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Walter Hauser

S/SGT. HAUSER REPORTED KILLED IN NORTH AFRICA

Word was received Saturday from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. John HAUSER, Fletchers Lake, that their son S/Sgt. Walter Henry HAUSER, 21, co-pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber, was killed in action in the Atlas mountain aerea in North Africa. Further details of the crash were not revealed in the brief War Department telegram.

S/Sgt. Hauser had previously been reported killed in action on December 10th, but further confirmation of his death had not been received.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauser had received a letter from their son dated December 7th, from North Africa, stating that he was all right.

S/Sgt. Hauser was a graduate of the Grass Creek high school and was a member of the Grass Creek basketball team.

He had been in the service 15 months and has a brother, Edward, who is a member of the Army Air Corps in Texas.

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[NOTE: Walter Hauser, 21, Grass Creek, killed in air crash in North Africa, December 8, 1943. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

Joseph Maus

Joseph MAUS, 80, Retired farmer residing a mile and a half west of Tiosa, Ind., passed away Saturday morning. Death resulted from pneumonia following a few days illness. Mr. Maus had a large acquaintance of friends throughout both Fulton and Miami counties. He had been a resident of the Tiosa community since 1885.

Mr. Maus was born at Mexico, Ind. on May 12th, 1857, son of George and Catherine MAUS. On February 25th, 1885 he was united in marriage with Amanda LIGHT. She preceded in death in 1938. Mr. Maus followed the occupation of farming until ill health forced his retirement. He was a member of the Tiosa Methodist church.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Raymond RIDDLE, of Rochester; a brother, Austin MAUS, of near Mexico, Ind.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Tiosa Methodist church with Rev. LEMERT in charge. Burial was made in the cemetery at Mexico, Ind.

Jane Leiter

Jane LEITER, 316 West Eighth street, this city, passed away 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Woodlawn hospital. Death resulted from heart trouble and complications. The deceased had been in failing health for the past three years. Miss Leiter, who had been a resident of Fulton county throughout her entire life, had a legion of friends throughout Rochester and the western sections of the county.

Jane, daughter of Jacob and Lydia LEITER, was born at the old Leiter homestead, Leiters Ford, Ind., on May 25th, 1862. Her parents were pioneer settlers of Leiters Ford, where Jacob Leiter operated a flour mill and elevator for a long number of years. Later, the family resided in Kewanna and then moved to Rochester. Miss Leiter was a member of Rochester Methodist church and was an active worker in the religious and social affairs of that organization. She was a member of the Rebekah lodge and the Victoria Reading Circle.

Survivors are: her sister, Mollie LEITER, of 316 West Eighth street, this city; three brothers, Ulysses LEITER and Levi LEITER, both of Rochester, and Ed LEITER, of Allentown, Pa.; a niece, Kathryn HUNNESHAGEN, of Detroit, Mich., who formerly made her home here with her aunts, and several other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, two o'clock at the Zimmerman Brothers Funeral home. Rev. Hugh McGLASSON, pastor of the Rochester Methodist church will be in charge of the rites and interment will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. The body lies in state at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home where friends may call up until the hour of the services.

William H. Hardin

William H. HARDIN, 89, passed away at ten o'clock Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Levi P. MOORE, 217 West Eighth street, this city. Death was attributed to influenza and pneumonia. Mr. Hardin had been in failing health for several years, however.

William HARVEY, son of Andrew and Kathryn HARDIN was born in Livonia, Ind., October 12th, 1854. On July 21st, 1881 he was united in marriage with Mary Carolyn GREENLADE. His wife passed away 21 years ago. Mr. Hardin had been a resident of Fulton county for over 54 years and had a host of friends throughout this community. He was employed at the Beyer Brothers Produce company for a long number of years. Mr. Hardin was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Survivors are [daughter, Lillian M. (Mrs. Levi P.) MOORE]; two sons, Max [HARDIN], of Rochester, William H. [HARDIN], Jr., of Toledo, Ohio; a brother; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Five children preceded him in death.

Rites will be held Tuesday at ten a.m. at the Foster funeral home, corner Fifth and Jefferson streets with Rev. Daniel S. Perry officiating. Burial will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home.

Robert Beall

Relatives in the western section of this county were recently apprised of the death of Robert BEALL, 69, which occurred in Columbus, Ohio on Christmas Day. Mr. Beall was a former resident of the Prairie Grove neighborhood, west of this city.

Among the survivors were his wife, a son, Robert, of Columbus, O.; a brother, J. W. BEALL of C - - - -, O.; a brother and two sisters. Mr. Beall was an uncle of Tom H--- of Kewanna and Minnie CARTER of Rochester.

Harry Howard

Funeral services for Harry HOWARD, 67, well known Akron resident, was held Sunday afternoon at the Akron Church of God, with Reverend D. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Mr. Howard died New Year's eve. Interment was made in the Rochester Odd Fellows cemetery.

The deceased was born January 29, 1876, to Mary and Joseph HOWARD. He was united in marriage to Myrtle RAYMER, who survives. For many years he operated a service station in Akron.

Survivors include his wife and four daughters, Florence [HOWARD] and Shirley [HOWARD], at home; Evelyn [HOWARD], Indianapolis; and Mrs Alice AMBRIDGE, North Manchester; a sister, Mrs. Max ANDERSON, of Rochester.

Mrs. Ida Corbett

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida CORBETT, who formerly resided on North Monroe street this city, were held Monday afternoon 2 o'clock at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home. Rev. Daniel S. Perry officiated and interment was made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Mrs. Corbett died Friday afternoon 2:25 o'clock in a Logansport hospital, following an illness of two years duration.

Mrs. Corbett was born at Leiters Ford, Ind. on June 6th, 1858. Her parents were William and Louise BRUGH. On October 31st, 1889 she was married to William CORBETT, who preceded her in death. She was a member of the Leiters Ford Methodist church.

Survivors are a granddaughter, Mrs. Harold LINN, of Hopkinsville, Ky.; two brothers, Eli BRUGH, of Leiters Ford, Ind., Charles BRUGH, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a nephew, Oscar BRUGH of Leiters Ford; two nieces, Misses Bess [BAKER] and Bertha BAKER, of Rochester.

Nelson Rouch

Nelson ROUCH, 76, died Saturday afternoon 2:30 o'clock at his farm home two and half miles northwest of Fulton. Death resulted from complications which followed a stroke of paralysis suffered four years ago. The deceased passed away on his 76th birthday.

Nelson, son of Levi and Fianna ROUCH was born in Liberty township, Fulton county, Indiana on January 1st, 1867. On February 2nd, 1892 he was united in marriage with Maude BISH. The deceased's occupation was farming until his retirement a few years ago. He was a member of the Eagles lodge.

Survivors are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys BERRY of Rochester, Mrs. Goldie Van METER, of Kewanna; two grandsons, Benile BERRY and Gerald BERRY, of Fulton; one great-granddaughter, Judith BERRY, of Fulton; a brother, Ira ROUCH, of Logansport, and a sister, Mrs. Ella MARTINDALE, of Rochester.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon 2:30 o'clock at the residence. Rev. G. Franklin ARTHUR will be in charge of the rites. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery.

Tuesday, January 4, 1944

Mrs. Alice Edwards

Mrs. Alice EDWARDS, 85, died at 12 noon Monday at her home one mile northwest of Argos death being attributed to pneumonia. Mrs. Edwards had been ill for about a week before her death.

She was born August 19, 1858 west of Twin Lakes, Ind., the daughter of William and Sarah FREESE. The deceased was united in marriage to Andrew L. EDWARDS in 1887, who preceded her in death in 1941. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Elsie HOOKER, Argos and Mrs. Bertha

BARE, Wabash; and a son Ernest [EDWARDS], at home.

Funeral services will be held from the Grossman Funeral home tomorrow at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Omar CALVIN west of Argos, officiating. Interment will be made in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Calder Alspach

Mrs. [Elizabeth] ALSPACH, a life-long resident of this community, passed away 2 o'clock Tuesday morning at her home, 1201 South Monroe street, this city. Her death which came as a severe shock to relatives and a legion of friends, was caused by a heart attack which followed but a few hours illness suffered Monday evening. Mrs. Alspach had previously suffered heart attacks, but her condition had not been regarded as extremely grave.

Elizabeth, daughter of David and Susan (PEOPLES) HAY, was born on a farm near Bruce Lake Station on March 8th, 1868. Practically all of her life was spent in Fulton county and vicinity. On August 23rd, 1899, she was united in marriage with Calder ALSPACH in a ceremony solemnized by the Rev. A. E. GIFT. For over two score years, the Alspachs resided at the old Alspach homestead, three miles southeast of this city, from where they moved to their Monroe street residence about two years ago.

Mrs. Alspach was a member of the Christian church, a charter member and first president of the Mt. Zion club, the Past-Time club, the R. K. K. club and the Rebakah lodge.

Survivors are her husband, at home; a foster son and daughter, Ola ALSPACH and Mrs. Lester ROGERS, of Los Angeles, Calif.; six foster grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Arwesta SHEWARD, of this city, and a niece, Mrs. Carl Van TRUMP.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete, pending word from relatives in California. The body will be removed from the Val Zimmerman funeral parlors to the home this evening, where friends may call.

Sandra Joyce Rhodes

Rites for Sandra Joyce [RHODES], daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence RHODES, who died at her home at Bourbon, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Tippecanoe Methodist church with the Rev. HANCOCK, Tippecanoe, officiating. The body was removed to the parent's residence from the Grossman funeral home at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Wednesday, January 5, 1944

Sarah Norman

Sarah Netta NORMAN, 70, life-long Macy community resident, died this morning at 3:30 o'clock at her residence three and a half miles northeast of Macy. Death was attributed to complications following an attack of influenza. The deceased had been in failing health for a number of years, but was not seriously ill until two weeks ago.

She was born August 7, 1864 northeast of Macy, the daughter of Isaac and Susan POWELL, and resided in that community all of her life. She was united in marriage 57 years ago to Milo J. NORMAN in a ceremony solemnized in Macy. Mr. Norman survives.

The deceased, who had a host of acquaintances in the Macy vicinity, was a member of the Methodist church there.

Survivors, besides the husband, include four sons, Jesse [NORMAN], Macy; O. Perry NORMAN, Dogson, Mont.; Harold [NORMAN], Gilead; John (NORMAN), Mentone; four daughters, Mrs. Sam DeWALD, Rich Valley, Mrs. John GLASFORD, Macy; Mrs. Keith LEEDY, Deedsville; and Mrs. D. L. RABER, Perrysburg; and 29 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending word from the son in Montana.

Joseph W. O'Dell

Joseph W. [O'DELL], infant son of Charles and Marion O'DELL of near Gilead, passed away at his home 4:3 a.m. today from pneumonia. The child was born October 25th, 1943.

Srvivors are the parents, three sisters and a brother.

Funeral services will be held at the Moyer funeral home, Akron, Thursday afternoon 1:30 o'clock. Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH will officiate and burial will be in the Gilead cemetery.

Mrs. Calder Alspach

Funeral services for Mrs. Calder ALSPACH will be held at the Rochester Christian church, Saturday afternoon, two o'clock with the Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD officiaing. Interment will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Lillian Manning

Lillian MANNING, 71, sister of Mrs. T. G. MANNING, Mrs. Ella BUSBY, and brother of Grant MANNING of this vicinity, died yesterday afternoon at 3:45 at the hospital in Denver, Colo.

The body will be returned from Denver to Rochester Friday night and services will be held at the Val Zimmerman fneral home, Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD officiating.

Thursday, January 6, 1944

Manning Funeral

Funeral services for Lillian MANNING, who passed away Tuesday at Denver, Colo., will be held Saturday morning 10 o'clock at the Val Zimmerman funeral parlors. Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD of the Christian church will officiate. Burial will be made in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Charles E. Crowell

Funeral services for Charles E. CROWELL, 73, Royal Center, who passed away Monday night from injuries received in an auto accident, will be held Saturday afternoon 1:30 o'clock at the Grossman funeral home in Argos, Ind. Rev. Maynard KULT, of Mishawaka, will be in charge of the rites and interment will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery at Argos.

Mr. Crowell was born at Bunker Hill, Ind., on July 25th, 1870. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. David CROWELL. He followed the occupation of farming in the vicinity of Argos for a period of eight years and later moved to Royal Center.

Surviving are his widow, and the following children: John CROWELL, of Rochester; Lester [CROWELL], of Monticello; Kurt [CROWELL], of California; Glen [CROWELL], of Mishawaka; Cecil [CROWELL], in the service of the U.S.A. in South America; Mrs. Clara HOUGHTON, of South Bend, and Mrs. Dorothy PRICE, of Plymouth.

Friday, January 7, 1944

Mrs. Norman Rites

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Nettie NORMAN, who passed away Wednesday morning will be held Saturday afternoon, two o'clock at the Methodist church in Macy. Interment will be made in the Macy Cemetery.

Jeanette Carolyn White

Mrs. Jeanette Carolyn WHITE, age 83, died this morning at 6 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur MOORE, South Bend. The former Rochester woman died of heart ailment after an illness of six weeks.

The deceased was born in Muscaday, Wisconsin, September 16, 1860. She was united in marriage in 1878 to John L. WHITE, who preceded her in death 30 years ago. She has lived with her daughter for the past six months, living in Rochester previous to that.

Survivors include seven children and a sister.

Rites will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Rochester Baptist church, Reverend Harry J. Bailey officiating. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows Cemetery here.

The body will lie in state at the Baptist church from Sunday noon until the time for the funeral.

Saturday, January 8, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, January 10, 1944

Mrs. Martha Bybee

Mrs. Martha A. BYBEE, widow of the late Lawson BYBEE, passed away Friday at the home of her son, Hal BYBEE, of Austin, Texas. Mrs. Bybee had made her home with her son in Texas, since 1936. The Bybees, who are well-known to Rochester and Fulton county people for a long number of years, resided on a farm in Newcastle township.

The body is being returned to Rochester and is due to arrive here Wednesday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at the Val Zimmerman funeral parlors, Thursday afternoon, two o'clock, with Rev. W. A. BENDER, of Logansport officiating. Interment will be made in the Hamlet cemetery, near Talma.

Friends may visit the funeral parlors from 7:30 Wednesday evening up until the hour of the services.

John O'Blenis

John C. O'BLENIS, 79, passed away Sunday morning, nine o'clock, at his home in Walton, Ind. Death resulted from a heart ailment following a few weeks' illness. Mr. O'Blenis resided at Mentone, Ind. for a number of years where he was engaged in the blacksmithing business. Later, he resided at Denver, Ind. and then moved to Walton.

He was born in Rochester, Ind., on November 26th, 1864. His parents were Isaac and Christina O'BLENIS. His wife preceded in death in 1942. Mr. O'Blenis was a member of the Denver Baptist church.

Surviving are two daughters, Eliza [O'BLENIS] and Margaret [O'BLENIS], at home; two

sons, Harold [O'BLENIS], of Walton, and Guy [O'BLENIS], of Logansport; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, one o'clock, at the Methodist church in Walton. Burial will be in the Mentone cemetery.

Lola B. Spitler

Lola B. SPITLER, age 55, well-known Argos resident, died Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parkview hospital at Plymouth after an illness of nine months. Miss Spitler has resided in Fulton and Marshall counties all her life, moving to Argos from Fulton county in 1904.

She was born near Richland Center, May 29, 1888, the daughter of George and Louisa SPITLER.

The deceased was a member of the Argos Methodist church.

Surviving is a brother, John SPITLER, Argos.

Rites will be held from the Grossman funeral home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with the Reverend J. W. NEAL, Argos M. E. church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Richland Center cemetery.

Friends may call at the Grossman funeral home until the hour of the funeral.

Tuesday, January 11, 1944

Samuel Bahney

Samuel BAHNEY, 84, died at 6 o'clock this morning at the home of his son Urben Bahney in Akron, of complications following an illness of several months. Mr. Bahney had been in failing health for a number of years but his condition was not termed serious until a few months ago.

He was born in Ohio March 3, 1860 the son of Jacob and Kathryn BAHNEY. The deceased was married a number of years ago, his wife preceding him in death.

Survivors include three sons, Charles H. BAHNEY, Mose H. BAHNEY and Urben BAHNEY, all of Akron; three daughters, Mrs. Rosetta OLIVER, Mrs. Hazel SHIPPER and Mrs. William BEMENDERFER, of Indianapolis; 24 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Emanuel church, south of Akron, Thursday at 2 p.m., Reverend RODEIR assisted by Rev. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Burial will be made in the Gaerte Cemetery.

The body will be removed from the Moyer Funeral home Wednesday to the home of Mose Bahney.

Mrs. Ola Fish

Mrs. Ola FISH, 48, life-long Marshall county resident, died at 11:50 o'clock Monday night at her residence in Argos, following a lengthy illness. The deceased has a host of acquaintances throughout Argos and was a member of the Jordan Baptist church.

She was born [Ola OVERMYER] in Marshall county, January 13, 1865, daughter of Edward and Alice OVERMYER. She was united in marriage to Ermil FISH October 20, 1913 in a ceremony solemnized in Argos.

The deceased was employed at the Kelly hospital in Argos in the capacity of cook for several years.

Survivors are her husband and six sons, Charles [FISH], Marion; Oliver [FISH], Mishawaka; Everett [FISH], Plymouth, Harold [FISH] and Kermit [FISH] both serving in the U. S. Army; and Gerald [FISH], missionary in Africa; three daughters, Mrs. Alice HARMON, Mrs. Zelma SCOTT

both of Argos and Hilda [FISH], at home; her father, Edward OVERMYER; four brothers, Edward [OVERMYER], Tippecanoe; Ralph [OVERMYER], Richland Center; Ray [OVERMYER] and Howard [OVERMYER], both of Argos; a sister, Mrs. Bertha BRANSFORD, Argos; and 10 grandchildren.

Rites will be administered in the Argos Christian church, Friday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Ernest TREBER in charge. Place of burial is not yet known.

Friends may call at the Umbaugh funeral home in Argos.

Wednesday, January 12, 1944

William Disher

William Bradford DISHER, age five years, son of Kenneth E. and Sartah E. DISHER of Marion, Ind., was killed instantly when struck by a truck Monday afternoon near his home at Marion. Young Disher was crossing the street while enroute to his home when the accident occurred.

The parents are well known to many Rochester persons and reside on the East Shore of Lake Manitou during the summer.

Survivors include the parents, and paternal grandmother, Agnes M. DISHER, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar BRADFORD.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. from the Digg's funeral home at Marion.

Thursday, January 13, 1944

[No obits]

Friday, January 14, 1944

Jennie Florence Talbott

Mrs. Jennie Florence TALBOTT, 63, died at 2 o'clock this morning at her home in Kewanna of a heart ailment after a brief illness. Mrs. Talbott was stricken with a heart attack in the Arlington hotel bus terminal here yesterday afternoon and was removed to her home where she later died.

Born May 15, 1881, she was the daughter of Charles and Alice HICKLE, and has resided in the Kewanna community most of her life. The deceased was united in marriage to J. B. TALBOTT, February 13, 1901, in a ceremony solemnized at Kewanna.

Mrs. Talbott was a member of the Kewanna Baptist church.

Surviving are her husband and seven sons, Harlan [TALBOTT], Ralph [TALBOTT] and Albert [TALBOTT], Plymouth; Charles [TALBOTT], Maurice [TALBOTT] and Robert [TALBOTT], of Kewanna, and Simon [TALBOTT], in the U. S. Army overseas; two daughters, Mrs. Mae KARLE, of Defiance, Ohio, and Mrs. Belle SMITH, of Rochester; a sister, Mrs. Nettie BRIGHT, of Star City; three brothers, Grover HICKLE, of Winamac; Amos [HICKLE] and Simon [HICKLE], of Kewanna; and 16 grandchildren.

Burial will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Kewanna.

George South

George W. SOUTH, 70, Marsall county farmer, died at 11:15 o'clock yesterday morning at his farm residence seven miles west of Argos on State Road 10. Death resulted from complications following an illness of five years.

He was born June 24, 1873 in Marshall county to Anderson and Elizabeth SOUTH. Mr. South was united in marriage to Alfretta ROMIG, who preceded him in death in 1935.

The deceased was well known, having lived in Marshall county all his life.

Surviving are a son, Forrest [SOUTH], with whom he resided, and a sister, Mrs. Jacob COVEDOR, Plymouth.

Rites will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence with the Rev. Ernest TREBER, Argos Christian church, officiating. Interment will be made in the Poplar Grove cemetery.

Friends may call at the Umbaugh funeral home in Argos until Saturday morning, when the body will be returned to the home.

Saturday, January 15, 1944

James Alva Rolland

James Alva ROLLAND, 23, grand-nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Louis McINTIRE, Markle, Ind., died Friday from injuries received in an auto accident. Mr. and Mrs. McIntire, former Leiters Ford residents, adopted Mr. Rolland after his parents died while he was an infant.

Rolland entered the U. S. Army in 1941, and lost a leg while stationed in Australia. He was returned to the United States in March 1943, receiving treatment at Battle Creek hospital in Michigan.

The deceased, who visited the Leiters Ford community on many occasions, has many relatives in that community.

Rites will be held at the Luckenbill chapel, Leiters Ford, Sunday, at 2:30 p.m. with burial at the Odd Fellows cemetery there.

Mrs. Talbott Rites

Funeral services for Mrs. J. B. TALBOTT will be held Sunday 2 p.m. at the Kewanna Baptist church. Rev. Hugh HALL will officiate and burial will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Kewanna.

Thomas "Freddie" Norris

Mr. and Mrs. Everett NORRIS, of Warsaw, received a message from the War Department yesterday stating that their son, Thomas "Freddie" NORRIS, 19 had been killed in action. Young Norris was a machinist's mate second class in the navy, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. NORRIS of Twelve Mile.

Norris, who had been reported missing in December, was stationed in the Pacific. He had been in the service since June 25, 1942.

Mrs. Lulu Richmond

Mrs. Lula Myrtle RICHMOND, age 68, died yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Barney WILHELM, this city, after a brief illness. The deceased made her residence at 116 E. Fifth street and has lived in Rochester all her life.

She was born [Lula Myrtle CLARK] November 18, 1875 at Mentone, the daughter of George and Ann CLARK. Mrs. Richmond was united in marriage at Mentone to Charles RICHMOND.

She was a member of the Christian church in Rochester.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ruth GREGORY, of this city; a sister, Mrs. Julia WILHELM, also of Rochester; a brother, Fred CLARK, Peru; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Foster funeral home, with Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD of the local Christian church, officiating. Burial will be made at Mentone.

The body will lie in state at the Foster funeral home where friends may call.

Monday, January 17, 1944 to Tuesday, January 18, 1944

[no obits]

Wednesday, January 19, 1944

Russell Sage Meredith

Russell Sage MEREDITH, 49, a life-long resident of Akron and vicinity, died last night at 10:45 at his home in Akron of complications following a short illness.

Mr. Meredith was born June 19, 1894 north of Akron in Kosciusko county, the son of Henry and Viola MEREDITH. He was united in marriage to Ruby HOFFMAN, who survives, in a ceremony solemnized in Rochester.

The deceased was a veteran of World War I and had a host of acquaintances and friends throughout Akron and environs.

Survivors include the wife, Ruby and three sisters and three brothers.

Rites will be held Friday from the Charles Moyer funeral home at Akron with the Reverend H. D. CONAWAY of Akron Methodist church, officiating. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows Cemetery west of Akron. The American Legion will be in charge of the services.

Mrs. Flo Burch

Rochester friends have received word of the death of Mrs. Flo BURCH, which occurred Monday at her home in San Bernadino, Calif. Mrs. Burch was a former resident of this city, having moved to the West approximately two score of years ago.

Among the survivors are a brother, Lafe CONNER, of California. Mr. Conner at one time was engaged in the meat market business in this city. A sister, Mrs. Jennie BEERY, preceded in death in February, 1943.

Thomas Freddie Norris

Survivors of Thomas Freddie NORRIS, Argos, include two grandmothers, Mrs. Dora NORRIS, Mentone and Mrs. J. E. CLINGENPEEL. Norris had been killed in action with the U. S. Army.

Charles L. Davis

Warsaw, Ind., Jan. 19. - Charles Lester DAVIS, aged 63, found dead at his farm home five miles south of Warsaw Sunday, a 12-gauge shotgun beside him, had been in ill health about five years. He had undergone an operation on his lip for carcinoma and later suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered.

Mr. Davis was born in Akron, Ind., March 15, 1880, son of the late John and Mary DAVIS.

He had resided in the community south of Warsaw for about 25 years.

Surviving are the widow; three sons, Earl [DAVIS], of Talma; Harry [DAVIS], in the army at Camp Hood, Texas, and Emory [DAVIS], in the navy; two daughters, Mrs. Pearl HORN, of Mentone, and Mrs. Orpha LEEDY, of Warsaw; three brothers, Voris [DAVIS] and Clyde [DAVIS] of Akron, and Ross [DAVIS] of Mentone; two sisters, Mrs. Etta WILHOIT, of Akron, and Mrs. Amy LaMAR, of New York City, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. today in the Davis residence and burial was in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Akron.

Thursday, January 20, 1944

Mrs. Ellen I. Walters

Mrs. Ellen I. WALTERS, life-long resident of Fulton county, passed away 10 a.m. today at her home, 204 North Main street, this city. Mrs. Walters has been in ill health for the past several months from a complication of diseases. She had resided in Rochester since 1914, moving here from the vicinity of Leiters Ford.

Ellen I. [HARVEY], daughter of John and Temperance HARVEY, was born in the western section of Fulton county on July 4th, 1860. Her grandparents on the paternal side were pioneer settlers in Aubbeenaubee township. She was united in marriage with John F. WALTERS, who died March 2, 1934.

Survivors are a son-in-law, John A. NUNGESSER, of South Bend; and several nieces and nephews.

Rites will be conducted at the Rochester Church of God Sunday afternoon, two o'clock. Interment will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Leiters Ford.

Francis Scott

Francis SCOTT, 405 Ohio street, died sometime early Thursday morning in his home, presumably from a heart attack. His body was discovered in his bed at 6:30 this morning by a neighbor, Harley McCLAIN. Mr. Scott, who was employed by Powell and Sons, was believed to have been in his middle fifties.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred SCOTT, July 3, 1942 and leaves one daughter, three sons, two step-daughters, one step-son and several grandchildren. Two small children, Francis [SCOTT], Jr. and John [SCOTT] were at home at the time of their father's death. Another son, Wayne [SCOTT], is serving with the armed services.

Funeral arrangements will be announced in a later edition of The News-Sentinel.

Mrs. Ella Amelia Smith

Mrs. Ella Amelia SMITH, former resident of this city, passed away Thursday morning at 8:10 o'clock at the Methodist Home, Warren, Ind. Death resulted from complications following a brief illness. The deceased has a wide acquaintance of friends throughout this city, where for a number of years she was employed as a clerk at the M. Wile & Sons department store.

Mrs. Smith, who was the daughter of Patrick and Amelia HECKY, was born at Lagro, Ind., on May 17th, 1859. On April 22nd, 1879 she was united in marriage with David L. SMITH in a ceremony pronounced at Wabash, Indiana. The Smiths moved to Rochester in 1890. Mr. Smith passed away in 1928.

The deceased was a member of the Rochester Methodist church. Mrs. Smith had been residing at the Methodist Home in Warren, Ind. for a little over eight years. A son, Walter SMITH, preceded her in death. Funeral arrangements were incomplete.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barr

A legion of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. BARR early today were stnned by the news of their tragic deaths which occurred at 9:30 Wednesday night, a mile south of Rosston, Ind. on State Road 29.

The Barrs were instantly killed when their Buick coupe, driven by Mr. Barr, crashed into a large truck which was parked a short distance north of the junction of State Highways 29 and 32.

One witness stated the driver of the truck was having trouble with his headlights and had stopped to place flares and make rapsairs to the lights. While thus engaged, the Barr car, which was being driven north on Highway 29, plowed into the heavier machine with such force that passersby had considerable difficulty in extricating Mr. Barr's body from beneath the steering wheel.

Buick Catches Fire

The Buick caught afire following the impact burning the hands of Mr. Barr and a portion of his clothing. Investigators at the scene of the tragedy, however, stated that the deaths of the Rochester people had been instantaneous.

Another version of the accident stated the truck driver was in the act of placing out his lighted flares as the Rochester people's auto crashed into the rear of the truck. The scene of the crash is approximately 20 miles north of Indianapolis.

Managed Abe Martin Lodge

Mr. and Mrs. Barr were returning to their home following a combined business and pleasure trip to Indianapolis. At noon, yesterday, Mr. Barr had signed a contract with the Department of Conservation of Indiana to act as manager of the Abe Martin Lodge, Nashville, Ind. for a term of two years. The Barrs had successfully managed this same park hotel during the 1943 season.

In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Barr were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. BARNHART at their apartment in the Spink-Arms hotel. The Barrs earlier in the day had taken Mrs. Barr's mother, Mrs. George V. DAWSON of this city, to the home of their daughter, Mrs. Frederick ENSIGN, 2328 Carleton St., Indianapolis where she was to visit a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ensign and children.

The couple left the Barnhart's apartment around 8:30 P.M. and the weather at that time was clear and the highway was reported to be in perfect condition. The fact that the crash occurred at 9:30 also indicates that the Barrs were not driving at an excessive rate of speed. A mortician who removed the bodies to Lebanon stated Mr. Barr's death resulted from a skull fracture and his wife had received a broken neck. Their auto was completely demolished.

An inquest into the tragic deaths was held by the Boone county coroner at Lebanon at two o'clock Thursday afternoon. Frederick ENSIGN, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Barr, attended the inquest. The bodies of the couple were returned to Rochester late Thursday morning.

Obituaries

Guy R., son of John R. and Etta (WIDEMAN) BARR, was born on a farm in Henry township, Fulton county, on February 17, 1890 and when still quite young moved with his parents to Rochester.

He graduated from the Rochester H.S. and was prominent in athletic activities of the school, being a forward on the R.H.S. basketball squad throughout his high school years. This was the first team organized at R.H.S. and Barr was its star player. He attended Purdue University for three years, during which time he and his teammates of the Boilermakers basketball squad attained nationwide recognition as being the 1000 percent team in the season of 1911-12. The Boilermakers, with Barr playing forward position, never lost a single contest in that season.

On February 14th, 1914 in a ceremony solemnized at the First Baptist Church, this city, he was united in marriage with Mary Ann DAWSON. For several years Mr. Barr was secretary of the

old Rochester Bridge factory and following the close of this business, he engaged in the road and bridge contracting business with his partner A. L. DENISTON, of this city. This construction company which was known as the Indiana Road Paving Co. was in operation until 1934. From 1934 until early in 1942 the deceased was engaged exclusively in road construction work with Ted MACHIN, of Rolla, Mo. Ill health forced the dissolution of the firm of Barr & Machin and last year Mr. Barr and his wife managed the Abe Martin Lodge, in Brown County, Ind.

He served as the president of the Indiana Contractors Association for two years.

The deceased was a member of the Rochester Presbyterian church, the Masonic Lodge, the I.O.O.F. Lodge, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the Rochester Country Club.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Joann TIPMORE, who has been residing at Solomon, Md. where her husband, Lieut. Floyd L. TIPMORE is currently stationed, and Mrs. Frederick ENSIGN, of Indianapolis; two grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Harry E. PAGE, and Mrs. A. L. DENISTON, both of this city. A brother Earl BARR, of Louisville, Ky., preceded him in death a few months ago.

Mrs. Mary Ann Barr

Mrs. Mary Ann BARR was born in Rochester, Indiana on January 28th, 1892, the daughter of George W. and Effie M. (CAMPBELL) DAWSON.

Mrs. Barr was a graduate of the Rochester H.S. and attended Northwestern University for three years. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority of the university.

The deceased, who was active in the social, civic and religious affairs of the community, was a member of the Rochester Baptist church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Rochester chapter of Tri Kappas. A brother, Raymond [DAWSON], and her father, George V. DAWSON, former well-known Rochester druggist, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her mother Mrs. Effie DAWSON, of this city and the children and grandchildren mentioned in her husband's obituary.

The funeral will probably be held Saturday afternoon but definite and final arrangements will be announced in Friday's issue of The News-Sentinel.

[NOTE: See The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 21, 1944, Coroner's Inquest Brings New Facts in Fatal Accident -- not reported herein. -WCT]

Friday, January 21, 1944

Mrs. William H. Sheetz

Mrs. Lulu May SHEETZ passed away at 11:50 p.m. Thursday at her home, 613 Jefferson street this city. Death resulted from complications following a two years illness. Mrs. Sheetz had many friends throughout this community and her entire life was spent in Fulton county.

Lulu May [ASHELMAN], daughter of Alden K. and Violeta Malinda ASHELMAN, was born in Fulton county, Ind., on November 20th, 1878. On December 20, 1896 she was married to William H. SHEETZ at Akron, Ind. The deceased was a member of Rochester Evangelical church.

Survivors are her husband, three sons, Loy [SHEETZ], of Rochester, Leon [SHEETZ], of Akron, and Estil [SHEETZ] address unknown; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon 1:30 o'clock at the Evangelical church. Rev. C. J. COVERSTONE will officiate. Interment will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the Foster funeral home until 12:30 Sunday afternoon at which time it will be removed to the church for the final rites.

Ray Reece Stith

Funeral services for Ray Reece STITH, 51, will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home, with burial to be made in the local Odd Fellows cemetery. Stith died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the Woodlawn hospital from injuries received in a three-truck collision Monday afternoon on state road 25, south of Rochester.

The deceased was a St. Louis, Mo., civilian employee of the war department, and received fatal injuries Monday when the army truck he was driving collided with an American Telephone and Telegraph truck south of Rochester. The accident occurred when a pall of smoke covered the road impairing vision.

Death was attributed to a skull fracture, according to Coroner Dean K. STINSON, who investigated the crash. Stith also suffered a fractured left leg above the knee, a dislocated knee and fractured ribs.

Drivers of the other vehicles, Harry HANNER and George ULMER, both escaped injury.

Mr. Stith was born at Bulletsville, Ky., November 17th, 1892, the son of Joseph and Patsy HENSLEY STITH.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lena BRUNER, Greensburg, Ind.; and Mrs. O. P. SAULS, Cynthiana, Ky.; two brothers, James [STITH] and Curtis STITH, both of Lexington, Ky.

The body lies in state at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home.

Dorothy Smiley

Miss Dorothy SMILEY, 35, former Rochester resident, died suddenly this morning at 7 o'clock at her home in Rensselaer. Miss Smiley was a teacher in the Jasper county schools, moving there about five years ago.

She was born August 20, 1909 in Milford, Illinois, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton SMILEY, who reside at Twelve Mile, Ind.

The deceased, who lived in Rochester about 25 years ago, was a member of the Kappa Delta Phi and the local Methodist church.

Survivors include the parents and five brothers, Earl [SMILEY], Frank [SMILEY] and Russell [SMILEY], all of Rochester; Glenn [SMILEY], Illinois and Vern [SMILEY], Young America; two sisters, Mrs. Ernest JOHNSTON, Belle Center, Ohio; and Miss Gladys SMILEY, Twelve Mile.

The body will be removed to the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home here today. Funeral arrangements will be announced in Saturday's edition of The News-Sentinel.

Susan Puterbaugh

Mrs. Susan PUTERBAGH, 83, died at 11 o'clock last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Snyder, three miles southeast of Argos, of complications following an illness of eight days. She had lived in Argos several times, moving there last summer from Florida to make her residence with her daughter, Mrs. Snyder.

Born in Miami county, March 21, 1860, she was the daughter of David and Rebecca SHIVELY. The deceased was united in marriage to Levi PUTERBAUGH, who preceded her in death in 1924.

Mrs. Puterbaugh, who was well known in the Argos community, was a member of the Walnut Church of the Brethren, southeast of Argos.

Survivors include the daughter, Mrs. George SNYDER, Argos; two sons, Clifford [PUTERBAUGH], Argos, and A. B. PUTERBAGH, Detroit, Mich.; and a sister, Mrs. Barbara

MILLS, Bunker Hill.

Rites will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Argos Congregational church, with the Rev. CLAYBAUGH, of Wakarusa, and Rev. C. C. CRIPE, of Walnut Brethren church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Walnut Church of the Brethren cemetery, southeast of Argos.

Friends may call at the Umbaugh funeral home in Argos until the hour of the funeral.

Francis Scott

Funeral services for Francis SCOTT will be held Sunday afternoon 3:30 o'clock at the Foster funeral home, this city. Rev. C. J. COVERSTONE will be in charge of the services and interment will be made in the Rochester Citizens cemetery.

Ella Smith

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella SMITH, former Rochester resident who died at Warren, Indiana, yesterday morning, will be held in the Warren Methodist church Sunday. Interment will be made in the mausoleum west of Rochester adjoining the Odd Fellows cemetery Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock.

Saturday, January 22, 1944

Leroy Burton "Bert" Buck

Deedsville, Jan. 22. - Leroy Burton "Bert" BUCK, 70, former Miami county sheriff, died at his home here at 6:50 o'clock last night after a year's illness.

Born here, he was the son of Elisha and Molly COOPER BUCK. Survivors are the wife, Nora [BUCK], and a son, Elisha [BUCK] of here; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three brothers, Lem [BUCK], of here; Arthur [BUCK], Detroit; Nathaniel [BUCK], Logansport.

He was sheriff from 1929 until 1932 and had been deputy sheriff three and a half years prior to that time. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Macy.

The body is at the Kline funeral home, Denver, where friends may call after 4 o'clock Saturday. It will be taken to the United Brethren church, Deedsville, at 1:00 o'clock Sunday to lie in state for one hour.

Final rites will be at the church at 2 o'clock Sunday with the Reverend C. F. GOLDEN officiating. Burial will be made in the Deedsville I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Barr Funeral

Double funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. BARR, who were killed in an automobile accident Wednesday night. The services which were held at the Val Zimmerman funeral home were attended by an exceedingly large number of friends and relatives, there being people here from all sections of the state. Rev. Harry J. BAILEY of the Baptist church and Rev. Glenn McGEE of the Presbyterian church, conducted the simple rites. The burial followed in the Dawson family plot at the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The pall bearers were Guy ALSPACH, Dr. C. E. OLGIER, Murray McCARTY, Hiram G. MILLER, Robert SHAFER, Percy SMITH, Charles PYLE, Lyman BRACKETT, Hugh A. BARNHART and Forrest BOWEN, of Peru.

Telegrams, letters of condolences, and long distance telephone calls were received by the relatives from all sections of the country due to the widespread acquaintance of the deceased couple.

A list of the out-of-town people attending the services will be published in Monday's issue of The News-Sentinel.

Mrs Mary Ritter

Mrs. Mary RITTER, 80, died at the Parkview hospital at Plymouth last night at 6:30 o'clock of complications following an illness of two weeks. Mrs. Ritter resided two miles northwest of Tippecanoe and was well known in that community.

She was born in Kosciusko county, November 14, 1863 and was married to John B. RITTER, November 12, 1885. Mr. Ritter preceded her in death in 1943.

The deceased was a member of the Tippecanoe Methodist church.

Surviving are a son, Merl [RITTER], Argos; two grandsons, Lowell [RITTER], Argos and John [RITTER], in the armed forces; four sisters, Mrs. Bertha MILFORD and Mrs. Almeda CRIPE, Burton; Mrs. ROSENTHAW, Evansville, Mrs. Minnie ROBERTS, Crown Point; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held in the Tippecanoe Methodist church Monday at 2 p.m. and burial will be made in the Summit Chapel, there.

The body will be returned to the residence from the Umbaugh Funeral Home in Argos Sunday morning, where friends may pay their respects.

Dorothy Smiley

Funeral services for Miss Dorothy SMILEY will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Rochester Methodist church. Rev. Harry RAY of Young America assisted by Rev. Hugh McGLEASON will be in charge of the rites. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The body will be taken from the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton SMILEY, who reside east of Twelve Mile, Ind.

Monday, January 24, 1944

John Timbers

John TIMBERS, 71, former resident of the Athens community, died suddenly Saturday evening at his home on route 8, Ft. Wayne, death resulting from coronary embolism. Mr. Timbers moved to Ft. Wayne from Athens about 35 years ago.

Born November 11, 1872, he was the son of Reuben and Anna TIMBERS. His wife, Mrs. Dolly TIMBERS, preceded him in death two years ago. The deceased had been a farmer all his life.

Survivors are: three daughters, Mrs. Una TUCKER, Rochester; Mrs. Rayband EBY, Mishawaka and Mrs. Mary HARSH also of Mishawaka; a son, Robert TIMBERS, of this city; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rites will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m., from the Foster funeral home, with Rev. D. L. SLABAUGH officiating. Burial will be made in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The body will be returned this afternoon from Ft. Wayne to the Foster funeral home, where it will lie in state.

Tuesday, January 25, 1944

Father of Kewanna Man Dies Monday

Word has been received here by Mr. and Mrs. Merle CRAIG telling of the death of the father of Elmer SEIDEL, Kewanna. Mr. Seidel died Monday afternoon at his residence in Fort Wyne.

Funeral services will be held in that city Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, January 26, 1944

William "Bill" Gilliland

'BILL' GILLILAND MISSING IN ACTION IN FAR EAST

Rochester relatives received word from the War Department yesterday that Sgt. William "Bill" GILLILAND, of the U. S. Air Corps has been missing in action since January 18, 1944.

Sergeant Gilliland was a member of a flight engineer crew which was on transport duty, between India and China. In his last letter to his brother Geiger "Gig" GILLILAND of this city he stated he and his crew were flying supplies into China with these big army transports. "Bill" stated among the cargo of these huge planes were small army "jeeps."

The local youth entered service three years ago, and has been on duty in the Panama Canal Zone, Kelly Field, Texas, Salt Lake City, Utah, Salina, Kans., New York state and on the west coast. He had been stationed in the Far East theatre of war for the past several months.

Relatives here are his wife, the former Miss Margaret HICKMAN, who is now a nurse at Woodlawn hospital; his brother Geiger, garage owner; a sister, Mrs. Frank ALBER and his mother Mrs. John INMAN.

"Bill" was home on a furlough a year ago last Christmas.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 26, 1944]

[NOTE: William Gilliland, Plane lost while flying hump with supplies to China, early 1944, - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

Ira McLane

Ira McLANE, well known Culver florist, died early yesterday morning at his residence in Culver. The florist had been in ill health for several weeks.

His son will arrive from California Friday and rites will be held at Culver, Saturday, 10 a.m. The deceased is the father of Mrs. Byron STUDEBAKER, Indianapolis, and had a host of acquaintances and friends in the Culver vicinity.

Seth H. Flenar

Warsaw, Jan. 26. - Seth H. FLENAR, aged 37, died Sunday night at his home, two miles east of Mentone, after a six-month illness. He had been bedfast for the last three months. Mr. Flenar was born in Fulton county, Indiana, December 31, 1906, the son of Wesley and Alice FLENAR and had lived in and around Mentone all his lifetime. He was a baker by trade and a member of the Mentone Baptist church. Surviving are his widow, Mildred [FLENAR]; six children, Doris [FLENAR], Robert [FLENAR], Larry [FLENAR], Donald [FLENAR], Kay [FLENAR] and Max [FLENAR]; his mother, Mrs. Alice Flenar, near Warsaw; two brothers, Charles [FLENAR], near Warsaw, and Merl [FLENAR], near Argos; four sisters, Mrs. Charles TUCKER, near Burket, Mrs. Cloyce BAUM, near Warsaw; Mrs. Walter RAGER, Akron, and Mrs. George KEEFER, Marion, O.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Mentone Baptist church and burial will be in the Palestine cemetery.

Thursday, January 27, 1944

[no obits]

Friday, January 28, 1944

Elizabeth Sarber Keener

Elizabeth SARBER KEENER, 57, former Argos resident died at 11:30 last night at her home in Marion, Ind., of complications following an illness of two years.

The former Argos woman was born May 6, 1886 and was united in marriage to Charles E. KEENER. She moved to Marion several years ago.

Surviving are the husband and one brother, Charles H. CADWALLADER, of Toleco, Ohio.

Rites will be held Saturday, 2:30 p.m. from the Grossman funeral home in Argos, with the Rev. William Sloan WHITSELL, of the First Presbyterian church of Marion, officiating.

The body will remain at the Grossman funeral home. The family requests that no flowers be sent to the funeral home or residence.

Saturday, January 29, 1944

Martha Ann Musselman

Martha Ann MUSSELMAN, age 7 years, died at 11 o'clock last night at her home in Macy of pneumonia meningitis after an illness of five days.

She was the daughter of Oren and Susanna DUFF MUSSELMAN and was born in Macy February 16, 1937.

Survivors include the parents and a sister, Mary Jeanne [MUSSELMAN], at home; a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ella DUFF CARR, Rochester; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. [Samuel] MUSSELMAN, Macy.

Rites will be held in the Macy Methodist church, Monday at 1:30 p.m. with the Reverend E. P. WHITE, Indianapolis, officiating. Interment will be made in the Plainview cemetery near Macy.

The body will be returned to the home Saturday evening where friends may call after 8 o'clock. It was revealed that the illness suffered by the deceased was not contagious and friends may feel free to pay their last respects.

Monday, January 31, 1944

Charles H. Petry

Charles H. PETRY, 77, died at 7 o'clock Sunday night at his home four miles north of Akron, of complications following an illness of one year. The deceased was a resident of this vicinity all his life, having lived at Mentone for a number of years before moving to Akron.

Born May 5, 1867, he was the son of Jacob and Mary Jane PETRY. He was united in marriage, October 9, 1890 to Flora LOHER in a ceremony solemnized at Akron. Mrs. Petry preceded her husband in death in 1935.

