

## Miss McCrum, R. D. Stanton Repeat Vows

A cascade of pink rosebuds, white carnations and button mums was carried by Miss Bonnie Louise McCrum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McCrum of DeWitt, as she exchanged wedding vows Saturday with Richard D. Stanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester W. Stanton of 1713 Herbert st., in the Community church, DeWitt.

The bridegroom attended Ferris Institute where he was affiliated with Sigma Alpha Delta.

A ballerina length gown of nylon organza was chosen by the bride for her nuptials. It was designed with a portrait neckline formed of embroidered nylon motifs. The same motifs accented the skirt which fell into a yolk effect below the waist.

A shallow scalloped crown trimmed in rhinestones secured her veil.

Deloris Smith, sister of the bride from DeWitt was honor matron in a beige nylon organza shirtwaist and carried pink carnations.

James Urie of Lake Thirteen was best man.

An afternoon reception at the DeWitt high school followed the ceremony, and a buffet for relatives and close friends was later served at the bride's home.

The couple traveled to northern Michigan for their honeymoon.



MRS. RICHARD D. STANTON

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DUPLAIN (news items)

REV. RANSOM McEWEN, brother of Rev. Albert McEwen of this place, died at Grand Rapids, September 27, in his 62 year. Since 1878 he supplied a number of circuits in the Michigan conference on Lansing district: ----Bath, DeWitt and Fowler.



ANGUS D. McFADDEN  
DeWitt Grocer Dies

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**Grocer, 54,  
Succumbs**

**A. D. McFadden Owner  
Of Store at DeWitt;  
Ill Five Months**

Angus David McFadden, 54, DeWitt grocer and former Oldsmobile shell plant supervisor, died Sunday evening at a St. Johns hospital after a five-month illness.

Mr. McFadden, who lived at 1121 W. Webb rd., DeWitt, was a native of Evart. He lived in St. Johns many years, where he was grocer and manager for two national chain food stores.

During World War II, he moved to Lansing to work for Oldsmobile but in 1948 moved to DeWitt to establish Mac's Market, which he operated until he became ill.

He was a member of DeWitt Lodge F. & A. M., and the Commercial Club of DeWitt. Surviving are the widow, Lois L.; three daughters, Janice Gault of Battle Creek, Linda Gay and Sandra Kay at home; two step-daughters, Joclyn Slaggert of Ludington and Meredith Foster of DeWitt; six grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Elva McFadden of Alma; and a brother, Arthur McFadden of Midland.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Vincent-Rummell funeral home, DeWitt. Interment will be in Riverside cemetery, Alma. DeWitt lodge, F. & A. M. will have charge of graveside services.

In Memory of  
Angus D. McFadden

date of birth  
June 28, 1907  
date of death  
July 2, 1961

services  
VINCENT - RUMMELL  
FUNERAL HOME  
Wednesday, July 5, 1961  
2:00 p. m.

clergyman  
Rev. Paul E. Kreider  
Rev. Richard W. Barker  
DeWitt Methodist Church

pall bearers  
John Hiatt Eldon Smith  
Winfield Fineout  
Ray Price Robert White  
William D. Coopes

interment  
Riverside Cemetery  
Alma, Michigan

Mrs. Oswald Lietzke, Organist

*A Little Step Away*

To close the eye, to fall asleep,  
To draw a labored breath,  
To find release from daily cares  
In what we know as death....

Is this the crowning of a life,  
The aim or end thereof?  
The totaled sum of consciousness  
The ripened fruit of love?  
It cannot be. For works of God  
Are wrought for nobler ends,  
And those away continue on  
In the hearts of kin and friends.

It cannot be, for they live on  
A little step away, ~~some~~  
The soul, in the everlasting life,  
Has found a better day....

U. J. Hanson

McGonigal

## ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH

GEORGE M. GONIGAL DROPPED DEAD  
WHILE PLAYING FLINCH.

George McGonigal, formerly of Bath and employed at the time of his death in the Lansing postoffice, died very suddenly Friday evening, February 27. He was sitting at a table with friends playing a game of flinch. As they were starting a new game he remarked, "This game is mine," and almost instantly expired.

He was about twenty-three years of age and was one of the best known and most popular young men of this section. He leaves a father, brother and sister. The latter is expected home from Los Angeles, Cal., to attend the funeral, which will take place at Bath.

McGovney



**MOTHER AND SON GRADUATES**—Mrs. Beulah H. McGovney of DeWitt was more than a proud parent spectator at commencement ceremonies at Michigan State university Sunday when her son, James, was graduated. Mrs. McGovney joined the procession of graduates to receive a degree of her own. (State Journal Photo.)

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**DAD IS PROUD**

## Mom and Son Get Degrees Together

Mrs. Beulah H. McGovney of DeWitt was not content to sit idly in the stands as a proud parent when her son James graduated from Michigan State university Sunday.

This handsome school teacher, housewife and mother of three sons donned academic robes and joined her son to receive a bachelor's degree of her own.

When the McGovneys moved to Lansing 12 years ago, Mrs. McGovney had established a career as a school teacher and stepped right into a teaching job with the DeWitt school system.

### SONS IN SCHOOL

With three strapping sons to bring up and put through school, she postponed advancing the formal education she started at Miami university, Oxford, O.

Then the day came when all the boys were in college—one at West-ern Michigan and two at Michi-

gan State—and she had time to pick up the books again.

Sunday she received her degree in elementary education at the same time James was awarded his degree in agricultural mechanics.

### TO CONTINUE TEACHING

James, a graduate of DeWitt high school and member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, plans a sales and service career in agricultural equipment.

