

Open House to Honor Couple on Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. CARL E. STAUB

OPEN HOUSE — Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Staub of Chadwick Rd. are to be guests of honor at an open house on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial building. The occasion is the Staub's 60th wedding anniversary. Their children will be hosts on this memorable occasion. Mr. and Mrs. James Staub, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Staub and Mr. and Mrs. John Lennaman, nee Bertha Staub. Six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren make up the rest of their family. All neighbors, friends, and well wishers are cordially invited to call on this fine couple. It has been requested "no gifts" be specified.

Staub

in memory of
Minnie Marie Staub

date of birth
February 4, 1874

date of death
September 4, 1963

services
VINCENT - RUMMELL
FUNERAL HOME
Friday, September 6, 1963
2:00 p. m.

clergyman
Rev. Dan Dallas
DeWitt Methodist Church

interment
DeWitt Cemetery
DeWitt, Michigan

bearers
Wm. McGovney Arnold Blizzard
Francis McKenna Pat Bailey
Wm. Fineout Raymond Locher

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be
no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

For though from out
our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far
I hope to see my Pilot
face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

In Memory of

CARL E. STAUB

Born - June 4, 1873

Died - March 5, 1960

86 yrs. - 9 mos. - 1 day

Services from

Vincent Funeral Home

Tuesday, March 8, 1960

1:30 p.m.

Clergyman

Rev. Averill M. Carson
DeWitt Community Church
DeWitt, Michigan

Bearers

Arnold Blizzard Pat Bailey
William McGowney
W. M. Vincent Karl Gilson
Francis McKenna

Interment

DeWitt Cemetery

Vivian Gilson, Organist

STAUB, MINNIE MARIE

364 N. Scott, DeWitt

Age 89, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1963, at Fairview Convalescent Home. Mrs. Staub was born in Southfield, Mich., Feb. 4, 1874, and resided in DeWitt area most of her life. Funeral services will be held at Vincent-Kennell Funeral Home, Friday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m. Rev. Dan Dallas of DeWitt Methodist Church officiating. Interment in DeWitt. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Bertha) Lehmann of DeWitt; 2 sons, Thomas of DeWitt, James of Lansing; a sister, Mrs. Edna Waldron of Temple, Mich.; 6 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren.



Feb. 14, 1949

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A

BUFFET SUPPER

On Saturday, February 26, 1949

at 7:00 P.M.

At: 424 Allen St. Lansing, Michigan.

HONORING: Mildred & Jim Staub on

their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Given by: Mary Spanogle & Laura Gregg

Miss Mildred Lennemann and James W. Staub were quietly married Wednesday morning at the First Presbyterian manse. Rev. G. W. Shaon performed the ceremony. The young people left for a wedding trip to Grand Rapids and upon their return they will reside at 917 E. Kalamazoo street.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1989



Mr. and Mrs. Staub

Staubs Celebrate 65 Years

Mr. and Mrs. James Staub of Sarasota celebrated their 65th anniversary Feb. 27, 1989.

They were married Feb. 27, 1924, in Lansing, Mich., and have lived in Sarasota for 22 years. She is the former Mildred Lennemann.

Mr. Staub is retired from Oldsmobile Division, General Motors Corp. in Lansing. He is a member of the Oldsmobile Quarter Century Club, Oldsmobile Outdoor Club and GMC Alumni Club.

Mrs. Staub is retired from F.N. Arbaugh Department Store in Lansing.

Staub

Reception To Honor T. Staubs

DEWITT—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Staub, 11363 DeWitt Road, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house next Sunday.

The 2 to 5 p.m. event will be held at the home of the Staubs' daughter, Mrs. Eugene Coin of 109 North Scott St. Co-hostess will be the Staubs' other daughter, Mrs. Francis Dunn.

Mr. Staub and the former Matie Vaughan were married Feb. 9 in St. Johns. They have four grandchildren.

Mr. Staub was employed over 20 years by Boichot Concrete Co. and retired in 1962.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Staub wish to thank their many friends and relatives who helped make their Golden Wedding Anniversary such a memorable day. A special thanks to the daughters and their families for a very happy time. The many, many beautiful cards and gifts will long be cherished. Thanks to all. Tom & Matie.

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Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Staob will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 12th, 1967, with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Eugene Coin at 109 N. Scott Street, DeWitt. Mrs. Coin will be assisted by Mrs. Bud Dunn. Friends and relatives are welcome. No gifts please.

DeWitt

By Virginia Ackerman

Staubs celebrate 50 years of marriage

Sunday, Feb. 12, an open house for Mr and Mrs Tom Staub was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Eugene Coin. Mr and Mrs Bud Dunn assisted along with the four grandchildren. One hundred friends and relatives were present.

Tom and Matie were married in St. Johns Feb. 9, 1917. They have spent all of their married life in or near DeWitt. Tom retired in 1962 from Boichot Concrete and Matie retired the same time after 14 years at Lankford's Variety Store in DeWitt.

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1923

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In honor of the
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
of

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lennemann
their children request the pleasure of your
company on Sunday, June 24, 1973

Open House

two until five o'clock

DeWitt Memorial Building

206 Washington Street. DeWitt, Michigan

No Gifts

COMFORT

Oh, deem not they are blest alone
Whose lives a peaceful tenor keep;
The Power who pities man has shown
A blessing for the eyes that weep.

The light of smiles shall fill again
The lids that overflow with tears;
And weary hours of woe and pain
Are promises of happier years.

For God has marked each sorrowing day,
And numbered every secret tear,
And heaven's long age of bliss shall pay
For all his children suffer here.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Blessed are the pure in heart
for they shall see God.

Thomas E. Staub

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Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Rummell Funeral Home, DeWitt, with burial in DeWitt Cemetery.

REST IN PEACE

You are not forgotten, loved one
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by, we miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can fill your vacant place.