Survivors include three daughters, Fern [PETRY] and Ruth PETRY, at home, and Mrs. ROGERS, Rochester; a son, Garylord PETRY, Elkhart; a sister, Mrs. Fianna THOMAS, Akron; two brothers, Dr. Frank PETRY, Lowell, Ind., and Dr. John PETRY, Charles City, Iowa; and a grandson, Charles ROGERS, Kingsbury.

Tuesday, February 1, 1944

Rosetta Martin

Rosetta MARTIN, 76, died at 5 o'clock this morning, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Lon AULT, where she had been making her home for the winter, of complications following an illness of six weeks. The deceased has been a resident of Rochester and vicinity for the past 15 years.

She was born June 12, 1867 in Richland Center, the daughter of John and Susan (MARTIN) WYNN. Mrs. Martin was united in marriage in 1887 to Harrison MARTIN in a ceremony solemnized at Richland Center. Mr. Martin preceded his wife in death several years ago.

Surviving are two daughters and a son, four nephews and two nieces.

Rites will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday from the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home, with the Reverend POWELL, of the local Church of God, officiating. Burial will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mrs. Martin has been removed to Zimmerman Bros. funeral home where friends may pay their respects.

William T. Shewman

William T. SHEWMAN, 57, died last night at 7:30 o'clock at the St. Mary's hospital in St. Louis. Death was attributed to a heart ailment following a six weeks critical illness. He was a resident of Webster Grove, Mo.

Born June 11, 1886, near Akron, he was the son of Andrew J. and Anna SHEWMAN. He married Lora May HARTER, August, 1914, and resided in the Akron vicinity until 1921 when they moved to Missouri.

Survivors include the wife and three sons, Charles [SHEWMAN], Gordon [SHEWMAN], both serving in the U. S. Army, and Billy [SHEWMAN], at home; three daughters, Mrs. Martha COX, Barbara [SHEWMAN] and Jane [SHEWMAN], all at home; three brothers, W. D. SHEWMAN, Akron, and Roy SHEWMAN, also of Akron; and Charles SHEWMAN, of Elkhart; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Webster Grove, Wednesday evening and at the home of his brother-in-law at Akron at 2:30 Friday afternoon. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Akron.

The body will be returned from Webster Grove to Akron, Thursday.

Dr. Arthur Day

Dr. Arthur DAY, former Akron man, died early this morning at his Huntington home. Rites will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. from the Church of God at Akron, with the Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Akron.

Clyde Moriarty

Clyde L. MORIARTY, 63, died at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in the McDonald hospital in Warsaw after a seven-weeks' illness. The deceased was born in Walnut township, Marshall county, July 24, 1881, and has spent his entire life in the vicinity of Tippecanoe.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F. and Eagles lodges in Plymouth for many years.

Survivors include his widow, Bertha [MORIARTY], whom he married in 1902; four sons, Wendell [MORIARTY] and Floyd [MORIARTY] of Tippecanoe county, O. MORIARTY of Argos, Owen [MORIARTY], who is in the armed forces and is stationed in California; two daughters, Mrs. Elmer LAMB of Talma, and Mrs. Mary DAVIS of Lafayette; a sister, Mrs. Anna

MELSER of Plymouth; a brother, Jesse [MORIARTY] of Hammond, and 11 grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Beigh Funeral home in Bourbon.

Funeral arrangements will be announced in tomorrow's News-Sentinel.

Mrs. Florence Burch

The full obituary of Mrs. Florence BURCH, former Rochester resident who passed away recently, was carried in the Jan. 20 edition of the San Dimas Press of San Dimas, Calif., where Mrs. Burch made her home for a long number of years.

The article follows:

"Mrs. Florence BURCH, 86 years of age, whose health had been failing for some time, passed away at the family home, 129 South Cataract avenue at 8:20 p.m. Monday.

"Mrs. Burch was born June 27, 1857, on her parents' farm near Rochester, Ind., and came to California 34 years ago. She had made her home in San Dimas since that time. She was a member of the San Dimas Methodist church.

"She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Gail HOKE of San Dimas, Mrs. Sybil SMITH of Azusa; one brother, L. P. CONNER, of Holtville, Calif.; eight grandchildren, Mrs. Jane BAUMANN of Pomona, Mrs. Madeline HILL, Gordon HOKE, Joyce HOKE, all of San Dimas, Pvt. Julian LEE, stationed with the Army in Louisiana, Shirley [SMITH], Barbara [SMITH], Phyllis SMITH of Azusa; two great-grandchildren, Joann HILL and Gordon William HOKE of San Dimas.

"Services were held this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Todd and Reeves chapel in Pomona.

"The Rev. Guy McBRIDE, pastor of the San Dimas Methodist church, officiated. Interment was made in the Evergreen cemetery, LaVerne, by the side of her husband, Arnold BURCH, who passed away in 1923."

Wednesday, February 2, 1944

Andrew Oliver

Andrew OLIVER, well-known farmer of Liberty township, passed away at 8:15 o'clock Tuesday evening at his home four miles northwest of Fulton, Ind. Death resulted from complications following a brief illness. Mr. Oliver has a host of friends throughout Fulton county.

Andrew, son of David and Lucy (SHELTON) OLIVER, was born in Liberty township on March 14, 1859. In January of 1888 he was united in marriage with Amarinda COLLINS. The deceased followed the occupation of farming. He was a member of the Baptist church at Fulton.

Survivors are his wife, a son, Alvin [OLIVER], of Fulton; a daughter, Mrs. Ralph SHELTON, of Rochester; a sister, Mrs. A. B. ROUCH, of Fulton; a foster sister, Mrs. Mattie BAKER, of near Fulton; a brother, John OLIVER, of Rochester; 12 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. A son, Irvin [OLIVER], preceded his father in death two years ago.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Fulton Baptist church with Rev. J. Franklin ARTHUR in charge. Burial will be in the Fulton cemetery.

Benjamin Franklin Sriver

Benjamin Franklin SRIVER, 77, retired Fulton county farmer, died at 12:45 yesterday afternoon at the Stansbury nursing home of influenza, following a short illness.

The deceased was born in Henry township near Akron and was a life-long resident of this county. He moved to Rochester in 1921. He was married to Ethel STEFFY in 1901 and was a

member of the local United Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include four sons, Omer [SRIVER], Dowagiac, Mich.; Walter [SRIVER], Akron; Clifford [SRIVER], Plymouth; and Merl [SRIVER], of this city; a daughter, Mrs. Orville HECKMAN, Jackson, Mich.; a brother, John SRIVER, and a sister, Mrs. Frank SMOKER, of Akron; and seven grandchildren.

The body will lie in state at the Foster funeral home where services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. D. D. LIVENGOOD, officiating. Burial will be made in the Citizens Cemetery.

Moriarty Rites

Funeral services for Clyde MORIARTY will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Tippecanoe White Church, with burial to be made at Tippecanoe. The deceased's son, who is stationed with the U. S. army in California, will arrive sometime today for the funeral services Thursday. Mr. Moriarty was a former Tippecanoe resident.

Moses M. Lauer

Plymouth, Ind., Feb. 2. - Moses M. LAUER, lifelong resident and clothing merchant here, died at the Woodlawn hospital at Rochester Tuesday following a six-week illness. Lauer was 77 years old.

As a young man, he entered the clothing establishment started here in the 1850's by his father, Meyer LAUER, and his uncle, Levi LAUER. Later he became owner of the business and was active in it until recently.

Besides his interest in the mercantile trade, Mr. Lauer was interested in the First National bank of Marshall county and was its president for several years. He was a Democrat in politics but had never sought public office. He was a member of Plymouth Kilwinning lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, for 54 years.

Surviving are one son, Marc S. LAUER; one daughter, Mrs. Helen RITTENHOUSE, of Plymouth; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. One sister, Mrs. Bertha SPEYER of Lexington, Ky., also survives. His wife, one son, Albertus [LAUER], and two brothers, Leopold [LAUER] of Plymouth and Ben [LAUER] of Rochester, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the Danielson funeral home, in charge of Rabbi Stanley Sherman of South Bend. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Thursday, February 3, 1944

Robert T. Rose

CAPTAIN ROBERT ROSE KILLED IN N. AFRICA WHILE ON WAY HOME

The death of Captain Robert T. ROSE, 30-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel ROSE, route 5, Rochester, was announced today in a telegram from the War department, stating that the captain, in the air transport command, had been killed in North Africa, presumably while enroute to the United States.

The parents received word of the death of Captain Rose from his wife, Mrs. Gladys ROSE, of San Antonio, Texas, who was notified by the War department that he had been killed in North Africa, Jan. 26.

Stationed in India

For the past 20 months Captain Rose had been stationed at Calcutta, India, from where he was flying general supplies into China. Details of the death are lacking in the War department's announcement.

The deceased was a graduate of Rochester High school in 1936, enlisting in the Army Air Corps shortly after gradating. He became a commercial [sic] for Eastern Air Lines after serving one enlistment with the air corps, and receiving a first lieutenant's commission. In april of 1942 he was recalled into the service and sent to India within a month.

He was born at Findley, Ill., in 1914, and was a member of Chicago Masonic lodge.

He is survived by the widow, and a two-year-old daughter, Paula Rita [ROSE]; the parents; a sister, Virginia [ROSE], Rochester; three brothers, Daniel [ROSE], in the Navy; Sgt. Marvin [ROSE], with the U. S. Army in England, Murphy [ROSE], of this city.

[NOTE: Robert Rose, 20, Rochester, killed in action over Pacific Ocean, April 1, 1944 - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

Eli Wynn

Eli WYNN, 86, life-long resident of Fulton county, died at 12:45 this afternoon, at the home of his brother, Harrison WYNN, four and a half miles north of this city in Richland township, death being attributed to complications following an illness of two years.

The deceased was born Christmas day, 1857, near Richland Center, to Eli and Mary Ann WYNN. He was united in marriage to Alice ROGERS in April, 1880, in a ceremony solemnized in Rochester. The retired farmer and stockbuyer lived in the county his entire life and had a number of friends and relatives in the county.

He was a member of the Christian church here, and member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Surviving are the brother, Harrison [WYNN], and several nieces and nephews. Five sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held from the Richland Center Methodist church with the Rev. Vern HIATT of Muncie officiating. Burial will be made in the Richland Center I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The exact time of the funeral is pending, while awaiting word from a nephew in Florida. The body lies in state at the Ora Foster funeral home where friends may call.

Fred Ovely Good

Fred Ovely GOOD, 59, died at 11:20 o'clock this morning, at his farm residence, two miles northeast of Rochester of complications following an illness of a year and a half. Mr. Good was well known throughout the county and spent his entire life here.

Born August 12, 1884, in Fulton county, he was the son of Alvin H. and Emma GOOD. He was married in Plymouth to Elsie May MARKS.

The deceased was a farmer and had a host of acquaintances throughout the community. He was a member of the Church of God of this city.

Surviving are the wife and his father, Alvin Good; four sons, Paul [GOOD], Baltimore, Maryland; Doil [GOOD], Detroit, Mich.; Arthur [GOOD], in the Army Air Corps; Obed [GOOD], at home; two daughters, Mrs. Beatrice REESE, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Mrs. Inez SMITH, Ann Arbor, Mich.; a sister, Miss Stella GOOD, of this city and 11 grandchildren.

Rites will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. from the Church of God. Rev. POWELL, of the local church, will officiate. Interment will be made in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Friends may call at the Foster funeral home, where the body lies in state.

Friday, February 4, 1944

Edward R. Patesel

CULVER BOY KILLED OVER GOLD COAST, WEST AFRICA

Culver, Ind., Feb. 4. - Staff Sgt. Edward R. PATESEL, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy PATESEL, was killed in an airplane crash in Acora, Gold Coast, British West Africa, Jan. 26, according to a telegram and a confirming letter from the adjutant general. Sgt. Patesel left the United States Dec. 1, 1943, for combat duty in India and only recently was transferred.

He had written that he was nearing the number of missions that would qualify him for a furlough and his parents had been expecting to hear of his arrival in this country. While serving as an aerial engineer and gunner with a medium bombardment unit of the 10th U. S. Air Force in India, he received the Air Medal.

Sgt. Patesel was born in Culver March 16, 1918, and attended the grade and high schools here. He is survived by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. Chester KALEY and Mrs. C. H. BARNHILL.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 4, 1944]

Mrs. Bert Davis

Mrs. Bert DAVIS, 61, of the Leiters Ford community, died during the noon hour today, of a heart ailment following an illness of two months. The well-known Leiters Ford resident is a sister of Mrs. Della PONTIUS, this city. A complete obituary will appear in Saturday's edition of The News-Sentinel.

Saturday, February 5, 1944

Harry M. Holden

Mrs. Ona RAVENCROFT, of this city, recently received word of the death of her brother, Harry M. HOLDEN, 77, well known stage and screen actor, who passed away at his home in Hollywood, Calif. Mr. Holden had been in ill health for the past several years.

Holden and his brother, the late Charles HOLDEN of this city, owned the Holden Stock Comedy Co. which toured the nation for a long number of years. The brothers came to Rochester where additional stock troupes were formed under the firm name of Holden and such well known plays as "The Denver Express," "Nobody's Claim" and "Ten Nights in a Barroom" were presented.

About 30 years ago Mr. Holden went to California where he played prominent roles in "Miracle Man," "Falstaff," "Cimarron" and other prominent film stories. The deceased was born in Franklin, Ohio, May 16th, 1886. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. William W. HOLDEN.

Survivors are his sister, Mrs. Ravencroft; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Maude HOLDEN, and two nephews, Edward RAVENCROFT of Rochester and John RAVENCROFT of Chicago.

The body will be cremated at Hollywood and the ashes will then be returned to Rochester for burial in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Clara Ocie Davis

Mrs. Bert DAVIS, 57, passed away during the noon hour Friday at her home in Leiters Ford. Death resulted from a heart ailment following an illness of three weeks' duration. Mrs. Davis, who had been a resident of the county all of her life, had a legion of friends throughout this community.

Clara Ocie [DAVIS], daughter of William and Rebecca DAVIS, was born in Fulton county, Indiana, on June 26th, 1886. On February 6th, 1910, she was united in marriage with Bert

DAVIS. The deceased was a member of the Mt. Zion Presbyterian church.

Surviving are the husband; two sons, Dale [DAVIS] of Monterey, and Cecil [DAVIS] of Leiters Ford; four daughters, Mrs. Zelma GRIZELL of Rochester, Miss Donna DAVIS of Rochester, Miss Eva DAVIS of South Bend and Miss Ruth DAVIS at home; two brothers, Frank [DAVIS], of Athens, and A. W. [DAVIS], of South Bend; two sisters, Mrs. George ERWIN of Marion, and Mrs. Della PONTIUS of Rochester.

Funeral services will be held in the Leiters Ford Methodist church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon with the Rev. Harley DAVIS of Fort Wayne officiating. Burial will be in the Monterey cemetery.

The body was removed Saturday morning from the Foster funeral home to the Davis residence, where friends may call.

Monday, February 7, 1944

[no obits]

Tuesday, February 8, 1944

Omer Eugene McIntyre/McIntire

S/SGT. OMER McINTIRE DIES IN ACTION IN ITALY

Staff Sergeant Omer McINTIRE, 23, was reported killed in action yesterday while on a bombing mission somewhere over Italy, presumably near the Rome vicinity. News of the fatality was sent to Sgt. McIntire's foster father, Charles QUACKENBUSH, this city, in a brief War Department telegram.

S/Sgt. McIntire had been reported missing in action July 15th, 1943, but no further information was received until the terse telegram reached Mr. Quackenbush yesterday afternoon.

He was a radio operator and turret gunner on a large bomber and had performed in many missions over the European mainland.

Wife of Sgt. McIntire, Mrs. Lorraine McINTIRE, and a daughter, Rebecca Sue [McINTIRE], reside at Ventura, Calif. The deceased was united in marriage to Mrs. McIntire in Kansas City shortly before he left for the war zone. The daughter is less than a month old, being born January 13th.

Graduate of R.H.S.

S/Sgt. McIntire was a graduate of Rochester High School in the spring of 1939, and lived in this city with his foster father, Charles Quackenbush.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1941 at Indianapolis and received training in various parts of the nation. The former Rochester man went overseas in May of 1943 and had been stationed with the Army Air Forces in North Africa and finally Italy.

Further details of the tragedy were lacking in the short War department telegram.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 8, 1944]

[NOTE: Omer Eugene McIntyre, 24, Rochester, killed in action over Italy, July 16, 1943. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

David L. Kreider

David L. KREIDER, 86, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday at his home near Hibbard, Ind. Death resulted from a stroke of paralysis suffered a few days ago. Mr. Kreider, who followed the occupation of farming, was well known throughout the Culver and Argos communities.

Mr. Kreider was born in Ohio on Oct. 5th, 1857. In 1881 he was united in marriage with

Rose BOLINGER. His wife preceded him in death a number of years ago.

Survivors are a brother, Tobias KREIDER, and a sister, Mrs. Callie PARRETT, both of South Whitley, Ind., and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at the Funk cemetery east of North Manchester, Ind., on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Stewart

William LOCKHART, Loyal, was called Monday to Fowler, Ind. because of the death of his sister, Mrs. Charles STEWART, age 70.

Wednesday, February 9, 1944

[no obits]

Thursday, February 10, 1944

Harley Reimenschneider

Harley E. REIMENSCHNEIDER, 70, died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home 2 miles south of Fulton, death being attributed to complications following an illness of three months.

The well known Fulton county farmer was born in Liberty township, February 6, 1873 to Henry and Suzanna REIMENSCHNEIDER. He was united in marriage January 12, 1897 to Sylvia MORROW, who survives.

Surviving besides the widow are a brother, Ernest REIMENSCHNEIDER, of near Fulton, and a nephew, Ermel REIMENSCHNEIDER.

Rites will be held at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Baptist church at Metea with Rev. Harry REY officiating. Burial will be made in the Metea cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the residence where friends may call.

Jonah Riley

Jonah T. RILEY, 82, died at one o'clock Thursday morning at Rochester following a stroke suffered two weeks ago.

Jonah T., son of William and Hannah RILEY, was born at Plymouth, November 14, 1861. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth HENRICKS, in 1887, who preceded him in death. Two sons also preceded Mr. Riley in death.

The deceased was a member of the Rochester United Brethren church, and was well-known in Rochester and vicinity.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Thomas WOODWARD, a granddaughter, Mrs. Alice TOLES, and a great-grandson, all of Port Huron, Mich; also a sister, Miss Jennie RILEY, Plymouth, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the Harrison funeral home in Kewanna. Burial will be made in the Bruce Lake cemetery.

Friday, February 11, 1944

Enoch H. Mikesell

Enoch H. MIKESELL, 70, well known farmer, died suddenly Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his home seven miles southeast of Rochester. Death was attributed to a heart ailment.

Death snuffed out the prominent county man's life while he was sitting in a chair in the home where he lived for 43 years. Mrs. William MARSHALL, his [daughter], discovered his body.

The deceased was born April 11, 1873 to Philip and Orpha MIKESELL in this county and has resided here the remainder of his life. He was married to the former Lucy McMAHAN, who preceded him in death in April 1942.

Survivors are the daughter, Mrs. MARSHALL, at home; four sons, Arthur [MIKESELL], Van [MIKESELL] and Victor [MIKESELL], all of South Bend, and Kenneth [MIKESELL], of Los Angeles; a brother, George [MIKESELL], Rochester; a sister, Mrs. Don RHODES, Denver, Ind. and eight grandchildren.

One son, Dean MIKESELL, preceded his father in death during World War I.

The body has been removed to the Moyer funeral home in Akron where funeral arrangements are pending.

Saturday, February 12, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, February 14, 1944

Oren M. "Buster" Smith

STAFF SGT. OREN SMITH IS MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Omer H. SMITH of Macy received a telegram Sunday from the War department disclosing that their son, Staff Sgt. Oren M. SMITH, 21, is missing in action "somewhere over Germany."

The brief telegram revealed that he has been missing for over two weeks.

He was an aerial mechanic on a B-17 bomber and has been overseas since November 1st, 1943. Sgt. Smith had been in the service since October 1st, 1942.

Better known to his friends as "Buster," he was a graduate of Macy High school in the spring of 1941, and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. SMITH, of Macy.

Omer E. McIntire

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for the late Staff Sgt. Omer E. McINTIRE, beautiful in its brevity, was held Sunday morning in the Methodist church by Rev. Hugh McGLASSON. Staff Sgt. McIntire was reported killed in action recently by the War department and his death was the first gold star to be placed on the service roll in the local Methodist church. Many relatives and friends of the late Sgt. McIntire, were present at the services.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 14, 1944]

Orpha Mendez

Mrs. Orpha MENDEZ, 52, formerly of Miami county, passed away Saturday evening at her home in Chicago, where she had resided for the past 35 years.

The deceased, who was the daughter of Omer and Rosella ROBERTS, was born January 29th, 1892, at Denver, Ind.

Survivors are her husband, J. A. MENDEZ, of Chicago; a brother, Earl ROBERTS, of Goshen; and two sisters, Mrs. Thelma GREER of Goshen and Mrs. Merle FETROW of Akron.

The body will arrive in Rochester Wednesday morning at 10:40 o'clock and will be taken to the Deedsville I.O.O.F. cemetery where graveside services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. by Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH of Akron.

Tuesday, February 15, 1944

Mildred R. Richardson

Mildred R. RICHARDSON, age 41, passed away Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Methodist hospital in Indianapolis. She was born in Washington, Daviess county, Indiana, and has been a resident of Indianapolis for the past 25 years.

Survived by husband, Nola D. RICHARDSON; one daughter, Virginia Louise [RICHARDSON], of Indianapolis, and one son, Pfc. Robert D. [RICHARDSON], U. S. Air Corps; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. SMITH of Indianapolis; brothers, Joseph R. SMITH of Brownsburg, Ind., and Sgt. Louis A. SMITH, U. S. Medical Corps, and sister, Mary Elizabeth SMITH, of Indianapolis.

Mildred was the daughter-in-law of Mrs. George T. BUTLER, of Rochester

Mrs. Richardson was a member of Speedway Chapter, O.E.S., Adelia Travel Study club, Municipal Garden Women's Department club, and White Shrine of Jerusalem, all of Indianapolis.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Conkle Funeral home, 934 West Michigan street, Indianapolis. Burial will be at the Crown Hill cemetery, Indianapolis.

Wednesday, February 16, 1944

Dora Whaley

Mrs. Dora WHALEY, 71, passed away at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday evening at her home near Fletchers Lake. She had been in ill health for the past two years.

Mrs. Whaley was born Jan. 20, 1873, on a farm in Union township. Her parents were Peter and Trudie POTTS. On April 21, 1899, she was united in marriage with Calvin WHALEY. The deceased was a member of the Olive Branch Brethren church.

Survivors are her husband and two sisters, Mrs. Pearl TAYLOR and Mrs. Alice LOVELAND, both of Logansport.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete as this edition of The News-Sentinel went to press.

Philey Mathias

The lifeless body of Mrs. Philey MATHIAS, 63, well known county resident, was discovered early this morning by her husband, William MATHIAS, in a watering tank adjoining the home, seven miles west of Rochester, after the elderly lady had arisen around 4:00 o'clock and walked from the house into the back yard.

Mr. Mathias found his wife's body submerged in the semi-frozen tank about 20 minutes after she had left the house, clad only in her night clothes.

The body was first discovered when Mr. Mathias was attracted to the tragedy after noticing the lights in the yard burning. Seeing the broken ice in the tank he soon recovered his wife's body and notified neighbors who attempted to revive her.

The scene of the death was 80 feet from the house between the residence and the barn.

Coroner Dean K. Stinson announced today that he believed the death to be accidental, caused from drowning, although a final report has not yet been made.

The body was removed to the Ora Foster Funeral home in Rochester.

The deceased was born in this county Dec. 25, 1880, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John KENNEL. She was united in marriage to William MATHIAS, Fulton county farmer.

Mrs. Mathias was a member of the Burton Methodist church.

Surviving are the husband and three children: Harry [MATHIAS] of Bowling Green, Ohio; Oren [MATHIAS] and Floyd [MATHIAS], both of Rochester; a brother, William KENNEL of Rochester, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Burton church. Burial will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery. The body was removed from the Foster Funeral home to the Mathias home this evening, where it will lie in state until the hour of the funeral.

Dougald Brown

Dr. Archie BROWN today received word of the death of his half-brother, Dougald BROWN, 84, which occurred Tuesday evening at his home in Alhambra, Calif.

Dougald, son of Dr. and Mrs. Angus BROWN, was born in Fulton county on January 8th, 1860. During his earlier years he taught school in Newcastle township for several years and later removed to Pontiac, Mich., where he operated a book store for a score or more of years. Upon his retirement he moved to the West where he has since made his home.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Will SELLERS and Mrs. Catherine FLOYD, both of Alhambra, Calif., three half-brothers, John [BROWN], William [BROWN] and Arch BROWN, and a half-sister, Mrs. Edna WALLER, of Chicago.

Thursday, February 17, 1944

Mrs. Calvin Whaley Rites

Funeral services for Mrs. Calvin WHALEY will be held at the Olive Branch church, Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with the Rev. O. C. ALWOOD in charge of the services. Burial will be in the Moon cemetery.

J. Howard Reed

Fulton county residents were startled to learn of the sudden passing of J. Howard REED, 74, prominent Richland township farmer, who died at his home early Thursday morning. Death was attributed to coronary embolism. Mr. Reed, who had resided in the Richland township community throughout his entire life, had a host of friends throughout both Fulton and Marshall counties.

J. Howard, son of Emmanuel and Catherine REED, was born in Fulton county, Indiana in June of 1869. Mrs. Reed, who was nee Eunice TRIMBLE, preceded her husband in death in 1934. He followed the vocation of farming and served a couple of terms as trustee of Richland township, being elected on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Reed also served as secretary of the old Rochester Fair association for a few years. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge of Richland Center and also the Masonic Order of Rochester.

Survivors include two sons, Robert [REED], at home, and Dr. Joseph REED, in the U.S.

Navy; a brother, Lee REED, of California; a granddaughter, Rosemary [REED], and a grandson, serving with the United States Marine Corps.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. The body will remain at the Foster funeral home where friends may call.

Harry Holden Commitment Rites

Commitment services for the ashes of the late Harry HOLDEN will be conducted at the Holden plot in the I.O.O.F. cemetery Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Glen McGEE will be in charge of the rites. Mr. Holden, a former stage and screen actor, passed away in California a few weeks ago. He was a brother of the late Charles HOLDEN of this city and Mrs. Ona RAVENCROFT also of this city.

Mrs. James A. House

Graveside services for Mrs. James A. HOUSE will be conducted in the Harrison Center cemetery, north of Mentone, Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, with the Rev. Harry J. BAILEY in charge.

Mrs. House passed away at her home in Chicago Wednesday morning. She is survived by her husband and the following nieces and nephew: Mrs. J. D. EWING of this city, Mrs. Adeline MEREDITH, Mrs. Conn BLUE and William BOGGESS, all of Mentone.

Estella M. Hiatt

Miss Estella Maye HIATT, lifelong resident of this community, passed away early today at her home, 436 West 9th street, this city. Death resulted from complications following an illness of several months' duration.

Miss Hiatt was born in Fulton county on April 2, 1880. Her parents were Madison and Nancy (McELFRESH) HIATT. For a number of years Miss Hiatt was employed as a clerk in several of the city's grocery stores.

Survivors are two nieces, Miss Florence KENYON and Mrs. Marjorie MOSHER, both of South Bend; a nephew, John HIATT of this city, and an aunt, Mrs. Viola BARGER, also of this city.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Rochester Methodist church. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Richland Center. The body will lie in state at the Val Zimmerman funeral parlors until the hour of the services.

Friday, February 18, 1944

Mell Gottschalk

Indianapolis, Feb. 18. (INS) - Funeral services for Mrs. Mell GOTTSCHALK, wife of Thurman A. GOTTSCHALK, director of the State Department of Public Welfare, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Berne, Ind.

Mrs. Gottschalk, who was 62 and who had lived in Indianapolis for the past seven years, died in the Robert Long hospital last night. She had been a resident of Berne most of her life.

Active in civic affairs, she was a past president of the State Women's Assembly Guild and a member of the Indianapolis Study club. She had served as a member of the Berne public school board and was a member of the Evangelical church.

Survivors are the husband, a son, John [GOTTSCHALK], a graduate student at Indiana university; a daughter, Mrs. James H. HAWK of Quantico, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth BELL of

Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Harold SNYDER of Detroit, Mich., and four grandchildren.

The Gottschalks have often visited here in Rochester and in Fulton county. They were last here about two years ago, at which time Mr. Gottschalk was on a fishing trip on the Tippecanoe river.

Mrs. Ira BASTOW, Mrs. Sam S. MUTCHLER, of Rochester, Ed GOTTSCHALK of Kewanna and William GOTTSCHALK of Green Oak are all cousins of Thurman GOTTSCHALK.

Caroline Flora

Mrs. Caroline FLORA, 93, former Fulton county resident, died at 11:45 o'clock Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Farrand, of Plymouth. Death resulted from a stroke of paralysis.

The deceased was born June 2, 1850 at Sandusky, Ohio, the daughter of Philip and Margaret WORTING. She was united in marriage in 1887 to Solomon FLORA, who preceded her in death in 1918.

The couple moved from Ohio to a farm home 1 1/2 miles west of Richland Center where they resided for 73 years.

Mrs. Flora was a member of the Richland Center Methodist church.

Surviving are: two daughters, Mrs. Bertha FARRAND, Plymouth; and Mrs. Don McCAREN, Berrien Springs, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2:30 p.m. from the Richland Center Methodist church, Rev. Claire D. SIPLE, officiating. Burial will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Richland Center.

The body will remain at the Grossman funeral home in Argos where friends may call until Sunday at 2 p.m. when she will be taken to her home, 1 1/2 miles west of Richland Center.

J. Howard Reed

Funeral services for J. Howard REED will be held Sunday afternoon, two o'clock at the Foster funeral home, this city. Interment will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery. The body will lie in state at the funeral home up until the hour of the services.

Edward McGee

Edward McGEE, 62, well-known carpenter, passed away at 8 o'clock Friday morning at his home in Athens, Ind. Death resulted from a heart ailment from which he had suffered for the past two or three years. His condition during the past few days, however, had not been regarded as extremely grave and his passing came as a severe shock to a legion of friends throughout the vicinity of Athens and Rochester.

Mr. McGee had been a resident of Fulton county throughout his entire life. His parents were Mose and Rebecca McGEE. In 1902 he was united in marriage with Pearl CRISTMAN, who preceded him in death a number of years ago.

The following children survive: Mrs. Joe WILHOIT and Mrs. Ted SMITH, of Rochester; Mrs. Don LIDGARD, of Kingsbury; Harley McGEE, of Athens; Charles McGEE, of Ossian; Raymond [McGEE] and Harold McGEE, at home; and Ernel Lee McGEE, of Marion.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete as this edition of The News-Sentinel went to press.

Saturday, February 19, 1944

Edward McGee

Funeral services for Edward McGEE, 62, life-long Athens resident who died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence with the Rev. Daniel SLAYBAUGH, of Akron, officiating. Burial will be made in the Mt. Hope cemetery at Athens. Mr. McGee was well-known in Athens and community, and for many years served citizens in the carpenter trade.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose McGEE and was united in marriage in 1902 to the former Pearl CHRISTMAN [sic], who survives.

Survivors include the widow and three daughters, Mrs. Joe WILHOIT and Mrs. Ted SMITH, Rochester and Mrs. Don LIDGARD, Kingsbury; six sons, Harley [McGEE], Ramond [McGEE] and Harold [McGEE] of Athens, Charles [McGEE] Ossian, and Henry [McGEE] and Ermel [McGEE] of Marion.

Louis Shock

Information was received here Friday that Louis SHOCK, well known in Rochester and formerly a member of Co. B, 158th Infantry, a Rochester company in the Spanish-American war, had died at Plymouth. His funeral will be held Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Easterday funeral home, Plymouth. Burial with military honors will be at Burr Oak cemetery. A number of Spanish War veterans from here will attend.

Benjamin Allen Jefferies

Benjamin Allen JEFFERIES, aged 77, died Thursday night in the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Victor LANE, in Warsaw. He had been ill five months.

He was born in Fulton county April 6, 1856, and was married to Phoebe JOHNSON, who died several years ago. He was a member of the Yellow Creek Baptist church and Masonic lodge in Rochester. A daughter, Mrs. Eunice BRADWAY, also survives.

Funeral services were held at the Mentone Baptist church at 2 p.m. Saturday and burial was made in the Mentone cemetery.

Monday, February 21, 1944

Blanch Norris

Mrs. Blanche [STONE] NORRIS, 53, died suddenly at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon in her home, two miles north of Fulton, of apoplexy. She was sick only a few hours before death took the well-known county woman's life.

She was born May 25, 1890, in Benton county and has resided in Fulton or vicinity for 40 years. She was united in marriage to Hugh NORRIS Dec. 27, 1911, who preceded her in death a number of years ago.

The deceased was a member of the Baptist church and the Rebekah lodge.

Surviving are three sons, Laurence [NORRIS], U. S. Marines at San Diego, Calif.; Arnold [NORRIS], Harvey, Ill., and Donald [NORRIS] of Fulton; two grandchildren; a foster father, Dan STONE, Pontiac, Ill.; two brothers, Edgar [STONE] of Watseka, Ill., and Ray [STONE] of Pontiac, Ill., and two sisters, Mrs. Jean SHANELL of Chicago and Mrs. Ed RICHERT of Watseka.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Linda Kay Ballinger

Linda Kay BALLINGER, infant daughter of James and Mabel Ballinger, six miles southwest of Argos, was found dead in her bed at 6:45 o'clock Sunday evening. Exact cause of the death is yet unknown.

She was born February 23, 1943 and would have been a year old this coming Wednesday.

Surviving are her parents, James and Mabel BALLENGER; two brothers, Larry [BALLENGER] and Denny [BALLENGER], at home; two sisters, Netia [BALLENGER] and Elene [BALLENGER], at home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe BALLENGER, Walkerton; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry SILBERMAN, Logansport.

Rites will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Grossman funeral home, Argos, Rev. James NEIL, Argos Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Maple Grove cemetery.

The body will remain at the Grossman funeral home where friends may call.

Tuesday, February 22, 1944

Hilda Young

Hilda YOUNG, 43, died at 10:45 o'clock yesterday morning in the Rockville sanitarium, Rockville, Ind., after a lengthy illness. She formerly resided at 1424 Bancroft avenue, this city.

She was born April 10, 1909, in Russell, Manitoba, Canada, the daughter of Henry and Ralphine (WILKINSON) CHARLES. The deceased was married to Wilbert "Bert" YOUNG, Jan. 2, 1922, in Winnepeg, Canada, the pair moving to Rochester 16 years ago.

Mrs. Young was a member of the Presbyterian church in Winnepeg.

Survivors include the mother, Mrs. R. CHARLES of Winnepeg; the husband, a patient at the Stansbury nursing home here; two sons, Lionel [YOUNG], in the Army stationed in Georgia, and Malcolm [YOUNG], at home; a daughter, Ida [YOUNG], at home; four brothers, Walter [CHARLES], Percy [CHARLES] and Edgar [CHARLES], Canada, and Herbert [CHARLES], Detroit, Mich.; three sisters, Ethel SONNE of Chicago, Pearl LOGUE of Chicago and Hazel McDONALD of Winnepeg; several nieces and nephews.

Rites will be held at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Zimmerman Bros. Funeral home. Rev. Harry J. BAILEY will officiate, and interment will be in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Alfred Allen

Alfred Eugene ALLEN, 74, lifelong resident of Fulton county, died at 9:00 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Maxs Feece, in this city. Death resulted from a heart ailment and complications following an illness of three and one-half years.

The deceased was born May 28, 1869, in the Athens community to Isaac and Susan (SECRIST) ALLEN, and resided in the county the remainder of his life. He was united in marriage Oct. 23, 1896, to Sarah FULTZ in a ceremony solemnized in Rochester. Mrs. Allen preceded her husband in death a few months ago.

The retired farmer had a legion of friends throughout the county and resided five miles southeast of Rochester in the Athens vicinity.

He was a member of the Athens United Brethren church.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Clarence BRUNDIGE and Miss Pauline ALLEN, both of South Bend, and Mrs. Max FEECE of Rochester; a son, Robert [ALLEN], vice-president of Carlton college in Northfield, Minn., and five grandchildren.

Rites will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Athens United Brethren church, with Rev. Floyd HARDY of the South Bend Maple Lane United Brethren church officiating,

assisted by Rev. R. CHRYSLER of the Athens U. B. church. Burial will be in the Athens Mt. Hope cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the Zimmerman Bros. Funeral home until the hour of the services.

Wednesday, February 23, 1944

Margaret Grubbs

Margaret Peabody GRUBBS, 19-months-old daughter of Vernon and Pearl Grubbs, died yesterday at 12:30 p.m. in the Kelly hospital in Argos. Death was due to a relapse from an attack of measles.

She was born in Argos, July 19, 1942, the daughter of Vernon and Pearl GRUBBS, who survive.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2:00 p.m. from the Umbaugh Funeral home in Argos. Rev. Frank WAGONER, pastor of the Argos Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be in the Maple Grove cemetery at Argos.

Thursday, February 24, 1944

Robert T. Rose

BODY OF LATE CAPTAIN ROSE IS BURIED AT ACCRA, AFRICA

Further details concerning the tragic death of Capt. Robert T. ROSE of the U. S. Army Air Corps which occurred at Accra, (Gold Coast) Africa, on Jan. 26, 1944, have been received by Robert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. ROSE, route 5, north of this city.

In an interview with the elder Rose yesterday, it was learned that Capt. Rose was buried with military honors at Accra, Africa, and that his body will remain interred there until the end of the war. Memorial services were held recently at San Antonio, Texas, where the captain's wife, Gladys Rose, and baby daughter, Paula, reside.

Two Brothers In Service

Other survivors are three brothers, Daniel ROSE, in the U. S. Navy, formerly of this city, Murphy ROSE, at home, Marvin ROSE, a tech. sergeant in the U. S. Army, in England; a sister, Miss Virginia ROSE, a teacher in the Richland Center schools; his parents, Daniel T. and Retha R. ROSE, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. ROLLER, of Crowley, La.

Robert was a graduate of the Rochester High school. Following his graduation he entered the Army Air Corps and graduated as a second lieutenant from Kelly Field. Later after receiving further advanced training, Robert was advanced to the rank of captain.

In May, 1942, he piloted a plane to India, having a co-pilot, a celestial navigator, mechanic and radio man. The flight from Natal, Brazil, to Dakar, Africa, took 12 hours over the Atlantic and altogether from the United States to India required three weeks.

A letter written by Capt. Rose in May, 1942, stated that News Week of April, 1942, gave an accurate description of the base which was secretly established near New Delhi. From this base Rose flew rice, salt and medicine into the mountains of Burma, dropping the rice and salt and parachuting the medicine to the Chinese.

The captain's letter stated flying conditions were terrible at an altitude of 14,000 feet, sand would fill the pilot's ears, throat and eyes, blinding them completely at times. The planes made their return trip to their base without landing. Rose explained in one of his letters that flying was more hazardous into Burma on account of the mountains--the pilots had to fly low enough to keep away from the Japs' anti-aircraft guns and high enough to keep away from the mountain peaks.

Whenever possible the flying was done between the mountains, over valleys which sometimes were so narrow the walls would almost touch the wings of the planes.

In the summer of 1942 Rose stated American food at the India base was unheard of--goat meat and camel milk was the main thing on the menu. The heat was so terrific that when water was spilled on the rough board floors of their tent it would dry almost as quickly as on a hot stove.

In October, at the end of the monsoons, Rose stated, conditions were improved. More supplies and comforts of life were being flown in. When the U. S. flight officers received their commissions the Maharajah, Coach of Indoor, entertained them at the Royal Palace, TajMahal--taking their pictures in his Royal Suites for their entertainment.

Robert, in recent letters to his parents, stated he had flown into China over the Himalayas and had been stationed at various air fields throughout India. He had served over 20 months in India and was enroute home on a 15-day leave when he met death in an accidental plane crash at Accra, Africa.

SGT. McINTIRE'S WIFE RECEIVES DECORATIONS

It was revealed today that Mrs. Lillian McINTIRE of Ventura, Calif., wife of Staff Sgt. Omer E. McINTIRE who was killed in Italy July 16, has been awarded the Purple Heart and Gold Oak Leaf Cluster by the War Department. Sgt. McIntire was the son of Mrs. Charles QUACKENBUSH of Los Angeles, Calif. He resided in Rochester before his enlistment July 1, 1941.

Friday, February 25, 1944

Harold Swafford

KEWANNA LADY'S BROTHER IS MISSING IN ACTION

Mrs. Paul HATTERY, of Kewanna, received word Wednesday that her brother, Harold SWAFFORD, 33, of Logansport, a first class motor machinist's mate in the Navy, was reported missing in action February 10, according to a telegram received from the Navy.

Swafford had left the United States only three days before he was reported missing. No details were given in the government message, which said that a letter would follow

In the Navy over a year and a half, Swafford was stationed at Bunker Hill Naval Air Station from the day he entered the service on Jne 30, 1942, until last December 21st. He was the 103rd man to arrive at the station.

Born in Indianapolis, he was a resident of Star City until moving to Logansport.

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Nora Lee Leedy

Mrs. Nora Lee [MECHLING] LEEDY, 68, lifelong resident of Argos and vicinity, died at her home five miles north of this city at 1:45 o'clock Friday morning, death resulting from complications following an illness of two weeks.

The well known Fulton county lady was born at Tiosa, April 22, 1875, the daughter of Isaac and Margaret MECHLING. She was united in marriage with Charles LEEDY, December 5, 1897 in a ceremony solemnized at Argos. Mr. Leedy survives.

The deceased was a member of the Tiosa Brethren church.

Survivors include the husband, Charles Leedy, a son, Oren LEEDY, Rochester, and two grandchildren. A daughter died several years ago.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. from the Tiosa Brethren church, Reverend Ora LEMERT officiating. Burial will be made in the Richland Center cemetery.

The body will be removed to the home from the Grossman funeral home tonight. Friends may call at the home.

Saturday, February 26, 1944

Edward D. Evans

Funeral services for Edward D. EVANS were held Saturday afternoon at his home in Indianapolis. Mr. Evans, who passed away Thursday evening, was one of the partners of the Rochester Metal Products Co. of this city.

The deceased had visited in this city on several occasions. The Rochester Metal Products Co. is but one of several branch plants owned and operated by Mr. Evans and his partner. Jack Davis of this city, who is manager of the local firm, is well acquainted with the Indianapolis man.

Born Nov. 14, 1867, in Indianapolis, Mr. Evans was the son of William S. EVANS and Margaret HADLEY EVANS. His wife, Mrs. Harriet BARRETT EVANS, died Feb. 1, 1943.

Survivors include a son, Robert B. EVANS, of Indianapolis; a daughter, Mrs. Robert S. KERSEY of Muncie; a brother, George H. EVANS of Indianapolis, and seven grandchildren.

Charles Hutchison

Charles HUTCHISON, 77, life-long resident of Argos, died at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eugene HISEY, one mile east of Argos. Death was attributed to a heart ailment.

He was born January 24, 1867 north of Argos to John and Angeline HUTCHISON. His wife, Catherine [HUTCHISON], died December 19, 1939.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Angeline HISEY, Argos; Mrs. Emiline SHAW, South Bend, and Mrs. Jessie YEAKEY, Riverside, Calif.; a brother, Albert HUTCHISON, Port Huron, Mich.; one grandson; a granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Rites will be held from the Umbaugh funeral home in Argos, Monday at 2 p.m., with the Rev. James NEILL, Argos Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Maple Grove cemetery in Argos.

Ensign Kenneth Earl Geppinger

Memorial services will be held from the Gilead church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Ensign Kenneth Earl GEPPINGER, age 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl GEPPINGER, Gilead.

Ensign Geppinger was killed in an airplane crash somewhere at sea.

Monday, February 28, 1944

Thomas E. Mills

It was ascertained today that "Tommy" MILLS, Notre Dame Fieldhouse director, who passed away Saturday from a heart attack suffered in the shower room at the Notre Dame Fieldhouse, South Bend, was the same Professor Thomas E. MILLS, who once was an instructor at the old Rochester Normal College.

Prof. Mills, as he was known during his stay in Rochester, taught here under the presidency of the late Prof. William H. BANTA, during the years of 1907-08. Mr. Mills was an instructor in English and Dramatic Arts, and a few of the former students of the Rochester Normal College were of the opinion that following his departure from this city he entered the theatrical field for a few years, later returning to Notre Dame university.

Mills served as an assistant coach under the late Knute Rockne at Notre Dame from 1926 to 1930 and was head football coach at Gerogetown university in Washington, D. C., from 1930 to 1932.

He then became head football coach and head of the speech department at Arkansas State university, Jonesboro, Ark. He remained there for two years, resigning to accept a position as sports commentator with the National Broadcasting company. After that he returned to Notre Dame to become affiliated with the faculty as a speech instructor. In March, 1939, he was named director of the Rockne Memorial.

Mills was born in Beloit, Wis., April 3, 1883, and was graduated from Beloit college in 1906. He served as coach at Rockford, Ill., and Omaha, Neb., Central high school, and at Creighton universiy in Omaha before returning to Beloit in 1920. There he was director of athletics and head coach in football and basketball, winning three midwest conference championships in both football and basketball.

In his college days at Beloit, Mills was an outstanding halfback and as a senior played on a football team which defeated Northwestern university and tied the university of Chicago.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas [MILLS], Jr., a staff sergeant in the army, who now is in South Bend on furlouth after 23 months overseas duty, and Robert [MILLS], stationed at Fort Sill, Okla, and by Maura [MILLS], a daughter who lived with him. Mills' wife, Alma [MILLS], died in 1932.

