

Tabor

MARRIED

Albert H. Marzke, of Lausling, and Edith E. Tabor, of Olive, were married at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. G. S. Northrup at 10 o'clock Thursday, Dec. 31. They were attended by Mr. Allen L. Sperry, of Bingham, and Miss Martha Marzke, of Lausling.

Taber

DELOS O. TABER IS STRICKEN SUDDENLY

HEART ATTACK FATAL TO
BINGHAM TOWNSHIP
MAN TUESDAY

Delos O. Taber, well known Bingham township man and former garage proprietor at Dewitt, succumbed to a sudden attack of heart trouble Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, 1927. Mr. Taber was returning from Lansing and had stopped at the gas

station east of Alward Lake on U. S.-37 to repair a tire. He became ill and entered the station where he died in a chair a few minutes later.

Short prayer services will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gage, St. Johns, at 1:30 p. m. Friday after which the funeral will take place at the Bingham U. B. church at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. W. Large will officiate and burial will be made in the Bingham cemetery.

Delos O. Taber was born in Bingham township May 19, 1874, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Taber. He attended the St. Johns high school and spent his younger days on his father's farm. He was married in 1902 to Miss Blanche Gay of Bengal and they resided for several years on a farm in Bingham where their only child, Carmen, was born.

For about eight years Mr. Taber conducted a garage business at Dewitt but was forced to give it up recently on account of ill health. Besides his daughter, Mr. Taber is survived by a sister, Mrs. Horace P. Gage of St. Johns, and two brothers, Dwight and Floyd Taber of Bingham.

Taggart

Local Girl Weds Westerner



Mrs. Ira Taggart

At half after 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. E. E. Burdick read the service that united Miss Bessie Turner, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. N. Turner, and Ira R. Taggart, of Spokane, Wash. The couple were unattended except for the four ribbon bearers, Arlene Burdick, Edna Hendershott, Helen Gibson and Ruth Ruen, who formed an aisle bordered by broad white satin ribbons from the stairway to the temporary altar.

The bride's gown was of white satin-faced crepe and her costume was completed with a long tulle veil arranged in cap effect with a wreath of small white flowers

and greenery. She carried a shower bouquet of sunburst roses and swansonias. Mrs. Arthur Sargeant played the wedding march, and Miss Margaret Cook sang "At Dawning".

The rooms of the Turner residence were attractively decorated with gladioli, asters and Shasta daisies. The ceremony was performed in a little recess in the living room, converted into a bower with ferns in the background, and lavender and white gladioli in tall wicker baskets at either side.

After the ceremony and reception, a buffet dinner was served in the living room. In the dining room, at the bride's table, were seated 12 of the intimate friends. Crystal baskets of garden flowers adorned the table, asters and Shasta daisies carrying out a dainty color scheme of lavender and white.

The bride traveled in a blue tailored suit with hat of the same shade. After a brief wedding trip, the couple will return to Lansing and in about two weeks will leave for their home in Spokane, Wash.

Taylor

OBITUARY

Martha Amelia Winslow, eldest of three children of Wellington and Dolla Winslow, was born at West Bloomfield, Oakland county, Michigan, on December 15, 1845, and departed this life at her home in Dewitt January 13, 1924, aged 78 years and 29 days. Her father passed away when she was a small child and her two little brothers passed away at a tender age and her mother passed away in May 1875.

On December 16, 1869, she was united in marriage to Albert G. Taylor of New Hudson, Michigan. On Feb. 22, 1871, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor moved from Oakland county to their farm on section 18, Olive township, where she experienced all the hardships of a pioneer life. To this union five children were born, Rollin, Bert, Nellie, Nettie and Belle, who grew to manhood and womanhood and all being present during her last illness.

Mrs. Taylor was a very capable nurse and went far and near administering to those who were sick. Her one sublime faith was to do all she could for those who were in distress. In her younger days she took a very active interest in the church, Sunday school and Aid society of her respective community. Mrs. Taylor was a member of the Clinton County Pioneer society.

Mrs. Taylor had been in ill health for several years, but in her last illness was only confined to her bed two weeks.

Besides her aged husband, she is survived by two sons, Rollin, of Olive, and Bert of Dewitt, three daughters, Mrs. Frank Norris of Olive Mrs. Will Brinkerhoff and Mrs. Roy Gage of Lansing, two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Rollin Taylor and Mrs. Bert Taylor, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren and many friends.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church Wednesday, January 16. Rev. G. S. Northrup of St. Johns officiated. Mrs. Grace Coon sang three numbers. Mrs. Merle Kraus accompanied at the piano.

The pall bearers were Wm. Cole, Byron Blizzard, Wm. Phillips, Willis McLouth, Jerome Dills and Frank Hurd. Interment was made in Dewitt cemetery. The many beautiful floral offerings from the neighbors and friends from away testified to the true worth of the long and useful life that Mrs. Taylor had lived.