Mrs. McGovney will continue as fifth grade teacher at DeWitt.

Proud father and husband is William N. McGovney, who is a supervisor at the Fisher Body division of General Motors corporation in Lansing.

Who got the best grades at M. S. U.?

Mrs. McGovney wouldn't comment but admitted that having mother enrolled as a student sort of keeps the son's nose to the scholastic grindstone.

LOCAL HISTORY  
BOX COLLECTION  
FILE



**DEWITT**—The engagement of Miss Marsha Ann Mielke to Ralph Morgan McGovney has been announced by the bride-to-be's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon K. Mielke of Battle Creek. Mr. McGovney, son of Mr. and Mrs. William N. McGovney of DeWitt received his B.S. degree in agriculture from Michigan State University and is currently working on a doctorate in veterinary medicine. Also an MSU graduate, the bride-elect will intern in dietetics at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. She is a member of Phi Mu sorority.

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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 +



McGuire

When some future historian sits down to compile the history of DeWitt, one of the most prominent names in his narrative will undoubtedly be Orla E. McGuire.

done on things like sewers and roads, and record keeping was almost non-existent.

Being a civil engineer with the State Health Department where his work was municipal -

happened in annexing Lake Geneva when the village became a city in 1965, McGuire, as a member of the DeWitt Lions Club since 1952, also helped develop Riverside Park. And today, he still holds the title of deputy building inspector and zoning administrator.

These, if you can believe it, were part-time activities for which McGuire charged the city no money, and as a full-time pursuit, he served with the State Health Department where he was a designing engineer on a lengthy sheet of water supply system projects as well as being responsible for opening the first Health Department office in Northern Michigan after the second World War.

McGuire also put in 17 years with the U.S. Army, including a hitch as post engineer at the General Army Hospital in Northern India during the war and later organized the medical section and served as an instructor with the U.S. Army reserve in Lansing, from which he retired as a Colonel in 1963.

McGuire was born nearly three quarters of a century ago in Jones County, Iowa, and later graduated from the University of Iowa, majoring in civil engineering and specializing in sanitary hydrologics.

He came to the Michigan Health Dept. in 1948 and after 43 years with them, he retired, though he still does consulting work on the side ("one of my hobbies," he adds) besides working for the city.

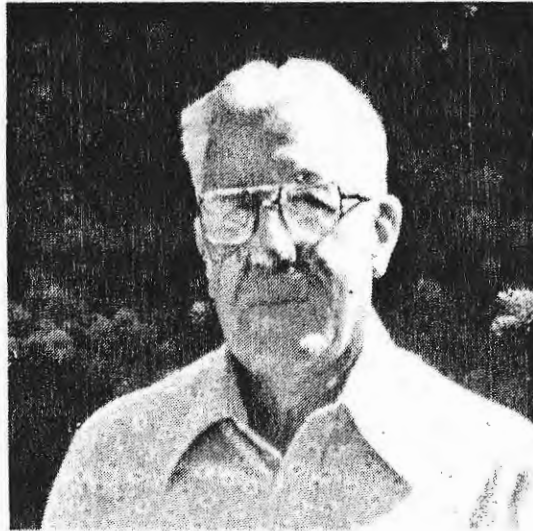
While some who reach McGuire's age castigate the present and long for the good old days, McGuire is different and does not sourly yearn for the past, either in DeWitt or in his personal life.

"You can't stop growth," he said in refuting the notion that DeWitt was better 'back then'.

"You can't stop progress and you got to keep abreast of the changing conditions, because once you stop doing this, you go backwards."

McGuire is still as spry and as sharp as any person half his age and says if he has a philosophy of life it would be advice given to him by an old Army Colonel who admonished, "if there ever comes a time when you have a doubt in your mind if you should say something to somebody, don't say it."

McGuire still lives in the same house at 310 E. Dill, as when he first came to DeWitt with his wife Irene, and probably one of the finest tributes the city could give him came recently when they named the new park on Norris and Main St., Orla E. McGuire Park.



Orla McGuire

Mr. McGuire, as he is known at City Hall, has been a resident of DeWitt for 27 years and during that time he has never been content to begrudgingly pay his taxes and leave the job of contributing to city government to the next guy.

When he first came to DeWitt village, as it was known then, in November 1948, he nostalgically recalls it, "as a farming community where everybody came to town on Saturday and where only main street was blacktopped."

He also remembers there wasn't very much planning

oriented, McGuire decided, "this little community had potential and very pronounced development possibilities," and being, as he says, "a civic minded person," he got involved in city government and became City Engineer, a position he still holds today.

During the years, he served as chairman of the Planning Commission (1960 - 1973) where he helped draw up the City master plan, chairman of the Charter Commission which made him responsible for writing most of the city's ordinances and besides having a

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McKinney

## McKinney-Mulford Vows Spoken September 25

DeWitt Community church was the scene Sunday, Sept. 25, at 4:00 in the afternoon of the wedding of Miss Amaryllis Lee McKinney, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor McKinney, of DeWitt, to Paul R. Mulford, son of Mrs. Jesse Mulford and the late Mr. Mulford, of Lansing. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Harry Moon, an uncle of the bride, before an altar graced with baskets of white gladioli, palms and cathedral tapers, in the presence of 175 guests.

"Because," "O Perfect Love," and "The Lord's Prayer" were sung during the ceremony by Mrs. Earl Hawkins, accompanied by Miss Helen Moon.

