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Jimmy Bill McClelland

(An Appreciation by a Guest Editor in the Vermontville Echo.)

The tragic passing on Saturday of Jimmy Bill McClelland, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McClelland, owners and publishers of the Vermontville Echo, has brought this hospitable,



gracious, and spiritual communito its knees. Jimmy was fishing on Thornapple River with two school chums, Mike Pontz, a cousin, and Paul Foster, when a shift to wading in the stream resulted in his being drowned, with his companions hopeless in their efforts to save him.

Jimmy was all boy, with every faculty for a happy outlook in the normal pleasures and responsibilities of boyhood, and beyond; in fact, his major interest the past few days was writing invitations to his 10th birthday party on July 11. Several of these social notes had been completed, and all the youngsters were looking forward to this happy birthday program of fun and frolic.

Instead, sorrow and grief have been substituted for this happily-anticipated holiday of joy and fun.

Tenderness at such a time is founded on faith and some sort of grace, wisdom, and personal courage that has to come through that comforting and never-doubting repose in God's love and power. These qualities in human hopes provide eternal compassion for those who mourn. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational church in Vermontville with Rev. Willard Kime, pastor, and Rev. R. Fields of Charlotte officiating, with burial at Woodlawn cemetery. The pallbearers were members of the Vermontville basketball team, one of Jimmy Bill's favorite sports. His boyhood chums served as honorary pallbearers.

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Mrs. Mary DuBois Passes on Friday

Mrs. Mary (Warren) DuBois, 62, of 238 South Sheldon street, died last Friday at Hayes-Green-Beach hospital after a two-year illness. She was born July 3, 1892, in Charlotte, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Peskett) Warren, and had been a resident of this vicinity her entire life.

Two years ago Mrs. DuBois retired as manager of the Eaton county branch of the secretary of state's office for the sale of motor-vehicle licenses. She was a member of the First Baptist church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Dan Moir, of Wyandotte; a sister, Mrs. Wesley Noe, Eloy, Ariz.; two brothers, Frances Warren, Grand Rapids, and Robert Warren, Lansing, and two granddaughters.

Services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Pray funeral home. Rev. Oral Duckworth officiated. Burial was in Maple Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Don Hosmer, Ward Keeny, Harold Keeny, Calvin Newland, Claude Carpenter, and Marion McClintock.

Spiritual Out Gresham Way Helen Steward

This week all of us around Vermontville and many far away are sympathizing with the McClellands. From a reading of the news we know that there are many other sorrowing parents throughout the country, but now tragedy has again been brought home to us. While our sympathy goes out chiefly to the parents, some of us think of Jimmy Bill and grieve because something bright and mischievous and laughing and now eternally boyish has gone from us forever. For the rest of us life goes on, with many of its details seeming very trivial.

Emery Austin has gone to work at the Sunfield elevator and is staying in Sunfield. The Charles Austins' twins, Pat and Mike, are staying here with their grandparents, while Charles and Jean are on a vacation trip, sightseeing and visiting the other Austins in Maryland.