Died Thursday, March 20, 1969

WILLIAM COLLEN BRANT

In Memory of THOMAS E. STAUB

Date of Birth
September 26, 1897
Montcalm County

Date of Death
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Lansing, Michigan

Services
LEBIE H. RUMMELL
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2:00 p.m.

Clergyman
Rev. LaVern Bretz
Valley Farms Baptist Church

Interment
DeWitt Cemetery

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A. B. Feltner
Paul Keuter
Dick Detzler
Muri Wing
Vingel Baurem

Honorary Bearers
Rodney Taylor
Edward Parker
Glenn Ferguson
Earl Kelly
Roy Decker
Hershel Parks
L. J. Griswold
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Memorial Obituary

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Funeral services were conducted at the Rummell Funeral Home on Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m. with Rev LaVern Bretz of the Valley Farms Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the DeWitt Cemetery.

Mr Staub was born near Carson City Sept. 27, 1897, the son of Carl and Minnie Staub. He resided most of his life in the DeWitt area and married Matie Vaughn in St. Johns on Feb. 9, 1917.

He was employed by the Rosevale Packing Co., and Bolchot Concrete Products. He retired in 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Matie, two daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Coin of DeWitt, and Mrs. Janet Dunn of Lansing; one sister, Mrs Bertha Lennamann of DeWitt; one brother, James of Sarasota, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

STAUB, THOMAS E.

11363 DeWitt Rd.

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Obituaries

Martha I. Annison

Martha Irene Annison, 87, of Grand Ledge died Aug. 10, 1988.

Mrs. Annison was born in Eaton County. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Betty Webb of Kalkaska and Mrs. Harold (Edith) Penzien of DeWitt; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Nina Carey of Lansing.

Services were Aug. 13 at Holihan Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Foundation.

Matie R. Staub

Matie Rosenah Staub of DeWitt died Aug. 15, 1988, in St. Johns.

Mrs. Staub was born on July 4, 1899, in Bengal Township, the daughter of John E.H. and Maud (Krebel) Vaughn. She was a lifelong resident of Clinton County. She was reared in the country ways upon the family farm in Riley Township where she attended the Jason school.

She continued her education at St. Johns High School, followed by Clinton County Normal. She taught for a short time at the Simmons and Brown schools.

On Feb. 9, 1917, she was married in St. Johns to Thomas E. Staub of Olive Township. He preceded her in death on March 20, 1969.

In 1923, she and her husband purchased a home just north of DeWitt which remained her residence for over 50 years.

She was an early member of the DeWitt-Ovid Sunshine club and the DeWitt Royal Neighbors, among other social groups.

Survivors include two daughters and son-in-law, Janet Dunn of Lansing and Marilyn and Eugene Coin of DeWitt; four grandchildren, Thomas Dunn of Lansing, Debra (Dunn) Spatrisano of DeWitt, Penny (Coin) Finney of Willow City, Texas, and Kenneth Coin of DeWitt; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Myron and Dorward Vaughn; and one sister, Clementina Carter.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Francis Dunn; a brother, Clarence Vaughn; and a sister, Vera Sturgis.

Services were Aug. 18 at Gorsline-Runciman DeWitt Chapel. Interment was in DeWitt Cemetery.

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.

Ceremony at
home of Carl Staub
145 W. Chadwick Road
at eight o'clock in the evening

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Staub
would be honored with your presence
at a reception honoring the marriage
of their daughter
Marilyn Jean
and
Mr. Eugene C. Coin
Saturday evening, May twenty-seventh
Nineteen hundred and fifty
at eight-thirty o'clock
at the
DeWitt Memorial Building

Staub



STAUB - COIN

Marilyn Staub, clerk at the warehouse, was united in marriage to Conway Coin, May 27th, by Reverend Bretz. The ceremony was held in her grandparents home. The newly weds honeymooned in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. Conway is employed at the Motor Wheel and presently are living in DeWitt.

May 27 Bride



MRS. EUGENE C. COIN

Marriage Rites Unite Couple

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Staub of Olive was the scene of the wedding of their granddaughter, Miss Marilyn Jean Staub, and Eugene C. Coin May 27.

Rev. LaVern Bretz performed the ceremony.

The new Mrs. Coin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Staub of DeWitt. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coin of Valley rd.

The couple were attended by Miss Greta Perry of Perry and Harold Coin of Midland.

The bride's gown was of white organza over Nile green taffeta, fashioned with a hooped skirt. Her colonial bouquet was of white roses and carnations.

Mrs. Harold Coin of Midland played traditional wedding music.

Over 100 guests were present at the reception in the Memorial building, DeWitt. Jack Crowner and his orchestra played for dancing. Assisting at the reception were Miss Judy Parker, Miss Phyllis Lenneman, Mrs. Richard Kruger, Miss Barbara Hicks, Miss Norma Decker and Miss Dorothy Hill.

Staub

Engaged



MISS MARILYN J. STAUB

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Staub of DeWitt have made known the betrothal of their daughter, Marilyn Jean, to Eugene C. Coin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coin, 503 Valley rd. No date has been set for their wedding.



Mrs. Edward Parker entertained 16 guests at a wedding shower honoring Miss Marilyn Staub, a May 27 bride. Euchre was played, prizes going to Mrs. Mildred Staub, Phyllis Lenneman and Miss Marilyn Staub. Spring flowers were used as the decorations. Marilyn received many lovely gifts. Lunch was served by the hostess.

STORKS.

Mrs. Marilyn Staub Coin was guest honor at a stork shower in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Bertha Lenneman, on Thursday evening, June 10. Eleven guests enjoyed suitable games and prizes which were later given to the guest of honor. The serving of refreshments climaxed a very pleasant evening.

Miss Norma Decker was hostess to 16 guests on Tuesday night, April 25, at a wedding shower in honor of Miss Marilyn Staub, who received some fine gifts. Games were played and lunch was served.

Laurel hospital in DeWitt. To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Coin, DeWitt. To Mr. and Mrs. Lynette, Aug. R. a daughter, Penny Lynette, Aug. 7, at St. Lawrence hospital. Mrs. Coin is the former Marilyn Staub.

