

AGNES A. HARTMAN

1904-1993

Agnes A. Hartman, 88, former co-publisher of The Sebawaing Blade, died Wednesday, June 30, in Michigan Masonic Home, Alma.

Mrs. Hartman was born in County Antrim, Ireland, on Nov. 20, 1904, the daughter of William and Agnes (Blackwood) Allan. She was brought to Clio as a child and attended Genesee County Normal, as was employed as a teacher in Otseville and Sebawaing.

She was married to Theodore A. Hartman of Clio on April 26, 1925. Mr. Hartman was a printer and Linotype operator for The Sebawaing Blade, employed by Harman G. Millerwise. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman purchased The Blade from Mr. Millerwise in January, 1943, and they operated it for nine years, selling it to Mr. and Mrs. Walt Rummel in 1951.

While the Hartmans owned the weekly newspaper, they also purchased The Unionville Crescent from the Bruce Swaney estate. Their years in the weekly newspaper business were made arduous because of World War II, when it was difficult to purchase printing equipment and repair parts, and when newsprint shortages were an increasingly-serious problem. Finding and training adequate help in the printing shop and office was another problem. Because of wartime conditions, there were shortages of clothing and some lines of food, so advertising revenues were down. Further, there was no manufacture of cars or farming equipment, and hence no advertising from those dealers.

After selling The Blade and The Crescent in 1951, the Hartmans moved to Flint, where Mr. Hartman was employed as a printer by the Flint Journal. During their retirement years in Flint, Mrs. Hartman was a Gray Lady at McLaren Hospital. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Flint and of Swartz Creek Chapter #430, O.E.S.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Robert T. and Judith Hartman of Milan, and George T. and Beverley Hartman of Rochester, NY, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore A. Hartman, on Oct. 14, 1991, an infant daughter, Phyllis Jean, and two sisters.

Burial was at Sunset Hills, Flint. A memorial service will be held at the Masonic Home at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31.