

## THE ST. JOHNS NEWS, THURSDAY AFTERNOON—APRIL 24, 1913.

## Obituary.

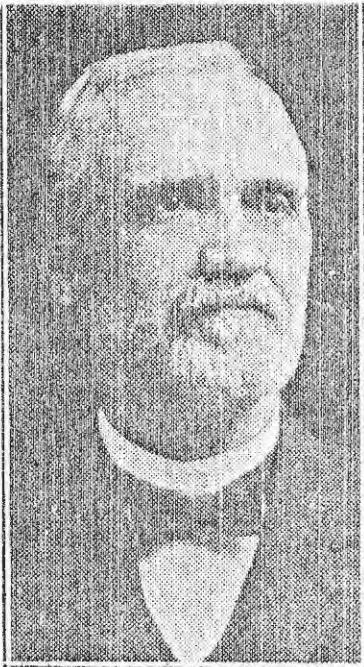
Charles A. Pate was born in Fremont, O., May 22nd, 1877. Thirty years ago last March he accompanied his parents to Watertown, Mich. He was a continuous resident of that town until eight years ago he came to DeWitt village with his parents where he has since resided. Two years ago his health failed from that dread disease, tuberculosis. All that could be done was done for him but for the last few months he has failed fast. He peacefully and quietly passed away Sunday noon, April 20th, 1913, aged 35 years, 10 months and 28 days. He is survived by his mother, three sisters, Mrs. Frank Lietzke, in West DeWitt, Mrs. Will Lietzke of Watertown and Mrs. Louie Lietzke in South DeWitt. His father, August Pate, passed away six years ago. His brother, Ivan Pate, passed away two years ago. Mrs. Pate has been called to part with loved ones five times

in six years. Her father died four years ago, her mother three years ago. Mrs. Pate is left all alone in her home now but we trust the one that doeth all things well will comfort her in her great sorrow.

Funeral was held at the M. E. church Wednesday p. m. at 2 o'clock. Rev. G. T. Fisher officiated. Interment in DeWitt cemetery.

Patterson

## Funeral of Grand Ledge Lawyer Held at Home



Henry J. Patterson

Special to The State Journal

GRAND LEDGE, Aug. 19.—The funeral of Henry J. Patterson, who died at Ann Arbor Wednesday, was held at his home Friday afternoon in this city. Rev. Mead officiated. Mr. Patterson was one of the oldest practicing lawyers in the state having a case in court only a few days before going to the hospital. Mr. Patterson was a pioneer of Eaton county and was well-known throughout the state.

Partridge

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**Mrs. Lydia Dunham.**

Miss Lydia Partridge was born in New York state Jan. 31, 1832. She was married to Wm. Dunham in New York state. They came to Michigan and settled south of Dewitt village. Mr. Dunham died in 1881. About 18 years ago Mrs. Dunham left her farm and moved to this village. A few years ago, her health failed and she has since resided with her daughters, Mrs. Helen Rouse, and Mrs. Charles Treadwell. She departed this life Sunday, Jan. 9, 1916 at the home of Mrs. Henry Rouse. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham first settled on the farm now occupied by A. I. Dunham. Her home was her kingdom. She was always ready to help where help was needed and was loved and respected by all that knew her.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunham, six of whom survive: Merritt and Edwin of Rondo; Mrs. Helen Rouse and Mrs. Charles Treadwell, Irving and A. I. of Dewitt. Her daughter, Frances, died several years ago.

Mrs. Dunham was a charter member of the D. of R. and kept her membership until the last.

Her funeral was held at the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. F. C. Alldinger officiating. Interment in Dewitt cemetery.

Payne

LOCAL HISTORY  
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The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil.  
For thou art with me; thy rod and  
thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies.  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*In Memory of*

ALBERT L. PAYNE

*Date of Birth*

February 28, 1896  
Ross County, Ohio

*Date of Death*

July 17, 1971  
Harrison, Michigan

*Services at*

LEE R. RUMMELL FUNERAL HOME

Tuesday, July 20, 1971

2:00 P. M.

