

OBITUARY

Lena Mae, oldest daughter of the late Augustus and Lucina Jacobs was born Dec. 20, 1878 in Riley township, Clinton county, Michigan, and departed this life Sept. 25, 1942, at Lansing, Mich.

She lived with her parents and obtained her education from the public schools. She was engaged as teacher in the rural schools for a few terms.

At St. Johns in 1902 she was united in marriage with Charles Ike of Riley township, and to this union was born one daughter.

They began home making in Riley township. In 1905 Mr. and Mrs. Ike with her parents went to Oklahoma and lived in the western states until 1915 when they came back to Michigan.

In 1920 they purchased their farm in Eagle township where they lived until March 5, 1926, when Mr. Ike preceded her to the better land. Soon after Mrs. Ike began practical nursing and has followed that career the greater part of the time. Her ability to care for the sick and invalid endeared her to her patients.

Because of her cheerful disposition and thoughtfulness for others, no one realized her health was failing until about six months ago. During that time she has been confined in a hospital.

She was a kind wife, a loving mother, a true friend and much appreciated neighbor. She never sought the honor of public life but with her ambition to help those with whom she came in contact she went about doing good.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Barnes, who with her husband and three children, Aleitha, Dan and Carl, reside on the homestead in Eagle township; a nephew, Harold Johnson of Jackson; besides many other relatives and a host of friends. A sister, Mrs. Bessie Johnson preceded her some few years previous.

Then be content, poor heart
God's plans like lilies pure and white
unfold.

We must not tear the close-shut leaves
apart.

Time will reveal the chalices of gold.
And when with patient toil we reach the
land,

Where tired feet, with sandals loosed may
rest,

There we shall clearly see and understand.
O, be content, poor heart. God knoweth
best.

Funeral services were held at the Robison-Babier funeral home in Lansing, conducted by Rev. Wm. McKay. Interment in Wacousta cemetery. Pallbearers were Floyd Jason, Jack Jason, John Jacobs, Howard Pope, Harry Haines and Carl Hammond.

**Wilhelmina (Mary) Jacob,
86, Had Been Resident of
Riley Since 1857**

Wilhelmina Christina (Mary) Jacob was born in Saxony, Germany, October 14, 1843. She was the daughter of Christian and Regina Jacob, who emigrated to America in the spring of 1857, landing in Canada. In the fall of 1857, they came to Michigan and settled on the southeast quarter of section 10, in Riley township, Clinton county, where she had lived continuously ever since. Here she endured the hardships of the early pioneers. While many of her trials were common with all the other pioneers, yet hers differed materially in that her mother was an invalid for many years. She tenderly cared for her mother until she was called into the Beyond. Her father, too, was sickly. This, added to the other hardships, made life an uphill business for her and her sister, the late Pauline Barnhart. They both tenderly cared for their parents and carried on the farm work.

In the early days they did not have the earthly comforts that they enjoyed in later years. Their home was one outstanding above all others. Very few are found to even compare with their hospitality. It was their greatest pleasure to open their home and share their labors and prosperity with others less fortunate. The latchstring was always out, and a welcome hand extended to their many friends.

After she became more bent with age, she met with several misfortunes. First, fire destroyed the house. It was rebuilt. Then the barn burned. Another one with all the modern improvements was erected in its place. It was a monument to her sturdy courage. Later this barn burned. With the aid of her niece and her husband another one was erected where this one had burned. She also suffered several severe falls which resulted in physical injuries, yet in spite of all these handicaps she remained cheerful and looked upon the brighter side of life.

She was the oldest of a family of six children. She survived them all, bringing her age to 86 years and 22 days. About two months ago she suffered a stroke from which she never recovered, although she seemed to feel better at times, but gradually she failed until Monday morning, November 4, 1929, when she fell asleep and her spirit went to Him who gave it.