The bride, who was escorted down the aisle by her grandfather, Bert Moon, was gowned in candlelight satin. The skirt was fashioned with a peplum of chantilly lace, which cascaded down the back and ended in a cathedral-length train. A veil of French illusion was held in place by a crown of seed pearls. The bridal bouquet was of white gardenias and stephanotis upon a white Bible.

Mrs. Lee Lankford, of DeWitt, a twin sister of the bride, was matron of honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Norma Decker, of DeWitt, and Miss Aileen Demerest, of Lansing. The matron of honor wore a dusty rose gown fashioned after that of the bride, with yellow carnations in her hair. Her bouquet was of yellow roses and carnations. The bridesmaids' gowns were of peacock blue satin, fashioned after the bridal gown also. They wore matching nets and satin hats and carried bouquets of white carnations and roses. Paula and Bobbie Selick, nieces of the bride, were flower girls, and Vincent Moon Reed carried the rings.

Maynard Mulford assisted his brother as best man and the ushers were Lee Lankford, of DeWitt and John Semishko, of Lansing.

Mrs. McKinney chose a dress of coffee crepe with brown accessories for the wedding and wore a yellow rose pinned to her glove. The groom's mother wore a gray suit with navy blue accessories and a corsage of red roses.

A reception followed the wedding in the church parlor, which was decorated with asters and other fall flowers. The table bore a lace cloth on which was centered the wedding cake, surrounded by yellow roses and tapers. Mrs. Richard Dague cut the cake, assisted by Miss Janette Staub. Mrs. Theodore Ward presided at the punch bowl, assisted by Mrs. Eugene Coin and Miss Beverly Blizzard registered the guests.

The bride and groom both graduated from the DeWitt high school in 1947. After a short trip through the east they will reside in DeWitt.

## Band of Workers Celebrate Birthdays

The Band of Workers met on Thursday, Sept. 21, with Mrs. Irene Hill, with 13 present. July, August and September birthdays were celebrated with Mrs. Ina Bray, Mrs. Kittie Becher and Mrs. Etta Esch being honored. Three birthday cakes and ice cream were served as dessert at the regular noon luncheon. Keeno followed the business meeting with Mrs. Mae Owen receiving the prize.

The next hostess will be Mrs. Anna Kentfield and the meeting will be held at the I.O.O.F. hall on Oct. 5.

Be sure to read the classified ads

## Potato Referendum Will Be Voted

September 30 at Mid Is Deadline, Kridner.

A last-minute appeal to potato growers to cast their vote in the current potato referendum before the midnight deadline, September 30, was voiced today by W. Kridner, chairman of the Clinton County PMA committee.

Growers need only mark ballots, place them in the addressed, postage-free envelope, and mail them for the purpose, and then in the mail box for the envelopes containing the ballots must be postmarked not later than midnight, September 30, to be considered valid.

"Voting in this referendum will decide two important questions: whether or not a price support program was made as simple and easy as possible," Kridner said, "and that reason, we are hoping a large percentage of participants that there can be no doubt what potato producers favor."

**POTATO PRODUCERS** will decide whether or not they approve of issuance of a federal marketing order regulating the handling and marketing of potatoes in Michigan and five midwest states under certain conditions and whether or not the price support program will be continued for the 1950 crop.

A two-thirds favorable vote is required by law before the marketing order, and with it the potato price support program, can be continued for the 1950 crop.

Actually, Kridner said, growers will be asked to vote only on the question of the federal marketing order. However, Congress has provided in Public Law 471, 81st Congress, that no price support can be made available for potatoes in the 1950 crop if proposed marketing orders are disapproved by producers voting in referendums.

Because of the economic importance of the referendum, all eligible growers are urged to vote. Ballots were mailed to all known eligible growers and any grower who does not receive a ballot and who believes he is eligible to vote should contact the county PMA office where he will be furnished a ballot.

## Markets

Corrected Sept. 28, 1950  
These prices based on 50 lb. cwt.  
quotations



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## Miss Amaryllis McKinney Weds In DeWitt Community Church

Materials were available in Germany. "to buy the hospital black market," said it. "The war job of Mrs. as with the International Organization. She work for I. R. O., and had of 10,000 displaced were in camps around

insisted of making ar- get refugees a place te of Europe.

### WIFE

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rnfeldt told members of "I have an understanding t means to start a state ing, to take it from those ruled it for many hun- years." In this way she her native Estonia, which el from 700 years of Ger- in 1919, with Israel where cently fought for a home- the land of Biblical He-

ivocation was given by Rabbi Friedman and the benedic- Mrs. Friedman.

## Engagement

and Mrs. Donald Seaton, 1314 st., announce the engage- of their daughter, Donna to John Martin, son of Mr. s. Norman Martin of Detroit.

DeWitt Community church was the wedding scene Sunday after- noon, when Miss Amaryllis McKin- ney, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Mc- Kinney of DeWitt, became the bride of Paul R. Mulford, son of Mrs. Jesse Mulford, 106 W. Willow st., and the late Mr. Mulford.

Traditional music was played by Miss Helen Moon. Mrs. Earl Haw- kins was soloist. The bride was given in marriage by her grand- father, Bert Moon, and Rev. Harry Moon, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony.

For her wedding the bride chose a gown of candlelight slipper satin, fashioned with a fitted bodice, a high neckline with yoke of French illusion, edged with Chantilly lace. Chantilly lace formed a side pep- lum which cascaded down the back into a cathedral-length train. A crown of seed pearls and sequins held her fingertip veil of French illusion. She carried a white Bible topped with white roses.

Mrs. Lee Lankford, twin sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Her gown was of peacock blue, fashioned after the bride's. She wore matching mitts and a brimmed hat.

