

BACON

## RIFLE BULLET KILLS FARMER

SELF-INFILCTED INJURY  
PROVES FATAL TO  
EARL BACON, 53

Found Unconscious Sunday  
In Olive Township Home;  
Dies Tuesday

Earl Bacon, 53, Olive township farmer, died at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, April 7, two days after shooting himself with a 22-caliber rifle. He was found lying unconscious on the floor of his home early Sunday, and never regained consciousness.

Bacon had been sick and despondent for some time. He lived with his sister, brother and aged mother, none of whom heard the shot that caused his death. He evidently arose early Sunday morning, dressed and went to the kitchen where he shot himself in the forehead. The body was found at about 6 a. m.

Although he was still breathing, it was feared that Bacon would die in a very short time. Dr. C. T. Foo was summoned, together with Sheriff John S. Barnes and Coroner C. D. Evert. Bacon lived until late Tuesday afternoon.

BACON

Earl N. Bacon was born Nov. 18, 1882, at Decatur, Michigan, the son of Alfred and Mary Bacon. He had been a resident of this county many years and was a well known Olive township farmer.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary J. Bacon; one brother, William Bacon of Olive; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Fish of Edwardsburg, Michigan; and Miss Stella Bacon of Olive; a niece and two nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the residence at 2 p. m. today (Thursday). Rev. J. A. Beardsey will officiate and burial is to be made in Mt. Rest cemetery.

BACON

## PNEUMONIA CLAIMS PIONEER OF OLIVE

MRS. MARY BACON, AGED 88,  
SUCCUMBS JAN. 24TH;  
RITES TUESDAY

Mrs. Mary Bacon, 88, succumbed to pneumonia Saturday evening at her home in Olive township. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. A. L. Spafford at the residence, and burial was made at Mt. Rest.

Mary Thornton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thornton, was born June 20, 1853, at Tiffany, Ohio. Her childhood and early life was spent near Elkhart, Ind. She was married to the late A. H. Bacon Jan. 10, 1875, and came to Michigan, locating in Edwardsburg. In 1883 they moved to her present home.

To them four children were born, the late Mrs. B. C. Fisk of Edwardsburg; Earl Bacon, who died in 1936; and William and Stella Bacon, residing at the home in Olive. Besides her two children she is survived by three grandchildren, Vernon Bacon of St. Johns, Reginald of Detroit, and Mrs. Marjorie Morrish of Dayton, Ohio. She also leaves several great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Mrs. Bacon will long be remembered by her many friends for her kindly acts and cheerful, warm hearted attitude towards others.

Baird

**BLIZZARD, ELLA M.**

*Mrs. William Baird*  
**Formerly of DeWitt**

Age 91, died August 19, 1995. Born April 13, 1904 in Galt, IL, the daughter of William and Edna (McDowell) Baird. Mrs. Blizzard was a graduate of DeWitt High School and Central High School in Lansing; attended Eastern Michigan University; and taught school at Lott School in Clinton County. She married Leon Blizzard in 1926 and lived in DeWitt where she was active in the DeWitt Community Church; was a 4-H Leader, and a member of Thursday Afternoon Club and Eastern Star. Mrs. Blizzard moved to Higgins Lake in 1965 and returned to the Lansing area in 1980. Predeceased by her husband, Leon (1991), Mrs. Blizzard is survived by 1 daughter, Beverly (Vernell) Varney of LeRoy; 1 son, Keith (Brenda) of Charlotte; 7 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; 1 brother, George Baird of DeWitt; 1 sister, Evelyn Curren of Lansing. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 22, 11 a.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin, DeWitt, with the Rev. Leicester Longden of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating and special services provided by Eastern Star. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Sunday, 2 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. In remembrance of Mrs. Blizzard, those desiring may make contributions to Hospice of Lansing, Inc., 6035 Executive Drive, Suite 103, Lansing 48911.

Baird

Funeral Cards from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

Now owned by Eleanor Moon McKinney (1984)

Alice Baird- November, 1867 - August 24, 1950

Rev. Wm. Schmidt           Pettit Funeral Home  
Mon. Aug. 28, 1950           DeWitt Cemetery  
Pallbearers: Hubert Smith, Robert Osmun, Ernest Fulton,  
Harry Bougner.

Baird

Funeral Cards from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

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Charles Baird- June 18, 1868 - August 16, 1951

Pettit Funeral Home Sat. August 18, 1951 2:00 p.m.

Rev. G. E. Stace DeWitt Cemetery

Pallbearers: Harold Kowalk, Harry Boughner, Arthur Colestock, Lester Antcliff, Charles Garnant, Donald Peacock.

Baker

## MRS. JOAB BAKER.

### An Early Resident of Clinton County Is Dead.

Mrs. Joab Baker, an early resident of DeWitt and St. Johns, and sister of Dorr K. Stowell, of this village, died at the home of her youngest daughter, Laura, now Mrs. M. A. Share, at Portland, Oregon, May 13, 1900, in her 73rd year.

