

Costello

*Leilani Costello  
and  
Frank Mallard  
request the honour of your presence  
at their wedding  
on Saturday, October 4, 1975  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
DeWitt Community Church  
East Webb Dr.*

*Reception following at the  
DeWitt Memorial Building  
DeWitt, Michigan*

Couling

Lansing State Journal ■ Saturday, April 30, 1994

# Former Lansing man chosen officer of year

By GISGIE GENDREAU  
Lansing State Journal

Former Lansing resident Jim Couling has been chosen national corrections officer of the year by the International Order of Correctional Officers.

When the phone rang on April 8, Couling was surprised the call was for him. He and his wife, Mary, have six children—three of whom are teenagers and more likely to get Couling calls, he said.

When the person on the other end told Couling he had been chosen for the honor, he was stunned.

On Thursday, he flew to Washington, D.C., where he was to be awarded at the Law Enforcement Memorial.

"I've considered they could have found somebody more worthy, but not somebody more hon-



ored to have been picked," said Couling, 41, who works at the Kinross Correctional Facility in Kinceloe. The facility is in the Upper Peninsula's Chippewa County.

His supervisor at Kinross, Don Dunning, said he nominated Couling for the award because he is an excellent officer.

"He's fair," Dunning said. "He has a great sense of humor. He can balance that sense of humor with the strictness necessary in a corrections facility."

Warden Robert LeCureux said Couling "represents the finest example of what an officer should be."

Couling is a substance abuse counselor and helped start a Master Gardening program for prisoners at the medium-security prison.

He has an associate's degree in law enforcement from Lansing Community College and is a former police officer in Clinton, Eaton and Shiawassee counties.

A Lansing State Journal district manager for three years, Couling left the newspaper in 1987.

Couture

## WAS IT ACCIDENT, OR SUICIDE?

BOTTLE OF MORPHINE WAS DIS-  
COVERED NEAR THE BODY.

Body Was Found in a Field near the Kin-  
caid School House in Riley—Disap-  
peared December 15.

A sight as gruesome as that which met the gaze of the crime seekers in Edgar Allan Poe's story of "The Black Cat" greeted the eyes of some field hands in Riley township last Wednesday afternoon. While crossing a field near the Kincaid school house, they came suddenly upon a human body which was decomposed past all recognition and gave evidence of having lain dead for three months. The body was identified by a cap, razor, revolver, pencil and other articles, as that of Andrew Couture, a nineteen-year-old boy who disappeared from the neighborhood December 15. The body was about fifteen feet from the highway and was partly hidden by some low bushes.

The relatives of the lad are Peter West, an uncle and Mrs. Charles, his grandmother. His mother is dead and his father lives in the west. The lad was of roving disposition, a good natured, easy going fellow, who was in the habit of going away for several months at a time without warning, so his absence caused little concern among his relatives.

Sheriff Scbavey took charge of the body that afternoon and the next morning Coroner A. H. Burnes of Riley held an inquest. F. B. Hemingway, E. B. Kincaid, William Rosow, T. A. Spice and John Pingel were jurors. After an examination of the body they found that the young man came to his death from causes unknown.

A peculiar feature of the case was the discovery of a bottle containing morphine a few rods from where the body was found, which suggested the theory of suicide. It is thought, however, that he did not commit suicide, having had no motive for doing so, but it is possible that he took an overdose of morphine and feeling ill lay down or sat down and was overcome by the poison. The spot is an out-of-the-way place, but he might readily have taken that direction in crossing through the field from the highway to his uncle's house.

Thursday, September 10, 1964

Couzzins



MRS DOUGLAS ARTHUR

## Couzzins-Arthur vows are spoken in church

DeWITT—Following a honeymoon in northern Michigan, Mr and Mrs Douglas Arthur are residing at 405 W. Howe Avenue in Lansing.

Mrs Arthur is the former Miss Colleen Couzzins, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clinton J. Couzzins of DeWitt. The bridegroom's parents are Mr and Mrs James H. Arthur of DeWitt.

THE COUPLE exchanged their vows in a double ring ceremony before Rev Max Fisher in St. Therese Church in Lansing. White gladioli adorned the altar. Organ music was played by Mrs Hubert Hill.

The bride wore a floor length gown of tiered Chantilly lace over nylon netting fashioned with wrist length, lace sleeves. Her star-shaped headpiece was studded with sequins and pearls. She wore a sterling silver cross, a gift from the bridegroom, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations edged in blue atop a prayer book.

was her sister's maid of honor. Her floor length gown of blue chiffon was complemented with a tiara covered with blue net and she carried a bouquet of white carnations edged in blue.