Relatives and friends from away to attend the funeral were: Lyman and David Taylor of New Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taylor of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. George Gillett of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gillett of Bengal and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lutz of East Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Decker of Lansing.

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Funeral Cards from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

Now owned by Eleanor Moon McKinney (1984)

Charles Taylor-

Dec. 3, 1883 - May 7, 1948

64 yrs. 5 mos. 4 dys.

Vincent Funeral Home Monday, May 10 2:00 p.m.

Rev. C. Harry Moon DeWitt Cemetery

Pallbearers: Lyle Barks, Edward Hallifax, David
Haywood, Clyde Lapham, Howard Hiller, Myron Howe.

Taylor

Obituary

Alton D. Taylor

Alton D. Taylor, 83, of 3001 W. Jason Road, DeWitt, died July 29, 1988, in Gratiot County.

Mr. Taylor was born on Nov. 22, 1904, in DeWitt. He was a lifelong resident and farmer in DeWitt. He was preceded in death by his wife, Reva, in 1985.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Boyd (Helene) Shaffer of St. Johns; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Robert Taylor and Jack Taylor, both of DeWitt; one sister, Mrs. Gerald (Evelyn) Lapham of DeWitt; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Aug. 1 at Gorsline-Runciman DeWitt Chapel with the Rev. Robert Prange, pastor of Grove Bible Church officiating. Interment was in Wilsey Cemetery.

Leona Taylor, 101, stayed healthy to end

Taylor

DEWITT — Leona Taylor, 315 Hickory St., who lived 101 years within four miles of where she was born, died Thursday.

A life-long member of the Sunshine Club, she remained an alert, good-humored woman until her death.

During an interview to mark her 100th birthday last year, she

talked about her daily walks out to the road in front of her house.

"It's not very far," she said, "but it keeps me from sitting down all the time. There ain't many who live to be 100 and still have their health. I'm so happy I'm not bedridden."

Asked if she had a recipe for

longevity, Leona said, "Just hard work; hard work never killed anybody."

Taylor had nine grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and five great, great-grandchildren.

She will be buried Saturday morning at the DeWitt Cemetery.

TAYLOR, LEONA

315 Hickory St.

DeWitt

Passed away Sept. 9, 1932 at the age of 101. She was a life member of the Sunshine Club. She is survived by 2 daughters, Marjorie Kelly of DeWitt and Mary E. Schneeberger of Six Lakes, MI; daughter-in-law, Alma Pierce of Williamston; 1 son, Rodney preceded her in death. 9 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Sat. at the DeWitt Area Chapel with Rev. Murl Eastman officiating. Burial in the DeWitt Cemetery. The family will receive visitors Fri. from 2-4 & 7-9 at the funeral home.

Senior Forum

State Journal 8/28/81

Leona's 100 Sept. 6

Her longevity recipe: 'Just hard work'

By JOHN SCHNEIDER
Staff Writer

DEWITT — Leona Taylor is not one to stray far from the nest.

"I was born about four miles up the road," she explained. "The only time I lived out of Clinton County was when we moved up to Clare for two years. I was homesick the whole time."

On Sept. 6, Leona will celebrate her 100th birthday in the style she has grown accustomed to — at home, surrounded by 56 members of her immediate family.

UNTIL APRIL, Leona, an alert, good-humored woman who still takes daily walks, lived by herself in her DeWitt-area home.

"Then the doctors told me I had to move in with somebody," she said, "so they brought me down here so I could boss these people around."

Leona now lives at 315 Hickory with her grandson, Allan Kelly, and his family. Kelly converted his carport into a comfortable apartment for his grandmother.

"I look after myself," she said. "I get my own breakfast and lunch. I didn't want to go to a nursing home. I wanted to be with my family."

Every day, Leona strolls out to the dirt road in front of her house.

"IT'S NOT very far," she said, "but it keeps me from sitting down all the time. There ain't many who live to be 100 and still have their health. I'm so happy that I'm not bedridden."

Leona's husband died about 10 years ago. Of four children, only two daughters are still alive. One was born in 1906 and the other in 1917.

Leona has nine grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 5 great, great-grandchildren.

Asked if she had a recipe for longevity, Leona



Happy Birthday Mrs. Taylor

said, "Just hard work; hard work never killed anybody."

As for the wisdom gleaned from 100 years on this earth: "Just mind your own business; that's the best thing," Leona said. "That's what I've done and I never had much trouble."



Leona Taylor out for a stroll

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Balloon delivery: an uninhibited occupation

By DAVID THOMAS

A very special occasion

Angel Lynch presents Leona Taylor of DeWitt with a bouquet of brightly colored balloons in honor of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Taylor also received a chorus of "Happy Birthday" as well as a photograph of the occasion.

"When I put on my tux, I seem to lose all my inhibitions," said Angel Lynch. "I feel jovial and fun. I also feel sort of classy."

Angel is in a business where she can't afford to feel self-conscious or inhibited. She delivers balloons.

