

William Surine was the first one to pay his taxes. If it wasn't for Mr. Surine, we would all forget there was such a thing as taxes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Downing returned Tuesday evening from a week's visit at the home of her son Wesley in Grand Ledge.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Denton Campbell of Battle Creek, Dec. 6 a 7lb girl. Mrs. Campbell was formerly Miss Erma Powers.

Monday, Dec. 7th., Dorothy Loveland invited her four grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Loveland and Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Ambrose to help her celebrate her eighteenth birthday.

A delicious dinner was served and the time was spent in listening to piano music, and a varied program over the new Musicmaster Radio, and in viewing Miss Dorothy's original drawings and colorings, she is just finishing the first part of her correspondence course in art, and is about to begin the special work.

Rev. H. H. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Kamiensky, Wilma Bell and Donald went to Otsego Wednesday evening to give the entire program of music and address at the Congregational Church's monthly Church night. They report a fine drive and fine reception there.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. D. McLaughlin entertained with a very delightful six o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Clay and the Misses Jennie Martin and Bessie Granger.

## DECEMBER 1, 1925.

Elo Grant Bowman born in Gaines twp., Kent County, Michigan June 13th., 1867, remaining in Kent County until 1906 when he removed to Vermontville, engaging in the lumber and coal business which he continued until the date of his death which occurred very suddenly at his place of business, December 12, 1925. He was married to Jessie Williams, May 11, 1908. Surviving him are his wife, mother, five brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational Church Tuesday afternoon, December 15, conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. H. Rogers. Burial at Woodlawn cemetery.

In the death of E. G. Bowman Vermontville has lost one of its most prominent and best loved citizens. This is the common consent of everyone who had dealings with him, or who knew him in any capacity. He was a man who was scarcely ever known to lose his temper. He treated every one alike. Everyone knew when they were to meet him just how he would greet them.

We do not view life merely from the standpoint of the number of years a man lives. Length of days alone, does not explain life; but rather the fullness of that life, how much we put into it, how we spend our days, how much we live for others, how much sunshine we spread around us, how much love and consideration we show for others, the good deeds we do, and the helpfulness we show.

Viewing life from this aspect, the 58 years our friend lived have truly been lived well. In his home life

he was one could wish, kind, considerate and loving. In his business connections, both as vice-president of the Barber State Bank and in his own coal and lumber business, all who had dealings with him found him always ready and willing to serve the public to the best of his ability. He always did the square thing by everybody, and was always willing to help anyone out of a tight place. In his social connections as a member of the local lodges of the F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. for many years, he has always been a true and loyal brother, living up to the principles he professed to the best of his ability. In his church connections the same may be said. The Congregational Church of Vermontville loses one of its best members and strongest supporters. He has been a member of this church for a long time, and was serving in the capacity of trustee at the time of his death.

The sudden passing of E. G. Bowman last Saturday spread a gloom over the entire village and surrounding territory. No one had a wider acquaintance or was held in higher esteem, by a'l, than Mr. Bowman. He will be missed in the social and business life of the community and his cheery words and pleasant smiles will not soon be forgotten.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Granger sings practice tonight.  
Stores close New Years Day, 1926.  
Kaiser bakery has changed flour and is putting out A 1 bread again.  
A 50c show for 35c Friday-Saturday, "The Pony Express."  
Roy Burkett has gone to Ohio for a visit.  
Geo. W. Kempton, of Colon, was a Sunday visitor of L. Verne Slout.

**Friday-Saturday**  
Pony Express, 15-35c.

Dr. and Mrs. McLaughlin are in Grand Rapids today.

Miss Jennie Martin is confined to her home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Barber spent Christmas with their son Philip and wife in Battle Creek.

Mrs. Fred Hopper, daughter Julia and son Francis of Lansing visited at G. B. Mowrey's over Christmas.

Grant Hawkins and family and Mrs. Campbell were Christmas guests at Frankie Hanson's.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, one of the best westerns ever on the screen "The Pony Express" 15c-35c.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lake and daughter of Nashville are guests today at E. D. Lake's.

L. Verne and W. P. Slout left Monday morning for Kentucky on a business trip.

At the Ford Garage you can buy 20x3 1/2 cord tires at \$9.95 and big over size 20x3 1/2 cords at \$11.95.

Our last show of the season, The Pony Express, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 15-35c.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chance and Burr spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bilderbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Verne Slout drove from Wisconsin for the Christmas holidays.

Albert King and Mary Todd are spending today with Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Dean on the farm.

Christmas guests at the E. D. Lake home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lake and children of Charlotte.

Miss Helen Weller of Fremont, Ohio is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weller and family over Christmas.