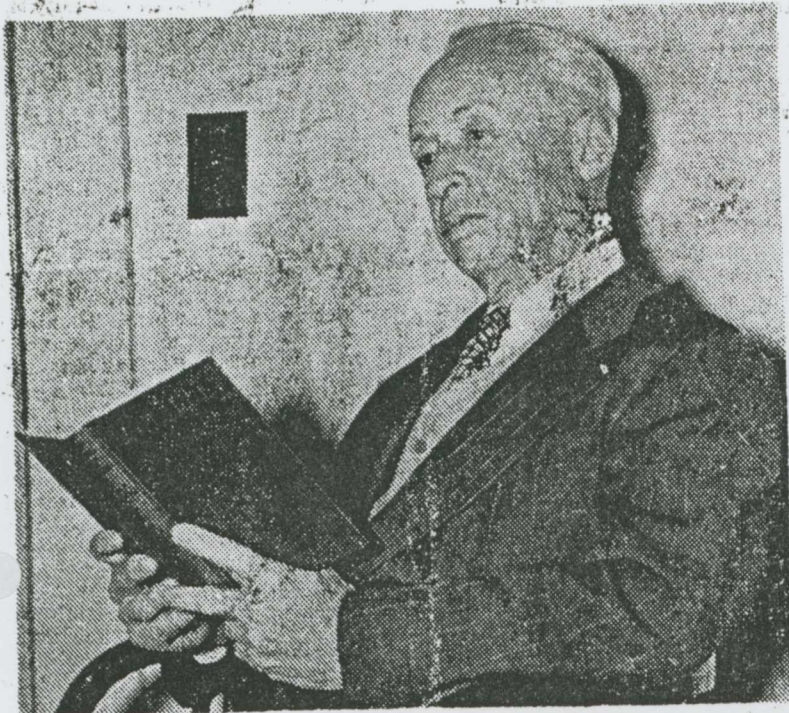


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LeRoy Snell Vermontville Author Dies In Lansing Hospital Monday 1955



From 1919 to 1936 Mr. Snell served as assistant editor of The American Boy. In 1936 he went to Olivet college where he was Executive Secretary and Editor. In 1950 he went to Stillwater, Oklahoma where he was on the staff of Oklahoma A. and M. college of Arts and Sciences, he worked with the publishing department and taught a class in Journalism. He was later on the staff of the Detroit Medical News until ill health forced him to retire and he came back to his birthplace to make his home with his sister, Norena Snell.

On June 25, 1908 he was married to Edna G. Hawkins at Vermontville by Rev. St. Clara Parsons. Mrs. Snell preceded him in death.

Besides his sister, Norena he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Marion) Spencer of Berkley, Michigan, Mrs. Arthur (Betty) Hoyt of Topeka, Kansas; one son, Charles of Oak Park, Michigan and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 2:00 p. m. from the Vermontville Congregational church. Rev. F. Willard Kime officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

LeRoy Snell, 74, born in Vermontville and a graduate of the Vermontville high school died Monday afternoon at McLaughlin hospital in Lansing, following an illness of several months. He had been a patient there for the past month.

Mr. Snell was born September 24, 1880, the son of Dr. Charles S. and Flora (Waite) Snell.

He was known as a free-lance author whose boys stories delighted thousands, and his first stories were published in Sunday School periodicals and were fiction, particularly juvenile stories. He also wrote a number of poems and eleven of his books were published. Those included seven stories of the North West Mounted Police, The Cacajou, Wolf Cry, Spirit of the North, The Lead Disc, Challenge of the Yucon, The Shadow Patrol and Phantom Rivers these were all under his own name. His last three were published under the name of 'Captain Jon Waite' which included "The Tanks are Coming".

Mr. Snell attended Albion College, Eastern College in Virginia and from 1917 to 1919 he was assistant editor of the Michigan Farmer.