*Clergyman*

Rev. Douglas D. Beach  
Wayside Chapel

*Bearers*

Walter Louth	Allen DeZess
Eugene Vettraino	Julian Ruiz
Marvin Murdock	Kenneth Ferguson

*Burial*

DeWitt Cemetery

*Military Honors by Laingsburg  
American Legion Post No. 248*

## PIONEER OF COUNTY

Mrs. Mary Peacock Died In Dewitt at  
Age of 91.

Mrs. Mary Peacock, for 83 years a resident of the state of Michigan and a pioneer of Dewitt and Clinton County, died at her old home in Dewitt township, Clinton County, Sunday evening about 6 o'clock of a complication of diseases. Up to two weeks ago Mrs. Peacock was about the house and regardless of her advanced age, worked in her flower beds.

Mrs. Peacock was born in Yorkshire, England, 91 years ago. At the age of eight years, she was brought to this state by her parents, who like many other English, came here for the purpose of taking up government land. The family settled near Ann Arbor. They resided on a farm there until 1836, when the family removed to Bath township, Clinton County. At the age of 18, she was married to William Peacock, who died in 1885. The young couple took up new land and the husband cleared it, the property being located in Dewitt township.

In 1878, however, they moved to Lansing but resided there but a short time, then they returned to Dewitt township. Mrs. Peacock's stories of pioneer life were always interesting. She made a host of friends on account of her optimistic disposition. She was the mother of eight children, four of whom are dead. Those that survive are Mrs. R. V. McKeon and William Peacock, of Lansing, Mrs. Mary E. Church, Bath, and Mrs. Rachel R. Boughner, who lived with her mother.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the home at 1 o'clock.

Peacock

Obituary.

Varney H. Pierce was born in Greenwich, Huron county, Ohio, September 16, 1858. At the age of eight years he accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Husted H. Pierce, to Olive, Clinton county, where he has been a continuous resident until his death, which occurred Monday night, December 29th, 1913. Mr. Pearce has been a great sufferer for over four years from dropsy and heart trouble, but the end was very peaceful and painless.

July 6th, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Beech, also of Olive. Ten children were born to them, two passed away when quite young. He is survived by his wife and four sons: Charles, Alvin, Hite and Leonard; also four daughters: Mrs. Newton Newman of Olive; Mrs. Earl Farrer of Dewitt; and Ruth and Lenna, who are at home; four grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Mary J. VanFleet. His funeral was held at his late home Wednesday, December 31st. Interment in Dewitt cemetery. Rev. F. C. Alldinger of Lansing officiated.

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Pearce

# DeWitt remembered: Coin offers clarification of DeWitt's Charity Pearce

By KEN COIN

Several weeks ago I bad-mouthed a former DeWitt pioneer, Charity (VanDyke) Pearce for distorting DeWitt's history with a not so accurate account of its founding. To quote myself: "She could just as well have written her own story as a daughter of a pioneer family...as proficient a writer as she was, she undoubtedly could have wrote a fascinating story."

Guess what? She did! (Oh the gentle but precise twists of history.) The following excerpts are from an essay by Mrs. Pearce which was published in The Clinton Republican, Jan. 21, 1892.

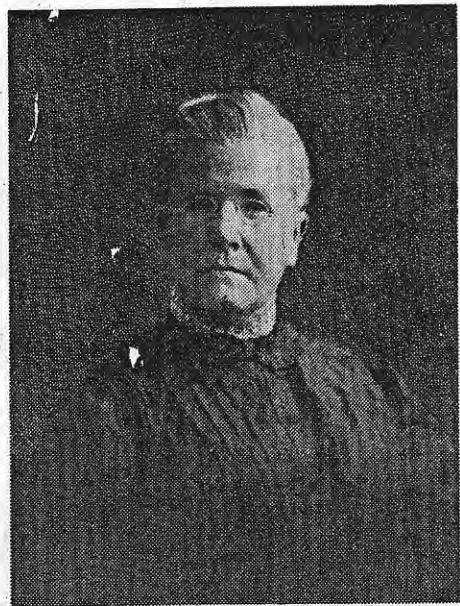
*My father and mother (William and Sarah VanDyke), accompanied by five children, came from New York state to Riley Township...in 1844. Atwell Simmons, Riley's 1st settler, gave my people permission to occupy a log building used by him as a cooper shop (barrel and bucket maker) until the house could be erected on the land purchased by my father from the government.*

