

# Black Hills Honeymoon for Local Newlyweds

Upton



MR AND MRS ELMER J. UPTON

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MISS Phyllis Koenigsknecht served as maid of honor, and bridesmaid was Miss Marilyn Bullard of R-2, DeWitt. Their gowns were identical in powder blue silk chiffon and lace over matching taffeta, princess style, with modified scoop necklines and short sleeves. The lace was appliqued to the plain chiffon in a graceful manner on the dome-shaped skirt. They wore large matching lace hats with sateen streamers and carried arrangements of white bebe mums and Stephanotis, centered with a single large yellow mum.

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A reception was held in the parish hall following the ceremony. The white three-tiered wedding cake was served by Mrs Paul Bullard, while Mrs Michael Scofield of Flint poured coffee. Mrs Bruce Mehney and Jeanette Beck served punch and the bridegroom's cake. Miss Barbara Bullard attended the guest book, registering the 500 wedding guests.

**WHEN THE** newlyweds left on their wedding trip to the Black Hills, the bride had changed to an Italian knit brown suit with a coffee colored blouse, shoes and bag. Her hat and gloves were burnt orange and her corsage was of roses and white shattered carnations. Upon their return they will be at home at 405 S. Oakland street, after Sept. 23.

Honor guests at the wedding were the grandmother of the bride, Mrs Harry Ballinger and grandmother of the bridegroom, Mrs Hattie Upton. Mrs Ballinger wore a plum crepe jacket dress with figured blouse. Her hat was feathered trim plum velvet, and she wore black accessories. Mrs Upton wore navy blue dress and navy and white accessories.

Uttley

Esther Uttley was born in Land Grove, Vermont, August 18th, 1816. In 1820 she accompanied her parents to New York. In 1829 she moved to Wayne Co., Mich. In 1835 she married William Webb and moved to DeWitt township, where she has ever since resided. Mr. and Mrs. Webb were the fourth family to settle in DeWitt. They purchased 170 acres on section 6. This land was an entire wilderness, but by perseverance and patience in overcoming difficulties so well known to the early pioneers, they soon had a beautiful farm home. Five children were born to them, one daughter, Mrs. Geo. Scott, with whom she lived, two sons, E. M. Webb, of DeWitt, Byron Webb, of Alma, Mich., survive her. Mr. Webb passed away in 1981. Mrs. Webb was a friend to all and truly a friend we need. No needy ones ever turned from her door empty handed. Her faith was strong in the universal salvation of all, she believed that some where and some time the whole human family would be reunited, where tears and partings are no more. She passed from this life July, 29th, 1900. Truly we may say of her, she hath done what she could and the world is better for her having lived in it. Her funeral was held at her late home July 31st, 1900, Rev. Bard, of Lansing, officiating; interment in Dewitt cemetery.

She has gone to join the loved ones,  
In the world that's free from pain  
Though we miss her, sadly miss her  
Yet our loss is her great gain.

She has met a joyous welcome,  
Crown immortal on her brow,  
Yet we're weeping, sadly weeping,  
For we have no mother now.

No more she'll watch us from the window,  
No more meet us at the door,  
But we always shall remember  
Smiles of welcome that she wore.

## MRS. ARTHUR VAIL SUGGUMBS MONDAY

WAS CLINTON RESIDENT 52  
YEARS; FUNERAL TO BE  
HELD TODAY

Mrs. Arthur Vail, who has been a great sufferer for the past two years, passed away Monday afternoon at Clinton Memorial hospital. She was 55 years, 1 month and 11 days old.

Hattie Viges, the daughter of Phillip and Sarah Viges, was born at Milford, Oakland county, December 23, 1874. At the age of 3 years she came, with her parents, to Clinton county where she has since resided.

On January 25, 1893, she was united in marriage to Arthur A. Vail. To this union were born two children, Hallie Bullard and Ward Vail of Bingham. Besides her husband and children she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Bacon of Lansing and Mrs. Myrtle Smith of Williamston, and four brothers, Edward Viges of Mason, Phillip Viges of Bath, George Viges of Laingsburg and Walter Viges of Olive, and also 5 grandchildren. One brother, John Viges of Lansing, preceded her in death but a few days. She also leaves to mourn her death several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Mrs. Vail was a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother. She was always ready to lend a helping hand wherever needed. She had been a long but very patient sufferer. All that could be done for her by kind and loving hands and medical skill was done but to no avail.

Funeral services will be held at Osgood's funeral home today (Thursday). Interment in the mausoleum at Mt. Rest, St. Johns. Rev. Wilbur Ostrander of Lansing will officiate.

She has gone but her memory will live in the hearts of loved ones and friends left behind, who are travelling the valley where she has safely passed and where we feel sure she has heard the words, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Our mother, dear, has gone to rest. Her prayers, her tears and toils are o'er.

The Saviour saw that it was best, And took her to that Heavenly shore.

