



ELLEN MAPES

Ex-Journal Writer, 89, Succumbs

SUNFIELD — Mrs. Ellen Mapes, 89, lifelong area resident who had kept an eye on community activities here for more than 30 years as correspondent for The State Journal, died today at a Lansing hospital.

She had been hospitalized for about a month following a fall at her home in which she fractured a hip.

Member of a pioneer family, she was born in Roxanne Township on a farm that had been settled by her grandfather.

She was one of the founders and long active here in a chapter of the Daughters of Union Veterans. She was also active in the Order of the Eastern Star and, in addition to being a news correspondent, she operated a general store years ago on Main St. in Sunfield.

Her only survivor is a son, Ronald Mapes of Lake Odessa.

The body is at Mapes-Bisher Funeral Home.

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Mary E. LaFleur

VERMONTVILLE — Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. LaFleur, 73, Vermontville, will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Congregational Church, Vermontville.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Vermontville.

She died Wednesday night in a Battle Creek Hospital.

Surviving are a son, Phillip, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Furlong, Nashville; six grandchildren; a brother, John Shepard; and a sister, Miss Esther Shepard of Vermontville.

She was a member of the Historical Society, Triangle Club, Sunshine Club and Study Club, all of Vermontville.

The body is at Vogt Funeral Home, Vermontville.

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William Barningham

VERMONTVILLE — William Barningham, 77, of 238 S. Main, a retired farmer who in earlier years had been active in promoting the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival, died Tuesday in Pennock Hospital, Hastings.

He had also been a township trustee and president of the Board of Education. He was a past master of the Masonic Lodge No. 232, F&AM, a past patron of Evening Star chapter, No. 342, OES, and a member of DeWitt Clinton Consistory, Grand Rapids.

He had headed the Vermontville Maple Syrup Corporation and was also treasurer of the Woodlawn Cemetery Association.

Surviving are his wife, Nellie; two sisters, Mrs. Harriet Sprague of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Mary Parsons of Atlanta Ga., and a brother, Thomas Barningham of Marshall. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Congregational Church with burial in Kalamo Cemetery. The body is at Vogt Funeral Home.

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