Miss Marilyn Staub, a May 27 bride-elect, was honored with a personal shower given by Miss Greta Perry on Tuesday evening, April 4. There were 18 guests. Entertainment consisted of contests and group singing. Marilyn received many lovely gifts. Lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Mattie Staub entertained eight girl friends of her daughter, Marilyn, Friday night at a dinner. The girls upon opening their napkins, found a silver and blue bag which contained a verse announcing the marriage of Marilyn to Eugene Coin as an event of May 27.

Honor Marilyn Staub

Friends and relatives met at the home of Mrs. Edward Parker of DeWitt Thursday evening to honor Miss Marilyn Staub, May 27 bride-elect of Eugene Coin.

The dining room table was centered with a spring bouquet. Game prizes were won by Mrs. James Staub, Miss Phyllis Lenneman and Miss Staub. Luncheon was served.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Staub
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Janet Irene

to

Mr. Francis Dunn
on Saturday, the seventeenth day of March
Nineteen hundred and fifty-one
at eight o'clock in the evening at the
DeWitt Community Church

Reception following ceremony
at the Memorial Building

Janet Staub Weds In Candlelight Ceremony

A gown of traditional white slipper satin was selected by Miss Janet Irene Staub, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Staub, of DeWitt, for her wedding on Saturday evening to Francis Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Dunn, of 419 Williams street, in Lansing.

The bride's gown was fashioned with a yoke of beaded nylon net, repeated on the peplum. Her veil of nylon was held in place with a white tiara beaded with rhinestones and pearls and she carried white roses and red carnations.

The bride was presented in marriage by her father at the eight o'clock candlelight service read by the Rev. LaVern Bretz at the Community church in DeWitt. Miss Helen B. Moon played nuptial music and during the ceremony Mrs. Vernon Kowalk sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because."

The church was decorated for the ceremony with lighted candelabra and palms. Baskets of white gladioli and colored stock were placed on the altar.

Miss Norma Decker, of DeWitt, was maid-of-honor and the bride's sister, Mrs. Eugene Coin, also of DeWitt, was bridesmaid. The maid-of-honor wore orchid taffeta with net overskirt, halo hat and mitts

Sweaters should be washed in lukewarm water and mild soapsuds

and carried white and yellow carnations. Mrs. Coin's gown was in green taffeta, fashioned similarly, and she carried white and pink carnations.

Deanna Jean Dunn (and Mary Kathryn Dunn, nieces of the groom, were flower girls, dressed for the occasion in orchid and green taffeta. They wore wrist corsages of white and scattered flower petals down the aisle before the bridal couple. Master Robert Alan Morey, nephew of the groom, dressed in white, carried the rings on a white heart-shaped satin pillow.

Groomsmen were Robert E. Dunn, of Lansing, a brother of the groom, and Robert Waltz, of DeWitt. Ushers were D. Duane Dunn and Lawrence Dunn, also brothers of the groom, of Mason.

Mrs. Staub, the mother of the bride, appeared in a navy sheer with accessories of white and the mother of the groom wore a blue print suit with pink accessories. Tulips and carnations made up their shoulder arrangements.

Following the wedding, 125 guests were received by the newlyweds at a reception at DeWitt Veterans' Memorial building. Tiered wedding cake, ice cream and coffee were served by Miss Audrey Lenneman, Mrs. Burton Cowdry, Mrs. Michael Yachtman, Mrs. Duane Davis, and Mrs. Robert Rice. Gifts were in charge of Miss Verna Rice and Mrs. Lee Lankford and Mrs. Robert Waltz registered the guests.

For going away the bride wore a beige suit with accents of brown, and a corsage from the center of her bouquet. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are honeymooning in the west. After April 15 they will be at home at 1915 Clyton street, Lansing, in a new residence now under construction.

The bride graduated from DeWitt high in 1944 after which she took a short course at Michigan State College. Her husband attended Eastern High in Lansing before enlisting in the service. He served for 33 months during World War II. Both are now employed in Lansing.

Guests at the wedding were from Chicago, Lansing, Mason, Elsie, Eaton Rapids, and DeWitt.

Bride-Elect



MISS JANET I. STAUB

March wedding plans are being formulated for Miss Janet I. Staub of DeWitt and Francis Dunn. Miss Staub is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Staub. Mr. Dunn's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dunn, 419 Willow st.

Rosary services will be Wednesday evening, 8 p.m. at the Neller Funeral Home, Portland. Mass of the Christian Burial will be Thursday, 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Portland. Burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers are Jeffrey Scheurer, Michael Skinner, Joseph, John, James, Fred, Tom and Charles Russman.

**STAUB,
MATIE ROSENAH**

DeWitt

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**HAMMERMEISTER,
BERTHA
(STEVENS)**

Age 79, formerly of 117 East North Street, Lansing. Passed away Sunday, August 14, 1988 in St. Petersburg, FL after an extended illness. Bertha Stevens Hammermeister was born November 13, 1908 in Lansing. In 1924 she

DeWitt remembered:



ELIM CUTLER with his plow and team in South Riley Township about 1900. Photo courtesy of Bonnie Cutler Ward.

Coin offers grandfather's rules of thumb for planting

By KEN COIN

When I was a kid I remember many discussions over Grandma's dinner table of subjects way beyond my grasp but one of the hardest for me to fathom was the idea of planting by the moon. I was such a moron, I actually thought my great-grandfather went out after dark to plow and plant. It was only in more recent years, after making a complete fool of myself, that I realized the rules of planting by the moon applied to the phases of the moon and that the planting actually took place during daylight hours. He was an excellent farmer and someone paid him a great compliment once by telling me, "Carl was the best farmer I ever worked for. He not only knew all the rules of planting by the moon but he also knew when the moon was wrong."

