

Devereaux

At the home of Mrs. LeRoy in St. Johns, December 9, Miss Patience Huntoon and Fred Devereaux were united in marriage. They left for Fenton where they spent a week with his brother. Mr. and Mrs. Devereaux are highly esteemed young people of this vicinity and their many friends wish them much happiness.

DEVEREAUX-RIDENOUR

Miss Maud A. Devereaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Devereaux of Olive township, was married to William G. Ridenour of Riley township Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. J. H. Wilcox. The young couple were attended by Miss Gertrude Devereaux of DeWitt, a sister of the bride, and William Tood, also of DeWitt, a friend of the groom. Mrs. Ridenour has many friends in St. Johns. She attended the St. Johns high for one year and graduated from the DeWitt high school with the class of '11. She also graduated from the county normal in 1912. She is now teaching her second year in District No. 4, Olive. The young couple will reside with Mr. Ridenour's parents in Riley.

Devereaux Family Holds Reunion In Lansing Saturday

(By Abbie E. Dills)

Dewitt—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Devereaux of Dewitt and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Devereaux and children of Olive attended the Devereaux reunion held at Potter park Saturday, August 2 with an attendance of 60 relatives. At the business session Mrs. Emma Eaton Devereaux of Dewitt was elected president for 1925. Clark Devereaux of Fenton, vice president; secretary, Mrs. Hattie Merrihew Carpenter of St. Johns and treasurer, Julian Devereaux of Walled Lake. It was decided to hold the next reunion in 1925 at Fenton the first Saturday in August.

After a picnic dinner a very interesting program was given. One of the relatives from Grand Rapids gave reading and sang a solo, which were all his own composition. At this reunion were two aged aunts, Mrs. Lora Watson, 88 years old of St. Johns and Mrs. Phoebe Osbourne, 86 years of age of Lansing. The youngest member present was little Arnold Devereaux, 1 1-2 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Devereaux of Olive.

Relatives were present from Detroit, Grand Rapids, Flint, Bay City, Battle Creek, Howell, Lansing, Middleton, Mt. Pleasant, St. Johns, Elsie, Riley, Olive and Dewitt.

D. H. Chapman

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WELL KNOWN MAN CLAIMED BY DEATH

ADELBERT DEVEREAUX, 78, OF
DEWITT, DIES AUG. 20;

1938 FUNERAL MONDAY

Adelbert Devereaux was born in West Bloomfield, Oakland county, Michigan, Oct. 22, 1859, and died at his home in Dewitt village Saturday morning, Aug. 20, aged 78 years, after a long illness. The greater part of his life was spent in Clinton county, and he had lived 19 years in Dewitt village.

On Feb. 3, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Maude Eaton of Olive township. To this union three children were born, Lynne Devereaux of St. Johns, Mrs. Maude Ridenour, deceased, and Mrs. Gertrude Richardson of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Devereaux celebrated their golden wedding Feb. 3, 1937.

Besides his widow and two children, he is survived by four brothers, Albert of Fenton, Orson of Ovid, Fred of Dewitt and Edwin of Mt. Pleasant; also seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Dewitt Community church on Monday at 2:30 p. m., with Rev. Ralph Bates of Dewitt M. E. church officiating. Pallbearers were grandsons and nephews of the deceased. Burial was made in Dewitt cemetery.

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MRS. EMMA M. DEVEREAUX

Mrs. Emma M. Devereaux, 77, passed away at her home in Dewitt Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Devereaux was born in Clinton county on June 29, 1868, and lived her entire life in the vicinity of St. Johns and Dewitt.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Richardson of Dewitt; a son, Lynn Devereaux of St. Johns; two sisters, Miss Ella M. Eaton of St. Johns, and Mrs. Varney D. Pearce of Dewitt; a brother, Burr M. Eaton, of St. Johns; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Vincent funeral home in Dewitt at 2:00 p. m. Friday, with Rev. Earl Carpenter officiating. Interment will be at Dewitt cemetery.