Emma Wertz Taylor

Mrs. Emma WERTZ TAYLOR, 80, died Saturday afternoon at her home in Summitville, Ind., death resulting from complications. She was born and lived in the Rochester community and was well-known here.

She was born here, the daughter of Seymour and Mary Anne CALLOWAY WERTZ and was the wife of George TAYLOR, an uncle of the late George BLACK and Mrs. Bruce LOWE.

The deceased was a member of the Christian church in Summitville.

Survivors are a son, Joe [TAYLOR], at home; two daughters, Ester [TAYLOR] of Gary and Elise [TAYLOR], of Gary, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from Summitville at 1:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Interment will be made in the Mt. Zion cemetery.

Jacob Kern

Jacob William KERN, 83-year-old Athens resident, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning from complications following a short illness. The well-known county man had been ill for a number of months but his condition was not regarded as serious until a few days ago.

The retired farmer had lived in Athens for 47 years and was married to Catherine KERN, who survives.

The deceased was a member of the Athens United Brethren church.

Survivors are the wife Catherine; two daughters, Miss May KERN of Rochester and Mrs. James ROBERTSON, of Cleveland; two sons, Robert K. [KERN], at home, and Frank [KERN], of Kokomo, and three grandchildren.

Rites will be held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. from the Athens United Brethren church with Rev. R. E. CHRISTLER officiating. Burial will be made in the Athens cemetery.

A complete obituary will follow in Tuesday's edition of The News-Sentinel.

Charles Hutchison Rites

Funeral services for Charles HUTCHISON have been postponed from Monday afternoon until Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Jessie YEAKY, daughter of the deceased, will arrive this afternoon to attend the funeral Tuesday.

Tuesday, February 29, 1944

Rachel Ann Masterson

Mrs. Rachel Ann MASTERSON, 68, died at her home in Plymouth at 7:25 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of three years.

The deceased was born May 16, 1875 at Perrysburg and moved to Rochester around 1920. From Rochester she moved to Plymouth where she has resided for the rest of her life.

A member of the Baptist church of Rochester, Mrs. Masterson had a host of friends and acquaintances throughout Fulton and Marshall counties.

Survivors are a son, Major Alvin MASTERSON, Washington, D.C.; and a daughter, Mrs. Maude McINTIRE, of Rochester; five brothers, Osborn BENGGE, Elkhart; Marshall BENGGE, Perrysburg; Stewart BENGGE, Chillicothe, Ill.; Burch BENGGE, Denver, Colo.; and Manly BENGGE, Gainsville, Texas.

Rites will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Danielson funeral home in Plymouth. Rev. F. E. KLINE of the Presbyterian church of Plymouth will officiate. Burial will be made in the Greenlawn cemetery at Mexico, Ind.

The body will remain at the funeral home where friends may call.

Jacob William Kern

In the early hours of Monday morning, Feb. 28, Jacob William KERN of Athens, quietly slipped away to be with his Lord. Traversing life's pathway for over eighty-three years, the life of Mr. Kern leaves a fragrant scent of a loving husband and father, a kindly appreciative person to the host of his many friends, and a community citizen respected by all who ever met him.

Born Jan. 23, 1861 at Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio to the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome KERN, the departed moved at an early age to Kosciusko County, Indiana in the vicinity of Warsaw where the greater share of his childhood and young manhood days were spent.

In 1891 he was united in the sacred bonds of marriage to Miss Catherine CROCKETT of Warsaw. Born to this happy union were seven children: three, Henry [KERN], Kathryn [KERN] and an infant [KERN] who have preceded their father in the fold of death. The members of the remaining bereaved household of children, Miss May KERN of Rochester; Mrs. James ROBERTSON of Cleveland; Frank KERN of Kokomo; and Robert KERN in residence at the parental home in Athens, share the loss of this hour with their mother, Mrs. Catherine KERN, a constant companion and wife of Mr. Kern. The other immediate relatives of the family include three sisters of Mr. Kern: Mrs. Ora FISHER and Lillian BLACK of Warsaw, and Mrs. Della ENGARD of Philadelphia with a half-brother Eff SHARP of Sheridan, Wyoming. Three grandchildren, Fred, Jack and Patricia, will no longer hear the voice they had learned to know so well.

It can be most fitting said of Mr. Kern, as a member of the Athens United Brethren Church, that the devotion and purpose of his Christian life clearly was evidenced in simple faith and trusting leadership in his God. This consecration has earned him a well chosen rest, rest of soul and spirit that findeth its abundant strength in a Loving Father. - - - - .

Wednesday, March 1, 1944

Ralph Sayers

Funeral services for Ralph SAYERS, 54, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy while driving a truck near Knox, Ind., Tuesday, will be held at his home in Knox, Thursday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Sayers formerly resided on a farm about 8 miles west of Rochester. He is survived by his parents, his wife and several brothers and sisters.

Mary Elizabeth Thompson

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth THOMPSON, life-long resident of Fulton county, passed away 12:20 a.m. Wednesday at her home, 219 East 14th street, this city. Death resulted from a heart ailment following a two months illness. Mrs. Thompson had a wide acquaintance of friends throughout Rochester and vicinity.

Mary Elizabeth [OSBORN], daughter of William and Rebecca ELLIS OSBORN, was born on a farm near Richland Center April 30, 1877. On January 18, 1893, she was united in marriage with Joseph E. THOMPSON in a ceremony pronounced at Argos, Ind. The deceased was a member of the Rochester Methodist church and the Green Oak Community club.

Surviving are her husband, at home; two daughters, Mrs. Othelia BRUBAKER, of this city; Mrs. Olive BLANKEN, of Los Angeles, Calif; three sons, Lee [THOMPSON], of Akron; Kenneth [THOMPSON], of Rochester, and Kyle [THOMPSON], of Burbank, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Claude COLE, of South Bend; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arlene THOMPSON, of this city; a niece, Miss Mildred MILLER, of South Bend; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A son and a daughter preceded their mother in death.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon, two o'clock, at the Rochester Methodist church. Rev. Hugh McGLASSON will officiate and interment will be made in the Richland Center cemetery. The body will be removed from the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home to the Thompson residence Thursday morning.

Sarah Elizabeth Watson

J. L. WATSON of this city has recently received word of the death of his sister, Miss Sarah Elizabeth WATSON, which occurred at Stockton, Calif., on Feb. 24.

Charles Thomas Black

Charles Thomas BLACK, 81, well known Macy resident, died at 5:30 o'clock this morning at the Dukes hospital at Peru of pneumonia following an illness of four days.

He was born in West Virginia December 24, 1863 and moved to Fulton county shortly afterward. In 1934 he moved to Cass county where he resided until his death this morning.

The deceased was married to Blanche COURTIER, who preceded him in death in 1933.

Survivors include two children, Mrs. Helen GARRISON, Indianapolis and Charles BLACK, of Macy; and four grandchildren.

Rites will be held Friday from the Ditmire funeral home at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Franklin ARTHUR will officiate. Burial will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Roann.

The body will remain at the Ditmire funeral home where friends may call.

Fred Halterman

Leroy HALTERMAN, route 5, received a telegram late Tuesday afternoon telling of the death of his brother, Fred HALTERMAN, in Cleveland, Ohio. The deceased once resided north of this city but moved to Cleveland 20 years ago where he has lived ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Halterman recently returned from a visit with Fred Halterman.

Thursday, March 2, 1944

Vernice Clare McCoige

Vernice Clare McCOIGE, 14 months old daughter of Clyde and Esther McCOIGE of 400 Walnut street, Argos, died at 6:15 o'clock Thursday morning in the Kelly hospital of pneumonia following an illness of two months.

The child was born December 12th, 1943 in the Kelly hospital at Argos and has lived there all her life.

Survivors include the parents and two brothers, William Andrew McCOIGE, and James Edward McCOIGE, at home; and a sister, Bonnie Marie [McCOIGE], at home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday from the Grossman funeral home in Argos, the Reverend Ernest TREBER, Argos Christian church, officiating. Burial will be made in the New Oak Hill cemetery, Plymouth.

Friday, March 3, 1944

Schuyler Rhodes

Funeral services for Schuyler C. RHODES, 83-year-old retired Henry township farmer who died Thursday night at his Athens farm home, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Athens United Brethren church with Rev. R. E. CHRISTLER officiating. Interment will be in the Athens Mt. Hope cemetery.

Mr. Rhodes died at his home, one and one-half miles east of Athens, death resulting from complications. He had been seriously ill since Monday.

The deceased was born in Newcastle township on Aug. 13, 1860, the son of Thomas Jefferson and Suzanna RHODES, and all of his life had been spent in Fulton county. In 1881 he was united in marriage to Mary Ann HUNTER who preceded him in death 24 years ago.

The life-long county resident was well-known in the Athens community and had a legion of friends throughout the county.

Survivors include four sons: Courtney [RHODES] of Athens, Ray [RHODES] of South Bend, Sumner [RHODES] of Fort Wayne, Colfax [RHODES] of near Athens; three daughters, Mrs. Victoria OCCO and Mrs. Agnes URBIN, both of South Bend, and Mrs. Gladys HARRIS of Mishawaka; one brother, Isaac E. BOUSBLO of Washington; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Mildred SHULTZ, preceded him in death.

The body was removed from the Moyer funeral home in Akron to the home of the son, Courtney, at 9:00 o'clock this morning.

Saturday, March 4, 1944

Richard J. Roth

MISSING IN ACTION

The War department today listed First Lieut. Richard J. ROTH of Star City as being missing in action. He is the husband of Mrs. Dorothy I. ROTH of that city.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 4, 1944]

Albert Pinchon

Albert PINCHON, 72, passed away Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock in the Argos Christian church, where he was employed as a janitor. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage and was believed to have been almost instantaneous. Mr. Pinchon's body was discovered by his wife who went to the church during the noon hour to see why her husband had not returned to his home for his lunch.

Mr. Pinchon was born near Albion, Ind., on Sept. 28, 1871. He had been a resident of Argos for the past six years. On April 15, 1938, he was united in marriage with Mary FREESE. He was a member of the Methodist church.

His wife, Mary PINCHON, is the sole survivor.

Brief funeral services will be held Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at the Umbaugh Funeral home in Argos, with the Rev. James NEIL officiating. The body will then be removed to the Albion U. B. church where regular rites will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Rev. H. E. SWIHART will officiate at the Albion services. The body will lie in state at the Umbaugh funeral home up until the hour of the morning services on Sunday.

Alice L. Eley

Mrs. Alice L. ELEY, 79, passed away this morning at 9:25 o'clock in her home at 226 North Michigan street in Argos. Death resulted from complications after two years of illness.

Mrs. Eley has been a resident of Argos for the past 30 years, coming there from Ohio. In 1887 she was united in marriage with Elmer ELEY, who preceded her in death. The deceased was a member of the Argos Christian church.

Surviving are four children: Mrs. Chloe Vern HILL of Indianapolis, Mrs. Millie TUCKER of Gary, Ind.; Elmer Dean ELEY of Argos, and Orville M. ELEY, also of Argos; two brothers, John MILLER of South Bend, Charles MILLER of Eau Claire, Mich.; seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Eley home. Rev. TREBER will officiate and burial will be made in the Argos Maple Grove cemetery.

Monday, March 6, 1944

Nellie Keim

Mrs. William (Nellie) KEIM, 69, well known Fulton county resident, died at 9:45 o'clock last night in the Cass county hospital, death resulting from complications following a year's illness.

The lifelong county resident was born November 17, 1874 in this county to Robert and Eliza JOHNSON NEWELL. She was united in marriage December 17, 1896 to William KEIM in a ceremony solemnized at Macy. Mr. Keim survives on his farm home south of this city.

The deceased was a member of the Rochester Rebekah lodge and the Green Oak Community

club and the Methodist church.

Survivors include the husband and a daughter, Mrs. Myra LOWE, of Logansport; a son, Robert KEIM, Rochester; three grandchildren, and a half-brother, Manford NEWELL, of this city. One son, Newell [KEIM], preceded his mother in death.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church, Rev. Hugh McGLASSON officiating. Burial will be made in the Mt. Zion cemetery.

The body lies in state at the home where friends may call.

Tuesday, March 7, 1944

Truman C. Combs

Truman C. COMBS, 58, well known Macy resident, died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home of a heart ailment. The dry gas distributor was stricken as he slept at his Macy home.

The deceased was born in Illinois and moved to Indiana in 1921. He was united in marriage in 1905 to Ida BOOKWALTER in a ceremony solemnized in Macy.

He was a member of the Methodist church in Macy.

Survivors include the wife and three sons, Byron COMBS, Hesters, Mich.; Victor COMBS, Macy; and Dale COMBS, with the U. S. Army somewhere overseas; three daughters, Mrs. Ernest MEAD, Hesters, Mich.; Mrs. George PLACE, Nashville, Tenn.; and Mrs. E. L. LEE, Winamac; 10 grandchildren and a brother.

Funeral arrangements are indefinite. The body is at the Ditmire funeral home in Fulton.

Mrs. Ora L. Duff

Friends and relatives here were shocked at the news of the sudden death of Mrs. Ora L. DUFF, 52, who died at her home in LaPorte, Sunday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock.

She was born Jan. 3, 1892, in Winamac, Ind. On Nov. 22, 1917, she was united in marriage to Ora L. DUFF.

Surviving besides her husband are her mother, Mrs. Minnie TAYLOR, who has made her home with her daughter for the past ten years; a brother, Lowell TAYLOR of Winamac; a half-brother, Amel E. TAYLOR of Kentland, Ind.; a step-sister, Mrs. Maure GARRINGER, of Farmland, and three sons, Lowell [DUFF], overseas with the Army, Robert [DUFF], with the Army in Nashville, Tenn., and Kenneth [DUFF], at home.

The funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Methodist church in LaPorte. Mrs. Duff is a sister-in-law of Mrs. F. W. BEUHRLE of Monterey and Mrs. W. B. KLECKNER of Winamac.

Edward Bender

Edward H. BENDER, 72, died at 6:15 o'clock this morning in the Kelly hospital in Argos after an illness of three years. His residence was on Logan street in Argos.

He was born in Allen county April 10, 1871, the son of Henry and Mary BENDER. In February, 1898, he was united in marriage to Mary VOTAW in a ceremony solemnized in Allen county. Mrs. Bender survives.

The well-known retired farmer was a member of the Christian church in Argos.

Surviving are the wife and three daughters, Mrs. Harriett WARNER of Argos and Mrs. Phyllis STEPHENSON and Mrs. PASICK, both of South Bend; two brothers, Frank [BENDER] and Ben [BENDER], both of Peru; two sisters, Mrs. Nell SPAULDING of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Mable SMITH of Peru, and nine grandchildren. A son, Ralph [BENDER] preceded Mr. Bender in

death.

Rites will be held from the Argos Christian church Thursday at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. Ernest TREBER officiating. Burial will be made in the Maple Grove cemetery at Argos.

The body will lie in state at the Umbaugh Funeral home until Thursday morning when the body will be removed to the residence.

Ethel Lucille Kralls

Ethel Lucille KRALLS, age 38, died at 10 o'clock Monday night at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob MILLISER in Aubbeenaubbee township. Death followed an illness, of over five years.

She was born July 13, 1905 in Aubbeenaubbee township and spent most of her life there. The deceased was united in marriage in Rochester, 1926 to Ted COMBS, and later in 1934 she was remarried to George KRALLS.

Mrs. Kralls was a member of the Evangelical church in Rochester.

Surviving are her husband and two children by her first marriage, Theajeane [COMBS] and Theodore [COMBS], both at home; the parents, and two brothers, Mike [MILLISER], Salina, Ohio, and Roy L. [MILLISER], Constantine, Mich.

Funeral services will be held from the Leiters Ford Methodist church Thursday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. BURGETT officiating. Interment will be made in the Leiters Ford cemetery.

The body will be taken to the home of the parents Wednesday from the Foster funeral home.

Wednesday, March 8, 1944

George M. "Jack" Walter

LIEUT. GEO. M. WALTER IS MISSING IN ACTION

Charles KRIEGHBAUM of Lafayette, Ind., early today received word that his son-in-law, Lieut. George M. "Jack" WALTER, is missing in action in a raid over enemy territory.

Lieut. Walter, a Flying Fortress bombardier, has been stationed at an air base in England for the past six months and in a letter received by his wife a few weeks ago, Lieut. Walter stated that he had completed 11 successful raids over enemy targets at that time.

The missing bombardier had visited Rochester on numerous occasions and has a wide acquaintance among the younger folk of this community.

Lieut. Walter's wife, the former Marietta KRIEGHBAUM of this city, and baby daughter, Lynda [WALTER], reside at Lafayette.

Reverend Henry Neff

Rev. Henry NEFF of Anderson, former Fulton county resident, died suddenly at 9 o'clock Tuesday night at this home in Anderson.

Rev. Neff was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, Nov. 1, 1868. At a very early age he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob NEFF, moved to Fulton county and settled in the Burton neighborhood where he spent his childhood. The deceased later attended Naperville college and became a minister in which capacity he served for 55 years.

He retired from the ministry about five years ago and moved to Anderson, returning to northern Indiana in the summer time to reside at Winona lake.

Truman Combs

Rites for Truman COMBS will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Macy Methodist church with the Rev. C. F. GOLDEN officiating, assisted by Rev. C. E. DUNLAP. Burial will be made in the Plainview cemetery, west of Macy.

Russell M. Burch

Funeral services for Russell M. BURCH, 55-year-old Henry township farmer, who terminated his life Tuesday morning by hanging himself in the barn on his farm, four miles southwest of Akron, will be held Thursday at 2 o'clock p.m. from the Church of God in Akron. Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH will officiate and interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery west of Akron.

The sudden death of Mr. Burch was believed to be the result of despondency over ill health.

The body was found at 11:15 o'clock Tuesday morning by a neighbor, Oliver LAWMASTER, who visited the Burch farm on business. Mrs. Burch informed Lawmaster that her husband was working in the barn.

The deceased was born in Fulton county on May 12, 1888 the son of Jerome and Elizabeth BURCH. His entire life had been spent in the Akron community.

He was united in marriage to Myrtle SOWERS on August 16, 1913.

The deceased was a member of the United Brethren church.

Survivors include his wife and a foster son, Charles BURCH, at home; two brothers, Don BURCH, Akron, and Clyde BURCH, of Rochester.

The body lies in state at the Moyer funeral home in Akron.

Thursday, March 9, 1944

Oren M. "Buster" Smith

STAFF SGT. OREN SMITH, MACY, KILLED IN ACTION

In a telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Omer SMITH, of Macy, the War Department revealed today that their son, Staff Sergeant Oren M. SMITH, age 21, was killed in action January 30 in the European area.

Staff Sergeant SMITH had previously been reported missing in action over Germany.

An engineer and aerial gunner, he had been flying on a Flying Fortress somewhere overseas, and since November 1943 had participated in many bombing missions over the European continent.

He was a graduate of the Lincoln, Neb., air base school and received his silver wings from Kingman Air base in Kingman, Ariz. He completed his training at Howard air base, Howard, Neb., and was almost immediately sent overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. SMITH, Macy, are grandparents of the late Staff Sergeant Smith.

Richard True Schwab

FORMER LOCAL LADY'S SON, AIR CRASH VICTIM

Rochester friends have received word of the tragic death of Naval Aviation Cadet Richard True SCHWAB, of Washington, D.C., which occurred recently at a Memphis, Tenn., air base when his training plane collided with another plane.

Cadet Schwab was the son of Mrs. Margaret TRUE SCHWAB, a former resident of this city. Besides his mother, he is survived by a sister, Margaret Jane [SCHWAB], and his grandmother, Mrs. Lloyd TRUE, all of Washington, D.C.

Friday, March 10, 1944

Indiana Felty

Indiana FELTY, age 73, died at 5:00 o'clock Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira BAKER, four and one-half miles southeast of here. The deceased had been ill several months.

She was born Sept. 10, 1870, near Leiters Ford, the daughter of William and Frances BRUGH. On Nov. 21, 1892, she was united in marriage to Henry FELTY in a ceremony solemnized at North Judson. Mr. Felty, a Rochester barber, preceded his wife in death several years ago.

The lifelong Fulton county resident had lived in Rochester for 55 years and had a host of friends in this city. She was a member of the Evangelical church here.

Surviving are the three daughters and a son, Mrs. BAKER; Mrs. Ruth CHILCOTT of Rochester; Mrs. Virgil COBLER of Santa Monica, Calif.; Maurice [FELTY] of Michigan City; ten grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Al TOOLE of Rochester and Mrs. Jimmy TYLER of Grand Rapids, Mich. Two sons, Leo [FELTY] and Fred FELTY, preceded their mother in death.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:00 p.m. from the Zimmerman Brothers Funeral home with Rev. COVERSTONE officiating. Burial will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The body lies in state at the funeral home where friends may call.

Saturday, March 11, 1944

Eva Angeline Nichol

Mrs. Eva Angeline NICHOL, 74, of Grass Creek, died Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Keeney. Death was attributed to complications and the deceased had been an invalid for many years preceding her death.

She was born April 23, 1869, in Taylor county, Iowa. She was united in marriage Oct. 27, 1887, in Pittsville, Mo., to Samuel S. NICHOL, who survives.

The couple moved to Fulton county several years ago from their home in Missouri.

Surviving are the husband and six daughters, Mrs. [Clyde] KEENEY of Elkhart; Myrtle E. COSTELLO of Royal Center; Mrs. Leroy BONNELL of Mishawaka; Mrs. Elva FIRMES of Elliott, Ill.; Mrs. Elma FRENCH of Grass Creek, and Mrs. Russell FRASER of Ann Arbor, Mich; four sons, Frank NICHOL of San Francisco, Calif.; Leroy D. NICHOL and Paul L. NICHOL of Detroit, and Ralph NICHOL of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a sister, two brothers and 25 grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Grass Creek United Brethren Church, Rev. MOORE officiating. Burial will be in the Grass Creek cemetery.

Sarah A. Adamson

A belated report of the passing of Mrs. Sarah A. ADAMSON, has been received by Fulton county relatives. Sarah A. [RUNNELLS], daughter of Ransom and Martha J. RUNNELLS, was born April 7, 1860 on a farm near Tiosa. She passed away recently at the home of her daughter, Estella Wellman, of Doverville, Tenn. The deceased was married three times. She was a member of the Seven Day Adventist church. Survivors are a son, Arelo ADAMSON of Bryon, Ohio; a daughter, Estella WELLMAN, of Doverville, Tenn., and a number of grandchildren. One son, Clyde [ADAMSON], and her three husbands preceded her in death.

Monday, March 13, 1944

Elizabeth Mary Widman

Elizabeth Mary WIDMAN, age 60, route 4, Rochester, died at 3 o'clock Monday morning at her home following an illness of 20 days.

She was born in Pulaski county, November 2, 1883 and moved to Fulton county in 1902. Her husband, Ambrose WIDMAN, preceded her in death three years ago.

The deceased was a member of the Rosary society and St. Ann's Catholic church at Monterey.

Surviving are a son, Charles [WIDMAN], of Monterey; three daughters, Anna [WIDMAN], at home, Eleanor BILTZ, Fowler; and Rosa BILTZ, of Tipton; two brothers, Joe KELLER, Monterey, and John KELLER, Hammond.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. from the St. Ann's church, Monterey, Rev. Leo BREITENBACH officiating. Burial will be made in the St. Ann's cemetery.

The body will be returned from the Price-Kennedy funeral home in Knox Tuesday afternoon to her home.

Ulysses H. Wolford

Ulysses H. WOLFORD, 67, of 715 North Madison street, died at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Victor L. SULLIVAN, 1134 Queen street, South Bend. Death of the retired Erie railroad agent was attributed to a heart attack suffered late Friday.

The deceased had been ill for some time before his death and had gone to visit his daughter in South Bend two weeks ago.

He was born in Argos, January 8, 1877 and spent his childhood on farms near Fulton and Twelve Mile. His wife, the former Louise RODGERS, preceded him in death six years ago.

Mr. Wolford was employed by the Erie railroad for 32 years and was the company's agent at Boone Grove for 25 years. For a few years he was employed as a telegraph operator at the Rochester tower.

Survivors include the daughter, Mrs. Sullivan, and a son, Elmer C. WOLFORD, who is an employee of the government and is stationed somewhere in Alaska.

Funeral services were held from the Welsheimer funeral home in South Bend at 1 p.m. Monday. The cortege then left for Laketon where a committal service was held in the Laketon cemetery at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Wolford was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America lodge and the Christian church in Boone Grove.

Tuesday, March 14, 1944

Earl Geppinger, Jr.

NAVY DEPARTMENT REVEALS MACY SEAMAN KILLED

The Navy department today announced 141 more casualties of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The casualty list included 10 dead, 110 wounded and 21 missing.

Included among those having been killed in action is the name of Earl GEPPINGER, Jr., an ensign in the naval service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. GEPPINGER of Macy.

Lucinda Whitlock

Mrs. E. S. [Lucinda] WHITLOCK, a former resident of the Fulton community, passed away at her home in Washington, D.C., on Thursday evening, March 9.

Lucinda [GOODNER], daughter of the late Joseph and Catherine GOODNER, was born in September, 1875. Her early life was spent in Missouri and Illinois, moving with her parents to Indiana in 1903. She was united in marriage to Edward S. WHITLOCK and to this union was born a son, Dwight [WHITLOCK], and a daughter, Catherine [WHITLOCK]. Her home was in Pueblo, Colo., until recently, when she moved to Washington, D.C. Her husband preceded her in death in 1921.

Surviving are the son, Dwight, of Arizona; daughter, Catherine, of Washington, D.C.; two grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. J. S. WHITLOCK of Springfield, Ill., Mrs. Jesse CHANDLER of Chrisman, Ill., and Mrs. Omer ROUCH of Rochester, and one brother, Noble GOODNER of Rochester. Several nieces and nephews also survive. A brother, Joe [GOODNER], preceded her in death. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in Pueblo. Burial was made there.

Wednesday, March 15, 1944

Nora Isabelle Grey

Mrs. Nora Isabelle GREY, age 77, former Rochester resident, died at 5:20 o'clock this morning at her home at 145 North Franklin street, Argos, of complications following an illness of one and one-half years.

The deceased was born in Rochester Nov. 12, 1866, to William and Augusta RICHARDSON. In 1911 she moved from Rochester to Argos.

[Nora Isabelle RICHARDSON] was united in marriage to Joseph GREY on Nov. 9, 1889, in a ceremony solemnized in Rochester. The husband preceded her in death several years ago.

She was a member of the Rochester Baptist church.

Surviving are two sons, Forrest [GREY], at home, and Bert [GREY], in the Navy at San Pedro, Calif.; two brothers, Charles L. RICHARDSON of Rochester and George A. RICHARDSON of Rand, Calif.; two sisters, Hattie C. DUNCAN of Springfield, Ill., and Grace J. BUTLER of Rochester.

Funeral services will be held at the Grossman Funeral home in Argos with Rev. James NEIL officiating. Burial will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery. Exact date of the funeral is pending word from the son, Bert, at San Pedro.

The body will be removed to the Grossman funeral home where friends may pay their respect.

Alice Millow

Alice MILLOW, 63, died at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday night at her home in Akron of complications following an illness of several years.

The lifelong county resident [Alice PONTIUS] was born in Akron May 9, 1881, the daughter of Anthony and Harriet PONTIUS. She was married to Rufus MILLOW on Sept. 5, 1908, who survives.

Survivors include the husband Rufus and a sister, Mrs. Minnie PRIEST of Mishawaka, and several nieces and nephews.

Rites will be held Friday at 2:00 p.m. from the Church of God with Rev. D. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery west of Akron.

The body will be returned to the residence where friends may call.

Loretta Brockey

Mrs. Loretta BROCKEY, age 71, died at 2:00 o'clock this morning at her home one mile west of Tippecanoe, of paralysis after an illness of two years.

She [Loretta STONEHILL] was born in Marshall county Sept. 3, 1872 to David and Suzanna STONEHILL. She was married, her husband [Simeon BROCKEY] preceding her in death.

The deceased was a member of the Tippecanoe Methodist church.

Surviving are a son, Loren [BROCKEY], of Tippecanoe; two grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Emma GASKEL, Mrs. Ida YOUNG and Mrs. Alberta SELLERS, all of Bourbon.

Rites will be held Friday at 2:00 p.m. from the Tippecanoe Methodist church and burial will be made in the Summit Chapel.

Friends may call at the Umbaugh funeral home at Argos until noon Friday. The body will lie in state at the church from 12:30 o'clock until the hour of the funeral.

Thursday, March 16, 1944

Isaiah Spohn

Isaiah SPOHN, age 92, well-known Fulton county resident, died at 7:00 o'clock Wednesday night at his home at 1507 South Jefferson street, death being attributed to complications following a lengthy illness.

He was born March 28, 1851, in Carrol county, Ohio, to Henry and Susana (WALTERS) SPOHN, and moved to this county with his parents at the age of three. The deceased was married to Mary Jane WOODCOX, who preceded him in death. The retired farmer had a host of friends throughout the community and was a member of the Rochester United Brethren church.

Surviving are a son, Frances SPOHN of this city; a step-son Andrew J. SEWELL of Warsaw, Ill.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 7:00 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home, Rev. David LIVENGOOD officiating. Intermant will be in the Rochester Citizens cemetery.

Nora Isabelle Gray Rites

Funeral services for Mrs. Nora Isabelle GREY, who died Wednesday morning at her Argos home, will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Grossman funeral home in Argos. Burial will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Friday, March 17, 1944

Willis E. Payne

Willis E. PAYNE, retired drug salesman, passed away Thursday evening at 5:00 o'clock at his home, 813 1/2 Monroe street, this city. Mr. Payne had been in failing health for the past two years. He moved to this city from Indianapolis last October.

He was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, on Feb. 22, 1866.

Survivors are his wife, of this city; two daughters, at Ashville, Ohio, and a stepson, Marvin Van LUE, of this city.

Funeral services will be held at the Payne residence Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The body will be shipped to Ashville, Ohio, for burial.

Estella Peters

Rochester friends have been apprised of the death of Mrs. Estella PETERS, which occurred March 14 at her home, 210 North 13th street, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Services were held today and burial was in a Fort Dodge cemetery.

Mrs. Peters was the wife of S. J. "Jack" PETERS, who passed away several years ago. One daughter, Cecilia [PETERS], resides in Fort Dodge. The Peters for a number of years resided in their own home at 1503 South Main street, this city. They were members of the Rochester Methodist church.

Saturday, March 18, 1944

Charles Leroy Hemenway

Charles Leroy [HEMENWAY], infant son of Charles and Rosella HEMENWAY, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Friday at 138 East 4th street, this city. The infant had been ill since birth, Dec. 5, 1943.

Charles Leroy is survived by his parents, a brother, Robert Eugene [HEMENWAY], and the grandparents.

Funeral services will be held at the Foster funeral home at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the Rev. CHRISTMAN officiating. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery. The body will be removed from the Foster funeral home to the Hemenway residence late this afternoon.

Monday, March 20, 1944

Readah Cleland

Mrs. Readah CLELAND, 53, well-known Fulton county resident, died at 9:00 o'clock this morning at her farm home two and one-half miles north of this city. The cause of her death was uremic poisoning following an illness of one year.

Born Nov. 9, 1891, near Mentone, she was the daughter of John and Louisa BALDWIN. She moved from Mentone with her parents in 1896 to Fulton county where she resided for the remainder of her life. Mrs. Cleland was united in marriage to Herman CLELAND, March 11, 1911, in a ceremony solemnized in Rochester

The deceased was a member of the Rochester Christian church.

Survivors include the husband and three daughters, Mrs. Belva LARGE of Leiters Ford, Virginia [CLELAND] and Barbara [CLELAND], both at home; four sons, Glenn [CLELAND] of Camp Barkley, Texas, George [CLELAND] at home and Louis [CLELAND] and Joe [CLELAND], both of Mishawaka; four brothers, William [BALDWIN] and Norman [BALDWIN] of Rochester, Albert [BALDWIN] of Tippecanoe and Homer [BALDWIN] of Mishawaka; five sisters, Mrs. Molly DIRLMATCH, of South Bend, Mrs. Sara HIRSCH and Mrs. Ruth KOHLER, both of Mishawaka, Mrs. Lucinda KREIGHBAUM of Mentone and Mrs. KISTLER of Massillon, Ohio; five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are indefinite pending word from the son, Glenn. The body has been removed to the Zimmerman brothers funeral home.

Tuesday, March 21, 1944

Readah Cleland Rites

Funeral services for Mrs. Readah CLELAND will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Christian church. Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD will officiate and burial will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery. The body will be removed from the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home to the Cleland residence north of this city late this afternoon.

Francis Marion Nellans

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock today in the Bubb chapel in Mishawaka for Francis Marion NELLANS, 71, former resident of Rochester. Rev. Maynard KULP of Mishawaka officiated and burial was made in the Fairview cemetery at Mishawaka.

Death came to the one-time Fulton county resident Sunday at his home after an illness of almost two years.

He was born February 23, 1873 in Fulton county and moved to Mishawaka from Rochester several years ago. He was united in marriage to Miss Maude I. BRAMAN, October 6, 1895 in a ceremony held at Rochester.

Surviving are his wife and two sons, Oren A. NELLANS, Mishawaka, Dean W. NELLANS, of South Bend; two daughters, Mrs. Blaine B. CRIPE, Roseland, and Mrs. William GISH, of South Bend; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; three brothers, William NELLANS, Rochester, Charles NELLANS, Mishawaka, and Guy NELLANS, Fulton.

Wednesday, March 22, 1944

Mrs. G. G. Hochstedler Rites

Mrs. Bert VAWTER and Mrs. Ed VAWTER left today to attend the funeral services of their aunt, Mrs. G. G. HOCHSTEDLER, who died at her home in Westfield, Ind. Mrs. Hochstedler had made frequent visits to this community and was well-known by many local residents.

Elsie Flagg Cooper

Elsie G. FLAGG COOPER, age 44, died at 9:55 o'clock Tuesday night at her home eight and one-half miles northeast of this city in Newcastle township, death being attributed to paralysis following an illness of eight years.

The well known county resident was born May 14, 1899 in Marshall county the daughter of Minor and Anna FLAGG. She was married in Marshall county November 26, 1919 to Harley COOPER, who survives.

Together with her husband she moved to Fulton county in 1920 where she resided for the remainder of her life.

The deceased was a member of the Santa Ana Methodist church.

Survivors are the husband and a daughter, Carol Jean [COOPER], her parents and five sisters, Mrs. Roscoe OVERMYER, of Rochester; Mrs. O. G. GIBBONS, also of Rochester; Mrs. Morton FREESE, of LaPorte; Miss Bessie FLAGG at home; and Mrs. George BABCOCK, of Culver; three brothers, Cleve [FLAGG], of Mishawaka; Glen [FLAGG] at home and Wayne [FLAGG], of Culver. Another brother preceded Mrs. Cooper in death.

Rites will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Richland Center church with Rev. A. L. VERMILLION officiating. Burial will be made in the Richland Center cemetery.

The body will be removed from the Foster funeral home to her residence at noon Thursday.

Dr. Arthur N. Baker

Logansport, Ind., March 22 (INS) - Dr. Arthur N. BAKER, 75, a prominent optometrist, died at the Cass county hospital here today after a brief illness.

Dr. Baker, who was engaged in practice at Logansport for 48 years, was prominently known throughout the state.

Born in Culver, Ind., Dr. Baker was graduated from Ophthalmic college of Chicago in 1895. Later he took post graduate courses at Northern Illinois college, Ohio State university, and Chicago Eye institute.

Dr. Baker was a brother-in-law of the late Clark CONDON of this city.

Thursday, March 23, 1944

Dessie D. Chambers

Mrs. Dessie D. CHAMBERS passed away 6:10 Wednesday evening at her home, 530 1/2 North Main street, this city. Death was attributed to asthma, following a brief illness. Mrs. Chambers had been a resident of this city throughout her entire life.

Dessie D. [JOHNSTON], daughter of Henry H. "Posey" and Susan (SHIVELEY) JOHNSTON, was born in Rochester, February 15th, 1887. She is survived by her husband, Earl M. CHAMBERS, and a son, Thomas E. WRIGHT, Jr., by her first marriage to Thomas WRIGHT, [who] is with the U. S. armed forces in India.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon, two o'clock at the Val Zimmerman memorial chapel. Rev. B. T. BRADLEY and Rev. Frederick YEAZEL will officiate. Interment will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Friday, March 24, 1944

Ward Truman Hoffman

Ward Truman HOFFMAN, 63, life long resident of Argos, passed away at his home 209 East Plum street, at 2:45 a.m. today. Death resulted from a heart ailment following a few week's illness.

Mr. [Hoffman] was born in Argos June 18, 1880, the son of Jacob and Anna HOFFMAN. On Oct. 24, 1908, he was united in marriage with Leona COX. The deceased was a member of the Argos Christian church.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, Sgt. Ermel HOFFMAN of Camp Butler, N.C., and Pvt. James HOFFMAN of Fort Eustis, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Agnes SEIDER of Walkerton; two brothers, Lawrence [HOFFMAN], of South Bend and Carl [HOFFMAN] of Plymouth; three step-daughters, Mrs. Mary KNAUSE of Argos, Mrs. Helen BONESCUTTER of Marion, Ohio, and Mrs. Bessie LANE of South Bend; a step-son, Clarence COX of South Bend, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Grossman funeral home. Rev. Ernest TREBER will officiate and interment will be in the Maple Grove cemetery. The body lies in state at the Grossman funeral home where friends may call.

Edward Stingely

Edward STINGELY, 57, died at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night at his home, a mile east of Fulton. He had been ill one day following a cerebral hemorrhage.

Born in Liberty township, October 14, 1886, his parents were Jacob and Sadie STINGELY.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge and the K. of P. lodge here.

Survivors are three brothers and two sisters, Grover [STINGELY], at home; Ray [STINGELY], Decatur, Ind.; Verl [STINGELY], of Fulton; Mrs. Gertie MILLS, of Fulton; Essie [STINGELY] at home.

The body was taken to the residence today from the Ditmire funeral home and final rites will be held Sunday at 2 o'clock from the residence with the Rev. Franklin ARTHUR officiating. Burial will be in Fulton cemetery.

Saturday, March 25, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, March 27, 1944

Marvin D. Anderson

GRANDSON OF LOCAL COUPLE IS MISSING

Mr. and Mrs. William ANDERSON, who reside west of this city, were notified Saturday night that their grandson, Sgt. Marvin D. ANDERSON, of LaCrosse, has been missing in action over Germany since March 4.

Sgt. Anderson was a gunner on a Flying Fortress, and had participated in a number of raids over the continent. He attended Rochester public schools for some time and is a graduate of LaCrosse High school.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. ANDERSON of LaCrosse.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 27, 1944]

Tuesday, March 28, 1944

Oren M. "Buster" Smith

FORMER MACY YOUTH IS KILLED IN ACTION

The War department today released word that S. Sgt. Oren M. "Buster" SMITH, son of Mrs. Harriette SMITH of box 23, Macy, has been killed in action in the European theatre of operations.

The casualty list released by the War department included names of 468 United States soldiers killed in action. This included casualties in the Asiatic, Central Pacific, European, Mediterranean, North American, South Pacific and Southwest Pacific areas.

Mary Alice Fenstermaker

Mary Alice FENSTERMAKER, 66, died Monday at her home in Jonesboro, where she had resided for the past 11 years. Before moving to Jonesboro, Mrs. Fenstermaker resided at Fulton, and left a host of friends in that community.

She is survived by her husband, Benton FENSTERMAKER; a daughter, Mrs. John GUYER, of East Chicago; and a son, Marion FENSTERMAKER, at home.

Rites will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the home in Jonesboro. Burial will be made in the Fulton cemetery.

James D. Davis

James D. "Bert" DAVIS, 61, died Monday afternoon at 12:15 o'clock at his home one mile south of Argos on U. S. Highway 31, death being attributed to a heart ailment following an illness of over six months.

He was born July 16, 1882, in Marshall county, the son of James and Martha DAVIS.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Cora WICKIZER, of Argos.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Umbaugh funeral home in Argos with the Rev. Ernest TREBER of the Christian church officiating. Interment will be made in the Maple Grove cemetery.

The body lies in state at the Umbaugh funeral home.

Wednesday, March 29, 1944

[no obits]

Thursday, March 30, 1944

Lusetta Summers

Fulton County Sheriff Frank J. SUMMERS today revealed that his mother, Lusetta SUMMERS, 80, died Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock in her home in Noble county near Churubusco.

Death of the well-known Noble county resident followed a lingering illness of over six months. Her husband preceded her in death in 1926.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and interment will be in the Eel River cemetery south of Churubusco.

Friday, March 31, 1944

[no obits]

Saturday, April 1, 1944

Kate Kaylor

Mrs. Clem [Kate] KAYLOR passed away Saturday morning at her home in South Bend, Ind. Death resulted from a heart attack suffered but a short time earlier. Prior to this fatal attack, Mrs. Kaylor was apparently enjoying her usual good health. For the past several weeks she was a volunteer driver of a Red Cross ambulance for the St. Joseph county organization.

Kate [PARKER], daughter of William and Florence PARKER, was born in Rochester on Dec. 16, 1898. On Aug. 16, 1916 she was married to Clem KAYLOR in a ceremony solemnized in South Bend. Mrs. Kaylor was a member of the Christian church.

Survivors are her husband, one son, William [KAYLOR], of South Bend; three brothers, Dolph PARKER, of South Bend, Frederick PARKER of Brunswick, Ga., and Russell H. PARKER of this city; and three sisters, Mrs. Retha WEBER, of Cornell, N.Y., Mrs. Mary PEDIGO, of Indianapolis and Mrs. Helen GENTHER of Huntington, Ind.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed as this edition of The News-Sentinel went to press.

Monday, April 3, 1944

Mrs. Kaylor Rites

Funeral services for Mrs. Clem KAYLOR, formerly Kate PARKER of this city, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Arvin funeral home in South Bend. Interment will be made in the Highland cemetery at South Bend. Several Rochester relatives and friends will attend the services.

Tuesday, April 4, 1944

Beverly Lynch

Beverly LYNCH, 63, well known Rochester laborer, died late last night at the Fulton County Home after a lingering illness. A complete obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition of The News-Sentinel.

Brenda K. Gordon

Brenda K. [GORDON], little daughter of Walter and Ruth GORDON, passed away two o'clock Monday afternoon at her home in Argos. Death resulted from complications following four days' illness. Brenda was born in Argos, Feb. 16, 1942.

Survivors are her parents, two brothers, Walter Lee [GORDON] and Larry Gene [GORDON], at home, and her grandparents.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Umbaugh funeral home in Argos. Rev. JONES of Culver officiated and interment was made in the Poplar Grove cemetery, near Culver.

James Mack

James MACK, 83, died at 6:30 o'clock this morning at the Fulton County Home, of complications following a year's illness.

Mr. Mack was born September 10, 1860, near Fulton county, the son of Edward and Mary Jane (KELLY) MACK.

The lifelong resident of this county was employed as a laborer in Fulton and Cass counties.

Surviving are two half-brothers, Frank MACK and Leo MACK, both of Logansport; two half-sisters, Mrs. Sophia PHILLIPS, of Benzonia, Mich.; and Mrs. Cora HENDERSON, of Boine City, Mich.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Foster funeral home with Rev. David LIVENGOOD officiating. Interment will be made at the [Moon] cemetery near Rochester.

The body will remain at the Foster funeral home where friends may call.

Wednesday, April 5, 1944

Beverly Lynch

Beverly LYNCH, 63, who died at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Fulton county infirmary, was a lifelong resident of Fulton county and for a number of years operated a second-hand shop in this city. Death of the well-known Rochester man was attributed to complications following several months illness.

The deceased was born in Rochester, February 19th, 1881, the son of William and Diana (SANN) LYNCH.

For a number of years he has been employed in this vicinity as a laborer.

Surviving are his wife and six children, Dianna [LYNCH], Cathran [LYNCH], Anna [LYNCH], Irene [LYNCH], Harold [LYNCH] and Shirley [LYNCH], a half-sister, Mrs. Charles E. COPLEN, of near Rochester.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete as yet. The body lies in state at the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home.

Rosanna Bartlett

Rosanna [BARTLETT], three-year-old daughter of Maurice and Lucille (ROBBINS) BARTLETT, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at her home in Macy of toxima. Death followed an illness of one week.

She was born April 18, 1941, at Macy.

Survivors are the parents, four brothers, Weldon [BARTLETT], Byron [BARTLETT], Glenn [BARTLETT] and James [BARTLETT], all at home; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. William McELLUR of Macy, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray ROBBINS of Chili.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Macy Methodist church, Rev. R. M. BROCK of Peru officiating, assisted by Rev. C. DUNLAP. Interment will be in the Plainview cemetery in Macy.

The body is at the Klinis funeral home in Denver and will be removed to the residence at 7:00 o'clock this evening where it will remain until the time of the services.

Thursday, April 6, 1944

Beverly Lynch Rites

Rites for Beverly LYNCH, 63 year old county laborer, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home with Rev. David LIVENGOOD officiating. Burial was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery, west of this city.

Albert Bussert

Albert BUSSERT, 82, well known Fulton county resident, died at 7:20 o'clock this morning in the Stansbury nursing home here after an illness of about two months. Death of the elderly county man was attributed to complications.

Mr. Bussert had made his home on route 1, Rochester, in the Woodrow community since he moved to this vicinity nine years ago from Akron.

