

Miss Grace Browning, daughter of Geo. W. Browning formerly of this place, passed away Sunday afternoon at 2 P. M. in Minneapolis Minn. Her home, is now in Holland Michigan. She will be buried, body being brought here today.

Mrs. Keith Barber gave a dinner party Friday evening and Mesdames Allover, Edmonds and Bowman gave one Saturday evening in honor of Vance Barber who was home from Peekskill.

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Roy Beck was born on Nov. 27, 1882, at the Beck homestead about one and one-half miles east of Vermontville. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beck, both of whom passed away several years ago.

His early life was spent on the farm and at the country school. He also attended the High School but discontinued before finishing the course to again take up farm work.

He was married Feb. 22, 1906, to Miss Effie Campbell of Vermontville and they moved to the Campbell farm three miles north of here and later to the Hallenbeck farm.

After spending three years at farm work they moved to the village where they both clerked in stores for several years and later went in to the grocery business for them-

selves. After about two years they sold out their business and again clerked in various stores until late last fall when they again decided to go on a farm. They purchased the Taylor farm about three miles west of the village where they were residing at the time of his death.

Roy was so well and universally known and esteemed that his sudden, tragic death comes as a blow to the entire community. He is survived by his wife; five brothers, Allen J. of Hastings, Frank O. of this place, Wilber of Los Angeles, Cal., Ernest of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Clair of the A. E. F. somewhere in France; also a sister, Mrs. Rodney Near of Charlotte, Mich.

Mrs. Harry Davis and two children of Jackson spent from Wednesday until Friday with Dr. George Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bowman spent Sunday in Detroit visiting Mrs. Bowman's brother, Harley Dorman, and family.

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Mr. Hervey Church and family were in Vermontville, Sunday afternoon and reported Mrs. Church's condition as being about the same.

Mr. Chas. Hallenbeck took Mr. Chas. Hammond and wife, Mrs. Cora Hammond and Mrs. David Young to Lansing, Sunday to visit Mr. and Mfs. D. Warner.

Mrs. C. L. D. McLaughlin and children and O. E. McLaughlin spent Sunday with John Ploof and family.

Keith Barber and wife are taking a little jaunt via auto to New York City. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Brokaw and Dr. Leonard and wife of Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Barber left Saturday night for Jackson. Sunday went by auto to Detroit and took D and B boat Sunday night for Buffalo. They will drive from Buffalo up the St. Lawrence valley and down the Hudson to New York City. Stopping enroute at Peekskill to visit Yance Barber who is in training there.

Three auto loads of Vermontvillites went to Kalamazoo Sunday. Ivah Slout, Doris Miles and Bennie Slout were driven over by Charles Slout. The Misses Gertrude Loveland, Helen Loveland and Nell Anderson made the trip with L. W. Loveland as pilot. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Weilea accompanied the party just to see that they got there all OK and were kind to their Henrys

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## CAPTAIN JOHN FAUST WOUNDED

A cablegram was received from Capt. John Faust by his sister, Mrs. Mary Hults, announcing the fact that he was wounded.

It reads as follows:  
"France, July 28, 1918.  
Mrs. Mary Hults,  
Vermontville, Mich., via Hastings  
Wounded leg broken think all  
will be all right.

John Faust."

It is very evident that John has mused up a lot of Germans because it is the sound-minded, trained officers like John that have the handling of those important situations so vital to the success of any war.

In his last letter he wrote as if he was right up close to where the big things happen. His being wounded tells us more plainly than his letter that his capabilities as an officer were such that he was in the very thick of the Americans' Mad Race toward Berlin. John might