FORMER CLINTON TEACHER DIES

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MRS. MAUD RIDENOUR, 34,
FOUND UNCONSCIOUS
AT SCHOOL FEB. 20

Autopsy to Determine Cause
of Death; Funeral Rites
Will Be Held Friday

Mrs. Maud Devereaux Ridenour, aged 34, a native of Olive township and a graduate of the Clinton County Normal who taught several years in the rural schools of the county, died at St. Lawrence hospital, Lansing, Tuesday, February 25, 1930. On the preceding Thursday afternoon at the country school in Ingham township where she was engaged as the teacher, she was found in an unconscious condition brought on, it is believed, either through some sudden illness or poison in some form. She was removed to the hospital where it is reported pneumonia developed and caused her death. Lansing papers stated Wednesday that an autopsy would be performed in the effort to determine the exact cause of death. Her late husband, William Ridenour, former Clinton county young man, died January 3, 1930.

Maud Devereaux was born in Olive 34 years ago, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Devereaux. She received her schooling in Dewitt and St. Johns. She was a teacher before her marriage to William Ridenour in 1913 and continued in her profession after her marriage. She is survived by her parents, one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Todd of Battle Creek, and one brother, Lynn Devereaux of St. Johns. The funeral, which will be private, will be held from her home in Lansing Friday at 2 p. m. with burial at Dewitt. Her parents' home is in Dewitt but since the death of Mr. Ridenour they have been living with their daughter in Lansing.

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Elizabeth
Devereaux



Beulah
McGovney

Open House

For retiring DeWitt teachers

*Elizabeth Devereaux
and
Beulah McGovney*

*June 3rd from 4 to 6 P.M.
in the Fuerstenau gym.*

+ The Community Is Invited +

PIERCE, ALMA L.**Williamston****Formerly of DeWitt**

Age 81, died January 20, 1989. Born September 15, 1907 in Clinton County, Mrs. Pierce was active in the DeWitt Community Church and Bath Baptist Church Sunny Seniors. Surviving are her husband, Leonard; 1 son, Roger Taylor; 1 stepson, Michael Jon Pierce of Lansing; 3 grandchildren, Craig Taylor of Los Alamos, NM, Mechelle Taylor of Bloomfield, NM and Garrett Taylor of Los Cruces, NM; 1 brother, Arlo Devereaux of Laingsburg; and 1 sister, Frances Cole of St. Johns. Funeral services will be held Sunday, 3 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman DeWitt Chapel with The Rev. Murl Eastman officiating. Interment will be in DeWitt Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Chapel Sunday, 1-3 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the Bath Sunny Seniors.

DeWitt

Horace DeWitt, aged fifty-six years, died Monday at the county poor farm after having been there but two days. His death is said to have been caused by la grippe but is thought to have been hastened by remorse at having been taken to that place. He had been urged to go for some time but was unwilling. Last Saturday after having slept out in damp places for several nights he was in a very bad way and was finally persuaded to go to the farm.

The deceased was born in New York state and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John DeWitt. After moving to Clinton county, John DeWitt became interested in lumber and other money-making enterprises and at one time was considered the wealthiest man in the county. His son was given a good education in the east and had a brilliant career before him as an accomplished accountant. It is said that he was capable of holding almost any position where accuracy and swiftness in figures was required.

He worked with his father and kept a branch office in Saginaw for a number of years, after which he was employed in several different offices. Early in life he began to drink heavily and soon lost his position and chances of obtaining steady work. He was married and had one son. After a few years his wife left him and his son went away from home. The latter is now working in Lansing.

The funeral was held at the county house Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Eli Good officiating. A respectable burial was given him and the remains were interred in the cemetery adjoining the poor farm. His funeral expenses were defrayed by a wealthy sister who lives in Bay City. The deceased also has a brother in Flint. One of his brothers was burned to death several years ago when R. M. Steel's large barn burned to the ground. It was thought to have caught from a pipe DeWitt was smoking when he fell asleep.