*Quilts were hung in place of doors and windows. I heard my mother tell how homesick she was the next morning after their arrival. She arose, pulled the quilt to one side and looked out upon bushes bent to the ground with snow.*

*Oh, how we enjoyed the sugar-making season; such fun as we children had gathering sap. And does it not make your mouth water to think of the great kettles full of syrup hanging over the fire? (Actually Charity, no, it does not. Frankly, the thought of all that syrup really gags me.)*

*Perhaps a short description of the first schoolhouse that I attended would not be out of place. Built of logs; size, about 14' x 24'; shake roof; slabs for a floor. The seats were not exactly of the up-to-date affairs of the present. A basswood log about a foot in diameter was split in two, the flat surface up, of course. Large wooden pins or legs were inserted on the underside. These seats reached nearly across on both sides of the house; then holes made in the side of the house, large pins driven, and a plank laid across them. This was our writing desk. The blackboards consisted of three boards about three feet long, each board about one foot wide.*

*The first sermon I remember every hearing was preached in the same old schoolhouse. Occasionally a minister would stray through our section and give out an appointment to preach. I well remember the disgust of a certain lady who had moved from a certain state more civilized...and the lady came to attend the service at the log school for the first time since*



CHARITY (VAN DYKE) PEARCE — From Daboll's 1906, *Past and Present of Clinton County, Michigan*.

*her advent into the western lands. She looked out the window and saw the man of God approaching and said, "Oh dear! What would my people say if they should see me attending church services in a log schoolhouse and the minister dressed in denim overalls?"*

*But it did not take this lady long to fall into pioneer ways. She soon found that people can be honest and respectable if not dressed in fine linen and broadcloth; found that she could ride an ox team. Now she can count her dollars by the thousands. I presume she is no happier than in those days when strict economy was the rule.*

Charity married Varney Pearce in 1872. They purchased a farm north of town from David Scott, Jr. (currently the Fedewa farm on Chadwick road, west of Norris). They built the large Victorian house and many of the barns which still remain today. In 1904, they retired to the village of DeWitt where the built a comfortable retirement home (currently the Ballard home at 307 W. Main).

The Pearce's were very active in the DeWitt and Pomona Grange as well as the Clinton County and Michigan Pioneer Societies. Both died in 1919. Many DeWitt residents (well, okay, maybe not "many" but at least a few of you) will remember their three children: Alta (Mrs. Fenton Brink) Josephine ("Josie" Mrs. Fred Tucker) and Varney, Jr. ("Dub" and his wife, Gertie).

Ken Coin is a DeWitt resident and the areas primary historian.

Pearce

## WHO'S IT . . . IN DEWITT!

Back in 1879 the Pearce family, which came to figure prominently in local pioneer history, took up some land out on Chadwick Road, northwest of town, and established a homestead there. On June 25 of that year, a son, Varney D. Pearce, was born to them. The father became a prosperous farmer and the mother a well known feature writer of her day. Before following in his father's footsteps as a farmer, "Dub" received his education at the Brown school. In the year 1900 he was married to Gertrude Eaton, and on July 25, 1950, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in the village. Besides being a farmer, he is known to many people as a livestock and wool buyer, and for many years he has sold fertilizers to farmers in this vicinity as a side line. His favorite hobby is small game hunting and he takes much pride in the bird dog which always accompanies him.