Bridesmaids were Miss Norma Decker of DeWitt and Miss Alleen Demarest. They wore rose satin gowns with mitts and brimmed hats and carried bouquets of red roses and yellow carnations.

Maynard Mulford was his brother's groomsman. John Schumosko, Lee Lankford and Charles Mulford seated the guests.

The flower girls, Bonnie Miller and Paula Selleck, nieces of the bridegroom, wore pink gowns and tiaras of pink asters. The ring- bearer was little Vincent Moon Reed, cousin of the bride.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs.



MRS. PAUL R. MULFORD

McKinney wore a coffee-colored street-length gown with brown ac- cessories and yellow roses for a corsage. Mrs. Mulford donned a gray suit with blue accessories. Her corsage was of red roses.

After a wedding trip in the east, the young couple will make their home in DeWitt.

Assisting at the reception in the church parlors were Mrs. Richard Day, Mrs. Ted Ward, Miss Beverly Blizzard, Miss Barbara Ann Hicks, Miss Janet Staub, and Mrs. Eugene Coin.

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## DeWitt

Mrs. Blake Miller, Correspondent

### Vows Are Spoken At DeWitt Church

DeWitt—White tapers, gladioli and palms formed the background for the marriage of Miss Jacqueline Lee McKinney to Gerald Lee Lankford in DeWitt Community church on Saturday afternoon.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Eleanor McKinney, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Lankford, of DeWitt.

Escorted to the altar by her grandfather, Bert Moon, who gave her in marriage, the bride wore a candlelight slipper satin gown with chantilly lace yoke and peplum. A French illusion veil fell from a braided satin crown, and she carried a white prayer book ornamented with a white orchid.

The Rev. Harry Moon read the vows for the double ring ceremony.

Miss Amy McKinney attended her twin sister as maid of honor and wore orchid satin. The bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy Hill, in rose satin, Mrs. Raymond Coin in gold, Miss Beverly Blizzard in green, and Miss Rose Marie Balderson in powder blue. They all wore satin mitts and braided crowns to match their gowns and carried colonial bouquets.

Nanci and Vickie Alderman were tiny twin flower girls in aqua silk

marquisette. Curtis Lankford was ring bearer.

Miss Helen Moon played the organ and Miss Norma Decker was soloist.

Howard Woodruff acted as best man and ushers were Lewis Lankford, Dick Dague, Ted Ward and Raymond Thayer.

Bouquets of asters were used throughout the church parlors, where the reception was held. Those assisting were Miss Ruth Henning, Miss Janet Lankford, Gretta Perry, Joan Pike, Janet Staub, Margaret Fuerstenau and Mrs. Theodore Ward.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. McKinney wore skipper blue sheer with matching accessories, and Mrs. Lankford wore black crepe with embroidery and black accessories.

After a trip to northern Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Lankford will return to their new home in DeWitt, which is nearing completion.

## PIONEER DIES



WILLIS MCLOUTH

Willis McLouth, one of twin sons of Newton and Emily Hathaway, was born in Riley township, Clinton county, Michigan, September 30 1856. His twin brother, Wells, died when he was five years old. His father purchased the Morgan Christopher farm adjoining the village of Dewitt on the north. They moved from Riley to this farm when Willis was six years old.

October 5, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Elizabeth Holmes of this village. To this union were born two daughters, Florence Merle and Helen Lucile. The latter passed away on August 11, 1911. After a few years living at his parents home he purchased the late Henry C. Hart residence across the street from his old home where he has since resided having lived in this locality 72 years.

In 1890 Mr. McLouth entered the mercantile business with the late John E. Jones when they run a general store for a number of years in the building formerly the Milton White store. Later he was engaged in the milling and merchandising business with Homer Brazee. For the past ten years he has managed the Kraas Lumber and Coal Company and during these years he has also been interested in his several farms and other business enterprises throughout the county. After a short illness of only four hours of heart trouble he passed away at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 23, aged 77 years. Besides his wife, Josephine, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Vern Walker, and a granddaughter, Helen Lucile Kraas, relatives and a host of friends. He was a charter member of both the F. & A. M., No. 272 and the O. E. S., No. 30 of Dewitt and was also a member of the Clinton County Pioneer Society. His funeral services were held from his late home on North Bridge street Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Jayne of

the Central Methodist church of Lansing officiating. Piano selections by Mrs. Grace Olson of St. Johns. He was borne to the Dewitt cemetery by three nephews, George and Glenn Holmes and Edward Hulse and three friends, Homer Brazee, Bert Taylor and Mahlon Hiatt. The rites at the cemetery were conducted by the Masons. The members of the Dewitt chapter O. E. S. attended in a body.

Mr. McLouth always had a cherry greeting for everyone. His life has been one of unselfish interest in all the people of the community. Many looked upon him as father and many of the younger people by his words of wisdom and assistance were started on their road to success. All the children of the town knew him as a friend and companion. His passing is felt deeply by the entire village and surrounding county. Relatives and friends were present from Detroit, Kalamazoo, Bay City, Adrian, Lansing, Grand Ledge, St. Johns, Greenville and Scottville.

McLouth

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## LOHENGRIN STRAINS

Ushered in McLouth-Petersmeyer Bridal Party.

### SWELLEST WEDDING

Ever Held in DeWitt—Took Place at the Home of Willis McLouth, January Second.