The deceased was born in Onondago county, N. Y., and came to DeWitt township with her parents in February, 1838, where, in 1847, she was married to Joab Baker, and continued to reside there until the county seat was removed from DeWitt to St. Johns, when they came here, where Mr. Baker practiced law. Twenty-five years ago they removed to Muskegon, where Mr. Baker died about fifteen years ago, since which time she has resided with her daughter.

M. A. Share, husband of Laura, died about one month previous to the death of Mrs. Baker. He was 68 years old, a soldier in the civil war, where he had a remarkable record as a scout and spy. He was a practical business man, a kind and indulgent husband and father, and leaves a clean record of his life to the honor and satisfaction of his family.

Dance at Woodman hall tonight.

(R 5-31-1900)

Baldwin

## Obituary

Carrie Swift was born in Plymouth, Wayne county, Mich., Dec. 27th, 1860. She resided there until her marriage to Hiram A. Simmons of Olive, Clinton county, Oct. 5th, 1880. They resided in Olive and Riley until 1889, when they moved to DeWitt where she has since resided. Two daughters were born to them, Mrs. Charles Webb and Mrs. Earl VanFleet, both of DeWitt. Mr. Simmons passed away in 1893. In November, 1901, she was united in marriage to T. W. Baldwin, who with the daughters and little granddaughter, one sister, Mrs. D. K. Shafer of Northville, survive her. She was a kind wife, mother, sister, friend and neighbor.

She was of a kind and loving disposition, willing to do all she could for the sick and suffering. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She has been in poor health several years, but the final summons came very unexpectedly. She took her bed Saturday forenoon. She became unconscious at midnight and passed away without a struggle Monday noon, March 13th, 1911. The relatives and friends have the sympathy of all in their great sorrow.

She was a member of the O. E. S., the Clinton Co. Pioneer Society and was a firm believer in Universal Salvation. She believed that some time, somewhere, and somehow, all would be united in perfect peace and happiness.

It can be truly said of her her home was her kingdom, her aim in life was to make her loved ones happy.

### -Poem-

The funeral was held at her late home Wednesday, under the auspices of the O. E. S., Rev. O. J. C. Woodman of Paw Paw officiating. Interment in DeWitt cemetery.

Baldwin

Obituaries from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

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Mrs. ETTA BALDWIN, 77, lifelong resident of DeWitt, died at the home here Friday afternoon after an illness of several months. She was a member of the DeWitt Royal Neighbors and the Olive-DeWitt Sunshine Club. She is survived by the husband, Cassius; one son, Gordon, of Lansing; one daughter, Mrs. Florence Beardslee of Detroit; three grandchildren and one brother, Finis Ferguson, of Lansing. Funeral services will be held Monday from the Vincent Funeral Home at 3:30 p.m. Burial will be in DeWitt cemetery.

# New DeWitt fire chief continuing family legacy

By MICHELLE K. RABIDOUX  
Staff Writer

You might say fire fighting lives in Robin Ballard's blood. He has spent almost half his life on the city of DeWitt's fire department. And, for the last five years, he has been assistant chief.

His father and two brothers serve with him on the DeWitt City Fire and Rescue.

So, when Ballard was sworn in as DeWitt City Fire Chief Aug. 3, he was carrying on a family tradition.

He takes the torch from a member of another family fire-fighting dynasty, Brent Newman. Newman held the position of fire chief from 1989 to June 30, 1994. He has been acting fire chief since July 1 after resigning the position earlier this year.