Once I got it all sorted out I wrote down "Carl Staub's Rules for Planting by the Moon." (Not to be confused with "Planting in the Dark.")

1. Plant beans when the horns of the moon point upward. No climbing plants should be sowed when the horns point down.
2. Plant peas in the new of the moon and all you will get is flowers.
3. Rule of thumb — If it grows above ground, plant it in a new or "waxing" moon. If it grows below ground, plant it in a dark or "waning" moon.
4. Plow under thistles and the like on a full moon and they won't grow back.
5. A blurry moon means "water": don't plant. Corn will be smutty and potatoes will get large, but rot.
6. "Harvest-Moon" is too late for the market.

Great-grandpa was Pennsylvania German and you should understand that they had rules and superstitions for just about every

aspect of life. These are the same people who brought us, "Der schnuppe los zu waerre, rich dreimol in der schu." (Translation, "To cure a cold, sniff three times into your shoe.") Those listed above were the few which rural DeWitt of 1912 found acceptable.

Some other agricultural "rules" common to his culture which he probably knew but forgot (or tried once and was politely asked not to repeat) include:

"To be successful in raising flowering plants, steal the slips."

"Flax will grow tall if you show it your buttocks."

"A woman will loose her husband if she transplants parsley."

"When sowing radish seeds repeat: 'As long as my arm and as big as my backside.'"

"Cutworms will not destory the young corn if the ploughshare is greased with doughnut fat before beginning to plough."

"Never thank anyone for plants for the garden; they will not grow if you do."

"Urine into the hole where you expect to plant parsley or it won't grow."

It's logic such as this that makes me say, "I'm Pennsylvania-German and I can't help it."

P.S. Attention DeWitt natives, shame on all of you. Only one person, Bonnie Parker (a relative new-comer I might add) questioned the headline of my article May 4. Joe's Tavern was built in 1842, not 1848 and "still stands proudly today"??? To Bonnie and the rest, you can stop driving around town looking for it. It stood on the southwest corner of Bridge and Main but burned to the ground in 1930. I didn't happen to read the article or I would have corrected it a while ago. I don't have to read these things; that's your job.

Ken Coin is a DeWitt resident and the area's primary historian.

Coin laments passing on of family home

By KEN COIN

I saw the smoke curling up above the tree tops across the field this morning and knew what it was — the fire department was burning my old house north of the cemetery. Much as I like a good fire I wasn't in the mood to go and watch. I don't blame the new owner for wanting it out of the way; the past few years had not been kind to the old place. It was a much debated issue within my family in the past year whether or not to buy it and either fix it up or tear it down to put it out of its misery and save ourselves the heartache of watching it die a slow, ungracious death.

It was called "Peach Hill", the home of the Christian Kauffman family, when my grandparents bought it in 1923. It cost them \$2,000 and Woodruff Bros. Bank held the mortgage. At 10 percent down, they had to borrow from family to meet the down payment. It was sorely in need of repair at the time but they were young and ignored the kind comments regarding how much potential it had and began transforming into a comfortable home.

My grandmother's Grandfather Krebel had been one of the carpenters who worked on building the house in the 1870's. Either in the design or the execution something went wrong and the two story portion quickly took a decided lean to the north. At the time my grandparents bought it the house had no plaster on the walls, only practical wood planking; no electricity (that wouldn't come until 1937); no furnace, only two stoves; no running water except a hand-pump out the back door (an indoor bathroom wouldn't appear until about 1950) and the yard was a conglomeration of chicken coop, pig sty, smokehouse, barn, garden, outhouse and an orchard that had long since seen its prime.

The house had two doors: front and back. The front door was virtually painted shut. If you knocked at this one you were obviously a door-to-door salesman, an evangelist or a tax assessor and you might just as well get back into the car that brought you because it was too much effort to get that door open only to have to slam it in your face again. Now the back door, that was another story. It seemed to open by itself and wish you right in, saying, "Don't bother knocking, c'mon in!"

The first thing to greet you inside the back door was a Maytag wringer washer. This was your fair warning that these were unpretentious people who expected nothing but the same from you. If you were looking for elegance you were at the wrong house and if you thought for one minute that you had a chance of impressing anyone here, Tom and Matie could bring you back to reality in a heartbeat. But, if you were looking for good company, good food, fast-paced cards and life-long friendship, this was the place.

Their house was small and simple, an honest reflection of the people who lived in it; only two bedrooms, a kitchen and living room. It was not set-up with entertaining in mind but like an old girdle it seemed to expand to retain a comfort level. If there were more than 12 for Progressive Euchre someplace could be found to set up another card table. And the round oak table in the center of the kitchen, the heart of the



DEWITT REMEMBERED — Early morning at Peach Hill and Walter March shows off the one that didn't get away. Ca. 1928. Courtesy photo.

house, had an extra leaf nearby in case you dropped by at dinner time. Calling ahead would have been an insult to my grandparents. Of course it was ok to drop by. If you didn't know it was okay, you didn't know them very well.

Fifty years in this house created a lot of happy memories but when I walked through its empty rooms recently I found it dirty and abused. It had nothing more to offer me; I had seen it at its best. I could have done a complete overhaul on the torn-up old house; I've tackled worse. And with little effort I could just about put back most of the furnishings like they were 30 years ago. But for what? Grandma's not going to sit on the steps to crack the Hickory nuts; Grandpa's not going to keep the lawn manicured and the Sunday Night Supper Club isn't going to come over for pot-luck and cards.

It was hard for me to envision me and my family moving into a house so small. I mean — come on; five rooms, two closets and one bath for four people? We'd kill each other. Besides, I have high expectations. I think we need a living room, dining room, kitchen, several baths, three bedrooms, family rooms, laundry room, a full basement, an office for my computer and books, a guest room, a play room for the kids...the list goes on.