He was born June 3, 1861 in Kosciusko county, the son of John and Mary (SARBER) BUSSERT. He united in marriage November 15, 1882 at Burket, Indiana, to Anna BUSSERT, who preceded him in death in 1940.

The deceased was a retired farmer and a member of the United Brethren church of Fulton.

Survivors include: one son, Ora BUSSERT, of the Woodrow community; a grandson, Pvt. Harry Luther BUSSERT, of Shreveport, La., and a granddaughter, Betty Lee [BUSSERT], at home.

Rites will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Rev. LIVENGOOD officiating. Burial will be made in the Fulton Plainview cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home where friends may call.

Dora Gerst

Funeral services for Dora GERST, 76, who suffered a fatal heart attack at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday while enroute to the business district of Rochester, will be held at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home with Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD officiating. Interment will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery west of this city.

Death came to the well-known local woman Wednesday following a lingering illness of two years.

She was born June 15, 1867 in Newcastle township, the daughter of Conrad and Sarah (KING) HAIMBAUGH. She was united in marriage in 1892 to Edward GERST in a ceremony solemnized in Albany, New York. Mr. Gerst preceded his wife in death a few years ago.

Mrs. Gerst had a wealth of friends in Rochester and vicinity and had lived here most of her life.

The deceased was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in New York state.

Surviving are: a sister, Mrs. William VERNETT, of Mentone; a brother, Thomas HAIMBAUGH, also of Mentone; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The body lies in state at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home where friends may pay their respects.

Anna Wilhoit

Mrs. Anna WILHOIT received word late Wednesday of the death of her sister, Mrs. Adeline MILLER, 78, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edna TULLIS, in Three Rivers, Mich. Death occurred Tuesday night after a long illness.

The deceased for many years resided at Gilead but had made her home with her daughter for the past three years.

Survivors are the daughter, Mrs. Tullis, a son, Roy MILLER of Gilead, and two sisters, Mrs. Wilhoit, and Miss Ida HOFFMAN of Glendale, Calif. Mrs. Noah HOFFMAN of Rochester is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Miller. Joe WILHOIT and Clyde HOFFMAN are nephews and Mrs. Charles FLAGG, Jr., is a niece.

Funeral services and interment will take place at Gilead, today.

Friday, April 7, 1944

Albert Bussert Rites

Rites for Albert BUSSERT will be held at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home Saturday at 2:30 p.m., Rev. David LIVENGOOD officiating.

Saturday, April 8, 1944

Dorothy Souder Rites

Funeral services for Dorothy SOUDER will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Akron Church of God, Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Burial will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery in Rochester. The body will lie in state at the Moyer funeral home until the hour of the funeral.

Vincent Brockey

Friends here were shocked today to learn of the death of Vincent BROCKEY of South Bend, who passed away at 4:40 o'clock this morning at the Epworth hospital in that city.

Survivors include his wife, Ann [BROCKEY]; two brothers, Verdie BROCKEY of this city, and Charles BROCKEY of South Bend; a sister, Mrs. Pearl SCHULMEYER of South Bend; five children, Bruce BROCKEY, Mrs. Tessie SWARTZ, Mrs. Dessie CRAMBLET, Mrs. Hazel CHAMBERS and Mrs. Mamie APPLGATE, all of South Bend.

Monday, April 10, 1944

Flora D. Campbell

Rochester friends have received word of the death of Mrs. James G. CAMPBELL, which occurred Saturday at her home in Greencastle, Ind. Mrs. Campbell was the wife of Dr. James G. CAMPBELL, who was minister of the Rochester Methodist church for several years around 1908 to 1912, or possibly to a later date.

Mrs. Flora D. CAMPBELL was a native of Crawfordsville and daughter of John J. DARTER, prominent speaker. She studied music and dramatics in this country and in France and read in the first performances of Ben Hur, receiving commendations from Gen. Lew Wallace, its author.

Surviving are the husband, Dr. James G. Campbell; two brothers, John J. DARTER of Crawfordsville and Coblett DARTER of South Bend, and two daughters, Miss Kathleen CAMPBELL of Vincennes, and Mrs. Marjorie PENA of Miami, Fla.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the home in Greencastle.

Logan Sisters Die Three Hours Apart, One Here

Logansport, Ind., April 10 - Double funeral rites will be held here tomorrow for two sisters, 88 and 86 years of age, who died yesterday within a three-hour period.

Miss Rosanna McTAGGART, 86, died at the home of a niece, Mrs. Foss SMITH, in Fort Wayne, while Mrs. Sarah McGREEVY, 88, her sister, died three hours later at the home of a friend, James J. McGREEVY, at Lake Manitou. Until a year ago, the two sisters had lived together in Logansport for 12 years.

Tuesday, April 11, 1944

Ira Price

Ira PRICE, age 74, a resident of Argos and community all his life, died in the state hospital at Logansport early this morning after a lengthy illness.

The well-known Marshall county resident was born west of Argos in 1870, the son of Silas and Jemima PRICE.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Della LOLOMAUGH of Argos and Mrs. Elizabeth SNYDER of South Bend.

Funeral services will be held from the Umbaugh funeral home Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Eepest TREBER of the Argos Christian church officiating. Interment will be in the Maple Grove cemetery in Argos.

Wednesday, April 12, 1944

[no obits]

Thursday, April 13, 1944

Mrs. Otis Hunter

Mrs. Otis HUNTER of this city has received word of the death of her uncle, Alf GOSS, who died Wednesday at a Fort Wayne hospital. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1:30 o'clock in Columbia City.

For many years Mr. Goss lived in and around Rochester where he was well known as a stock buyer and auctioneer. A daughter, Mrs. Maude BLACKBURN of this city, preceded him in death several years ago.

Shelby A. Howard

Shelby A. HOWARD, 78, of Argos, passed away Thursday morning at the Parkview hospital, Plymouth. He had been in a serious condition for the past several days. The deceased had been a resident of the Argos community for over 20 years.

Mr. Howard was born in Johnson county, Indiana, on July 4, 1865. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. David HOWARD. On Sept. 17, 1892 he was united in marriage with Eunice MILLER. For many years Mr. Howard was a section foreman on the Nickel Plate railroad. He was a member of the Methodist church of Tipton, Ind.

Surviving are his wife, of Argos; three children, Mrs. Dorothy JUNG of Argos, Russell HOWARD of Plymouth and Eugene HOWARD of Peru; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild and several sisters and brothers.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Grossman funeral home in Argos. Rev. Roscoe WILSON will officiate and burial will be made in the Tyner, Ind. cemetery.

Friday, April 14, 1944

[no obits]

Saturday, April 15, 1944

Double Rites for Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howard

Double funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Grossman funeral home in Argos for Mr. and Mrs. Shelby HOWARD, who died recently at Argos. Burial will be made in the Tyner cemetery.

Mr. Howard succumbed Thursday morning, and Mrs. Howard died at 10:30 o'clock last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy JUNG. Mrs. Howard, aged 73, had been ill for over seven months, death resulting from complications following a stroke suffered last October.

Born June 3, 1870, in Hancock county, she was the daughter of Thomas and Mary MILLER. She was united in marriage Sept. 17, 1892, to Shelby A. HOWARD in a ceremony at Hartford City.

The deceased for many years had made her home in Tyner until sudden illness forced her to move to Argos last October.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Methodist church, both of Tyner.

Relatives include the daughter, Mrs. Jung; two sons, Russell HOWARD of Plymouth and Eugene HOWARD of Peru; two brothers, Charles MILLER of Marion and Fletcher MILLER of Upland; three sisters, Mrs. Katie WALKER and Mrs. Ada HOLMAN, both of Marion, and Mrs.

Maude DRAKE, of Gas City; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
The body lies in state at the Grossman funeral home.

Monday, April 17, 1944

Mary Ann Savage

Mary Ann SAVAGE, 83, of near Culver, died at 11:00 p.m. Sunday at her home on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee, death being attributed to complications.

The well-known Marshall county resident [Mary Ann LISTENBURGER] was born March 4, 1861, in Kosciusko county, the daughter of John and Liva LISTENBURGER. She was united in marriage to Daniel SAVAGE, March 4, 1883, who preceded her in death in 1925.

The deceased left a host of acquaintances throughout northern Indiana and was a member of the Santa Ann Methodist church.

Survivors include six children: Charles [SAVAGE] and Millie SAVAGE, at home; Stephen SAVAGE, Alan SAVAGE and Mrs. Lettie OVERMYHER, all of Culver, and Lloyd SAVAGE of South Bend; two sisters, Mrs. Callie ALEY of Culver and Mrs. Amanda KING of Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Maxinkuckee church. Burial will be made at the Poplar Grove cemetery east of Culver.

The body will be returned to her home from the Grossman funeral home in Argos Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday, April 18, 1944

Ida B. Arnold

Mrs. Ida B. ARNOLD, 74, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Porter convalescent home, 220 Dixon street, Plymouth, Ind. Death resulted from a cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Arnold had resided in Plymouth for the past two years; prior to that time all of her life had been spent in the vicinity of Tiosa.

[Ida B. MERLEY] the daughter of George and Sarah MERLEY, was born on a farm near Tiosa on Aug. 26, 1869. Her husband, Joseph ARNOLD, who was a veteran of the Civil war, passed away 40 years ago. The deceased was a member of the Tiosa Brethren church. Several cousins survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Tiosa Brethren church and interment will be in the Richland Center cemetery. The body will lie in state at the Johnson & Son funeral home, Plymouth, until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Frank Ballenger

Frank BALLENGER, 83-year-old Rochester resident died at 10:30 o'clock this morning in the Stansbury nursing home of pneumonia. Death followed a lingering illness of several years.

His home was at 301 East 14th street. He was born August 28, 1860 in Kosciusko county, the son of William and Lally (JUDD) BALLENGER. He was united in marriage in 1891 to Margaret McINTYRE in a ceremony solemnized in this city. Mrs. Ballenger preceded her husband in death December 9, 1943.

Mr. Ballenger's family moved to this city when he was young, and he has maintained a residence here since that time. The deceased was a retired laborer.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Sarah BOLDMAN, of Warsaw; four sons, William

[BALLENGER], of Macy; Allen [BALLENGER] and Oliver [BALLENGER], both of Rochester; Thomas [BALLENGER], of Boggsstown, Ind.; a sister, Mrs. Frank WHITE, of near Akron; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home. Rev. POWELL will officiate. Burial will be made in the Rochester Citizens cemetery.

Israel Landis

Israel LANDIS, 84, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harmon BUCHER, east of Akron, at 7:45 o'clock Monday morning, death being attributed to complications.

The lifelong Fulton county resident was born March 7, 1860, to Henry and Lavina LANDIS. His wife preceded him in death several years ago.

Survivors include three daughters, Elsie SAMPSON of South Bend, Mrs. Bucher and Mrs. Jessie PAXTON of Akron; four sons, Frank [LANDIS] of Walkerton, Dowd [LANDIS] of Akron, Weber [LANDIS] of Rochester and Theodore [LANDIS] of Akron; a brother, Edwin [LANDIS] of Akron; a sister, Mrs. Eliza BOWMAN of Akron, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Log Bethel church in Akron at 2:00 o'clock Thursday, Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Interment will be held in the Log Bethel cemetery.

The body will be removed to the home of Mrs. Bucher Wednesday evening.

Marjory E. Parke

Marjory E. PARKE, 92, died at 3:15 a.m. Monday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry BERRIMAN, west of Gilead. Death was due to complications following a lengthy illness.

The deceased [Mary E. CRISLER] was born January 27, 1852, the daughter of Hamilton and Mary CRISLER. Her husband preceded her in death a number of years ago. Survivors are three daughters, Gertrude HERRIMAN, of Gilead; Flora PARKE, of Hammond, Mrs. Lillian BARKER, of Elkhart; a brother, Arch CRISLER; and 5 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Rites will be held at Rensselaer Wednesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Fred VINCENT, assisted by Rev. MOORE, officiating. Burial will be made in the North Star cemetery. Short services will be held at the home of Mrs. Herriman earlier in the afternoon.

The body will lie in state at the Herriman residence where friends may call.

Wednesday, April 19, 1940

Thursday, April 20, 1944

Harold Glen Garman

FORMER KEWANNA MAN MISSING OVER EUROPE

First Lt. Harold Glen GARMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrow GARMAN of Mishawaka, has been reported missing in action after a raid over the continent. The brief statement by the War department revealed no further details of the raid in which the bomber was lost. Lt. Garman was a navigator on a Flying Fortress.

Mr. and Mrs. Garman, former Kewanna residents, have three other sons in the armed service: Herbert L. [GARMAN], with the U. S. Army in England; Charles D. [GARMAN], machinist first class stationed at Philadelphia, Pa., and John [GARMAN], stationed with the U. S. Navy at San Diego, Calif. Mrs. Margaret ZIMPLEMAN and Leroy GARMAN of Kewanna are grandparents of the missing youth.

Herman E. Browser

TWELVE MILE SOLDIER DIES IN ANZIO FIGHTING

Pfc. Herman E. BROWSER, 30, was killed in action in Italy on March 4, according to a telegram received by his sister, Mrs. Bernice GRABLE of Twelve Mile, route 1.

He was in the infantry and was known to have been on the Anzio beachhead since the latter part of January. No details were given in the government message but it is assumed he died in the fighting in that area.

Brower [sic] was born on May 4, 1913, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George BROWER, near Twelve Mile. He graduated from Twelve Mile High school in 1930 and was a member of the basketball team during his junior and senior years.

He entered the Army on June 17, 1942, and was stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison for six months, then going to Camp Butner, N.C., for basic training, and later to Camp Shenango, Pa. He went overseas in August of 1943, first to North Africa and then to Italy.

Albert McLochlin, Jr.

KILLED IN ACTION

Word has been received in the Kewanna neighborhood of the death of Sgt. Albert McLOCHLIN, Jr., 19, son of Albert McLOCHLIN, formerly of Gass Creek and now of South Bend. The youth was killed in action in the Admiralty Islands.

Louis "Monk" Ball

S/SGT. LOUIS BALL REPORTED KILLED IN SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

A terse telegram from the War Department late Thursday revealed that Staff Sergeant Louis "Monk" BALL, formerly of this city, had been killed in action. The concise message received by Mrs. Rethal Ball, of Akron, stated briefly that her 26-year-old son had been killed somewhere in New Guinea on April 9th.

Sgt. Ball served as a tail gunner on a B-24 bomber in the Far Eastern theatre of operations and it is presumed that he died in a plane crash somewhere in the Pacific.

The former Rochester resident had once before, on October 18, 1943, been reported "missing in action" by the War Department, only to escape 11 days later from steaming Solomon island jungles. After his New Guinea based plane had been forced down, Sgt. Ball and companions fought disease and insect infested brushland through a small island in the Solomons group before emerging on civilization 11 days later.

Brother Long Missing

The tragic death of the youthful Fulton county man is the second case of the war striking the Ball family. Private Norval "Killer" BALL, well known in northern Indiana boxing circles as a bantamweight fighter, is still missing somewhere in the southwest Pacific. No word has been heard from the former prizefighter since the War Department announced him as missing in action January 6, 1943. Like his brother, Pvt. Ball was a tail gunner on a large American bomber.

Staff Sergeant Louis Ball was born in Rochester on December 11, 1917, the son of Norval and Rethal BALL. He was employed by the Buick Company in Chicago prior to his induction into the service October, 1942. He was sent overseas last August. The deceased was a member of the Trinity Evangelical church of this city.

Surviving are the mother; one sister, Miss Willodean BALL, of Akron; three brothers, Barton [BALL], South Bend; Robert, Chicago; and Sgt. Hovey James [BALL], now on his way overseas with the United States Army.

Sgt. Hovey Ball is also a tail gunner on a bomber with the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Friday, April 21, 1944

Robert Loran Barker

Robert Loran BARKER, 52, former resident of this city, passed away Thursday morning at his home in Brooklyn, N.Y., following a two-weeks illness. Mr. Barker left Rochester about 17 years ago. For a number of years he was employed as a decorator by the firm of Van Dien and Goodrich.

Robert Loran, son of L. C. and Mary Ann (MARSH) BARKER, was born Sept. 17, 1891, at Marstown, Ind. About 28 years ago he was united in marriage with Minnie EDINGTON and to this union one daughter, Velma [BARKER], was born.

Survivors are the wife and daughter, of Brooklyn, and a brother, Lee BARKER, of this city.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery. The body will lie in state at the funeral home after 4:30 p.m. Saturday until the hour of the services.

Saturday, April 22, 1944

Bessie Mae Walters

Mrs. Bessie Mae WALTERS, 68, lifelong resident of Fulton county, died at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at her home eight miles northwest of Rochester in Richland township. She was the wife of Perry WALTERS, well known county farmer.

Mrs. Walters [Bessie Mae NEFF] was born in Fulton county on March 26, 1876, the daughter of David and Mary NEFF and has resided in the county the remainder of her lifetime. She was united in marriage to Perry Walters on March 26, 1898 in a ceremony solemnized in this city.

The deceased leaves a host of friends and acquaintances throughout the county, and was a member of the Richland Center Methodist church.

Surviving are the husband; two sons, Robert [WALTERS], of Rochester, and Lt. Russell WALTERS, of Camp Rucker, Ala.; two grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Emma WILDERMUTH, of Macy, and Mrs. Della EAST, of this city. A daughter preceded her in death.

The body was removed to the Ora Foster funeral home and was returned to the residence at noon today where friends may call.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church at Richland Center. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Rochester.

Willard Belt

Rochester friends have received word of the death of Willard BELT, 67, of Roachdale, Ind. Mr. Belt was a former resident of this city. While here he was employed at the Mandelco photo studio. He was a bachelor.

Monday, April 24, 1944

Roger Wesley Summers

Funeral services for Roger Wesley SUMMERS, six-months-old son of Pvt. and Mrs. Chauncey SUMMERS of this city, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Foster funeral home with Rev. C. J. COVERSTONE officiating. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Rochester.

The infant died at 1:40 a.m. Saturday at his home at 207 West 13th street of intestinal flu after

an illness of 12 hours. He was born October 5, 1943.

Surviving are the parents and a brother, William Lee [SUMMERS]; the paternal grandparents, Sheriff and Mrs. Frank SUMMERS and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John GOOD.

Pvt. Summers returned today for the funeral from his camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Tuesday, April 25, 1944

Alsinius Harsh

Funeral services for Alsinius HARSH, 72, were held at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon in the Bubb chapel in Mishawaka. Interment was made in Mishawaka.

Relatives in Akron received word Monday of Mr. Harsh's death, which occurred at his home in Mishawaka Sunday afternoon.

He was born in Akron Sept. 6, 1871, and had resided in Mishawaka since 1954. His widow survives.

Before his death the former Akron man had been employed as a bootmaker.

Wednesday, April 26, 1944

William P. "Bill" Weissert

DIES IN CRASH

Pfc. Forrest W. "Bill" WEISSERT, flying mechanic of the Army Air Corps, stationed at Ardmore, Okla., was killed Monday night in a crash of a Flying Fortress at Ardmore. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William WEISSERT of Bourbon, and a nephew of L. D. McGRIFF of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 26, 1944]

William P. Ross

William P. "Bill" ROSS, a pioneer businessman of Rochester, suffered a fatal heart attack around 4:15 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, while he was at work in the office of the Ross Bros. Garage and Machine Works, 403 E. 8th street.

The aged man's body was found slumped beside a chair by a carrier boy who had called to leave the evening newspaper. Dr. M. O. KING was immediately summoned and death was found to have resulted from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Ross had been in failing health for the past several years.

William P., son of David and Sarah ROSS, was born in this city Sept. 18, 1868, and had resided here throughout his entire life. On Sept. 12, 1894, he was united in marriage with Anna A. HEFFLEY. The deceased was a member of Rochester Grace Methodist church and the I.O.O.F. lodge, both of this city. He had belonged to all branches of the Odd Fellows and served several terms as trustee. Mr. Ross was also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Held Several Offices

For many years Mr. Ross was active in the political affairs of the city and county and he was a member of the town board and later city councilman. He also served as a member of the Rochester township advisory board and from 1898 until 1901 he was the fire chief of the then town of Rochester. Mr. Ross's political activities were affiliated with the Republican party.

The Ross foundry, which was one of Rochester's first important industries, was founded by Mr. Ross's father many years ago and when the automobile supplanted the horse and buggy era in this community, the Ross brothers operated one of the first auto agencies in this section of the

state.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Anna A. ROSS, 819 Madison street, this city; two brothers, Albert [ROSS] and Roy [ROSS], both of this city; a sister, Mrs. Ella TIPPY of Talma; three grandchildren, William ROSS of Purdue university and Barbara [ROSS] and Thelma ROSS of Dallas, Texas. A son, Walter [ROSS], preceded him in death several years ago.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Val Zimmerman Memorial chapel with Rev. Hugh McGLASSON and Rev. Daniel S. PERRY officiating. Burial will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The body was taken to the Memorial chapel where it will lie in state until the hour of the services.

Meta Ackerman

Mrs. Meta ACKERMAN, Kewanna resident, died at 7 o'clock this morning in the Riley hospital at Indianapolis, death being attributed to complications following a lengthy illness. The well-known Fulton county lady was removed to the hospital from her home Sunday.

Thursday, April 27, 1944

Mermetta Ackerman

Funeral services for Mrs. Mermetta ACKERMAN, aged 58, will be held from the Kewanna Methodist church Friday at 2:00 p.m., with Rev. REEDY, former pastor of the church, officiating. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery in Kewanna.

Death of the lifelong Kewanna resident came suddenly at 7:00 o'clock Wednesday morning in the Methodist hospital in Indianapolis where she had been taken for treatment Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ackerman was ill several months preceding her death.

The well-known county lady was born Feb. 6, 1886 at Kewanna, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William LISEY, and has resided in the Kewanna community her entire life. She was united in marriage Feb. 6, 1922 to Jacob ACKERMAN in a ceremony in Kewanna. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago.

The deceased had a host of friends throughout the county and was a member of the Kewanna Methodist church, Order of Eastern Star and the Rebekah lodge.

Survivors include a brother, John LISEY of Detroit, Mich; two sisters, Mrs. Lulu WHARTON of New Carlisle and Mrs. Jessie URBIN of Kewanna; four nephews, and four nieces.

A daughter, Martha Mermetta ACKERMAN, and a brother, Harry LISEY, both preceded Mrs. Ackerman in death.

The body was taken to the Ackerman home this afternoon where friends may call.

Francis Edward Smith

Francis Edward SMITH, 52, died at 11:15 o'clock Wednesday night in the Woodlawn hospital here after a heart attack suffered earlier in the evening. Mr. Smith was stricken while working on his farm one mile north of Akron last evening and was removed to the hospital.

A lifelong resident of the Akron vicinity, he was born Oct. 15, 1891, north of Akron to Everett and Katherine (SAUSAMAN) SMITH. He was married to Stella SKINNER, who survives.

The deceased was well-known in and around Akron and worked as a farmer.

Survivors include his wife and father, Everett Smith; a son, Ernest [SMITH], of Akron; a daughter, Mrs. Richard COPLEN, north of Akron; three brothers, Cecil [SMITH], of Silver Lake,

Fred [SMITH] of South Bend and Emmet [SMITH] of Indianapolis; a half-brother, John W. CRAIG, of Cleveland, Ohio, and six grandchildren.

Rites will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Akron Methodist church with Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH, assisted by Rev. CONAWAY, officiating. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery west of Akron.

Friday, April 28, 1944

Robert A. Robbins

ROCHESTER MAN KILLED IN ACTION OVER PACIFIC

According to a War department telegram received Thursday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Wright A. ROBBINS of 712 Pontiac street, their son, Lieut. Robert A. ROBBINS, 25, had been killed in action somewhere over the Pacific. The notification further revealed that Robbins had died April 1. News of the local man's death came to Lt. Robbins' wife, who resides in Niles, Mich.

The local man was a pilot of a Flying Fortress and had been serving overseas for several months. He received his silver wings a year ago at Altus, Okla., and went overseas in the fall of 1943.

A graduate of the Greenwood, Ind., High school, he attended the Kalamazoo, Mich., teachers' college, Purdue university and graduated from the University of Minnesota. At the time of his induction into the Army he was employed by the Bendix Corp. in South Bend.

He was united in marriage Christmas day, 1942, to Miss Marjorie McKINNEY of Niles, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, parents and a sister, Mrs. Charles MURPHY of this city.

The Robbins family moved to Rochester from Edwardsburg, Mich., two years ago.

[NOTE: Robert Robbins, 25, Rochester, killed in action over Pacific Ocean, April 1, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

James A. Wallace

James A. WALLACE, age 75, well-known Fulton county resident, died at 12:00 o'clock last night in the St. Joseph hospital at Logansport following an illness of four days.

Mr. Wallace was born July 27, 1868, near Argos, the son of Henry and Susan WALLACE. Shortly after his birth the family moved to Fulton county where he has resided the remainder of his life. For a number of years he lived in Rochester where he operated a harness shop.

He was united in marriage to Mary NEFF on Feb. 2, 1895, in a ceremony solemnized in this city.

The deceased owned and operated a shoe repair and harness shop in Fulton prior to his death.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Florence AILER of Tiosa and Mrs. Mattie BOWEN of Argos; three daughters, Mrs. Sylvia DITMIRE of Fulton, Mrs. Thelma KOONTZ of Logansport and Mrs. Clara KING of Chicago, Ill.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Sunday at the Ditmire funeral home in Fulton with Rev. Franklin ARTHUR officiating. Burial will be made in the Fulton cemetery.

The body lies in state at the Ditmire funeral home where friends may call.

Saturday, April 29, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, May 1, 1944

Dr. Chester A. Doud

Dr. Chester A. DOUD, 59, died suddenly a 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home in Fulton. The lifelong resident of Fulton was well known in this county and for a number of years practiced dentistry in that town.

He was born Nov. 3, 1884, in Fulton, the son of Brenten and Mary DOUD. Dr. Doud was united in marriage July 16, 1916 to Myrtle KENT in a ceremony at Fulton. Mrs. Doud survives.

The deceased was an active member of the Fulton Baptist church.

Survivors are the wife and two sons, Thomas B. [DOUD], of Hammond, and Wilbur O. [DOUD], of Camp Campbell, Ky.; five brothers, William [DOUD], of Milford, Ill., Bert [DOUD] and Oren [DOUD] of South Bend, Harve [DOUD], of Bluffton and Archie [DOUD], of Monticello; three sisters, Mrs. Jane MILLER of Terre Haute, Mrs. Nora KENT and Mrs. Mabel REED, both of Fulton, and a granddaughter.

A brother, Edward [DOUD], and a sister, Mrs. Della VANATTA, both preceded Dr. Doud in death.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. from the Fulton Baptist church with Rev. Franklin ARTHUR officiating. Burial will be made in th Fulton cemetery.

The body will be removed to the residence today from the Foster funeral home.

Ronald Eugene Fansler

Ronald Eugene [FANSLER], two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl FANSLER, of Kewanna, passed away Sunday afternoon following a few days' illness of complications. The child was born Feb. 29, 1944.

Survivors other than the parents are a sister, Patricia [FANSLER]; a brother, Eddie Joe [FANSLER], both at home, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Olive EDINGTON, of Kewanna.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Kewanna Baptist church with Rev. Hugh HALL officiating. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Kewanna.

Monday, May 1, 1944

Norris Harshbarger

FORMER ROCHESTER AND KEWANNA BOY KILLED

According to word received Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Eunice COPLEN, her nephew, Lieut. K. Norris HARSHBARGER, 21, of Miami Beach, Fla., has been killed in action over Europe. The radio engineer and navigator of a Flying Fortress was a former resident of Rochester and Kewanna. His death occurred while on a bombing mission over the continent April 11.

Lacking in details, the War department telegram telling of Lieut. HARSHBARGER's death was received by his mother, Mrs. Mary BARKMAN BLACKWELL of Miami Beach, who notified her sister, Mrs. Coplen, immediately.

The deceased was born in Rochester and spent his boyhood in this city and Kewanna. He was a graduate of the Riley High school in South Bend.

Enlisting in the Army Air Corps in November, 1942, Lieut. HARSHBARGER received part of his training at Maxwell Field, Ala., and later as an instructor at Wendover Field, Utah. He has been overseas for several months.

Lieut. HARSHBARGER's father, the late K. R. HARSHBARGER, was an office supply salesman in Rochester, Kewanna and South Bend.

Survivors are his mother, his grandfather, M. L. MARKMAN [BARKMAN?] of South Bend, and two aunts, Mrs. Georgia TRASH of Hobart and Mrs. Coplen.

[NOTE: Norris Harshbarger, Kewanna, killed in action over Germany, April 11, 1944 - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

Tuesday, May 2, 1944

Dr. Chester Doud

The funeral services for Dr. Chester DOUD of Fulton have been changed from Thursday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The services will be held in the Fulton Baptist church with Rev. ARTHUR officiating. Burial will be made in the Fulton cemetery.

Gladys Gordon Burn

Mrs. Gladys [SMITH] GORDON BURN, well known business woman and farm owner of this city, passed away at 6:20 o'clock Monday evening at the Ewing nursing home, 719 Madison street. Death was attributed to a heart ailment.

Mrs. Burn became ill a few weeks ago in Indianapolis while enroute home from Sea View, Wash., where she had spent the winter months. She was taken to the St. Vincent hospital in Indianapolis, and was removed to Rochester last Saturday.

For the past several years Mrs. Burn operated a dairy and poultry supply business throughout the central west and in this line of work she had made a wide acquaintance of friends throughout Indiana and Illinois. While on the west coast Mrs. Burn volunteered for watchman duty in the coastal patrol service and was on duty in that capacity for several months.

Gladys [SMITH], daughter of David and Ida ALEXANDER SMITH, was born in Rochester March 31, 1884. With exception of four years residence in Pasco, Wash., all of her life was spent in this community. For many years she resided at her farm home in the Sand Hill neighborhood six miles northwest of this city. She was twice married, first to Joseph GORDON and later to William BURN. Both preceded her in death as did a son, George GORDON.

The deceased was a member of the Christian Science church.

Survivors are five cousins, Mrs. Ada SHERBONDY, Mrs. Harry NORRIS, Mrs. Arthur WILE, Mrs. J. Murray McCARTY, all of this city, and Harry SOUTHARD of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Foster funeral home. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

[NOTE: Jean C. & Wendell C. Tombaugh, *Fulton County Indiana Cemeteries, Rochester I.O.O.F.*: William Heber BURN, beloved husband of Gladys Gordon Burn, b. at Toronto Canada Mar 19, 1860, a descendant from the Scotts of Buccleuch, d. at Rochester, Ind., July 14, 1936; Gladys Gordon, Mar 31, 1884 - May 1, 1944.]

Wednesday, May 3, 1944

Margaret Elliott

Mrs. Margaret ELLIOTT, one of the pioneer residents of Fulton county, passed away a few moments after midnight Wednesday morning at the Ewing nursing home in this city. Death resulted from complications following an illness of several months' duration.

Mrs. Elliott has enjoyed good health most of her life with the exception of the last few years. For 20 years, except for visits to California, she had resided with her daughter, Mrs. Florence HENDRICKSON. Due to her frail condition she came to the Ewing home in December, 1942.

While a resident of Rochester Mrs. Elliott and family resided in their own home on the northwest corner of 13th and Jefferson streets for a long number of years. The deceased had a host of friends throughout Rochester and the western section of Fulton county.

Mrs. Margaret Elliott [Margaret McCAUGHEY] was born May 16, 1851, in Wayne township, Fulton county, the third of ten children born to David and Lavina EDGAR McCAUGHEY. She was the last survivor of that family. More than 50 yers of her life was spent in Wayne township and for more than 25 years she was a resident of Rochester.

Former School Teacher

Mrs. Elliott was educated in "the little red school house" and among her school masters were Joseph SLICK, late of Kewanna, and the late Enoch MYERS, who for years was a prominent attorney of Rochester. For several years she was a teacher in the schools of Fulton county. One year she became champion speller of Fulton county at a spelling match conducted in the court room of the old county court house. Her memory of these times was very keen and in late years she has dictated about 30 stories of early day incidents, recalling Civil war happenings, family events, spelling matches and other neighborhood happenings.

In 1875 she became the wife of David Parker ELLIOTT, and to them four children were born: Clara Belle SMALLEs and Hugh [ELLIOTT], both deceased; Ruth JESSEN of La Canada, Calif., and Frances HENDRICKSON of Wayne township. There are two grandchildren, Margaret [HENDRICKSON] and George HENDRICKSON and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Elliott has been a member of the Presbyterian church all of her life and in point of years was the oldest member of the Rochester church. As long as her health permitted she was active in church work.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Rochester Presbyterian church and interment will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church from 1:30 to 2:30 Friday afternoon and prior to that time the body will repose at the Florance HENDRICKSON home near Kewanna.

Harley Utter

Harley UTTER, 52, died of a heart attack late Tuesday afternoon at his home, two miles west of Akron on state road 14.

Although in ill health for some time, he had been seriously ill only since Monday evening.

Born on a farm in Henry township, his parents were Jacob and Mary UTTER. All his life was spent in this community, where, for a number of years, he was a farmer. For several years he operated a filling station near his home.

Suvivors are the wife, the former Gertrude JOHNSON; five sons and a daughter: Wilbert [UTTER] of Fulton, Harold [UTTER] of Mentone, Dean [UTTER] of Rochester, George [UTTER] of Plymouth, Cleotus [UTTER] in the Army stationed in New Jersey, and Mrs. Josephine SANDERS of Rochester.

Also surviving are two brothers and a sister, Robert [UTTER] and Chester [UTTER], both of near Akron, and Mrs. Carrie KINDIG of Rochester.

No funeral arrangements have been made.

Charles W. Ross

Charles Wesley ROSS, 75, well-known Fulton county farmer, died at 2:15 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home in Fulton. Death was caused by heart trouble. Although Mr. Ross had not been well for many years, his condition became worse last July.

For the past 20 years Mr. Ross has resided in Fulton and for the last few years was a Fulton milk distributor. The deceased had followed farming most of his life in this county and also in

Miami county. At one time Mr. Ross operated a dray in Fulton.

Mr. Ross was born Aug. 10, 1868, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley ROSS. In November, 1898, he was married to Sarah L. EWER, who survives. Last November Mr. and Mrs. Ross observed their golden wedding anniversary.

Survivors besides the widow include a son, Fay ROSS of Green Oak, and a daughter, Eletha HECKATHORN of Fulton.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Mud Creek chapel. Interment will be in the Mud Creek cemetery.

Thursday, May 4, 1944

Eli M. Bromley

Eli M. BROMLEY, 81, well known Fulton and Miami county resident, died at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning in the Reese nursing home at Peru. Death of this Macy resident was attributed to complications following an illness of four months.

He was born August 27, 1863 in Sugarland, Texas. Mr. Bromley was married September 1, 1889 to Della Maude BOYLE, who preceded her husband in death October, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Bromley moved from Sugarland to Macy 18 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John SMITH, of Macy; a sister, Mrs. Albert DAVIS, of Mount Ranier, Oregon; a brother James BROMLEY, of Concordia, Kansas; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the Christian church in Macy Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. S. GOLDEN of Denver, Ind., will officiate. Burial will be made in the Plainview cemetery.

The body will be removed from the Kline funeral home in Denver Friday to the Macy Christian church. Friends may call after 12 o'clock Friday at the church.

Harley Utter

Funeral services for Harley UTTER, 52, of Akron, will be held Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of God in Akron with Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery in Akron. The body will lie in state at the home of his brother, Dean UTTER of Akron, until the time of the funeral. Friends may pay their respects at the Utter residence.

Friday, May 5, 1944

[no obits]

Saturday, May 6, 1944

Ethel M. Shidaker

Miss Ethel Mae SHIDAKER, age 34, life long Fulton county resident, died at 10:50 o'clock this morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas SHIDAKER, route 4, Rochester. Death was attributed to complications following an illness of several years.

She was born June 16, 1910 in the same house in which she died.

Survivors are the parents, a sister, Mrs. Gladys LEAP, at home; two brothers, Lester SHIDAKER, of Kewanna, and Pfc. SHIDAKER of Battle Creek, Mich.; and two nieces.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending word from members of the family.

Monday, May 8, 1944

Cleo Heckaman

Cleo HECKAMAN, 65-year-old Argos resident, died at 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening at the Kelly hospital in Argos, death being due to a heart ailment. The elderly lady suffered an attack at 2:00 p.m. Sunday and was rushed to the hospital where she succumbed.

[Cleo JONES] She was born in Nappanee Sept. 7, 1878, the daughter of David and Mary JONES. In 1904 she was united in marriage to Oliver HECKAMAN in a ceremony at Warsaw.

Mrs. Heckaman moved to a home 1 1/2 miles south of Argos six years ago from Lapaz. The deceased was a member of the Christian church at Millwood, Ind.

Surviving are the husband and three daughters, Mrs. Frank THOMAS of Lapaz, Mrs. Merritt BOWELS of Plymouth and Mrs. Glen STRATFORD of Portland, Ore; four sons, Capt. William J. HECKAMAN of Charleston, S.C., Cpl. Herbert HECKAMAN, stationed in the Panama Canal Zone; Cpl. David L. HECKAMAN of Sioux City, Iowa, and Oliver J. HECKAMAN, Jr., of Plymouth; a sister, Mrs. Ida HARTZELL of Millwood; two brothers, Roscoe JONES of Millwood and Herbert JONES of Longview, Mich., and six grandchildren.

The body was removed to the Grossman Funeral Home yesterday. Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending word from the sons.

Mrs. Thomas D. Scanlon

Mrs. Thomas D. SCANLON, 65, mother of Mrs. A. C. BRADLEY of this city, died at 6:00 o'clock Sunday morning at her home in Indianapolis. Death followed a stroke which Mrs. Scanlon suffered Thursday morning. Although Mrs. Scanlon had never resided in this community she had visited here on numerous occasions and was well known here.

Survivors include her husband, a son at home, and two daughters, one residing in Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Bradley.

Funeral services will be held in Indianapolis Wednesday afternoon and interment will be made in an Indianapolis cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley were called to Indianapolis Thursday morning and were with Mrs. Scanlon at the time of her death.

Araminta S. Bowers

Araminta S. BOWERS, age 80, well-known Rochester resident, died at 1:20 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of her son George, 530 East 13th street, after a lengthy illness. Although Mrs. Bowers had been ill for two years her condition had not been considered critical until Thursday.

[Araminta S. DIETRICH] The daughter of Solomon and Martha DIETRICH, she was born in Winamac on April 4, 1864. She was united in marriage in 1880 to Franklin BOWERS at Winamac. Mr. Bowers preceded his wife in death.

Fourteen years ago Mrs. Bowers moved from Winamac to Rochester to reside with her son.

The deceased was a member of the Winamac Christian church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Fern OWENS of LaPorte; four sons, Joseph [BOWERS] of LaPorte; Theodore [BOWERS] of Lansing, Ill.; Harry [BOWERS] of Fayetteville, N.C., and George [BOWERS] of this city; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rites will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Rochester Christian church with Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD officiating. Interment will be made at 2:00 o'clock the same afternoon in the Crown hill cemetery at Winamac.

The body was removed from the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home to George Bowers' residence at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Tuesday, May 9, 1944

Minnie Belle Marriott

Mrs. Minnie Belle MARRIOTT, 65, wife of Frank L. MARRIOTT, died at 12:45 o'clock this morning at the Woodlawn Hospital in this city. Mrs. Marriott, whose home was six miles northeast of Rochester, had been ill for the past two years. Death was due to complications.

Mrs. Marriott [Minnie Belle COVERT], the daughter of George and Isabell COVERT, was born Nov. 11, 1878, at Mt. Ayr, Ind. In January, 1897, she was married in Francesville to Frank MARRIOTT, who survives. The deceased had been a resident of this community for the past 30 years, coming here from Marshall county.

Survivors besides the husband include three sons, Virgil K. [MARRIOTT] of South Bend, Loren C. [MARRIOTT] at home and Lieut. Archie J. MARRIOTT, stationed somewhere in the Pacific; two daughters, Mrs. Artha B. BLACKETOR of Fulton and Mrs. Bessie E. NAFE of South Bend; nine grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Winnie CASSIDAY of Buffalo and Mrs. Lucy REDINDO of Medaryville. One son, Marion [MARRIOTT], preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Burton Methodist church with the pastor, Rev. Roy GARNER, in charge. Interment will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery in this city. The body will remain at the Foster funeral home until the hour of the services.

Cleo Heckaman

Funeral services for Cleo HECKAMAN, 65, of Argos, who died Sunday evening of heart trouble, will be held at 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Argos Christian church. Rev. Ernest TREBE, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the services, and burial will take place in New Oak Hill cemetery at Plymouth.

The body will remain at the Grossman funeral home in Argos until 2:00 p.m. Thursday when it will be removed to the church where it will lie in state until the time of the funeral.

Ives Lee Beatty

Funeral services for Ives Lee BEATTY, 58-year-old victim of self-inflicted gunshot wounds, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Athens United Brethren church with Rev. R. E. CHRISTLER, pastor of that church, officiating. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery in Akron.

Mr. Beatty's body was found at 5:30 o'clock Monday morning by a son, Loren, who was attracted to the scene by the report of the gun. The weapon, a single barreled shotgun, was found near the aged man's body beside the house.

Acting Coroner Dr. A. E. STINSON was immediately summoned to the Beatty home, 1 mile south of Athens and the body was then removed to the Moyer funeral home in Akron. Dr. Stinson declared death to have been instantaneous, the gun's discharge entering Mr. Beatty's heart.

The deceased was born November 7, 1885 in Indiana and has resided in the Athens neighborhood for the past 20 years. His parents, Lemuel and Catherine (NINE) BEATTY, are deceased. He was united in marriage in 1919 to Louisa SHRIVER, who survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Maurice [BEATTY], in the Navy; Loren [BEATTY] and Bobby [BEATTY], at home; two daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Jean RUFF, of Plymouth, and Phyllis

[BEATTY], at home; two sisters, Mrs. Sadie BERKEY, of Warsaw, and Mrs. Anna BOWSER, of Warsaw; and a brother, Elmer BEATTY, of Elkhart.

Wednesday, May 10, 1944

Roscoe "Ross" Davis

Funeral services for Roscoe "Ross" DAVIS, 57, of Mentone, and formerly of this city, will be held Thursday at 9:30 o'clock in the Reed funeral home in Mentone with Rev. Levi HILL officiating. Burial will be made in the Walton, Ind., cemetery.

Mr. Davis died Monday night in the Mercy hospital at Warsaw of injuries received in an automobile accident Sunday morning.

He was born near Akron July 6, 1886, the son of John and Mary LOWE DAVIS. Twice married, his first wife Norah SNYDER, preceded him in death in 1929 and he later married Ina ADAMS, who survives.

For the majority of his life the well known farmer resided near Rochester, Akron and Silver Lake and for the past year had been employed by the Northern Indiana Co-Op Association.

Survivors are the wife; three daughters, Mrs. Beatrice ENGLE, Akron, Mrs. Dorothy KENNEY, of Leesburg, and Janice DAVIS, at home; seven sons, Robert [DAVIS], of Roann; Joseph [DAVIS], in the Army overseas; Roscoe [DAVIS], Ellis [DAVIS], John [DAVIS], Glen [DAVIS], and Daniel [DAVIS], all at home; two brothers, Clyde [DAVIS] and Forest [DAVIS], both of Akron; two sisters, Mrs. Amy LaMAR, New York, N.Y., and Mrs. C. V. WILHOIT, of Akron. An uncle, Voris LOWE, resides in this city.

The body lies in state at the funeral home where friends may call.

Thursday, May 11, 1944 to Friday, May 12, 1944

[no obits]

Saturday, May 13, 1944

Cordelia Cannam

Mrs. Cordelia CANNAM, 96-year-old Argos resident, died at 1:00 o'clock this morning in the Lafayette Soldiers' home and hospital where she had been a patient for the past four years. Death of the well-known Marshall county woman was attributed to complications following an illness of two months.

Born in Ohio, Mrs. Cannam moved to Argos in her childhood and has resided in that city ever since. Twice married, both husbands preceded Mrs. Cannam in death. Jasper CANNAM, last husband of Mrs. Cannam, passed away Aug. 28, 1923.

The deceased was a member of the Argos Christian church.

Survivors are two sons, Elias CANNAM of South Bend and James OLER of Argos.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 4:00 p.m. from the Grossman funeral home in Argos with Rev. Ernest TREBER of the Christian church officiating. Interment will be made in the Maple Grove cemetery in Argos.

The body has been removed to the Grossman funeral home where friends may call until the hour of the service.

Monday, May 15, 1944 to Tuesday, May 16, 1944

[no obits]

Wednesday, May 17, 1944

Daniel Kebert

Bourbon, Ind., May 17. - While plowing Monday afternoon, Daniel KEBERT, 63, was struck and killed by a bolt of lightning. He was on his tractor in a field near his home at the time. His wife looked out and seeing the tractor standing still, investigated. She found her husband dead.

Mr. Kebert had resided on the farm where he died only six months, moving there from Tyner, Ind. He was born Nov. 28, 1880, in Polk township.

Surviving are his widow, Edna [KEBERT], whom he married May 3, 1902; a son, Ted [KEBERT], of Plymouth; a daughter, Mrs. Alva DEMERT, of Koontz lake; a sister, Mrs. Rose STULL, of Niles, Mich., and three grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Johnson & Son funeral home, Plymouth, where services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday. Rev. Ethel HOLLINGSWORTH will officiate. Burial will be in Oakhill cemetery.

Thursday, May 18, 1944 to Friday, May 19, 1944

[no obits]

Saturday May 20, 1944

Robert Masters

FORMER LOCAL MAN DIES IN TRANSPORT SINKING

Corp. Robert MASTERS, 22, brother of Maxine MASTERS of this city, has been reported officially as being killed in action. The news was received yesterday by his mother, Mrs. Cora MASTERS of Logansport, an employee of the state hospital in that city.