(Signed)  
LANKFORD VARIETY STORE

cream cashmere and silk, trimmed in chiffon, and carried pink and cream roses. Miss Kinney was attired in white cashmere, trimmed in lace. Miss Pearce was dressed in cream colored cashmere, trimmed in chiffon. The bridesmaids carried pink and white carnations. The groom and his attendants were dressed in the conventional black, the groom wearing yellow roses, the attendants wearing red roses.

After the congratulations had been received, the bridal party and friends were escorted to the two spacious dining rooms, where an elaborate supper, from tastily decorated tables, was served by eight young ladies, the Misses Webb, Pike, Kinney, Brinkerhoff, Martzke, Whitakor, Blizzard and Randell; who were each presented with a dainty card tied with white ribbon, upon which was written the bill of fare, also day and date, to be kept as souvenirs. At the ends of the tables presided Mrs. S. Norris, Mrs. M. Diles, Mrs. E. Dills and Mrs. D. Rockwell, who poured the coffee for the girls to serve. The bill of fare consisted of coffee biscuits, meats, pickles, cabbage salads, olives, ice cream, water melon, lemon cheese and angel-food cake, oranges, bananas, fruit and bride's cakes. Piano music was furnished by the Misses Lucille Scott, Anna Randell and Mae Clavey. Violin music was furnished by Victor Clavey. Mr. and Mrs. Brink left for the state of New York and Niagara Falls, with the best wishes of their many friends. They were the recipients of many elegant and useful presents, the following of which is a list.

From father to bride—Check of \$500, 1 set of solid silver teaspoons, one enameled bedstead. From mother to bride—Check of \$500, one large room and all furnishings complete with black walnut set, carpet, lace curtains, one decorated chamber set, lace counter panes and sheets, one pair of mismatched sheets and pillow cases, celluloid comb and whisk broom, silver thimble, one set of dining room chairs, one gardiner stand, one feather bed and pillows, one dozen ice cream cups, and to the groom, one silver mustache cup and saucer. From brother to bride—Check of \$10, one chima clock. From Mark Brazer and Josie Pearce—One fancy back rocker, one set of silver table spoons. One half dozen, each, silver dessert and tea spoons. Mr. George Brink—Silver berry spoon. Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Brink—Silver and chima fruit dish. Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Pearce. Mr. and Mrs. Dey Van Hul, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Major Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitaker—Gold lined silver fruit dish. E. M. Webb and family, Mrs. Julia Scott and A. H. Alexander—Decorated glass tea set. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blizzard, Mr. and Mrs. H. VanDyke, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rockwell and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dunlap—Gold lined silver fruit basket. Otto Martzke—Albert Martzke, Theo. Martzke, Martha, Anna and Mary Martzke—One set of silver knives and forks. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Norris and Frank and Grace Norris—One ink book case and secretary combined. Mr. and Mrs. E. Lerner, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lancton, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lancton, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dills, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roherer, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hill, Mrs. Hannah Blizzard, Mr. A. A. Wilbur, Mr. Loren Hill, Mr. Louis Yantz, Misses Fannie and Minnie Norris—Silver butter dish. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott—Silver eider dish. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Scott and Mrs. Lucille Scott—Silver saucer and fork. Mr. and Mrs. H. Brazer—Silver berry spoon. Will Brinkerhoff, Silver and glass pickle caster. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Remond and Miss Emma Remond—One set of silver knives and forks to the groom. From Marty Brink, (deceased), Mr. E. D. Way and family—Mr. Herbert, Reid—\$2. Theodore Nellar and family—China cake dish. Grace Holth—Parlor lamp.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yantz—China berry set. Mrs. E. Bidell and J. M. and Otto Bidell—Fancy handkerchiefs. Mrs. H. R. Wilcox—Decorated silverware.