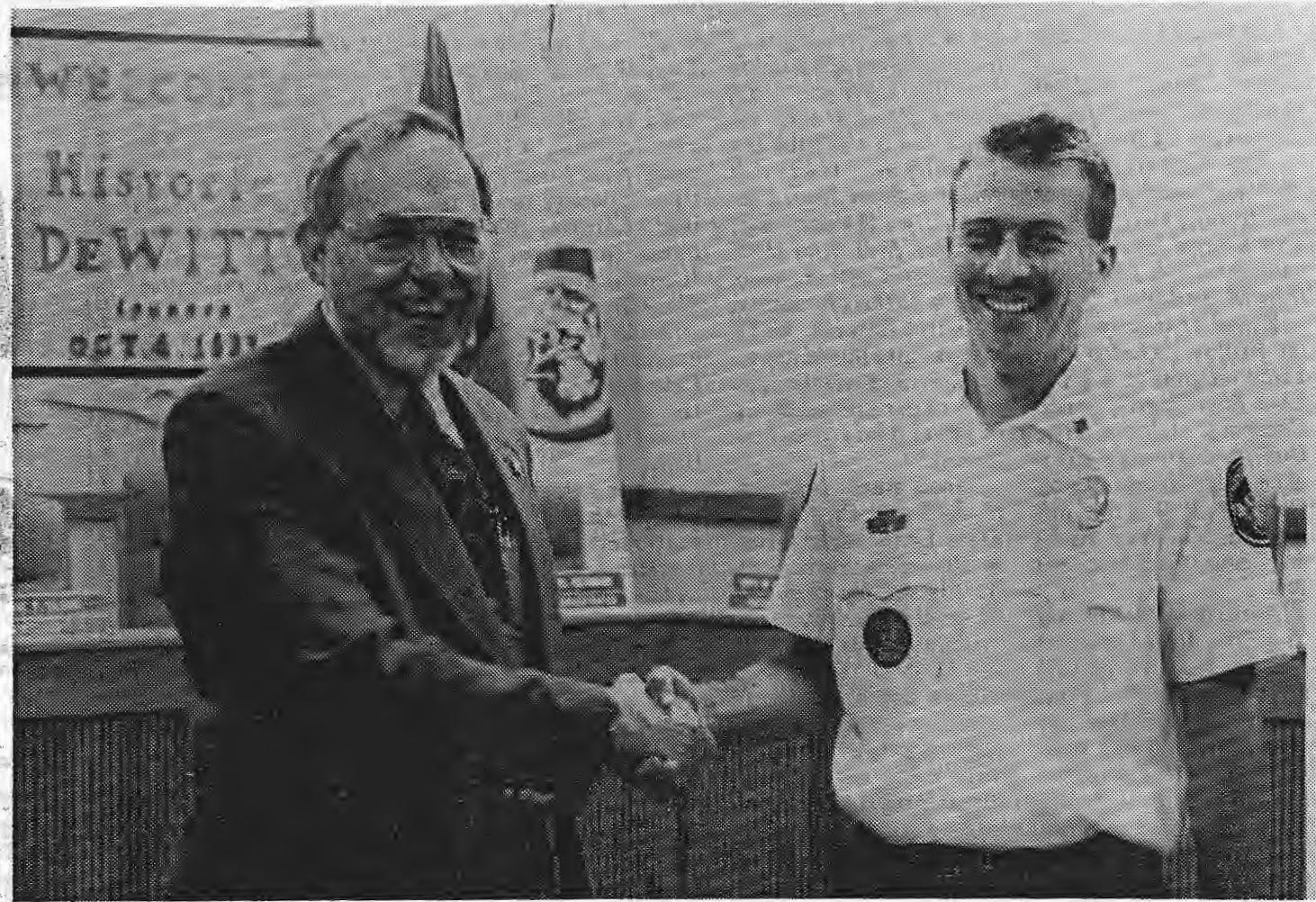
Brent's father, Arthur Newman, had also served as the city's fire chief. The fire station on Main Street bears Arthur's name.

To complete the family connection, Brent Newman is Ballard's father in law.

Ballard looks forward to his new position. "It's going to be a challenge," says Ballard of the job. "I've always wanted to do this and the opportunity came up and I decided to give it a shot. Brent has a good rapport with the department and the city. I'm going to keep the department the way it's been."

"It's a good department and everyone works well together. I have two good assistant chiefs too."

Ballard's wife Tami and children



**City of DeWitt has new fire chief** — Mayor Gerald Nester congratulates Robin Ballard (l. to r.), new chief of DeWitt City Fire and Rescue. Ballard, a 15-year veteran with the department, was sworn in as fire chief Aug. 3. Photograph by Michelle K. Rabidoux.

Tianna and Cody were with him at the swearing-in ceremony.

The DeWitt City Council approved Ballard's appointment at the Aug. 1 council meeting.

**The DeWitt City Fire Association**

held its annual election of officers July 12.

The DeWitt City Council also approved the following appointments Aug. 1: Brian Zeeb and Mike Botke, assistant fire chiefs; Bill Edwards,

captain; Gary Ball, Emergency Medical Services coordinator; Bryan Graham, engineer; Dave Haviland, assistant engineer; Bob Farnum, communications. Brent Newman will remain a member of the department.

BALLARD

Barks

**BARKS, LISLE T. "L.T."**

**DeWitt**

Age 97, died May 3, 1994 in St. Johns, Michigan. Born February 17, 1897 in Vandalia, Michigan. Mr.

Barks was a local General Contractor for 60 years and a lifelong Farmer. He was a World War I veteran serving in the U.S. Army as a Private. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsa Barks (October 23, 1980). Surviving are 1 daughter, Edna (Harold E.) Harrison of DeWitt; 1 son, Earl (Mary) Barks of St. Johns; 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 5, 1 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel with the Rev. LaVern Bretz, Pastor Emeritus of Valley Farms Baptist Church officiating. Special Masonic Services will be provided by the DeWitt Lodge #272 F. & A.M. Interment will follow at the DeWitt Cemetery with Military Graveside services provided by the Edwin J. Leyanna V.F.W. Post #671, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Wednesday, 6 p.m. where the family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m.