I don't know what my Grandparent's expectations were when they bought the house in 1923. For that matter, I don't know what their expectations were at any point in their lives. I never asked. But apparently this small old house met their expectations just fine; they called it home for 50 years. But if their expectations for their home were anything like mine, they never achieved it and, ironically, I'm very envious. And now, though it's gone, it still serves as a relentless lesson to me that a house is only a shell and no matter how large or small, new or old, plain or fancy, it cannot affect the quality of the real home inside.

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Staub

DeWitt remembered:



Photo courtesy of Bertha (Staub) Lennemann

THE TRUCK'S ALL PACKED - It's time to head north. Minnie Staub is poised at the crank while her sister Emma Iddings finishes filling the radiator. With their hats pinned down and their dusters buttoned up - lap robe draped by the door - these women are ready to motor to Houghton Lake. "A Mile-a-minute?" No such luck, they're in for a long, long road trip. Ca. 1918.

Vacations in DeWitt have changed over the years

By KEN COIN

Vacations are nothing new. DeWitt people have been taking them for years. Early letters of the pioneers tell of trips by foot and packet boats back east to visit friends and relatives. The well-to-do of later generations were no strangers to the Centennial Exposition of 1876 at Philadelphia and later, world fairs. But our current concept of a vacation - a week of camping or a cottage at the lake - that's something that developed in this century.

Exactly 75 years ago this week, two young women from DeWitt, Bertha Lennemann and my grandmother Matie Staub, took an excursion to Houghton Lake. Now, you may say, "Houghton Lake? Big deal!" But to them it was a big deal. Neither had ever before been so far away from home and Houghton Lake at that time (1918) was like the edge of the earth and took just about as long to get to. I made the mistake of once asking my grandmother if they went by car or by buggy. How was I to know? They drove a buggy at home didn't they? But she impatiently assured me that this was a first class vacation and that they traveled by motor car.

The trip there was an all-day affair on dirt roads, which included many stops for fuel, water and, according to my grandmother, getting out and pushing the car. The car had no radio and no air conditioning except for the fact that it had no side windows. The young women had to wear hats, because they were out in public, and to keep their long dresses clean and dust free they wore cotton car coats or "dusters".

The south shore of Houghton Lake at that time consisted of a small scattering of cottages, a few stores and livery barns to give it

the distinction of being a "town". One of the cottages was owned by Bertha's aunt and uncle and it was here that they stayed. It was small and simple but distinguished itself for the next 60 some years as the cottage with the stuffed deer standing on the front porch. It had all the comforts of home: an outdoor hand pump, an outhouse and rocking chairs on the porch. The neighborhood consisted of a little enclave of DeWitt families. Besides the Staub's there were the Case and Clayton families, with the Lerg's nearby and the Martin's planning on joining them.

Their daily agenda consisted of fishing at all hours, blueberry picking, swimming (actually they called it "bathing"). It was sort of hard to swim in bloomers., boat rides (oar powered), croquet, laundry (laundry?), a lot of

card playing (Pedro, of course) and ample visiting. The suntans weren't intentional but they got them anyway on the few areas of skin decency allowed them to expose.

In a letter home, my grandmother reported that she and Bertha had attended a local Saturday night dance. Both girls had attended enough DeWitt dances to be pretty good judges of high-class entertainment but they rated this one a "bum thing". But, Matie conceded, "Can't blame the barbarians that live out in these woods... for what they don't know." Sounding a bit uppity aren't you Miss world-traveler?

So, as I prepare to go on vacation this week I wonder - in 75 years will my grandchildren look at my vacation pictures and laugh at where I went, how I got there and what I did? I guess I'll deserve it: "What goes 'round comes 'round".

Ken Coin is a DeWitt resident and the area's primary historian.

Bertha Lennemann was one of DeWitt's "Grand Old Ladies"

By Ken Coin

Last week DeWitt lost one of its finest assets with the passing of Bertha Lennemann, truly one of the last of DeWitt's "Grand Old Ladies". Now, I know she would protest at such a pretentious title but grand old ladies and fine old gentlemen being somewhat of a rare commodity these days, it would do us well to take note of them whenever possible.

We did take note of Bertha Lennemann in 1982, when the City of DeWitt proclaimed her its first annual "Citizen of the

Year". Though barely five foot tall, Bertha came through head and shoulders above all others. Having spent the better part of her life behind the scenes of community affairs, she was genuinely surprised that anyone had taken note of her contributions. That was her mode of operation - do what you can, when it's needed, without recognition.

Bertha was born on a Maple Rapids farm in 1902. Her parents, Carl and Minnie Staub spent many years as tenant farmers until the winter of 1912 when they purchased

the old Norris farm two miles north of DeWitt on Chadwick Road. After a March snowfall they moved their belongings down from Maple Rapids to DeWitt with two teams of draft horses and two bob sleighs - two trips for all their household furnishings, livestock, tools and grain. Her father drove one team while Bertha's two older brothers, Jim and Tom drove the other.

For several years Bertha attended the one-room Brown School north of town, followed by two years at DeWitt, graduating (10th grade) with the

class of 1917 and later attended Lansing Business University.

In 1923 she was married to John "Jack" Lennemann who died in 1976. For over fifty years she made her home on Scott Street, raising four children and contributing what she could for the betterment of her church and community.

I had the very great pleasure of knowing Bertha as a neighbor, an aunt and a friend. If you did not know her I would hope that in your own lifetime you would know at least one person equally kind, gentle and optimistic. The sheer joy of her conversations is what I'll remember most for it was ingrained deep within her to continually seek out the good and leave fault where it lay, for others to find.

Of history, local and family, she was not much of a storyteller but she could add such clarity to scenes and events of long ago and personal details of people long passed away. Bertha constantly reminded me that as family and community change, life remains the same. We are all part of a continuing spiral where little children go full circle to become elderly grandparents. And along the way, it is the blessing of life, for those who are able, to help others struggling with that journey.

The last time I talked with Bertha she told me that she had lately been thinking about a childhood friend. When she was about eight years old this girlfriend took sick and died. Bertha was naturally upset that her playmate had died, but numbed

when she was told that she was to be one of the pall bearers.