Mrs. Theodore Stenhardt—Largo framed painting. Luther Sibley and Robert Elwanger—Chenille table cloth. Mr. and Mrs. David Hufman—Decorated glass eider dish. Albert Yantz—Our wedding bells, (book) Rev. T. W. Illman—Bridal bells, (book) Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Kapp—Fancy handkerchiefs. Belle Ashworth—Celluloid handkerchief and glove boxes. Mr. and Mrs. W. Emery and Earl Emery—Decorated china gardiner. Mr. and Mrs. Dr. R. Stanwood, Ray and Loy Stanwood—Two sets of individual salt and pepper shakers. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blizzard—One set of silver nut picks and cracker. Geo. Roherer—Silver sugar shell, Frank Hoffman—Silver butter knife and gold lined sugar shell. Mrs. Ella Brinkerhoff, and Bort Brinkerhoff—One set of china fruit plates. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Darnham—China fruit basket. Mrs. C. Bedell—Silver butter knife and sugar shell. Mr. and Mrs. Clancy and May and Lulu Olancy—Decorated china cake plate. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. VanDyke—Glass cheese dish. Erod Oberly—China cream and sugar set. Mr. and Mrs. G. Yantz—One linen table cloth. Mr. and Mrs. S. Tucker—One linen table cloth. Mr. and Mrs. J. Tott—China pin tray. Mrs. Jane Northway—Patent swing rocker. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kinney and Hattie and Bertha Kinney—Decorated gardiner. Mr. and Mrs. S. Castle—One full china tea set—from groom to bride. Decorated white enameled paper holder—Mr. and Mrs. K. VanFleet. Pleco lined bed blankets—Mrs. Carrie Simmons. One pair of woolen blankets—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dills. Two fancy towels—Lettie and Leah Wilcox. One linen table cloth—Mr. and Mrs. August Wolf—China fruit dish—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hyde and Effie. Hand embroidered center piece—Genevieve Brinkerhoff. China cream and sugar set and cake plate—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reed. One dozen napkins—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Simmons. Silver gold lined sugar shell and butter knife—Mr. A. H. Helso—Glass berry set—Mrs. Anges Bradd. One pair of glass trays—Lettie and Nina Blizzard. China cheese dish—Mrs. J. B. Lott. Six china fruit plates—Mr. and Mrs. L. Huott. Large rug—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Woodruff. One pale glass rose bowl—Mrs. M. and Cesper Smith. Six glass fruit plates—Geo. Vandyke and Nellie Smiley—Nickie crumb tray and saucer—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dills. Counterpane—Andrew Neller. Decorated china cake plate—Mr. and Mrs. E. Lott. One dozen chima fruit plates—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Dills, and Gerry and Helen Dills. Silver sugar shell—Mr. and Mrs. L. Barton. Decorated glass spoon holder—Jay VanDyke. Leather covered easy chair—from bride to groom.

The guests from abroad were, Rev. T. W. Illman, Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter, of Barry county; Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Simmons and family and Mrs. J. Northway of Bancroft; Mrs. S. Castle, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. E. Bidell, the Misses Ottie Bedell, Effie Hyde, Edna and Beatrice Blizzard of Lansing.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

PEARCE

## AN OCTOBER WEDDING.

Just Before the Snow Flies a Happy De-  
Witt Pair Were United.

One of the largest and most charming weddings in this vicinity took place Wednesday, October 19, 1898, in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Varney Pearce, of Olive, where nearly three hundred friends assembled to witness the marriage of their eldest daughter, Altie, to Fenton P. Brink, one of Olive's most estimable young men. They have both resided in Olive since childhood, consequently have many warm friends.

The home was beautifully decorated through out with plants and flowers, the parlors being decorated in dahlias and cosmos blossoms. The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Simone. At six p. m., while the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march was being played by Miss Lucille Scott, of DeWitt, the bridal party marched into the north parlor, and stood beneath an immense floral horse-shoe, made of white dahlias, where Rev. T. W. Illman, pastor of Universalist church in Bay City, performed a very beautiful and impressive ceremony. The bride and groom were attended by Varney Pearce, a brother of the bride, Miss Hattie Kinney, Mark Brazer and Miss Josephine Pearce, sister of the bride. The bride was prettily attired in

PARICE

**Pearce—Eaton Wedding.**

Married at the home of the bride's parents in North Olive Wednesday, July 25th, 1900, Miss Gertrude Eaton, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Eaton, and Varney Pearce, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Varney Pearce, of South Olive. The ceremony was performed in the presence of only the nearest relatives by Rev. J. N. Buell, of Dewitt. The bride was attired in white silk and carried white carnations. The groom wore the conventional black. They were attended by Miss Josephine Pearce, sister of the groom, and Clell Eaton, brother of the bride. After congratulations a bountiful dinner was partaken of. The happy couple took the evening train enroute for Petoskey amid a shower of rice.