James Fox served as best man. Michael Couzzins, brother of the bride, and Richard Arthur, brother of the bridegroom were ushers.

MRS COUZZINS wore a blue dress with a bolero jacket and black accessories. Mrs Arthur was attired in a Rudy suit with black accessories. Their corsages were of pink carnations.

A reception for 400 guests was held in the Memorial Building in DeWitt. Mr and Mrs John Danks of Pigeon, grandparents of the bride, and Mrs Nina Arthur of Laingsburg, grandmother of the bridegroom, were special guests.

Mrs Arthur graduated from DeWitt High School in 1963 and attended Lansing Business University. Her husband is a 1960 graduate of St. John's High School.

Couzzins



DEWITT—Mr. and Mrs. Clinton J. Couzzins of DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Elizabeth, to Loyal Douglas Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Arthur of DeWitt.

Covert

If there is a man in the state of Michigan who has had his cup of sorrow filled to overflowing it is W. H. Covert, of Bath. He came to this town 30 years ago and soon after began the manufacturing of cider and apple jelly. His wife conducted the jelly part of the factory and it is thought by some that she came to her death by inhaling the steam from the jelly pan. Soon after her death their oldest son ended his career by taking poison. Mr. Covert married his second wife about fifteen years ago and about three years ago she was thrown from a buggy and received injuries about the head that resulted in her being taken to the insane asylum. She had just returned home, somewhat improved, when the afflicted family was struck with another shock. Their little son, eleven years old was thrown from a buggy while coming from school and died from the effects the next morning. He was a bright, loveable child, and the schools at Bath village and Bath Center closed on the day of his burial. His casket and grave were beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens by the members of his Sunday school class. Mr. Covert and wife have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole vicinity in their sad bereavement.—Lansing Republican

Cowdry

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*The Children of  
Mr. and Mrs. Burton Cowdry  
request the pleasure of your company  
at an Open House to celebration of the*

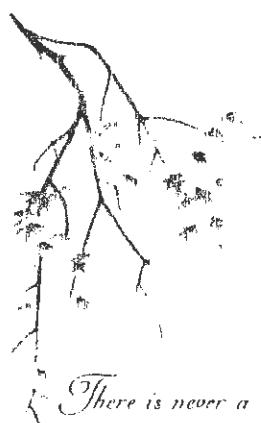
*Twenty-Fifth Anniversary  
of their marriage*

*Sunday, the twenty-fourth of September  
nineteen hundred and sixty-seven  
two to five o'clock*

*at their home  
6304 Clark Road  
Bath, Michigan*

LOCAL HISTORY  
COLLECTION  
FOX FILE

Cowdry



*There is never a life without sadness,*

*There is never a heart free from pain:*

*If one seeks in this world for true solace,*

*He seeks it forever in vain.*

*So when to your heart comes the sorrow*

*Of losing some dear one you've known*

*Tis the touch of God's sickle at harvest*

*Since He reaps in the fields*

*He has sown.*

*In Memory Of*

**BURTON H. COWDRY**

*Date Of Birth*

September 22, 1919  
Clinton Co., Michigan

*Date Of Death*

February 21, 1981  
Lansing, Michigan

*Services*

DeWitt Area Chapel  
Tuesday, February 24, 1981 — 1:30 P.M.

*Officiating*

Rev. Thomas VanDyke

*Interment*

Rose Cemetery  
Bath, Michigan

*Casket Bearers*

Fire Department: American Legion:

Eugene Rounds  
Clark Losey  
Samuel Sweet

James Bell  
Donald Richey  
Albert Koglin

Cowdry

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Cowdry  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Tamara Kaye

to

Mr. Stephen Albrecht

Saturday, the seventh of August  
nineteen hundred and seventy-six

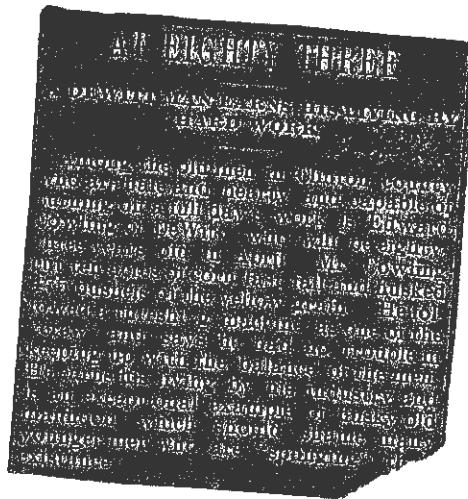
at seven o'clock

6427 Clark Road

Bath, Michigan

LOCAL HISTORY  
COLLECTION  
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Cowling



CRANDALL

Died at her home in Riley, October 16.  
Mrs. Clara Crandall, aged 62 years. This  
lady was born in Rollin, Lenawee  
county, in 1835, and died after a long  
and serious illness of heart disease and  
inflammation of the stomach. She leaves  
an aged father, five sisters, two brothers,  
and a grand daughter, besides a goodly  
number of friends to mourn her loss.  
The funeral was held at her late home  
October 19, and the remains interred in  
the St. Johns cemetery. Rev. Martin  
afficiating.