"Can you imagine it?", she asked me, still surprised 85 years later. "Six little girls no older than ten carrying her coffin." She said that throughout her life she had occasionally reflected on that childhood incident, always puzzled by why she was asked and how she managed to do it. "Her folks asked...so, I did it," she concluded.

That could well sum up Bertha's philosophy of life: regardless of the circumstance, do what needs to be done, when it needs to be done, without thought of recognition. Well done, Bertha... a very fine piece of work.

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A sleepy-eyed little girl - on her grandmother's lap - life would come full circle. Bertha (Staub) Lennemann with

productive years later her grandparents, William and

CLINTON RESIDENT 69 YEARS PASSES

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 5 FOR MRS.
LUCRETIA STEAVENS

In the death of Mrs. Lucretia Stevens, 82, which occurred Thursday afternoon, September 3, 1911, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Pennington of Riley, this community lost a well known and highly respected woman who had been a resident of Clinton county for 42 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. O. McSherry at 2 p. m. Saturday at the United Brethren church, and burial was made in the South Bingham cemetery.

Lucretia, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Twentiman, was born in Grafton, Ozaukee county, Wisconsin, Nov. 22, 1848.

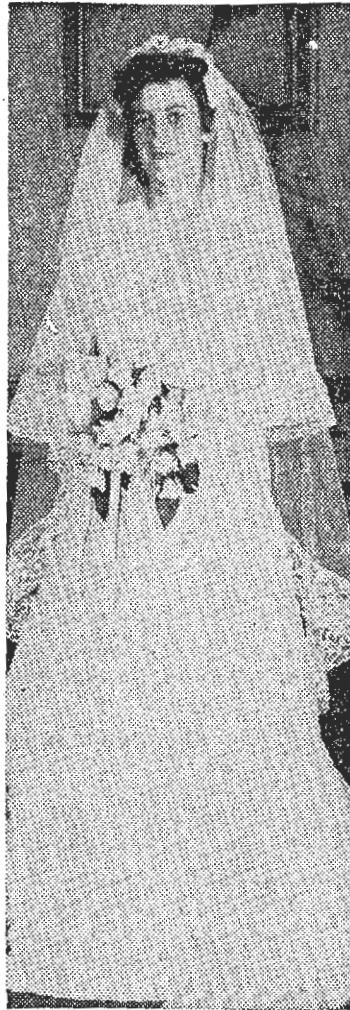
She was married to Charles H. Stevens Sept. 21, 1866. To this union were born eight children, 4 sons and 4 daughters. One daughter died in infancy. Early in her married life she, with her husband, were baptized and united with the Baptist church. But because of failing health she was not permitted to attend church for a number of years.

After the death of her husband she made her home with her children. She was a patient sufferer and always had a kind word and smile.

She leaves to mourn her departure Mrs. Anna B. May and Frank Stevens of Old Mission; Mrs. Will Burkinan and Art Stevens of Flint; Benjamin and Hane Stevens of St. Johns; Mrs. Earl Pennington of Riley; one brother, John Luther of Greenbush and one sister, Mrs. Lowice Dewitt of Lansing.

Stenzel

Married



MRS. ROBERT E. STENZEL

Miss Marrietta Jones, daughter of Benton Jones DeWitt, was wed Aug. 26 in a candlelight ceremony in DeWitt Community church to Robert E. Stenzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stenzel of DeWitt. A reception followed the nuptials.

Steppey

Steppey-Berry

A double-ring ceremony at the DeWitt Community church Saturday united in marriage Miss Carole Ann Steppey, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Steppey of DeWitt, and Paul Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Berry of Grayling.

The bride is a graduate of the Sparrow hospital school of nursing, and the bridegroom is a junior at Michigan State university.

Carrying a white Bible topped with a white orchid, the bride repeated her vows in a gown of crystalette designed with a scalloped bateau neckline and brush train. A Swedish crown held her veil.

Mrs. Dwayne Wheat, sister of the bride, from Detroit, was honor matron and bridesmaids were Mrs. Dennis Semrau of Wayne and Miss Lois Kahres.

Steve Jorgeson of Grayling was best man and ushers included John Opel of Kalamazoo, cousin of the bridegroom, and Lloyd Steppey of DeWitt, brother of the bride.

A reception in the DeWitt Memorial building for 250 guests followed the ceremony.

The newlyweds will return to their home at 1445 Vine st.

Society

Steppey



MRS. LLOYD JAMES STEPPEY

Miss Eloise Kilts Becomes Bride of Lloyd J. Steppey

Alternating ruffles of Chantilly lace and chiffon accented the gown worn by Miss Eloise Irene Kilts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Kilts of 15902 Turner rd., for her wedding Saturday to Lloyd James Steppey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Steppey of DeWitt, in the DeWitt Community church.

Further accents of the gown were a scalloped Sabrina neckline and a chapel train. Her veiling fell from a Swedish crown of seed pearls and crystal tear drops, and she carried a white orchid atop a white lace-covered Bible.

Mrs. Robert Serrels, Jr., sister of the bride, was matron of honor wearing a street-length dress of mignon satin styled with a portrait neckline. Her flowers were white mums.

Miss Lela Wardell and Mrs. Larry Parr of Eden, cousin of

the bride, were bridesmaids. They wore mint green satin dresses and carried green and white mums.

Russell Woodruff of DeWitt was best man and ushers were Douglas Holstein of DeWitt and James Olmstead.

A reception in the church parlors followed.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Buxton and Mrs. Jenny Kilts, grandparents of the bride and Mrs. Edith Schmiede, grandmother of the bridegroom.

The bride's mother wore a sheath of beige and brown satin and the bridegroom's mother came in a brown and beige jersey sheath. Their corsages were white carnations and yellow rosebuds.