BARNHART

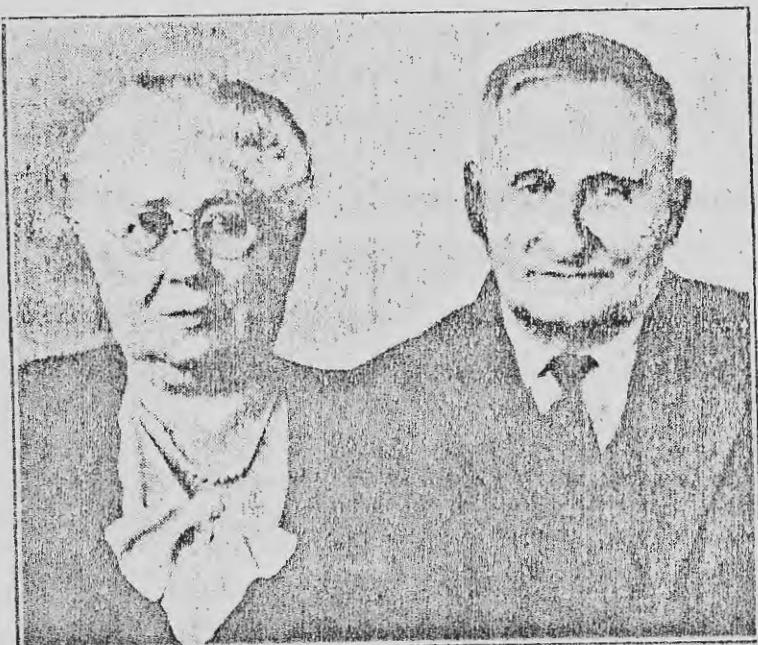
## MARY A. BARNHART

### YOUNG GIRL PASSED AWAY SUNDAY OF HEMORRHAGE.

Miss Mary A. Barnhart died at the home of her father, Phillip Barnhart, of southwest Bingham Sunday morning about seven o'clock after a short illness. She was sixteen years of age and had always been in poor health. She was born in Riley township and has always lived in this county. Her death was caused by hemorrhage. The funeral was held at the house Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, Rev. E. Good officiating. The house was filled with the many friends and relatives of the family. Interment was in St. Johns.

BARNHART

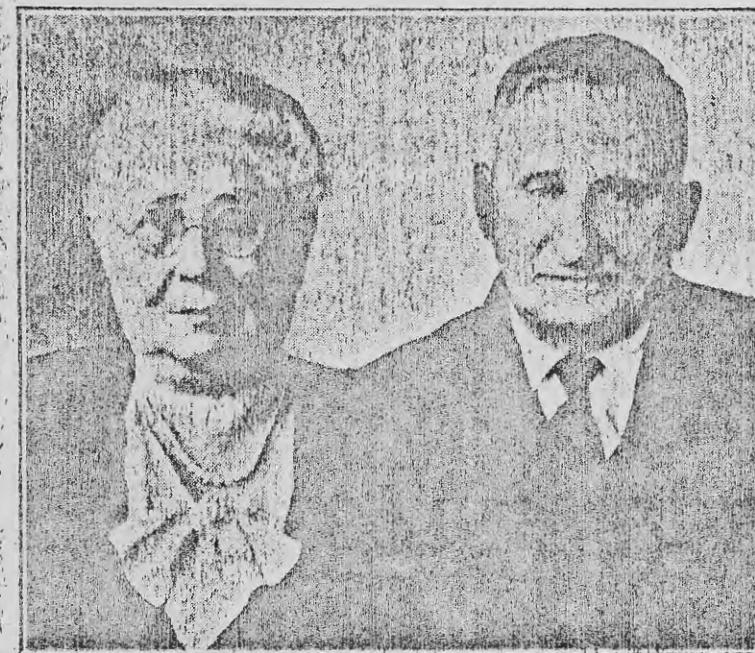
## Observe 54th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Barnhart entertained their children and grandchildren at a family dinner Sunday in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Orby Huggett, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilkie and family, Philip Barnhart, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Barnhart and family and Dr. and Mrs. Clare C. Huggett and two children of Lansing.

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## CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



MR. AND MRS. PHILIP BARNHART  
Bingham township couple who observed their golden wedding last week

## MARRIED FIFTY YEARS MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Barnhart  
Of Bingham, Celebrate  
Golden Wedding

The immediate relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Barnhart, highly esteemed Bingham township couple, gathered at their farm home near St. Johns Monday, May 25, to help celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. A bountiful dinner was served, including a large wedding cake. The afternoon was spent with games and visiting, after which ice cream and cake were enjoyed.

Philip Barnhart and Catherine Nusser were married in Bengal township on May 25, 1886. They have four children: Mrs. Clara Huggett, Mrs. Rose Wilkie, Philip, Jr., and Glenn Barnhart; also 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Mrs. Rose Messig, a sister of Mr. Barnhart, who was the bride's attendant at the wedding, was among those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart are both in good health and take an active part in the home and community life. They received many lovely gifts in honor of the occasion.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Rose Messig and son Louis Messig, of Detroit; Mrs. Rose Bray and Miss Hazel Bray, of Dewitt; Dr. and Mrs. Clare C. Huggett and son Douglas of Lansing.

BARNHART

## ST. JOHNS YOUNG WOMAN WEDS OLIVE TOWNSHIP MAN

### ISADORA STURGIS BECOMES BRIDE OF EDWARD BARNHART

Miss Isadora, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sturgis, of this city, and Edward Barnhart of Olive, were united in marriage by Rev. J. T. Lynch of St. Joseph's Catholic church, 6:00 o'clock Wednesday evening, April 14, at the parsonage. They were accompanied by John Eisler and Miss Nellie McCarty.

Following the ceremony, a three-course luncheon was served to a few intimate friends and relatives at the bride's home on south Lansing street. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart will make their home on a farm in Olive township, a short distance east of Merle Beach.

