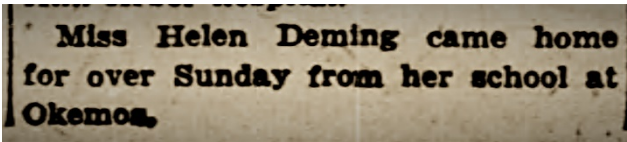


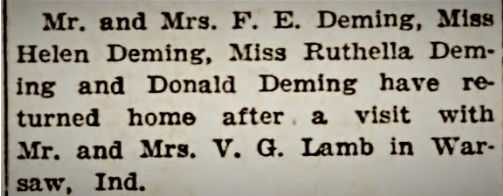
Helen Isabelle Deming, daughter of Frank Edward (1866-1943) and Ella D. (Collins) (1867-1947) Deming, was born 11 August 1904, Michigan. Helen graduated in 1922 from Homer High School, Calhoun County, Michigan and went on to further her education and graduate from Western State Normal School (now Western Michigan University), Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. From 1925-1928 Helen taught at

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Miss Helen Deming came home for over Sunday from her school at Okemos.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Deming, Miss Helen Deming, Miss Ruthella Deming and Donald Deming have returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Lamb in Warsaw, Ind.

Okemos Consolidated School.

Helen married Leslie T. Whitney 9 June 1928. Leslie, born 7 August 1903, was a Homer High School classmate of Helen's.

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Announcement of the marriage of Miss **Helen Deming** and Leslie T. Whitney which was quietly solemnized at the home of the bride's parents Saturday night, has been made. The Rev. J. A. Rogers read the marriage service. Miss Ruthella Deming and William Olney attended the couple. The bride was attractively gowned in white flowered chiffon and her sister was attired in green georgette. Only her close relatives witnessed the ceremony after which a wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney left on a short trip after which they will be at home on their farm northeast off Tekonsha. Both Mr. and Mrs. Whitney were graduated from the local high school in 1922. The latter completed a course at the Kalamazoo normal and the last three years has taught in the Okemos school. Mr. Whitney attended the M.S.C. at Lansing and for some time has been connected with the dairy department of that place.

Leslie and Helen had two children; Gerald and Virginia. Gerald, born 30 May 1930, was a 1948 graduate of Tekonsha High School, Battle Creek, Calhoun County. Married with 3 small children, Gerald succumbed to a heart ailment 22 February 1957, Albion, Calhoun County. Helen also suffered the death of her brother Donald, born 1909, to typhoid fever in 1934 and a grandson, Mark Wayne Whitney 1954-1958.

Helen taught school for many years including 20 years with the Homer School District. Leslie loved the land and farmed for many years then went into custom harvesting, following crop harvesting from North Dakota to Oklahoma. He also drove grain trucks, working for Gale Manufacturing Company, Albion. Before marriage he had worked at

Michigan Agricultural College. He went back to the now Michigan State University and was employed in the Dairy Department, retiring in 1968.

Helen and Leslie celebrated 43 years together before Helen died 18 June 1971, Albion.

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MRS LESLIE WHITNEY

Homer - Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Tidd Funeral Home for Mrs. Helen I. (Deming) Whitney, 66, of 25321 P. Drive South. Mrs. Whitey died in Sheldon Manor in Albion today after a long illness.

A 1922 graduate of Homer High School, Mrs. Whitney studied at various universities in Mexico and the United States. She taught for 37 years, and was for 20 years with the Homer School District as a social science and foreign language instructor, retiring in 1964.

She was a member of the Homer United Methodist Church, the W.S.C.S. of the church, and served as the church's financial secretary. She was also a life member of the MEA and NEA.

Surviving are her husband, Leslie T. Whitney; a daughter, Mrs. Jack P. (Virginia C.) Warner of Battle Creek; a sister, Mrs. William (Ruthella) Olney of Charlotte, and two grandchildren.

Leslie remarried after Helen's death. He died 12 July 1992, Albion. Leslie, Helen, and many other family members were interred Fairview Cemetery, Homer.