Vail

## ARTHUR A. VAIL DIES MAY 24TH

Funeral Services Held for  
Olive Township Farmer  
Tuesday Afternoon  
1936

Arthur A. Vail, aged 67, died at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 24, at his home in Olive township. He had been in failing health for several months.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Osgood funeral home. Rev. Earl F. Collins officiated and burial was made in Mt. Rest cemetery.

Arthur A. Vail was born in Dewitt township Jan. 19, 1869. He was the son of Daniel and Margaret Morgan Vail. He had been a resident of Olive township for many years and was well known.

Mr. Vail used a considerable portion of his farm land for the cultivation of peppermint, and was one of the successful growers of the county.

He is survived by his widow, two children, Mrs. Clyde Bullard, St. Johns R. F. D. 4, and Ward Vail of St. Johns. He also leaves several grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

## OLIVE.

### Obituary—Unice A. Knapp.

Unice A. Williams was born in Dewitt, April 12, 1852, and died in Olive township, July 6, 1914, at the age of 62 years, 3 months and 23 days. In December, 1876, she was united in marriage to Chism M. Vail, and to this union were born five children, two departing this life in childhood. Mr. Vail passed away in 1898, and in the year of 1904, she was again united in marriage to Samuel M. Knapp of Olive township, where she has since resided. Beside her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Flora McGuire, of Joliet, Ill., and Miss Nellie Vail who resides at home and one son, Fred of Dewitt. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Edith McClintock of Wisconsin, Mrs. Ellen Stampfly of Gunnisonville and Mrs. Minnie Lapham of Olive Center; three brothers, Ogden of Kentucky, George and Ed. of Dewitt with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She was a kind wife, mother, sister, and friend, loved and respected by all who knew her, always ready to lend a helping hand in time of need. What higher tribute can we pay to her memory than this "The world is better for her having lived in it." The bereaved friends have the sympathy of all in their great sorrow. We may weep with them but cannot console. The funeral services were held at the home on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with a large attendance. She lay in a beautiful casket covered and surrounded with lovely flowers. Rev. Fisher of Dewitt officiated. Interment was made in Dewitt cemetery.

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7-16 OLIVE GRANGE.

Vail

Vail

Died at the home of his parents, Southeast DeWitt, Saturday evening, May 6, 1893, Jessie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Vail, aged between 14 and 15 years. Five weeks ago she fell from a horse, but no serious injury was at that time noticeable. About three weeks ago she began to fail and

finally, and almost painlessly, crossed the "dark river of death." Her death is a terrible blow to her parents, and especially to her father, who has made his children his idols. Jessie was a bright, affectionate girl; always had a pleasant word and smile for everybody, and was loved in return by everybody. None knew her but to love her. None named her but to praise. She was a fine scholar for one of her age. She appeared much older than she was; always thoughtful of other people's comfort than of her own. She showed as much care and devotion to the young children as a mother could. We would say to the afflicted parents: "Mourn not, one without hope." Jessie was too good and sweet for this world, and has been transplanted to that fairer land where everlasting spring abide and never fading flowers. Think of her as one of God's angels, and that in the sweet by and bye you will meet her in that world where sorrow never come and parting is no more. She joined DeWitt Grange last winter, and although she was unable to meet with us but a few times, she loved her and will miss her much. Her funeral will take place from the house Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Young, of DeWitt, will officiate. The Grange will attend and take charge of the remains at the cemetery, and go through with the Grange burial service. She attended school in DeWitt last winter. Her school-mates, accompanied by the teacher, will go to the cemetery. The grave will be lined with white and made to look more like a cozy bed than a gloomy tomb.

Dearest Jessie, thou hast left us,  
Here thy loss we deeply feel,  
But 'tis God that has bereft us,  
He can all our sorrows heal.

MRS. C. L. PEARCE

Vail

**MARRIED.**

Miss Hallie Vail was married to Clyde Bullard last Friday evening just before Miss Vail graduated from the Normal. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Gregory at the Baptist parsonage. Mr. Bullard is a farmer of Olive township.

VanAuken

Florence, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob VanAuken, was born in Dewitt, Clinton county, May 28, 1874, was married to John Murphy, of Watertown, Clinton county, October 1892. One son was born to them, Louis B. They moved to Breckenridge in the spring of 1898, where she has been in failing health ever since and died to her rest September 18, 1899.

VAN Dyke

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Mr. and Mrs. Celon Van Dyke

## The Van Dykes

Celebrate 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Celon Van Dyke of Gladwin, formerly of DeWitt, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Sept. 1.

Mr. Van Dyke and the former Geraldine Burkholder of Blanchard were married in Lansing on Sept. 1, 1928.

Mr. Van Dyke retired from Oldsmobile in Lansing.