Miss Sturgis was formerly employed in Mrs. E. N. Stevens' millinery store. Both are well-known among the young people of St. Johns.

Barnhart

## STROKE FATAL TO BINGHAM RESIDENT

MRS. PHILIP BARNHART, 76,  
SUCCUMBS TO BRIEF  
ILLNESS MARCH 6

1941

Mrs. Philip Barnhart passed away suddenly at her home in East Bingham Thursday, March 6. She suffered a stroke of paralysis Wednesday evening and died at 1:00 o'clock the following morning at the age of 76 years. She had been a resident of Clinton county her entire life.

Catherine Eva Nuffer, daughter of Frederick and Anna M. Nuffer, was born Nov. 15, 1864, in Dallas township. On May 25, 1886, she was



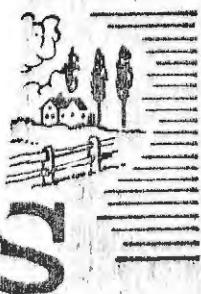
MRS. PHILIP BARNHART

united in marriage to Philip Barnhart of Bingham township, and they would have observed their 55th anniversary next May.

To this union were born six children, two of whom are deceased, Mary, who died at the age of 16, and Frankie, who passed away in infancy. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Clara Huggett and Mrs. Rose Wilkie and two sons, Philip, Jr., and Glenn.

Besides the husband and children she leaves 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Behrens of Lansing and Mrs. Rose Bray of Dewitt, and many other relatives. She was a kind and loving wife and mother and will be greatly missed by the family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Osgood Funeral Home Saturday, March 8, Rev. Earl F. Collins officiating, with interment at Mt. Rest.



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upper block of Clinton truck who will sail the nation. About 300 plates will be tossed out. The Monday, Dec. 14, in the will be redeemed up to

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**GER PIPE  
ERGROUND  
GS SAVING**

The city of St. Johns found its longer water mains underground than show on maps, with a saving for taxpayers.

Work has been started on Cass street water main installation and is expected to be completed this week, manager Kenneth Anson reported. It was disclosed that in the block between Emmons and Prospect the existing four-inch ran much farther than indicated on drawings.

Only a little water main to be laid in that block.

# Father of 2 Killed as Car Hits Truck

Batdorf

**Clinton Records 11th Traffic Fatality  
When Charles C. Batdorf, 35, of  
DeWitt Is Injured in US-27 Crash**

Charles C. Batdorf of R-2, DeWitt, 35-year-old father of two children, became Clinton county's 11th traffic fatality Tuesday morning on snow-slicked US-27 a half mile north of the Boichot road intersection.

Batdorf died almost instantly after his car skidded into the path of a northbound truck and semi-trailer driven by Everett Calvin, 37, of Livonia.

Batdorf, who resides at 933 Webb road, was driving south on US-27 into Lansing where he works as an employee of the gas division of Consumers Power Co. The accident took place about 7:25 a.m. while a light snow was falling.

**ACCORDING TO** state police the Batdorf car was headed south on the four-lane highway when the driver lost control and the car skidded broadside into the northbound lane.

Calvin said he had no opportunity to avoid crashing into the skidding Batdorf car.

Batdorf was thrown 30 feet into a ditch from the demolished automobile. The truck jackknifed into the ditch but did not strike Batdorf.

**CORONER ROBERT** Sirrine who investigated said an autopsy revealed that death was due to a fractured back and internal injuries.

The body is at Vincent Funeral home, DeWitt.

Funeral services will be held from the funeral home at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) with Rev. Averill Carson, pastor of DeWitt Community church, officiating. Burial will be in DeWitt cemetery.

**MR BATDORF** was born Jan. 13, 1924, in Racine, Wis., the son of William and Ivy Batdorf. He has resided in and around Lansing and DeWitt all of his life. He attended Lansing school. He was in the Navy from 1942 to 1945 during World War II.

He married Joyce Benson in



**CHARLES C. BATDORF**

injured in the US-16 crash.

Quillan had undergone surgery for extensive injuries. A companion, Charles A. Rea, 51, of Grand Rapids, is also on the critical list.

## Extra Mail Runs Added

**Post Office Plans**

**Late Hours Dec. 12-19**

St. Johns post office jumped into the holiday season with

water main to be laid in that block, special assessment will be adjusted when property owners are billed for the main.

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er December 12.

Angell and Son, well-known DeWitt township Holsteiner breeders, will sell a part of their high-producing at the Wolverine Livestock Sales Pavilion at Wixom on Saturday, Dec. 12. Angells are reducing herd because of ill health, an announcement says. Advertisement appears on of Section 4.

navy from 1942 to 1945 during World War II.

He married Joyce Benson in East Lansing, Nov. 27, 1942. He had been employed at Consumers Power Co. as a gas service man in the customer service department since December of 1945.

St. Johns post office jumped into the holiday season with its own list of specials.

Postmaster J. D. Robinson said the post office will remain open on Saturday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 19, until 5 p.m. to serve patrons.

**SURVIVORS INCLUDE** his wife, Joyce; a son, Charles, 12, and a daughter, Jacqueline, 9; his mother, Mrs. Ivy Batdorf; a sister, Mrs. Shirley Vida of Rochester, Minn.