CRAUN

## PRETTY DOUBLE WEDDING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

1907

A. CRAUN AND KATIE IREER AND  
L. IREER AND EMMA HAMMOND.

A pretty wedding took place Thursday, November 30, at 12 o'clock, in the home of Mrs. Rose Graham, 102 Dibble street, this city, when Miss Katie Ireer of Bengal and Mr. Alfred Craun of Riley, and Miss Emma Hammond of Olive and Mr. Louis Ireer of Bengal were united in marriage by the Rev. J. H. Wilcox of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the presence of a few relatives. The brides were prettily gowned in brown mossaline silk, and carried bride's roses. After the ceremony a five-course dinner was served to about sixteen. After spending a pleasant afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Craun left amid showers of rice for their future home, where the groom has the house all furnished for his bride, and will begin housekeeping at once.

Mr and Mrs. Ireer left in the evening, amid showers of rice, to spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hammond of Olive, after which they will commence housekeeping on a farm in Riley.

Both couples are highly esteemed young people of Bengal and Riley, and their friends join in wishing them a life of happiness and prosperity.

The guests from out of town were John Stiffler of near Fowler, Mrs. Arthur Chant of near Merle Beach, Miss Bessie Benton and Mr. Robert Ireer of Bengal, and Mrs. Irene English and daughter Arleeta of Breckinridge, Mich.

# Craun

## OBITUARY.

The funeral services of Silas Craun were held at the home in Riley township on Tuesday, December 31, 1907. Rev. C. S. Tubbs of Wacousta, conducting the services.

Mr. Craun was born in July, 1848, in Ohio. He came to Michigan when he was 12 years old and had since that time been a resident of this state. His home for the last 30 years has been on the farm in Riley, where he died. His wife and four children survive him. Edwin, the oldest son, is now living in St. Johns; Howard lives in Lansing and Alfred is at home. The daughter, now Mrs. Bessie Brooks, lives at Riley. Besides his own immediate family he left three brothers and four sisters. His father died three years ago at the remarkable age of 93.

Mr. Craun was a man of quiet life, loving his home and the work of the farm. He was known throughout the community as a man whose word could be depended on. He will be missed not only by those in his own home, but those, his neighbors, will miss his quiet helpful life and his readiness to help in anyway when the need came. The burial was at Wacousta cemetery.

Cressman

# Family reunion is big event

Forty-seven descendants and guests of the Isaac F. Cressman family met for their annual reunion on Aug. 14 at DeWitt Riverside Memorial Park. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. After dinner, music was provided by Irene Davis on her electric organ and Fordney Cushman with his violin. Family memorabilia, including pictures, charts, and history books were on display.

The meeting was called by the president Almond Cressman. The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Sherrie Sanders. Roll call by families found Isaac C. Cressman branch was not represented; Frank Cressman branch had 12 present; John Cressman branch 8 present; Ed-

mund Cressman branch, 14 present; Malissa Cressman Davis branch, two present; Ralph Cressman branch, three present; Clyde Cressman branch, two present.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cressman and grandson Derek from Pottstown, Penn.; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Showers from Coopersburg, Penn., were introduced, and called upon for remarks. They invited us to the Cressman Association Reunion to be held in Pennsylvania on Oct. 8. They are expecting cousins from Germany, all parts of the USA, and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Showers won the prize for coming the farthest. Ernest Cressman was the oldest Cressman present. Jeremy Myers was the

youngest present. The Edmund Cressman branch had the most present (Almond Cressman family). Gag prizes were awarded. Each person present was asked to tell a favorite "family tradition." Some told of unique family happenings, some of good family foods, historic events, unusual punishments.

The group decided to keep the same officers, and meet next year on the first Sunday in August if possible.

Isaac F. Cressman came to Michigan from Pennsylvania in 1863. He purchased 360 acres of land in Bingham Township and raised his family of 10 children. The Cressman reunions have been an annual event since 1910, with only a few exceptions.

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CRESSMAN

A SUDDEN DEATH.

