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Moore



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ST. CLAIR — Alice W. Moore, 86, died Tuesday, July 2, 1996 in Port Huron Hospital.

She was born May 21, 1910 in Benton Harbor to the late Carl and Hetty (Sheldon) Wolfs. Alice married Franklin H. Moore on June 6, 1931 in St. Clair. He died April 25, 1982.

Mrs. Moore was the former owner of the Wallpaper World in St. Clair. She was a founding member of the St. Clair Art Association in 1971, and in 1993 she donated the home for the Association, The Alice Moore Center for the Arts. Mrs. Moore was Chairman Emeritus of the Association at the time of her death.

She is survived by two sons and their wives, Franklin and Nancy Moore of St. Clair and David and Jane Moore of Rochester, Minn.; two daughters and their husbands, Margaret and

Jack Roll of Winchester, Mass. and Susan and Barton Ferris of New York, N.Y.; two sisters, Nancy Crane and Carol First; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren also survive.

A memorial service will be held in August with the time and date to be announced later. Cremation has taken place and no visitation is scheduled. Arrangements are being handled by the L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the St. Clair Art Association, 201 N. Riverside, St. Clair, Mi. 48079 or the Michigan Nature Association, P.O. Box 102, Avoca, Mi. 48006.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wolfs  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Alice Dorothy  
to  
Mr. Franklin Harkness Moore  
on Saturday, the sixth of June  
at four o'clock  
Five forty-seven North Riverside  
St. Clair, Michigan

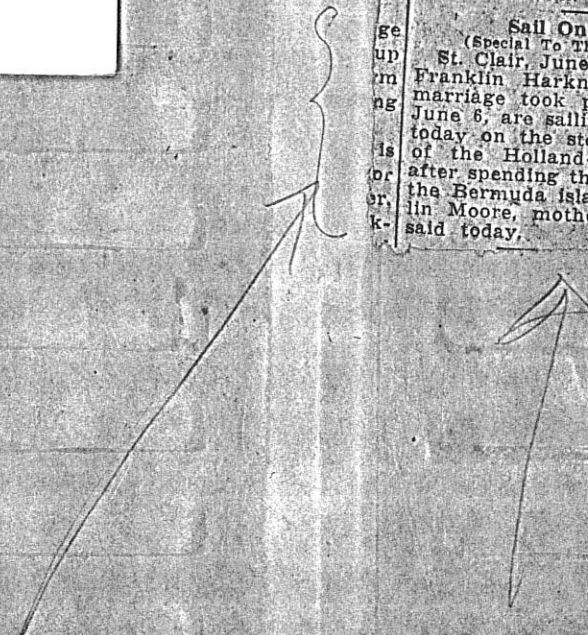
# LINER SINKS IN BERMUDA PORT

## St. Clair Couple Witnesses Fire And Sinking

(By The Associated Press)  
Hamilton, Bermuda, June 17—  
The motor ship Bermuda, operated by the Furness-Bermuda line between here and New York, sank at its pier today with its bridge and superstructure burned away and its stern resting on the bottom.  
Fire started in an elevator shaft aft early today and in half an hour the flames had spread forward. There was an explosion of distress rockets in the chart rooms. Capt. Harry Davis, directing the firemen, flooded the oil storage tanks astern and the ship's stern settled on the coral bottom. Three hours and a half after the fire started it was under control.  
**Four Men Burned**  
Tourists crowded the waterfront. When they came too close police and marines with fixed bayonets pressed them back from the danger zone.  
Four men were badly burned and taken to a hospital, but there was no loss of life. No passengers were aboard.  
The liner, built especially for the New York-Hamilton run, is a 20,000-ton motor ship, valued at \$7,000,000. It is owned by the Holland-American line.  
Passengers of the Bermuda will be returned to New York on the liner Veendam.

**Sail On Veendam**  
(Special To The Times Herald)  
St. Clair, June 17—Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Harkness Moore whose marriage took place in this city, June 6, are sailing from Bermuda today on the steamship Veendam of the Holland-American line, after spending their honeymoon in the Bermuda Islands. Mrs. Franklin Moore, mother of Mr. Moore, said today.