One of the prettiest weddings ever witnessed in DeWitt took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis McLouth, Bridge street, north, Thursday, January 2, 1908, when their youngest daughter, Helen Lucile, was united in marriage to Frederick Harry Petersmeyer, of Rouleau, Saskatchewan, Canada. The parlors were decorated in green and red suggestive of the holiday season. The dining room colors were maize and blue, the colors of the University of Michigan, where the groom met his bride. The flowers were yellow roses. The ceremony was before a screen of red carnations and green.

At 1:30 p.m. the wedding march from Lohengrin was rendered by Miss Edith Leonard of Detroit, as the bridal party entered the parlors. Little Misses Ruth Woodruff and Laura Williams formed an aisle with ribbons for the approach of the bridal party. The maid of honor, a cousin of the bride, Miss Josephine Holmes, of Duplain, little Helen Petersmeyer, sister of the groom bearing the ring. The best man, Mr. Edgar Petersmeyer, of Cherokee, Iowa, and the groom, last the bride. Rev. J. W. Hayward pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of DeWitt, officiated.

At the close of the ceremony Miss Leonard played the wedding chorus by Mendelssohn. The bride's gown was cream chiffon satin over taffeta silk. Her tulle veil was fastened with hyacinths. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor's gown was white silk with chiffon trimmings and her bouquet was red roses. After the ceremony a six-course luncheon was served to 130 guests. The heart design was well carried out in the refreshments, the design of the ice cream being a heart within a heart. The luncheon was served by Miss Helen Esselstym of Lansing, Misses Blanche and Elizabeth Wetherell, Marguerite Woodruff of DeWitt; Messers, Hubert Pratt and Clifford McKibbin of Lansing, Edward Hulse of St. Johns and Mark Norris of DeWitt. The bride and groom left in the evening for Chicago and thence to Cherokee, Iowa, the former home of the groom and later to Minneapolis, Winnipeg and their future home in Rouleau, which they will reach in the latter part of February. The bride's going-away gown was brown broadcloth with clove and hat to match. Miss McLouth graduated from the Lansing high school in the class of 1906 and took a two-year course at the University of Michigan. Miss Leonard is a sorority sister of Miss McLouth, each being a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority of the U. of M. Mr. Petersmeyer spent two years in Cornell college in Iowa and two years at the University of Michigan. He, with his brother, are members of the firm with their father, largely interested in the grain elevators and lumber business in the northwest, the groom being the secretary of the firm at Rouleau. Among the guests from away were the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petersmeyer and sister Helen of Cherokee, Iowa, Edgar Petersmeyer, brother of the groom at Rouleau, relatives and friends from Chicago, Evanston, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Mt. Pleasant, Lansing and Saint Johns.



# FAR FROM HOME

DEWITT BRIDE GOES TO NORTH-  
WEST CANADA.

WILL RESIDE AT RONLEAU

WILLIS McLOUTH'S HOME SCENE  
OF GAY THROG.

His Daughter Lucile Becomes Wife  
of Former Collegemate—Nuptials  
Largely Attended

One of the prettiest and most elaborate society events that has taken place in our neighboring village of DeWitt occurred at 1:30 last Thursday afternoon. The scene was at the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis McLouth, who are among the most prominent residents not only of DeWitt but also of Clinton county. Mr. McLouth is a capitalist and interested in various enterprises. The event was the marriage of their daughter, Helen Lucile to Harry F. Petersmeyer of Ronleau, Saskatchewan, Canadian Northwest. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Hayward of DeWitt.

The guests, upward of 100, including relatives and friends from Cherokee, Iowa, Chicago, Ronleau, Canada, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Mt. Pleasant, Lansing, St. Johns, Ann Arbor, Evanston, Ill., and other places, were received by the parents of the bride and groom and by the sister of the bride and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. William Kraas.

The ceremony took place before a bank of green. Smilax and ferns and red carnations were the decorations. The dining room was decorated in yellow and blue (the U. of M. colors) and in the center of the table was a bowl of yellow roses and blue chiffon was draped from the centerpiece to each corner.

The ribbon bearers, who formed an isle for the bridal party, were the Misses Laura Williams and Ruth Woodworth of DeWitt. They were gowned in white. Little Helen Petersmeyer was the bearer of the ring for the service and this emblem of the beginning until the end of constancy was carried in a red rose—a very pretty conceit.



HARRY F. PETERSMEYER  
of Ronleau, Canada.



MISS LUCILE McLOUTH  
of DeWitt.

Married at the bride's home last Thursday Afternoon

The bride's wedding gown was cream colored satin chiffon over cream tulle, with a tulle veil fastened with Roman hyacinths. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Her going-away gown was brown broadcloth with cloak and hat to match. The maid of honor, Miss Josephine Holmes of Elsie, a cousin of the bride, wore cream silk and wore red roses. The best man was Edgar Petersmeyer, brother of the groom.

The luncheon which was served following the ceremony and reception was served by Misses Helen Esselstyn of Lansing, Blanche and Elizabeth Wetherell of DeWitt, the ladies being assisted by Messrs. Hubert Pratt and Clifford McGibbon of Lansing, Ed. Hulse of St. Johns and Mark Norris of DeWitt.

The bride who, as Miss McLouth, was a popular young lady among both old and young acquaintances and especially among those in her own home village, is a graduate of Lansing high school, after which she took a two-year course at U. of M., where she first met her future husband. Mr. Petersmeyer was a student for two years at Cornell University to which was added two years at U. of M. He is now engaged in the grain and lumber business at Ronleau, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he has been about 18 months. It is a village of about 600, but is growing steadily and promises to be among the leading places of the now rapidly developing Northwest Territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Petersmeyer left soon after the ceremony for their home in Ronleau, going via Cherokee, Iowa, the groom's old home, where they will remain about ten days; then to Minneapolis, Minn., and Winnipeg, Manitoba, for a few days.