Corp. Masters, who had been reported missing in action since April 20, met his death on that date when his troop transport sunk in the vicinity of Africa. Official news was released in a War department dispatch.

Born Here

The son of William and Cora MASTERS, he was born at Rochester on March 13, 1922, and attended the Fulton elementary school. The family lived at Burlington two years before moving to Logansport.

He worked at the Longcliff hospital in Logansport prior to his entrance into the service in January of 1943. Corp. Masters received training as a member of the Army Medical Corps at Denver, Colo., and Oklahoma City, Okla., before going overseas last month.

The message stating that he was missing, received about three weeks ago, was the first news his mother had heard of him since he left the United States.

His widow, Rosemond [MASTERS], also a former Longcliff employe, to whom he was married two years ago in June, is living with her parents at Shadron, Neb.

Survivors include his mother and widow; two brothers, Harold [MASTERS] at home, and John [MASTERS] in the Army at Amarillo, Texas; four sisters, Maxine [MASTERS], of this city; Mrs. Catherine KEESEY of Indiana Harbor, Helen [MASTERS] at home, and Mrs. Marjorie ANDERSON of Miles City, Mont. His father died last August.

Monday, May 22, 1944

Nola Fern Crabill

Nola Fern CRABILL, seven-year-old daughter of Carl and Alma CRABILL, died suddenly at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon of a heart attack. The child succumbed at her residence, 2 1/2 miles north of Leiters Ford.

She was born Dec. 15, 1936, in Union township and attended school at Leiters Ford.

Surviving are the parents and a brother, Loren [CRABILL], at home, and a grandmother, Mrs. James FUGATE, of Rochester.

Rites will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the Sharon church with Rev. Margaret BAKER officiating. Interment will be made in the [Moon] cemetery.

The body will be removed to the residence from the Foster funeral home this afternoon.

Elizabeth Ellen McWhorter

Elizabeth Ellen McWHORTER, 85-year-old resident, died at 9:45 o'clock Sunday morning in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Karl LUTY, of Bourbon. Death of the well-known Marshall county woman was attributed to a heart ailment following an illness of three weeks.

Born February 15, 1859 in Fulton county, Ohio, [Elizabeth Ellen GRAHAM] was the daughter of Rev. William and Clarissa GRAHAM. She has resided in Marshall county for the past 50 years, moving there from Elkhart county.

Her husband, Charles McWHORTER preceded her in death several years ago.

The deceased was a member of the Bethel church.

Surviving are three daughters, Lola ZUMBAUGH, of Argos; Lidie DAZEY, Strague, Wash.; Wilma LUTY, of Bourbon; two sisters, Miss Hattie GRAHAM, California, and Mrs. Anna APPLE, of Washington; four brothers, J. A. GRAHAM, of California, Emerson [GRAHAM] and Rev. George GRAHAM, of Washington; and Herbert [GRAHAM], of Bourbon; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of the daughter in Bourbon with Rev. J. W. NEAL, Argos, officiating. Burial will be made in the Bethel cemetery.

The body will be removed from the Grossman funeral home in Argos this afternoon to the Luty residence.

John Sherman Harvey

John Sherman HARVEY, 69, of 129 East Fifth street, died Saturday at 10:30 p.m. at the Wabash Railroad hospital in Peru. Mr. Harvey had been ill for several months.

The deceased was born December 22, 1874 in Cass county, the son of Lafayette and Lydina HARVEY. He was married to Minnie E. WATTABAUGH on September 13, 1894. Mr. Harvey was for many years an employee of the Pennsylvania and C. & O. railroads. He moved to this city from Loganspost about 16 years ago and worked here as a carpenter and mason.

Mr. Harvey is survived by a son, Russell [HARVEY], of Evansville; a daughter, Mrs. Eva Grace LANHAM of Caswell; three grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Arthur BRIGGS of Royal Center.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at the Foster funeral home in this city. Rev. Hugh McGLASSON will be in charge of the services.

[NOTE: Jean C. & Wendell C. Tombaugh, *Fulton County Indiana Cemeteries, Rochester I.O.O.F.*: J. Sherman Harvey, 1874-1944.]

Tuesday, May 23, 1944

Florence Helvey

Florence HELVEY, 64, prominent Akron resident, died at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at her home in that city. Death was attributed to cerebral hemorrhage following an illness of over three weeks.

Well known in Fulton county and vicinity, Mrs. Helvey moved to Akron from Tile Town [Perry Twp., Miami Co.] 43 years ago. She was born [Florence ERB] Dec. 16, 1879, in Miami county, the daughter of John and Anna ERB. She was united in marriage Dec. 25, 1900, to Frank HELVEY in a ceremony at Akron. Mr. Helvey survives.

The deceased was a member of the String Town Friendship club in Akron and the Church of God.

Survivors include the husband and five sons: Loren [HELVEY] of Appleton, Wis., John [HELVEY] of South Bend, Sgt. Willis [HELVEY] of Camp Gordon, Ga., Maurice [HELVEY] of Akron and Sgt. Frank [HELVEY], Jr., somewhere in India; a daughter, Mrs. Esther MILLER of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Frank ERB of Chicago, Ill., Clarence ERB of Belzonia, Miss., and Howard ERB of Indianapolis, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the Akron Church of God Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Burial will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery west of Akron.

The body will be removed to the Helvey residence from the Moyer funeral home late tonight. Friends may call at the residence.

Wednesday, May 24, 1944

[no obits]

Thursday, May 25, 1944

Charles M. Munn

Charles [M.] MUNN, 73, lifelong resident of Fulton county, died at 5:15 o'clock Thursday morning at the Parkview hospital, Plymouth. Death was attributed to complications following a serious illness of three weeks. Mr. Munn was well known in the county, having resided on a farm in Richland township for a great number of years.

Born Feb. 14, 1871, in Kosciusko county, he was the son of Charles and Mary MUNN. He was united in marriage April 17, 1898, to Lovisa Maria MUNN in a ceremony solemnized in Marshall county. Mrs. Munn preceded her husband in death several years ago.

The deceased was a retired farmer and a member of the Grandview church. Mr. Munn left a legion of friends throughout Fulton county and surrounding area.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Clara KEESEY of Ocean Park, Calif., Mrs. Ethel SIMONS of Argos; Mrs. Georgia BAKER of Wayne, Mich., and Mrs. Lola SMITH of Argos; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Grandview church. Interment will be made in the Richland Center cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the Foster funeral home here until Saturday night when it will be removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon SMITH, west of Argos.

Friends may call at the Smith home.

Friday, May 26, 1944

Mary Rosetta Leiter

Mary Rosetta LEITER, 71-year-old popular Rochester resident, died at 1:00 o'clock this morning in the Ewing Nursing home here, death resulting from cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Leiter succumbed following an illness of almost a year. She made her permanent residence in the Meader apartments at 700 Pontiac street.

She [Mary Rosetta TAYLOR] was born Oct. 19, 1872, in Kinderhook, Mich., the daughter of William R. and Mary (ROBBINS) TAYLOR. On Jan. 21, 1890, Mrs. Leiters was united in marriage with John Clyde LEITER in a ceremony in this city.

Well known in Fulton county and vicinity, Mrs. Leiter first came to this city from Anderson, Ind., in 1880 and had lived in and around Rochester the remainder of her life.

The deceased had a host of friends and acquaintances throughout the county. She was a member of the Rochester Evangelical church and the Rebekah lodge.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Mildred HAUCK of South Bend; a son, Donald LEITER of Fort Wayne, and a grandchild, Mary Ann HAUCK of South Bend.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home with Rev. C. J. COVERSTONE officiating. Interment will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Cordelia Shott

Mrs. Gust [Cordelia PONTIOUS] SHOTT, highly esteemed resident of this city, passed away 11 a.m. today at the Ewing nursing home on Madison street. Death resulted from complications and heart trouble following an illness of seven weeks' duration. Mrs. Shott was removed to the Ewing nursing home from her own residence 220 West Third street, last Sunday.

Mrs. Shott had been a resident of Rochester for over three score years, coming to this community from Ohio when but a small child. Her husband, Gust SHOTT, an Erie R.R. section foreman for a long number of years, preceded her in death in 1929.

Cordelia, daughter of Jefferson and Margaret (SELL) PONTIOUS was born Septgember 25th, 1867 in Ohio. She was united in marriage with Gust Shott on January 4th, 1901 in a ceremony solemnized in Rochester. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and the Rebekah lodge of this city.

Survivors are the following children: Robert [SHOTT] and Hubert F. SHOTT, both of Chicago; Mrs. Forest MOORE, of South Bend; Mrs. Russell MURPHY, of this city; two sisters, Mrs. C. J. ANDREWS, of Glendale, Calif.; Mrs. Luceta RUNKLE of Macy, Ind.; two brothers, Julius C. PONTIOUS, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Rollin PONTIOUS, of this city and four grandchildren. A brother, Reuben PONTIOUS, passed away several years ago.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete as this edition of The News-Sentinel went to press.

Farrie Ellen Simons

Farrie Ellen SIMONS, age 79, died at her home eight miles southwest of Argos Thursday night at 11:30 o'clock. Death followed a lingering illness of almost two years although Mrs. Simons' condition was not considered critical until two months ago.

She [Farrie Ellen LOW] was born May 30, 1865, at the home in which she died, south of Argos, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah LOW. The deceased was united in marriage Sept. 7, 1891, to Samuel SIMONS, who survived.

A lifelong resident of Marshall county, Mrs. Simons left a multitude of friends in Argos and

vicinity.

Surviving are the husband and a son, Gilbert SIMONS, at home; two brothers, C. E. LOW, of Niles, Mich., and W. J. LOW of St. Louis, Mo.; three sisters, Mrs. June LAWRENCE of Plymouth, and Mrs. Lillie McFARLAND and Mrs. Margaret O'CONNER, both of Culver.

Rites will be held at Santa Ann Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. Robert KERSEY officiating. Burial will be made in the Poplar Grove cemetery.

Friends may call at the Grossman funeral home until Monday morning when the body will be returned to the home.

Saturday, May 27, 1944

Cordelia Shott

Funeral services for Mrs. Gust [Cordelia] SHOTT, will be held 2 p.m. Monday at the Rochester Presbyterian church. Rev. D. S. PERRY will be in charge of the rites. Interment will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the church from 12:30 p.m. to the hour of the funeral Monday.

Margaret Rosanna Mathias

Margaret Rosanna MATHIAS, 83, died at 7:00 o'clock Friday night at her home in Akron. Death of the well-known Fulton county woman was attributed to a heart ailment.

She was born Jan. 27, 1861, near Macy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob YEWEY [?]. Her husband, Jacob MATHIAS, survives.

Mrs. Mathias resided at Macy the largest part of her life, moving to Akron 11 months ago.

The deceased was a member of the Macy Christian church.

Survivors are her husband and five step-sons, Russell MATHIAS of Akron, John MATHIAS of Macy, Clem MATHIAS of Logansport, Edward MATHIAS of Rochester and Fred MATHIAS of Kankakee, Ill.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Bessie TERRY of Indianapolis, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services are Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Macy Christian church, Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Interment will be in the Macy cemetery.

Maude Scent

Maude SCENT, 67, of Chicago, died at her home there Thursday morning of complications following an illness of two weeks. Mrs. Scent was a former resident of Argos, moving to Chicago a few weeks ago.

Born February 3, 1877 in Argos, she was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. EATON. Her first husband, Scott PRICE, preceded her in death. The deceased later married George SCENT, who survives in Chicago.

Survivors are the husband; a son by her former marriage, Tom PRICE, of New York, N.Y.; and a brother, Charles EATON, of Culver.

Rites will be held Monday at 5 p.m. in the Grossman funeral home, Argos, Rev. James NEIL officiating. Burial will be in the Maple Grove cemetery.

The body was removed to the Grossman funeral home where friends may call.

Ivan T. Pershing

Ivan T. PERSHING, 64, died at the Kelly hospital in Argos at 6:40 o'clock last night, death being attributed to a stroke of paralysis. The well-known Marshall county man, who made his residence at Rochester, had been ill only four days preceding his death.

Mr. Pershing was born July 14, 1874, in Bourbon, the son of Erwin and Miranda PERSHING. He was united in marriage to Alice JARRAR in 1905. Mrs. Pershing preceded her husband in death several years ago.

The deceased, a lifelong resident of Marshall county, was a retired farmer.

Surviving are five sons, Carl [PERSHING] of Argos, Arnold [PERSHING] of Rochester, N.Y., Grant [PERSHING] and Harold [PERSHING] of South Bend, and Keith [PERSHING] of Bourbon; six sisters, Mrs. Anna HUFFMAN, Mrs. Ada GORDON and Miss Nettie PERSHING, all of Rochester, N.Y., Mrs. Sarah LUNG and Mrs. Naomi CORL of Bremen, and Mrs. Ida MABY of South Bend, and two brothers, Lloyd [PERSHING] of Mishawaka and Harold [PERSHING] of Minneapolis, Minn.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. The body will be removed from the Umbaugh funeral home in Argos some time today to the Carl Pershing residence in Argos.

Monday, May 29, 1944

Bailey B. O'Neal

Bailey B. O'NEAL, 64, well-known Fulton county resident, died at his home four miles south of Fulton Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock. Death was attributed to a heart ailment following an illness of two years.

Born in Illinois, March 13, 1880, he was the son of William and Mary O'NEAL. Mr. O'Neal was united in marriage Jan. 6, 1904, to Mary MOURER, who survives.

The retired farmer resided in Marshall county south of Argos for a number of years, moving to Fulton county in 1936.

A member of the Tiosa Brethren church, the deceased was widely respected in Fulton and vicinity.

Surviving are his wife and a sister, Mrs. Anna MEAD of Brook; three brothers, Ben [O'NEAL] and Harry O'NEAL, both of Fowler, Ind., and Charles O'NEAL of Goodman.

Rites will be held Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. at the O'Neal home south of Fulton, Rev. O. LEMMERT officiating. Burial will be in the Metea cemetery.

The body was removed to the residence from the Grossman funeral home this morning, where friends may call.

Tom Werrick

Friends here were notified today of the death of Tom WERRICK, former resident of the McKinley neighborhood, who died Tuesday at his home in Anderson, Ind. Rites were held in Anderson Thursday afternoon.

Surviving are Mrs. WERRICK and two sisters, Mrs. Lynn LAVENGOOD, of Shelbyville, Ky., and Mrs. Otto ROSE of Indianapolis.

Paul Gene Bowen

Paul Gene BOWEN, 11-months-old son of Raymond D. and Margaret (ROUCH) BOWEN, 509 Elizabeth street, died at 3:45 p.m. Sunday in the Riley hospital at Indianapolis. The infant was seriously ill nine days. Death was attributed to respiratory failure.

Born January 21, 1943, the child had lived with his parents in this city his entire life.

Survivors are the parents and three sisters, Betty Jo [BOWEN], Judith Kay [BOWEN], and Connie Rae [BOWEN], all at home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson BOWEN and Mrs. Florence ROUCH, city.

Private funeral services will be held in the Foster funeral home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. Harley FULTZ officiating. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Sarah E. Norris

Sarah E. NORRIS, 82, died at the Morris hospital in Plymouth Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock after an illness of 18 months. The aged lady had been a lifelong resident of Kewanna and was well known in that city and vicinity.

She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth WEARY and was born May 30, 1861. On Oct. 12, 1879, she married Frank NORRIS, who preceded her in death in 1942.

The deceased was a member of the Seven Day Adventist church and had been an ardent worker in the church for 65 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. F. B. NORRIS of Kankakee, Ill.; eight grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Merton NORRIS, Mabel NORRIS, Anger NORRIS and a foster child, Mrs. Leona GOSS, all preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Harrison funeral home, Kewanna. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The body will remain at the funeral home where friends may call.

Ivan T. Pershing

Funeral services for Ivan T. PERSHING, former Bourbon resident, will be Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in the Mt. Pleasant church, Rev. Ernest TREBER officiating. Interment will be in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Laura Moore

Miss Laura MOORE, 79, a life-long resident of the Athens community, passed away at 3:20 Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McKEE, a mile east of Athens. Death resulted from a heart attack which she suffered but a few moments before her passing. Miss Moore, who had made her home with her niece, Mrs. McKee, for the past two years, had a wide acquaintance of friends throughout the eastern section of Fulton county.

Laura, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy MOORE, was born on a farm in Henry township Feb. 13, 1865. She was a member of the Athens United Brethren church. Miss Moore was one of a family of nine children.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Sol BURNS of near Athens and Mrs. Flora MOORE of Athens, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Athens United Brethren church. Rev. Daniel SLAYBAUGH and Rev. R. E. CHRISTLER will be in charge of the services. Interment will be in the Athens cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the church from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Mary Hammes

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary HAMMES, 80, who passed away Saturday morning at her home in Monterey will be held Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Ann's Catholic church in Monterey. The services will be in charge of Father BRITTENBAGH and the deceased's two sons, Rev. Theo. J. HAMMES and Rev. Joseph HAMMES, will assist.

Mrs. Hammes' death was attributed to heart trouble following an illness of seven months duration. The Hammes family is widely known throughout Indiana for its religious activities.

Mrs. Hammes was born in Germany Jan. 27, 1864, the daughter of Theodore and Anna

SCHMITZ. She had been a resident of Monterey for 44 years. On Oct. 5, 1882, she was united in marriage with Nicholas HAMMES in a ceremony solemnized at Kenosha, Wis. The deceased was a member of the St. Ann's Catholic church of Monterey and the Rosary society.

Surviving are four sons, Rev. Thos. J. HAMMES of the St. Joseph Catholic church of Elwood, Ind.; Rev. Joseph HAMMES of the St. Mary's Catholic church of Crown Point, Ind; Edward [HAMMES] of Milwaukee, and Peter [HAMMES] of Monterey; six daughters, Venerable Sister M. BENINGUS of Elmhurst, Ill.; Ven. Sister M. HUBERTA of New York City, N.Y; Ven. Sister NICOLA of Oshkosh, Wis.; Ven. Sister M. THEODINE of Defiance, Ohio; Mrs. A. C. MORING of Fort Wayne; Miss Rose HAMMES at home; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One granddaughter is Ven. Sister M. DOLONTA of Fondulac, Wis. Two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth TENNYSON of Kenosha, Wis., and Mrs. Clara TACKI of Chicago, also survive. Her husband and the following children preceded her in death: Ven. Sister M. VIRGILIA, Clara [HAMMES], Josephine [HAMMES], Hubert [HAMMES] and Francis [HAMMES].

Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery at Monterey.

Tuesday, May 30, 1944

[no paper - holiday]

Wednesday, May 31, 1944

Oliver Severns

Oliver SEVERNS, farmer residing east of Mentone, suffered a fatal heart attack Tuesday night after laboring in the fields through the day. Death came suddenly to the former resident of Newcastle township who was well known in Fulton county.

Relatives surviving in this city are three sisters, Mrs. Tenna MICKEY, Mrs. Mary LONG and Mrs. Herbert SHOBE.

Funeral arrangements are as yet incomplete.

Thursday, June 1, 1944

Devon F. Crabb

KEWANNA YOUTH IS KILLED IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN MAY 12TH

The death of Pvt. Devon F. CRABB, 22-year-old son of Alvah CRABB, farmer residing 1 1/2 miles southeast of Kewanna, was announced last night in a brief war department telegram to his father. Mr. Crabb was notified in the dispatch that his son had been killed in action somewhere in Italy on May 12.

Pvt. Crabb was born and raised in the Kewanna vicinity and the news of his death was received as a shock to scores of his friends in that town. The deceased is the first World War II casualty to be recorded in Kewanna.

Told of Bitter Fighting

Only three days before the telegram telling of his death arrived, Mr. Crabb received a letter from his son stating that he was well, although under fire on the bitterly contested Italian front. Details were lacking in the official dispatch and it is believed that further particulars will be received later.

He entered the army Nov. 9, 1942, and was overseas five months before his death. Prior to his induction Pvt. Crabb was employed in Fort Wayne.

Born May 27, 1921, in Kewanna, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Crabb. A graduate

of Kewanna High school young Crabb was well liked in Kewanna and surrounding territory, and was an active participant in community life.

Survivors are his father and three sisters, Mrs. Opal GARNER and Mrs. Ersal SOMMERS, both of Kewanna, and Mrs. Thelma ReVEAL of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a half-brother, Alvah Albert CRABB of Kewanna, and his step-mother.

His mother preceded Pvt. Crabb in death several years ago.

[NOTE: Devon Crabb, 23, Kewanna, killed in action in Italy, May 12, 1944 - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

Esther Grove Hoover

Rochester friends, early today, were apprised of the death of Mrs. Harold HOOVER, which occurred Wednesday evening at her home in Dundee, Mich. Mrs. Hoover, a former resident of this community during the earlier years of her life, will be better remembered by her maiden name of Esther GROVE.

Death was attributed to hardening of the nerve centers and followed an illness of several months duration. The brief message received here stated that funeral services would be held Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock, but the place of the funeral was not stated.

Mrs. Hoover, who was born in Rochester over two score years ago, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orange K. GROVE.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Alice [HOOVER] and Isabelle [HOOVER]; a grandchild; and five sisters, Sylvia [GROVE], Genevieve [GROVE], and Ruth [GROVE], of California; Mrs. Maple DuBOIS, of Roann, Ind.; and Mrs. Fannie MOW, of Ft. Wayne, Ind. An infant daughter preceded her mother in death.

Oliver Severns

Funeral services for Oliver SEVERNS, formerly of Mentone, will be held at the Mentone Baptist church Friday at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. TACOMA of Mishawaka officiating. Burial will be in Mentone.

Friday, June 2, 1944

Nettie Moore

Mr. and Mrs. George W. BOWERS of this city have been called to Elkhart because of the death of Mrs. Nettie MOORE, mother of Mrs. Bowers. The body will be removed to the home of a daughter. Funeral arrangements are as yet incomplete.

Saturday, June 3, 1944

Nettie Moore

Funeral services for Mrs. Nettie MOORE, 71, former resident of this community, who died Thursday evening at her home in Elkhart, will be held at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home with Rev. Grant Blackwood in charge. Interment will be in the Mt. Hope cemetery at Athens.

Mrs. Moore, [Nettie TOBEY] the daughter of Felix and Ella TOBEY, was born in this county, but had lived in Elkhart for the past 38 years. She was married twice, first to Mose HEETER and later to Edward MOORE, both deceased.

Survivors include three children: Mrs. Hazel BOWERS, of Rochester, Mrs. Maude MOTT

and Henty HEETER of Elkhart; three half-brothers, George [TOBEY], Stacy [TOBEY] and Victor TOBEY, all of near this city; three half-sisters, Mrs. Bert BRYANT, Mrs. Jack IRWIN and Mrs. Harvey RUSH, all of Rochester.

Monday, June 5, 1944

Byron Wagoner

Byron WAGONER, 45, well-known resident of Argos, died at 10:15 o'clock Saturday night at the Kelly hospital in Argos. Death was due to complications as Mr. Wagoner had been ill for the past eight years.

The deceased was born in Fulton county, Sept. 9, 1898, the son of Lee and Mary WAGONER, and on Sept. 3, 1919 was united in marriage to Ethel PONTIUS, who preceded him in death. Mr. Wagoner, a mechanic by trade, moved to Argos three years ago from Leiters Ford.

Surviving are five children: Mrs. Virginia KELLY of Culver, Mrs. Mary BEEHLER of Grass Creek, James [WAGONER] in the U. S. Army stationed at Minneapolis, Minn., and Pearl [WAGONER] and Martha Jane [WAGONER] at home. Four brothers, Frank [WAGONER] of Argos, Harry [WAGONER] of Berrien Springs, Mich., Louis [WAGONER] of Sazanana [?], Mich., and Aaron [WAGONER] of Chippewa Falls, Wis., also survive.

Short funeral services will be held at the late home in Argos Tuesday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock and at 3:00 o'clock services will be held at the Methodist church in Leiters Ford with Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH in charge. Burial will be made in the Leiters Ford cemetery.

The body was taken from the Umbaugh funeral home today, and removed to the residence where friends may call.

Purl F. Brubaker

A host of friends and acquaintances today mourned the death of Purl BRUBAKER, popular Rochester resident who died in the Woodlawn hospital at 10 o'clock Saturday night following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Brubaker was 58.

His unconscious body was discovered by his father, Eli [BRUBAKER] and Doc MILLER early Friday morning near the Tippecanoe river bridge three miles north of this city where Mr. Brubaker had informed friends he was going for a fishing trip. When he failed to return his father and Mr. Miller began searching for him and finally located his body near the bridge. He was removed to the Woodlawn hospital where he remained unconscious for two days prior to his death.

Born Purl Franklin BRUBAKER, December 18, 1885 in Richland township, he was the son of Eli and Elizabeth BRUBAKER. He was a life long resident of this county, and was active in the Eagles lodge.

He was twice married, the first time to Olive STOCKBERGER and later to Emma WALTZ. Both preceded him in death.

The deceased was employed at the Times theatre in this city before his death.

Survivors are his parents; a daughter, Mrs. Dale KESLER, of Argos; a son, Robert [BRUBAKER] in the Navy stationed in Idaho; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Evangelical church with Rev. C. J. COVERSTONE officiating. Burial will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery. The body lies in state at the Foster funeral home where friends may call.

Tuesday, June 6, 1944

[no obits]

Wednesday, June 7, 1944

Christina Beehler

Mrs. Christina BEEHLER, 76, lifelong resident of this county, died at 4:10 o'clock Tuesday morning at her home near Richland Center. Death was attributed to a stroke suffered two weeks ago.

The deceased was born March 17, 1868, in this county, the daughter of Eliza [?] and Mary COPLEN. On March 25, 1890, she was married to William BEEHLER, who passed away in 1917. Mrs. Beehler was a member of the Mt. Hope church.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Mary THOMPSON of Akron, Mrs. Ruth NELLANS and Mrs. Reathel EVANS of this city and Mrs. Elda ROUCH of Fulton; two sons, Leo [BEEHLER] of Rochester and Clyde [BEEHLER] at home; a brother, Herman COPLEN of Frankfort, and two sisters, Mrs. Sam FRIEND of Rochester and Mrs. Nora PASS of Pasadena, Calif. Fifteen grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren also survive. Two children, Edna BUNN and Glen BEEHLER, preceded her in death.

The body will be removed from the Grossman funeral home at Argos to her late home this evening, where friends may call. Rev. A. E. GIBBONS of Kewanna will be in charge of the funeral services to be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Richland Center church. Interment will be in the Richland Center cemetery.

Orva (Orville) Warren Zimmerman

Orva (Orville) Warren ZIMMERMAN, 58-year-old well-known Rochester man, died at 5:45 o'clock Tuesday evening at his home one mile north of Rochester following a stroke of paralysis. He was ill only four days before his death.

Born Jan. 25, 1886, in Miami county, he was the son of Daniel and Ruth ZIMMERMAN. Mr. Zimmerman moved to Rochester when he was young and had lived here the remainder of his life. He was married to Rosie SANDERS April 20, 1907, in Rochester. Mrs. Zimmerman survives.

Surviving are the wife and five sons: Pvt. Warren ZIMMERMAN, stationed at Richmond, Va.; Derle ZIMMERMAN, Walkerton; Elmo ZIMMERMAN, South Bend; Cpl. William ZIMMERMAN, stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., and Ph. M. 2/c Robert ZIMMERMAN, stationed at Port Huenene, Calif.; a daughter, Mary Janise [ZIMMERMAN], at home, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Foster funeral home. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The body will remain at the funeral home up until the hour of the funeral.

Goldie May Braden

Goldie May BRADEN, 59, died at 2:35 o'clock Wednesday morning in the Dukes hospital at Peru of a heart ailment following over a month's illness. The well-known Macy resident had been in ill health over three years but her condition was not critical until a month ago.

[Goldie May ROBBINS] Born in Akron Nov. 18, 1884, she was the daughter of James W. and Ruth ROBBINS. She was united in marriage to Daniel BRADEN at Macy July 6, 1902. Mrs. Braden resided in and around Macy her entire life and left a host of acquaintances in that community.

The deceased was an active member of the Macy Methodist church.

Surviving are her husband and a sister, Dessie Ethel ABELL; a half-sister, Mrs. Mattie

MONEY, and one brother, William H. ROBBINS of South Bend.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Macy Methodist church, Rev. C. F. GOLDEN officiating, assisted by Rev. C. E. DUNLAP. Burial will be in the Greenlawn cemetery at Mexico, Ind.

The body will lie in state from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the church where friends may call.

Emma Johnson

Emma JOHNSON, 76, life long resident of Fulton county, died at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday morning in the home of her niece, Mrs. Cecil McCROSKY, 1/2 mile west of this city. Death was attributed to complications following an illness of three months.

She was born in this county February 11, 1865, the daughter of Chauncey and Cornelia (FREAR) JOHNSON

Surviving are the niece, Mrs. McCrosky, and one aunt, Cynthia RICHARDSON, of Chicago, Ill.

Rites will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the McCrosky residence with Rev. Stacy SHAW of the Fulton United Brethren church officiating. Burial will be in the Salem cemetery five miles northwest of Fulton.

Thursday, June 8, 1944

Henry Robbins

Henry ROBBINS, age 53, died at 6:00 o'clock this morning in the Kelly hospital, Argos, of a heart ailment following an illness of three months. The popular Argos resident had lived in that community all of his life and at the time of his death resided at 205 West South street.

Born Feb. 9, 1891, at Tiosa, he was the son of Henry and Emma ROBBINS. He was united in marriage Sept. 19, 1909, in Argos to Ruby EATON, who survives.

Mr. Robbins was employed as a mechanic and for the past few years as section foreman on the Nickel Plate railroad.

Surviving are his wife, Ruby, and a son, Edman [ROBBINS], of Argos; a daughter, Mrs. Alice VANDERWEELE, also of Argos, and one granddaughter, Susan ROBBINS.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Grossman funeral home, Rev. Ernest TREBER of the Argos Christian church officiating. Interment will be in the Maple Grove cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the funeral home until the hour of the service. Friends may call.

Friday, June 9, 1944 to Saturday, June 10, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, June 12, 1944

Fritz Cessna

S. SGT FRITZ CESSNA MISSING OVER FRANCE AFTER BOMBING RAID

According to a War department telegram, Staff Sergeant Fritz CESSNA, 28, tail gunner on a B-26 bomber, is missing in action somewhere over France. The dispatch, received Friday night by S. Sgt. Cessna's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto CESSNA, stated that he was missing following a

mission over France May 28. Mr. and Mrs. Cessna reside on a farm ten miles southwest of the city.

The brief message will be followed with more information later.

Had Completed 75 Missions

Wearer of the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, good conduct medal and a number of oak leaf clusters, Sgt. Cessna at last reports had completed 75 missions over continental Europe, together with his crew. He had been with his original members of the bomber crew since they began training in the United States.

Overseas a Year

He entered in the United States Army Air Corps June 11, 1942, and was overseas a year in April. Sgt. Cessna was a graduate of Rochester High school and was popular in Fulton county.

Before entering the army he was employed on his father's farm southwest of Rochester.

Horace Bliss McDowell

Horace Bliss McDOWELL, 84, died at 6 a.m. Sunday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ort Waltz, Rochester. Death of the well known Fulton county resident was attributed to a kidney disorder following an illness of seven months.

Born February 1, 1860 he was the son of Silas and Kathryn McDOWELL. He was twice married, first to Martha J. WATKINS and then to Lillian MURPHY. Both preceded him in death.

The deceased was a retired farmer and was active in the Twelve Mile Methodist church.

Mr. McDowell resided in Macy most of his life, moving to Rochester five months ago.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Ort WALTZ, Rochester; Mrs. Elbe BYRAM, of Santa Anna, Calif., and Mrs. Martha KRAUS, Akron, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two brothers. Two sons, a daughter, and both wives preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Bethlehem Methodist church near Twelve Mile with Rev. DUNLAP officiating. Interment will be in the Bethlehem cemetery.

The body will remain at the Foster funeral home until the hour of the funeral.

Rosalie Personett

Mrs. Rosalie PERSONETT, 71, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mark Van Lue, north of Athens, at 12:04 p.m. Sunday, death following an illness of several months.

She was born in Henry township Feb. 17, 1873, to Jonathan and Nancy FINN. Mrs. Personett's husband preceded her in death several years ago.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Mark VAN LUE of Athens; two sons, Kenneth [PERSONETT] and Murr [PERSONETT], both of Chicago, Ill., and several grandchildren.

Rites will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Akron Church of God, Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating, with Rev. R. E. CHRISTLER assisting. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Akron.

Clark L. Allerdig

Clark L. ALLERDING, age 77, died at his home in Maxinkuckee Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock after a lingering illness of several weeks duration.

He was born to Peter and Amilda ALLERDING, May 27, 1867 in Ada, Ohio. Mr. Allerdig moved to Maxinkuckee at an early age and resided in that vicinity the remainder of his life. He was united in marriage to Bertha HISSONG, who survives.

Mr. Allerdig was a retired farmer.

The deceased was a member of the Poplar Grove church and Odd Fellows Lodge at Maxinkuckee.

Survivors include his wife and three brothers, Clinton [ALLERDING], Alva [ALLERDING] and Arthur [ALLERDING], all of Harbor Springs, Mich.; four sisters, Cora DAVENPORT and Stella FINEOUT, both of Harbor Springs, Mich.; Lora JAMES, of Lawson, Mich., and Minnie STRANGBACH, of Plymouth.

Rites will be held at the Poplar Grove church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. Ralph JONES, of Culver, officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar Grove cemetery.

The body was removed from the Grossman funeral home in Argos to the residence this afternoon.

Tuesday, June 13, 1944

Samuel B. Simons

Samuel [B.] SIMONS, 84, retired farmer, passed away at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at his home eight miles southwest of Argos. Complications due to advanced age was given as the cause of his death. Mr. Simons had been ill about two months.

The deceased was born Aug. 28, 1859 at Cincinnati, Ohio and was wed to [Fairie E.] LOW, Sept. 7, 1891. Mrs. Simons died early this spring. Mr. Simons had been a resident of the Argos community for the last 32 years, coming here from Pierceton.

Surviving are a son, Gilbert [SIMONS], with whom the deceased resided, and a brother, Charles SIMONS, of Bellevue, Mich.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Santa Anna church with Rev. Ralph JONES of Culver officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar Grove cemetery. The body, taken to the Grossman funeral home at Argos, will remain there until Wednesday evening when it will be removed to the Simons' residence.

Wednesday, June 14, 1944

[no obits]

Thursday, June 15, 1944

P. D. Hobson

P. D. HOBSON, former Rochester resident, died at his home in Brazil, Ind., Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock of a heart ailment. Death came suddenly to the 74 year old man.

For a number of years the deceased operated a laundry in this city. Surviving is the wife, Florence [HOBSON].

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Friday, June 16, 1944

Edward Troutman

KEWANNA YOUTH MISSING IN ACTION SINCE MAY 29

Mr. and Mrs. Charles TROUTMAN of Kewanna were notified this week that their son, Edward TROUTMAN, a tail gunner on one of the large bombers flying over Germany, is reported missing in action.

The information was sent to them by the secretary of war at Washington, D.C. Troutman has been missing since a flight over Germany May 29. He enlisted in the service April 14, 1942, and had been in England for several months.

John Schaaf

Rochester relatives learned Thursday afternoon of the death of John SCHAAF, 60, of Los Angeles, Calif. Death came Thursday morning and was caused by a liver complaint.

Born north of Rochester May 20, 1875, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph SCHAAF. He attended school in Rochester and in 1900 was married to Daisy McMAHAN, who survives.

Mr. Schaaf lived for a number of years north of this city on Highway 31, where he operated a greenhouse and did general truck and dairy work. For a number of years he served as superintendent for the McMahan Construction Co. of Rochester until he retired and moved to Los Angeles five years ago.

Survivors include the widow, a son, Joseph M. [SCHAAF], of Los Angeles; two grandchildren; two brothers, Charles [SCHAAF] of Lima, Ohio, and Marcus [SCHAAF] of Lansing, Mich., and a sister, Mrs. J. B. LOWE of Brook. Several brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon in Los Angeles with burial in Forest Lawn cemetery at Glendale, Calif.

Saturday, June 17, 1944

Devon Crabb

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR PVT. CRABB

Memorial services for Pvt. Devon CRABB, son of Alvah CRABB, were held recently in the Kewanna Baptist church; Pvt. Crabb was killed in action May 12 somewhere in Italy.

Services were conducted by Burdette GARNER, brother-in-law of Pvt. Crabb and Rev. Herman A. HOYT, of Winona Lake.

Edward Troutman

MORE INFORMATION ON MISSING AIRMAN

More information about Edward TROUTMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles TROUTMAN Kewanna, was received here today.

According to his parents the Kewanna man, who has been missing in action since a flight over Germany May 29, will be 29 years old in July. He enlisted in the service April 14, 1942 in Gary. Prior to his enlistment Troutman attended schools in Valparaiso and Gary.

Charles Everett Richter

Charles Everett RICHTER, aged 69 years, died Friday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock at the home of his son, Merle, five and a half miles northeast [?] of this city in the Mt. Zion neighborhood. The retired farmer was well known in Fulton county, having lived here virtually his entire life.

He had been ill with heart trouble for 18 months.

The deceased was born May 2, 1875 in Henry township to Leonard and Elmyra RICHTER. He was a resident of this county all his life except for five years when he lived in Argos. For the past thirteen years he had resided with his son.

He was united in marriage to Agnes L. BRYANT, April 6, 1901 in a ceremony in this city.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Vera L. KRIVANECK, Mishawaka, Mrs. Lois BENNETT,

Chicago; and two sons, Dale [RICHTER], South Bend, Merle [RICHTER], of near here; 11 grandchildren; two brothers, Earl [RICHTER], Peru and Vern [RICHTER], Athens; four sisters, Mrs. Louella JOHNSON, Akron, Mrs. Lavina BLACKBURN, Mrs. Sylvia MEYER, both of Hammond, and Mrs. Una HEETER, of Athens.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the United Brethren church at Athens. Rev. Daniel SLAYBAUGH will officiate. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope cemetery at Athens.

The body was removed from the Foster funeral home to the residence at 1 p.m. today where friends may call.

Monday, June 19, 1944

Emma D. Working

Emma D. WORKING, aged 68 years, died Sunday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Dawalt, near Fulton, of a heart ailment following an illness of a week.

Mrs. Working resided a half mile north of Twelve Mile.

She was born [Emma D. STOOPS] January 1, 1876 in Wabash, Ind., the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Ann STOOPS. She was united in marriage to Andrew WORKING, June 1, 1899 in Wabash.

Surviving are her husband and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth FLAGELMILCH; two brothers, Alva STOOPS, Wabash, Edward [STOOPS], of North Manchester; four sons, Leo WORKING, of Twelve Mile, Allan [WORKING], of South Bend, Robert [WORKING] and Kenneth [WORKING], both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn DAWALT and Mrs. Zelma HOPKINS, both of near Twelve Mile.; and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Twelve Mile United Brethren church with Rev. GOLDEN, of Denver, officiating. Interment will be in the Mexico cemetery.

Orien Perry

Death came Sunday morning at 2:45 o'clock to Orien PERRY, 76, retired farmer, at the Ewing nursing home in this city.

Mr. Perry was born December 24, 1867, the son of Hiram and Mary PERRY. He had lived in the Akron community all his life and was a member of the Akron Church of God.

Survivors include his son, Rev. Estel PERRY, of Washington, D.C.; three brothers, Sam [PERRY] and Calvin [PERRY], both of Silver Lake, and Alvin [PERRY], of North Manchester; and three sisters, Sadie FRIEND, of Peru, and Pearl [FETROW] and Ina FETROW, of Roann.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Church of God in Akron with the Rev. Daniel SLAYBAUGH officiating. Burial will be made in the Log Bethel cemetery, east of Akron. The body will remain in the Moyer funeral home where friends may call.

Aaron B. Berger

Aaron B. BERGER, 71, well-known farmer of the Gilead community, died Sunday morning following a two-year illness. The immediate cause of his death was gangrene.

The deceased was born June 21, 1872, the son of Daniel and Mary BERGER, and had lived in the Gilead vicinity most of his life.

Surviving are his wife, Nellie [A. BERGER]; one brother, Simon BERGER of Macy; two sisters, Alta [M. YARIAN] of Akron and Maxine SHIVELER of Macy.

Rev. Fred VINCENT will be in charge of funeral services which will be held Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Gilead Methodist church. Interment will be in the Gilead cemetery. The body will be returned to the residence this evening from the Moyer funeral home in Akron.

Tuesday, June 20, 1944 to Wednesday, June 21, 1944

[no obits]

Thursday, June 22, 1944

Nellie M. Onstott

Nellie M. ONSTOTT, aged 54 years, died at 1:15 o'clock this morning in her home at Akron of a heart ailment following an illness of two years. The popular Fulton county resident was widely known as a teacher in the Akron elementary schools.

Miss Onstott was born near Akron and had resided in that community most of her life. Her parents were George and Seville (BARNES) ONSTOTT.

The deceased was an instructor in the Akron grade schools for a number of years before moving to Wabash where she taught in the White Institute there.

Survivors are her step-mother, Mrs. Ursula ONSTOTT; a brother, Jesse ONSTOTT of Edwards, Mich., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Friday, June 23, 1944

Nellie M. Onstott

Funeral services for Miss Nellie Onstott will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Moyer funeral home in Akron, Rev. R. E. FENSTERMAKER, of the Methodist church, officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery west of that city.

Saturday, June 24, 1944

George Almon Johnson

George Almon JOHNSON, 77, retired farmer, died at his home in Monterey Friday morning following a stroke suffered Wednesday.

Born in Fulton county, he had spent his entire life in the Monterey community except for two years when he lived in Hamlet. Since his retirement five years ago he has resided in Monterey.

Survivors are his wife, Mary [JOHNSON]; a son Elmer [JOHNSON], Culver; a sister, Mrs. Belle DECKER, Wyoming.

The body has been taken from the Easterday funeral home at Culver to the residence. Friends may call.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:00 o'clock at the Monterey Methodist church with the Rev. BURGETT officiating. Interment will be in the Monterey cemetery.

Monday, June 26, 1944

Claude McDaniels

Marshall county Sheriff Frank MARTIN, working with members of the State Police department, last night stated that failure to carry a bucket of water for his wife was the motive for the shotgun slaying of Claude McDANIELS, 66, farmer, according to a confession signed by Mrs. Mary McDANIELS, 65.

In her confession, Mrs. McDaniels admitted firing the shotgun charge which fatally injured her husband Saturday night on their farm, five and a half miles southwest of Argos. The murder weapon and a discharged shell were found later by authorities inside the home.

Charles SOLOMON, a neighbor, arrived on the scene of the tragedy after hearing Mrs. McDaniels screaming and crying. He immediately summoned an ambulance and notified Sheriff Martin of Plymouth. The unconscious McDaniels was taken to the Kelly hospital in Argos where he died at 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

When approached by Solomon the spouse was sobbing hysterically and bathing her husband's head wounds as he lay in the yard near the farm home.

Denies Shooting Husband

At first Mrs. McDaniels denied shooting her husband, claiming that she heard a gun's report while working in the kitchen and rushed into the yard to find her husband unconscious. Authorities later obtained the confession at Plymouth.

A brief re-enactment of the murder scene as pieced together by Mrs. McDaniel's confession, alleges that she became angry after her husband had refused to carry the water for her and she reproached him. McDaniels then purportedly threatened her with an axe.

Still angry, the Marshall county woman went into the home and found the shotgun. Raising the bathroom window she fired one shot at her husband as he worked in the yard, the charge striking him in the head.

Met Husband in Argos

According to eye witness reports the couple seemed to be in good spirits Saturday morning and their behavior gave no hint of the impending tragedy.

McDaniels, an employee of the Nickel Plate railroad, was met Saturday noon by his wife who walked five and a half miles to Argos. Together the couple returned to their farm home to perform their daily routine.

Police said that 36 years ago Mrs. McDaniels killed Will RIDDLE with an axe in Cumberland county. She was exonerated on a plea of self defense after evidence that the victim and three other men were molesting her and her mother. She is now being held in the Marshall county jail pending arraignment. The body has been removed to the Easterday funeral home in Culver and will be taken to Rushville for burial.

Mrs. C. A. "Net" Johnson

Etta BLACKETOR, city, was notified Saturday of the death of her aunt, Mrs. C. A. JOHNSON, in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Johnson was better known her as "Net" JOHNSON.

The 88-year-old Chicago resident was born and raised in Fulton county and had lived here most of her life.

She fractured her hip two weeks ago and died in the St. Mary's hospital, Chicago, Saturday.

The deceased was a member of the Rochester Baptist church and Ladies Bible class in this city.

Surviving are a daughter in Colorado; a son, Earl [JOHNSON], with whom she lived in Chicago, Ill.; a brother Jeff ROSS, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Baptist church, Chicago.

Franklin Pierce Davidson

Franklin Pierce DAVIDSON, aged 91, a pioneer resident of Rochester and Fulton county, died at 7:15 o'clock Saturday night in his home at 311 East 14th street. Death resulted from complications following an illness of over two months.

Mr. Davidson was born June 15, 1853 in this city, the son of William H. and Nancy (CHINN) DAVIDSON. He was twice married, the first time to Mary A. LONG in 1874. Following her death he married Julia HETZNER, in September 1898, who survives.

The retired farmer was well known in this city and county and left a legion of friends and acquaintances to mourn his death.