After her sister died, she was tenderly cared for by her niece, Bernice, and her husband, John Hopp, who cared for her almost exclusively, with the exception of the last few days. This was quite a task as she was a large person and had much of the ruggedness of the old pioneers. All that loving hands could do was done for her.

She is survived by only nephews and nieces. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from her late home with Rev. G. S. Northrup officiating. The remains were placed in the mausoleum in Mt. Rest, St. Johns.

Card of Thanks

We desire to show our appreciation and extend many thanks to the neighbors and friends who so liberally and unselfishly aided us in the last hours of our dear one.
—Bernice Jacob Hopp, John Hopp.

May 28, 1975

CLINTON COUNTY NEW

Judith Jeffery now Mrs. David Parker

Judith Jeffery and David Parker exchanged vows of marriage in a high noon ceremony May 10 at St. Marys Church, Antwerp, Ohio.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Jeffery, Antwerp, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parker, DeWitt, Mich.

At the organ was Mrs. Theresa Mobley. Soloist was Rev. Charles Bradford.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose an embroidered organza A-line silhouette gown, styled with a portrait neckline, Juliet sleeve, and a natural waistline with Dior bow and streamers. Yellow and white check ribbon, with self embroidery encircled the skirt and self train which was flounced at the hemline and flowed to chapel length. She wore a picture hat of matching fabric and ribbon with floor length illusion streamers. The bride carried a bouquet of daisies, yellow roses, baby breath and violets.

Serving her sister as matron of honor was Mrs. Sue Jordan wearing a yellow and white check, empire waist gown. Accents included long tapered sleeves and flounced hemline. She carried a bouquet of daisies, baby breath and violets.

Junior bridesmaid was Joni Jordan, niece of the bride,

wearing a dress similar to the matron of honors. She carried a small bouquet of daisies, baby breath and violets.

Flower girl was Amy Jordan, niece of the bride, wearing a dress identical to the bridesmaids. She carried a basket of yellow rose petals.

The attendants wore large white picture hats with daisies and yellow and white trim.

Dale Foster of DeWitt, Mich., friend of the groom, served as best man.

The guests were seated by Steven Jordan, brother-in-law of the bride.

A reception followed at St. Marys Center with Mary Maassel cutting the cake. Servers included, Mrs. Michael Jackson, Miss Jill Jeffery, and Mrs. John Goll. Attending the guest book was Karen Gerdom.

The bride was a graduate of Antwerp High School and Parkview-Methodist School of Nursing, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Until her marriage she was employed as a Registered Nurse at Parkview Methodist Hospital.

The groom graduated from DeWitt High School. He attended Michigan Technological University at Houghton. He is now employed with Ford Motor Co. as a Branch Manager in their credit division in Philadelphia, Pa.

The couple will reside at 2316, Village of Penbrook, Levittown, Pa.