A two-car crash Nov. 24 on US-16 near Francis road, claimed its second victim when C. A. Quillan, 61, of Grand Rapids, died last Thursday of injuries received in the accident.

Mrs. Mary Jane Champney, 64, of Ann Arbor was fatally

**EXTRA MAIL** runs will be put on Sunday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 20. These runs will be the same that are run daily now. The star routes serve 10 area communities, connecting with St. Johns.

In addition, Robinson said an extra trip will be made to Lansing every week-day evening from Dec. 14 to Dec. 23 inclusive. This trip will leave St. Johns at 8 p.m.

St. Johns patrons have been very cooperative the last few years in sorting their mail in "local" and "out of town" bundles. This saves several hours of work each year and enables the post office to give better service.

**HANDS FOR** mail can be obtained at the post office. Robinson issued the age-old plea of post office workers: address all mail legibly. He reminded residents that better service can be given on mail on which the first class rate of four cents is used.

He also urged mailers to register all valuable letters and parcels. Certified mail may be used for letters of no value on which the sender requires a receipt.

**MAILERS** are again cautioned that Christmas cards to Canada and Mexico require four cents postage whether they are sealed or not.

Postal money orders may be obtained for patrons who like to give gifts of money.

Questions on Christmas mailing can be answered by calling 85.

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still a human being, subject to the usual human frailties, including sometimes an unintended expression of emotion.

"Thus, so long as we continue to have men on our benches, and not computing machines, we must overlook occasional remarks such as the ones expressed here, else the wheels of justice would grind to a permanent halt."

**JUSTICE VOELKER** said remarks by Judge Cash "may have been somewhat irregular but did not constitute prejudicial error."

On the contention that Judge Cash's instructions to the jury were prejudicial, the supreme court found they were "fair and adequate to the cause as to both counts."

Attorneys representing Patrick in the damage suit were Alfred J. Fortino of St. Louis and Leo W. Corkin of St. Johns. Defending Hunt's and Carrier-Stephens in the trial were Barnard Pierce, Lansing lawyer, and the late Charles Austin of St. Johns.

Methodist Church bazaar, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3. Luncheon served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Adv. 32-1

Lowe WSCS bake sale, Saturday, Dec. 5, Boron's Store. — Adv.

## ★ ★ ★ MRS. BALLANTINE RE-APPOINTED TO LIBRARY BOARD

Mrs. Beulah Ballantine of 501 S. Mead street was appointed to her third five-year term as a member of the St. Johns Library board.

The appointment was made Tuesday by St. Johns city commission.

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# DeWitt Township Man

## Car Skids Into Path Of Truck

**C. C. Batdorf, Consumers  
Power Employee, Dies  
On US-27**

A 35-year-old DeWitt township man was killed instantly Tuesday when his car skidded on snow-covered highway US-27 and crashed broadside into a truck near Boichot rd.

State police said Charles C. Batdorf of 983 Webb rd. was the victim.

An employee of Consumers Power company, Lansing, he was driving to work at 7:25 a. m. when the accident occurred.

### FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY

The Batdorf car was headed south on the four-lane highway in Clinton county, according to state police, when the driver lost control and the car skidded broadside into the northbound lane.

Everett F. Calvin, 37, of Livonia, driver of a truck and semi-trailer, said he had no opportunity to avoid crashing into the skidding Batdorf car.

Calvin, a driver for the Winterseal corporation, was not charged in the accident, but was issued a summons for driving with an expired chauffeur's license.

Batdorf was thrown 30 feet into a ditch from the demolished automobile. The truck jackknifed into the ditch but did not strike Batdorf.

Calvin was treated at Edward W. Sparrow hospital for superficial neck and head strains and bruises.

### GAS SERVICE MAN

Batdorf's body was taken to the Vincent funeral home, DeWitt.

The victim was a gas service man in the customer service department at Consumers. He had been a Consumers employe since December of 1945.

Mr. Batdorf was born in Racine, Wis., but spent most of his life in the Lansing area. He attended Lansing schools. He was in the navy from 1942 to 1945 during World War II.

He is survived by the widow, Joyce; two children, his mother and a sister.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.



**DEATH CAR**—Charles C. Batdorf, 35, of 983 E. Webb rd., DeWitt, was killed instantly when he was thrown from the wreckage of his car (shown

above) after colliding with a truck and semi-trailer on highway US-27 near Boichot rd. Tuesday morning. State police said the collision came after

Batdorf lost control of his south-bound car on the snow-covered highway and skidded into the path of the north-bound truck. (Journal Photo)

Beach

Funeral Cards from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

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William A. Beach-                    March 16, 1858 - July 8, 1946

Vincent Funeral Home        Wed., July 10, 2:00 p.m.

Rev. C. Harry Moon            DeWitt Cemetery

Pallbearers: Richard Decker, Donald Decker, Clifton  
Wilcox, Robert Wilcox, William Walters, Bert Swarthout.

