

VERMONTVILLE EDITOR LAUDS MEMORY OF TWO LEADING CITIZENS

By O. E. McLAUGHLIN in the Vermontville Echo.

KEITH L. BARBER

It was a severe shock to Vermontville on learning Sunday morning that Keith Barber had passed away at Battle Creek hospital, 8:30. Keith had had the flu, was better, and out driving Thursday. As he had a great many business interests it was desirous that he be around to look after them. The over-exertion of tending to the things that he had in hand proved to be too much for his constitution, and he was stricken with a relapse on Thursday night from which he grew steadily worse until being removed to Battle Creek on Saturday afternoon in order that experts might be in attendance on him.

Keith was one of the absolute pioneer products of Vermontville and had lived here all his life in business, except such time as he was in Florida and in the West. He had been in business, together with his brother Vance, on Main street for a great many years and had endeared himself to all who knew him by his courteous ways and pleasing personality.

He was a friend of every man, and his popularity is better evinced by the attendance at his funeral and the floral offerings than anything that can be written.

He was always progressive and a great worker for the interests of the community, and will be greatly missed by everyone. He had served a great many years in different public offices with great credit to himself and to the community, and was responsible for many of the improvements that we now enjoy. There is no business man on Main street who was better liked, and there are none that will be missed more than he. The writer in closing

M. L. STILES

It is with extreme regret that we note the passing of M. L. Stiles. Seldom has a community suffered a greater blow. It will always be a bright spot in the mind of the writer that I can look back to, with a certain amount of satisfaction and pleasure, and that is, that last Thursday I went to the hospital and had a nice long visit with Sena.

I have known him for years. He has been my friend, counselor and advisor, and during that time, under all conditions and in all circumstances, he has been the true man. Seldom, if ever, does a community have a man that as a man was greater than he. These things are not written merely after his passing, but were prominent and known while he still lived.

We extend our sympathy to all his relatives and dear ones, and we feel that it will be a long time before he will be replaced in Vermontville.

Sena has held the confidence of all people for all time and has been in contact with the general public for a long period of years. His last public position was treasurer of the township of Vermontville in two very trying years, and placed in that position was friend and counselor to all who came to him. He has held other positions of public and private trust, and has administered all things with honesty, integrity, and honor.

There is more that can be said in his praise, but the public is now saying that and has been for years. Time is sometimes cruel and the grim reaper in conjunction with time spits death.

I will say that he was and always has been his true friend.

amidst of the ferocious multitude, in his surplice, shouting aloud, "Destroy the enemies of Christ! destroy the enemies of Christ!" Every morning this fierce churchman took the sacrament, and then proceeded to his post; where he perished, at length, crushed by a great stone from the battlements. The besieged, after a manful resistance, found their fate unavoidable. A council was summoned. Their rabbi, a foreigner, a man educated in one of their schools of learning, and universally res-