Last of the pioneers

Community's grand dame dies at 101 years

Awilliam Beaumont Hospital in Royal Rk. She was 1911! In Moral Rivers and the First National Rivers and the First National Rivers and Rivers River

Society and First Presbyterian Church into her late 90's.
Her great-grandfather, Alexander Wattles, moved his family from New York in 1836 to settle on a 300-acre farm in Troy, Wattles Road and Wattles Elementary School in Troy are named after his with College and Wattles school now stand on part of the old farm. She fondly remembered the barn dances and square dancing that were popular in the young agricultural commencement of the policy of the

to study Latin and Greek for another year. So she boarded a streetcar to Pontiac, the only place the courses

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She was the oldest alumna of Ann Arbor University, She graduated from the school, now the University of Michigan, in 1901. She taught mathematics for 47 years at Central High School in Detroit

During the Depression, she grew flowers in the yard and her brother raised vegetables. They sold them at a road-side stand.

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Retirement in 1948 gave her more time to devote to the local organiza-tions she loved. Helen Wattles was nev-rone to let the parade pass her by.
"If you don't keep up with the pro-ression, you get run over," he com-mented four years ago.
She was a member of Circle Drama-tique, Pi Beta Phi sorority, the Oakland County WCA, Oakland county ploneer and historical societies. In 1972, she and her brother were named Fory Dis-tinguished Citizens of the War. She was also named outstanding citizen by the Clawson-Troy Eliks Club in 1971.

Her greatest efforts were in service to local groups. "She was very suppor-tive of the library," said Joseph Howey, director of Troy Public Library and Troy Historical Museum.

But the museum was closest to her heart, he added. She and her brother donated many of the artifacts in the museum's collection, he said. Ms. Wat-tles was a member of the Troy Histori-cal Society and Troy Museum Guild.

She worked as a tour guide at the museum.

Libby Ford, a longtime friend, remembers her as "A good Christlan, a good Republican, a good neighbor and avery dear friend,"

Ms. Ford and Ms. Wattles were both members of First Presbyterian Church.

Ms. Wattles also served as deacon and a secretary of the women's association for many years.

"She contributed to every phase of the church-monetarily and with herself," Ms. Ford said. That attitude extended to everything in which Ms. Wattles was involved, her friend of 40 years said.

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"She was just a delight to everyone that knew her."

A life-long Republican, Ms. Wattles had voted ever since women gained suffrage in 1920. She was honored at age 55 by the Oakland County Council of Republican Women.
"She always came out, It was a pleasure to have her at meetings," said keets Davy, of the former Birmingham-Troy Republican Women's Council to which Ms. Wattles belonged.
"She was a loy to have around," Ms. Davy said.

Ms. Wattles turned in her buggy for acr in 1927. She was still driving at 95. By then, she had a Corvair.
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things to say. But until they sell brains along with the cars, they're all dangerous; the self in an interview several cous; the self in an interview several sear say the self in an interview several sear say. Until recently she cleaned, shopped and cooked for her brother and herself in the 10-bedroom farmhouse. She never married.

Ms. Wattles said she missed those with whom she shared old memories. In 1976, she commented, "When we go, the last two years, forcing her to curtail her community involvement. She

Phi Beta inducts

the 40 new members of Phi Beta Kappa at Michi-gan State University.

She is a 1975 graduate f Our Lady of Mercy She is a 1975 graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School and is a senior majoring in linguistics and mathematics. She has received a Ryder Scholarship, was a Danforth finalist and an officer in the MSU Undergraduate Analysis Club. She is a member of Ph Kappa Phi, Tau Sigma, Pl Mu Epsilon and a national German honorary.





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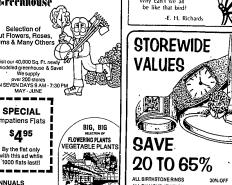
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daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dale Reek-er, of 28491 Wellington, Farmington Hills; Laurie Roshak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Roshak of 29947 Fernhill Drive, James Kordel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kordel of 36170 Congress, Farmington Hills. All of these students are band members.

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