The couple have one son, DeVon of DeWitt, three grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

Van Dyke

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

By KEN COIN

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

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

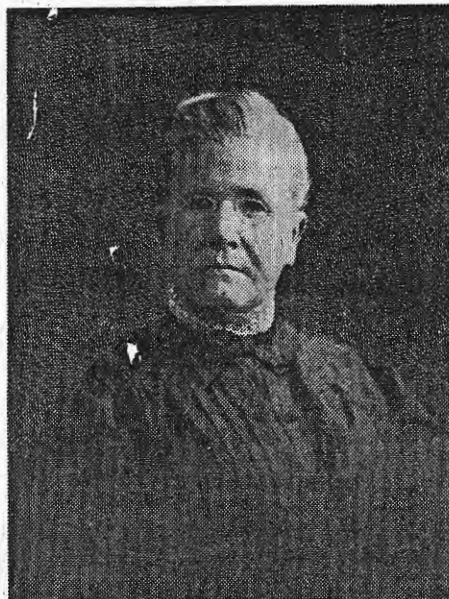
*My father and mother (William and Sarah VanDyke), accompanied by five children, came from New York state to Riley Township...in 1844. Atwell Simmons, Riley's 1st settler, gave my people permission to occupy a log building used by him as a cooper shop (barrel and bucket maker) until the house could be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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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**VanEPPS, BESSIE  
(SLIDER)****DeWitt**

Died January 16, 1989 at the age of 80. She was born February 12, 1908 in Oak Grove, MI, the daughter of William B. and Margaret (Goodno) Slider. She married Clifford E. VanEpps in Ohio on February 6, 1929 and he survives her. Also surviving are 5 children, Duane C. VanEpps of Ludington, Eloise M. Falor of St. Johns, William and Fran VanEpps of Dansville, Neil and Myrna VanEpps of Grand Ledge, Rowlan and LaRene Smith of St. Johns; 18 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and 6 great great grandchildren. Funeral services will be at the Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns, Thursday, January 19 at 11 a.m. Burial in the DeWitt Cemetery with Rev. Carlos Caguiat officiating. Contributions may be made to the Clinton County Hospice in her memory.

**Call 377-1104**

in the Classified section.

## WAS A SOCIETY EVENT

Van Fleet

### Popular Dewitt Young People United in Marriage Wednesday

One of the prettiest society events of the season was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knight VanFleet, on West Main street, Dewitt, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when their son, Carl Kenton VanFleet, was united in marriage to Miss Maude D. Williams, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Williams.

The parlors were decorated with red carnations, potted plants and asparagus sprengeri, the arch beneath which the ceremony was performed, in white carnations and sprengeri. The dining room in dahalias with ropes of smilax to each corner of the table. About 135 guests were present.

As the bridal party was entering, "O Promise Me" was sung by the choir of the First Universalist church, of Lansing. The bride was preceded by two little flower girls, Merle Lott and Laura Williams, gowned in white, who scattered carnations in the path of the bride, and the bridesmaid, Miss Hazel Evans, of Lansing, who was attired in pink. The bride wore a beautiful gown of blue silk and her bouquet was bride's roses. The groom was attended by his brother, Earl VanFleet. Rev. Howard B. Bard, of the First Universalist church of Lansing, read the wedding service.

Immediately after the ceremony and during congratulations Miss Merle McLouth, of Dewitt, played several piano selections. A four course wedding dinner was served by several friends of the bride.

Mrs. VanFleet has attended the Dewitt high school and the Ferris Institute, of Big Rapids. She is an accomplished musician and has composed several selections. For some time she has been a member of the choir of the First Universalist church, of Lansing. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star and has held the office of "Martha" for several years. She received a beautiful assortment of gifts. Mr. VanFleet assists his father in an extensive draying business in Dewitt and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. VanFleet left at 5:30 amid a shower of rice in a hack for Lansing, and thence over the Grand Trunk to Chicago. They will reside this winter with the bride's parents, Mr. Williams being one of the leading merchants of Dewitt.

Guests from St. Johns who were present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. John DeWitt, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. DeWitt, William DeWitt, Mrs. T. H. Clark, Mrs. Arthur Hotchkiss, Mrs. O. A. Cole, and O. Fred Knapp. From Lansing, Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tont, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. VanDeVort, and daughter, Sarah, and son, Frank, and Mrs. N. O. Dane. From Grand Ledge, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Grinnell, Carl and Adolph Florian. From Bengal, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sonier and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harper.

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## A DAY IN CHICAGO

Carl VanFleet and Leon Phelps Visited  
the Windy City.

Carl VanFleet of DeWitt in company with his friend Leon Phelps, took advantage of the excursion Sunday, June 7, to visit his brother, Earl, who met them at Polk street depot at 1:30 p. m.

As their time was limited they did not see as much of the city as they would have liked to. The first place of interest visited, was the Art Institute, which is located on lake front. They enjoyed very much the beautiful statuary and paintings, and especially the paintings in the Henry Field Memorial room. After leaving the Art Institute they walked to the Montgomery Ward's new building which is also located on lake front. Then, taking a car to north side, they visited Lincoln park, where they found much to interest them. After an hour and a half's enjoyment at the park, they returned to the business part of the city.

Notwithstanding it was Sunday and against the rules to admit visitors to the Marshall Field & Co's. wholesale house they were allowed to enter and were shown the department in which Earl VanFleet is employed. From here they visited Earl's new home in Englewood, where they took luncheon with him. The evening was spent at McVicker's theatre enjoying, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

At 11:30 the two tired and sleepy boys made their departure for Lansing, Michigan, feeling well pleased with the day.