"I'm trying to compete with the florists and the belly-gram people," she explained. "Balloons give people an alternative to the traditional gift of flowers or candy. It's a fun thing."

The wife of DeWitt Auto Supply owner Dan Lynch, Angel delivers "bouquets of balloons" to people who are celebrating a special occasion such as an anniversary or a birthday or to people who are bedridden with illness and need some cheering up. She doesn't, however, just do it for fun. It's her livelihood.

For \$25 she will dress up in a tuxedo, put on a black hat and deliver one dozen helium-filled balloons to anyone of your choosing. So far she's had a variety of assignments including making deliveries to a stroke victim, an 80-year-old grandfather and a mother with her newly-born baby.

"I do something slightly different each time," Angel explained. "For birthdays I can write happy birthday all over the balloons. For new babies I can make up a special bouquet of pink and blue balloons. And this fall I'm offering a Spartan bouquet. It's a mixture of green and white balloons to send to your pre-game hostess during the MSU football season."

How does someone get involved in the balloon-delivery business?

"I wanted to do something interesting, but I also wanted to care for my three-year-old," she said, referring to her daughter Kelly. "I'd worked in an office before but I found it boring, too non-creative. Then I heard about balloon delivery services that were operating in other places. I decided to look into it."

With the help of Nancy Anderson who owns Moody Balloons in Ann Arbor, Angel began her own balloon

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But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way.
Gruce for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love . . .



Burial
DeWitt Cemetery
DeWitt, Michigan

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TAYLOR, RODNEY A.
314 W. Madison, DeWitt

Age 70, died Friday morning, Jan-
uary 2, 1910, at Los Alamitos, New
Mexico. He was born in DeWitt
lived most of his life here where he
former teacher of his life. He was a
volunteer member of the DeWitt
many years; he departed for his
the Grifwold Funeral home at
his own and agency, for a
service station in operator of a
son, Roger, are his wife, Alma, one
Mexico; his wife, Alma, one
Taylor of DeWitt, Mrs. Leone
Mrs. Marjorie Wirt, two sisters,
Mason, Mary Schaub of DeWitt.
Mason, Mrs. Schaub of DeWitt.
neral services grandeur of
day at 2 o'clock, at the Lee & Fues-
mel funeral at the Lee & Fues-
General Cannon, DeWitt Hum-
fessional Canon of the First Con-
fessional Church, St. Johns Con-
tery. Friends may call at the Fu-
neary. Burial in DeWitt Ceme-
nery. Home beginning Sunday
evening.

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PIERCE, ALMA L.

Williamston

Formerly of DeWitt

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

Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Nile L. Vermillion
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Andrea Lee

to

Mr. Roger W. Taylor
on Saturday, the twelfth of July
nineteen hundred and fifty-eight
at seven o'clock
University Lutheran Church
500 Ann Street
East Lansing, Michigan

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Reception
eight o'clock in the evening
DeWitt Memorial Building
DeWitt, Michigan

Taylor

**Many Attend Last
Rites Tuesday for
Sept - Albert G. Taylor
1927**

Dewitt—The funeral of Albert G. Taylor, father of Bert Taylor of this place, held at the Community church Tuesday afternoon, was largely attended. Mr. Taylor, aged 81 years, passed away Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Norris of Olive.

Besides his son Bert, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. W. D. Brinkerhoff of Lansing, Mrs. Frank Norris of Olive and Mrs. R. Gage of Houghton, and one son Rollin of North Olive, who was unable to attend the funeral, and several grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends. Interment in Dewitt cemetery.

Alice Teed and Ralph V. Hallead Say Nuptial Vows in Pretty Home Ceremony

One of the loveliest of fall weddings was solemnized Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, when Miss Alice Mae Teed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Teed, became the bride of Ralph V. Hallead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hallead of Olive. The vows were read at 1 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents in Olive township in the presence of about 70 guests, by Rev. J. A. Beardsley of Detroit.

To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Mrs. Beardsley, the bridal party took their places before a bank of ferns and white chrysanthemums.

The bride was attractively gowned in a floor length frock of royal blue velvet which was complimented with silver accessories. Her arm bouquet was of rosebuds and baby mums.

As maid of honor, Miss Velma Berg, cousin of the bride, chose a gown of coral satin fashioned with a tunic of black lace. She wore black accessories and a corsage of tea roses and swansonias. Oscar Fritz, brother of the bride, assisted the groom as best man.

Mrs. Teed was attired in a gown of black velvet, for her daughter's

wedding, and wore a corsage of pink rosebuds, carnations and swansonias, tied with orchid tulle. Mrs. Hallead, the groom's mother, wore a gown of green crepe and her corsage was also of pink rosebuds, carnations and swansonias.

Following the reception, dinner was served. The bridal table was adorned with a decorated wedding cake and bouquets of pink rosebuds. Appointments were carried out through the rooms in pink and white. Margaret Gove, Carol Coffman and Ted Bedell served at the bridal table and Mr. and Mrs. Frances Durfee, Mrs. Bernice Hayes, Miss Dorothy Bedaine, Gordon Mahar and Julia Morrill served the other guests.