The bride takes with her the well wishes of a large circle of friends to her distant home and new relations.

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Mc Louth

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Mc Louth  
announce the marriage of their daughter  
Helen Lucile  
to

Mr. Harry Frederick Petersmeyer  
on Thursday, the second of January  
One thousand nine hundred and eight  
De Witt, Michigan

At Home  
after February the sixteenth  
Rouleau, Saskatchewan, Canada



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### Death of Mrs. Harry F. Petersmeyer

Death has taken away from among the residents of Rouleau another highly esteemed woman—Mrs. Harry F. Petersmeyer. Death occurred on Friday night, Aug. 11th. Though ailing for some time the seriousness of her condition was not really realized by those not in close touch with the sick room. The ultimate cause of death was heart failure, so sudden that medical aid could do nothing to sustain life even for a brief period to allow the last farewells to be said by those to whom she was so dear. Her mother, Mrs. Willis McLouth, had been sent for during the week, but she did not arrive until Sunday morning, too late to see her daughter alive, the daughter whom she had left a few months previous in excellent health.

The funeral service was held at the family residence on Sunday afternoon at 1:45, Rev. H. G. Cairns officiating. After a brief service, during which were sung those old soul-comforting hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "The Sands of Time are Sinking," the body was taken to the C. P. R. depot, followed by a long train of mourners, and from there was taken to DeWitt, Michigan, for interment. The remains were accompanied by the bereaved husband, her mother, Mrs. McLouth, her sister Mrs. W. F. Kraas, Mr. W. F. Kraas, and Mr. H. W. Petersmeyer.

The deceased, Helen Lucille McLouth Petersmeyer was aged 24 years, 5 months and 27 days. Her home was at DeWitt, Mich., until about three and a half years ago, when she married Mr. Harry F. Petersmeyer, whom she had met while both were students at State University of Michigan. Of a quiet, pleasing disposition, she won the friendship and respect of all with whom she came in contact. For a time she was organist in the Methodist church and in other ways proved herself a kindly worker of that institution. To the bereaved husband the sympathy of the entire community is extended.

We cannot think her dead, nor do we need to endeavor so to do for the use of the word is a true anomaly. Let us say, rather, we cannot think her gone. We listen for the coming of her step, but in vain. Voice calls to voice, and answers, but hers has died from the places which once she knew.

We cannot let her finally depart without one last tribute. Hers was a rare and great soul. And this does not preclude or supersede any other, for all work out their own destiny. Her life spelled out the Infinite God.

As we gaze on her marble brow, dewy with the damp of death, we ask: "are you gone?" We cannot thus understand it.

We bring garlands for the departed, but if she could call from "The abode where the eternal are," she would say: "Cast them at the feet of the living, be your gifts unto one who faints in life's way, for I have attained the Gift of all Gifts."

"O, noble soul and snow white flower!

Well are ye paired in your opening hour,

Thus shall the pure and lovely meet;

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Mr. and Mrs. Newton McLouth

Mr. & Mrs. George Holmes

Request the pleasure of your company at the  
marriage ceremony of their daughter

Doris

-TO-

Willis McLouth,

Wednesday, Oct. fifth, 1881, at 7 o'clock P. M.

DE WITT, MICHIGAN.

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## A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING

Charming Dewitt Lady the Bride of  
a St. Louis, Mo., Merchant

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis McLouth, on Bridge street, Dewitt, was the scene of a beautiful wedding Wednesday afternoon, August 29, at 3 o'clock, when their elder daughter, Florence Merle, was united in marriage to Mr. William Frederick Kraas, of St. Louis, Missouri. About two hundred guests were present.

An abundance of asters, with bride's roses and green were used in the decorations. The color scheme in the parlor and sitting room was green and white, with a bank of palms and white asters in the former. The decorations in the dining room were pink and white. Lohengrin's wedding march was rendered by Mrs. Jay Brooks, of Grand Rapids, as the bridal party descended the stairs. The ribbon bearers, the little Misses Majel Weale, of Duplain, Ruth Woodruff, Laura Williams and Pearl Moots, of Dewitt, gowned in white, entered first and formed an aisle. The little flower girl, Margaret Brooks, gowned in pink, scattered rose petals in the path of the bride who entered alone. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white net over white silk with tulle veil and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. The full ring service of the Methodist Episcopal church was impressively read by Presiding Elder Louis DeLamarter, D. D., of Lausling.

Following the ceremony young lady friends of the bride, from Albion, sang several solos, and a wedding luncheon was served.

Mrs. Kraas has always resided in Dewitt. She graduated from the high school in the class of 1899 and from the conservatory at Albion in 1903. She is a charming lady and a talented musician. Mr. Kraas formerly resided in Dewitt, but for some time has been engaged in commission house business in St. Louis, Mo., where the young people will be at home at 5314 Virginia avenue after October 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Kraas left late in the afternoon in an automobile for Lausling enroute to Chicago, where they will spend some time before going to their home. The bride's going-away gown was blue and she wore a pearl grey hat.

