

Friday, March 21, 1958

# First Kellogg 'Sweetheart Of Corn' Dies in Charlotte

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The following counties (Absence of population

Territory.
<b>BAY COUNTY</b>
1st District
Bay City.....
2d District
Township of—
Bangor.....
Beaver.....
Frankenlust.....
Fraser.....
Garfield.....
Gibson.....
Hampton.....
Kaw Kawiin.....
Merritt.....
Monitor.....
Mt. Forest.....
Pinconning.....
Portsmouth.....
Williams.....
sssexville city.....
ncconning city.....
Total.....
<b>BERRIEN COUNTY</b>
1st District
Township of—
Baroda.....
Bertrand.....
Buchanan.....
Chickaming.....
Gallen.....
Lake.....
Lincoln.....
New Buffalo.....
Oronoko.....
Royalton.....
St. Josephs.....
Three Oaks.....
Weesaw.....
Buchanan city.....
St. Joseph city.....
Total..... 30

\*Case pending in supreme districting Act.

Mrs. Fanny May Russell, 73, of Charlotte, the Kellogg Company's original "Sweetheart of the Corn," died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hayes-Green-Beach Hospital in Charlotte. She had been ill since Christmas.

When chosen "Sweetheart" in 1911, she was Miss Fanny Bryant, a Kellogg secretarial employe. Her picture, showing her clad in a gingham gown and holding a bundle of cornstalks, went around the world on Kellogg packages and in Kellogg Co. advertising.

### Here for Celebration

As Mrs. Thomas Russell, she was here in 1956 for the company's 50th anniversary celebration at which time Anita Nell Miller was bonneted as the new "Sweetheart of the Corn."

Mrs. Russell was born in Brookfield Township, Eaton County, on Jan. 1, 1885, a daughter of Walter and Anna (Savacool) Bryant. As a girl she worked in the office of the Charlotte Republican newspaper. When she decided to come to Battle Creek and enroll at the Argubright Business College, Harry McGrath, then publisher of the Charlotte paper, told her that if she completed the course he would give her a gold watch. She finished up two months ahead of the allotted time and received the watch.

She first married Elton Johnson, an executive at the box factory of the Postum Cereal Co., and a former exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge. They moved to Grand Rapids when Mr. Johnson joined a box company there. He died in Grand Rapids in 1928.

### Husband Survives

In 1954, Mrs. Russell married Thomas Russell, who survives. Mr. Russell is a retired blacksmith, formerly of Jackson, where one of his specialties was shoeing race horses.

Mrs. Russell was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Charlotte and of the Order of Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge in Jackson.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Russell is survived by a brother, Alvah L. Bryant of 70



Mrs. Thomas Russell, 73, who died yesterday in Charlotte, was named by W. K. Kellogg in 1911 as the first "Sweetheart of the Corn." This memorable picture of Mrs. Russell, the former Fanny Bryant, was displayed in every part of the world on Kellogg Co. packages and in company advertising.

Barney blvd.; a sister, Mrs. Harry (Marian) Harman of Honolulu and several nieces and nephews.

### Services Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Charlotte at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, and graveside services here at Memorial Park at 2:30 p.m.

The body is at the Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte.

## Local Obituaries

*J. W. H.*

Munn said here today that