VAN Fleet

Married in Lausling, Oct. 26th, 1889, Charles Cole of Riley and Jennie Vanfleet of Olive; also at the same time and place, Major Lewis of Bingham and Ida Bondel of Riley. The happy couples returned to the residence of Dey Vanfleet about five o'clock P. M. where they were met by about thirty five relatives of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cole and tables loaded with the choicest kinds of eatables in great abundance, to which all were invited to partake and did so in a manner highly complimentary to the eatables judging by the amount of empty plates soon to be found. Mr. and Mrs. Cole were the recipients of the following articles: Mr. and Mrs. Dey Vanfleet, set silver knives and forks; Eva Vanfleet, table cloth, fruit dish and pair towels; Mr. and Mrs. Knight Vanfleet, pair towels; Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitaker, pair cotton flannel sheets; Mr. and Mrs. Varney Pearce large parlor lamp; Brouch Alfie Pearce, glass butter dish; Josie Pearce, glass pickle dish; Varrie Pearce Jr., gold band dishes; Mrs. S. A. Pearce, gold band bread plate. The relatives of Mr. Cole did not understand there were to be presents brought or there would have been more but probably there will be more and will come just as acceptable. About 9 o'clock Capt. Myers marched up with his Co. of 40 volunteers (none had to be drafted but went freely) well armed with three guns and two milk pans and one cow bell. They played a few tunes and gave three rousing cheers for the blushing brides, then departed for their homes feeling much better I presume for their fun.

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# Services Sunday<sup>Fl</sup><sub>60</sub> For Mrs. VanFleet

## Lifelong Resident Of DeWitt Village

DeWitt — Mrs Carl K. VanFleet, 73, of 11948 Bridge street, DeWitt, died at a Lansing hospital at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, following an illness of several weeks duration.

Funeral services were held from Vincent Funeral Home, DeWitt, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, with the Rev. A. M. Corson of the DeWitt Community church officiating, assisted by the Rev. Richard Barber of the DeWitt Methodist church. Burial was in the DeWitt cemetery.

MAUDE VANFLEET was born at DeWitt on Feb. 23, 1886, the daughter of George and Nellie Ingalls Williams, pioneers of DeWitt village, and she had resided in DeWitt village all of her life. She attended school at DeWitt and was married on Oct. 18, 1905 to Carl K. VanFleet.

She was a member of the DeWitt community church, the Naomi circle of the church, a past-matron and life member of DeWitt Order of Eastern Star. She was very musical and in her early years sang at many civic functions and at one time directed the Junior Choir of the DeWitt Methodist church. Before her marriage she clerked in her parents general store on the northwest corner of Bridge and Main streets.

Mrs VanFleet is survived by her husband, Carl, and several cousins.

VanFleet

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Mrs Leo J. Hanson  
Telephone 669-9384

VanFleet

## Former DeWitt Resident Dies

**DeWitt—** A former DeWitt resident Mrs Earl (Eva) VanFleet, 78, died in Detroit Saturday, June 6.

Mrs Van Fleet was born in DeWitt Sept. 11, 1885 the daughter of Hiram and Carrie Simmons. She was wed in the village April 15, 1908 to Earl VanFleet who preceded her in death.

**SHE IS** survived by a son, Vincent, and a granddaughter, Karen, both of Detroit and a sister, Mrs Ada Webb, of Lansing.

Mrs VanFleet spent her younger years in DeWitt where her father was the postmaster. She is a life member of the DeWitt OES.

Religious services were held from the Harper-Mulligan Funeral home Detroit, Tuesday at 11 a.m. with interment at Grand Lawn cemetery, Detroit.

April 13, '92

## DeWitt remembered:

## Cemetery towers traced by Coin

By KEN COIN

Whether or not you have ever been to the DeWitt cemetery, if you've driven by you probably couldn't help but notice the nearly twin towers of granite which mark the plots of the VanScoy and the Heck families.

Rowland S. VanScoy was born in Dutchess County, N.Y., Nov. 22, 1814, a son of Rowland and Rachael (Drew) VanScoy. In 1839 he married Ruth Bissell and in that same year settled in DeWitt Township in the vicinity of Capital City Airport. They purchased their homestead of 160 acres from the government at about \$3 per acre and within a 15-year period had expanded their land holdings to approximately 400 acres.

In the early 1850s, the VanScoy family, which now includes two daughters, Rachael and Caroline, moved to the village of DeWitt and occupied George Clark's former "DeWitt Hotel" on top of the hill at the corner of Webb and Bridge (later the Klaver farm). Ruth VanScoy died in DeWitt in 1852 and was buried in the DeWitt cemetery. Rowland soon after remarried and in 1854 moved to Essex Township, settling southeast of Maple Rapids on a large tract of land known in pioneer days as "Benedict's Plains." He did very well for himself in his new location growing liquor hops which he shipped to France. At the time of his death in 1890, his "magnificent estate" totaled nearly 1,900 acres.