Among the many guests from away were the Misses Marcia and Gretchen Lutz, and Georgia Pratt, of Albion; Miss Louise Bangs, Miss Tittie Krause, Misses Belle, Mollie and Deborah Hartley, Miss Helen Esselstyn, Mrs. Louis Esselstyn, Mrs. Nellie Houston and daughter, Ida, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Houston, Mr. and Mrs. John Schler, Mr. and Mrs. H. Glenn Holmes, Hubert Pratt, Clifford McKibbin and Miss Dunna Savage, of Lausling; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Brooks and daughter, Margaret, and Miss Florence Rader, of Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Goette and daughter, Blanche, Mr. and Mrs. Galusha Pennell, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Munger and daughter, Olive, Attorney and Mrs. E. L. Walbridge and daughter, Zoe, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Church, of St. Johns; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holmes and daughters, Josephine and Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. George Weale and daughter, Majel and son, Carl, and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Pearl, of Duplain; and Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Holmes, of Bear Lake.

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The old McLouth place, currently the home of Roger and Phyllis Griffin at 303 N. Bridge Street. Ca. 1930, courtesy of the DeWitt Public Library.

McLouth the old home pictured here remained vacant or rented for a number of years. It was their granddaughter (the only surviving child of Willis and Josephine) who revitalized the home. Merle McLouth and her first husband, William Kraas, bought the Sibley Lumber Co. in DeWitt around 1920. At about the same time they built a home across the street from the old homestead.

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## McLouth history dates back to mid-1800's in DeWitt

By KEN COIN

Recently the Griffins have been cleaning out the attic of their landmark home and have been passing along some McLouth family papers to be placed in the library's local history collection. The following is a brief account of the family who made this their home for nearly 100 years.

In 1856, Newton and Emily (Hathaway) McLouth came up from Lenawee County and settled on a homestead four miles north of DeWitt in Riley Township. Shortly after the Civil War they moved to the DeWitt area, this time purchasing the former Morgan Christopher farm (at that time the farmland north of Madison street and west of Bridge).

The house pictured above was built for the McLouths in 1871 and substantial barns were added to the property in 1873 and 1888. A modern operation, it became one of the showplace farms of the area. Besides farming and stock raising, Newton McLouth became actively engaged in land dealings and at one time owned five area farms totaling over 550 acres.

The McLouths had only two children, twin sons, William and Willis, born in 1856. William died when only five years old and the remaining child, Willis, eventually joined in business partnership with his father. In 1881 Willis married Josephine Holmes, a local teacher. They purchased and rebuilt a house

across the street (currently the home of Dave and Peggy Haviland at 314 N. Bridge) where they remained for over 50 years.

Willis continued much of his father's land interests after the latter's death and was also a long-time partner in the DeWitt Mill and later became partners with two DeWitt merchants, Homer Brazee and John E. Jayne. In later years he was manager of DeWitt's Kraas Lumber and Coal Co. (owned by his daughter Merle). He and Josephine were charter members of the Masons and Eastern Star and active members of the old Clinton County Pioneer Society.

After the deaths of Newton and Emily

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## Bertha A. Henning

Bertha A. Henning, 92, of DeWitt died at her residence on Aug. 11, 1988.

Mrs. Henning was born on Aug. 12, 1896, the son of Frederick and Catherine Magsig.

She married Rhine Henning on June 9, 1915, and they resided on his father's homestead, one mile west of DeWitt for 55 years. They moved to DeWitt in 1970.

Mr. Henning preceded her in death in 1976.

She was the oldest member of the DeWitt Community Church and was an active member of the Naomi Circle for many years.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Betty Henning of Lansing; two daughters and sons-in-law, Doris and Dan Martemucci of DeWitt and Ruth and Michael Yatchman of Lincoln Park; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 13 at DeWitt Community Church with the Rev. Frederick C. Nose officiating. Interment was in DeWitt Cemetery.

Casket bearers were her nephews.

Contributions can be made to the DeWitt Community Church or to Hospice of Clinton County.

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Obituaries from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

Now owned by Eleanor Moon McKinney (1984)

Mrs. BLANCHE E. MAGSIG, 48, died unexpectedly Thursday of a heart attack at her Olive Twp. home. She had been an active member of the DeWitt Community Church and various farm organizations. Surviving are the husband, Arthur; a son, Arthur Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Merignac, and Betty Magsig, both of DeWitt; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Steele of Coral Gables, Fla.; a brother, Morris Coleman of Creston, Ohio, and two grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the DeWitt Community Church, Rev. L. Bretz officiating. Interment will be at DeWitt cemetery. The body will be at Vincent Funeral Home until time for services.

# Vintage tractors Archie Magsig's weakness

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thing different to do," he said, adding that he never golfed.

"If you're going to own a tavern," he explained, "you're better off if you don't drink."

WITH THE help of wife and three children, Magsig ran the golf course for 10 years, then sold it. In the meantime, he put in 39 years at Motor Wheel, retiring from the tool room in 1976.

Now Magsig often spends 10 or 12-hour days acquiring antique tractors and restoring them, as closely as possible, to their original condition. If that means driving to Cincinnati for a carburetor or scouring the trade journals for original spark-plugs, or traveling to antique tractor shows around the country, that's what Magsig does.

He performs most of the surgery in his barn, working in his grease-covered overalls, turning chunks of rusted iron into working machinery.

"SHE HAS to come out an drag me in for dinner," he said, gesturing toward his wife. "When I'm out there I forget time."

Sometimes it is simply a matter of "straightening out the dents, cleaning off the grease, sandblasting away the rust and painting it," Magsig said. Usually he must go deeper. On the average, he spends about a year on each tractor.

Magsig brought his Fordson home in boxes. He found his John Deere "B" abandoned in the woods north of St. Johns. The tractor had been there so long that trees had grown through its draw bar.



Staff photo by NORRIS INGELLS

Antique tractor buff Archie Magsig poses with two of his prized possessions.

