

MARCH 1, 1911.

Postoffice Settled in New Location.

The work of moving the postoffice fixtures to the new location, in the Martin building, was completed on Thursday between the morning and noon mails and by night everything was in its proper place, ready for business. Since then the force has been getting accustomed to their new quarters. The mail is now brought in and taken out of the back door and the carriers also take their mail out the back way. Hitching posts will soon be placed for them so that the carriers' horses will all be tied in the alley, thus making it much more convenient for the carriers as well as doing away with their being obliged to go through the crowd in the postoffice with their mail sacks. The new assistant postmaster is Clarence W. Martin, who is known to practically every one in this part of the county. The office has been connected with the telephone exchange and in the future when the postoffice is wanted, call for 31-3.

Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Snell and Miss Norena Snell are back home from their visit of two months in Florida. The doctor came over Thursday while Mrs. Snell and daughter stopped at Kalamazoo for an over Sunday visit with Mrs. Warren. The doctor went over Saturday and the family returned to Vermontville on Tuesday morning. They report a fine trip but as usual is the case, they are glad to be back in the best state in the country.

E. J. Loveland spent a few days last week at Belding with their sister and husband.

Mrs. Albert M. Barber, of Charlotte, was a guest of Mrs. H. G. Barber Friday.

MARCH 15, 1911.

Mikie Mahar closed his work at the post office Saturday evening and will devote his attention to the farm with his father. He will make occasional trips to town, it is expected, to renew old acquaintances and visit his friends.

Mrs. Ida Parmenter Stevens passed away at her home in Brinton on Saturday afternoon after an illness of several months' duration. She was born and brought up in Vermontville and was well known here to all.

In the recent Quaker Oats building fire at Battle Creek, Jay Moore had his first real experience in a big fire. In a card to the editor Jay tells of going for numerous hours without a chance to eat besides being compelled along with four other of the firemen to slide down a line of hose from the fifth story of the building to the ground when the roof of the building caved in on the firemen, and shutting off their escape by the stairway. Jay remarks that the ground looks a lot better to him when he is on it than it did when he started his slide down the hose.

H. C. Zemke and M. J. Herrick have made an exchange of property. Mr. Zemke gets the farm just east of town and Mr. Herrick takes Mr. Zemke's house in part payment for the same. Mr. Zemke will move onto the farm as soon as repairs on the house are completed.

Miss E. Christine Peterson of Newaygo is the new compositor in THE ECHO office.

Miss Mary Seitz, who won the diamond ring by such a handsome vote, has faithfully served the public for the past six years as chief operator in the Citizens Telephone office and has always been most faithful and obliging in the performance of her duties there. Many hustled for her as they believed this an opportunity to repay in a measure the many favors shown to the subscribers of the telephone exchange. It is doubtful if any other girl would have been able to secure the support given to her.

Miss Hazel King, who won the watch, made a most active campaign and had a handsome vote. With her school work she was handicapped to a certain extent so was unable to do as much as she might have done otherwise. Her work in the contest was most excellent and demonstrated the fact that a girl residing in the country and attending school could accomplish a whole lot on the side regardless of her other duties.

Miss Ruby Green, being busy with teaching school, was obliged to depend on her friends mostly to do the work for her and as a result the contest brought her the bracelet. She is most happy in the possession of the same.

Mrs. Effie Beck was likewise busy with her store duties and did not anticipate being a lucky one and was most happily surprised in the winning of the fountain pen.

As seen below there were several who were right up close to the money and had the contest lasted much longer there is no telling what the result would have been.

The final count is as follows:

Mary Seitz.....	496,875
Hazel King.....	138,210
Ruby Green.....	35,400
Effie Beck.....	34,525
Helen Zemke.....	34,375
Bethel Sackett.....	33,475
Lois Hall.....	32,650
Mabel Sprague.....	21,088
Henrietta Mull.....	12,875
Francis Sprague.....	12,275
Edith Lentz.....	11,125
Leila J. Brown.....	8,800
Lucile Pendill.....	7,975

MARCH 22, 1911.

CHANGE IN BUSINESS FIRMS.

With the approach of spring comes the usual changes in business firms in the village. The early birds are already on the job and two changes have been made.

Ed. Eckhart has disposed of his interest in the firm of Mull & Eckhart to his partner, Henry Mull, who will conduct the business in the future and will be prepared to deal out meats of kinds in the future as in the past. He will have for his assistant Clifford Beaman of Eaton Rapids, who will begin work next Monday. In the meantime John Barningham is assisting in the market.

As the outgrowth of the above change, Mr. Eckhart has purchased the interest of H. B. Andrews in the well-known firm of Allen, Andrews & Lentz and took possession there on Monday morning. Hereafter the style of the firm will be Allen, Eckhart & Lentz and the new firm will

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