# Pearsall

## Obituary.

Mary Pearsall was born in DeWitt, Clinton Co., Mich., Aug. 12th, 1843. She was united in marriage in DeWitt to Joseph Conklin, also of DeWitt, Aug. 6th, 1864. Mr. Conklin died 23 years ago. About 14 years ago she was married to Mr. Hickok of Hart, Mich. She went there to live and resided there until her death, which occurred Thursday, May 22nd, 1913, after a short illness. Her second husband died several years ago.

Mrs. Hickok was well and favorably known around here, as the most of her life was passed near DeWitt village. She was a faithful member of the Baptist church 23 years. She was a kind neighbor and friend and the news of her death was received with regret by many friends.

Her funeral was held at Hart, Saturday, May 24th, 1913. She was laid to rest beside the remains of her husband. She was a member of the Clinton County Pioneer Society.

PEARSON BROTHERS OF RILEY  
WED HAZEL AND RUBY  
GEDNEY SATURDAY

Pearson

In a unique double wedding ceremony performed at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon September 14, 1929, at Bethel, Ontario, Canada, two brothers Clyde and Glenn Pearson well known Riley township young men and the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pearson, took as their brides two sisters, the Misses Hazel and Ruby Gedney of Bethel. Those from St. Johns who attended the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pearson and son Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pearson, and Mrs. Lewis Brown and daughter Gladys. Following is the account of the wedding which appeared in the Saturday issue of the Brantford Expositor published at Brantford, Ontario.

A very pretty double wedding took place at Bethel church this afternoon at 1 o'clock, when the Misses Hazel and Ruby Gedney became the brides of Messrs. Clyde and Glenn Pearson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Pearson of St. Johns, Mich. The Rev. Gordon Rayner of Sarnia performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Godfrey Burford. The church was prettily decorated with ferns, white and pink asters, vines and choice gladioli, with other fall flowers. Two arches were prettily arranged with asters, roses and vine to form the initials of the families, G. and P. The ushers were Messrs. Alton McAllister and Robert Milburn both of Bethel. The brides were given in marriage by their parents, Miss Hazel on the arm of her mother, with Miss Ruby leaning on her father's arm. Both brides were dressed alike in lovely satin gowns with radium lace trimmings, and wore silk net bridal veils with orange blossom bandeaux. They carried lovely shower bouquets of sweetheart roses and baby breath. Miss Verna Gedney, sister of the brides, and Miss Hazel Pearson, cousin of the groom, were winsome flower girls, dressed alike in orchid organdy and carried baskets of sunset roses and mixed flowers. The bridal chorus from Lohengrin was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Gordon Rayner of Sarnia and during the signing of the register Miss Hazel Gedney of Brantford, cousin of the brides, sang very sweetly "For You Alone." A reception at "Willow Heights," followed the ceremony, and a dainty buffet luncheon was served by girl friends to about 60 guests. The brides mother wore a lovely golden brown crepe back satin gown with shoulder bouquet of sunset roses. The grooms mother was becomingly gowned in black silk crepe with American Beauty rose shoulder bouquet. Many beautiful wedding gifts were received, among which were both grooms' gifts to their brides—beautiful dressing cases. The pianist and soloist were presented with lovely bar pins, the ushers with military brush sets and the flower girls each received pretty signet rings. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pearson then left amid showers of confetti and good wishes for a short motor trip, Mrs. Clyde traveling in Wedgewood blue ensemble with silver grey accessories, while Mrs. Glenn wore Pitchpine green with brown accessories. On their return the happy couples will reside together on the grooms' farm near St. Johns, Mich.