Besides Rowland and Ruth VanScoy, this monument marks the burial place of Rowland's second wife, Ann (Bissell) VanScoy, and an unnamed granddaughter (an infant



daughter of S.B. and Rachael ((VanScoy)) McPherson).

The near twin of this monument, located in section "B," marks the burial place of VanScoy's other daughter Caroline and her husband, William Heck. It was said of Caroline that she "possesses a rare degree of intelligence and capability, having had her faculties developed by careful training." In 1891 that was intended as a compliment, but somehow in 1992 that reads as somewhat of an insult.

Although the VanScoy-McPherson-Heck families all spent the majority of their lives in the Maple Rapids area, they kept close ties to DeWitt. Later generations of the Heck family reestablished themselves in DeWitt, continuing the operation of Rowland VanScoy's old farm here which has been passed down through the generations to the present and is now the home of Dean and Bertha (Heck) Crane, located at the intersection of DeWitt and State roads.

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Relatives from away in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. VanSchoy were Edward Bissell, Merle Beach; Alonzo Waldron, Wacousta; Mr. Hoeth and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Waldron, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Waldron, O. M. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Clark of Wacousta; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Plowman of Alma; Mrs. Fay Ward of Grand Ledge, Mrs. Chas. Bissell of Stanton; Mrs. Lee Bissell of Merle Beach; Mr. and Mrs. George R. Heck, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Heck, son and daughter, of Lansing.

### ESSEX PIONEER DEAD.

Widow of Hon. Rowland S. VanSchoy  
Died at Age of 86.

Mrs. R. S. VanSchoy passed away at her home in Essex township Thursday evening, August 22, at 7:30, after several months of poor health. Funeral services were held at the house Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Wilkinson of the Maple Rapids Methodist church, officiating, interment being made in the DeWitt cemetery. Angeline Bissell was born in July, 1822, in New York state and was one

of nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. and Mercy Smith Bissell. When very young she moved with her parents to DeWitt, later living in Lyons and Wacousta. On May 6, 1852, she was united in marriage to Rowland S. VanSchoy of DeWitt and spent the following two years of her life in that village. Two years after their marriage they moved on a farm in Essex township, where she had resided since.

Mr. VanSchoy passed away October 14, 1890, and at the time of his death was recognized as being the wealthiest man in that township, owning about 1,200 acres of land, his estate being valued at about \$150,000, the result of his life's labors. He represented his district in the state legislature from 1871 to 1875.

Mrs. VanSchoy is survived by one brother, E. Bissell, who lives near Merle Beach, besides many other relatives and friends.

**Lyle Steves And  
Dorothy VanVleet  
Married January 2**

VanVleet

Lyle D. Steves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Steves of Olive, and Miss Dorothy A. VanVleet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo 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.

**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.

Van Sickle

Funeral Cards from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

Now owned by Eleanor Moon McKinney (1984)

Louise Irene VanSickle-                      Sarasota, Florida  
April 17, 1913, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
May 14, 1949, Lansing, Mich.  
Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home- Deepdale Cemetery  
Wed. May 18, 1949, 2:30 p.m.  
Pallbearers: Larry Apple, Owen Stid, Bill Fritz,  
Arthur Fritz, Lawrence Heiler, Charles Fritz.

Vantassell

**Saturday Service  
At DeWitt For 33-4A  
Erma VanTassell**

Services were held from the Vincent Funeral home in DeWitt on Saturday for Mrs. Erma VanTassell, 67, of 2920 Daft road, who died unexpectedly the preceding Wednesday in a Lansing hospital. Rev. George H. Abbott officiated and interment was in DeWitt cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, Erwin; two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Wilton of DeWitt and Mrs. Edith Strouse of Lansing, besides several nieces and nephews.

LOCAL HISTORY  
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Vaughan

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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

23rd PSALM

JOHN E. VAUGHAN

October 12, 1873

May 7, 1951

*Services at*

*The Colonial Chapel  
Estes-Leadley Funeral Home*

Thursday, May 10, 1951—1:00 P. M.

*Clergyman*

Rev. Maylan Jones

Miss Clara W. Besch, Organist

*Interment*

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Clarence Marrison  
Clarence Haun  
Warren Akin

Roland Marrison  
Arlo Lillywhite  
Richard Hoyland  
—Bearers

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Vaughan

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Clarence (Stub) D. Vaughan  
819 E. St. Joseph

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
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Psalm 23

IN MEMORY OF  
VERA B. STURGIS

Born February 21, 1897

Died January 31, 1980

Funeral Services From  
Russell Funeral Home  
February 4, 1980  
1:00 P.M.

Officiating  
Pastor Gilbert Mabry

Cremation  
Ottawa Park Crematory  
Pontiac, Michigan

Arrangements By  
Russell Funeral Home, Inc.  
Flushing, Michigan

**BORN**

July 22, 1901  
St. Johns, Michigan

**DIED**

January 2, 1977  
Lansing, Michigan

**SERVICES HELD AT**

Geraldine Runeliman Lounsbury Chapel  
Wednesday, January 5, 1977  
11:30 A.M.