**Isaac F. Cressman Passed Away Monday Morning.**

Isaac F. Cressman, one of the old residents of Bingham Township, died at his home Monday morning from the effects of Bright's disease after a brief illness. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church this afternoon conducted by Rev. D. D. Martin. The remains were laid to rest in the South Bingham cemetery.

He was born March 23, 1839, and was brought up on the farm and when fourteen years old entered the boarding school at Easton, Pa. After graduating there he attended three years at the Allentown seminary. He there prepared to enter the sophomore class in the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg but owing to the breaking out of the war his plans were changed. He offered his services in the union army in 1861, but was rejected on account of poor health. In the fall of 1861 he came west and located at Pontiac, Mich., and taught at Auburn for two years. In 1863 he came to St. Johns where he purchased land in Bengal township which he sold two years later and with the proceeds purchased the farm where he resided. He taught school also some eight years. Not a stick of timber had been cut on the present farm when he bought it and he has cleared and improved it and put it in fine condition.

Cressman

## UNITE IN MARRIAGE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

DOROTHY BECK AND ALMOND  
CRESSMAN PRINCIPALS  
IN CEREMONY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beck of Greenbush, was the scene of a lovely wedding Christmas Day when their daughter Dorothy, became the bride of Almond Cressman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cressman of Olive. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Beck.

The ceremony was performed at 7 o'clock by Rev. Earl F. Collins in the presence of the immediate families and was followed by a three-course dinner. Decorations and appointments were in keeping with the Christmas season.

The bride graduated from the local high school with the class of 1931, the following year from the County Normal and at the present time is teaching in Greenbush township. The groom was of the class of 1930 and since that time has worked with his father on their farm in Olive. They left Tuesday for Niagara Falls, and upon their return will be at home to their many friends at the home of Mr. Cressman's parents.

April 18—To Mr. and Mrs. Almond Cressman of R-4 St. Johns a son, Richard Almond, at Clinton Memorial hospital. 1996

Cressman



Pvt. Willis R. Cressman is serving somewhere overseas with an Armored Infantry division. He left for overseas duty in November and was stationed in North Africa. Pvt. Cressman was formerly of Dewitt, where his wife now resides.

Cressman

## Vows Spoken In Local Church

*June 1941*  
Alice Cressman and  
Lieut. R. G. Atkinson  
United Saturday

The marriage of Miss Alice Irene Cressman, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Cressman, to Lieutenant Ralph G. Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Atkinson, took place Saturday evening in the Congregational church. The ceremony was read at 8 o'clock by Rev. Earl F. Collins before a setting of palms, ferns and white peonies. Approximately 300 guests witnessed the candle-light service.

The bride, who was escorted by her uncle, Clyde F. Bullard, wore a gown fashioned with a lace bodice, a sweetheart neckline, and a bouffant marquisette skirt. Her veil was fingertip length and she carried a bouquet of white roses and gardenias. Her only jewelry was a pearl necklace, a gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Helen Cressman, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. She wore a frock of aqua silk marquisette and carried a bouquet of pink roses and gardenias.

Joseph August of Cleveland, Ohio, was groomsman, and ushers were Frank Pavlis of Detroit, Andrew Chute, Jack Peterson and Edward Berger of Cleveland.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the parlors of the church.

Mrs. Cressman wore a navy blue gown and a corsage of gardenias for her daughter's wedding, and the bridegroom's mother was also attired in blue with a similar corsage.

For traveling the bride chose a navy blue dress with a long, fitted coat with white trim and navy accessories. She wore a corsage of white roses. After June 20 they will reside in Columbus, Ga.

Mrs. Atkinson attended Acme Business College and was graduated from Michigan State College. Mr. Atkinson received his B. S. and M. S. degrees from the University of Michigan. He is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, and Iota Alpha and Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary fraternities.

Out-of-town guests were from Ann Arbor, Jackson, Lansing, Detroit, Cleveland, O., and Buffalo N. Y.

Culp

## John Culp, 82, of Riley, Dies Feb. 7 At Hospital Here

John Culp, 82, Riley township farmer, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1933, at Clinton Memorial hospital of heart trouble. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Friday at the Dewitt church.

Mr. Culp never married and lived alone on his farm in Riley. He leaves a brother, George Culp, who resides on the old Swain farm just south of St. Johns.

## Cuolahan-Lankton Wedding Nuptials

One of the prettiest home weddings of the early autumn took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lankton on Madison street, Wednesday, August 31, at 10:30 a.m., when their only daughter, Hazel S., became the bride of Dr. Paul B. Cuolahan of Findlay, Ill.

In accordance with the season, tall baskets filled with pink asters, with a generous touch of green, formed a color scheme of pink and green, which predominated throughout the rooms.



DR. PAUL B. CUOLAHAN.

