

X. CLARENCE LLEWELLYN CAVERLY 1898 - 1966

(William C., Redford, Charles H., Philip Jr., Philip Sr., John Sr., Peter I, Peter Gerardus, Jean)

In May 1931 Cora received a modest inheritance from an uncle who had never had children. They bought a 1931 Chevy with this money and rented a garage from a neighbor to store it since they already had a 1927 Chevy. This was during the depression and they were the only ones on the street to have two cars.

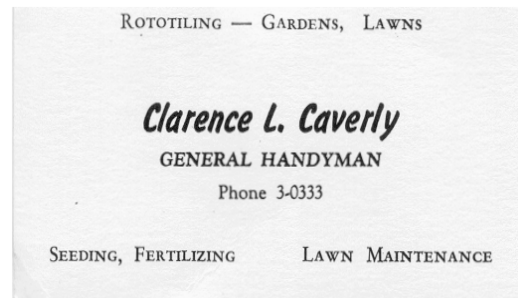
Around 1935 Clarence had all his teeth pulled. At that time it was thought that they were poisoning his system and causing his high blood pressure.

In 1918 he had registered for military service and had been rejected due to a mitral murmur. When World War II came, having a Victory Garden was a patriotic practice. These were wartime vegetable gardens cultivated by noncombatant citizens for the temporary increase of domestic food production. Clarence bought property on the west side of Saginaw to grow a Victory Garden. Several years later when he had decided to sell the property, he was seen showing it to a colored gentleman. The neighbors in the area, not wanting colored people to move into their neighborhood, banded together and bought the lot.

Clarence had worked as a coresetter at Grey Iron Foundry and took early retirement in 1954 due to a previous stroke and ill health. To keep busy and for extra income after retirement, he collected old newspapers, rolled them up into six to eight inch logs, and sold them to Stevens Van Lines. They used them for packing. He also did handywork and yard work. He loved to go fishing and berrying in season.



Above are Clarence and Cora with Marjorie setting in front. Maternal grandparents John and Lydia Feekings standing behind him and his parents William and Mary Caverly holding baby Jack. Taken in 1926.



He and Cora were members of Epworth Methodist Church and Clarence was also a member of the Oriental Lodge, I.O.O.F. He died at home on Jan. 2, 1966. Cora died of congestive heart failure on June 25, 1984. They are buried at Roselawn Cemetery in Saginaw, MI.

To the left are Cora and Clarence in March of 1964.