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BURGESS, VERNON L.

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Vernon L. Burgess was born on a farm in Blue Earth county, Minnesota on September 17, 1871. He is the son of Aaron and Rosetta (Jones) Burgess.

In 1878, his parents moved overland with an ox team to Stearns county where they located on a farm two miles west of Sauk Centre. This farm is known as the Joe Zehrer farm. Vernon Burgess remained on the farm until he was twenty-one. He received as much education as he could under adverse conditions. He is self-educated.

On October 27, 1896, Vernon Burgess married Ivy Paker, a daughter of William and Eliza (Hickman) Parker. There are no children.

In September, 1904, Vernon Burgess formed a partnership with James McCracken in a grocery business on the corner of Third and Oak Streets. This partnership lasted until the death of James McCracken in 1916. Since the store has been known as the Burgess grocery.

Shortly after Vernon Burgess was twenty-one he joined the Sauk Centre Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is a member of Encampment Number 21. He is a member of the Valparaiso Lodge of Rebekahs and also of the Odd Fellows Lodge. He has passed through all the chairs of this organization. In 1928, Vernon Burgess was elected President of the Greenwood Cemetery Association.

Vernon Burgess has been forced to retire from active business due to long illness.

Interviewed: Ivy(Parker) Burgess  
Date: February 4, 1937  
By: Melba Peterson

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FOR THE VERNON L. BURGESS BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK L. PAGE 5112

Vernon L. Burgess and Ivy C. Parker

Married at Sauk Centre, October 27, 1896

By: Rev. G. Ernest Smith

Witnesses: Mary L. Hoffman and James McCracken