For a number of years past Horace DeWitt was a familiar figure around the saloons of St. Johns. He used to work a little at carpentering and odd jobs to get money for drink. He seldom spent a cent for anything else. His bed for many years was the apple dryer, being obliged to leave that place, he slept in barns or any place that he could. He was in very poor health all last winter and was several times urged to go where he would have better care, but the poor house did not seem an inviting place to him and he always refused. His misspent life is, at this time, the subject of much comment among the townspeople and is deeply regretted by many who would have been his friends had he lived.

HEART ATTACK PROVES FATAL

DeWitt

MRS. O. P. DEWITT PASSES
AWAY SUDDENLY SEPT.
28 AT HOME HERE

Funeral Services Conducted
For Highly Esteemed St.
Johns Woman Tuesday

Mrs. O. P. DeWitt, highly esteemed and well beloved St. Johns woman, succumbed to a sudden attack of heart failure at her home on Ottawa street shortly after noon Saturday, September 28, 1929. Although not in good health Mrs. DeWitt had been feeling fairly well and her death came as a great shock to her family and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday conducted by Rev. H. A. Blanning of Benton Harbor, and Rev. Thomas S. Cleaver, pastor of St. Johns Congregational church. St. Johns business places were closed during the hour of the funeral which was largely attended.

Several years ago Mrs. DeWitt became afflicted with heart trouble and had since suffered several intermittent attacks which kept her closely confined. Despite this illness Mrs. DeWitt maintained the courageous spirit and cheery disposition that marked her whole life and whenever possible was always determined to try and be independent of the care of others. She had often expressed the hope that when the end came it might not be the result of a long period of illness, but might take place suddenly.

For nearly the past 50 years, Mrs. DeWitt, who was born in Riley township, had been a resident of St. Johns. She was a kind and helpful neighbor and a great lover of her home and family. She possessed many warm friends by whom her memory will be greatly cherished.

Hattie E. Jones, daughter of Nathan E. and Susan M. Jones, was born in Riley township, Clinton county, Michigan, January 10, 1860. Here she spent her childhood and received her education.

November 20, 1880 she was united in marriage to Olney Place DeWitt, also of Riley. In May, 1881, they came to St. Johns where they have since made their home.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, Lee and Mark, two grandchildren, and two brothers, O. E. Jones of Ovid and A. G. Jones of this city.

She was a member of the Congregational church, the Congregational church auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star.

DEWITT RITES HELD JAN. 5TH

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William M. DeWitt, Former
St. Johns Business Man,
Aged 67, Buried

William M. DeWitt, 67, a former St. Johns business man but since 1900 a travelling representative for the Yale, Town Lock Co. of Stamford, Conn., died at St. Margaret's hospital, Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 31, 1935. He had traveled for 35 years in the southern states of Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. He was stricken with heart trouble and was only ill about one week.

Mr. DeWitt was born in 1868, the youngest son of John and Jane DeWitt, and spent his youth in Riley township, later coming to St. Johns where for several years he conducted a jewelry business.

After news of his illness reached here his wife, Mrs. Rose DeWitt, left by airplane and was with him until his passing.

Besides his wife, Mr. DeWitt is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ada Pincomb of New Haven, Conn., and two nephews, Lee A. DeWitt and Mark J. DeWitt, and a cousin, B. W. Glaspie of St. Johns; many other relatives and friends. His brother, the late O. P. DeWitt, preceded him in death last October.

Mr. DeWitt was a member of the various orders of Masonry in St. Johns and was also affiliated with Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of Birmingham, Ala.

He made many warm friends among the bankers in the Southland and the acting pallbearers were chosen from the state and national banks of St. Johns. Mr. Fitzgerald from Grand Rapids, the Michigan representative of Yale, Town Lock Co., attended the services as representative for the firm.

The funeral services were held at the Osgood funeral home, Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2:30 o'clock and burial was made in Mauspleyn in Mt. Rest cemetery. Rev. Earl Collins, pastor of the Congregational church, conducted the service.

