

Henry C. Gearhart
VERMONTVILLE—Henry C. Gearhart, 79, died Tuesday at his home on Scipio road. He was born Nov. 9, 1878, in Woodland Township, the son of John and Sarah (Smith) Gearhart and was married in 1903. He had been a resident of the Vermontville area all his life. Surviving are his wife, Lena; two sons, Carl of Charlotte and John of Ensign, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. Josephine Pember of Vermontville and Mrs. Sarah Scott of Nashville; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Winchell of Kansas City, Kan., Mrs. Anna Harvey of Nashville and Mrs. Sarah Weeks of Lansing; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Businessman Dies At Hastings

Rites for Charles Betts To Be Held Wednesday

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NASHVILLE, Nov. 11 — Funeral services will be held for Charles J. Betts, 65, at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the Vogt funeral home. Mr. Betts, a heating and plumbing man here for 36 years, died Monday in Pennock hospital, Hastings, where he had been a patient for several weeks.

Mr. Betts was born in Kalamazoo, but had spent most of his life in Nashville.

He was a member of the First Methodist church, life member of Nashville Lodge No. 255, Free and Accepted Masons, Knights Templar commandery No. 56, of Hastings, and the Grand Rapids consistory. He had been a member of the Nashville fire department for many years, serving part of that time as fire chief.

Besides the widow, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Doris White of Grand Rapids; one son, Robert of Spring Lake; four grandchildren; a brother, George Betts of Kalamazoo and one sister, Miss Frieda Betts of Walled Lake.

Rev. Keith Phil of the First Methodist church will officiate at the Wednesday services, and the Nashville Masons will conduct the graveside rites. Burial will be in Lakeview cemetery, Nashville.

J. D. Earley Dies at 41

Accountant Firm Owner Had Been Polio Victim Since Age of 14

Jack D. Earley, 41, of 618 S. Magnolia ave., certified public accountant and owner of Jack



Earley's Services, died Monday in a local hospital. He had been a polio victim since he was 14. A graduate of Eastern high school, where he established a precedent in 1937 by being re-elected president of the student council, he later matriculated at LaSalle Extension university in Chicago.

A keen follower of Eastern high school athletics, although unable to participate, he was presented with a miniature gold football in 1936 as "one of the most faithful followers an Eastern high school team ever had." Presentation was made by Supt. Dwight H. Rich of Lansing public schools, then Eastern high principal.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Lillie Earley; five brothers, Douglas H., Bruce A., William M. and Kenneth E. Earley of Lansing, and Charles C. Earley of Laingsburg; and three sisters, Mrs. Clifford Black and Mrs. Edward Swerczynski of Lansing, and Mrs. Russell Danbert of East Lansing.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p. m. at Gorsline-Runciman funeral home with Rev. Paul Morrison of Central Methodist church officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

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