

DECEMBER 4, 1918.

Major John Faust, of Detroit, spent a few days in town visiting his brothers and sister. A happy family reunion with a fine turkey dinner was held at the lovely farm home of Mr. Joe Faust and family, Sunday. This was one of the happiest gatherings held in this community for some time.

Mrs. Hal Fuller, of Pontiac, came last Wednesday and stayed until this week Monday to care for her mother Mrs. Alice Tubbs. We are glad to report that Mrs. Tubbs is on the gain. Mrs. James Wheeler of Charlotte, a sister of Mrs. Tubbs, is caring for her at present.

Mr. Eugene Edmonds and wife entertained Mr. and Mrs. Elo Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alsover for dinner Thanksgiving day.

A family gathering was held at the home of Mrs. Oda Gehman Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Barber entertained for Thanksgiving, Sergeant Phillip Barber and friend of Battle Creek and Mr. Kieth Barber and family.

A family gathering, which is an annual Thanksgiving event, was held at the home of Mr. David Youngs and wife. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond and son, Mr. Hance Hammond of New York City, and Mrs. R. L. Hammond and mother, Mrs. Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Hines left last Wednesday for Hastings to spend Thanksgiving and from there went to their new home in Flint, where Mr. Hines has secured a fine position as pharmacist. Mr. and Mrs. Hines were highly respected people and the very best wishes of their many friends go with them.

Mrs. Ernest Jones is again very ill and her daughter, Mrs. Weltha Beach has been obliged to resign her position at the "Echo" office to be at home to care for her. Mrs. Blanche Mereness, of Detroit, spent a few days with her parents last week. Mrs. Mereness has a fine position in the office of one of the leading dentists in Detroit, Dr. Adams.

Mrs. Hervey Church is reported to be gradually failing. She and her family have the sympathy of their Vermontville friends in their trouble.

DECEMBER 18, 1918.

VANCE BARBER RETURNS HOME

Cummers Mate Vance Barber returned home, Sunday, from Peekskill, N. Y., having been in the service one year less one day.

Mr. Barber has the honor to be the first to return discharged after the Armistice was signed.

Mr. Barber volunteered for the Navy Dec. 16, 1917, enlisting at Grand Rapids and was immediately sent to Peekskill, N. Y., where he has acted as Gun Instructor on the Rifle Range, his proficiency in handling a gun being the cause of his being raised to the rank of Gun Mate First Class. Promotions in the navy are slow and Mr. Barber is to be complimented on gaining this rank in so short a time.

His future plans he did not disclose but we suppose he will resume active duties in the Barber Bros. Dry Goods Store, of which he is half owner.

Vance we are glad you are back.

R. L. HAMMOND HOME

Just as we go to press we have the extreme pleasure of holding conversation with Lt. R. L. Hammond, who arrived home this, Wednesday, A. M.

Lt. Hammond has seen service in France and also on the Pacific Coast and thought at one time that he would be sent to Russia.

It looks now as if the High School boys would have an honest-to-goodness instructor in military tactics.

We are very glad to see him home to spend Christmas, in fact there are some others patiently waiting to have the vacant chair filled. As little Tim would say, "God Bless them every one."

DECEMBER 25, 1918.

At 4 o'clock Monday morning three burglars whose identity are yet unknown, kicked in the front window of L.W. Loveland's Drug store, reached in and took about \$25.00 worth of toilet goods.

John Willis gave the alarm, but being unable to handle them alone called for help. While reinforcements were arriving, they got in their car and went south, later being pursued.