Mr. Davidson's father, William [DAVIDSON], also a pioneer resident, was the founder of the Rochester Academy of Music at the [SW] corner of Fifth and Main streets.

For a number of years the deceased resided two and a half miles northeast of here, moving to Rochester after he retired from farming 14 years ago.

He was amember of the local I.O.O.F. lodge.

Surviving are his wife and six sons: Theodore [DAVIDSON], of this city; William [DAVIDSON], of Hemet, Calif.; Harry [DAVIDSON], of Hammond; Franklin [DAVIDSON], Jr., of Elkhart; Samuel [DAVIDSON], of Walkerton, and Robert [DAVIDSON], in the Navy; four daughters, Mrs. Norma Belle GREGSON, of South Bend; Mrs. Blanche GOOD, and Mrs. Rebecca KINDIG, both of this city; and Mrs. Bessie TRUXELL, of Los Angeles, Calif.; a brother, David "Turpie" DAVIDSON, Rochester; and a sister, Mrs. Tymanda EMRICK, also of here; 2 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Three children preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Foster funeral home, Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD officiating. Interment will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Odd Fellows will be in charge of the services. The body will remain at the funeral home the entire time.

Mattie Wile Redel

Mrs. Mattie (WILE) REDEL, widow of the late Henry Redel, passed away Sunday afternoon at her home in Vincennes, Ind. Death came suddenly following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered shortly after the noon hour. Mrs. Redel had been in ill health for the past few years, however, her condition had not been regarded as extremely grave. Her passing came as a severe shock to her many Rochester friends.

Mrs. Redel visited at the home of her brother, Ike Wile, here the forepart of this month and was in fair health at that time.

Mattie WILE was born in Plymouth, Ind., Dec. 10, 1861, the daughter of Meyer and Amelie WILE. While still a small child she moved to Rochester with her parents and graduated from the Rochester city schools. In a ceremony solemnized at the Arlington hotel, she was united in marriage with Henry REDEL of Vincennes, Ind.

Following her marriage she moved to Vincennes, where her husband owned and operated a clothing store for a long number of years. Mr. Redel preceded his wife in death about seven years ago. Mrs. Redel was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, of Vincennes, and the War Mothers of World War I.

Survivors are two sons, Ralph REDEL of Tuskaloosa, Okla., and Harold REDEL of Chicago; three grandchildren, three brothers, Ike [WILE] and Arthur WILE of this city, and Lee WILE of Springfield, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. M. L. YUSTER of Columbus, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at the Val Zimmerman Memorial Chapel, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock officiating. [sic] Interment will be in the Mausoleum here.

Russell Eugene Sutton

Brief funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock for Russell Eugene SUTTON, who died Sunday morning at birth. He was the son of Eugene and Marjorie (SHIVELY) SUTTON.

Survivors are his parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Devon SHIVELY and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer SUTTON.

Rites were held at the Foster funeral home. Interment was in the Citizens' cemetery.

George M. Clark

George M. CLARK, 62, former resident of Macy, Ind., passed away at 11:30 o'clock Saturday evening at his home in South Bend from a heart attack. Mr. Clark, who had a host of friends throughout the southern section of Fulton county, was employed by the Bendix corporation for the past several years.

On Jan. 25, 1905, he was married to Jesse AULT, who preceded him in death on Nov. 3, 1938. The second Mrs. Clark, whom he married in 1942, survives. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church.

Other survivors are two sons, Kenneth [CLARK], of Osceola, Ind., and Estel [CLARK] of South Bend; four brothers, Owen CLARK of Michigan, Charles CLARK of Kentucky, Edward CLARK of Wisconsin and Jasper CLARK of Illinois. Three children preceded their father in death.

The body will be removed from the Ditmire funeral home, Fulton, to the Macy Methodist church at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday where it will lie in state until the hour of the services, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Rev. William SHEWMAN and Rev. C. E. DUNLAP will officiate. Interment will be in the Macy Plainview cemetery.

Tuesday, June 27, 1944

Roberta L. Kroft

Burns received Saturday led to the death of Roberta L. KROFT, one-year-old daughter of Merl and Ruth Kroft of Akron. The child died at 3:30 o'clock this morning in the Woodlawn hospital.

The infant was in his stroller in the Kroft's kitchen Saturday and accidentally jerked a cord hanging from a teakettle on the stove. The teakettle tipped, pouring boiling water on the child.

She was born to Merl and Ruth KROFT, June 29th, 1943, south of Akron.

Surviving are the parents; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. FISHER of Denver and paternal grandmother, Mrs. Anthony KROFT.

Rites will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Akron Church of God, Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery, Akron.

Edna Swihart

Edna SWIHART, 37, died at 7 o'clock this morning in the Parkview hospital in Plymouth.

The deceased resided on West Walnut street in Argos prior to her death and was the wife of Sam SWIHART, who survives.

Well known in Argos, Mrs. Swihart was active in various clubs and social organizations.

Surviving are her husband and three daughters, Sally [SWIHART], Suzanna [SWIHART] and Mary Virginia [SWIHART], all at home, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton MYERS of Argos.

The body has been removed to the Grossman funeral home pending funeral arrangements.

Wednesday, June 28, 1944

Clarence Thomas

FULTON COUNTY MAN IS REPORTED KILLED IN FRANCE ON JUNE 16

Sgt. Clarence THOMAS, 30-year-old son of William THOMAS, rural route 2, was killed June 16 in action "somewhere" in France, according to a brief War department telegram received by his father, late Tuesday evening.

The death of Sgt. Thomas is the first of a Fulton county man during the invasion and the second casualty here since June 6. Pfc. Warren CORNELL was seriously wounded in action in France June 6.

A paratrooper, Sgt. Thomas is believed to have been killed in fighting near St. Lo.

Inducted June, 1942

He was inducted into the army from Rochester in June, 1942, and received preliminary training in six army camps before going overseas in November, 1943.

A letter from Sgt. Thomas was received three weeks ago, by his sister, Mrs. Charles CLINGER of Denver, Colo., which was dated from "somewhere" in England. Mrs. Clinger and her husband arrived here from the West Tuesday to visit Mr. Thomas at his lake cottage.

Born in Monticello

Born in Monticello, Sgt. Thomas was the son of William and Minnie THOMAS. Mrs. Thomas died in March, 1943, and it was then that Sgt. Thomas received his last furlough before leaving for overseas duty.

Before his induction he was employed by the Erie railroad and Rochester Metal Products company as a moulder. He attended Rochester High school.

Survivors are his father and six brothers, S 1c William [THOMAS], now convalescing in a New York Naval hospital; Omer [THOMAS], Fort Wayne; Robert [THOMAS], Chicago; Roy [THOMAS], South Bend; James [THOMAS] and Paul [THOMAS], both of this city; two sisters, Mrs. Clinger of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Nellie BERGER of Argos.

[NOTE: Clarence Thomas, 27, Rochester, killed in action in France, June 6 [?], 1944 - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

Lucy Bucher

Lucy BUCHER, aged 94, died at her home in Argos Tuesday night at 7 o'clock of complications following an illness of four months.

The popular Marshall county resident [Lucy CHAPMAN] was born March 15, 1850 in Plymouth, N.Y., the daughter of Nathaniel and Lola CHAPMAN. She came to Indiana from New York in 1865.

The deceased was married to Francis BUCHER, October 10, 1872. Mr. Bucher preceded his wife in death 46 years ago.

Mrs. Bucher was a member of the Argos Methodist church, and the Order of the Eastern Star for 39 years.

She was well known in Argos and vicinity and left a host of friends and acquaintances in that community.

Survivors are two daughters, Miss Edith BUCHER, at home and Mrs. Florence EMMONS, of Argos; and a son, Joe BUCHER, of Indianapolis.

Rites will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Umbaugh funeral home, Rev. J. W. NEILL of the Argos Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be in the Maple Grove cemetery.

Graveside services will be in charge of the Order of the Eastern Star.

John Quincy Adams “Jack” Garner

John Quincy Adams “Jack” GARNER, 76, lifelong resident of Fulton county and well known in Rochester, died at 7:30 o’clock this morning at his home a quarter mile north of this city on road 31. Death was attributed to hardening of the arteries. Mr. Garner had been ill for the past two years but his condition had become serious around the first of June.

He was born Sept. 30, 1867, in Fulton county, the son of Henry and Aurilla (FOWLER) GARNER and had lived in this vicinity all his life. A retired railroad employe, he was liked and respected by all who knew him.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Minard SANDERS of this city, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Rochester United Brethren church, and the Rev. Leroy GARNER, nephew of the deceased and pastor of the United Brethren church at Burr Oak, Ind., will officiate. Burial will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Rochester. The body will be removed to the Garner residence Thursday afternoon from the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home.

Edna Swihart

Rites for Edna Ann SWIHART, who died at the Parkview hospital in Plymouth Tuesday, will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in the Argos Methodist church, Rev. J. W. Neill officiating. Interment will be in the New Oak Hill cemetery, Plymouth.

The body will remain at the Grossman funeral home until Friday morning when it will be returned to the residence.

D. O. McCoy

D. O. McCOY, husband of Olive FOSNER McCOY, formerly of this city, died suddenly at noon today on the lawn of his home in Indianapolis of a heart attack.

Mr. McCoy was returning home last night after visiting friends and relatives in this city when he first became ill. He was taken to a Lebanon hospital and later returned to Indianapolis where he died.

Christopher McGrew

Christopher McGREW, aged 59 years, died at 4:45 o’clock Tuesday night at his home at 914 Wilkes street, Culver, of a heart ailment. Mr. McGrew had resided in that city only 60 days before his death.

Born Feb. 10, 1885 in Fulton county, he moved to Argos when he was young and resided in that community most of his life. The deceased was united in marriage to Stella CARPENTER, Feb. 20, 1933.

Mr. McGrew was employed as a mechanic and was a member of the Christian Science church.

Surviving are his wife and three children by a former marriage: Glen McGREW, of this city; Mrs. Anna FENTER of Logansport, and Mrs. Sylvia GROSSMAN, of Elkhart; three sisters, Mrs. Ana KALEY of South Bend, Mrs. Belle ELERCH of Logansport, and Mrs. Maggie COVENER of Mt. Hope, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at the Grossman funeral home with Rev. Morton KEEGER of South Bend officiating. Interment will be in the Fulton cemetery.

The body has been taken to the Grossman funeral home and will remain there until Thursday afternoon when it will be returned to the home. The body will later be returned to the funeral home for services.

Mattie Redel

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral of Mrs. Mattie REDEL, Tuesday afternoon, were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold REDEL of Chicago; Ralph REDEL of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mrs. M. L. YUSTER of Columbus, Ohio, and Lee WILE of Springfield, Mass., all members of the immediate family.

Out-of-town friends were: Mrs. Don ROSENBAUM of Anderson; Miss Jess WERMSEER of Indianapolis; Miss Minnie ROSENBERG of Hamilton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. RITTENHOUSE and Mr. and Mrs. Mark LAUER of Plymouth; Mrs. Birley ROSENBERG of South Bend; Mrs. Ida FLONAKER and Ben OPPENHEIM of North Manchester; Jake LEVINE of LaPorte; Fred SENGER of Peru; James IMLER and Jake POLAY of Logansport.

Thursday, June 29, 1944

Edward Wideman

PVT. EDWARD WIDEMAN, 30, MISSING SINCE D-DAY

Pvt. Edward WIDEMAN, 30-year-old son of Mrs. Mary WIDEMAN, route 1, Akron, is missing in action in France, according to a War Department telegram received Tuesday by his brother, Joe Wideman of Akron.

The War Department notification stated that the Akron man has been missing since the first day of the invasion, June 6. Pvt. Wideman was a member of the glider division and the last word Mrs. Wideman had from her son was from England. He had been in the service for two years and overseas one year. Before entering the service he was employed as a farmer near Akron.

Friday, June 30, 1944

Theodore Myers

THEODORE MYERS KILLED IN ACTION IN ATLANTIC

Machinist Mate 1/c Theodore MYERS, 27-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin MYERS, rural route 4, Rochester, was fatally wounded in action recently, presumably "somewhere" in the Atlantic.

The lengthy telegram notifying the parents of his death was received this morning.

The dispatch from Vice Admiral Jacobs, chief of Naval personnel, stated in part that Machinist Mate Myers "died of wounds following action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country."

Machinist Mate Myers has seen action in Africa and Italy and is believed to have been wounded under fire, dying later at a base hospital.

He was inducted two years ago and trained in various camps throughout the country.

In the telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. Myers this morning, the Navy department further revealed that if additional information was acquired they would promptly notify the parents.

Surviving are the parents and a brother, Ray MYERS, overseas; and a paternal grandmother, Mrs. William MYERS of Kewanna.

[NOTE: Theodore Myers, Rochester, died of wounds received in action in English Channel, June 9, 1944 - The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

Saturday, July 1, 1944 to Monday, July 3, 1944

[no obits]

Tuesday, July 4, 1944

[no paper - holiday]

Wednesday, July 5, 1944

Silas B. Kamp

Silas B. KAMP, aged 76 years, died at 2:06 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home 2 1/2 miles southwest of Argos of complications, following an illness of a month and a half. Mr. Kamp's condition had been critical for a week.

He was born Oct. 1, 1867, one-half mile south of Argos, the son of Harry and Melissa KAMP. The deceased was married Sept. 3, 1893, to Bertha PARKHURST, who survives. Mr. Kamp was employed as a day laborer prior to his death. He was a member of the Church of God.

Surviving are the wife and a daughter, Mrs. Nova THOMAS, of Argos; a sister, Mrs. Catherine POWERS, Argos; a brother, Charles KAMP, Elkhart, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 8:00 p.m., from the Umbaugh funeral home in Argos, Rev. Ernest TREBER of the Argos Christian church officiating. Interment will be in the Jordan cemetery, southwest of Argos. The body lies in state at the funeral home where friends may call.

Thursday, July 6, 1944

Fritz Cessna

S. SGT. FRITZ CESSNA, REPORTED MISSING, NOW BELIEVED SAFE

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto CESSNA, near Kewanna, Cpl. Bob CESSNA revealed that his brother, S/Sgt. Fritz CESSNA, is believed alive, perhaps as a German prisoner "somewhere in France."

The message received from Bob early in the week by Mr. and Mrs. Cessna was the first word concerning their son, Fritz, since the brief War Department telegram, early in June informing them that their son was "missing in action" over France on May 28.

According to the letter from Cpl. Cessna, who is stationed in southern England with a fighter plane crew, other participants in the sortie over France on May 28, saw the B-26 bomber with S/Sgt Fritz Cessna aboard torn by intense enemy fire and began to drop. Other planes in the vast sky armada followed the bomber to its descent and carefully watched the members of the crew as they bailed from the doomed craft.

Counted Parachutes

Each parachute was counted as it blossomed out in the sky over central France and according to eye-witnesses on the bombing mission, all crew members were accounted for. Each is believed to have landed safely somewhere in central France, presumably near the Paris region.

S/Sgt Fritz Cessna may now be interned inside Europe or escaping through the channels of the French underground.

The 28-year-old Fulton county man was a tail gunner on the B-26 bomber and had completed 75 missions over continental Europe. He was the wearer of the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, good conduct medal and a number of Oak Leaf Clusters.

He entered the United States Army Air Corps June 11, 1942 and was overseas a year in April. Sgt. Cessna was a graduate of Rochester high school.

His brother, Cpl. Bob Cessna, is widely known in this county and also was a graduate of Rochester high school. He was a member of the Rochester high school basketball team for four years.

Johanna W. Vermeulen

Johanna W. VERMEULEN, aged 63 years, died following a stroke of paralysis Wednesday night at 11:45 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carrie DeRURTER, one-half mile west of Richland Center.

She was born May 15, 1881, and was united in marriage to Daniel J. VERMEULEN March 15, 1900. Mr. Vermeulen survives.

The deceased moved to the Richland Center community three months ago from South Holland, Ill.

Survivors are the husband and two daughters: Mrs. Carrie DeRURTER, of near Richland Center, Mrs. Cornelia VANDER ZEE of Hebron, Ind.; two sons, Tunis VERMEULEN of South Holland, Ill., and Arthur VERMEULEN of New York, N.Y.

Funeral services will be held at the Grossman funeral home at 8:00 o'clock tonight. Rev. Clarence SIPLE will officiate.

The body will then be removed to South Holland Friday afternoon and services will be held there Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be in the Hazel Wood cemetery there.

Margaret M. Zimpleman

Margaret M. ZIMPLEMAN, 86, died at 9:05 o'clock this morning at her home on South Logan street, Kewanna, after a lingering illness of over 12 years. Her condition had been critical for the past 10 days.

She was born at Fletcher's Lake, July 6, 1857, the daughter of Robert and Jane THRUSH. She had resided in the Kewanna vicinity her entire life. July 4, 1876, she was married to Michael ZIMPLEMAN, who preceded her in death.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church at Fletcher's Lake.

Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. Ida FALL, South Bend, Mrs. Daisy LOWER, South Bend, Mrs. Martha McCROKEN, Niles, Mich., Mrs. Dessie DENTON, Rochester, Mrs. Birdie SPENCER and Miss Mollie ZIMPLEMAN, both of Kewanna.

Rites will be held Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the residence with Rev. Henry BULGAR of Medaryville officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Kewanna.

James T. Liston

James T. LISTON, 83-year-old highly respected Rochester resident, died at 10:55 o'clock last night in his home at 125 West 7th street. Death was attributed to complications following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Liston was born November 10, 1860 in Cass County, Ill., the son of Jonathan and Sarah (MILLER) LISTON. He was united in marriage May 16, 1886 at Bennett's Switch, Ind., to Viola LaDora SHAFFER, who survives.

Thirty-seven years ago, Mr. Liston moved to this city where he became joint owner of the Liston and Smith Grocery firm at 628 Main street. Later the grocery store was managed solely by Mr. Liston until he retired two years ago, because of ill health.

For a number of years he served on the Rochester City Council.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church and at one time was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias lodge. He leaves a legion of friends and acquaintances in this city to mourn his death.

Surviving are his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Ed SMITH, of Broadview, Ill., Mrs. Harry NELLANS, of Mishawaka; two sisters, Mrs. Aaron ZOOK, of Peru, Mrs. Isaac MYERS, of Wawpecong; and a brother, Charles LISTON, also of Wawpecong; three grandchildren and three

great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the Val Zimmerman memorial chapel, Rochester, Friday at 3 p.m., with Rev. Frank R. BRIGGS, officiating. Burial will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The body will be removed to the Liston home tonight, where it will lie in state until the hour of the funeral. Friends may call at the residence.

Friday, July 7, 1944

Emma Yarian

Emma YARIAN, 70, died shortly after midnight this morning at her home in Athens following an illness of one week. Death of the well-known Fulton county resident was attributed to complications.

She was born June 17, 1874, the daughter of Henry and Matilda GAERTE. Her husband, Henry YARIAN, preceded her in death in 1941. Following the death of Mr. Yarian she moved to Athens from her farm home southeast of Akron.

The deceased was a member of the Athens United Brethren church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Maxine BRIGHT of Mishawaka; a son, Worth LONG of Beverly Hills, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Orten KRIEG and Mrs. Amanda FITES, both of Gilead.

Rites will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at the Emanuel church, southeast of Akron, with Rev. R. E. CHRISTLER officiating. Burial will be in the Gaerte cemetery.

The body will be removed to the home the day before the funeral.

Saturday, July 8, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, July 10, 1944

Fritz Cessna

S. SGT. FRITZ CESSNA HELD INSIDE EUROPE AS GERMAN PRISONER

S/Sgt. Fritz CESSNA, reported missing in action "somewhere in France" by the War department, is now a German prisoner of war, according to a cablegram from the International Red Cross received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto CESSNA, of near Kewanna.

The notification was received Saturday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Cessna and further stated that a letter giving more details would follow.

The Red Cross message arrived soon after a reassurance from Sgt. Cessna's brother, Cpl. Bob CESSNA, that Fritz was alive after parachuting from the doomed B-26 bomber over France.

'Chuted to Safety

According to Cpl. Bob Cessna, his brother and other members of the ill-fated bomber had "chuted" to safety presumably near the Paris area. They were probably captured by the German occupational forces and interned somewhere inside Europe.

Cpl. Cessna, stationed in southern England with a fighter plane crew, contacted members of the bombing sortie in which Fritz was a member. They reported following the bomber to a low altitude after it had been struck by anti-aircraft fire and watched all the crew members bail out safely.

Had 75 Missions

S/Sgt. Cessna was first reported missing in action by the War Department May 28. He was a tail gunner on a B-26 bomber and had participated in 75 missions.

S/Sgt. Cessna had been decorated with the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, good conduct medal and numerous oak leaf clusters.

He entered the United States Army Air Corps June 11, 1942 and was overseas a year in April. Sgt. Cessna was a graduate of Rochester high school.

His brother, Cpl. Bob Cessna, also a graduate of the local high school, was a four-year basketball letterman.

Charles L. Richardson

Charles L. RICHARDSON, 79-year-old Rochester resident, died at 10 o'clock Sunday night at the Woodlwan hospital, death resulting from complications. Mr. Richardson had been in failing health for seven years, but was not seriously ill until three weeks ago.

He was born August 23, 1864 in this county, 2 1/2 miles south of Rochester, the son of William and Agnes (ONSTOTT) RICHARDSON. Mr. Richardson moved to this city from a farm near Macy.

He was united in marriage to Ida M. ALSPACH, October 21, 1886, in Fulton county.

The deceased was a retired farmer, and also operated a grocery store for a few years. He was employed recently by the late J. T. Liston in this city.

He was a member of the Rochester Methodist church.

Surviving are his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Ferris STARNER, near Macy; two sisters, Mrs. George BUTLER and Mrs. Hattie DUDGEON, both of this city; and a brother, George RICHARDSON, Rand, Colo.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church, Rev. Frank BRIGGS officiating. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The body will remain at the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home until the hour of the services.

Addie Coplen

Mrs. Addie COPLEN, 79-year-old widow of James B. COPLEN and prominent resident of Rochester, died at 3:46 o'clock Saturday afternoon at her home, 831 South Monroe street. Although in ill health for a number of years, Mrs. Coplen's condition did not become critical until a fall three weeks ago.

She [Addie ENTSMINGER] was born in Newcastle township, March 8, 1865, the daughter of Amon and Catherine ENTSMINGER. Mrs. Coplen was a lifelong resident of Fulton county and was active in civic and religious affairs of this city.

On Sept. 18, 1885, she was united in marriage to James Coplen. The couple lived on a farm northeast of this city, later operating a grocery store at Athens. In 1911 Mr. Coplen was elected sheriff and they moved to this city. Mr. Coplen served two terms in that office, later managing a dray and taxi line here. He died Dec. 10, 1942.

The deceased was an active member of the First Baptist church and the Pythian Sisters lodge.

Surviving are a son, Gene, co-owner of the Coplen-Erdmann Pharmacy; a daughter, Mrs. Horatio AGSTER of Harrisburg, Pa.; four grandsons, Allen COPLEN of the city, James COPLEN of Chicago, [Maurice] COPLEN of Freeport, Ill., and Dick AGSTER of Bartlesville, Okla.; a granddaughter, Mrs. Gene FETTER of Harrisburg, Pa., and four great-grandchildren.

Rites will be held at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the residence with Rev. Harry J. BAILEY officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The body lies in state at the Val Zimmerman funeral home where friends may call.

J. T. Liston

Out-of-town relatives attending the J. T. LISTON funeral Friday afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth NELLANS, Mrs. Leon MARTIN and Mrs. Charles OGDIN, all of Kokomo; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. ZOOK and Mrs. P. LINTNER, of Peru; Mrs. Charles LISTON, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac MYERS, Mrs. E. MYERS and Mr. and Mrs. Paul MYERS, all of Wawpecong; Mrs. James HOLMAN and Mrs. Ellen STAFFORD, both of Galveston; Mr. and Mrs. Liston SMITH, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph ZOOK and family and Mrs. Arthur OLIVER, all of Marion; and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver SEWARD and family of Deer Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed SMITH returned to their home in Illinois Saturday after attending the funeral and Mr. and Mrs. Harry NELLANS returned to Mishawaka Sunday night.

Lena Drake

Mrs. Lena (WELCH) DRAKE, 68, passed away Sunday evening at 11 o'clock at the Ewing nursing home in this city. Death resulted from complications following an illness of eight months duration. Mrs. Drake had been a resident of Rochester for nine months, moving here from Rosalynn, Ky.

Lena, daughter of J. M. and Henrietta WELCH, was born in Rosalynn, Ky. In 1904 she was united in marriage to Beverly DRAKE. She was a member of the Methodist church of Rosalynn.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Victor SKIDMORE of this city; a grandson, John Albert [SKIDMORE], of this city; three sisters, Mrs. C. E. EWEN of New Ross, Ind., Mrs. E. D COX of Hamlin, Tenn, Mrs. J. G. CAMPBELL of Hazel Park, Mich., and three brothers, John WELCH of Lexington, Ky., Ed WELCH of Clay City, Ky., and Carl WELCH of Roswell, N.M.

Private funeral services in charge of Rev. Frank R. BRIGGS will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at the Foster funeral home. Interment will be made in the Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the Foster funeral home until 10:00 a.m. Thursday where friends may call.

Tuesday July 11, 1944

Edward A. Troutman

KEWANNA MAN KILLED ON BOMBING MISSION OVER EUROPE MAY 29

Word has been received from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. C. O. TROUTMAN of Kewanna, Ind., that their son, Staff Sergeant Edward A. TROUTMAN who was previously reported as missing in action over Germany on May 29th, is now listed as killed in action over Germany on May 29th.

This information was received through the International Red Cross from the German government. Details were not given but they were advised that this would be received later.

His parents previously lived in Gary, Ind., where he graduated from Horace Mann high school. He was employed at Inland Steel Co., prior to his enlistment in April 1942.

He received his wings at the Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Fla., and took a special training course in aircraft armament at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. He received his final training as an aerial gunner and crew chief at Almagordo, New Mexico and was shipped overseas in December, 1943, where he was with the Royal Air Force. At the time of his death he was acting as bombardier on a B-24 Liberator.

He received the Air Medal four Oakleaf Clusters and a citation and sent his Air Medal to his parents.

Kit Carson Conrad

Kit Carson CONRAD, 74-year-old retired farmer, died at 2:20 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home on West Rochester street, Akron. Death was attributed to complications following an illness of over two weeks.

He was born February 14, 1870, the son of McGuire and Melinda CONRAD. His wife, the former Edna SMITH, survives.

Servivors other than his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Zella DRUDGE, Akron, and Mrs. Frances Ruth GROGG, of Rochester; a sister, Mrs. Aurelia SINK, of Mattoon, Ill.; a brother, James H. CONRAD, of St. Louis, Mo., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the residence, Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Akron.

The body will be taken to the residence from the Moyer funeral home at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

John L. McClure

John L. McCLURE, a former hardware merchant of Rochester, and a native of Richland township, Fulton county, passed away Wednesday afternoon, July 6, at his late home, 1909 Catalina street, Los Angeles, at the age of 83 years. Funeral services were held at the Little Church of the Flowers, Forest Lawn cemetery, and burial was made in Gardena Terrace of Forest Lawn Mausoleum, Glendale, Saturday afternoon, July 8. The Rev. James LEISHMAN of the Pasadena Presbyterian church officiated.

Mr. McClure and family left Rochester in 1903 and have resided in California since that time. The surviving members of the family are the wife, Nina PENDLETON McCLURE, who became his bride March 15, 1889 (61 years ago); two daughters, Belle McCLURE of Los Angeles and Mrs. Maude M. BLAIR of Beverly Hills; a granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

Wednesday, July 12, 1944

[no obits]

Thursday, July 13, 1944

Vida Almetta Fretz

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Summit Chapel church, southwest of Bourbon, for Mrs. Vida Almetta FRETZ, 53, who died at the Woodlawn hospital in this city Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. The Rev. Glen SUTTON of Wolcottville will be in charge of the services and he will be assisted by the pastor, Rev. Donald KOONTZ. Burial will be in Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Fretz had been in ill health for the past three years and had been a patient at the hospital for two weeks. Death was attributed to complications following a major operation.

She was born [Vida Almetta FIELDS] in Marshall county, Oct. 25, 1890, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew FIELDS and in 1911 was married to John FRETZ, who survives. Mrs. Fretz had lived her entire life in the Summit Chapel community, southeast of Bourbon. She was a member of the Summit Chapel Methodist church. Surviving besides Mr. Fretz are six children, Mrs. Arthur ABBOTT of this city; Mrs. Raymond BOWERS of Talma; Mrs. Verl HOAGLAND of San Diego, Calif.; Ralph [FRETZ] and Alice Marie [FRETZ], at home, and Wilferd [FRETZ] of Tippecanoe; two brothers, Frank FIELDS of Plymouth and Cloyde FIELDS of Bourbon, and one sister, Mrs. Dan SHOEMAKER of Bourbon. There are six grandchildren.

Friday, July 14, 1944

Maude Anspaugh

Rochester friends early today were advised of the sudden death of Mrs. Maude ANSPAUGH, 69, which occurred at 3:00 a.m. today at her home in Angola, Ind. Death was attributed to a heart attack which was suffered but a short time before her demise. Mrs. Anspaugh, who was the mother of Mrs. Hugh A. BARNHART of this city, had often visited here where she had many friends.

Other survivors are two sons, Ralph [ANSPAUGH] and H. G. ANSPAUGH of Angola, with whom Mrs. Anspaugh made her home; another son, Charles H. ANSPAUGH, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Wright funeral home in Angola.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. BARNHART, who were in Indianapolis at the time of Mrs. Anspaugh's death, left immediately for Angola.

Saturday, July 15, 1944

Edward A. Troutman

KILLED IN ACTION

* * * * Photo of S. Sgt. Edward A. Troutman * * * *

S. Sgt. Edward A. TROUTMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. TROUTMAN of Kewanna, Ind., was killed in action on a mission over Germany on May 29. Troutman, who was a bombardier at the time of his death, was a member of the RAF and was flying a B-24. He received his wings at the Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Fla., and advanced training at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. Edward was the holder of an Air Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters and a special citation.

Joseph Harding

Funeral services for Joseph HARDING, accident victim, will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Peru Trinity Episcopal church. Father REIMER will officiate and interment will be in the Mt. Hope cemetery.

The body will lie in state one hour at the church before the services. The deceased was a nephew of Mrs. Robert QUINN and Miss Jessie HARDING, both of Rochester.

Maude Anspaugh

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude ANSPAUGH, mother of Mrs. Martha BARNHART, of this city, will be held Sunday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock, at the Weicht funeral home, Angola, Ind. Rev. John HUMFREYS will officiate.

Several Rochester people are planning to attend the services. In Friday's edition of The News-Sentinel it was stated that the rites would be held Monday, however, later plans changed the time to Sunday.

Monday, July 17, 1944

Charles William Cunningham

Charles William CUNNINGHAM, aged 62 years, died at 4:40 o'clock this morning, at his home nine miles northwest of Rochester in Richland township. Death of the retired Fulton county farmer was attributed to complications following an illness of two weeks.

Born Jan. 19, 1862, near Danville, Ill., he was the son of John and Nancy CUNNINGHAM. He was twice married, the first time to Alma RABOURN on Dec. 16, 1882, and following her death to Jane ROGERS on Sept. 12, 1889.

Mr. Cunningham moved to this city 30 years ago from Raleighburg, Ind.

The deceased was a member of the Masonic Order in Danville, Ill.

Surviving are two children by his first marriage, Alma CUNNINGHAM VOYLES, at home, and Paralee C. PHONEGAR, Reno, Nev.; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Otis [CUNNINGHAM], a son by his first wife preceded him in death; and two daughters by his last wife, Maude [CUNNINGHAM] and Edna [CUNNINGHAM], also preceded him.

Rites will be held Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock in the home with Rev. GIVENS officiating. Brial will be at Danville, Ill.

Finley C. Wiser

Finley C. WISER, 83, died at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night at his home, 600 West Ninth street, of uremic poisoning following an illness of three weeks.

He was born August 17, 1860, southwest of Argos, the son of Ransom and Amanda (DOUGLAS) WISER. At Marshall county in 1878, he was united in marriage to Alvina NELLANS, who preceded him in death.

He resided in Rochester and vicinity 50 years before his death, moving here from Marshall county.

The deceased was a retired farmer.

Surviving are a niece, Nellie LAMB; two nephews, Guy WISER, and Marion E. REITER, all of South Bend.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home. Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD will officiate and burial will be in the Jordan cemetery, near Argos. The body will lie in state at the funeral home where friends may call.

Maude Anspaugh

The following people attended the funeral services of Mrs. Maude ANSPAUGH, mother of Mrs. Martha BARNHART, of this city, held Sunday afternoon at the Weicht funeral home, Angola, Ind.; Mrs. A. L. DENISTON, Mrs. Floyd VAN TRUMP, Mrs. Scott BOWEN, Mrs. Richard WALL, Mrs. Harry LOUDERBACK, Mrs. A. P. MUDGETT, Mrs. F. D. RUH, Mrs. Lyman BRACKET and Mrs. Percy SMITH.

Mary McDaniels

Mrs. Mary McDANIELS, 66-year-old confessed shotgun slayer of her husband, Claude [McDANIELS], 65, June 24th, near Argos, died of a heart attack at 1:30 a.m. today in the Marshall county jail. Dr. R. C. STEPHENS, acting coroner's physician, pronounced death, "typical coronary thrombosis."

The grand jury which was expected to indict the Argos woman for the murder was called for 9:30 o'clock this morning, but was dismissed.

Ever since she confessed killing her husband, Mrs. McDaniels has been under a severe nervous strain.

In her confession she admitted the immediate motive for the murder to have been his failure to carry a bucket of water for her. In rage she discovered the 12 gauge shotgun and shot her spouse as he was chopping kindling near the house.

Frank L. Marriott

Frank L. MARRIOTT, 73, died Monday morning at 2:45 o'clock at the Woodlawn hospital. Mr. Marriott, who resided six miles north of this city, had been ill for the past six months. Death was due to complications.

Mr. Marriott, son of Joshua H. and Elizabeth KELLY MARRIOTT, was born Aug. 27, 1870, at Rankin, Ill. He was united in marriage to Minnie Bell COOVERT in January, 1897. She preceded him in death May 9, 1944.

A son, Marion [MARRIOTT], also preceded his father in death in 1937.

He is survived by the following children: three sons, Virgil K. [MARRIOTT], South Bend, Loren C. [MARRIOTT], Rochester, and Lt. Archie J. [MARRIOTT], stationed in Hawaii; two daughters, Mrs Orpha BLACKETOR, Fulton, and Mrs. Bessie E. NAFE, South Bend; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Bell M. NEAL, Monon, and Mrs. Jessie RAINS, Gary; two brothers, Ross W. [MARRIOTT], Swarthmore, Pa., and Scott [MARRIOTT], of Bedford.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Foster funeral home, Rev. Leroy GARNER officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The body will remain at the funeral home.

Tuesday, July 18, 1944

Arthur A. Johnson

Friends in this city have received word of the death of Arthur A. JOHNSON, 33-year-old former resident of Rochester, who died at 8:00 o'clock Saturday night in his home, 105 West First street, Mishawaka.

Death of the well-known St. Joseph county resident resulted from a heart attack.

He was born in Rochester Dec. 16, 1910, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert JOHNSON. Together with his parents he moved to Mishawaka in 1919 where he resided ever since.

While residents of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lived at 611 East 14th street.

He had been an editorial employe of the South Bend Tribune for 11 years and his voice was familiar to radio listeners for his nightly broadcast over the Tribune station, WSBT.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Richard [JOHNSON]; his father; three sisters, and one brother.

Wednesday, July 19, 1944

Thomas Elwood Hunt

THOMAS HUNT LISTED AS KILLED IN ACTION BY WAR DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Bertha NEIGHBOR, of this city, has been informed in a letter from Adjutant General Ulio that her son, Thomas Elwood HUNT, missing in action since the surrender of Corregidor, is now listed as dead by the War Department.

The former Rochester man was serving with the 200th Coast Artillery anti-aircraft battery on Battan and Corregidor at the time of their fall, and participated in the bloody fight for the

Philippines during the first dark days of the war. For 26 months he had been missing in action until the recent notice listing him among those killed.

He left the United States in August, 1941, and was stationed at Fort Stotenburg near Clark Field. Forces at both posts were virtually annihilated December 7, 1941.

Evacate 200th Division

Remnants of the 200th Division were evacuated to Manila where they defended the Philippine's capital until its fall to the Nipponese New Year's day, 1942. Many escaped from Manila to Bataan peninsula where they fought for five months under the severest conditions imaginable in a campaign in which General MacArthur declared that "Never did men do so much with so little."

Last word from Hunt was received by his mother in December, 1941, in the form of a cablegram from Manila.

Born in Rockville, Ind., December 24, 1911, he moved to Rochester in July, 1924 and entered the Rochester public schools. Following his graduation from the local high school in 1931, he was employed at Armour Co., here, until leaving to take a position at Santa Fe, N.M.

He entered the armed forces at Santa Fe in March, 1941, and he received his basic training at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

Surviving are his mother; two sisters, Mrs. Catherine LITACEVC, of Chicago; Mrs. Eugenia KING, city, and a brother, Robert NEIGHBOR, also of Rochester.

Charles Nelson Morningstar

Charles Nelson MORNINGSTAR, nephew of the nationally famous billiard player Ora MORNINGSTAR, died at 3:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in his home at 126 West Seventh street, of uremic poisoning. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Morningstar, a resident of this city since he was 12, had been ill since May.

Born Feb. 10, 1880, in Argos, he was the son of Hiram and Julia (PHILLIPS) MORNINGSTAR. For several years he helped his parents operate a bus line in Rochester and for a while he was employed as a civil engineer.

The deceased was a member of the Grace Methodist church.

Surviving are his mother; his uncle, Ora, of San Diego, Calif.; three cousins, Miss Mae BASSETT of Monticello, Mrs. Grace NUSBAUM of Warsaw, and Mrs. Ruth SUTHERLAND of Indianapolis.

Private funeral services will be held at Zimmerman Brothers funeral home Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with Rev. Frank R. BRIGGS officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the funeral home where friends may call.

Charles Cunningham

The funeral services for Charles CUNNINGHAM have been postponed from Thursday to Sunday morning, 9 o'clock. The rites will be conducted at the Cunningham residence, nine miles northwest of this city. Burial will be at Danville, Ill.

Thursday, July 20, 1944

Russell Warren, Jr.

CPL RUSSELL WARREN DIES IN PLANE CRASH

Cpl. Russell WARREN, Jr., 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell WARREN, 111 South Center street, Argos, died Tuesday afternoon in an airplane crash at Walla Walla, Wash., where he was stationed, the War department revealed today.

Details of the crash were lacking in the message to Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

He entered the service in March, 1943, and received training in various camps in the United States. Prior to his entrance into the air corps he resided near Argos.

Cpl. Warren was born at North Liberty, Nov. 14, 1924, and moved to the Argos community when he was quite young.

He was one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Warren, three of whom were in the service.

Suivors are the parents and four brothers, Pfc. William WARREN of San Diego, Calif., Charles WARREN in the coast guard at Brooklyn, N.Y., Orville Lee WARREN and Walter Raymond WARREN, both at home.

Last week all three of the brothers in the service were united at their Argos home on furlough.

Funeral services will be held at the Grossman funeral home with Rev. Ernest TREBER of the Argos Christian church officiating. Interment will be in the Oak Hill cemetery at Plymouth.

Date of the funeral is pending shipment of the body by Walla Walla officials.

Mrs. Bert Sult

Friends here have received word of the death of Mrs. Bert SULT, former Rochester resident, who died at her home in Battle Creek, Mich. Funeral services will be held Friday at Battle Creek.

Mabel Gregory

Friends here have been notified of the death of Miss Mabel GREGORY, aged 60 years, former resident of this city, who died suddenly of a heart attack Tuesday in her home, 530 Diversey street, in Chicago, Ill.

The body will be returned to this city and burial will be in the Rochester Odd Fellows cemetery, beside her mother, Mrs. Belle GREGORY.

For several years Miss Gregory taught in the Rochester grade schools and later as an English instructor in the local high school. She moved to Chicago from here where she was teacher in the Tueley high school. For the past four years she had been an English instructor in the Lane Technical high school in that city.

While a resident of this city she was a member of the Presbyterian church.

One brother, Ralph [GREGORY], of Minneapolis, Minn., is the sole survivor.

Friday, July 21, 1944

Theodore Myers

SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED BY U. S. ARMY CHAPLAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin MYERS, rural route 4, Rochester, recently received a letter from Chaplain Edgar E. SMITH in England, consoling them on the death of their son, Machinist Mate First Class Theodore MYERS, who was killed in action in France June 8.

The message as received by Mr. and Mrs. Myers reads as follows:

“Dear Mr and Mrs. Myers:

"I am writing to tell you that your son, Theodore William [MYERS], passed away on Thursday, 8th June at about 6:00 p.m. He was received here at the casualty station seriously wounded and everything possible was done. There is every conceivable kind of equipment here and a large staff of doctors and nurses, so that will give you some comfort to know that all was done that could be done to save his life.

"I am deeply sorry for you in this your sad loss--and I ask you to accept my sincerest sympathies. I hope and pray you will received all the consolation possible to help you to bear your sad loss.

"Yours very sincerely,
"Edgar E. Smith,
"Officiating Chaplain to the forces."

Henry Graves

Henry GRAVES, 85-year-old father of Richard GRAVES, Burton farmer, died at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at his home in Kokomo after a long illness. Rites were held today at Kokomo and burial was made there.

He was born in Maynardville, Tenn., the son of Mr. and Mrs. William GRAVES. His wife, Hannah [GRAVES], preceded him in death several years ago.

Survivors are the children, Richard, of this city, Lola GRAVES, at home, Campbell GRAVES, of Francesville, Curtis [GRAVES] and Robert [GRAVES], both of Kokomo.

Emma Harman

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Akron Church of God for Mrs. Emma [J.] HARMAN, 82, who died at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday at her home three and one-half miles south of Gilead. Interment was in the Akron Odd Fellows cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Harman resulted after a long illness.

She was born [Emma J. STOFFER] June 2, 1862 to William and Elizabeth SMITH SOTFFER. Her entire life was spent in the Gilead community. Her husband, [Jacob J.] HARMAN, survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Isa HARMAN, at home, and Mrs. Maude GROGG, Gilead; five sons, Ray [HARMAN] of Elkhart, Russell [HARMAN], Lee [HARMAN], George [HARMAN] and Fred [HARMAN], all of Roann; a sister, Rosa ALEXANDER of Silver Lake; two brothers, Bruce STOFFER of Wabash and Jess STOFFER of Peru; 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A daughter and son preceded Mrs. Harman in death.

The deceased was an active member of the Akron Church of God.

Steve Coussore, Jr.

Funeral services for Steve CROUSSORE, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve CROUSSORE of Rochester who died at birth yesterday, were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the residence with Rev. Glen CHRISTMAN of the Nazarene church officiating. Interment was in the Citizens' cemetery.

Saturday, July 22, 1944

Clarence Thomas

FATHER RECEIVES HIS DEAD SON'S CITATION

The Purple Heart decoration, awarded posthumously to Cpl. Clarence THOMAS, was received late Friday by his father, William THOMAS, of rural route 2, city, together with a letter of explanation from the War department.

According to the message Cpl. Thomas, who was first reported as killed in action June 16, actually died of wounds received on that date. He is presumed to have died either at a field hospital in France or in England.

Pfc. Thomas, a paratrooper, enlisted in the army on May 13, 1942.

Mabel Gregory

The last remains of Mrs. Mabel GREGORY, who died recently in Chicago, Ill., were cremated in a Chicago crematory and services were held in that city yesterday. The ashes have been shipped to the Foster funeral home and will be placed in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Monday, July 24, 1944

Robert Warren

CPL. WARREN'S BODY TO ARRIVE IN ARGOS JULY 25

Mr. and Mrs. Russell WARREN, of Argos, have received word that their son's body was shipped from Walla Walla Washington sometime Saturday and will arrive in Argos, Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Cpl. Robert WARREN, 19 years of age, died July 18, following an airplane crash at Walla Walla, Washington, where he was stationed.

Immediately upon arrival, the body will be taken to the Grossman funeral home, in Argos, and will remain there until the hour of the funeral.

Services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with Rev. Ernest TREBER, of the Argos Methodist church, officiating. Following the funeral, a military burial, in charge of officers from Baer Field, will be held at Oak Hill cemetery in Plymouth.

Jesse Wade Rinehart

Jesse Wade RINEHART, 75, well known retired farmer, passed away 6:35 p.m. Sunday at his home, 430 West 5th street, this city. Death was attributed to complications after a brief illness. Mr. Rinehart had a wide acquaintance of friends throughout Rochester and Fulton county and was active in the affairs of the Rochester Christian church of which edifice he was a member.

Jesse Wade, son of Samuel H. and Nancy DURHAM RINEHART, was born July 25th, 1869 in Boone county, Ind. He had been a resident of this community for 31 years. On July 27th, 1898 in a ceremony pronounced in Shelby county he was united in marriage with Dora Ann TURNER.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Guy DAVIS, of Culver, Mrs. Edward OBRENSTEIN, of Greenfield, Mass., Mrs. Paul MATHIAS, of Hinsdale, Ill., and Mrs. H. A. SHUMAKER, of Indianapolis; seven grandsons; a brother, Harry RINEHART, and a sister, Mrs. Ralph BEASLEY, both of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock, at the Christian church, with the Rev. Harry MOUNT, of Kendallville, Ind., in charge. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The body will be taken to the Rinehart residence Tuesday morning from the Foster funeral home and to the church at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. Friends may call at either the residence or the church.