# Obituary

## Clyde Pearson

Clyde Pearson, 83, of 3643 W. Jason Road, DeWitt, died July 10, 1989, at his home.

He was born in Riley Township of Clinton County on April 12, 1906, the son of William Henry and Nellie (Brown) Pearson.

He was married to Hazel Gedney on Sept. 14, 1929 in Canada.

He lived most of his life in the Riley and Olive Township areas.

Mr. Pearson was a member of Masonic Lodge #105, Farm Bureau, the Board of Directors of St. Johns Co-op, and Pilgrim United Methodist Church.

He was self-employed as a farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel; one son and daughter-in-law, Gerry and Carol Pearson of St. Johns; three daughters, Betty Count of Pacifica, Calif., Mrs. Jerry (Anita) Roberts of Laingsburg, and Mrs. Phillip (Sharon) DeMarais of St. Johns; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; one brother, Glenn Pearson of DeWitt; several nieces

and nephews.

Preceding him in death was one brother, Lewis. Services were held at Pilgrim United Methodist Church in St. Johns on July 12, with the Rev. Brian Sheen officiating. Interment was at South Bingham Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Osgood Funeral Homes in St. Johns.

The family suggests that contributions be made to the Pilgrim United Methodist Church in his memory.

Peck

Mrs. PHILO PECK, a pioneer of Riley, died August 28, 1881. Mrs. Peck came to Riley from Tecumseh, in 1841, with her husband and family.

DEA. HENRY Post, a resident of Victor for upwards of 40 years, died at

30-1881 aged between 90 and 100

1960

Pederson



Mr. and Mrs. Carleton F. Smith of DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Louise Smith, to William Robert Pederson. The prospective bridegroom, now serving with the U.S. Navy, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman L. Pederson of 14352 Myers Road. July 11 is the selected wedding date.

Peltier

Isabelle Hendershot  
And J. H. Peltier

1939 Married, Dec. 29th

Announcement is made of the  
marriage of J. H. Peltier, of Bath,  
and Isabelle Hendershot, of St.  
Johns, on Dec. 29th. The marriage  
service was read by Rev. J. R. Stan-  
forth, of the Methodist church of  
Wauseon, O.  
Mr. and Mrs. Peltier will reside  
in Bath.

Pennell

## John R. Pennell

John R. Pennell, former president of the F.C. Mason Company in St. Johns, passed away Oct. 16, 1979 at age 83.

He had worked with the F.C. Mason Company for 50 years. He was also a member of the Walnut Hills Country Club, was a World War I veteran and a rifle range instructor.

Mr. Pennell had resided at 210 E. Main St., DeWitt with his wife, Ruby. She passed

away in 1978.

Surviving are a sister, Margjoie Pennell of Washington, D.C. and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at the DeWitt Area Chapel with Rev. LaVern Bretz officiating. Burial was in DeWitt Cemetery.

Mr. Pennell was born May 15, 1896 in DeWitt.

PENNELL

# MARK PENNELL DIES MARCH 15

Dewitt Pioneer Had Been  
In Ill Health for  
Past Five Years

Mark Pennell, 75, one of the pioneers of Dewitt, passed away at his home on Main street in that village Friday, March 15. Mr. Pennell was one of the best known men of Dewitt, having a wide acquaintance throughout the county. His death came as the culmination of five years of ill health, the last three of which he was confined most of the time to his home.

The deceased was the youngest of three sons of Orrin G. and Lorana Pennell. He was born December 26th, 1854 in Ridgeway, N. Y. At the age of seven he came with his family to Michigan and settled in Washtenaw county where they lived until he was fifteen. They then came to Dewitt township and took up a 320 acre farm adjoining the village.