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Charles F. Goudey, Pastor Emeritus  
Pilgrim Congregational Church

**MUSIC**

Mrs. Lois Bykerk—Organist

**INTERMENT**

Mt. Hope Cemetery

**CASKET BEARERS**

Ray Goodrich	Emmett Hoyland
Curtis Vaughan	Gordon Hoyland
Dennis Vaughan	Derrold Hoyland

# 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.

Vaughan

## MAN HURT 7 WEEKS AGO DIES SUDDENLY

HEART ATTACK IS FATAL TO  
GEORGE O. VAUGHAN OF  
ST. JOHNS TUESDAY

1936

George O. Vaughan, 67, succumbed to a sudden heart attack Tuesday morning, March 17, at his home, 406 South Clinton avenue, while convalescing from a fractured leg. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Friday at the Osgood funeral home with burial in Mt. Rest cemetery.

Mr. Vaughan broke his leg Jan. 27 while employed by R. E. Benson. He was taken to Clinton Memorial hospital where he remained until he was able to return to his home on March 4. He observed his 67th birthday last week.

George O. Vaughan was born on March 11, 1869, to John and Carrie Vaughan near Ithaca. Practically all of his life was spent in or near St. Johns and Lansing. For the past five years he had been employed by the Clinton County Road Commission.

On May 18, 1901, he was married to Miss Bertha DeWitt of St. Johns. To this union were born nine children, eight of whom, with the widow, survive. They are: Mrs. Lennah Thayer and Mrs. Pearl McAninch of Owosso; Kenneth, whereabouts unknown; Mabel, Evabelle, Harold, Naida and Ardis at home. One daughter Ezma, preceded him in death in 1922 at the age of 16 years, and a son Ralph, by a former marriage, passed away in 1913.

He also leaves two brothers, John of Lansing and Frank of Seville, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Williams of Baker, Ore., and Mrs. Floretta Ziegler of Medina, Ohio; seven grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

# M. S. U. Couple From DeWitt Exchange Matrimonial Vows

Vermillion

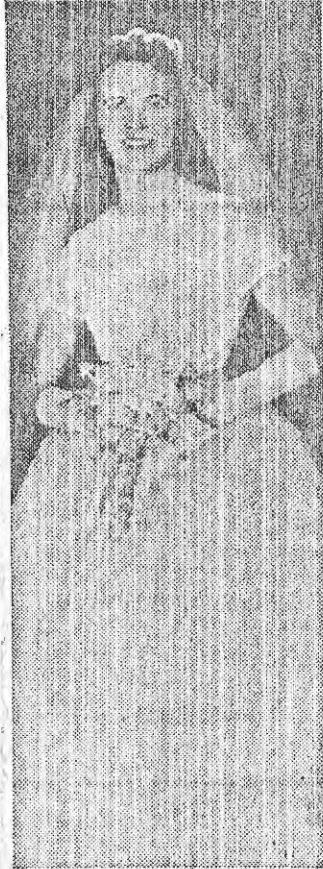
A wedding breakfast at the Pagoda followed the Saturday wedding of Miss Linda Joyce Vermillion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Vermillion of DeWitt, to Richard Paul Fed-

phanotis and white carnations. Mrs. Rita Webb was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Mrs. Roger W. Taylor of Los Alamos, N. M., and Miss Nancy Vermillion, both sisters of the bride.

Attending his brother as best man was Stan Fedewa, and ushers were William Fedewa and Bernard Fedewa, both brothers of the bridegroom.

Following the breakfast, an evening reception was held in the DeWitt Memorial building.

Special guest was Mrs. Daisie Smith from St. Joseph, Mo., grandmother of the bride.



**MRS. RICHARD FEDEWA**

ewa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fedewa of DeWitt.

The nuptials were repeated in the St. Therese church.

The bride was graduated from Michigan State university where the bridegroom was also a student.

Silk organza over taffeta was worn by the bride for her nuptials. The dress was styled with bateau neckline, bell-shaped skirt and appliques of embroidered bow knots.

She carried cascading sta-

# DeWitt Church Scene Of Weber-Vincent Vows

Vincent



MR. AND MRS. EUGENE C. VINCENT

The first snow of the season accentuated the double ring ceremony that united Cynthia M. Weber and Eugene C. Vincent Friday afternoon, Nov. 4, at the Community church in DeWitt. Rev. LaVerne Bretz officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by Robert Olds, of Lansing, and is the daughter of Mrs. William H. Ray, of Englewood, Calif., and F. S. Weber, of near DeWitt. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome B. Vincent, of DeWitt.

Attending the bride was Mrs. Phillip Vincent, as matron of honor. Phillip B. Vincent, brother of the bridegroom, served as groomsmen, and Louis Lankford and Donald Seyfried were ushers.