Beach

Obituaries from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

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WILLIAM A. BEACH- Funeral Services, July 9th

William A. Beach, 88, a resident of the DeWitt vicinity for many years died Monday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Doris Wilcox. Services will be held at the Vincent Funeral Home, Wednesday p.m. at 2:00. Rev. C. Harry Moon will officiate and burial will be in DeWitt Cemetery.

Surviving are one son, E. Ray Beech of Dubuque, Ia., four daughters, Mrs. Ruby Walters of Pontiac, Mrs. Ruth Swarthout of Laingsburg, Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Kathrine Decker of DeWitt; two sisters, Mrs. Nora Jones of St. Johns and Mrs. Carrie Eldridge of Ithaca, 33 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

MINNIE A. BEACH, 79, wife of William A. Beach, died at her home here Saturday evening after a long illness. Besides the husband she is survived by a son, E. Ray of Dubuque, Iowa, and four daughters, Mrs. Clifton Wilcox and Mrs. Katherine Decker, of DeWitt, Mrs. Swarthout of Laingsburg, and Mrs. Ruby Walter of Lake Orion; a half brother, E. M. Cooper of Fullerton, California, and 34 grandchildren. The body was removed to the Vincent funeral home here where services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock (E.W.T.) with burial in the DeWitt cemetery.

Beadel

Married in Lansing, Oct. 26th, 1888, Charles Cole of Riley and Jennie Vanfleet of Olive; also at the same time and place, Major Lewis of Bingham and Ida Beadel of Riley. The happy couples returned to the residence of Dey Vanfleet about five o'clock P. M., where they were met by about thirty five relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Cole and tables loaded with the choicest kinds of eatables in great abundance, to which all were invited to partake and did so in a manner highly complimentary to the entablee judging by the amount of empty plates soon to be found. Mr. and Mrs. Cole were the recipients of the following articles: Mr. and Mrs. Dey Vanfleet, set silver knives and forks; Eva Vanfleet, table cloth, fruit dish and pair towels; Mr. and Mrs. Knight Vanfleet, pair towels; Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitaker, pair cotton barrel sheets; Mr. and Mrs. Varnie Pearce, large parlor lamp; Brooch, Attie Pearce, glass butter dish; Josie Pearce, glass pickle dish; Varnie Pearce Jr., gold band dishes; Mrs. S. A. Pearce, gold band bread plate. The relatives of Mr. Cole did not understand there were to be presents brought or there would have been more but probably there will be more and will come just as acceptable. About 9 o'clock Capt. Myers marched up with his Co. of 40 volunteers (none had to be drafted but went freely) well armed with three guns and two milk pails and one cow bell. They played a few tunes and gave three rousing cheers for the blushing bride, then departed for their homes feeling much better I presume for their fun.

E. E. C. E.

LOCAL HISTORY  
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Beadle

## MARRIED FIFTY YEARS



MR. AND MRS. RANDALL BEADLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Beadle, of Clare, Mich., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the residence of their son, John R. Beadle, 4085 Lafayette boulevard, Friday. Both are in the best of health. Mr. Beadle is 78 years old and Mrs. Beadle 68. They have two sons and five daughters, all living: Mr. John R. Beadle, Detroit; Mr. A. R. Beadle, Buffalo; Mrs. E. A. Madden, St. Louis, Mich.; Mrs. Fred Delmarter, Mrs. W. A. Barker and Miss Bessie Beadle, of Detroit; and Mrs. Cash Stanford, of Clare.

# FORMER DEWITT RESIDENT DIES

Beadle

## Funeral Services Held For John R. Beadle At Community Church

**Dewitt**—John Randell Beadle, son of Randell and Emma Beadle, was born in 1880 in Clarkston, N. Y. When two years old, his parents came to Michigan, first residing in Riley and later in Dewitt where they resided several years. Jap. 1, 1900 he was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Taylor of Olive. To this union three children were born, two sons, Lloy Randell and John Rexford who passed away in early life.

Mr. Beadle left Buffalo for Lewiston Minn., Sunday. Receiving no response from his room at the hotel where he was staying Monday morning, an investigation proved he had passed away during the night from heart trouble, aged 54 years. His remains were brought to the Wood-Peck funeral home in Lansing. Later brought to Dewitt, the funeral being held at the Dewitt Community church Wednesday, Feb. 14, Rev. Thomas Toy officiating.

Besides his widow and daughter Maxine he is survived by one brother Alvin Beadle of Buffalo, N. Y., and five sisters, Mrs. Ernest Madden of Portland, Mrs. Edmond Harlow, Mrs. Arthur Barker, Mrs. Fred DeLamarter and Mrs. Cash Stanford, all of Detroit.

Those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Alger DeLamarter, Mr. and Mrs. Syrna Boissoneau and Doloris DeLamarter of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haight of Rochester, N. Y.; Jay Purvis, of St. Johns; Major Lewis and daughter Agnes of Clare; Howard Green, Fred Harlock and George Boutell, all of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison White of Battle Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klotz of Portland.

Mr. Beadle was a very kind and indulgent husband and father, being of a genial disposition and he won friends wherever he went. For a number of years he conducted a meat market here, leaving for Detroit in 1917 where he was in the livestock business for nine years, leaving Detroit for Buffalo where he had been in the same business until his death. The deepest sympathy of the many friends in this vicinity is extended the family.