Stevens

Miss Betty L. Moinet, daughter of Mrs. Cora Moinet of Dewitt and Arnold C. Stevens of St. Johns, a well and favorably known young couple in this vicinity, were quietly married Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. G. S. Northrup at his home here. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Desprez, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will reside on the former's farm.

Nov. 19.22

Lyle Steves And Dorothy VanVleet Married January 2

Lyle D. Steves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Steves of Olive, and Miss Dorothy A. VanVleet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee VanVleet of Olive, were united in marriage by Rev. G. S. Northrup at his residence in St. Johns, Monday, Jan. 2, 1928. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Yallup, Mrs. Yallup being a sister of the bride.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Steves are well known young people. The bride has had a successful record as a teacher and Mr. Steves has been mail carrier on St. Johns R. F. D. for several years. 1928

Arleita Armstrong Becomes Bride Of Robert VanVleet

Robert VanVleet and Miss Arleita Armstrong, popular Olive township young couple and graduates of St. Johns high school with the Class of '30 and '31 respectively, were united in marriage at a pretty wedding ceremony performed by Rev. Thomas S. Cleaver at the Congregational manse in St. Johns at 8:30 o'clock Monday evening, June 27, 1932. They were attended by Miss Eileen Harris and Raymond Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. VanVleet will make their future home on a farm south of this city.

Stickles

Clinton Reg.
1-30-1890

Died, Wednesday, January 22, of In-
flamation of the lungs, Mrs. Jessie
Stickles, aged 79 years. The funeral
was held Friday, the 24th, at the Bap-
tist church, Rev. Ward officiating and
the remains interred in DeWitt cemetery.

Died, January 15, of consumption, at
Centerville, South Dakota, Sarah, wife
of John Carpenter, aged 48 years. The
deceased will be remembered as a former
resident of DeWitt and daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. L. E. Worden. She leaves a
husband, son and daughter to mourn
her loss.

Lifestyle

323-1711

Long-ago veterans had local ties

There were many veterans of the War of 1812 who came to the DeWitt area in the early years of its settlement. Some stayed briefly before moving on, others remained and eventually died here. Several became prominent settlers while others lived out an obscure life; their former military service unrecorded.

Unlike veterans of all later wars (with the exception of the war with Mexico, 1846-48) veterans of the War of 1812 formed no local organizations. As a result, much of the information of these men's military past has been forgotten. Likewise, even many of the names have been lost.

The following are some veterans of this war who have a recorded association with early DeWitt.

Perhaps the most notable veteran of early DeWitt was its founder, Capt. David Scott. He was born in Litchfield, Conn., Nov. 1, 1779, and was reportedly a captain in the 23rd U.S. Infantry. He married Eunice Forbes of Shoreham, Vt., in 1801. They settled at DeWitt in 1833 and it was here that he died, May 7, 1851. He and his wife are buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

Col. Thomas Lee was born Dec. 20, 1774, in Hudson, N.Y. He came to DeWitt at a relatively early date but no information concerning his life here has been confirmed. His wife's maiden name was Asenath Winants and they had at least one son, George W. Lee. Col. Lee died at DeWitt, Dec. 2, 1852, and is buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

Barna Allen (also recored as Burma or Barney Allen) was born in Washington Co., N.Y., Nov. 12, 1786 (?). He settled south and west of DeWitt in 1837 and was among the earliest members of the DeWitt Baptist Church in 1842. He died March 4, 1847, and is buried in the DeWitt cemetery beside his wife, Betsey (Heath) Allen who died in 1841. Their son George W. Allen became a prominent settler of section 19, this township.

The tombstone of Enos Silsbe in the DeWitt cemetery has been engraved (at a later date) "PVT. N.Y. Militia, War of 1812." He died Nov. 7, 1845, at the age of 48. He is buried with his wife, Abigail, and two daughters who died at an early age. Other than these facts, nothing fur-

ther is known.

David Olin Sr. came to DeWitt at an early date, reportedly in 1837. His name is frequently mentioned in the early histories of this area but as he had a son by the same name it is nearly impossible to distinguish who is being credited. David Sr. is credited with building the Baptist Meeting House on north Bridge street and one of the early schools at Gunnison's corners. He is also listed among the early owners of DeWitt's Clinton House hotel. He died here on August 25, 1857, at the age of 62, and is buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

Henry Chappell (also spelled Chappel) is believed to have been an early settler south and west of DeWitt. He died here on May 28, 1861, at the age of 72 and was originally buried in the former Goodrich cemetery on Schavey road. His grave, along with several others, was removed to the DeWitt cemetery at a later date.

James Stickles, an early settler of southern DeWitt township, died August 26, 1876, at the age of 79. He is said to have been buried in the Hurd cemetery beside his wife Lucy.

Daniel Ferguson Jr. (1794-1864) is believed to have come to the DeWitt settlement in 1834 along with his father, Daniel Sr. and several brothers. Most of this large family, including Daniel Jr., eventually settled in Olive township near Muskrat Lake. Specific references to him are confusing due to he and his father having the same name. He was probably buried in either the Alward or Merrihen cemeteries, though no connection to either has been located.

Dr. Hiram Stowell (whose veteran status has not yet been firmly established) was a native of Cayuga Co.,

Historic DeWitt

By Kenneth Coin

N.Y. He and his family came to DeWitt in 1837 and settled on the Looking Glass river, several miles upriver from the Scott settlement. He was elcted Clinton county's first Judge of Probate in 1839 and afterwards came to the village of DeWitt where he built an impressive home on the northeast corner of Main and Franklin. He died here on August 25, 1857, at the age of 62 and was buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

According to records of the Daughters of 1812, Porter Briggs is said to have lived in the DeWitt area but this has not been confirmed by local records. It is possible that he was connectd with the later Briggs family of southern DeWitt township.

