

Mr. Lignian was born June 30, 1883, in Kingsley, near Traverse City, the son of Martin and Emma Jane (Frost) Lignian, and was graduated from high school there. His parents moved to Battle Creek at the time John began his newspaper career there. The mother died there Nov. 1, 1921, and the father died at Olivet, March 30, 1928. Both are buried at Olivet.

Mr. Lignian was married July 22, 1925, to Miss Mildred Amy Hicks, who survives. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Hicks and a great-ganddaughter of William Hicks, a pioneer settler in Pennfield township. She is a former business manager of Olivet College and was college bursar for 12 years. She assisted her husband in the publishing of their newspapers.

In August, 1944, Mr. Lignian bought the Bellevue Gazette, but after two years sold it to Walter Cantine of Battle Creek. In September, 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Cantine bought the Grand Ledge Independent and the Bellevue paper has since been owned by Donald Campbell. In 1929, Mr. Lignian bought the Pottersville News of Ray S. Willett of Charlotte, and this paper was included in his sale of the Optic to Mr. Tucker last year.

Mr. Lignian was a member of the Michigan Press Assn., the University of Michigan Press Club, the National Editorial Assn., Saladin Temple of the Shrine at Grand Rapids, life member of the Olivet Masonic lodge, the Bellevue Royal Arch Masons, Charlotte Knights Templar and was a charter member of the Olivet Lions Club. He was an active worker in the Olivet Congregational Church, interested in civic enterprises in his home community and served one term on the village council.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sisters, Miss Blanche Lignian, a former Battle Creek newspaper woman, and Miss Mabel Lignian, both of Olivet.

Services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Congregational church in Olivet, conducted by Burkhead funeral home, with Rev. Charles B. Hastie, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hicks cemetery, Calhoun county. Casket bearers were Samuel Robinson, Clyde M. Herrick, Ralph Vahs, Edward A. Goodrich, Burrigide S. Tucker, Lyle Herbert.

Mrs. Mary Park, 80, of 1426 Indiana ave., died Tuesday evening at a local hospital. She had been a resident of Lansing for two and a half years. Surviving are three sons, Harold R. and Robert H. and a daughter, Herbert A. of San Francisco. Monterey Park, Miss Lillian M. Park of Monterey Park, Cal. Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Friday at the Estes-Leadley Colonial chapel. Interment will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Ex-Publisher's Widow, 79, Dies

(Special to The State Journal)
LAKE ODESSA, Sept. 21—The funeral of Mrs. Mary B. Slosson, 79, of Lake Odessa, will be Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Picken's chapel. Burial will be in Lakeside cemetery.

Mrs. Slosson, widow of Charles Slosson, former owner and publisher of the Lake Odessa Wave, weekly newspaper here, died Monday at Pennock hospital, Hastings, after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Slosson purchased the Wave in 1898 and she worked as a typesetter at the newspaper until the death of her husband in 1902.

Later she returned to the Wave as a linotype operator, retiring about 1925.

She was a member of the Lake Odessa Congregational church for 57 years.

Surviving are a son, Ambrose, Liberty, Mo., and two foster sisters.

Mrs. Lucinda Jane Rawson
VERMONTVILLE, Nov. 12—Mrs. Lucinda Jane Rawson, 71, lifelong resident of Eaton county, died at her Vermontville residence Friday. She is survived by her husband, Byron; a daughter, Dora Mae, Lansing; four sisters and two brothers. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Otto funeral home, Vermontville. Rev. F. Willard, Kime of the First Congregational church will officiate and interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery, Vermontville.

Mrs. Bertha Bedford
GRAND LEDGE, July 5—Mrs. Bertha L. Bedford, 82, died Monday afternoon in a Lansing convalescent home after a long illness. She had been a lifelong resident of the Grand Ledge and Pottersville areas. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Beatrice Capen and Mrs. Beulah Brennan; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 4 p. m. in the Terman funeral home, Grand Ledge. Dr. Richard Wearne of the Grand Ledge Methodist church officiating. Burial will be in the Welch cemetery.

Totals.	
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