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6 JUNE 1931



Dec. 2, 1992


Dear Alice,

Here is some information about the Dromore farm and George Gordon Moore. I found it in a Times Herald news clipping - no date, but probably about 1917 -

The information about the horses came from a book about the Dromore Farm horses - pictures, racing records, and genealogical records. Everyone in St. Clair at that time knew about "Barongale" - world famous horse, which sired many champion colts and fillies at the Dromore Farm.

Lee Potter had a beautiful riding horse. People said - "a Barongale - for sure". Knowing Dad Potter, I think, there may have been some friendliness at the barns.

The horses at the Dromore Farm were all trotting racers that pull a sulky. I remember how much Brad enjoyed this type of race. We still have 3 horses: two registered Morgans and one quarter-horse. My grand-daughter is a good rider, but has no time. Can you believe she is a high school senior?

All good wishes for the holidays,  
Evelyn 

p.s. I will give this information to the Times Herald reporter when he calls.

The Alice W. Moore Woods was part of the 650 acre Dromore farm at St. Clair in the early 1900's. The farm was owned by millionaire George Gordon Moore, who was not related to the St. Clair Moore family. G. G. Moore was a traction expert. He organized the Michigan United Railways, and he was a favored companion of Lord French, British military leader. Mr. Moore was confidential advisor to Lord French during World War I campaigns.

George Gordon Moore and Elizabeth Moore, a beautiful society leader, were divorced. The story is that Mr. Moore married into British royalty. Mrs. Moore married Justice Flavius L. Brooke of the Michigan supreme court. She received a divorce settlement of \$250,000 and the home on the St. Clair River. It was known as "Belle Reve" and one of the show places of St. Clair County. The home was the scene of many high society parties. It was torn down in recent years.

The Dromore farm specialized in the raising of horses — race track thoroughbreds. The Moores purchased in 1907 the great "Barongale", world famous winner of the Kentucky Futurity in 1903 and 1904. The Dromore farm book lists 35 prize thoroughbreds. "Miss Stokes" was world's champion yearling trotter 1909 and world's champion two-year-old filly of 1910. "Native Belle" <sup>BELLE</sup> was also a world's champion and winner of many races.

"Justice Brooke", which was named in honor of the Lansing jurist, was bred and owned by the Dromore farm. This two-year-old stallion established a new world record time and was winner in the Kentucky Futurity 1910. All Dromore horses were registered in the American Trotting Register, and ranked among the best in the country.

Racing dogs, Irish wolf-hounds, were also raised on the Dromore farm. This may account for the naming of the "dog pond". The woods were left in their natural state, and were no doubt appreciated at that time as they are today.

Preservation of this sight as the Alice W. Moore Woods sanctuary is very commendable. The St. Clair community salutes Alice Moore for her great gift to the Michigan Nature Association.

Information from Times Herald news clipping  
and Dromore Farm Book.

Evelyn Potter 

# Art community mourns Alice Moore's death

By JOHN WISELY  
Times Herald

**ST. CLAIR** — When Alice W. Moore ran her Wallpaper World shop in the Riverview Plaza, she was known for her keen eye for detail.

She would go to any length to find the right piece to go with her wall coverings.

"She traveled to Europe once a year and bought antiques. She'd bring them

back and sell them," said her son, Franklin Jr. "She really enjoyed it."

The former shop owner, philanthropist and art lover died Tuesday at the age of 86. The family is planning a memorial service for Mrs. Moore in August.

In 1971, Mrs. Moore became one of the founders of the St. Clair Art Association, which sponsors the city's annual art fair.

In 1993, she donated a home at 201 North River-

side to the association, which renamed it the Alice Moore Center for the Arts. The association uses the center for classes, meetings and exhibits.

Mrs. Moore's extensive decorating touches were evident in the home she and her late husband, Franklin Sr., built in 1960. The country French-style home in the 700 block of North Riverside was built on property along the St. Clair River that was owned

by Mr. Moore's grandfather, a founder of Diamond Crystal Salt Co.

Mrs. Moore also donated 66 acres of land within the city limits to the Michigan Nature Association. The land includes trees thought to be 300 years old. The area has been renamed the Alice W. Moore Woods Nature Sanctuary. "We wanted to leave it in its natural state," she said at the time. "We don't want to see it commercialized."