Stickles

Stiffler

DEATH CLAIMS RILEY FARMER

John P. Stiffler, 61, Dies At
Same Home in Which
He Was Born

John P. Stiffler, lifelong resident of Riley township and a well known and respected farmer, died at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, April 26, 1934, after a long period of ill health. His death, which was due to heart trouble and complications, occurred in the same house in which he was born 61 years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Riley Lutheran church, of which he was a member, at 2:30 o'clock Sunday. Rev. F. Coellner officiated and burial was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

John P. Stiffler was born Aug. 4, 1872, the son of Peter and Fred-erica Stiffler, pioneer settlers in Riley township. On Nov. 2, 1893, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Irer of Riley, who survives him, together with one son, Louis Stiffler, also of Riley, a grandson, one sister, Mrs. Mary Weldmayer of Lansing, and a cousin, Gottfried Ottmar.

'Marching Through Georgia' Not Just a Song to George Stimson

Stimson.

Clinton Veteran, Buried At
Dewitt Oct. 22, Fought
In Many Battles

George W. Stimson was born July 14, 1842, in Lenawee county, Michigan, the son of John and Isabella (Biggs) Stimson, and passed away at his home in Olive township, Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 1:45 p. m. at the age of 94 years, 3 months and 6 days, after an illness of 9 days with

heart trouble.

Mr. Stimson served in the Union Army during the Civil War, being enrolled June 14, 1863, at St. Louis, Mo., as a private in Co. H, 11th Missouri Cavalry. He was detailed as orderly at headquarters and spent four months in this way. He was promoted to quartermaster sergeant and so served in some of the hotly-contested battles of the war: Pittsburg Landing, Tusculum, Big Blue, Holley Springs, Little Rock and Ten-Mile Prairie and was with General Sherman on that long march

through Georgia, "from Atlanta to the Sea." He was granted his honorable discharge July 27, 1865, at New Orleans, Louisiana. He had two brothers in service, John, who died

in service, and Francis, who was wounded by a fragment of a shell.

Mr. Stimson was a member of the G. W. Anderson post at Dewitt, until it was disbanded, when he transferred to the St. Johns post. By trade he was a carpenter. He was married Dec. 31, 1879, in Olive township to Lucy Rockwell who survives him.

Mr. Stimson was a staunch Republican and took great interest in the township, county, state and national election. He served as postmaster of Merle Beach for a period of years.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me
And may there be no moaning of
the bar,
When I put out to sea.

For tho' from out our bourne of
time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have cross'd the bar.

The funeral was held at Dewitt Community church Thursday, Oct. 22, at 2 o'clock. Rev. Northrup preaching. The Legionnaires from the Edwin T. Stiles Post attended and gave the army regulation service at the grave.

VETERAN OF '61 MUSTERED OUT

GEORGE W. STIMSON, 94,
FORMER MERLE BEACH
POSTMASTER, DIES

Military Rites Will Be Held
By American Legion Post
This Afternoon

George W. Stimson, 94, one of the very last of Clinton county's old soldiers, a G. A. R. veteran who served throughout the Civil War, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, at his home in Olive township, six miles south of St. Johns. Hale and hearty almost to the end, he was ill but a few days before his death.

He will be buried with military honors in the Dewitt cemetery this (Thursday) afternoon, following funeral services at the Dewitt Community church with Rev. G. S. Northrup officiating. American Legionnaires from the Edwin T. Stiles post will conduct the rites at the grave.

Possessed of a mental and bodily vigor that greatly belied his advanced age, Mr. Stimson was keenly interested in current affairs. In former times he was a member of the Dewitt G. A. R. post, and when that unit disbanded he transferred to the Charles E. Grisson post at St. Johns, which he also outlived.

From 1909 until the office was discontinued in 1922, he served as Merle Beach postmaster, and the little old post office building still stands at the rear of the Stimson home on the curve of the old St. Johns-Lansing road a mile south of Muskrat Lake.

Born in Lenawee county, Michigan, July 14, 1842, George W. Stimson came to this county many years ago. Although not old enough to vote when the Civil War broke out, he enlisted and served through several enlistment periods, ending up with Co. H 11th Missouri Regiment. After the war he followed the carpenter trade and continued at work until a few years before his death.

In 1879 he was united in marriage to Lucy E. Rockwell, who survives him, together with a number of other relatives and old friends.

Stimson

Dr. Paul Stoller dies of heart attack

Sept., 1971

ST. JOHNS—A St. Johns doctor who had devoted 32 years of service to Clinton County residents, died Saturday at Clinton Memorial Hospital while performing medical services.

Dr. Paul F. Stoller, 57, of 1533 Wildcat Rd., St. Johns, died at 3 p.m. after delivering an infant. Cause of death was believed to have been a heart attack.

Dr. Stoller began practicing medicine at DeWitt in 1939 following his graduation from the University of Michigan School of Medicine in 1938.

He practiced in Fowler from 1940 to 1946, at which time he came to St. Johns.

HE WAS BORN December 16, 1913 in Pana, Ill., son of Robert and Pearl O. Stoller. He graduated from Goshen Indiana High School in 1931.

He married the former Esther E. Vanderville in DeWitt on June 8, 1938.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of St. Johns, the American Medical Association, the Michigan State Medical Society, Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, Clinton County Medical Society, of which he was a former past president, and the staff of the Clinton Memorial Hospital.

He was chief of pediatrics at Clinton Memorial and was twice the chief of staff at the hospital. He served for many years as County health officer and health officer of the City of St. Johns.

FOR THE PAST 10 years, he was the medical advisor to the local selective service board and was a sustaining member of the Boy Scouts of America.

He is survived by his widow Esther; three sons, David Paul of Royal Oak, James William and Richard Alan, both of St. Johns, one grandson, Paul Lincoln of



DR. STOLLER

Royal Oak; a brother Thomas of Westville Ind.; and a sister, Mrs. F. W. (Donna) Bigler of Goshen, Ind.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 31 at the Osgood Funeral Home of St. Johns at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Harold Homer of the First United Methodist Church of St. Johns officiated.

Burial was at Mt. Rest Cemetery in St. Johns.