

With Easter Sunday birthday

From buggies to rockets:Helen Wattles marks century

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Troy editor

In 1978, the United States was still recovering from the devastating Civil War. Rutherford B. Hayes was in the midst of a stormy presidency, and young Americans were traveling west in covered wagons and the Greenback Labor Party was formed to deal with the problems of the day—labor and inflation.

The Spanish American War was yet to be fought, women were a long way from winning the right to vote and even the most visionary Americans would have gasped at the thought of a "horseless carriage" let alone a space ship traveling to the moon.

The nation had hardly celebrated its first hundred years when Helen Mary Wattles was born in Troy to Harry Bennett Wattles and Sarah Jane Blingham Wattles.

Ms. Wattles still lives in the Troy farmhouse where she was born. Sunday she will celebrate her 100th birthday. Although age is beginning to take its toll, she is in good health and is able to talk to her 83-year-old brother, Morris.

Until recently, Miss Wattles was an active member of the Troy Historical Society and First Methodist Church. She is the oldest living alumnus of Ann Arbor University, now the University of Michigan, and has outlived many of her former students from Central High School in Detroit.

Her lively personality has been well known in Troy and her philosophy of life might be summed up in a comment she made three years ago. "If you don't keep up with the procession, you get run over."

HELEN MARY WATTLES certainly didn't get run over. She kept up with the changes from the time when she drove a horse and cutter to Birmingham High School and long past her



Helen Mary Wattles looked much the same as college student (right) as she did when she was about 10.

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FLOYD A. CAIRNS
City Clerk

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Vehicles will be available for inspection from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each week day, Monday through Friday.

Bid forms will be available at the inspection location. Bids must be made on bid forms and must be submitted by 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 7, 1978, at the Board of Education Office, 2550 Shawansee, Farmington, Michigan.

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Main at Wayne State University. She later became head of the math department.

In 1927, just seven years after women got the right to vote, Miss Wattles bought her first automobile—a Chevrolet. In 1971 she was still driving a Chevrolet—a Corvair. She commented then that "I suppose if Ralph Nader knew I'm still driving a Corvair, he'd have some things to say. But until they sell brains along with the cars, they're all dangerous."

DURING THE DEPRESSION years of the 30s, Miss Wattles grew flowers at the Troy house on Livernois and her brother grew vegetables which they sold at a roadside stand.

The right to vote isn't one which Miss Wattles took lightly. She proudly described herself as a lifelong Republican. At the age of 85, she was honored by Gov. William Milliken at a meeting of the Oakland County Council of Republican Women.

At that time, she remarked that she may have split her ticket a time or two to vote for a local Democrat, but her main support went to the GOP.

"I don't mean to say there are no good Democrats," she said in 1974. "But it is my opinion the Republicans are doing better work for the country as a whole than the Democrats are."

Asked about the Watergate scandal, Miss Wattles replied, "I think it is amazing the Democrats have dragged out to annoy the President and maybe make him resign. I wouldn't have him resign, not for anything. There's none of us perfect, none of us. There was only one perfect man and he was crucified."

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"She had to adjust to an entirely different way of life. Helen Mary had to adjust to being a homemaker and a cook and she became, I thought, an excellent cook," said her brother.

"She became active in church work which she hadn't had time to do before and she was active in the Troy Historical Society."

Although Miss Wattles has been a familiar face for many of Troy's newer residents, she felt lonesome as all her high school friends and teacher friends died. "All of her first students are dead now too," said Morris. "She has commented several times that all of her friends are dead."

Until recently, the brother and sister went out to lunch regularly at restaurants around Birmingham and Troy.

In 1976, she commented, "When we go out, I don't see anyone I know anymore."

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE No. 77-24-SM-01
GEORGE D. WOMACK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THOMAS C. MANKVITZ,
Defendant.
Honorable Thomas J. Breen
P-1173

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
At a session of said Court held in the City-County Building, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan on Feb. 22, 1978, PRESENT: Honorable Ray B. Clinton Circuit Court Judge

THOMAS C. MANKVITZ of 2548 Lestock, Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48334, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been commenced against you and that if you desire to defend the same, you are required to answer or take such action as may be permitted by law with regard to the Complaint against you within twenty (20) days from the date of this notice. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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