

**HALLENBECK SCHOOL WINNER
IN BIBLE AND STORY CONTEST**

About 200 people, over 70 of whom were children, met in the Methodist Church last Friday night for what proved to be one of the finest events we have had since dedication of the new addition in November of 1927. The occasion was a contest sponsored by the church and Sunday School. Six schools participated: Brown, Brick, Bismarck, Dorman, Hallenbeck, and the 5th and 6th grades of Vermontville. Patterson school was to have taken part but the measles stopped its plans. Every school did exceptionally well, but the judges, Superintendent Childs, Bessie Granger, and Rev. Phillips, decided that Hallenbeck was a little better than the others, and the prize received was "Hurlburt's Story of the Bible." The reciting by this school of the 13th chapter of First Corinthians in unison was the feature of the evening, and showed a great deal of training by the teacher. Every person telling a story for his school was very interesting, and the adults seemed to be very much pleased with the talent shown. Those representing their schools in the story telling were: Marian Sprague, Robert Kline, Clara Root, Helen Kamenskay, Gerald Garinger, and Hazel VanDeVere. After the contest all the children marched on to the platform and closed the evening in singing "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Me." Light refreshments were then served and everybody went home with a good taste in his mouth.

April 18, 1929
SENIOR AVERAGES

Martha Zemke	95.91
Ruth Wheaton	95.12
Beatrice Frey	94.69
Earl Briggs	94.03

Vermontville High School is proud of its Senior Class. Our marking system is the state standard system of A—B—C—D— and an E for failure. On this system of marking 96% would be perfect, or an all A Record. Miss Martha Zemke has a record of 95.91 out of a possible 96. Or by using the honor point system of A equals 4, B equals 3, C equals 2, and D equals 0, Miss Zemke has a record of 127½ honor points out of a possible 128.

Any school in Michigan publishing a higher percentage mark than 96 is not using a standard system of marking. We do not believe there is any High School senior in the state with a better scholarship record than our valedictorian.

There are also three others in our senior class with records few high school students equal. They are Ruth Wheaton, Salutatorian with 95.12, Beatrice Frey 94.69, and Earl Briggs 94.03. Walter Barningham has an average of 92.00.

OUR SENIORS AND JUNIORS

The week of June 16th is Commencement week in our Village Schools. The graduating class numbers fourteen as follows:

Beatrice Baker	Miles Hambleton
Walter Barningham	Day Pugh
Clifford Boyd	Blanch Rood
Earl Briggs	Russell Todd
Beatrice Frey	Ruth Wheaton
Robert Gaut	Hiram Woodard
Josephine Gearhart	Martha Zemke

There is a large class of Juniors, twenty-five in number, as follows:

Catherine Briggs	Meredith Miles
Ruth Briggs	Millard Pugh
Dorothy Childs	Leroy Roach
Grace Faust	Deone Rood
Forrest Haff	Grace Thrun
Gerald Hammond	Noble Sackett
Howard Hatfield	Donald Seitz
Alice Hill	Milburne Strait
William Hill	Erma VanDeventer
Gerald Lake	Frances Verplanke
Frances Lent	Gertrude Weeks
Edna McClelland	Barbara Wilson
Mary McLaughlin	

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

There was not a large attendance at the Memorial Sunday morning service, but those who attended listened to a very fitting sermon for the occasion preached by Rev. D. A. Rood. A double male quartette sang two special numbers with Miss Jennie Martin at the piano. The W. R. C. had a small representation as their ranks are getting thinner. There were a few of the American Legion present. Byron Hallenbeck represented the Spanish American War and only six Civil War veterans were able to attend. They were: Asa J. Brown, Henry H. Brown, Nelson House, D. M. Purchis, Dr. C. S. Snell and J. B. Stone. Not many years longer will the boys in blue be with us for these occasions.

JOHN W. SMITH

John W. Smith, of Kalamo township, was born in Darke County, Ohio, January 30, 1878, and passed from his life, May 21, 1929. Until he was thirty-eight years, he lived in Ohio, where he was united in marriage to Mary A. Graham, in 1899. Four children were born to them, two dying in infancy; a daughter, Clara Belle, died at the age of twelve yrs. in 1913, leaving the only son, Lemuel F., who is seven years of age. Mr. Smith has always been an industrious, hard working man, one who was always ready to do every thing possible for the relief of others who might be in want, a loving faithful husband and father. During the past five years the family has lived in Kalamo township, this county. Last February he became ill with La Grippe, which was followed by Paralysis, since which time he has been helpless. March 1st he was brought to Maple City Hospital, Charlotte, where he has since been tenderly cared for until the end came. He leaves to mourn the loss, his wife and little son, Lemuel F.; his father, Frederick Smith, Ohio; five brothers, Phillip, of Mepeyer, Indiana; Willard, of A. Grove, Indiana; Arthur of Jackson, Michigan; George, of Galion, Ohio; and Jacob, of Dunkirk, Indiana; sisters, Mrs. Clarence Myers, of Rapids, Michigan and Mrs. William Smith, of Dunkirk, Indiana, together with a large circle of relatives and friends, who will always cherish his memory.

The Funeral services were held at the home in Kalamo Friday, May 24th, 1929 at ten o'clock in forenoon. Rev. L. W. Stone of M. E. Church officiating. Interment was made at the Kalamo Cemetery.

**EASTERN STAR OFFICERS
INSTALLED**

At a special meeting of Evening Star Chapter, Tuesday evening, the following officers were installed:

C. L. D. McLaughlin was the installing officer.

Matron	Edith Alsover
W. P.	E. D. Lake
Asso. M.	Mary Granger
Asso. P.	Ray Anderson
Sec'y	Zella Hammond
Treas.	Viola Smith
Cond.	Nellie Barningham
Asso. Cond.	Gertrude Andrews
Chaplain	Lydia Wells
Organist	Hazel Rogers
Marshal	Mae McWha
Adah	Mary Mosier
Ruth	Flossie Rawson
Esther	Florence Bisel
Martha	Hilda Grant
Electa	Ida Miles
Warder	Mary Pendill
Sentinel	Lester Hammond