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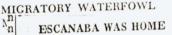
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Nn Nn The soft-spoken, good humored No writer who though of Escanaba As as home and remained devoted Ce to the scenery and people of Cs Michigan's "U.P.," joined The

Ci-State Journal staff in 1963. During a career beginning in 1927, he had worked for newspa-M. pers in Wisconsin, Illinois, and

B1 Ohio. His Escanaba Press affiliation, spanning more than 30 years, Ne prompted residents there to credit him with helping to make that town "one of the finest com-munities in the North."

Duchaine, taken ill earlier this summer, reportedly died follow-

ing emergency surgery.

He and his wife, Helen, had moved to the coastal community H: to be near a daughter, Mrs. Sam

Matthew Berge of El Cajon. Other survivors include another daughter, Mrs. Charles D. Dr Foster of Washington, D.C., two 7 Ins sons James William of New York Ma City and Richard H. of Dayto Ne Ohio. Four grandsons Suggranddaughters also wages, 120



WILLIAM J . DUCHAINE

William J. Duchaine, a former State Journal feature writer whose lighthearted railroad and area history stories delighted thousands of faithful readers, died Tuesday evening in an El Cajon, Calif., hospital.

Duchaine, 67, had moved to

California following his retirement last December.

Private funeral services are scheduled this afternoon and burial will be in El Cajon.

He was a lifelong newsman who brought celebrities and non-RAFT celebrities alive in spirited accounts of 50-year high school re-unions and scientific developments in Michigan's sugar bush 72 industry.

PROLIFIC WRITER

A prolific writer, Duchain 186 provided features for publication in The State Journal outlasting his retirement by several93 months.

He traveled widely through the mid-Michigan area, camera in hand, capturing an unofficial reporting record for consistently of interesting stories in the shor permit, 40

test amount of time.

He once spent several days in d the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph 97 of area collecting piles of notes and ne background material for an into depth study of The House of

His interests extended to horse shoe pitching at Dimondale, is-the real stores behind Lansing 'al area historical sites and marn kers, and fascinating tales of hermits and heroes.

Duchaine, who encountered the known and unknown as a re-3, 33 porter but soon became a friend, formed lasting alliances and his a telephone rang intermittently for several weeks following his de-31 ; parture.

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