Mrs. Henry A. Richards was organist and Dr. Manning Bross, of St. Johns, accompanied by Mrs. Bross, was the vocalist. Musical selections were "Through the Years," the Greig composition, "Ich Leibe Dich," and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride's gown was of white satin fashioned with a long fitted bodice and mandarin collar complimented with seed pearls. The full flowing skirt extended into a train and her fingertip length veil was held by a satin headdress. She carried a cascade bouquet of white and pink roses with streamers of tiny chrysanthemums.

The matron of honor wore a royal blue velvet gown with draped skirt and trimmed with white fur. Her headpiece was matching. She carried a cascade bouquet of white and pink carnations.

Assisting at the reception held in the basement of the church following the ceremony were Mrs. Robert Olds, Mrs. Weston Knaup, Mrs. Donald Pope, Mrs. Donald Rice, Mrs. Ronald Heibek, Miss Dorothy Hill, and Miss Joanne Pike.

The newlyweds are honeymooning at "Vincehaven" on Glen Lake for two months, after which they will return to their studies at Michigan State College.

# Letters bring back the reality of Civil War

By KEN COIN

5-31-93

For the purposes of understanding what the men and women of DeWitt faced during the war the collection of Cook family letters are outstanding. The principles in these correspondence are Abigail (Cook) Freeman and her husband Phineas (a Corporal in Co. B, 3rd Mich. Cav.), her younger brother William H.H. Cook (a private in the same outfit) and their older brother George Cook, who served as a musician in a New York regiment. Added to this are cameo appearances by many other DeWitt soldiers and, of course, the family members here in DeWitt. Luckily for all of us, most of the originals of these 100 or so letters were turned over to the State Archives many years ago by the Cutler family and are available for researchers.

As a fitting Memorial Day tribute, the following lines are taken from these letters addressing the death of William "Henry" Cook in New Madrid, MO., to family here in DeWitt:

March 28, 1862.

I wrote a few lines to you on the 24th starting to tell you of the death of brother Henry, which was hard news for me to write. It seems as though it could not be so, but, O how I miss him. But we must submit to it. Our loss is his gain. He was buried by the side of four others from our regiment on the farm of Acker. I would of sent him home if I could but I had no money...

We were both taken sick at the same time but Henry had no appetite. He could not eat scarcely anything. I did not think he was dangerously sick until the night before he died.

...About one hour before he died I asked him if he knew me. He said yes. I asked him who it was. He said "Phineas" but he was so low...he wanted I should dit down by the side of him.

(Phineas R. Freeman)

From DeWitt the news was sent to older brother George whose outfit was then stationed at Alexandria, VA.

April 15, 1862

O, brother the sad intelligence that it conveyed to me, the death of our loved brother Henry. Our youngest brother, I can hardly realize that he is gone, poor boy. He was found a lonely grave far from his home but he was passed through the dark valley of death to which we are all hastening...I am glad that Phineas was with him for I know that he would do everything for him that could be done.

(George H. Cook)

I have long had a fascination with Civil War era letters; the personal observation exchanged between soldier (and women like DeWitt's Abbie Freeman who went off to war with her husband) and those left at the homefront. Few of the letters I've read deal much with actual battles, which is just as well. Terms like brigade, column and out-flank tend to turn my mind to tapioca.

It's the feelings expressed of what was happening that interest me. I want to know what they were experiencing and how they managed to cope. I want to know what they thought they were a part of — what did they think this war was all about and what were they willing to do to meet those objectives.

Recently, Eleanor McKinney shared with me two letters written by her great-grandfather during the war. Shubael Vincent was a hospital steward in Co. G, 23rd Mich. Infantry. Just prior to enlisting he moved from Riley Township to DeWitt where he bought a home for his family on North Franklin street. His wife Jane would wait out the war from this home with their children. To break up the loneliness she took comfort with her next-door neighbor,

Mrs. George Anderson, whose husband too had gone off to war in Co. C of the same regiment.

Shubael had been a farmer and cooper (barrel and bucket maker) by trade and a minister by desire. He was licensed by the Methodist Episcopal Church to preach in 1858 and was renewed just prior to his entering the war. The following are excerpts from his letters home:

Camp Saganaw Sep 10th /62

Dear Wif

We have all arrived at camp saf and sound and was welcomed by all in the hospital. All the boys of DeWitt are doing (well) I believe I donnot design to wright much of a lett this time from the fact I cannot give you my noos. Keep good hart. Do not mourn or feel bad on account of me. I was glad to get home agen I assure you. Do not think that I am loosing my attachment to my own family, it is just as strong as ever. Yes stronger for it is this that impells me on for all that is don four our country is being don for our families. Hence it is for you and I wish you wood look at it in this, and if you should look at it in this lite you can but feel right. O if I could persuade you to think that it was right that I was hear and that it was rong even to wish me home I should feel happy. Tell Mrs. Anderson that her man is coming home as soon as he can. If any do inquire about any of the boys tell them the boys are well. Be submissive, trust the Lord and he will direct your steps. Ade me by your prayers also and so I shall remain yours forever.

