

A consolidation of the trio was effected in 1928 when the McGrath-DeFoe company purchased the other two and merged them as one newspaper under the present name of Charlotte Republican-Tribune. Since the death of his father nine years ago, Mr. McGrath had served as publisher.

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Mr. McGrath, always community-minded, had performed many civic tasks including several terms as a member of the board of education during the period of building the new high school and athletic field. He was an original member of the Eaton county selective service board and was a director of the Eaton County Bank until it was sold recently.

Mr. McGrath was a charter member of the Charlotte Community Ass'n, the forerunner of the present Chamber of Commerce and he, along with Ted Packard, Sr., were instrumental in bringing the Pet Milk company here.

He was a past commander of the Knights Templar, past president of Rotary club, a past master of Charlotte Lodge No. 120, F. & A. M., and a member of the Shrine club.

Surviving are the widow, Wilma; two daughters, Mrs. William Otto of Charlotte and Mrs. Albert Foster of Royal Oak; a stepson, George Willard, Charlotte; three stepdaughters, Mrs. B. J. DeWitt of Nacogdoches, Texas, Mrs. Robert Mohre of Fowlerville, and Mrs. Gordon Story of Charlotte; and 21 grandchildren.

Funeral services, in charge of the Charlotte Commandery, Knights Templar, were held at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Burkhead-Cheney Chapel with the Rev. H. B. Loomis of the First Congregational Church officiating.

Pallbearers were the Past Eminent Commanders Vernon Gresso, Ward Hynes, Stanley Raidle, Lyman Chamberlain, O. Edward Packard, Sr., and Sir Knight Claude Behrens. Interment was in Maple Hill cemetery.

Ida Wells Stevens

May 3, 1877 April 6, 1960
82 years, 11 months, 3 days

Services

Friday, April 8, 1960
2:00 P. M.

Pray Funeral Home
Charlotte, Michigan

Officiating

Rev. Earl Thomas

Organist

Alice Lampert

Interment

Freemire Cemetery
Eaton County, Michigan

Casket Bearers

Mark Stevens Donald Stevens
Ronald Bowser Richard Stevens
Terry Ranshaw Robert Washburn

Friday For Mary E. Davis

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Mrs. Mary E. Davis 78, passed away Tuesday afternoon at St. Joseph hospital in Flint where she had been a patient for a week.

Mrs. Davis was born July 7, 1881 in Vermontville township, the daughter of Joseph and Julia Cahalan Hickey. She married George Davis 45 years ago. He preceded her in death in 1948. She had served as assistant librarian at the Vermontville Public library since it was organized in 1948. She was a member of the Vermontville Woman's club.

Surviving is one son, Dr. Robert Davis of Flint, one sister, Mrs. Tressa Barber of Vermontville, one brother, Dan Hickey of Bronson and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday morning at 10:00 am. from St Cyril church in Nashville. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

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