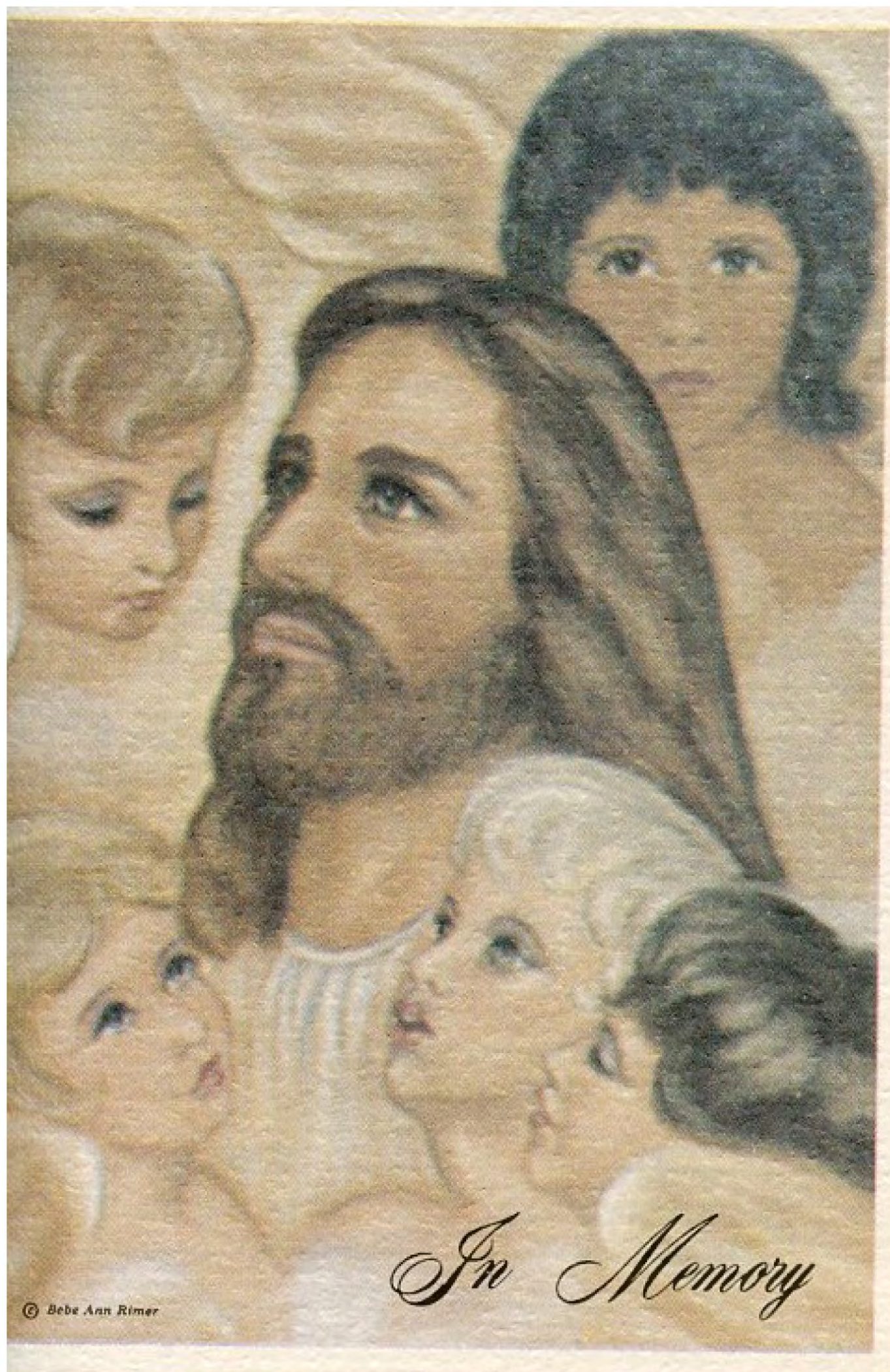
Mrs. David Parker

JOHGART, NANCY (JOHNSON)

Ann Arbor

Formerly of DeWitt

Age 40, died April 19, 1998. Born May 21, 1957 in Lansing, Nancy was a 1975 graduate of St. Johns High School and received her BS Degree from Eastern Michigan University. She was working for Spectrum Community Services, at Island Lake Group Home as a direct care worker. She was preceded in death by her mother, Lawanna; and brother, David. Surviving are 1 daughter, Abra; and 1 son, Sean, both at home; father, Oscar Johnson of Kingsford; 2 brothers, Edwin (Lilly) and Larry, both of Lansing; 1 sister, Linda (Jim) Kovar of Eaton Rapids; former husband, Steve Johgart. Funeral services will be held **Friday, April 24, 2 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin, DeWitt**, with the Rev. Terry Alverson, Pastor of DeWitt Community Church, officiating. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Tuesday 6 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the family for Nancy's children, c/o the Funeral Home.