Shubael Vincen

Bowling Green Ky Jan 7th /63

I feel as though if permitted to return home in safety I shal be more than compensated for all my sufferings in the army. I know it is but a debt I owe my country and I mean to do all my duty faithfully. I have much to do and as a general thing I have abundant strength to do it. I enlisted to work with all the power I had and am going to do it wile I have strength. We still have a great deal of sickness in the camp. Enysipelas prevails to a considerable extent and is quite fatal. Many have died of it already. You asked me whether the men in the hospital

were left to die without being converted. I answer that many of them die as they live; no hope in Christ but while I was reading you letters last night and before I got through a messenger came to me requesting me to come immediately to hospital No. 2 to see a man under deep concern of mind. I went and talked and prayed with him and left him hoping in God. Others say they mean to stop swearing so you see the Spirit is at work amongst our soliders. Our captain told me that there had bin several conversions and many more were inquiring the way to Zion.

The Companies are divided into squads and in some of those squads they have morning and evening devotion. In fact there has bin a great reform in our camp for which I am truly thankful. John Ammerman has also met with a change. Please inform his Mother the first opportunity. My chance for doing much good to the souls of men is limited.

You wanted to know about the burying of the dead. Every man dying at the hospital is put in a coffin and buried, generally in the cloths in which he dyes.

Shubael continued ministering to the health and soul of the wounded soliders at Bowling Green for nearly a full year after this last letter. Then, the sickness that surrounded him overtook him. He died and was buried there in a military cemetery in, like he said, "the clothes in which he dyes." Like so many DeWitt area men, there is no monument to him in the DeWitt cemetery.

If his widow Jane sought in her next-door neighbor, Mrs. Anderson had little to give. Her husband George was in a rebel prison camp called, ironically, "Andersonville". He died of starvation two days after Christmas in 1864. In later years, when the war had become but a bad memory for most of the participants, the DeWitt survivors named their veterans' post in Anderson's memory.

As to Jane Vincent's loss, the government set an amount. She would receive a widow's pension of \$12 per month until her death in 1908.

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

Vincent

## CLINTON CO. PIONEER

JOHN M. MERRIHEW DIED AT HIS  
HOME IN OLIVE TOWN.  
SHIP, MAY 1.

Had Lived on Same Farm For 78  
Years — Was 86 Years  
Of Age.

John Myers Merrihew, a resident of Olive township since 1836, died Friday, May 1, after a 10 days' illness. He was 86 years old.

Born in Ulster county, New York, Mr. Merrihew came with his parents to Clinton county when eight years old. The family was one of the first to settle in that township. In 1851 Mr. Merrihew married Miss Lucy Gillette of the same township and to them were born seven children, of whom three are living. Mrs. Merrihew died in 1863 and Mr. Merrihew was married a second time, his wife being Miss Sarah Vincent, who died 13 years ago. Three children were born to them, of whom only one is living.

For many years Mr. Merrihew was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Olive and of the Clinton County Pioneer society.

The children who survive Mr. Merrihew are Mrs. Edward Winans of Detroit, Mrs. Samuel B. Warren of St. Johns, J. Frank Merrihew of Olive, and Mrs. Perry Teed, who lives on the old homestead. He also leaves one brother, William Jerden Merrihew of Flint, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday at the house, Rev. Fisher of Dewitt, pastor of the Olive Methodist church, officiating.

Vincent

Sarah E. Vincent was born in Ridgway Michigan, August 4th, 1844, and died at her home in Olive December 20, 1901. At the age of twenty-four she was married to John M. Merrihew of Olive Michigan, to whom were born three children, two sons and one daughter, two of whom survive her. Besides these she leaves a husband, an aged mother, two sisters, and a large circle of friends. She was converted in early life and united with the M. E. church. She was not only faithful to her church but ever true to her heavenly father.

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## Newlyweds Honored At Hotel Olds Reception

Dewitt—A reception was held in the East Room of Hotel Olds Saturday evening, Dec. 20, at 8:00 o'clock by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vincent of Dewitt in honor of their son and daughter, Cadet and Mrs. Philip B. Vincent.

Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Robert Olds, Mrs. Weston Knaup, Mrs. James Gibb and Mrs. Mary Jacobs of Lansing. Lawrence Fish of St. Johns took several candid pictures during the evening. Many beautiful gifts were received by the honored couple.

To greet the guests, the bride wore a black and white formal with a corsage of white carnations and a rhinestone necklace, a gift of the groom.

Guests were present from Lansing, Marshall, St. Johns, Cleveland, Ohio, Houston, Texas, and Dewitt.

Cadet and Mrs. Vincent, the former Eldyth Stockton, daughter of Mrs. Corn E. Stockton of Houston, Texas, were married in the First Methodist church at Galveston, Texas, by Rev. Lewis W. Nicholas, pastor of the church, preceding their visit to Dewitt.

Mrs. Vincent attended the University of Houston and is now employed in Houston. Cadet Vincent is stationed at Rice Institute, Houston, where he is receiving Naval officer's training and will receive his commission in June.

Following the reception the couple left by early train for Houston, Texas.