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DIES IN SOUTH

William DeWitt, 70, Passes
Away At Montgomery,
Alabama, Dec. 31

William DeWitt, 70, former St. Johns business man and a traveling representative for the Yale Lock Company for about 25 years, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1935, at Montgomery, Ala., where he had been stricken ill while on a business trip. The body will be brought here for burial, but funeral arrangements have not been made.

Mr. DeWitt was born in 1865, the son of John M. and Eliza Griffin DeWitt, who came to Michigan from New York state in 1863. He spent his youth in Riley township and later came to St. Johns where for some years he engaged in the jewelry business.

News of his illness reached St. Johns several days ago and on Saturday, Dec. 28, his wife, Mrs. Rose DeWitt of this city, was called to Montgomery. Mr. DeWitt had been taken to a hospital in that city suffering with heart trouble and passed away Tuesday.

Besides his wife, Mr. DeWitt is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ada Pincomb of Massachusetts, and several other relatives. His brother, the late O. B. DeWitt, died last October.

Coincidence

Raymond DeWitt to Sit on Council Of Municipality With Same Name

DEWITT—Residents should have a fairly easy time associating a new man with his job.

All they have to remember is DeWitt, new DeWitt city councilman.

Raymond DeWitt, 47, of 302 W. Webb Dr. was named Monday to fill a vacant seat on the council.

DeWitt, a lubrication engineer with a Lansing oil company, will serve the remainder of a term of Lee R. Rummell, 111 S. Franklin, who resigned. The term expires Nov. 1, 1970.

DeWitt will also replace Rummell on the council's zoning board of appeals. Two other appointments to fill committee positions which Rummell had held were also announced by Mayor Lawrence Keck.

John H. Hatt, 12716 Turner Road, was named to the sanitary waste disposal committee, and Paul Mulford, 407 W. Washington, was appointed to the sewer extensions committee.

In other appointments, Robert E. Ballard, 400 W. Wilson, was selected to head the cemetery committee, and Thomas Brockway, 3252 Waxwing, was named to serve on that committee.

L.S.S.

Former resort owner dead at 60

Maxine L. DeYoung, 60, a former co-owner of Alward Lake Resort and the target of a 1963 racial discrimination trial died Monday following surgery at University Hospital in London, Ontario.

DeYoung, of Williamsburg, went on trial in a Clinton County court in 1963 after six black Michigan State University students charged they were refused entry to the DeWitt resort.

SHE WAS accused of violating the equal accommodations provision of the Michigan Civil Rights law.

Several weeks after the charges were leveled, DeYoung turned Al-

ward Lake Resort into a private club.

A six-man jury tried for two hours but failed to reach a verdict in the trial. The final vote was 4-2 for conviction.

DEYOUNG WAS a former vice-chairman of Young Democrats of Michigan and the Eastern Star, a member of the Mid-Michigan Alliance Council, active in senior citizens programs and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Albright Shores.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. in the Tiffany-Jessen Funeral Home in Lansing.

DeYoung

Diehm

Herman Diehm of Riley and Miss Lucile Plowman of Bengal were united in marriage on Saturday, Dec. 14, the ceremony taking place at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in St. Johns, the pastor officiating. They were accompanied by Clarence Plowman and Miss Merle Plowman, cousins of the bride, also by the bride's father, Lee Plowman.

Diehm

*Leroy Miller Takes
Geraldine Diehm As
Bride April 12 Apr 1941*

A quiet wedding occurred at the home of Rev. Thomas Toy, in Lansing, when he united Miss Geraldine Diehm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Diehm of Dewitt, and Leroy Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, also of Dewitt. The single ring ceremony took place at 12 o'clock Saturday, April 12. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Diehm, twin brother of the bride.

The bride was attired in a navy blue afternoon dress, complemented by a lovely corsage.

They will be at home to their many friends and relatives on a farm north of Dewitt.