In Memory

*God hath not promised
 Skies always blue ,
Flower-strewn pathways
 All our lives through ;
God hath not promised
 Sun without rain ,
Joy without sorrow ,
 Peace without pain .*

*But God hath promised
 Strength for the day ,
Rest for the labor ,
 Light for the way .
Grace for the trials ,
 Help from above ,
Unfailing sympathy
 Undying love . . .*

In Memory Of
FRANCES A. JOHNSON

Date of Birth
February 18, 1912
Lansing, Michigan

Date of Death
April 27, 1983
Mecosta, Michigan

Services
DeWitt Area Chapel
Saturday, April 30, 1983 – 10:30 AM

Officiating
Rev. Murl Eastman

Interment
Greenwood Cemetery
Fowlerville, Michigan
1-30 PM

Casket Bearers

Michael Mull	Bob Sproat
Richard Hurley	Kent Scott
Michael Van Rooyen	Kyle Scott

5-19-98

Oscar Johnson

Peace comes to a hero

Decades after the fact, Oscar Johnson still had nightmares about the battle that earned him a Medal of Honor.

It's not something he liked talking about. His actions during the Italian campaign of World War II



Johnson

were left to the history books and, unfortunately, his dreams.

Johnson died last Wednesday at age 77. Mid-Michigan claimed this longtime DeWitt resident as its only Medal of Honor winner.

We remember Johnson as an unassuming, even shy, man who was far more at ease talking about his farm crops than military exploits. We called him a quiet hero in a 1980 profile. The description remains apt.

Briefly, his feats are as follows:

In September, 1944, Pvt. Johnson singlehandedly held the allied troops' left flank, repulsing five German paratroop companies for more than two days. During that time, he killed as many as 40 of the enemy, captured another 25 and, while under fire, helped rescue two seriously wounded soldiers.

The quiet hero is at peace. No more nightmares. He's earned that rest.

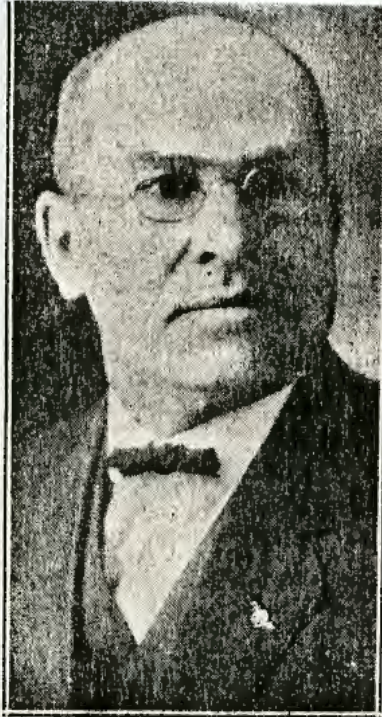
JOHNSON, OSCAR G.

Iron Mountain - Kingsford

Formerly of DeWitt



Age 77, died May 13, 1998. Born March 25, 1921, in Foster City, the son of the late Oscar G., Sr., and Anna (Olson) Johnson. Oscar lived in DeWitt for 40 years before returning to Kingsford in 1990. Oscar served our country in the United States Army from 1942 until 1945 and is one of 163 World War II veterans to ever earn the coveted Award of Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest honor the U.S. bestows for heroism and bravery above and beyond the call of duty in combat action since its inception in 1861. He has also been decorated with the Purple Heart Medal, Medal of Honor, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, Bronze Battle Stars and two Overseas Service Bars. Oscar was employed by the Fisher Body Co. and later, for a construction firm for almost 4 years. In November 1950, he joined the Michigan National Guard and was employed full-time with the headquarter's unit in Lansing and later, with the 119th Field Artillery Unit, the 46th Aviation Battalion, and the 72nd Support Battalion. He retired from the Guard in 1980. He was a member of the V.F.W. War Post in Felch and DeWitt and was very involved with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lawanna Wood; second wife, Jane Wickman; daughter, Nancy Johgart; and son, David Johnson. Surviving are 1 daughter, Linda (Jim) Kovar; 2 sons, Ed (Lilly) and Larry Johnson; 5 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 3 brothers, Herbert (Gladys), Kenneth (Julie) and Wesley Johnson; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Monday, May 18, 1 p.m. at DeWitt Community Church, 505 Webb Road, DeWitt, with the Rev. Terry Alverson, Pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery with military graveside services provided by Ft. Knox, Kentucky Honor Guard, Michigan National Guard Honor Guard, and the Edwin J. Leyanna V.F.W. Post #671, DeWitt. The family will receive friends at the Church from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society, 416 Frandor, Suite 104, Lansing 48912, in memory of Mr. Johnson. The family is being served by the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel.