Preceding the wedding ceremony Miss Mildred Mattoon of Hastings sang "At Dawning" and Mrs. Glen Shipley of Harbor Beach, cousin of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly." To the wedding march played by Mrs. Shipley the bridal party took their places before a bank of flowers. The groom was attended by Ernest Vennum of Findlay, and Miss Frances Fishburn of St. Johns acted as maid of honor. Rev. John C. Willits of the Central M. E. church, of Lansing, read the ring service. Little Beatrice Lankton, cousin of the bride, acted as ring bearer.



MRS. PAUL B. CUOLAHAN.

The bride wore a gown of pink crepe meteor, trimmed with white lace and carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and snapdragons. Her maid of honor was gowned in a green and white pehlette and carried a shower bouquet of Russell roses and snapdragons.

Immediately following the ceremony a three-course wedding breakfast was served in the banquet hall of the First Baptist church, where covers were laid for 50 guests. The color scheme of pink and green was carried out by baskets filled with asters, which centered the tables. The wedding breakfast was under the supervision of Mrs. Remus of Lansing. The guests were served by four young lady friends of the bride—The Misses Lois Webb of Lansing, Bertha Staub of Olive, Flossie Eldridge and Margie Pennell of Dewitt.

Dr. and Mrs. Cuolahan are graduates of the Dewitt and Lansing schools. Mr. Cuolahan attended the Northwestern University of Chicago, graduating in 1918. During the late war he was in active service overseas, spending over a year in France. Mrs. Cuolahan is a graduate of the State Normal at Ypsilanti and for the past year has been supervisor of art in the Monroe city schools. They were the recipients of many valuable and useful gifts.

The friends from out of town who were in attendance at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Orin Lankton and two children, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George Hatchell, and Miss Lucy Lorenz, all of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Lorenz of Lalngsburg. Congratulations from Mr. Cuolahan's relatives and friends from Findlay, Ill., Darlington, Milwaukee and Merrill, Wis., were received.

Dr. and Mrs. Cuolahan left in the afternoon for the east, where they will spend two weeks. They will visit in Bridgeton, N. J., where they will be the guests of Mr. Russell Henderson, a close friend of Dr. Cuolhan, whose acquaintance was formed while they were overseas. Dr. and Mrs. Cuolahan are planning to locate in Lansing where he will open an office for the practice of dentistry.

—ABBIE E. DILLS.

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fiction visited his home, when the stern hand of death laid its icy fingers upon his young wife and tore away the moorings of his dream of love, like a dark incubus burdeying the heart.

February 15, 1899, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Eckert, sister of his first wife. To them was born a son, George, who with the widow survives him. He is also survived by three brothers and an only sister, namely: Joseph L. of Delta; Edward, of Riley; William, of Swartz Creek, Genesee county, and Mrs. David A. Bennett of Riley.

He died on Tuesday, November 21, of neuralgia of the heart, while engaged at hauling gravel on the highway near his home on the Lottie Maier farm in Delta township. He complained of not feeling well and decided to go home; and upon unloading his wagon he immediately expired, although medical assistance came only to say that life had ebbed away.

Undertaker Haladay of Grand Ledge was called and removed him to his home where funeral services were held on Thursday, November 23; Rev. G. H. Ashworth of Lansing, officiating. Interment was made in the Wacousta cemetery, under the ceremonies of the Wacousta Masonic fraternity.

In his death a gloom has settled down on the community where he has lived during the past four

years, and also in Riley township where he spent most of his useful life. A feeling of sympathy is universally felt for the afflicted widow and son.

*Cupit*

## OBITUARY

John C. Cupit was born at Utica, Macomb county, Mich., August 2, 1861. At the age of 4 years he came with his parents to Clinton county, where they settled on a farm in the township of Riley. There young John grew to manhood 'mid the trials and difficulties of pioneer life, and as he matured in years he did his part in helping to improve the farm home and bring about better living conditions.

He therefore well knew what it means to brave the storms of adversity as they beat wildly against the shores of the sea of life, casting many an anxious care upon the heart of those sturdy men and women of those early days in the long ago.

These experiences all served to blend in the warp and woof of life the firm integrity and honesty of purpose which characterized all his acts through every passing year of his dealings with his fellow men, establishing for him a record of good will and respect among all who knew him. He was scrupulously honest and trustworthy.

April 4, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Eckert of Riley township. To this union a little daughter, Edith, was born, who lived just long enough to bring a subburst of joy into the family home; dying at the age of only 18 months.

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Cusack



DeWITT—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cusack of rural DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Arlene, to James Twitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Twitchell, Waconia. An Aug. 1 wedding date has been set.