

ANDERSON—MASON

Popular Vermontville Young Lady Becomes Bride

Howard M. Mason of Lansing, and Miss Nell V. Anderson of Vermontville were married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. C. A. Anderson on Sunday, March 26th, at 6:30 p. m.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. B. Johnson. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the family were present.

The Echo joins with her many friends in hearty congratulations.

April 6, 1922.

Roger Sackett, the little seven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hale Sackett of Nashville, is very ill with pneumonia.

WORST STORM IN YEARS VISITS VERMONTVILLE

Town Without Lights For Three Nights. Damage Runs Into Thousands

About 9:30 Thursday morning the lights began to blink and Mrs. Mess, our Linotype operator, decided that the end had come as far as typesetting was concerned. The motor refused to mote. Our plant was paralyzed as far as the Echo was concerned. We waited all Thursday afternoon for current but none came. In the meantime we set a few locals with what handset type we had, but it

sure is a slow process. Soon the type was all used up, so we went to press with what we had and succeeded in getting to the post office Friday, a day late.

About this time we realized that electricity was life to a modern printing office. We wondered how we ever got out the Echo without it, but on looking over the old files found that we now set over six times as much local matter as was set by the old hand method. If an issue would come out with the same amount of local matter as was printed five years ago, the editor would be shot at sunrise.

Late Friday we started to look around and see things as they were. Every tree was about as near its finish as they would ever be and the cracking of breaking limbs was deafening. About half of our beautiful trees lost their tops and some went over entirely. The telephone line south gave one gasp and the whole works fell across the track and what wires and cables there were left unbroken were cut by Arza Barnes to let the train pass as they all fell just before the fast train was due and it required quick work to clear the track in time. There will be no communication by telephone south for some time as the lines will all have to be practically rebuilt. East and west things are nearly as bad, but can be fixed in less time. The north suffered the least of all, a few lines were able to be used at all times.

Good self respecting roofs, that had done good service for years,

started to leak from the holes punched in them by falling branches and ice, so we guess they will be the busiest birds in town for a while outside of the telephone gang. Shingles and roofing ought to sell like hot dogs at a county fair.

Saturday morning the sun came out in a blaze of glory and things began to happen. Chunks of sleet and ice began to fall, all sizes and all shapes, and it took a good quick dodger to go anywhere without getting soaked. With the thaw the trees began to straighten up, water was everywhere. The whole town was still on the kerosene circuit; flashlights lighted the way for those that had them; a few candles gleamed here and there; Bill Alsover opened the bank in the evening with a barn lantern; when folks got to bed Saturday night most all had missed something, you can't take a bath in the dark; so ended a bum week.

Sunday morning the electric light gang got busy and fixed up the wires so everything was lighted up Sunday night.

April 13, 1922.

The young ladies class known as the G. B. B. Girls of the Congregational Sunday School, under the leadership of their teacher Mrs. H. B. Johnson, have been having a contest for the past two months. Last Saturday afternoon the losing side entertained the winners.

They met at the Chapel at two p. m., and after the business meeting and election of officers, they all

went to the home of Miss Mary Grant on East Main Street where a fine program was given, from there to Miss Vernice Eckhart's on South Main Street for the balance of the program. They then returned to the Chapel where supper was served by the losers.

The following officers were elected: President, Mary Grant; Vice Pres Beryl Faust; Secretary, Lucile Johnson; Treasurer, Vera Loveland.

The girls voted unanimously to begin another contest at once.

Mrs. Rebecca Ellen McLaughlin, second wife of DeVillo McLaughlin, has brought action in the circuit court to set aside a deed to his 80 acre Chester township farm, given Mr. and Mrs. John Ploof in April, 1915. Mrs. Ploof is a daughter of Mr. McLaughlin by his first wife. It appears the McLaughlins were school sweethearts and when both found themselves bereft of husband and wife respectively, a marriage was arranged. Mr. McLaughlin, who is a paralytic, drove to Battle Creek, where the proposed second wife lived and they were married in the automobile.

Ploofs Had a Deed.

Mrs. McLaughlin claims the husband had promised to make a joint deed of his Chester farm, he having a similar arrangement with his former wife. It appears about the time of the wedding he had deeded the farm to John Ploof and his wife, Lena May McLaughlin Ploof, reserving a life interest in the same. The proofs show the Ploofs had arranged to buy the property back in 1910 and had up the time the deed was consummated paid the McLaughlins \$2,300. The three McLaughlin boys waived their interest in the farm in favor of the sister. The suit brought by the stepmother is really an effort to get her a life