Mrs. Hallead was graduated from the local high school and county normal and is now teaching her third year in the Stoney Creek school. During the past several years Mrs. Hallead has been active in 4-H club work in which she has won much honor and recognition. Both the bride and groom are well and favorably known in this vicinity.

After a trip through the eastern states they will reside on a farm in Olive township.

Teed
Thanksgiving Bride



MRS. RALPH V. HALLEAD

PERRY TEED 1944 DIED FRIDAY

Aged Olive Farmer Had Lived
Entire Life in Clinton
County; Buried Monday

Perry Teed, 74, a lifelong resident of Bingham and Olive townships, passed away at his home in Olive township Friday, Oct. 6, after an illness of about one year. He suffered from a complication of ailments. He was widely and favorably known and had served his township and his school district at various times in several offices.

Born Dec. 13, 1869, in Bingham, the son of Thomas and Sarah Yallop Teed, he lived with his parents until his marriage to Leora J. Merrilheew who died March 31, 1941. Some years ago they moved to the Merrilheew homestead in Olive and later acquired that property.

Mr. Teed was a member of the Olive M. E. church until it was discontinued and since that time had been a member of the St. Johns Methodist church. He was a director of the St. Johns Cooperative Association for a time and was a member of the Clinton County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Hallenad; a sister, Mrs. Emma Berg of St. Johns; and a brother, John Teed of Lansing, also a grandson and nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held from the Osgood funeral home in St. Johns at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon, Rev. Henry Ellinger officiating. Interment was made at Mt. Rest in St. Johns.

Teed

TENNEY

Allen R. Tenney

Allen R. Tenney, 88, of 4900 W. Howe, Road, DeWitt, died Oct. 22, 1987, at a Lansing hospital.

Mr. Tenney was born Jan. 31, 1899, at Lansing, the son of Robert and Maude (Allen) Tenney.

He was a retired self-employed home building contractor; a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church, and greatly enjoyed raising cattle and traveling.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Naomi; four sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley and Karen Tenney of Okemos, Roger Lee and Carmen Tenny of Roncaqua, Chile, Charles Tenney of Lansing, and Kenneth Tenney of DeWitt; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Keith Blizzard and Mary and Clayton Woodruff, all of DeWitt; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 26 at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with Pastors Sally Nolen and Dr. Patrick D. Shelley of the Plymouth Congregational Church officiating. Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.

Contributions can be made to the Plymouth Congregational Church Memorial Fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Terbush

Married, by Rev. Isiah Wilson, pastor of the M. E. church of North Lansing, at the bride's home in DeWitt, on Sunday, February 14th, 1892, Mr. Charles Smalley, of Lansing, to Miss Carrie Terbush, of DeWitt. The bride was given by her mother, Mrs. Cornelia Terbush, at 6 o'clock, as the wedding march was played. The groom was given by his father, Mr. George Smiley, of Lansing. Then the groom took his bride and marched under a beautiful arch of white silk lace, facing the south window. The groom then claimed his bride to be his wedded wife through life with an elegant gold band ring. Then with the pastor in lead, the guests marched to a most beautifully laden table with refreshments and fruits of all kinds. The bride's cake was the most beautifully decorated ever seen at such an occasion, with a wreath of bride's roses, ribbons and green leaves. After refreshments were served many valuable presents were presented. We wish the happy pair silver and gold in plenty and good success and that every day may be brighter as they journey through life together.

MERCURY

2/18/1892

Thompson

Joyce Thompson-Willard Reed Wed In Lansing Church of Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection was the scene Saturday morning of the marriage of Miss Joyce Thompson to Willard J. Reed. Msgr. John Gabriels celebrated the nuptial mass. White and pink gladioli and white tapers were arranged on the altar.

One hundred fifty guests attended the 9 o'clock ceremony. The new Mrs. Reed is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil O. Thompson of DeWitt and Mr. Reed is the son of Mrs. Mary Reed of DeWitt.

Miss Shirley Thompson was maid of honor for her sister and Miss Joan Pike and Miss Kathlyn Moore were bridesmaids. The attendants are all from DeWitt.

Groomsmen was Gerald Reed of Escanaba and John Miller and

James Decatur, both of DeWitt, were ushers.

The bride chose a gown of white Skinner satin with an altar-length train and finger-tip-length veil held in place by a head dress of white satin and seed pearls. Her bouquet was a cascade arrangement of Johanna Hill roses and white ribbon.

The maid of honor wore a gown of teal blue satin with head dress of matching satin and pearls. She carried a cascade of glameillas. The bridesmaids wore rose satin gowns with head dresses of matching satin and pearls and carried round cascade arrangements of light pink glameillas.

A reception took place in the Memorial building, DeWitt.

After a honeymoon trip to Florida, the newlyweds will return the last of September to reside in DeWitt.