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Virgil S. Reiter

Miss Helen REITER, of this city, received a telegram today informing her that her uncle, Judge Virgil S. REITER, of Hammond, Ind., passed away early today.

Judge Reiter was a former resident of this city. He was a brother of the late Marian [REITER] and Henry A. REITER and had a host of friends throughout Rochester and community

Martha Jean Smith

Miss Martha Jean SMITH, 22, of 130 North Jefferson street, this city, passed away at the Rockville state sanitarium Saturday evening 11:30 o'clock. Death resulted from tuberculosis following an illness of a year and a half duration.

Martha Jean, daughter of Duff and Mary SMITH was born in Michigan on Jan. 18th, 1922, and came to Rochester with her parents when quite young. Miss Smith prior to her last illness was employed in the General Electric Co. offices at Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Baptist church of this city.

Surviving are her father; a brother, Cecil SMITH, of California, and sister, Wilma [SMITH], at home. Her mother preceded in death.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at the Foster funeral home. Rev. Harry BAILEY will officiate and interment will be made in the Pleasant View cemetery. The body will lie in state at the funeral home until the hour of the services.

William G. Dubuque

William G. DUBUQUE, 56, well known farmer, passed away Sunday morning, 4:30 o'clock at his home three and a half miles northeast of Fulton. Death resulted from injuries sustained in a farm accident last January, when a team of horses ran away, throwing Mr. Dubuque under the wheels of the wagon. The farmer suffered head injuries from which he failed to recover.

Mr. Dubuque was born February 29th, 1888 at Thornhope, Ind. He had resided in Liberty township for the past 14 years. His parents were Jacob and Jane (LYTLE) DUBUQUE.

Survivors are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Edward SCOTT, of Kokomo, Mrs. Charles GREEN, of Fulton; a son, Vernon [DUBUQUE], of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; two brothers, John [DUBUQUE], of Logansport, M. C. [DUBUQUE] of Russiaville; a half-brother, Otto [DUBUQUE], of Anderson, and a half-sister, Bessie BARNES, of Marion, Ind.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday p.m. at the Fulton United Brethren church. Rev. Stacy SHAW will be in charge of the rites. The body will lie in state at the residence until the hour of the services.

Dora Bolinger

Mrs. Dora BOLINGER, 75, passed away Saturday afternoon at her home two miles north of Hibbard, Ind. Death resulted from complications following a few weeks' illness.

Mrs. Bolinger was born Jan. 11, 1869, in Huntington county, Indiana, and had resided in the Hibbard community since 1919. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. James PLASTER. She was a member of the Angola Christian church and the Rebekah order of Burr Oak. Her husband is the sole survivor.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Lutheran church with the Rev. Geo. G. JACKSON of Hibbard officiating. Burial will be made in the Funk cemetery.

Dr. Charles W. Drake

Dr. Charles W. DRAKE, 72, former Fulton county citizen, passed away July 9th at his home in Brownwood, Texas, according to belated word received here by friends. His death resulted from a heart attack.

Dr. Drake left this community about 50 years ago, he was the son of Heziah and Mary DRAKE. The deceased was a graduate of the Rochester high school and completed his medical course at the university of Michigan. He is survived by three children. Burial was made in the Crown Hill cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

John L. Walters

John L. WALTERS, 65, well known farmer of the Kewanna community, died at midnight Sunday night at his home three miles northwest of Kewanna. Death was attributed to complications. Mr. Walters had been ill for nearly two years, but his condition had been serious for only one day.

The deceased was born July 13, 1879, in Illinois, the son of John and Lydia WALTERS. He was married March 24, 1904, to Kate DEWEY and moved to this community from Illinois about 31 years ago.

Surviving besides the wife are two children, a son, Wilbur [WALTERS], of Detroit, Mich., and a daughter, Miss Wilda WALTERS, of Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Tuesday, July 25, 1944

Catherine Euphemia Ward

Mrs. Willis H. [Catherine Euphemia NAGLE] WARD, a pioneer resident of this community, passed away at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening at her home a mile south of Athens. Death resulted from complications following an illness of five years' duration. Her condition, however, was not regarded as extremely grave until the last three weeks.

Mrs. Ward had been a resident of Fulton county for over three score years and lived in Rochester for a long number of years. While residents of this city, the Wards resided on South Main street and Mr. Ward was county surveyor. The deceased was active in the social and religious affairs of this community and had a host of friends throughout both the city and county.

Catherine Euphemia, daughter of Jacob and Harriet NAGLE, was born Nov. 12, 1858, in

Wabash county, Ind. On January 7, 1884, she was united in marriage with Willis H. WARD. Mrs. Ward was a member of the Athens United Brethren church. Surviving are her husband; a son, William R. WARD; her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Helen WARD; a grandson, William W. [WARD]; two brothers, Emsley NAGLE of Logansport and Cary NAGLE of Santa Barbara, Calif., and two sisters, Mrs. Lou DEBOLT of Logansport and Mrs. Blanche WOLSON of Fort Worth, Texas.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Athens United Brethren church. Rev. Daniel S. SLAYBAUGH and Rev. R. E. CHRISLER will officiate. Burial will be made in the Rochester IOOF cemetery.

Wednesday, July 26, 1944

Fritz Cessna

CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT MISSING AIRMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Otto CESSNA, rural route 4, Rochester, Tuesday afternoon received a report from a high ranking army official which conflicted with one received earlier this month from the International Red Cross concerning their son, S. Sgt. Fritz CESSNA.

The notice received Tuesday was from S. Sgt. Cessna's commanding officer in England who stated that no trace had been found of their son. In the message the commanding officer said that "the plane in which S. Sgt. Cessna was a crew member had been hit by flak and was so badly damaged that it could not continue in formation and that the crew or plane had not been seen or heard of since."

Reported War Prisoner

Previously, through International Red Cross channels, S. Sgt. Cessna was reported a prisoner of war inside Europe after his entire crew had safely bailed out over France somewhere in the Paris region. Mr. and Mrs. Cessna plan to send the Red Cross notification to the commanding officer to enable a complete check-up of the affair.

S. Sgt. Cessna was first reported missing in action over France May 28 by the War department and later an unconfirmed report reached Mr. and Mrs. Cessna telling of the crew's parachute escape from the ill-fated bomber near the Paris area. The message from the Red Cross seemed to verify reports of his safety until the latest notice received yesterday from the commanding officer.

Cpl. Bob CESSNA, had informed his parents that Fritz had parachuted to safety even before the Red Cross had confirmed the report by saying that he was captured near Paris.

S. Sgt. Cessna was a tail gunner on a B-26 bomber and held seven Oak Leaf Clusters, one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. A silver cluster is awarded after ten flights over enemy territory.

Thursday, July 27, 1944

Ruby Brookover

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruby BROOKOVER, 57, of Huntington, will be held in that city Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The body will then be taken to the Leiters Ford cemetery where graveside services will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Brookover's maiden name was Ruby LUCAS. She was a graduate of the Leiters Ford High school and has many relatives in the western section of the county. A sister, Mrs. Elanore GRAHAM, resides at Knox.

Friday, July 28, 1944

Martin Ulrich

A sudden heart attack this morning claimed the life of Martin ULRICH, 76 year old county man at his home four miles southeast of Fulton. Mr. Ulrich died at 8 a.m.

He was born December 18, 1867 in Carroll county, the son of Henry and Caroline ULRICH. May 1, 1888 he was united in marriage to Emma STUDEBAKER, who survives.

The retired farmer was well known in Cass and Fulton counties, and was active in civic affairs.

He is survived by his wife and four sons, Cecil [ULRICH], Harry [ULRICH] and Forrest [ULRICH], all of near Twelve Mile, and Noble [ULRICH], of Greenport; a daughter, Lottie SMITH, and 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the present.

The body will be taken to the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Lottie Smith, Saturday morning from the Ditmire funeral home.

Mrs. Egbert Sheppard

Rochester friends today were apprised of the death of Mrs. Egbert SHEPPARD which occurred Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Irene NEED, of Norfolk [?], W. Va.

Mrs. [Dessie] SHEPPARD, who was born and raised in Kewanna, was formerly Dessie CRUMP. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. George CRUMP. For a number of years the Sheppards resided in LaPorte, where Mr. Sheppard owned and operated the Maple Leaf printing plant. The Sheppards resided in Rochester for a few years during which time Mr. Sheppard was employed at the old Sentinel office.

The daughter is the sole survivor, Mr. Sheppard and two sons having died previously. The body was to be cremated and the ashes returned to LaPorte for commitment in the Sheppard family plot in a LaPorte cemetery.

Saturday, July 29, 1944

Frank B. Lough

Winamac, Ind., July 29 - Frank B. LOUGH, 62, Pulaski county sheriff, died at 4:15 o'clock Friday afternoon at his home across the Tippecanoe river from Pulaski.

Death followed an illness of several months. His condition has been serious during the past week.

Sheriff Lough was born on a farm near Leiters Ford, the son of Louis and Florence CAPLES LOUGH. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and the Methodist church.

The deceased, a Democrat, had been sheriff of Starke county from 1937 to 1941 and had served as Pulaski county sheriff since January, 1942. He was a veterinarian at Monterey before he became sheriff, having been graduated from a veterinary school in Chicago.

Surviving are the widow, the former Georgia HORNER, two children, Robert [LOUGH], of Anderson, and Mrs. Mary CRIPE, of Knox; and a sister, Mrs. Frank MOON, of Leiters Ford.

Funeral services will be held at the Price funeral home at Knox Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Herman L. Slick

Herman L. SLICK, 87, widely known Kewanna resident, passed away Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank HUDKINS, two and one-half miles northeast of Kewanna.

Mr. Slick has been ill for the past five months and seriously ill for three weeks. He was taken from his home on West Main street in Kewanna to the home of his daughter at that time.

He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, Dec. 14, 1857, and was united in marriage to Clara M. WALKER Oct. 3, 1883, who preceded him in death several years ago. Mr. Slick moved to Kewannain 1907, where he was a member of the Kewanna Baptist church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lela HUDKINS of Kewanna and Mrs. Grace WILLIAMS of Star City; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Harrison funeral home in Kewanna, Rev. Douglas B. SPARKS, pastor of the Baptist church, in charge. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery there. The body remains at the funeral home where friends may call.

Monday, July 31, 1944

Joanna Hays

Joanna HAYS, 64-year-old Rochester resident, died at 12 o'clock midnight Saturday at her home 329 East 13th street. Death came suddenly to the well-known local woman after a heart ailment of two years' duration.

She [Joanna DECKMAN] was born Sept. 28, 1879, in Winamac, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (CRAMER) DECKMAN. She has lived in Rochester and vicinity since 1905 and in this city for several years. Mrs. Hays moved to Rochester from her farm home southwest of this city.

On Aug. 29, 1898, she was married to John R. HAYS in a ceremony performed at Winamac.

The deceased was a member of the Rochester Seven Day Adventists church.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Ida HUTCHINSON and Mrs. Gladys SHEETZ, both of Rochester, and Mrs. Minnie KINDIG of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; three sons, Roland [HAYS], Howard [HAYS] and John R. [HAYS], Jr., all of this city; two brothers, John W. DECKMAN of Winamac and Robert R. DECKMAN of Muncie, Ind.; six sisters, Mrs. Bertha CLARK of Francesville, Mrs. Viola BURROUGHS of Winamac, Mrs. Fannie POOR of Winamac, Mrs. Ficy PANKOW of Niles, Mich., Mrs. Ella SCOTT of Ora and Mrs. Anna MUSGRAVE of Star City; 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A daughter, Edith HAYS, preceded her mother in death in 1906. One brother, Alfred DECKMAN, and a sister, Mrs. Cassandra WILCOXIN, also preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home with Elder F. F. OSTER of the Rochester Seven Day Adventist church officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The body lies in state at the funeral home where friends may call.

Lee Castleman

LT. CASTLEMAN MISSING IN ACTION AFTER RAID

Mr. and Mrs. John CESSNA, rural route 4, Rochester, have been notified that Mrs. Cessna's nephew, Lt. Lee CASTLEMAN, Phoenix, Ariz., is missing in action over Germany.

The 21-year-old heavy bomber pilot, was reported missing by the War Department after a raid on German installations July 16th.

He is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry CASTLEMAN, Delong.
Lt. Castleman enlisted in the Army Air Corp, April, 1941, at Tuscon, Ariz., and was shipped to Engoand in May of this year.

When he received his commission of Lieutenant he was hailed as one of the youngest service men to be so honored. At the time of his enlistment he was attending the University of Arizona at Tucson.

Further details from the War Department are expected by Mr. and Mrs. Cessna.

W. V. S. Norris

W. V. S. NORRIS, pioneer citizen of Liberty township, passed away at 5:00 p.m. Saturday at his home near Lake Nyona. Death resulted from complications following an illness of a few weeks' duration. W. V. S. "Pick" NORRIS, as he was more familiarly known, had a host of friends throughout Fulton county and vicinity.

During the past ten or fifteen years Mr. Norris worked as a circulation agent for Fulton and Cass county newspapers and in this employment he widened his acquaintance throughout Fulton and surrounding counties.

Mr. Norris was born Sepr. 23, 1861, in the Salem neighborhood, Liberty township. On Feb. 9, 1887, he was united in marriage with Selia May HEDGES, who preceded him in death a number of years ago. He later married Mrs. Emma WOODS, who also preceded him in death and his third marriage was to Mrs. Martha SCOTT, who survives.

Former Township Trustee

In his earlier years, Mr. Norris was a rural school teacher and he taught in the Mt. Olive school which was the first consolidated school in the county and possibly the state. While employed in the profession of school teaching "Pick" took part in many debates conducted throughout the county in the late nineties.

Eldon Abbott

SGT. ABBOTT KILLED IN ACTION, POPULAR HERE

More facts about Sgt. Eldon ABBOTT, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William ABBOTT of Fulton, who was killed in action July 23, were learned here today.

The Fulton man was reported killed in action over France in a War Department telegram received Friday by his parents.

He was a graduate of Fulton high school and a member of the basketball squad. The deceased was a member of the Fulton United Brethren church.

Survivors are the parents and three sisters, Mrs. Joe CUTLER, Mrs. Floyd OVERMYER, and Mrs. Jack MALLICK; three brothers, Alvin [ABBOTT], Yeoman 3/c in the Navy; Cpl. Wilbur ABBOTT and Oscar ABBOTT, at home.

[NOTE: Eldon Abbott, 24, Fulton, killed in action in France, June 23, 1944 - The News-Sentinal, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Robert Devane Young

Rites for Robert Devane YOUNG, who drowned in Long Lake, south of Akron in Wabash county Sunday morning, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Gilead Methodist church. Rev. D. L. SLABAUGH, Akron, will officiate assisted by Rev. DUNLAP. Burial will be in the Akron IOOF cemetery.

The 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert YOUNG, southwest of Akron, was pronounced dead by drowning at 11:55 a.m. yesterday morning after rescuers had recovered his lifeless body

from Long Lake.

He was born July 28, 1926, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young.

Survivors are his parents and a sister, Mrs. Helen MILLER, Akron; two brothers, Ralph [YOUNG], at home, and Cleotus YOUNG, of Urbana, Ind.

Mattie Henderson

Mattie HENDERSON, age 74 years, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the home of her step-son, Raymond Urbin, three miles north of Kewanna. She had been ill for several years.

Born [Mattie COOPER] May 2, 1870, near Fletchers Lake, she was the daughter of Alexander and Margaret COOPER. Her husband, L. M. HENDERSON, preceded her in death a year ago.

The deceased, well known in Kewanna and vicinity, was a member of the Kewanna Church of Christ and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors are a son, Theodore URBIN, of Detroit, Mich; and a step-son, Raymond URBIN, Kewanna.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Harrison funeral home with Rev. Henry BULGAR of Medaryville, officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The body lies in state at the Harrison funeral home where friends may call.

Tuesday, August 1, 1944

Robert Kerr Wright

Robert Kerr WRIGHT, aged 68 years, died at 7 o'clock this morning in the Woodlawn hospital of complications following an illness of almost a year. The deceased, who resided in Wellsboro, Ind., had been confined to the hospital for two weeks.

He was born to James and Helen (KERR) WRIGHT, July 23, 1876 in London, Ontario and had resided in Wellsboro for 27 years. Mr. Wright came to this city from Gary.

On August 2, 1896 he was married to Bertha Etelle RAVENCROFT at Mishawaka. Mrs. Wright survives.

For years he was employed as a butcher at Tittle Bros., in South Bend and later in the Kreiger Food Stores in Gary. Mr. Wright was a member of the Mishawaka Presbyterian church.

Surviving are his wife and brother, John WRIGHT, Waterloo, Ia. and several nieces and nephews.

Rites will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home with Rev. C. T. HOWELL, of the Rochester Presbyterian church officiating. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home until the hour of the funeral.

W. V. S. Norris

Funeral services for the late W. V. S. "Pick" NORRIS were held Tuesday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock at the Fulton Baptist church. Rev. Franklin ARTHUR officiated. Burial was made in the Fulton cemetery.

Survivors of Mr. Norris are three sons, Elmer L. [NORRIS], Hugh V. [NORRIS] and Orton Vern NORRIS, and two daughters, Mrs. William FORD and Mrs. Lola EWER.

A number of Rochester friends attended the services.

(Editor's Note: Some additional and interesting data regarding the life of W. V. S. "Pick" NORRIS was secured Monday and is herewith published. This material was furnished by a

member of the pioneer citizen's own family and is authentic concerning the career of this deceased citizen.)

"Eighty-three years ago, W. V. S. Norris was born in the Salem community, Liberty township. While he was still quite young his father enlisted in the Civil War and died soon after the war was over. His mother then moved to the Ebenezer neighborhood with her family of five children.

"It was at Ebenezer that 'Pick' started to school. Due to the fact that he was an unusually active youngster and had been practically fatherless and became as he once said there was little to do at school other than to name a few letters of the alphabet two or three times a day, he became one of the bad boys. As a result he was still unable to read or write when he was 14 years of age. Near the close of the term during his 14th year he was assigned a lesson which he 'had to get or else.' As he did not have the background for the assignment he rebelled and did not have the work done at the appointed time. When the teacher, a Mr. Stevens, attempted to whip him, several seats were torn loose from the floor and 'Pick' almost made a getaway, but the tip of an apple sprout whip caught him across the face just before he got out of the door. Other incidentals led to his quitting school.

"During the next few months his mother died. This changed his attitude and he returned to school and had one of the greatest teachers he ever knew--the man who had expelled him before. He now began to learn and by the time he was 21 years old was himself employed as a teacher.

"His first term of school was secured through the influence of the late Henry A. Barnhart, who later became congressman of the old 13th district, because of the interest both men had in debates. The interest of these two men in debates was so keen that they were always 'opponents' on the debating floor. 'Pick' often said that Mr. Barnhart and he were opponents politically as well as in debating, but that he and Mr. Barnhart had never had an unpleasant word and that he had always considered Henry as one of his most beloved friends.

"Mr. Norris taught only a few terms. In 1894 he was elected trustee of Liberty township and he gave this office his active attention. At that time roads and ditches required much time and his chief interest was in the management of schools. He strived to get educators, people interested in the development of youth, as teachers. Aaron KLINE, one of these teachers, later became nationally known as an educator. In 1899, through scheming and tireless efforts, he secured enough support to build the Mt. Olive consolidated school, the first to be built in Fulton county and one of the first in the entire country.

"For a number of years 'Pick' was very active in business affairs and paid as high as \$1,400.00 per year in taxes, exclusive of federal and state taxes. At the time when such taxes were paid it meant much more in the volume of business and property than such taxes would mean today. However, he did not foresee the fall in property values and was forced (in spite of all the schemes of a very active mind to avoid it) to take out bankruptcy papers. A business man more recently said the Fulton State bank paid 16% dividends up until the time Mr. Norris was forced into bankruptcy and since that time has paid no dividends. He intimated that the volume of business supplied by Mr. Norris had a bearing on the bank's standing. 'Pick' felt the humility of the situation most keenly and recently said that the people seemed to accept the failure of banks as a matter of course, but that an individual seemed to have to endure a crushing load for the same kind of misfortune.

"Since the time of his loss he has made every effort to meet every small obligation. He reduced himself to an object of poverty--to the lowest standard of threadbare existence, in order to make every penny count toward social and financial recovery. Only those who came in intimate touch with him can understand the heroic qualities that his sacrifices involved."

Ermal Fields

FORMER LEITERS FORD MAN KILLED IN ACTION

Twenty-three-year-old Cpl. Ermal FIELDS, formerly of Leiters Ford, was killed in action in Italy on June 5, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Lola FIELDS, of Mishawaka.

Cpl. Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. John FIELDS, now of South Bend, was born at Leiters Ford on March 1, 1921. He moved to South Bend with his parents several years ago. He was a graduate of Central High school at South Bend and attended the school of commerce at that city.

Cpl. Fields enlisted in the army four years ago Monday and had been overseas since May, 1942.

Surviving are his widow; a two-year-old daughter, Karen Louise [FIELDS], whom he had never seen; the parents; two brothers, Sgt. Robert FIELDS, with the army in England, and Gary FIELDS of South Bend; and a sister, Mrs. Frank LEONARD of Brunswick, Ga.

Wednesday, August 2, 1944

Eldon Abbott

MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD FOR ELDON ABBOTT

Memorial services for Sgt. Eldon ABBOTT, who was killed in action in France on July 23, will be held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6, at the United Brethren church in Fulton.

Sgt. Abbott was the son of William J. ABBOTT of Fulton and the brother of Mrs. J. H. CUTLER of Warsaw, Mrs. Floyd OVERMYER of Winona Lake, Mrs. Jack W. MELLICK of Mansfield, Ohio, Oscar ABBOTT of near Warsaw, Cpl. Wilbur E. ABBOTT in North Africa and Alvon D. ABBOTT, yeoman third class.

Wilbert "Bert" Young

Wilbert "Bert" YOUNG, age 59 years, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Stansbury nursing home after a serious illness of two weeks. Although his residence was 1424 Bancroft avenue, Mr. Young had been confined to the nursing home for 10 months.

He was born December 31, 1884 at Winnipeg, Canada and had lived here for seven years. He moved to Rochester from Fulton.

Mr. Young was married to Hilda (CHARLES) YOUNG, January 2, 1923 at Winnipeg, Canada. Mrs. Young preceded her husband in death February 21, 1944.

The retired grocery and hardware store owner was a member of the Presbyterian church at Winnipeg.

Survivors include two sons, Lionel YOUNG, in the army at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., and Glen Malcolm YOUNG, Chicago, Ill.; a daughter, Mrs. Ida HITTLE, of Rockford [?], Ind.; and a sister, Mae YOUNG of Winnipeg, Canada.

Rites will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Zimmerman Brothers funeral home. Rev. Harry J. BAILEY will officiate. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home until the hour of the services.

Joseph Ray Williams

Joseph Ray WILLIAMS, well-known painter and carpenter of this city, passed away shortly after two o'clock today at his home on West Sixth street, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife and three children. A more detailed report and the obituary will be carried in Thursday's issue of The News-Sentinel.

Milo Lloyd Hunter

Milo Lloyd HUNTER, one-day-old son of Fred and Irene HUNTER, of this city, died at 5:00 o'clock last night at Woodlawn hospital. He was born July 31, 1944 in Rochester.

Surviving are the parents and four brothers, Lee [HUNTER], Freddie [HUNTER], Dean [HUNTER] and Alvin C. [HUNTER], all at home, and a sister, Phyllis Ann [HUNTER], also at home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Foster funeral home with Rev. C. J. COVERSTONE officiating. Interment will be in the [Moon] cemetery near Leiters Ford.

The body will remain at the funeral home where friends may call.

Blanche Lloyd

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Brethren church in Warsaw for Mrs. Blanche LLOYD, 53, wife of Fred E. LLOYD of that city, and a sister of Harold REMY, manager of the Kroger store in this city.

Mrs. Lloyd died Sunday afternoon at her home in Warsaw, death resulting from carcinoma. She had been ill for the past two years, her condition becoming critical about a week ago.

She was born in Ottawa, Ill., on July 8, 1891, the daughter of Peter J. and Esther REMY. The family moved to the Warsaw vicinity 37 years ago. On Sept. 16, 1916, she was married to Fred E. Lloyd, who survives. Other survivors include a son, Arthur [LLOYD], of LaGrange; two brothers, Ralph E. REMY of route 2, Warsaw, and Harold REMY of Rochester; one sister, Mrs. Esther HARTER of near Warsaw. One granddaughter and several nephews and nieces also survive.

Thursday, August 3, 1944

Joseph Ray Williams

Funeral services for Joseph Ray WILLIAMS, who died at 2:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, 502 West 6th street, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Church of God with Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH, Akron, officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The 56-year-old Rochester man was born August 4, 1887 at Kewanna, the son of Allen and Julia (KELLY) WILLIAMS. A life-long resident of this county, he was married to Blanche Fay ZELLER in this city, February 7, 1910. The deceased was employed as a painter and carpenter, prior to his death. He had a host of friends thruout this community.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Virgil STANGER, of Massena, N.Y., and Mrs. Kenneth LOCKRIDGE, of Oneonta, N.Y.; a son, T/Sgt. James A. WILLIAMS, in England; his father; four brothers, William [WILLIAMS], Fulton; Clarence [WILLIAMS], of Battle Creek, Mich.; Everett [WILLIAMS], Saginaw, Mich.; and Herman [WILLIAMS], of Wabash; two sisters, Mrs. Fred ELLIS, of Marshall, Mich., and Mrs. Mary COLEMAN, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

The body will lie in state at the Foster funeral home until the hour of the funeral.

Lellia Agnes Laramore

Lellia Agnes LARAMORE, 67, died at 8:15 a.m. today in the Woodlawn hospital here, after an illness of over two years. A resident of Knox, she has lived in Rochester for the past 16 months at the Ewing nursing home.

She was born January 5, 1877 at Knox, the daughter of Charles and Mary C. LARAMORE. The deceased was a retired school teacher.

Prayer services will be held tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock with Rev. Frank R. BRIGGS officiating. The body will be returned to Knox where funeral services and burial will be Saturday.

Friday, August 4, 1944

Robert D. Richardson

GRANDSON OF ROCHESTER WOMAN MISSING IN ACTION

Sgt. Robert D. RICHARDSON, 21-year-old grandson of Mrs. George BUTLER, Rochester, was reported missing over Germany, July 19, during his first mission over the continent, it was learned here today.

M. D. RICHARDSON, Indianapolis, father of the missing man, received the War Department telegram which stated that his son had been missing in the Munshia area since July 19. Sgt. Richardson was stationed aboard a large American bomber.

Mr. Richardson was well known in this city and for many years made his residence here. Sgt. Richardson has visited this city several times.

Mabel Chizum

Mrs. Mabel CHIZUM, former correspondent for The News-Sentinel, died at 10:15 o'clock this morning at her home one and a half miles south of Argos. Death resulted from a stroke after an illness of a week. The 52-year-old county resident formerly resided at Fulton, where she was correspondent for The News-Sentinel.

She was born December 3, 1892 near Indianapolis, the daughter of John and Mary HOLLER. Her husband, George CHIZUM, survives.

The deceased was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness church at Fulton.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Anna FINLEY, Aurora, Ill.; six sons, Wilbur [CHIZUM] and Estil [CHIZUM], of Argos; Marion [CHIZUM], Kewanna; Arthur [CHIZUM] and Dean [CHIZUM], of Mishawaka, and Carl [CHIZUM], of South Bend; a brother, Charles HOLLER, Lima, O.; and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth HEIM, of Indianapolis.

Rites will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Baptist church at Fulton with Rev. KIRBY officiating. Burial will be in the IOOF cemetery at Rochester.

The body has been removed from the Umbaugh funeral home at Argos to the residence where friends may call.

Saturday, August 5, 1944

Clara Crow

Mrs. Clara CROW, 79, died at 1:00 o'clock Friday afternoon at her home, 968 South 13th street, Niles, Mich., after an illness of nine months. The deceased was a former resident of Argos.

Mrs. Crow was born in Argos June 24, 1865. She was married in Argos in October, 1882, to Christian CROW, who died Aug. 22, 1938. About six years ago Mrs. Crow left Argos, going to New Carlisle, where she resided for a short time, and then moved to Niles.

Surviving are six children: Mrs. J. E. BUCKER of Niles, Warren E. CROW of New Carlisle, Alvetus CROW of Plymouth, Lester CROW of Niles, Mrs. Mark FIENGER of Niles and Mrs. Helen HOSTETTLER of Detroit, Mich. Four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

Friends may call at the Grossman funeral home in Argos after 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning and up until the time of the funeral, which will be held at the funeral home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Ernest TREBER, pastor of the Argos Christian church, will be in charge. Burial will be made in the Maple Grove cemetery.

Ralph Rinard

ARGOS MAN IS REPORTED MISSING OVER GERMANY

Lieut. Ralph RINARD, Argos, has been missing in action since July 19, the date of his last flight over Germany, it was announced today by the War Department.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph RINARD, Argos, was a bombardier on a heavy American bomber. He was married to Florence McBRIDE, former Argos public school instructor, in December, 1942.

Lt. Rinard entered the service July 10, 1942 and has been overseas since last February. He recently was awarded the air medal and the oak leaf cluster, tokens of his service over enemy territory.

Minnie Hunneshagen

Mrs. Minnie HUNNESHAGEN, age 80 years, died Friday morning at the Soldiers' home in Lafayette after an illness of two months. Mrs. Hunneshagen had lived at the soldiers' home for four years, moving to Lafayette from Kewanna.

The deceased was preceded in death by her husband, Adolph HUNNESHAGEN.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Iona SPAM of South Bend; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Harrison funeral home in Kewanna. Rev. Darwin LAVENGOOD, pastor of the Bruce Lake Community church, will officiate. Interment will be in the Bruce Lake cemetery.

The body will remain at the funeral home where friends may call.

Monday, August 7, 1944

George J. Lehman

GRANDSON OF ROCHESTER MAN KILLED IN ACTION

Marine Gunnery Sergeant George J. LEHMAN, aged 24, grandson of Clarence POFFENBERGER, Rochester, has been killed in action, presumably in the South Pacific, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George LEHMAN.

The former Columbia City resident had seen action in 11 major battles prior to his death and had been awarded 11 marine stars to indicate his participation in each. The last letter received by his parents was written from a rest camp in Hawaii where he was sent following the battle of Saipan.

Sgt. Lehman enlisted in the marines in October, 1939, after his graduation from Columbia City High school. His wife and 13 months old baby daughter reside near Everett, Ind.

Elizabeth M. Hammond

Elizabeth M. HAMMOND, 74, passed away at her home in Akron Saturday. Death resulted from complications which followed a stroke of paralysis suffered a few days earlier. Mrs. Hammond had been a resident of Akron throughout her entire life and had a host of friends throughout that community.

Elizabeth M. [WARNER], daughter of Don and Catherine WARNER, was born in Henry township on December 12, 1869. She was a member of the Akron Church of God.

Surviving are her husband, Burwell HAMMOND; a son, Robert [HAMMOND], of South Bend; several grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Ida DULEY, of St. Paul, Minn.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Church of God with Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Burial was made in the IOOF cemetery, west of Akron.

Austin Maus

Austin MAUS, aged 81 years, died at 4:00 o'clock this morning at his home three miles north of Mexico after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Maus was well-known in this city and is the uncle of Mrs. Raymond RIDDLE.

He is survived by his wife and a son, Hal MAUS, of Denver; a daughter, Mrs. Dale FLORA of Macy, and a niece, Mrs. Riddle, Rochester.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Mexico Brethren church. Interment will be in the Greenlawn cemetery there.

Tuesday, August 8, 1944

Charles Schoonover

Charles SCHOONOVER, well-known business man of Argos, died at noon today at his home on North Michigan street. Death followed a stroke suffered Sunday. Mr. Schoonover observed his 70th birthday Monday.

The deceased was associated with his brother, Alonzo A. SCHOONOVER, in owning and operating the William Schoonover & Sons general store in Argos for many years.

Surviving are a son, Charles [SCHOONOVER], Mr., at home, a daughter, Mrs. Helen TATE of Washington, D.C., and his brother, Alonzo. His wife, Catherine [SCHOONOVER], passed away about a year ago. A brother, who was also associated in the general store, preceded in death.

The body was removed to the Grossman funeral home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

The daughter, Mrs. Tate, and her husband, had arrived in Argos Saturday to spend a week visiting relatives.

Eldon Wendel Abbott

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR ELDON W. ABBOTT

Eldon Wendel ABBOTT, son of William J. and Verna NEWTON ABBOTT, was born in Logansport, Ind., July 17, 1920. The family moved to Fulton in 1922 where Eldon attended the Fulton grade and high schools, graduating in 1940. He played on the basketball team four years. During his high school years and one year previous, he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar BURTON. The next year he spent farming for Mrs. Minnie NICKLES, 5 miles northwest of Fulton.

Two years prior to his induction, Sgt. Abbott lived with his sister, Mrs. Cutler, of Warsaw, Ind., and was employed there in a factory.

He was inducted at Fort Benjamin Harrison on July 11, 1942 and he received training in the following camps: Camp Pickett, Va., Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Forrest, Tenn., Camp Laguma, Ariz., and Camp Phillips, Kans. He arrived in England in April and entered France a few days after "D-Day" where he served in the capacity of reconnaissance sergeant, finding advanced positions for his machine gun squad.

His last letter was postmarked July 7th and insinuated he was seeing action and told of souvenirs he intended to bring home.

On Friday evening, July 28, 1944, Sgt. Abbott's father, William J. ABBOTT, received the telegram from the War Department stating that his son was killed in action June 23, 1944 and a letter confirming the message was received a week later.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, his mother having preceded him in death in 1931, three brothers, two of which are in service, Almon [ABBOTT], Y 3/c of the U.S.N.

somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, Cpl. Wilbur [ABBOTT] in North Africa, Oscar [ABBOTT] of near Warsaw, Ind., three sisters, Mrs. Joseph CUTLER, Warsaw, Mrs. Jack W. MELLICK, Mansfield, O., Mrs. Floyd OVERMYER, Winona Lake, Ind., three half-brothers, William [ABBOTT], James [ABBOTT] and Donald [ABBOTT], and one half-sister, Norma [ABBOTT], at home, two step-brothers, also in the service, Pvt. Lawrence CRAIN, in New Guinea, Robert CRAIN, SK 3/c in England, two step-sisters, Margy [CRAIN] and Betty CRAIN, at home.

Sgt. Abbott was a member of the U.B. church of Fulton, Ind.

Memorial Ceremony

The memorial services for Sgt. Eldon W. ABBOTT, who was killed in action in France on June 23, were held at the Fulton United Brethren church Sunday evening, August 6th.

The impressive service was appreciated by those filling the auditorium.

Groups represented were the three churches of Fulton, three soldiers, the Boy Scouts and War Mothers of Fulton county.

Salutes to the Christian and American flags were given. Special music by the choir and congregational singing led by Rev. J. Franklin ARTHUR of the Fulton Baptist church, with Rev. KIRBY of the Fulton Pilgrim Holiness church leading in prayer for our service men.

The message was brought by Rev. Stacy F. SHAW of the U. B. church. Following the message the God Star was placed on the church's service flag after which the lights were dimmed and "Taps" were blown followed by the benediction.

Sgt. Abbott was a member of the United Brethren church and told his pastor that he was ready to meet God whatever happened.

Wednesday, August 9, 1944

Robert "Bob" Bryant

Reports received here tell of the death of Robert "Bob" BRYANT, 68, formerly of this city, who succumbed at his home in Elkhart, Monday. Mr. Bryant died suddenly following a heart attack.

A retired barber, Mr. Bryant was well known in this city and has many relatives here. He was born and raised in Fulton county, moving to Elkhart several years ago.

Funeral services will be held at Elkhart Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Ida Amelia Farley

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock for Mrs. Ida Amelia FARLEY, 72, who died Saturday night at her home four miles southeast of Kewanna. Mrs. Farley had been ill for some time.

Born in Illinois, she came to the Kewanna community about 25 years ago. She was married to Clarence A. FARLEY who passed away three years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Inez KESTLE of Near Kewanna, and Mrs. George BORSCHNACK of Kankakee, Ill.

Rev. William SCHWAB of Delphi conducted the services held in the Fry and Lange Chapel in Winamac. Burial was in the Kewanna IOOF cemetery.

Charles Schoonover

Funeral arrangements have been completed for Charles SCHOONOVER, 70, who passed away Tuesday noon at his home in Argos. Services will be held at 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the late residence on North Michigan street in Argos. Dr. C. C. Maple, assisted by Rev. Ernest TREBER of the Argos Christian church, will be in charge. Burial will be in Maple Grove cemetery. The body was removed from the Grossman funeral home to the late home today.

Charles Schoonover was born Aug. 7, 1874, in Zanesville, the son of William and Nancy SCHOONOVER. He had lived in Argos since 1883, going there from Zanesville. On June 19, 1900, he was married to [Catherine M.] HENNESSEY, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Charles [SCHOONOVER], Jr., at home; a daughter, Mrs. Helen TATE of Washington, D.C., and a brother, Alonzo A. SCHOONOVER, of Argos.

The deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge.

Beuvina Overlander

Mrs. Beuvina OVERLANDER, 69, died at 11:45 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home, southeast of Akron in Miami county. Death was attributed to complications.

Mrs. Overlander [Beuvina SLOTER] was born Dec. 7, 1874, in Germany, the daughter of John and Grace SLOTER.

Survivors include her husband, Edward OVERLANDER; eight children, Hiram [OVERLANDER] and John [OVERLANDER] at home, Mrs. Gertrude HARNIS of Roanoke, Ill., Edward OVERLANDER, Jr., of North Manchester, Beuvina [OVERLANDER] at home, Martin [OVERLANDER] in the Hawaiian Islands and Jacob [OVERLANDER] at Athens. Three brothers, Oakley [SLOTER] and George SLOTER of Eureka, Ill., and Maynard SLOTER, of Dixon, Ill., also survive. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Emanuel church southeast of Akron. Rev. Homer OGLE will be in charge. Burial will take place in the Gaerte cemetery.

William H. Grafft

William H. GRAFFT, 86, died at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Homer RHEIL, near Rochester. He had been ill for the past four weeks.

Mr. Grafft was born May 4, 1858, in Illinois, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel GRAFFT. He had lived in this vicinity for 40 years, spending most of that time on his farm five miles northeast of Kewanna. His wife, Louisa (ULRICH) [GRAFFT], died Dec. 6, 1929.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Edna RHIEL, with whom he made his home, Mrs. Bessie MICHAELS, Rochester, and Mrs. Mamie MILLICORN, Lagro. Three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild also survive.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Prairie Grove United Brethren church, of which he was a member. The body will be taken from the Harrison funeral home in Kewanna to the Rheil home, Thursday afternoon, where it will remain until time of the funeral. Interment will be in the Kewanna IOOF cemetery.

Thursday, August 10, 1944 to Friday, August 11, 1944

[no obits]

Saturday, August 12, 1944

Nora Zumbaugh

Mrs. Nora ZUMBAUGH, 57, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Friday at her home five miles northeast of Argos. Death was caused by heart trouble after an illness of only three days.

Mrs. Zumbaugh [Nora COX] was born at Tippecanoe, Feb. 1, 1887, the daughter of Ben and Dora COX. She was married at Plymouth in 1921 to Ray ZUMBAUGH. The deceased had spent nearly her entire lifetime in the Argos community, where she was highly respected and well known. She was a member of the Bethel Methodist church.

Surviving besides the husband, Ray Zumbaugh, are two sons, Delbert [ZUMBAUGH] and Gaylord ZUMBAUGH, both residents of Argos.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Grossman funeral home at Argos with the Rev. Harley ZUMBAUGH of Tiosa in charge. Interment will be in the Maple Grove cemetery. The body may be viewed at the Grossman funeral home.

James Thomas Murtha

James Thomas MURTHA, 64, died at 8:45 Friday evening at the St. Joseph hospital in Logansport after an illness of three months. Carcinoma was given as the cause of his death.

Mr. Murtha, a farmer, who lived at his home four miles west of Fulton in Wayne township, was well known in this community.

The deceased was born January 18, 1880 in Wayne township, the son of John and Julia MURTHA.

Surviving are three brothers, Joe MURTHA, of Stockton, Calif., Maurice [MURTHA] and George MURTHA, of Fulton; and two sisters, Mary MURTHA, of Fulton, and Mrs. Joe PHILLIPS, of Peru. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the St. Ann's church in Kewanna. Father Jerome C. WALSKI will be in charge. Burial will take place in the St. Ann's cemetery. The body has been taken to the late residence, where friends may call.

Monday, August 14, 1944

Fred R. Johnson

Fred R. JOHNSON, well-known Marsall county resident, suffered a fatal heart attack at 5:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home, 648 Lakeshore drive, Culver. He was 71 years old.

He was born Oct. 31, 1872, in Argos and moved to Culver from LaGrange, Ill., 16 years ago. Mr. Johnson was united in marriage Nov. 11, 1894 to Alwilda LaMARZLE, who survives.

Other than his wife, survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Anna KENDALL, Argos, and Mrs. L. J. HUGHES, Chicago, Ill; and one brother, Charles JOHNSON, Chicago.

Rites will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Grossman funeral home and burial will be in the Plymouth cemetery. The Culver Masonic order will have complete charge of the services.

The body remains at the funeral home where friends may call.

Ella W. Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. S. Howard THOMAS of Lake Manitou were called to Indianapolis Sunday by the death of the former's mother, Mrs. Ella W. THOMAS, 89, who passed away Saturday evening. Funeral services wre held at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary this afternoon and interment was made in Crown Hill cemetery, Indianapolis

Grace D. Berkheiser

Mrs. Grace D. BERKHEISER, aged 58 years, died at the Kelly hospital in Argos at 8:30 p.m. Sunday after an illness of several months. Mrs. Berkheiser was a resident of Richland township.

She [Grace D. OVERMYER] was born in Richland township, the daughter of Frank and Inez OVERMYER and has lived in this county all her life. She was married to Harvey BERKHEISER, January 22, 1913. The deceased was a member of the Richland Center church.

Surviving are her husband and a daughter, Mrs. Velma STRICHLER; a son, S/Sgt Franklin Deloe BERKHEISER, stationed at San Marco, Tex.

Funeral services will be held in the Richland Center church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. H. L. ADAMS officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Richland Center. The body will lie in state at the Grossman funeral home until 1:30 o'clock Thursday when it will be taken to the church.

Tuesday, August 15, 1944

Joseph Shour Taylor

Joseph Shour TAYLOR, age 69 years, died at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning at his Macy home. Death was attributed to dropsy following an illness of eight months.

Born Sept. 6, 1874, in Miami county, he was the son of George and Catherine TAYLOR. Mr. Taylor was a resident of Macy for 15 years, moving there from Denver, Ind. He was twice married, the first time to Effie FINER, who preceded him in death, and later to Margaret WEASNER, who survives.

The deceased was a retired shoemaker and at one time operated a shoe shop in Macy.

Survivors include his wife and two sons, George [TAYLOR] and Raymond [TAYLOR], both of Marion; a sister, Mrs. Nellie McCURDEY, of Miami, Ind., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the residence Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Jack FAULCHER, assisted by Rev. William SHUMAN, officiating. Burial will be at Galveston, Ind.

The body has been returned to the home from the Ditmire funeral home in Fulton

Mrs. Charles Kilmer

Mrs. Charles KILMER, well known former resident of this city, passed away shortly before noon today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dee WALLACE, of Peru, Ind.

Rochester friends stated today that Mrs. Kilmer had been in failing health for the past several months.

The body is being taken to the Val Zimmerman funeral home and funeral arrangements and a complete obituary will be carried in Wednesday's edition of The News-Sentinel.

Wednesday, August 16, 1944

Alvina Seidner Tracy

Mrs. Alvina SEIDNER TRACY, age 80 years, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry RABER, 324 Ohio street, Rochester. Death was attributed to complications following an illness of over three years.

She was born January 14, 1864 at Macy, the daughter of Aaron and Fiann (RUNKLE) SEIDNER. Mrs. Tracy had lived in Rochester since December 1, 1943, moving here from the Antioch neighborhood in Liberty township. She was married January 14, 1882 at Macy to Smith TRACY, who preceded her in death.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church at Denver, Ind.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Arthur YIKE, of near Roann, Mrs. Elbert SEE, of Auburn, Mrs. Harry RABER, of this city, and Mrs. Clarence RABER, of Peru; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. One brother, Ralph TRACY, preceded her in death in 1940.

Rites will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. from the Raber residence, 324 Ohio street, this city. Burial will be in the Denver Westlawn cemetery.

The body will be removed to the home of the daughter late this afternoon from Zimmerman Bros. funeral home.

Indiana Virginia Kilmer

Funeral services for Mrs. Indiana Virginia KILMER, 70, life-long resident of Rochester, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Christian church. Burial will be in the IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. Kilmer had been ill for some time at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dee C. WALLACE, of Peru. Her body was removed from their home to the Val Zimmerman funeral parlors.

Indiana Virginia BAKER was the daughter of Ananias and Tamer BAKER and was born in Rochester, October 20, 1876. She was united in marriage to Charles A. KILMER on May 30, 1894. To this happy union three children were born. A daughter, Helen Marie [KILMER], died in infancy and a son, Baker [KILMER], died in 1941. Her husband, Charles A. Kilmer, died in 1933.

Mrs. Kilmer came into the Rochester Christian church, May 30, 1886 under Evangelist E. L. FRAZIER and has always been a faithful and untiring worker.