HIS CURRENT project — "a gem" — is a Samson Model "M," built by General Motors in 1920 in an effort to compete with Henry Ford's Fordson. The Samson, produced only for a few years at a loss of \$33 million, was said to be one of GM's

worst mistakes. The problem was that it cost too much. A 1919 Samson sold for \$650; the sticker price on a 1923 Fordson was \$495.

Magsig's verdict on the workmanship of another era: "It's crude by

today's standards, but you gotta marvel at what those old boys did."

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# Vintage tractors keep Archie Magsig running

By JOHN SCHNEIDER  
Staff Writer

DeWITT — A man can own only so many ancient tractors. Yes, Archie Magsig knows this, but it's a cruel truth and he would just as soon not dwell on it.

He has seven in his barn, four more in his shed. And before you can say John Deere there will be another "moment of weakness" in a forgotten corner of some dilapidated barn and Magsig will make it an even dozen.

HE LOVES old tractors. Fair enough. Still, a reporter must get to the bottom of things: Once Magsig has rescued and restored as many

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tractors as his buildings will hold, what will he do with them?

"Good question," he said, moving on to more important matters, describing the mechanical idiosyncracies of his beloved machines.

Later he faced the question squarely: "I guess I'll have to sell one once in awhile," he said, speaking like a destitute widow trying to decide which one of her children she can no longer feed. "I wouldn't know which one to sell; they're all like part of the family."

AND THEN there's the possibility of building another shed. . . .

Magsig's "first-born" was a McCormick-Deering 10-20, built in 1928. He bought it about 15 years ago from a woman who belonged to his church and knew of his soft spot. It was one of three tractors he "always wanted." The other two were a Fordson and a John Deere "GP," both of which now occupy his shed.

Asked to explain his passion for the old beasts of burden, Magsig sputters a little. It has to do with his love of mechanics and his boyhood memories of the days when the old threshing machines roamed his native Clinton County — the days when U.S. 27 was two clay wagon tracks.

"Maybe it comes from walking behind a horse-drawn plow" (on his father's farm), he mused. "I never was too much of a horse man. The neighbors were a little more progressive than my dad. I could see them plowing eight acres a day while we were plowing one."

MAGSIG, 66, lives on U.S. 27 with his wife of 42 years, Donna, in a house he has occupied since his first year of life. Following in his father's footsteps, he farmed the land until 1961, then turned 140 of the 160 acres into the Highland Hills Golf Course.

Why a golf course?

"I was always looking for some-

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## Obituaries

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### Florence L. Magsig

Florence L. Magsig, 88, of DeWitt died Dec. 13, 1987.

Mrs. Magsig was born Aug. 22, 1899, in DeWitt and was a lifelong resident of the DeWitt area. She was a member of the Redeemer United Methodist Church, and active in the church and its circles. She was a member of the Blue Star Mothers.

She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Sr. in 1975, and by two brothers and one sister.

Surviving are two daughters, Gladys Paschke of Lansing and Arlene Schneeberger of DeWitt; one son, Raymond Magsig Jr. of DeWitt; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Francis Klaver of Dansville; and three sisters, Dorothy Smith of Ovid, Marie Schneeberger of Grand Rapids, and Mable Cass of Lansing.

Services were Dec. 16 at the Redeemer United Methodist Church of DeWitt with Pastors Harry Johnson and Daniel Biteman Jr. officiating. Interment was in DeWitt Cemetery.

Casketbearers were grandsons.

Contributions can be made to the Redeemer United Methodist Church.

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Thursday, May 27, 1965



Guests of honor at an open house Sunday, June 6, will be Mr and Mrs Rhine Henning of 3440 West Howe Road in DeWitt who were married 50 years ago June 9. Friends and relatives are invited to the open house which will be held in their residence and hosted by their children, Mr and Mrs Richard Henning of Lansing, Mr and Mrs Dan Martemucci of West DeWitt and Mr and Mrs Michael Yatchman of Lincoln Park and grandchildren.

# Speak Nuptial Vows Sunday

*Sept- 1940*  
Ardith Magsig and  
Lloyd Rosekrans  
Wed in Lansing

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Miss Ardith Magsig, daughter of Dan Magsig of Olive township, became the bride of Lloyd L. Rosekrans, son of Ivan Rosekrans of Riley township on Sunday, Sept. 8. They spoke their vows at two o'clock before Rev. Thos. Toy at his parsonage in Lansing.

The attendants were the bridegroom's twin brother, Lyle Rosekrans, and Miss Ariene Magsig of Olive, and the bride's brother, Archie Magsig, and Doris Henning of Dewitt. The bridesmaids were cousins of the bride.

Following the ceremony refreshments were served the wedding party and immediate families at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Magsig of Olive. Bouquets of seasonal flowers decorated the rooms and a lovely wedding cake adorned the table.

Mrs. Rosekrans is employed by the County Agricultural Conservation Association, while Mr. Rosekrans is a well and favorably known young farmer.

Upon their return from a trip through northern Michigan the couple will reside with his father in Riley.

## *Mr. and Mrs. Rosekrans Honored by Reception*

*Sept- 1940*  
To honor Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rosekrans, newlyweds, his father, Ivan Rosekrans of Riley, entertained at a reception at Olive grange hall Saturday evening. About 175 friends and relatives were in attendance.

The honored couple were the recipients of many lovely gifts. Refreshments were served. The bridal table was adorned by a lovely tiered cake.

June 30—Born to S-Sgt. and Mrs. Lyle Rosekrans of Harlingen, Texas, a son, David Lyle. Mrs. Rosekrans was formerly Mildred Lerg of near Dewitt.