4/ HORNE

Honor Newlyweds

A reception was held for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pope who were married June 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thorne, the bride's parents, Wednesday evening, June 6. Music was the main diversion of the evening. Otto Jacobs rendered several beautiful vocal solos and the Hilderbrandt orchestra furnished a number of fine selections. About 125 guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Pope received many very lovely as well as useful gifts. Those from outside the community were: Mr. and Mrs. John Spaulding of Fowler, Billy O'Neil of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pope and daughter Inez, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jacob of Bengal and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cushman of Bath. Saturday, June 9, Mr. and Mrs. Pope and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Garrett of Fowler left for a 10-day auto trip through the eastern states. They will visit Mrs. Pope's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Benson while in Lebanon, New York.

Throop

ARSENIC AND CANCER

Remove in Quick Succession Ezra Throop
and Wife, of Olive.

Ezra Throop, a prominent and well-known farmer, of Olive township, committed suicide last Wednesday by taking arsenic.

During the past five years he had been overburdened with misfortunes. For many years his wife had been afflicted with cancerous trouble from the effects of which she died Thursday evening. His husband saw no way out of the severe trials which her sickness had occasioned, and of late had become very despondent. At about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning he took a dose of arsenic. Dr. Gillam was summoned but he was past medical aid and died about 9 o'clock that evening. The troubles and continual sickness in his family is supposed to have been the cause of the deed.

Mrs. Troop had been a patient sufferer and death came as a blessing.

Two grown daughters survive them.

Mrs. Throop was a sister of Mrs. R. Geotte, of this village, and Mrs. J. H. Gillett, of Detroit.

The funeral was held at the home of Saturday, Rev. D. B. Mantz officiating and the remains were laid to rest in a grave in Detroit cemetery.

Throop

SUCCUMBS TO LONG ILLNESS FEB. 19TH

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR
MISS EVA M. THROOP OF
ST. JOHNS WEDNESDAY

Eva M. Throop, aged 57, and a life-long resident of this vicinity, passed away Monday, Feb. 19, 1934, following an illness of about six months.

Miss Throop, who was a daughter of Ezra and Frances Throop, was born in Watertown township May 7, 1877, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. During the past several years she was employed as bookkeeper in the E. F. Boron office. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Frank Converse of Belding, a niece, Mrs. Robert Howe of Belding, foster brother, Clarence Throop of Battle Creek, two aunts, Mrs. H. S. Holmes, Mrs. J. H. Gillett and a cousin, Mrs. G. G. Steel all of St. Johns.

Funeral services were conducted from Osgood's funeral home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. W. R. Prescott officiating. Interment at Dewitt cemetery by the side of her parents who preceded her 30 years ago.

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Thurston

**Former Riley and
St. Johns Resident
June 1940 Dies At Detroit**

Alice Josephine Thurston was born Feb. 11, 1910 at St. Johns, and passed away at St. Mary's hospital, Detroit, June 13, 1940, after nine months illness.

Her early girlhood was spent in the vicinity of Riley township, later moving to St. Johns with her parents, where she spent some years before going to Detroit. In May, 1934, she was united in marriage to Willard Randall of Detroit, who passed away in January, 1935. Two years later she married Ralph Clark of Detroit.

She leaves her mother, Mrs. Belle Thurston of Lansing; her father, Nate Thurston of Detroit; three brothers, Clarence of Ann Arbor, Milan and Lyman of St. Johns; a sister, Mrs. Robert Peck of Lansing; several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tibbits

April 19, 1993

DeWitt remembered: Bertha Klaver celebrates her 90th birthday

By KEN COIN

A new catch phrase of the '90's is "Resource person" and DeWitt is full of them. But a particular group of resource persons which are too often overlooked are our senior citizens who add so much to our character and continuity.

One such resource person is pictured above — Bertha (Tibbits) Klaver who this week will be celebrating her 90th birthday. As DeWitt quickly approaches its 160th year, it is hard to imagine that this young lady has witnessed and been a part of more than half of those many years.

Not technically a native, Bertha was born in St. Clair County in 1903, a daughter of David and Lydia (Scott) Tibbits. Her father died when she was very young and her mother then moved the family back to "her people" in DeWitt. In 1908, Bertha's mother married Jay Bronson, a Watertown Township farmer, and Bertha attended the Harlow School, located at the northeast corner of Herbison and Grove. She later attended DeWitt High and graduated with the class of 1919.

For several years Bertha was one of the DeWitt's switchboard operators; back in the days when you had to "ring-up" an operator to make a call. She was on duty here at DeWitt the day of the Bath School disaster. On Jan. 1, 1929, she was married to Clarence Klaver. Long-time DeWitt minister Rev. G.S. Northrup performed the ceremony and they were attended by Harry and Zelma Green (Zelma being Bertha's sister).

Clarence, a local farmer, was born in DeWitt in 1895, a son of Paul and Anna Klaver who lived east of town and in later years, on Scott street. For the next 20 years after their marriage Bertha and Clarence moved in and out of the area until 1949 when Clarence died as a result of an accident at the Grand Ledge Clay Products where he was then employed. Since that time Bertha has spent most of her years in DeWitt.

