence of the healthfulness of his outdoor work is seen in the fact he still retains all his teeth except the wisdom teeth.

His many friends, both on and off the railroad, wish him and Mrs. Cupples many more years of health and happiness.

E. J. Look from Irving will take the place of Mr. Cupples on the section west out of Charlotte.

NEWS ITEMS FROM VERMONTVILLE ECHO OF MAY 24, 1899

Piano, organ and vocal instruction by Mae B. Benedict.

Best selected seed potatoes 25c per bushel.—C. J. Kroger.

Mrs. J. C. Sherman is visiting her son W. E. Holt and family of Bellevue.

Worden and the mules solicit a share of public patronage. The dray business seems to be on the boom in this village.

Our juvenile bicycle club were out in force last Friday evening and made a fine appearance. Fifteen wheels were in line led by Ned Allover.

The new poles are set for the Citizen's telephone and the "hello" will soon be on tap. This and the Bell line ought to furnish a plenty of "talking wire" for this little village.

Several of our citizens attended the ball game at Olivet last Thursday between what was called the high school nines of each village. Report says that they were not all high school boys in either nine but our boys won by a score of 11 to 21.

Mrs. Dr. M. D. Baker of Climax, Mr. and Mrs. Victor D. Sprague and baby Don of Cheboygan, and Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sprague and baby Clyde of Toledo, O., all visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Pandora Sprague May 13 and 14. These are some of the pleasant things which come to people in the decline of life.

The Michigan Central will give an excursion rate of 95c for the round trip to Jackson, Mich., May 30, going on morning train, 8:18 a m. and leaving Jackson 7:20 p. m. same day.—C. A. Anderson, Agent.

Local Markets:

Butter 10-12c, Corn shelled 45c, Eggs 11c, Hay \$6-\$7, Lard 7-9c, Potatoes blank, Oats 28c, Wheat 67-69, Dressed Hogs 3-3.30, Beef Cattle 2-4.25, Veal Calves 4, Lambs 4.25-4.50, Sheep 2-3.50, Stock Ewes \$3 to \$4. each, Yearlings 3-3.50, Hides 5 1/2 c-6 1/2 c, Spring Chickens 6c, Fowls 6c, Ducks 5c, Turkeys 7 1/2 c.

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ALFRED H. HOPE

Alfred H. Hope was born September 3, 1876 in Vermontville Township, Eaton County, Michigan, and departed this life July 24, 1937, at the age of 60 years, 10 months and 21 days.

December 6th, 1896 he was united in marriage to Jessie Valeta Pratt, who departed this life October 25, 1929. To this union was born three children: Alfred Lyle, Freda Lucretia and Jesse Verle.

On June 14th, 1930, he was again united in marriage to Mrs. Emma Davis of Charlotte.

Almost his entire life was spent in Eaton County.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, also Mrs. Clifford Prescott of this city, Alfred Lyle, Jesse Verle, both of Lansing, six grandchildren, six step-children; three sisters, Mrs. A. O. Bosworth and Mrs. Ina Lemmon of Lansing, Mrs. T. D. LeMine of Wild Rose, N. D., besides a number of nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled.
A place is vacant in our heart and home

Which never can be filled.

Funeral services were held Monday, at 2:30 p. m. from the Ward Funeral Chapel, Rev. Kearney Kirkby officiating. Interment was made in the Sunfield Cemetery.

The following were pall bearers: Arby Lovell, Ernest Benedict, Ralph Walsh, Will Sherrard, Eric Radee, and Wm. Brett.

Relatives and friends were present from Ionia, Lansing, Battle Creek, Sunfield, Dimondale, Charlotte and Nashville.

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RICHARD HICKEY

Richard Hickey, a son of Daniel and Bridget Hickey, was born August 18, 1860, and died at St. Lawrence Hospital, Lansing, July 22, 1937, after a short illness. At the time of his death he was 76 years, 11 months and 4 days old. He was born on the farm north of Vermontville where he has lived all his life.

In 1899 he was married to Anna Renkes, who survives him. He also leaves two children, Elene of Lansing and Joseph L. of Atlanta, Georgia, three grandchildren, and one brother, Daniel of Nashville.

Funeral services were held at St. Rose Church in Hastings Saturday morning and were conducted by Rev. Father Leo W. Renkes of Marshall, a nephew of the deceased. Burial took place in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Hastings.