

Retired Farmer

Early Resident
Of Eaton County
Succumbs at 86

(Special to The State Journal)

WOODBURY, March 28—Mrs. Florilla Gray, 86, R. 3, Lake Odessa, whose family came over the Clinton trail to settle in this community more than three-quarters of a century ago, died in a Hastings nursing home, Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Gray, who with her husband, Chester, member of another pioneer Clinton trail family, would have celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary April 24, was the last surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aungst.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray have lived all their married life within a mile of this Eaton county community, more than 40 years on the same farm.

Mrs. Gray was a native of Kendalville, Ind. She came to Michigan with her parents when she was a child.

She is survived by her husband and by nieces and nephews.

The body has been removed to the Pickins funeral home in Lake Odessa where services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday. Burial will be in Sunfield cemetery.

Vera Carey Dies on
Wednesday Morning
In Lansing Hospital

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m., Saturday for Mrs. Vera Pruella Carey, 60, who died Wednesday morning in a Lansing hospital. She had been ill about 3 months.

She was born Feb. 6, 1895 in Gratiot county, and came here from Greenville about 35 years ago. She was a member of the Helping Hand club.

The husband, George, of 835 W. Jefferson, survives.

The Rev. H. A. DeLong, a Free Methodist minister, will officiate from the Teman Funeral home. Burial is to be in Freemire cemetery, south of Sunfield.

SERVICES HELD SUNDAY
FOR WILLIAM SHERRARD

William J. Sherrard 72, a retired business man died late Thursday afternoon August 25 in the Charlotte hospital following a long illness.

Mr. Sherrard was born May 10, 1883 in Sunfield township, the son of James and Nellie England Sherrard. In December 1903 he was married to Jennie Hager who preceded him in death. He had lived all of his married life in and near Vermontville.

Before retirement three years ago, Mr. Sherrard owned and operated a Blacksmith shop and in recent years was engaged in welding.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. R. B. Lenon of R. 1 Vermontville and Mrs. Glenn Randall, of Mulliken.

Services were conducted Sunday at 3:00 p. m. from the Otto funeral home. Rev. Marcius Taber officiating and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

ROBERT THOMPSON
KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Robert Thompson, 25, of Vermontville, died early Saturday morning beneath the wreckage of his car, which struck a bridge and turned over on Kinsel highway, five miles northwest of Charlotte. The wreck and the body of the victim were not discovered until about 6 a. m., by Claude Smutts, a passing motorist. Thompson was returning home from work at the Oldsmobile plant in Lansing and is believed to have died from internal injuries and suffocation sometime between midnight and 1 a. m., according to Eaton County Coroner M. Donald Burkhead.

Mr. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parmer A. Thompson, had lived in the Vermontville area the last 12 years. He leaves, besides his parents, of Vermontville, his wife, the former Betty Carolyn Rounds, two sons, Paul Robert, 4, and Patrick Donald, 2; two sisters, Mrs. Thomas (Delores) Kilgore and Mrs. Lyle (Joyce) Kenyon, both of route 1, Nashville; four brothers, Raymond and Donald of Vermontville, Harold and Junior at home; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Purley Everingham of Eaton Rapids.

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