Bertha's great-grandparents were among the pioneers of Clinton County. Thomas and Sarah Huggett, both natives of Sussex, England were married in that country in 1825. They came from Schenectady, N.Y. to Michigan in 1849 and settled first in Oakland County, coming to Clinton County in 1852. Their homestead was three miles south of St. Johns just east of DeWitt road



DEAR SISTER — "Dear Sister — I will tell you that I am well and hope you the same. I go to school every day. From Bertha Tibbits," reads the inscription on the back of this old postcard. Courtesy of Bertha Tibbits.

on Yallup. It was here, in 1875, that they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a "grand English dinner of roast turkey, chicken pies and plumb pudding."

Agnes Huggett, Bertha's grandmother, married Hiram J. Scott (a native of Bolivia, N.Y.) in 1861. He had come to Michigan in 1843 as a settler of St. Clair County but later, with Agnes, became a farmer in Olive Township. After Hiram's death in 1898 Agnes came to DeWitt and lived in the house which for many years has been the Penzien home on Dill street.

Bertha had two sisters, Velma (Tibbits) Glassford and Zelma (Tibbits) Green; one brother, Avery Tibbits (who served in World War I) and a step-sister, Grace (Bronson) Witt; all of whom have passed away. For many years she was active with the Grange and the Grand Ledge Patch Club.

In honor of her special milestone Bertha's family scheduled a surprise open house for her April 17 and will have a family gathering on her actual birthday, April 20. She has one son, Lawrence and one daughter, Carol Hutchins, plus five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren who, with a host of friends and acquaintances, wish her a well-deserved Happy Birthday!

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

OBITUARY

We are again called to mourn the loss of one of our respected citizens in the demise of Marian D. L. Tift. R. G. and Harriet E. Tift, parents of the deceased emigrated from Loraine county, O. in the winter of 1845 to near Dewitt and remained there for a short time until they purchased a home in Watertown township, where they resided until their death. Marian D. L. Tift was born at the paternal home on the 7th day of April, 1847 and lived there until 1903 when he sold the old home and moved to Dewitt, where he made his home until the fall of 1917, when he moved to Cleveland, where he continued to live until his death, Dec. 17, 1921. On Oct. 23, 1883 he was united in marriage to Lottie E. Collister of Laingsburg, who departed this life January 14, 1914. Two children were born to this union both dying in infancy. July 27, 1916 he married Miss Minnie D. Becker of Cleveland, O., who still survives and lives at the home in Cleveland. Mr. Tift and his wife spent several winters in Florida. The funeral was held at Spanlding's chapel in Cleveland Monday, Rev. String of the Eighth Reform church officiating, burial in Dewitt cemetery, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Tift was a well respected and much liked citizen, both of this village and his later home in Cleveland. His friends will miss his pleasant smile and words of cheer, but his influence will be felt long after he has passed on to the great reward which awaits those who live in the spirit and love of truth.

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Tift

Obituary.

Charlotte C. Collister was born in Victor township, Clinton county, Michigan, September 19th, 1848. She was united in marriage October 24th, 1883, at Laingsburg, to Marion Tiff, of the township of Watertown, and there resided 29 years. To them were born two children, both dying in infancy. In the fall of 1903, they removed to Dewitt village where they have since resided, excepting several winters passed in Florida. She was a kind and loving wife and neighbor and endeared herself to all with whom she became acquainted. She had been a patient sufferer for many years and departed this life January 14, 1914. She leaves besides her husband one brother and numerous other relatives.

Our friend will not be forgotten. Her friends will ever keep her memory fresh in their hearts, and when the glorious summer comes and the grass grows green and beautiful and the Michigan roses blossom on her grave, although her lips shall be hushed in death, yet the tender blades and the perfume of the flowers will speak of her, and to those who know her best will seem to say, "Beneath here sleeps one who was kind and noble and true."

The funeral was held at the M. E. church in Dewitt, Rev. Fisher, officiating. Interment was made in the Dewitt cemetery.

Those attending from away were Mrs. George Byam, Mrs. Helen Collister, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Showerman, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Collister, Mrs. Mary Green, Laingsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Dorrell, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Lybolt, H. E. Chamberlain and wife and daughter, Mrs. M. Deline, of Lansing.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Tingay

request the honor of your presence

at the Wedding Reception

of their daughter

Sharon

and

Ceylon Earl Davis

Saturday, the twenty-ninth of August

Nineteen hundred and fifty-nine

seven-thirty o'clock

DeWitt Community Church

DeWitt, Michigan

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TOLLES RITES HELD JUNE 27

Well Known Bingham Twp.
Woman Was Lifelong
Clinton Resident

Christina Nuffer, daughter of Jacob Frederick and Anna Nuffer, was born May 12, 1863, in Dallas township, Clinton county and died June 27, 1934, following an illness of about three years.

