

Tells highlights of long life

Charlotte Bishop still happy at 94

At age 94, Charlotte Bishop has plenty of excuses to not be happy. She has outlived two husbands, is confined to a wheelchair and lives in a nursing home.

But the often-smiling Mrs. Bishop doesn't believe in being sad. "Life's too short for that." "It's been rugged and it's been rough sometimes," she said as she looked back on

her life, "but it don't make no difference. There's never a smooth life. I have lots to be thankful for." She was born in Ellington township, the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Southworth. The family farm was on Akron Road, northwest of Ellington.

Mrs. Bishop's mother was a country nurse and midwife and wherever she went, her daughter went along.

"My mother would assist at a childbirth and she'd call me to help dress the baby," she recalled. "I'd go there and witness all of that."

Mrs. Bishop followed in her mother's footsteps. She never had any formal training as a nurse, but would nurse persons in their home. She once accompanied a boy to a hospital in Saginaw and stayed with him as his personal nurse until he died.

Referring to the nurses at Provincial House, where she has been a resident since April, 1977, she said, "It just seems my fingers itch sometimes to tell the girls do this or do that, but I have to sit still."

HER FORMAL EDUCATION ended with the eighth grade, at Thane School, northwest of Ellington near her home.

When she was about 16, she moved with her parents to a farm they had purchased in Arenac county, but she never liked it there. "This here was always home to me."

Her first husband was Jerome Wilbur, who died when their son, Oscar, was only nine months old.

She then moved from Arenac back to Tuscola county, where she met and married Burt Bishop. Their home was on Lazell Road, about a half-mile from Ellington. He died in April, 1941, after 20 years of marriage.

Her one child from that marriage, Elenora, is the wife of Harland Lounsbury. They live on a dairy farm west of Cass City.

Her son, Oscar Bishop (he was adopted by her second husband) lives in Caro. She has nine grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Of her four brothers and one sister (she was the oldest), two still live. Roland resides in Standish and Oneita Elwood lives in Bay City.

AFTER HER SECOND husband died, Mrs. Bishop lived in Caro. She moved in with her daughter and son-in-law about 1946 and retired from nursing about that time.

Her right leg was amputated in August, 1978, because of gangrene. She had moved to Provincial House 17 months earlier because of her leg and other health problems. "It was too much for my daughter to take care of then," she explained, "so I came here and everything has worked out just fine."

Mrs. Bishop isn't one to have regrets. "I'm full of fun anyway," she said with one of her frequent smiles. She recalled with fond memory the time she raced a neighbor in her horse and buggy from Ellington to Caro. (He was also in a horse and buggy.) She won.

Her husband later scolded her, but she told him he was needlessly upset. Once she got to Caro, she took the sweaty horse to the 10-cent barn (livery) for a good rubdown, so no harm came to the animal.

And there was the time she went to the Thane School reunion with her jaw taped, due to an injury. She was still able to recite the poem that all were supposed to have learned in school, but everyone else had forgotten. When the others said they couldn't repeat it, she scolded them, "Yes you could if you had learned it." She still remembers the

poem. AT PROVINCIAL House, she still keeps busy with such activities as visiting her fellow residents and knitting and crocheting. "I love to crochet and I love to knit." She was one of the Pro-

vincial House residents to make the decorations for the Provincial House float that was in the July 4th parade in Cass City. She rode on the float in the parade, which won the first place prize. Her philosophy of life is summarized in the cro-

cheted wall hanging she made, mounted in a frame which hangs on the wall in her room. On it are the words: "Count your age by friends, not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears."

Shaw's art work wins acclaim

Cass City High School junior David Shaw has had three entries selected to compete in the National High School Art Exhibition in New York.

They are among the 14 blue ribbon winning works selected in the regional Scholastic Art Awards competition, entered by 300 students from more than 30 junior and senior high schools in the greater Saginaw Valley area.

The regional competition was sponsored by Saginaw Valley State College, Peoples National Bank and Trust Co. and Hampton Square Mall.

