

## MRS CARL WELLS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Funeral services for Mrs Alta E. Wells 63, were held Wednesday afternoon from the Pray funeral home in Charlotte.

Mrs Wells died Monday at Hayes Green Beach hospital where she had been a patient for two days. She had been in ill health for several months. She was born in Chester township, the daughter of Frank and Emma (Cook) King, and had lived in this area all her life. Mrs Wells was married to Carl Wells in Vermontville in 1920.

Surviving besides her husband are four sons, Sterling of Vermontville township, Clayton and Maurice at home, and Carroll of Kalamo township; five grandchildren; her mother, now living in Nashville; and a brother, Pearl King of Lansing.

Rev Howard Lindsay of the Vermontville Methodist church officiated and burial was in the Kalamo cemetery.

### Orley E. Knickerbocker

HASTINGS—Orley E. Knickerbocker, 63, of 319 E. Madison st., Hastings, died at Pennock Hospital this morning after an extended illness. He was born in Vermontville, a son of Henry and Susan (Heff) Knickerbocker. He came to Hastings in 1917 and married Mrs. Ruby Patten on June 19, 1918 in Hastings. He entered the Army in September, 1918, serving until March, 1919. He was a former employe of the Hastings Table Co. for about 18 years, and the City of Hastings street department for about 20 years, retiring two years ago because of ill health. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene. Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Fay (Margaret) Staup of Hastings and Mrs. Guy (Phyllis) Ebeling of Battle Creek; two sons, Harold of Battle Creek and Lynn at home; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Dewey of Lake Odessa; two half-brothers, Edmund and Paul Knickerbocker both of Mason and a step-mother, Cassie, also of Mason.

## Benton Township Man Dies in Lansing Hosp.

James B. Tucker, age 57, of R. 1, Charlotte, passed away at the St. Lawrence hospital, Dec. 3, in Lansing. Mr. Tucker had been in ill health for some time.

He was born in Concord, Michigan, March 14, 1902. His father was the late Judge James A. Tucker, who in 1920 was given the title of America's Best Poultry Judge, by the Michigan State College. He conducted a Judging School at Concord in 1908.

James or Jimmy as he was affectionately known was an avid sports fan, following baseball and football from a very young boy.

He moved from Concord to Royal Oak when 14 years old, where he later graduated from high school. He attended Michigan State College, where he took a special course in poultry work. He has been a lifelong poultry fancier and has shown at many National Exhibitions, where he always came away with honors. For several years he supervised the Poultry Department at the 4-H Club Fair, as well as being a 4-H Club leader.

Mr. Tucker was employed as a salesman and district manager for the Moorman Manufacturing Co., Quincy, Ill. Due to ill health he was retired from the company August 6, 1958.

He has resided in Benton township for 23 years, coming here from Lansing. He attended the Christian Science church and was a past president and treasurer of the Monitor Club in Charlotte.

He is survived by his wife, Hildred Allen Tucker, and two step-children, Mrs. Marthadawn Hartel and Edgar A. Fremody, and four grandsons.