On Oct. 22, 1884, she was united in marriage to Frank S. Tolles, who passed away Dec. 13, 1926. Following her marriage she lived on their farm in Riley township until 1903, at which time she moved with her family to Bingham township where she resided until the time of her death.

All her life was given in faithful and loving service to her family and during her last years she had been a very patient sufferer.

She is survived by four sons, Orville, Arthur, Ethan and Fred; two daughters, Ruth and Mrs. Florence Harper; seven grandchildren; one brother, Fred Nuffer of Dewitt; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Behrens of Lansing, Mrs. Catharine Barnhart of Bingham, and Mrs. Rosina Bray of Dewitt and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held June 30 at the Osgood funeral home, Rev. G. S. Northrup officiating. Interment was made at Mt. Rest.

Tompkins

Obituary.

Eliza J. Tompkins was born in Newstead, N. Y., Jan. 17, 1839. She was married to Samuel Tucker, also of New York state Dec. 11th, 1859. In the year of 1865 she accompanied her husband to DeWitt township. They purchased a farm two and one-half miles southeast of DeWitt village. This farm then was almost an entire wilderness, but by hard work and perseverance the forest soon gave way to well cultivated fields and substantial buildings were erected. In the year of 1905 they sold their farm to their son, Fred, and decided to live the rest of their days with more ease and leisure, so they bought a pleasant home in DeWitt village where she has since resided. Mr. Tucker passed away May 28, 1912. Had Mrs. Tucker lived one week more her death would have occurred on the same date of his, only two years later.

Mrs. Tucker was a very industrious, hardworking woman. Never contented to idly sit and fold her hands. She was a kind wife, mother, friend and neighbor and was loved by all. None knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise. Her motto was, "If you cannot speak well of a person, speak not of them at all." There were very few persons but what she saw some good in and always had an excuse for all faults. Aunt Eliza, as she was familiarly called, always spoke well of all and evil of none. Her religion consisted in doing by others as you would have them do by you. She will be greatly missed by all, surely she has helped make the world brighter and better by her having lived in it.

Mrs. Tucker was a charter member of the order of the O. E. S. of DeWitt, also a member of the Clinton County Pioneer Society. Four sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tucker: Frank, who died several years ago; Cassius, of Partello; Earl and Fred, of DeWitt. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Augusta H. Blood of Potterville, and Mrs. Sarah McMillan of Green, Kansas, and one granddaughter, Miss Ethel Tucker, of Partello, besides a large circle of other relatives and friends. She had been gradually failing for a long time from a complication of diseases but bore up as long as possible and bore her sufferings patiently. She was ready and willing to answer the call to come up higher, thy work is done. She passed away without a struggle Thursday night, May 21st, 1914.

Her funeral was held at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon, Rev. G. F. Fisher, officiating. The church was well filled with sympathizing friends and neighbors. The casket was covered and surrounded with beautiful flowers from her friends and neigh-

Topping

Mrs. E. L. Walbridge Dead.

Mrs. Abbie Dills received word last week of the death of her cousin, Mrs. E. L. Walbridge, of Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Walbridge, formerly Miss Mary Topping, youngest daughter of the late G. W. Topping, M. D., of this place, was born in this village, where Theodore Schavey now lives, on June 9, 1859. After attending school here, she with her sister, the late Alice Topping-Weld of Pittsfield, Mass., attended Hillsdale College several years. In February, 1879, she was united in marriage to Edward L. Walbridge of St. Johns. After a few years spent in St. Johns they moved to Newport News, Va., residing there several years, then moved back to St. Johns, where they cared for Mr. Walbridge's mother, during the last years of her life. After her death they went back to Virginia, residing at Norfolk. Mrs. Walbridge died at Atlanta, Ga., of Bright's disease in the acute form. Her funeral was held at her home in Norfolk. Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Zoe Newby, two grand sons, a half brother, George B. Topping, of Columbus, Ohio, and other relatives. The many friends in this vicinity of Mr. Walbridge and daughter, extend their deepest sympathy to them in their deep sorrow.

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Topping

Died.—In De Witt, on Friday, the 17th day of June inst., Mrs. LUCINDA HURN TOPPING, wife of J. W. TOPPING, M. D., aged 28 years.

