

st, 1864, the 12th most severe day of Michigan history or certainly Vermontville history. This is the consensus of opinion of the few remaining residents of Vermontville at date of 1864: Jack and Barna Kelley, W. H. Benedict, George Dwight, Ed Wells, Clark and Perry Wells, John Garinger and Fred Pendill and the writer; Edwin Tyler, Alonzo Dickinson, Will Wright, Nelson House, Ed Hall, Wm. Sibbrell, George Lamb, H. L. Curtis

C. F. and S. A. Fuller, and Israel Boyer were all in the army of the Civil war.

Mr. Tyler was in central Tennessee with weather so severe his feet were frozen. On warm evening of Dec. 31st, numerous youngsters gathered for dancing parties. The following morning they experienced terrible suffering in reaching their homes. One young lady in West Benton was carried home dead. On the morning of the 12th a girl employed in a Lansing Department store braved the storm to reach her place of employment but died from the exposure.

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JAN. 30. 1918.

Mrs. Jay Hawkins has just received word from Miss Eva Kelley of the sudden death of her brother, Ernest J. Kelley of Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 5th. While working at his trade as carpenter he fell from the scaffolding injuring his spine which resulted in his death the following day. It will be remembered by many that Errnet spent his earlier days in this village going to Washington when a young man and in after years going to California in search of better health.

He leaves a widow and three children, one brother, Walter, and one sister, Eva, and numerous relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Clair Beck, who up to a few years ago lived in Vermontville, will soon start for France. Mr. Beck has been stationed at Camp Custer for the last two months. Clair will make the sixth Vermontville boy to take up arms in France.

A letter has just been received from Donald Hayward in which he expresses his thanks to the ladies of the Red Cross, especially Mrs. Chas. Fuller for the warm sweater sent to him. His boat is at present at Gibraltar and is doing patrol duty. Donald states that they have been and Spain recently.

Nina was the daughter of Jesse and Fidelia Remalie and was born in Vermontville Township, Oct. 7, 1891, and died at the Piedmont Sanatorium, Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 29, 1918. When Nina was thirteen years old, her father died and she and her mother moved to Vermontville where Nina entered the high school from which she graduated in 1910. On Dec. 31, 1910 she was united in marriage to Roy E. Lamb. Two years later Mr. Lamb sold out his business and for the past five years they spent their winters in Florida and their summers in Michigan. Nina was converted at an early age and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and for a number of years she played and sang in the choir. Nina was not only a loving wife and daughter but she was a companion to her mother and husband and loved by all who knew her, having a great many friends in the South. Nina was a great home girl and at the same time she loved new adventures and outdoor life.

MARCH 6. 1918.

Serg. Lawrence A. Hill of Camp Custer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ambrose.

Mrs. Frank Ambrose and little grand daughter, Dorothy Loveland, were callers at the home of Hervey Church in Nashville, Saturday.

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While working on a pole repairing one of the wires last week Thursday, Verne Hiar, manager of the Citizens Telephone co of Middleville fell about 12 feet and sustained very serious injury. The pole was old and nearly

ready to fall but was not noticed by Mr. Hiar and the added weight of his body caused it to give way. Mr Hiar was unable to get up and was compelled to lie on the ground for some time, until, luckily, some people came along and assisted him into their buggy and took him home. For several days he was unable to get out of the house, but now manages to get around by the use of crutches. The people of Vermontville will be interested and glad to know that he will undoubtedly fully recover from the injury.

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OBITUARY

JONATHAN N. HAWKINS

Jonathan N. Hawkins was born at Perry, Lake Co., Ohio, in the year 1839. He was the eldest son of a family of eleven children. When nine years of age he came with his parents, Moses and Elizabeth Hawkins, to Vermontville, the family being among the early settlers in the township. Here Mr. Hawkins lived through