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IN MEMORY

Henry C. Gearhart

BORN

Nov. 9, 1879

DATE OF DEATH

Oct. 7, 1958

SERVICES FROM

Congregational Church
Saturday, Oct. 11, 1958
2:00 p.m.

CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING

Rev. H. B. Loomis

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Woodlawn Cemetery
Vermontville, Michigan

CASKET BEARERS

Glerum, George A.
Glidden, Asa C.
Glover, George W.
Godard, Abel
Godfroy, James F.
Godleski, John
Godsell, Harry
Goeckel, Richard P.
Goldade, Alex.
Golden, Clayton
Goldenweiser, E.
Goldstein, Nathan
Goldstick, Nathan
Goldstone, R. R.
Good, Chester A.
Goodemoot, L. A.
Goodland, Walter
Goodman, George
Goodrich, Frederic

Goodrich, Herbert
Goodrich, John S.
Goodrich, Lyle
Goodwin, Augier
Goodwin, Mrs. B.
Goodwin, Daniel
Goodwin, Edwin
Goodwin, Justus
Goodwin, William
Goodwine, John W.
Gordon, Arthur E.
Gordon, Clay W.
Gordon, James Wright

Carl Gearhart Jr. Barry Scott
Glenn Gearhart Larry Gearhart
Richard Gearhart Henry Cowell

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'Rugged Cross' Composer Dies at Reed City at 85

REED CITY, Oct. 10 (AP)—Rev. George Bennard, 85, composer of the gospel hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," died today at Reed City hospital after a brief illness. He was a retired minister of the Michigan Methodist conference.

Rev. Bennard was born in Youngstown, O., the son of a coal miner. He worked in Iowa coal mines as a youth of 15 to help support his widowed mother and her six children.

He was drawn to Salvation Army meetings at Canton, Iowa, in 1895 and three years later was commissioned an adjutant, traveling the mid-west to conduct revival meetings.

In 1910, he resigned to devote several years almost exclusively to writing sacred songs.

"The Old Rugged Cross" was written in 1912 while Rev. Bennard was conducting a revival at Albion.

He has written more than 300 sacred songs, the most recent in

1956 entitled "The Light on the Cross."

It commemorates a huge wooden cross erected by the Reed City Chamber of Commerce before his home along US-131 six miles north of the city.

Rev. Bennard is survived by his widow, Hannah, and a son, John Paul Bennard, of Redonda Beach, Cal. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Boy of 5 Lucky; Not Badly Hurt

(Special to The State Journal)

EATON RAPIDS, Oct. 10 —

Alan Smith, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith, R. 3, Eaton Rapids, was a lucky boy Thursday.

He was struck by a car on highway M-99, two miles north of Eaton Rapids, about noon, and suffered face and head cuts and abrasions.

L. D. Kelsey Dies at 59

Vermontville Doctor Had
Been Active in Civic,
Lodge Affairs

(Special to The State Journal)

VERMONTVILLE, Sept. 30 — Dr. Lewis Donald Kelsey, 59, died at his home here at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday following a long illness.

He was a native of Lansing and came here as an osteopath 25 years ago. He was also a community leader and was a member of the Lions club, Masons, Eastern Star, American Legion Post No. 22, Chamber of Commerce, village president for nine years and was a staff member at McLaughlin Osteopathic hospital in Lansing.

Surviving are his widow, Hil-dred; two daughters, Nancy Jo, Becky Jean, and a son Douglas, all at home; one sister, Mrs. Olive C. Colcord of Niles and one brother, Merwon Kelsey of Newton, Ill. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Vermontville Methodist church with Rev. Howard Lindsay officiating. Otto funeral home has charge of arrangements.

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