A cloud of gloom was cast over the pleasant village of De Witt when the sad intelligence of Mrs. Topping's untimely death became known; a gloom which the melancholy manner of her death served greatly to increase. On Friday, the 17th inst., Mr. WALLINGS, a student in the office of Dr. TOPPING, was startled by shrieks proceeding from the house. On looking out, he saw Mrs. T. in the yard enveloped in flames.—Before he could reach her, however, her clothing was entirely consumed—scarcely a fragment being left; and she had fallen to the ground, insensible. Assistance being procured, she was taken into the house, where she showed signs of life. Messengers were at once dispatched for Dr. TOPPING, who was absent on professional business, and for Dr. BARTHOLOMEW, of Lansing. Dr. T. soon arrived, but the flames had done their fatal work too surely; nothing could save her life. She lingered about three hours, in a state of apparent insensibility, and then her spirit took its flight to the better land. Mrs. Topping was alone in the house at the time of the accident; hence how it happened, is unknown. It is supposed her clothes caught fire from the stove while she was engaged in her household duties, and that she attempted to extinguish it before rushing from the house; for when first seen she was completely enveloped in flames. Mrs. TOPPING was the daughter of one of our old citizens, DANIEL HURN, Esq., who resides near De Witt. She was born at Castile, Wyoming county, N. Y. When quite young her parents removed to Alleghany county, N. Y., where her early childhood was passed. Upon her parents emigrating to Michigan, when she was ten years of age, she was adopted by her uncle, ZIBA HURN, Esq., of Castile, with whom she lived until his death, in 1855, when she came to Michigan and resided with her parents until her marriage with Dr. TOPPING, in 1856. She leaves two little daughters, aged four and six years, thus suddenly bereft of a mother's care and love. It is seldom we have to mourn the departure of one whose loss will be more severely felt than that of Mrs. TOPPING. Only those who know her self-sacrificing spirit, her earnestness and truth in all the relations of friend, wife and mother, can fully realize the affliction that has come upon us. In every good work she was looked to for counsel and support; and her many deeds of unostentatious charity will long be cherished in the hearts of the recipients. Her uniform kindness and gentleness had endeared her to all, and her conscientious, cheerful performance of every duty could not fail to be an example and a help to those who came within the sphere of her influence. But if her loss will be thus deeply felt in the community, how must it be in that home where her presence was a constant joy—a continued blessing? No more will her hands be busied there in deeds of wifely and motherly kindness; no more will she soothe her infants to rest with the tenderness of a young mother's love; no more in that home circle will her voice, and smile, and all thoughtful deeds for those who are so dear to her, shed light and joy. She has gone; but God hath power to save what he hath made. Surely, one whose life was so spotless, who had learned to look with unfaltering faith to the dear Father of us all, and who showed her faith by her works, will dwell for aye upon the beautiful hills. Thus may the friends in that stricken home, and all to whom she was dear, know that though parted from her now, there cometh a time when they will meet again. Thus may they know

"She is not dead, but gone before
To that unknown and silent shore,
Where we shall meet as heretofore,
Some summer morning."

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Orange Blossoms.

The marriage ceremony of Miss Alice Topping to Winfield S. Weld, of Racine, Wis., at the residence of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Topping, of De Witt, on Thursday the 17th inst., was one of the most enjoyable and brilliant affairs of the season. Upwards of sixty invited guests were present, friends and relatives of the happy couple, from Lansing, St. Johns and other places, who heartily participated in the festivities of this social event. The two long and spacious parlors in the Doctor's pleasant home, were beautifully and tastefully decorated with heavy hangings and festoons of evergreens; while rare plants and vases of choice flowers everywhere met the eye, and diffused a delightful fragrance throughout the rooms, which added greatly to the effect and pleasure of the occasion. The brilliantly lighted rooms and the inspiring music furnished by Prof. Green at the piano, assisted by Mr. Comell, the violinist, both of Lansing, enlivened all with an animated and inspiring feeling, and left to each a thrilling and memorable impression. Promptly at five the music changed to a wedding march, and the bridal pair their places beneath a large floral horse shoe (omen of good luck) suspended above them.

Rev. J. E. Richards, of St. Johns, then conducted a very effective and impressive ceremony, after which he gracefully introduced to the guests Mr. and Mrs. Weld, who then received the hearty congratulations and best wishes of all. The bride was tastefully and richly attired in a traveling costume, ornamented with rare and beautiful flowers, among which camellias were a graceful ornament. The bridegroom, it was observed, looked very calm and self-possessed, and bore his honors gracefully and becomingly. After a sumptuous repast, music and friendly greetings were enjoyed by all. Meantime the bridal pair were made ready for their departure, and about half-past seven the last farewell was given, the tearful partings and noble wishes given the bride by loving friends, attested to the love and esteem in which she was held by all who knew her. Their trip consisted in a visit to Elgin, Ills., the home of the groom's parents. From thence they go to Racine, their future home. Mr. Weld is a stenographer and book-keeper in the extensive establishment of J. I. Case & Co., of Racine, and is esteemed by all who know him as a noble, active and intelligent young man. The presents were both numerous and elegant, and were fitting emblems of the

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Mrs. E. L. Walbridge Dies in Norfolk, Va.

Attorney Henry E. Walbridge received a telegram last Saturday from his brother, Attorney Edward L. Walbridge, of Norfolk, Va., stating that the latter's wife had died that day in Norfolk.

Mrs. Walbridge was well known in St. Johns and Dewitt. She was the daughter of Dr. Topping, pioneer Dewitt physician. Besides the husband, she is survived by a daughter, Zoe, now married and living in Norfolk.

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