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## STRUCK BY AN ENGINE

Tragic Death of E. H. Bedell, of Lansing.

FORMERLY A RESIDENT OF OLIVE,  
THIS COUNTY.And Was on His Way to His Farm in That  
Township When He Met His Death.

From Our Olive Correspondent.

DEWITT, Jan. 12.—The people and around DeWitt were great shocked yesterday morning, to hear that E. H. Bedell, of Lansing, formerly of Olive, had been killed by the cars.

The facts as your correspondent learned them are as follows: Tuesday morning a little before seven o'clock, Mr. Bedell started from home with Mr. Sindlinger's team and lumber wagon to come to Olive after a load of wood. In less than ten minutes after starting out the team came back to the barn with nothing but the harness. It is told by those that saw the accident that just as the horses got over the track a yard engine going at a high rate of speed struck the wagon, breaking it in the middle. Mr. Bedell and a piece of the wood rack was thrown on the cow catcher and carried ten rods before the engine could be stopped and the remains taken off.

Death must have been instantaneous. His right arm was torn and crushed, his head and face disfigured beyond recognition. His skull was broken across the top, scalp torn and one side of his face nearly torn away and one ear torn off. His head dragged on the ties. A lot of box cars were standing between the angling road and the railroad and the engine had no cars attached. It is quite probable he did not see it at all.

The flagman was just coming out but claims the engine was ahead of time. Without a doubt a suit will be commenced against the company.

The wagon was a total wreck, and one of the horses injured quite badly.

The following is a sketch of the unfortunate man's life:

Edward H. Bedell was born in Dicksborough, Washtenaw county, Mich., February 28, 1836. When quite young he came to DeWitt, Clinton county with his parents. In August he enlisted in the 23d Infantry and served as commissary sargent until the close of the war. December 24, 1868, he married Miss Ada Cook, of Olive, who with two children survive him. In 1878 he moved to Bay City. After residing there two years he came to Olive where he lived until a year ago, when he moved to Lansing, where he has been engaged in the operation of a feed barn. Besides his wife and children he leaves an aged mother, a brother in Washington state, a sister in Connecticut. He was a kind and independent father and will be greatly

missed. But we hope the stricken friends will remember, " 'Tis not all of life to live."

The afflicted family have the sympathy of all their friends in this great sorrow. The funeral will be held Thursday, at the Baptist church in DeWitt, Rev. Charles Legal, of Lansing, officiating. It was a member of the G. W. Anderson Post, No. 58, DeWitt.

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Edward H. Bedell who has been a constant resident of Olive township since the war until about two years ago when he moved to North Lansing was instantly killed Tuesday morning at the Turner street crossing in Lansing by a west bound Detroit, Grand Rapids and Western engine.

Mr. Bedell was driving a team of horses harnessed to a wagon upon which was fitted a woodrack. It is learned from the Lansing Republican that he was standing inside the rack and was driving north. The engine came from the east eye witnesses say at a high rate of speed. Between Mr. Bedell and the approaching engine was a train of freight cars standing on a side track which obscured the view of the main track. From the other side of the main track William W. Corwin, who lives on Turner street, north of the track, heard the engine coming and saw that a collision was inevitable unless he could stop Mr. Bedell. He ran out to warn him but it was too late. The engine struck the wagon just back of the horses. If Mr. Bedell had heard Mr. Corwin's warning it would have been too late to escape for he was penned up in the wood rack. At the instant of the collision the wagon tipped over and Mr. Bedell fell so that his head was thrust between the bars of the rack. In this position he was dragged along, his head scraping on the track for a long distance. It was thirty-three rods from the crossing to the point where the shattered remains of the wagon and the body of the dead man fell off one side of the track. The engine ran on a few rods further and stopped. The worst injury to the body was on the right side of the head where the skull is crushed off. Otherwise the only considerable injury is to the right arm which is broken.

Mr. Bedell was on his way to his farm in Olive township to get a load of wood when the accident happened.

Those who were in the neighborhood differ in their stories somewhat. Some say that the bell on the engine was not rung; while others say the whistle was given one or two blasts some distance down the track. There was no flagman at the crossing as the flagman at that crossing does not go on duty until seven o'clock.

Coroner Batts was summoned and panelled a jury. He measured the distance from the point where the accident happened to the point where the body was found. It was as given above. He also collected the evidence relative to the speed of the train and the other circumstances connected with the accident. The horses harnessed to the wagon were not much injured. The remains of the dead man were taken immediately to his home.

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The afflicted family have the deepest sympathy of their friends in their great sorrow. The funeral will be held at the Baptist church in DeWitt today. Rev. Legal officiating. In conversation with Mr. Porter K. Perrin, who was well acquainted with the dead man, he said to THE NEWS that Mr. Bedell was a man for whom he had great regard. He was of a genial happy disposition and was honest and upright to the letter. He had many friends in St. Johns.

Timothy Clark of St. Johns, was visiting a friend who resides close to the crossing where the accident occurred, and saw the whole affair. He was the first to reach the dead man's side. He told THE NEWS it was an awful sight, and one never to be forgotten.