Mr. Pennell received his education in New York and Michigan schools and finished at Michigan State college. In 1880 he married Miss Ella Goodman to whom four children were born, three daughters and one son, two of whom survive, John R. of Dewitt and Miss Marjorie. Some years ago he sold the old home farm and for a time lived in California.

PENNELL

OBITUARY

**ELLEN GOODMAN PENNELL**

"A perfect woman—nobly planned" The funeral services for Ellen G. Pennell beloved wife of Mark G. Pennell and devoted mother of John and Marjorie Pennell were held from her late residence in Dewitt on the afternoon of Sunday, September 18th.

She had lived in this vicinity since early childhood and became the wife of Mark Pennell forty-three years ago. She was born in New York state on the 23rd of February, 1860 and died in the Sparrow hospital, Lansing, Michigan, on September 13th, following an operation.

The incidents of her birth and death are fraught with significance, chiefly because of the beautiful womanly life she lived and the strength and sweetness of her character. No eulogy however ably expressed can speak with the eloquence that do the tears of sorrow in the eyes of countless friends—friends blessed and cheered and helped because her life has touched theirs. Never a one in want or sorrow who came within her sphere lacked the sympathy of her great heart or the help of her loving hands. She loved all things the Creator made and read his glory in the petals of a flower or the voice of a little child no less than in the majesty of a sunset or the constellations of the heavens. Stability of character, breadth of intellect, greatness of heart—these and more are the foundation stones upon which she built the noble, beauteous structure of her life. Truly it can be said of her, she brought Heaven a little nearer to all who knew her and left this world a better place because she lived.

All hearts go out to her bereaved ones with deep sympathy in their great loss. May the richness of their memories and the promise of a glad reunion be their comfort through the lonely days to come.

Pennington

Married at the Methodist parsonage at Angora, Indiana, Friday, Oct. 10, Miss Ethel Merrilow and Earl Pennington, both of St. Johns. The full ring service was read. Mr. and Mrs. Pennington will reside on the groom's farm in Olive.

PENNINGTON

**Death Claims Mrs.  
Earl Pennington  
On February 20**

Mrs. Earl Truax Pennington died Feb. 20, at her home at Merle Beach, aged 39 years. She was the daughter of Frank Truax and was born near Bannister in 1889.

She married Earl Pennington Dec. 26, 1906, and is survived by her husband, father, three sisters, Mrs. Mattie Baker of Wichita Falls, Texas; Mrs. Vina Ayers, of Flint; Mrs. Helen Jolley, Lansing, and one brother, Chester Truax.

Services were held at the home Wednesday at 1 o'clock and at the Dewitt Baptist church at 3 o'clock, Rev. G. B. Northrup conducting the services.

Hattie V.  
Pennington

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Richard Henry Perkins  
1540 New York

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down  
in green pastures: He leadeth me  
beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: He  
leadeth me in the paths of right-  
eousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, tho' I walk through  
the valley of the shadow of death.  
I will fear no evil: for Thou art  
with me; Thy rod and Thy staff  
they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table be-  
fore me in the presence of mine  
enemies: Thou anointest my head  
with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of  
my life: and I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord forever.*

Psalm 23

**BORN**  
November 17, 1893  
Williamston, Michigan

**DIED**  
March 17, 1977  
Lansing, Michigan

**SERVICES HELD AT**  
Gorsline-Runciman Lansing Chapel  
Monday, March 21, 1977  
2:30 P.M.

**OFFICIATING**  
Rev. LaVern A. Bretz

**MUSIC**  
Mrs. Lois Bykerk—Organist

**INTERMENT**  
DeWitt Cemetery

**CASKET BEARERS**  
Ed Arnel Harold Daniels  
Jack Ridenour Bud Hall  
Keith Cook Darwin Gordon

Perkins

Petersmeyer

### 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. Willie 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 Lucile 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 pinces 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;

Petersmeyer

1883

1908

Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary  
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Petersmeyer

At Home

Friday evening, January the seventeenth  
nineteen hundred and eight  
from 7 to 10 o'clock

Cherokee, Iowa

And to meet Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Petersmeyer

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