A. G. JONES

A. G. Jones Dies Feb. 14

**Services Held Monday
For St. Johns Grocer
Who Was in Business
Here for Fifty Years**

Almearon G. Jones, 81, former St. Johns grocer and one of the city's most respected citizens, died at Clinton Memorial hospital last Thursday afternoon. He had been in poor health for some time and his death followed by little more than a month the passing of his wife on Jan. 10.

Mr. Jones spent more than 50 years as a business man on St. Johns' Clinton avenue. As a boy in his teens he came here from his Riley township farm home to work in the O. P. Dewitt grocery. He learned the business there and in 1901, in partnership with Carl LeBaron, he bought the Lou VauConsant store at the corner of Clinton avenue and Higham street.

Retired in 1934

Mr. LeBaron retired from the partnership 1½ years later but Mr. Jones continued to operate the grocery store in the same location until December of 1934 when he sold to Lester Smith and retired from business. The store was later sold to the Wings and this past year it was bought by Lynn Bradley.

One of the city's most prominent business men, Mr. Jones was known by people throughout Clinton county. At the time of his death he

served as president and a member of the board of directors of the St. Johns Building and Loan Association. He was a vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the State Bank of St. Johns.

He was always active in Masonic orders and was one of the first commanders of the St. Johns Commandery of Knights Templar. He was also a member of the Shrine.

Born in Riley

He was born on Jan. 18, 1865, in Riley township, the son of Nathan E. Jones and Susan Hildreth Jones. He was married in St. Johns on Oct. 15, 1890, to Miss Celia A. Gardner. After her death in November of 1937, he married Mrs. Glenn Horton Ward on Feb. 6, 1939. Mrs. Jones died on Jan. 10 of this year.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. I. Lillie, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Louis Bule, of Rochester, Minn.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. from The Eberts with Rev. Ray T. Caldwell, of the St. Johns Congregational church, officiating. Burial was in Mt. Rest cemetery.

Active pall bearers at the funeral included L. W. Wolf, Asa Gillson, Ellsworth Tallmadge, Arden Cook, Thomas E. Corkin and Guy Dutcher. Honorary pall bearers were Arthur E. Wilson, Walter Wykoff, E. W. Fehling, Vern Walker, George G. Hunter, Jess Bancroft, Dr. H. M. Gohn, Fred Bunday, Lyman Parr, Glenn Steel, George Schoenhals and Earl LeBaron.

Married



MRS. ROBERT E. STENZEL

Miss Marrietta Jones, daughter of Benton Jones DeWitt, was wed Aug. 26 in a candlelight ceremony in DeWitt Community church to Robert E. Stenzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stenzel of DeWitt. A reception followed the nuptials.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hastings
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Debra Ann Davis

to

Leonard Addison Junker
on Saturday, the tenth of June
nineteen hundred and seventy-two
at seven o'clock in the evening
All Saints Espicopal Church
800 Abbott Road
East Lansing, Michigan

Reception following ceremony
American Legion Hall, Post 248
Laingsburg, Michigan
East Grand River
Just east of Woodbury Road