The entries of all 300 students are on display at the mall, located in Essexville, through Jan. 27. After that, the 14 winning

entries go to New York. Shaw submitted eight or nine entries Jan. 6. His three winners were a color photograph of light coming through a barn window, a mixed media drawing (pen and ink and color pencil) of a Rubie Goldberg-type machine ("accomplishing by complex means what seemingly could be done simply"; Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary) and a series of pen and ink drawings of various subjects.

Winning entries were publicly announced last Thursday, although Shaw was informed three days earlier. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shaw of 6235 Van Dyke Road. He hopes to study art, plus other subjects, in college.

Art teacher at the high school is Karen Wallace.



"I'M ALWAYS BUSY WITH SOMETHING," says Charlotte Bishop, one example being the doily she is crocheting for her daughter, Elenora Lounsbury. Knitting is another of her various activities.

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Ubyly pays final tribute to Verne Schrader, 61

Business places were closed in Ubyly Monday afternoon during the funeral for well-known businessman Verne E. Schrader, 61, who died Friday morning at his home in Ubyly of a heart attack.

He was born Sept. 16, 1918, in Bad Axe, son of Walter and Gertrude Schrader.

Schrader had been co-owner of Ubyly Motor Sales since 1946. He served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II. He was Ubyly village clerk for six years.

An avid athlete, he played baseball and basketball with independent county leagues after high school and was an excellent bowler, having once rolled a 700 series.

He participated in all the Alabama Jubilee Shows in Ubyly and was a member of Ubyly Lodge No. 384, F & AM, and the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association.

He and Florence Western were married Dec. 13, 1941. She died Dec. 8, 1971. He married Madelyn Parks Aug. 8, 1974.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Richard Schrader, Inman, S.C., and Gary Schrader, Ubyly, two daughters, Barbara (Mrs. David)

Ruthig and Shelly (Mrs. Paul) Alent, both of Ubyly; three stepsons, Kenneth Beaudin, Bay City, John Beaudin, Ubyly, and Joseph Beaudin, Marquette; 12 grandchildren; one brother, Gerald Schrader, Ubyly, and one sister, Mary Lou (Mrs. John) Geboski, Ubyly.

Funeral services Monday afternoon were held at the Zinger Funeral Home, Ubyly.

Rev. John Nipper of Vandalia, Ill., officiating. He is the former pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Ubyly. Burial was in Valley cemetery near Ubyly, where military rites were conducted.

Businesses were closed during the time of the funeral at the request of Village President Earl Longuski.

Army copters save lives of civilians

A tractor explosion on a remote, rural farm severely burns the operator. A child clings to life as he awaits immediate and sophisticated surgery due to a blood clot in the brain. Two cars collide on a near-deserted mid-west highway. Severe blood loss will kill one driver if medical aid isn't swift.

All of these are real situations. All required immediate emergency relief. And all were attended to by the U.S. Army's Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic (MAST) units.

MAST helicopter units, located mainly on Army posts in rural America, operate on an emergency call basis from state and local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, hospitals, medical centers and doctors. Patient transfers from hospital to hospital, medical assistance for flood and fire victims and emergency blood bank deliveries are routine for the units.

They even make "house calls." In many instances the patient can't survive a flight and a doctor must be flown to the scene. Typically, however, it's the speed in which the patient can be flown to a hospital, as opposed to driving the overland route, which determines the difference between life or death.

In the 313 dialing area, taxpayers should call 1-800-462-9910. For all other area codes, the number is 1-800-482-0828.

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The Army's emergency teams initially came into being to pick up wounded troops in the field and in remote battle areas, then fly them to military hospitals. And MAST units continue to serve military needs at Army posts throughout the country. Crew members of Kentucky's 431st Medical Detachment MAST unit recently flew their 1,650th military emergency mission. Also, at approximately the same time, they completed their 1,000th mercy flight for the civilian community.

The crew, flying HUEY choppers, consists of a pilot, co-pilot, crew chief and medic. They also carry doctors and can take aboard three patients under "normal" conditions and up to six with aircraft alterations. Equipment transported by the helicopters ranges from incubators to cardiac monitors and is interchanged depending on the emergency.

And where else these days could you find a doctor who makes house calls?