

JANUARY 17, 1924.

George H. Niles, 42, a director of the Sign-Art company, was killed late yesterday when he dropped five stories down an elevator shaft in the Lindquist building, 32-50 Ionia ave., SW., after being crushed between the elevator and the walls of the shaft.

Mr. Niles, whose firm has offices on the third floor of the six-story building, met his death shortly after 6 o'clock. The accident will be probed today by Corner Simeon LeRoy. The sign company was removing its property from the building for shipment to Allegan, where a new plant was opened a short time ago, and Mr. Niles, whose home was at 166 Lafayette ave., NE., was supervising the loading of the last truck load of material when killed.

Niles had been a jeweler in Saugatuck for 10 years prior to bringing his family here five years ago. Last spring, he had invested capital in the sign company, comprised of himself, Everett Chapman of Grand Rapids, and Wayne Stuck and Robert Dunham of Allegan. Facing a bright future, members of the firm a few months ago decided to move to larger quarters in Allegan.

Surviving Niles are his wife, the son, and a daughter, Helen; his mother, who lives in Grand Ledge. Three brothers, Dr. H. R. Niles of

Niles of Lansing, and A. B. Niles of Grand Ledge, and one sister, Mrs. Eugene Rowe of Mt. Pleasant. Niles was prominent in Masonic circles in Saugatuck and was a member of the Congregational church there. Funeral services will probably be held under lodge auspices.

G. R. Herald

JANUARY 21, 1924.

Last Friday evening Vermontville boys and girls team traveled to Mid-dlevine to meet the teams of that school. The girls won their game handily and the boys lost theirs.

At the start of the second period it was evident that Vermontville's basketballers had found themselves.

Schram began finding the basket and rolled in enough counters to put the old game on ice. Aldrich had extremely tough luck with her shots all thru the game, she played a good floor game and recognizing her inability to ring the hoop, fed the ball to Schram. This lady garnered nine field baskets for eighteen of our twenty-four points. Aldrich was able to register on three occasions for the other six. Mary Thrun and Vera Loveland took care of the running center position and while neither secured a basket they were very efficient in feeding the ball to the forwards. Faust played her usual fine game at jumping center obtaining the tip-off consistently thruout the game. Ward and Dorothy Loveland

at the guards allowed the Mid-levine girls but four baskets and were invaluable in starting then ball down towards the other end of the floor.

FEBRUARY 14, 1924.

Mrs. Martha Kenworthy had the misfortune to fall off the back porch one day last week, hurting her wrist quite badly but fortunately no bones were broken.

Mr. Frank Ambrose has been very ill with neuritis but is reported slightly improved. He has resigned his position at the Barber Bros' Clothing Store, where he has been employed for about forty years.

The Brotherhood, Monday evening was well attended. Tables were set for over one hundred, the committee ate after that. The address by Dr. Williams was fine. Splendid music was furnished by the Gresham Orchestra.

The Juniors and Seniors are planning on a Valentine party at Velma Roth's, Thursday night.

Boys Basket Ball team journey to Lansing Friday nite to play the West Junior High. There will be a girls game here with the Eaton Rapids Woolen Mill girls. Don't miss the game.

Professor Davis has a new radio installed, and reports the same success as all "radio fans" have.

Parent and Teachers meeting February 18th.

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VANCE BARBER'S HOME BURNS

At exactly three o'clock Saturday morning the fire alarm sounded, and as Karl Weiler's wife was away he perhaps slept with his clothes on; at any rate he and Bill Sprague had the motor fire truck at the fire in exactly five minutes after the alarm was turned in.

Vance and wife, Keith and wife and E. D. had been over to the hospital at Battle Creek to see Mrs. E. D. Barber who was having treatment there and arrived in town about 12:30 that is Vance and wife did. Keith's car did not show up so Vance built a fire in the furnace and went back after them; met them at the bridge and all went to their respective homes.

The chimney started to burn out so Vance let her burn and looked, as he thought, everything over and went to bed.

At three things started. Mrs. Barber heard a cracking noise and woke Vance up and he did all he could with his house extinguishers until the truck got there.

Everybody was there. It was cold; four above zero. Everybody got lots of exercise moving stuff out and

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