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MRS REIN (VIOLA) ZYLSTRA

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She worked two years for Mr. Simmons, former proprietor of the Variety Store. Since she has taken over the Variety Store in February of this year, several new lines of merchandise have been added and many improvements have been made.

Rein Zylstra and Viola Bangs were married in 1915. Mr. Zylstra, who formerly operated a meat market, has taught manual training in the High School here for seven years. The Zylstras have two children, a girl in High School and a boy in the grades.

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"I'll admit that I did not have much opportunity for schooling when I was young, but I'm making up for it now by attending night classes," Mrs. Zylstra smiled.

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