Surviving besides the daughter, Mrs. Lucille KILMER WALLACE of Peru, are four grandchildren, Charles KILMER and Catharine KILMER of Lafayette, Mrs. Virginia BURCH of Harvard, Nebraska and Harold D. WALLACE, now serving his country in Italy; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Baker KILMER of Lafayette; a brother, Arch BAKER, of Chicago, Ill.; and a sister, Mrs. Belle MONTGOMERY, also of Chicago. Another sister, Mrs. Pearl CUNNINGHAM, preceded her in death.

Thursday, August 17, 1944

Irving Richardson

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Orvis funeral home, South Bend, for Irving RICHARDSON, age 67 years, a former resident of Rochester. Rev. Robert M. SELLE, pastor of St. Paul's Memorial Methodist church officiated, and burial was in the St. Joseph Valley Memorial park.

Mr. Richardson died at 2:10 p.m. Monday in the Epworth hospital after seven years illness. He resided with his sister, Mrs. Ida SIMPSON, 606 Cushing street, South Bend.

Born June 29, 1877 in Akron, O., he moved to South Bend 30 years ago from Rochester.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Effie McINTYRE, Rochester, and Mrs. Elizabeth GETTY, of Indianapolis; a brother, Willard RICHARDSON, of South Bend.

Friday, August 18, 1944

[no obits]

Saturday, August 19, 1944

Minnie B. Cox

Mrs. Minnie B. COX, age 48 years, died at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Woodlawn hospital of a heart ailment following an illness of over a year. Mrs. Cox resided two miles west of Akron.

She [Minnie B. RESSLER] was born in Tipton county, Aug. 15, 1896, the daughter of Oliver and Selena RESSLER. She was married Dec. 26, 1914, in Kokomo, to Albert COX, who survives.

Other relatives are three daughters, Mrs. Orval PAUL of Akron, Maxine COX of Logansport, and Jean COX at home; two sons, Pvt. Theodore COX of Camp Gordon, Ga., and Monell COX of Logansport; a sister, Mrs. Nellie GUGE of West Middleton, Ind.; a brother, Earl RESSLER of Wilmer, Minn., and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at the Akron Methodist church Sunday at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. R. E. FENSTAMACHER officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery west of Akron.

Monday, August 21, 1944 to Tuesday, August 22, 1944

[no obits]

Wednesday, August 23, 1944

Hubert Mercer

Mrs. Grace THOMPSON of this city received word late yesterday of the death of her nephew, Hubert MERCER, 55, which occurred at his home in Montreal, Canada, early Tuesday.

Mr. Mercer, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles MERCER, was born in Rochester and received his education in the city schools here. He is survived by his widow. Burial was made in a Lansing, Mich., cemetery.

Mrs. Mary BITTERS of this city is an aunt of the deceased.

Thursday, August 24, 1944

[no obits]

Friday, August 25, 1944

Mary E. Heeter

Mrs. Mary E. HEETER, well-known Athens resident, died at 2:00 o'clock this morning at her home near Athens of complications following a 12-week illness. She was 83 years old.

Mrs. Heeter was born [Mary E. CLINGENPEEL] in Fulton county in 1861 to Jacob and Amelia CLINGENPEEL and had resided here all her life. She was married to Francis HEETER, who preceded her in death.

Only survivors are a brother, Jacob CLINGENPEEL, of Tiosa, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Athens United Brethren church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. R. S. CRISTLER, assisted by Rev. D. S. SLAYBAUGH, officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope cemetery at Athens.

The body will be taken to her home Saturday morning from the Moyer funeral home.

Clara Myers

Mrs. Clara MYERS, 71, former resident of the Bruce Lake and Kewanna communities, died at 9:00 o'clock Thursday evening at her home in South Bend. Mrs. Myers was the widow of the late Charles MYERS.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mabel RUTHERFORD, Mrs. Opal AYLWARD and Mrs. Virginia CHESTNUT, all of South Bend; two sons, Ernest [MYERS] of Detroit, Mich., and Delbert [MYERS], of South Bend; three brothers, Ray SMITH of Kewanna, Milo SMITH of Oregon and Guy SMITH of South Bend, and one sister, Mrs. Don NAFE of Ypsilanti, Mich.

Mrs. Myers was a member of the Gleaners lodge at Bruce Lake Station.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but the body will be brought to Kewanna for burial.

Saturday, August 26, 1944

Ray Richie

FORMER LOCAL WOMAN'S HUSBAND DIES OF WOUNDS

Mrs. Ray RICHIE of South Bend, a former resident of Rochester, has been informed through a War department telegram that her husband [Ray RICHIE] died of wounds incurred in France July 29.

News of his death was received by Mrs. Richie this morning shortly after the first message had reported him seriously injured.

Mrs. Richie was formerly Miss Cleo SMITH of this city. Other relatives of Mrs. Richie residing in Rochester are a sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack KOFRON, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Della SMITH.

Monday, August 28, 1944

Janet Jane Grubbs

Janet Jane GRUBBS, four-month-old daughter of Merzel and Luella GRUBBS, died Saturday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock at the home of her parents in Akron. The child was born May 16, in Akron. Survivors besides the parents are two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Moyer funeral home at Mentone [?], with Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating.

Elma Elvira Nichols

Miss Elma Elvira NICHOLS, 24, of South Bend, formerly of Kewanna, died at 2:45 o'clock Sunday morning in an auto accident, six miles south of South Bend, when the car in which she was riding ran into the back of a freight truck.

Details of the accident are lacking, but Miss Nichols, who was riding with a Mr. COLE of South Bend, died instantly from a broken neck. Her companion remains unconscious in a South Bend hospital. It is believed that Mr. Cole did not see the truck until too late to stop.

Miss Nichols, daughter of Wiley D. NICHOLS of South Bend, was born near Kewanna and at the time of her death was employed at the Bendix Aviation plant in South Bend.

Surviving are her father; five sisters, Mrs. George BARKMAN of Crothersville; Mrs. Mae HALL and Mrs. Arbell TIMMONS, of South Bend, Mrs. Jennette BAUGHMAN, of Chicago, Mrs. Reva WILLS of Grass Creek; five brothers, Ermal NICHOLS, of Monticello, George NICHOLS, of Rochester, Wiley NICHOLS, of Logansport, Maurice NICHOLS, of Bennettsville, and Fred NICHOLS with the navy stationed in the South Pacific.

The body was taken to the Harrison funeral home in Kewanna Monday afternoon and will remain there until after the funeral, which will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Kewanna Baptist church. Rev. Douglas V. STARKE will officiate. Burial will be made at the IOOF cemetery in Kewanna.

John O. "Jack" Mikesell

LT. "JACK" MIKESELL IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Word has been received here that Lt. John O. "Jack" MIKESELL, 24, was killed in action in France Aug. 6. Mikesell, in the infantry, was the son of Omer MIKESELL of Chicago, Ill., and the grandson of Mrs. John MIKESELL of Talma.

Lt. Mikesell was well known here as he had visited here on numerous occasions and attended school here for a short time. He entered the service two years ago and was sent overseas last May.

Richard Lee McCall

Richard Lee McCALL, five-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCALL, who reside a quarter mile north of Rochester on road 31, died at 12:15 o'clock Sunday morning at the family home. The little boy had been ill about a week.

The infant was born March 22, 1944, the son of William and Dorothy SEVERNS McCALL.

Surviving are the mother and a brother Phillip [McCALL] at home; the father, in the Navy, stationed at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va.; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernie SEVERNS; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCALL, all of this city. Three uncles, Herman McCALL of Rochester, Cpl. Dale SEVERNS of India and James SEVERNS of Rochester, also survive. Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of word from the father. The body remains at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home.

Tuesday, August 29, 1944

Richard Lee McCall

Funeral services for Richard Lee McCALL, five-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCALL, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. Harry BAILEY, in charge. Burial will be made in the IOOF cemetery.

The body was removed from the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home this afternoon to the parents' home, a quarter mile north of Rochester on road 31.

Wednesday, August 30, 1944

Frank Moore

Frank MOORE, 58, died suddenly at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening while building a fence on his farm in the Green Oak community. Death was due to a heart attack. Mr. Moore's body was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Frank FOUTS of Macy, while driving along the road. The deceased had been in ill health for a year undergoing a serious operation last spring.

The deceased was born in Akron, May 26, 1886, the son of Albert and Lilly MOORE and had resided in this county all his life. Mr. Moore was a farmer and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Survivors include the wife, Nellie May MOORE; three daughters, Mrs. Marie BERGER of Macy, Mrs. Rosie GREGORY of South Bend and Mrs. Pauline STANLEY of Walkerton; two sons, Alfred MOORE of Macy and Earl MOORE at home. Also surviving is the father, Alfred MOORE of Akron; a brother, Clarence MOORE of Silver Lake; and 11 grandchildren. Another

son Merle [MOORE], passed away five years ago.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Church of God in Akron. The Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH will be in charge. Burial will be made in the Akron IOOF cemetery. The body will be taken from the Moyer funeral home to the late residence, southwest of Green Oak, this evening.

Richard Lee McCall

Funeral services for Richard Lee McCALL, five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCALL will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Baptist church with the pastor Rev. Harry BAILEY officiating.

The funeral was to have been held today, but the father, who is in the U. S. Navy, could not arrive home until Thursday.

Thursday, August 31, 1944

Frank M. Moore

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Church of God in Akron for Frank M. MOORE who died suddenly Tuesday evening near his farm southwest of Green Oak.

Surviving are the wife, Nellie MOORE, four daughters, two sons, the father and two brothers. The names of Mrs. Alice STEININGER of Fulton, a daughter, and Fred MOORE of Akron, a brother, were previously omitted.

Friday, September 1, 1944

Howard W. Hoge

HOWARD HOGE KILLED

Mrs. Elizabeth HOGE of route 3, Rochester, received word Friday from the War Department of the death of her son, Pfc. Howard W. HOGE, 21, who was killed in action in France on August 12.

Pfc. Hoge was born January 24, 1923, in Argos, the son of Lewis and Elizabeth HOGE. He attended the Rochester high school, where he was a basketball star. Several years prior to his induction in the army was spent in the West due to his health. He entered the army April 1, 1943 and went overseas around the 1st of July, this year.

Surviving is the mother, Mrs. Hoge; a sister, Martha [HOGE], and a brother, Harold [HOGE], all at home. Another brother is Cpl. Paul HOGE of Warrensburg, Mo., and a sister, Mrs. E. A. ZUMPF, of Indianapolis. The father preceded him in death.

[NOTE: Howard Hoge, 21, Rochester, killed in action in Normandy, August 12, 1944. - The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

Saturday, September 2, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, September 4, 1944

[no paper - holiday]

Tuesday, September 5, 1944

Catherine Chilson

Dr. M. O. WILSON Saturday received word of the death of Mrs. Catherine CHILSON, wife of Dr. Lee CHILSON, at her home in Bradenton, Fla., early Saturday. Mrs. Chilson had been in ill health for several years.

Mrs. Chilson was a former resident of Elwood, Ind., and Dr. CHILSON is a former resident of this city where he operated dental offices with Dr. Wilson for several years. The Chilsons have many friends in Rochester and for many years have spent numerous vacations at Lake Manitou.

Survivors are the husband; two sons, Lee Dake [CHILSON] and Richard [CHILSON], and a daughter, Martha Lou [CHILSON], all of Bradenton.

Blythe G. Buchanan

Funeral services for Blythe G. BUCHANAN, 58, former Rochester resident, were held Monday afternoon at the Sprague funeral home in Mishawaka, Ind., with the Rev. A. D. HAYES, pastor of the First Christian church, in charge. Interment was made in the Rochester mausoleum.

Mr. Buchanan died at his home, 916 Washington Avenue, at 4:30 p.m. Friday. He had been in failing health for four years.

He was born in this city, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. BUCHANAN. He was married to Miss Julia JOHNSON, March 16, 1912, in St. Charles, Mo., who survives. He also leaves two brothers, Harry BUCHANAN, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and George BUCHANAN, this city.

Before his marriage Mr. Buchanan was a member of a Hoosier male quartet, which sang on the Redpath Chautauqua circuit. He was also a slide trombone soloist and played in the old Citizens band of this city and later Eibel's band, South Bend; the Mishawaka City band; Dodge and Ball Band bands; the Grotto band, of South Bend, playing at the national conventions in Cleveland, O., and Rock Island, Ill.

In World War No. 1 he played with Co. F Home Guard military band in South Bend. He also played with a number of Mishawaka and church orchestras. He sang tenor in the Masonic male quartet; the Eastern Star mixed quartet and local church choirs.

He served a number of years as general delivery clerk in the postoffice in Rochester and was transferred to Mishawaka 32 years ago. Blythe during his residency here played on the R.H.S. and Independent basketball teams for several years. In 1930 he was appointed city controller of Mishawaka under the Mason L. Petro administration. In later years Mr. Buchanan was employed at the plant of the Dodge Manufacturing corporation, retiring two years ago because of ill health.

Mr. Buchana was a member of all local Masonic lodges and of Orak Shrine, Hammond, Ind. He was a member of the First Methodist church.

A number of Rochester relatives and friends attended the services.

Mary Jane Rager

Mary Jane RAGER, 84, passed away at 6:45 p.m. Monday at her home in Akron. Death was due to complications.

Mrs. Rager [Mary Jane ANDERSON] was born in Minnesota, the daughter of Marlin and Marie ANDERSON, and was married to George RAGER, who preceded her in death 20 years ago. She was a member of the Layeton Wesleyan Methodist church.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Florence HARSH of Akron, three grandsons, Ralph RADER of Akron, Rex RADER of Fort Worth, Texas, and Gene RADER of Indianapolis. Three

greatgrandsons and one great-granddaughter also survive. A daughter, Mrs. Tressie RADER, died eight years ago.

Funeral services will be held in the Church of God at Akron, Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH, assisted by Rev. M. TURNER, will be in charge. Burial will be in the South Pleasant cemetery. The body will be returned from the Moyer funeral home to the late residence Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, September 6, 1944

[no paper - ?]

Thursday, September 7, 1944

Gusta Hisey

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Sand Hill Methodist church for Mrs. Gusta HISEY, 84, who died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leith KESSLER, in Hammond. Mrs. Hisey has been ill for nearly six months. Death was due to complications.

Mrs. Hisey was born in Sandusky, Ohio, but had lived most of her life in the Tiosa neighborhood. The last ten years she has lived with her daughter in Hammond. Her husband, Creighton HISEY, preceded her in death. She was a member of the Sand Hill Methodist church.

Survivors include two sons, Wilford [HISEY] and Clarence [HISEY] of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Jennie WILSHIRE and Mrs. Kessler, both of Hammond, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret MORELAND of Nappanee. Burial will take place in the Sand Hill cemetery.

James Russel Curtis

James Russel CURTIS, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph CURTIS, northwest of this city, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at the Woodlawn hospital. Death was due to complications. The boy had been ill for three months.

James was born Nov. 20, 1941, the son of Ralph and Edna Mae (PAXTON) CURTIS, in this county. He is survived by the parents, two brothers, Ralph Edward [CURTIS], Jr., and Robert Gene [CURTIS], and a sister, Sharon Sue [CURTIS], all at home.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Foster funeral home. Rev. C. T. HOWELL will officiate. Burial will be made in the IOOF cemetery. The body will remain at the Foster funeral home until after the service.

Friday, September 8, 1944

Isaac Eytcheson

Isaac EYTCHESON, 82, well known retired farmer of Liberty township, passed away Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock at his home in Fulton. Death resulted from complications following a year's illness. The deceased had a host of friends throughout the southern area of the county.

Mr. Eytcheson was born May 15, 1862, in Tipton county, Ind., and moved to Fulton county when still quite young. On Sept. 23, 1884, he was united in marriage with Ollie ECKELBERGER. The deceased was a member of the Fulton Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife; four children, Elmer [EYTCHESON] and Ralph EYTCHESON of

Fulton, Mrs. Pearl REED of Kewanna and Mrs. Bessie REED of Fulton; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Fulton Baptist church with the Rev. Franklin ARTHUR officiating. Interment will be in the Fulton cemetery. The body will lie in state at the Eytcheson home up until the hour of the services.

Harold G. Smith

Capt. Harold G. SMITH, son of the late Dr. W. F. SMITH of Huntington, was recently killed in action in France. His mother, Mrs. Ira E. PERRY of North Manchester and his widow, Mrs. Wilma K. SMITH of Kokomo, have been so informed. Capt. Smith was formerly a dentist in Kewanna for several years and had made many friends there.

Floyd Study

Funeral services for Chief Torpedoman's Mate Floyd STUDY, 47, will be held at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Church of God in Akron. The Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH will be in charge. Burial will be in the Palestine cemetery. The body will arrive at the Moyer funeral home in Akron at noon Saturday and will lie in state at the home until time of the services.

Chief Study died Tuesday, Aug. 29, in the naval hospital at San Diego, Calif., as the result of injuries received in action in the spring of this year. He was a veteran of World War I and 32 years of service with the U. S. Navy. He was taken to the hospital following the torpedoing of the repair ship to which he was attached at Pearl Harbor. Chief Study suffered internal injuries which developed into a serious condition and caused his death.

Mrs. Study, his wife, visited him at the hospital recently, returning to her home in Beaver Dam two weeks prior to his death.

Chief Study served on a submarine during World War I and remained on duty with the navy after the end of the war until about 1935 when he retired. In 1940 he was called back into service and had been serving on the repair ship in the Pacific until it was torpedoed in the spring.

Johnny Clough

Word has been received here from Plymouth of the death of little Johnny CLOUGH, 4 1/2 years old. The little boy was sick only six days suffering from a ruptured appendix.

His mother will be remembered as Miss Rae MUTCHLER who lived here several years ago. She is a niece of Mrs. John PASCHALL of this city. Several other relatives also reside here.

Funeral services for the boy will be held Saturday afternoon in Plymouth.

Saturday, September 9, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, September 11, 1944

James Ellis

PVT. JAMES ELLIS, 33, IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Mrs. Mel WERTZBERGER received word Saturday that her nephew, Pvt. James ELLIS, 33, of Buchanan, Mich., was killed while serving with the infantry in France on August 21. Mrs. Wertzberger was notified of Pvt. Ellis' death by her sister, Mrs. Emma BEALL, who is the boy's grandmother.

Pvt. Ellis was well known here and had spent his boyhood here with his grandmother. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles ELLIS of Buchanan, Mich., had been advised several days ago that their son had been seriously wounded.

Survivors include the parents, grandmother, Mrs. Beall, and two brothers, Sgt. Robert ELLIS of Las Vegas, N.M. and Pvt. Richard ELLIS of Camp Claibourne, La.

Theodore William Myers

NAVAL OFFICER EXPLAINS DEATH OF THEO. MYERS OF U.S. NAVY

* * * Photo of Theodore William Myers * * *

Theodore William MYERS of the U. S. Navy, who died June 9th, when the ship he was on was torpedoed off the coast of France. Theodore is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin MYERS of Route 4, Rochester. Herewith is a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Myers from Theodore's commanding officer:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Myers:

It is very difficult for me to find words adequate to express my feelings to you knowing as I do how very deeply you must have been affected by the news of the death of your son, Theodore W. Myers. I can only express my heartfelt sympathy to you for your great loss.

I have just received from Lieut. Wasarhaley the letter you mailed to him on July 3. Mr. Wasarhaley was detached as commanding officer of our ship in April, and your letter just caught up with him. As he was not with us at the time disaster overtook the ship, he asked me if I would write to you instead. I was an officer on the [U.S.S. LST] 376 and had the privilege of serving with your son from formation of the crew at Solomon, Md., on the training cruise to Chesapeake Bay, in fact right up to the day your son met his death.

I shall try, to the best of my ability to acquaint you with all the details such as they are. Our ship participated in the initial landing on the Normandy beach on June 6, last. We returned to England to load again and then retraced our course for France. At about 2:30 a.m. the morning of June 9, the convoy in which we were traveling was attacked by enemy torpedo boats, one of which launched a torpedo which struck our ship. The ship acted in such a way that it was necessary to abandon her immediately.

This all occurred when we were approximately 30 miles off the coast of France, near the extreme right of the beachhead, close to the port of Cherbourg. Your son was on the midnight to 4:00 a.m. engine room security watch, a post of great responsibility. The initial zone of the explosion caused him to suffer a blow on the head, knocking him unconscious. He was carried to a small boat which was lowered into the water and then transferred to a British destroyer, which was engaged in rescuing the survivors. On board that ship he received expert medical attention from a British medical officer, as well as from several medical officers of the American Army and Navy. At that time he appeared to be resting comfortably, although he did not regain consciousness. The British destroyer took us to Portsmouth, England, a large channel port, where your son was transferred to a hospital. He passed away that night, June 9th-10th. He did not regain consciousness at any time, and suffered no pain or discomfort of any sort in his unconsciousness. He seemed at great repose and at peace with all that surrounded him. I believe he must have known that out of your great sadness you would be in some small measure proud that all that had befallen him had occurred while he was in the act of carrying out the duties

assigned to him. For, as you said in your letter, he took great pride in doing whatever he did well.

I am sorry that I cannot answer your questions as to precisely where your son is buried, as we were quickly sent away from that area. However, I believe that it must be in close proximity to Portsmouth, England. I also do not know the circumstances of the disposition of his personal effects as the ship sank shortly after the torpedoing. I believe whatever personal effects there were were those he was wearing at the time.

You may indeed be proud of the excellence your son achieved in his naval career. Our ship took part in the Tunisian campaign, Africa, the Sicily invasion, and the landing at Salerno in Italy. During this time your son showed great aptitude and efficiency as with thoroughness and coolness in the face of many close contacts with the enemy. In that time he earned the right to wear the American Theater of Operations campaign ribbon. This latter, with four stars for the actions participated in. Shortly prior to the invasion of France he passed all tests and qualifications for the rate of Chief Motor Machinist Mate, and would have gone up to that rate in the next few months.

Your son was also the ship's finest barber and cut the hair of all men and officers. He cut my hair many times and at these times I often heard him speak of home, and his desire to be there. He wanted very much to assist his Dad with the crops and farm work, and said he could only be happy doing that sort of work among all the men and officers of the ship. Ted Myers was known as a cheerful, competent shipmate who wanted as all did only to get the war over with, and bring peace back to the world.

I hope my words have helped to answer some of those questions you wish to know, although I know nothing could lessen the burden of your great loss. I shall deem it a privilege if I may help you in any way further.

Very Respectfully,
Lt. William R. HOCHMAN
Tuesday, September 12, 1944

George Wesley Woodhouse

George Wesley WOODHOUSE, 74, died Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at his home at 510 B. avenue, following an illness of ten years. He had been bedfast for the past week.

Mr. Woodhouse was born June 9, 1870, near Twelve Mile, the son of Daniel and Siner (COX) WOODHOUSE. He was married Jan. 1, 1903 at Logansport to Myrtle MURPHY. Up until a year ago when he moved to this city, he resided in Logansport at 106 East Melbourne avenue. He was a retired decorator.

Surviving besides the wife are two sons, by a former marriage, Harry [WOODHOUSE] and Bert [WOODHOUSE], both of Los Angeles, Calif., and a brother, A. T. WOODHOUSE of Peru. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Skinner church at Twelve Mile. Rev. David LIVENGOD of Rochester will be in charge. Burial will take place in the Skinner cemetery. The body will remain at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home where prayer service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Vernon D. Slife

Memorial services for Marine Pfc. Vernon D. SLIFE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo M. SLIFE of Elkhart, will be held Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2:30 p.m. at the Zion M. B. C. church in Elkhart. Pfc. Slife took his training at San Diego, Calif., after enlisting in September, 1942. He went overseas in January, 1943. He was killed July 23 on Guam. Pfc. Slife is a nephew of Mrs. Merley DAWSON.

Wednesday, September 13, 1944

Thomas Toughman

Funeral services for Thomas TOUGHMAN, who passed away Wednesday morning at the home of his son, Clay [TOUGHMAN], of Gary, Ind., will be held at the Presbyterian church, this city, on Friday afternoon, two o'clock. Interment will be made in the IOOF cemetery.

Mr. Toughman formerly resided a mile east of Rochester on the Fort Wayne road. The deceased had made his home with his son in Gary for the past several years.

Thursday, September 14, 1944

John B. Meredith

Funeral services for John B. MEREDITH, 76, retired business man of Chicago and New York, were held recently at the Peabody Memorial chapel in North Manchester, and burial was made in Crown Hill cemetery, Indianapolis. Mr. Meredith was born and reared in the vicinity of Talma, and has several relatives in Fulton county.

Frank Bright

Frank BRIGHT, 79, retired monument salesman of Akron, died at 7:15 o'clock this morning at his home in that city. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis but Mr. Bright had been in poor health for sometime.

Mr. Bright was born May 13, 1865, near Akron in Fulton county, the son of George and Rachael (BURNS) BRIGHT. He had resided in the Akron community all his life except for 12 years spent at Silver Lake. He was married Aug. 8, 1891, to Rachael ADAMSON, who passed away several years ago. The deceased, a well-known and respected citizen of Henry township, was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge and of the Methodist church. Surviving are a daughter, Miss Goldie BRIGHT, who made her home with her father in Akron, and a brother, George BRIGHT, also of Akron. A son, Clarence A. BRIGHT, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Akron Methodist church with Rev. C. S. SPANGLER of Peru and Rev. H. R. FENSTERMAKER of Akron in charge. Interment will be in the Nichols cemetery, north of Akron.

Friday, September 15, 1944

Adaline Sickmiller

Mrs. Adaline SICKMILLER, 74, died Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at her home six miles northeast of Argos, in the Bethel neighborhood. She was married 54 years ago last June to August SICKMILLER who survives. The deceased has lived in the Bethel neighborhood nearly all her life, going there from Bourbon.

Surviving besides the husband are three sons, Marvin [SICKMILLER], Leo [SICKMILLER] and Onel [SICKMILLER], all of near Argos; a twin brother, John HEETER of Ohio; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the United Brethren church in Bourbon, of which Mrs. Sickmiller was a member. Rev. Arthur HATFIELD of Bourbon will be in charge, and burial will be in the Oak Hill cemetery at Plymouth. The body will remain at the Grossman funeral home in Argos until Saturday morning when it will be removed to the late home, where friends may call.

Mrs. Ed Reed

Mrs. George MIKESELL of this city received a telegram this morning informing her of the death of her sister, Mrs. Ed REED. Mrs. Reed died this morning at her home in Phoenix, Arizona. Funeral services will be held Monday in that city.

Nellie Black

Mrs. Nellie BLACK, 70, died Thursday evening at 9:30 o'clock at her home on North Mishawaka street in Akron. She had been ill for several months, her condition becoming serious in the last few days.

Mrs. Black [Nellie BURDGE] was born in Indiana, May 15, 1874, the daughter of J. F. and Mary (PATTERSON) BURDGE. She was married August 29, 1895 to William BLACK. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Black lived on a farm northeast of Akron and later moved to their present home in Akron.

Surviving are the husband and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Black residence Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH will be in charge. Interment will be made in the IOOF cemetery at Akron.

Nancy Catherine Vanata

Mrs. Nancy Catherine VANATA, 69, died Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the home of her son Henry in Logansport. Death was due to carcinoma. She had been ill for two years.

Mrs. Vanata [Nancy Catherine SOUTHARD] was born in Logansport, March 10, 1875, the daughter of Henry and Sarah SOUTHARD, but had lived most of her life in Wayne township, Fulton county. On June 4, 1896, she was wed to Arnett VANATA who passed away June 1, 1943. Since her husband's death Mrs. Vanata had made her home in Logansport with her son.

Survivors include two sons, Henry [VANATA] of Logansport, Clifford [VANATA] of Lucerne; and a daughter, Mrs. Ethel McLOCHLIN of near Kewanna. Six grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

The Rev. Gilbert MAUS will be in charge of services to be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Twelve Mile United Brethren church. Burial will be in the Mt. Carmel cemetery at Twelve Mile. The body will remain at the Ditmire chapel in Fulton until the hour of the funeral.

Saturday, September 16, 1944

George A. "Polly" Thompson

George A. "Polly" THOMPSON, 65, retired shoe repairman, died at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening at his home three miles northeast of Rochester, following a heart attack. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Thompson, who had operated a shoe repair shop here for over two score years, retired several years ago and moved to his farm. His son now operates the shop, located on West Seventh street.

He was born March 24, 1879 in this city and had lived here his entire life. He was a son of John and Matilda THOMPSON. On May 17, 1899, he was married to Mary Estella "Mamie" MUTCHLER in this city.

Surviving besides the wife are five sons, Charles [THOMPSON] and Clifford [THOMPSON] at home, Dallas [THOMPSON], Arthur [THOMPSON] and George [THOMPSON], Jr., all of this city; seven grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Rev. David LIVENGOOD of the United Brethren church will be in charge of services to be held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery here. The body will be taken to the Thompson home today and will be returned to the funeral home Monday at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, September 18, 1944

Florence Harsh

Mrs. Florence HARSH, 76, died Sunday evening at 10:15 o'clock at the Woodlawn hospital. Death was due to a heart attack.

Mrs. Harsh, a resident of near Akron for 50 years, was born [Florence ANDERSON] in Wabash county, July 4, 1868, the daughter of Marlin and Maria ANDERSON. She was married to Henry HARSH in 1885.

The deceased was a member of the Church of God.

Surviving is a son, Darl HARSH of Akron, and a grandson.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Frank Krathwohl

Frank KRATHWOHL, 74, died Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at his home in Fulton following an illness of eight months.

Mr. Krathwohl was born in this county Feb. 12, 1870, the son of Frederick and Mary KRATHWOHL, and on March 4, 1893 was married to Armilda CORNWELL. The deceased had lived in this county all his life and had moved to Fulton about a year ago from his farm near Twelve Mile.

Surviving are the wife; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth SUTTON of Fulton, and Mrs. Burness REYBURN of Peru; three brothers, John [KRATHWOHL] of Fulton, Phillip [KRATHWOHL] of Lakeville and Omar [KRATHWOHL] of Bremen; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl TAYLOR of Ohio, and Mrs. Bertha SHIRELING of South Bend and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Pilgrim Holiness church in Fulton, of which he was a member. The Rev. J. E. KIRBY will be in charge of the services. Burial will be made in the Mexico cemetery. The body will remain at the Krathwohl residence until the hour of the funeral.

Florence Etta Thomas

Florence Etta THOMAS, 79, former resident of the Argos community, passed away Saturday at 11:20 p.m. at the home of her sister, Mrs. John DOWNING of Bourbon. Death resulted from heart trouble following a three-day illness.

Florence Etta BOGGS was born Sept. 5, 1865 in Center township, Marshall county, Indiana. In 1887 she was united in marriage with A. P. THOMAS, who passed away 17 years ago. She was a member of the Inwood Methodist church.

Surviving are four brothers, Bert [BOGGS] and Louis BOGGS of Argos, William BOGGS of Inwood and Charles BOGGS of Kansas, and a sister, Mrs. Downing of Bourbon.

The body was removed from the Grossman funeral home, Argos, to the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James MESSICK, where it will lie in state until the hour of the funeral, 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church in Inwood. Rev. Donald BARNES, pastor of the church, will officiate and interment will be in the New Oak Hill cemetery, Plymouth.

Estella Dille

Mrs. Estella DILLE, 89, died Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at her home in Mentone. Death was due to complications.

Mrs. Dille was born [Estella SARBER] in Indiana, March 18, 1855, the daughter of William and Estella SARBER.

Surviving are a son, Ray MIDDLETON of Akron; a daughter, Mrs. Blanche BARSELL of Mentone; a sister, Mrs. Edith McFARLAND of Mentone; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the United Brethren church at Beaver Dam with the Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH of Akron in charge. Burial will be in the Palestine cemetery.

Tuesday, September 19, 1944

Orville Stanton Smith

Orville Stanton SMITH, 72, died at 4:30 o'clock Monday evening at his home in Tippecanoe. Ill for two months, death was due to complications.

Mr. Smith, a well-known business man, was born May 31, 1872, in Whitley county, the son of Calvin and Eliza SMITH. He was united in marriage June 25, 1896, to Cora Blanch COOPER, who died in May, 1940. Mr. Smith came to Tippecanoe from Upland 18 years ago. He was a member of the Argos Masonic lodge and the Shrine lodge at Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Stella YEAGER of Clear Water, Calif., and niece, Mrs. D. M. CROCHONS of North Carolina.

The body is at the Grossman funeral home in Argos. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Florence Harsh

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence HARSH, who died Sunday evening at Woodlawn hospital, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gail HARSH, East Rochester street, Akron. The Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH will be in charge of the services. Burial will be made in the IOOF cemetery west of Akron.

Wednesday, September 20, 1944

Orville S. Smith

Funeral arrangements have been completed for Orville S. SMITH, 72, who died Monday evening at his home in Tippecanoe.

Services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Tippecanoe church with the Rev. John L. HANCOCK officiating. Burial will be made in Summit Chapel cemetery, east of Argos.

Arthur William Lucas

Arthur William LUCAS, three-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James LUCAS, died at 8:44 o'clock this morning at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hershberger, in Argos. Death was due to complications. The boy had been ill for four weeks.

Arthur Lucas was born May 21, 1944, in LaPorte, the son of James and Harriet (HERSHBERGER) LUCAS, who survives. Also surviving are the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur HERSHBERGER, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William LUCAS.

Funeral services will be held at the Grossman funeral home in Argos, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. C. C. CRIPE of the Walnut Grove Brethren church will be in charge. Burial will be made in the Walnut Brethren cemetery. The remains may be viewed at the funeral home.

Thursday, September 21, 1944

[no obits]

Friday, September 22, 1944

Anna Elizabeth Shadel

Mrs. [Anna] Elizabeth SHADEL, 74, a resident of Macy, died Thursday morning at 11:15 o'clock at the home of her son, Worthey, in South Bend. She had been seriously ill for the past four months but had been in poor health for several years.

Mrs. Shadel was born in Miami county, Jan. 23, 1870, the daughter of John A. and Sarah (FANCHER) WAGONER. On March 4, 1893 she was united in marriage to Hiram SHADEL. She had lived in and around Macy all her life with the exception of four years spent in Chicago and Hammond.

Survivors include the husband; three sons, Worthey [SHADEL] of South Bend, John [SHADEL] and Joseph [SHADEL] of Macy; three brothers, Frank WAGONER of Macy, Sam WAGONER of Bourbon and James WAGONER of Peru; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Macy Christian church, of which she was a member. The Rev. S. M. REED of Fort Wayne, former pastor at Macy, will be in charge of the services. Burial will be made in the Plainview cemetery. The body was taken from the Ditmire funeral home to the Shadel home, two miles north of Macy at noon today.

Saturday, September 23, 1944

Emerson L. Towne

PFC. EMERSON L. TOWNE "MISSING IN ACTION"

According to word received from the War department, this morning, by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. TOWNE, route 5, Rochester, their son, Pfc. Emerson L. TOWNE, is reported missing in action in France on Sept. 6.

Pfc. Towne enlisted in the army in July, 1942, and had been home in June last year. Immediately after his furlough he was sent to England and was recently sent to France. He was in an infantry division.

Emerson attended Talma High school and prior to entering the army was engaged in farming.

Two other sons of Mr. and Mrs. Towne, Clyde E. [TOWNE], Jr., and James A. [TOWNE], are also stationed in France.

[NOTE: Emerson Towne, 23, Rochester, killed in action in France, June 6, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Charles Edward Sanders

Charles Edward SANDERS, 63, life-long resident of Richland township, passed away at 1:30 a.m. Saturday at his home six miles northeast of this city. Death came in the wake of a heart attack suffered but a few hours earlier. Mr. Sanders, who followed the occupation of farming, had a wide acquaintance of friends throughout both Fulton and Marshall counties.

Charles Edward Sanders was born July 12, 1880, in Marshall county, and moved to Fulton county with his parents, Thomas and Rebecca SANDERS, while still quite young. The deceased was a member of the Grandview Evangelical church.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, Carl [SANDERS] of Argos, Rev. Lloyd SANDERS of Montague, Mich., and Irvin SANDERS of Rochester; two daughters, Mrs. Irene McGEE, Mrs. Marcelle BROCKEY, both of Rochester; nine grandchildren, and three brothers, Henry [SANDERS] and Dan SANDERS of Rochester and Amos SANDERS of Akron.

The body will be returned from the Foster funeral home to the Sanders home this evening where it will lie in state until the hour of the funeral. The arrangements for the funeral were incomplete as this issue of The News-Sentinel went to press.

Monday, September 25, 1944

Lucy Ann Dick

Mrs. Lucy Ann DICK, 59, died at her farm home, a half mile north of Talma on highway 25, at 2:00 o'clock Monday morning. Death was due to complications. She had been seriously ill for the past five weeks but had been in ill health for one and a half years.

Mrs. Dick was born [Lucy Ann MASTERS] November 24, 1884 in Fulton county near Kewanna, the daughter of John and Sarah (LUCAS) MASTERS and had lived nearly all her life in this vicinity. She was married to L. G. BOWERS and Clyde STOCKBERGER and on February 29, 1940 she was married to Willard A. DICK in Rochester.

Surviving are the husband; one daughter, Mrs. Dessie LaZAR, of San Diego, Calif.; two sons, Gilford BOWERS, of Rochester; Pvt. Raymond BOWERS, stationed at Camp Hood, Texas; one foster son, Pvt. Robert STOCKBERGER, of Las Vegas, Nev.; one brother, John [MASTERS], of Rochester; one sister, Mrs. Ola HIPSKIND, of Rochester; one halfbrother, Bert COX, of Mishawaka; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Talma Christian church, of which she was a member. Rev. Daniel SLAYBAUGH of Akron will officiate. Burial will be in the IOOF cemetery at Rochester. The body will be kept at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home until the morning of the funeral when it will be taken to the Dick home.

Jo Ann Bunnell

Jo Ann BUNNELL, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John BUNNELL, residing a mile east of Mt. Zion, died at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning at the Woodlawn hospital after an illness of a week. Death was attributed to pneumonia. The child had been taken to the hospital a week ago Saturday night.

She was born in Cass county on Oct. 22, 1936, the daughter of John and Rose BUNNELL and was the youngest of 14 children. She moved to Fulton county with her parents and was a student in the second grade of the Woodrow school.

Surviving are the parents; seven sisters, Mrs. Mary STEWART of Star City, Mrs. Katherine FENSTERMAKER of Rochester, Mrs. Leona KOONS of Gary, Mrs. Iona COX of Gary, Mrs. Anna NICKELS of Hobart and Miss Eileen BUNNELL of Rochester; six brothers, Gerald

[BUNNELL] of Knox, Edward [BUNNELL] of Crown Point, Harry [BUNNELL] of Knox, Raymond [BUNNELL], Charles [BUNNELL] and Darl [BUNNELL], at home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Foster funeral home with Rev. Harry J. BAILEY, pastor of the Baptist church, in charge. Burial will be in the Citizens cemetery. The body is at the Foster funeral home and will remain there for the services.

Vincent Little

Vincent LITTLE, 74, died at his home four miles northwest of Rochester at 4:30 a.m. Sunday after suffering a stroke. He had been ill for two weeks.

Mr. Little was born at Bristol, Ind., on March 18, 1870, the son of John and Mary Ann LITTLE and has been a resident of Fulton county for 40 years. He was married to Mildred TUTTLE in Iroquois, Ill. in July 1905.

Surviving are the widow; three sons, Fred [LITTLE], of Chesterton, Ernest [LITTLE] of Logansport, and James [LITTLE] with the army in the Hawaiian Islands; five daughters, Mrs. Minnie BRITTON, of Osceola, Mrs. Carolyn MALLOTT, of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. Doris BRITTON, of Niles, Mich., Mrs. Hazel STROUP, of Lacon, Ill., Mrs. Bertha GRUBS, of Kewanna; a half-brother, John WIGGINS, of Colorado and 23 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the residence Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Grass Creek. The body remains at the Foster funeral home here.

Charles Edward Sanders

Funeral services for Charles Edward SANDERS, 64, were held this afternoon at the Grandview Evangelical church, northwest of Rochester, with the Rev. V. W. GIVENS officiating. Burial was in the Richland Center cemetery.

Tuesday, September 26, 1944

[no obits]

Wednesday, September 27, 1944

Aurel Glen Calvin

Mrs. Aurel Glen CALVIN, 48, well known Kewanna lady, died at her home at 535 Eddy street, South Bend, at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday. Although she had been in ill health for three or four years, death occurred suddenly.

Mrs. Calvin was born [Aurel Glen MOGLE] March 21, 1897 in Wayne township, the daughter of Harry and Melvina (BARKER) MOGLE and was married to Arthur CALVIN. She had spent most of her life in the Kewanna neighborhood.

She was a member of the Sunnyside Presbyterian church in South Bend.

Surviving are the husband; two sons, Wallace CALVIN, serving with the army in France, and William [CALVIN], at home; four daughters, Mrs. Jeannette McCOLLY, of 805 East Miner street, South Bend, and Louise May [CALVIN], Mary Ann [CALVIN] and Aurel Jane [CALVIN], all at home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry MOGLE; a sister, Mrs. Leah McCLAIN, of Mishawaka and a brother, Marvin MOGLE, of Mishawaka.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10:00 a.m. in South Bend and burial will be made in the IOOF cemetery at Kewanna.

George Robert Gault

GEO. R. GAULT, FULTON YOUTH KILLED IN ACTION

Another Fulton county youth has been added to the war casualty list. Early today Mr. and Mrs. Merritt GAULT, who reside near Fulton, received a telegram from the War department, dated Tuesday, Sept. 26, which informed them that their son, Staff Sgt. George [Robert] GAULT, had been killed in action in France on Sept. 6.

S/Sgt. Gault was born on a farm near Fletcher's Lake, Dec. 28, 1925, and had resided in the vicinity of Fulton throughout his entire life. He entered the services of the U. S. Army on May 15, 1942, and was transferred overseas on June 6, 1944.

Survivors are his parents and two brothers, Sgt. Earl R. GAULT, who is stationed at Selina, Kans., and Sgt. E. E. GAULT of Camp Campbell, Ky.

George spent a three-day pass with his parents during May of this year a short time prior to his transfer to overseas duty.

[NOTE: George Gault, killed in action in France, September 6, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Aaron Kline

Aaron KLINE, 67, died at 2:00 o'clock this morning at his home in Racine, Wis. He had been ill for four weeks. Death was due to complications.

Mr. Kline was born in Fulton county, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam KLINE, and had resided for 20 years in this vicinity. He was married to Nettie GREEN in 1899. He was a professor in a high school in Chicago for many years and was a member of the Baptist church.

Among the survivors is a sister, Mrs. Edwin LEVEL of Fulton.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Fulton Baptist church.

Thursday, September 28, 1944

Barbara Mason

Funeral services for Barbara MASON will be held at the Athens United Brethren church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

[NOTE: Jean C. & Wendell C. Tombaugh, *Fulton County Indiana Cemeteries, Henry Township, Hoover's Cemetery*: Barbara J. MASON, 1944. (one date only, temp funeral marker)]

Laura Long

Mrs. Laura LONG, 65, wife of Rev. George J. LONG, former pastor of the Trinity Evangelical church in Rochester, died Tuesday in Fort Wayne after a year's illness.

Rev. and Mrs. Long resided here three years, moving to Fort Wayne in 1941, when Rev. Long was transferred to the Trinity church there. Rev. Long is the only survivor.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday at the Evangelical church in South Bend with Rev. O. M. HERMAN of South Bend and Rev. C. E. KOERTGE of Bremen officiating. Burial will be in the Highland cemetery at South Bend.

Charlet Long

Mrs. Charlet LONG, aged resident of near Macy, died at her home three and one-half miles southeast of Macy at 9:20 o'clock Wednesday night. Mrs. Long, who would have celebrated her ninetieth birthday Oct. 28, had been ill for eight weeks. Death was attributed to complications.

Charlet Long, was born [Charlotte ABSHIRE] in Wabash county, Oct. 28, 1854, the daughter

of Alex and Sarah ABSHIRE. She was united in marriage to Fred LONG, March 23, 1879. Mr. Long died in March, 1936. She was a lifelong resident of Wabash and Miami counties, residing near Macy for many years. She was a member of the Dunkard church.

Survivors include three sons, Thomas LONG of Macy, William LONG of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Alice LONG of Miami; six daughters, Mrs. Irvin MILLER of Macy, Mrs. Thomas DAINE and Mrs. Harmon RICHARDSON of Peru, Mrs. William FEASTER of Mishawaka, Mrs. James DARRAH of Rochester and Mrs. Francis ELLIOT of Kokomo; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Two half-brothers, George [ABSHIRE] and Jess ABSHIRE, of Roann, also survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Long home southeast of Macy. The Rev. Howard FLORA of Twelve Mile will officiate. Burial will be made in Five Corners cemetery.

Friday, September 29, 1944

Cyrus M. Davis

Cyrus M. DAVIS, 82, a pioneer citizen and former merchant, passed away Friday morning at 1:00 o'clock in his home, 313 West Eleventh street. Mr. Davis had been in failing health for the past several months. The deceased had a wide acquaintance of friends throughout Rochester and Fulton county.

Many years ago, Mr. Davis was captain of the National Guard of this city and he also was instrumental in organizing the first militia company in this city. He was engaged in the mercantile business here for a score or more of years, operating a variety store in the old Wallace building, which stood where the Drs. Stinson offices are now located, 816 Main street.

Cyrus M., eldest son of John M. and Catherine P. DAVIS, was born Nov. 12, 1862, on a farm in Newcastle township. He was united in marriage with Calla R. DUMBAULD on May 26, 1888, in a ceremony solemnized in Rochester.

Survivors are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Max MATTICE of Chicago; a son, Warren C. DAVIS of Mishawaka, Ind.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; five brothers, Ostinell A. [DAVIS], of this city, Henry A. [DAVIS], of Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Fred W. [DAVIS], of Jeffersonville, Ind.; Charles A. [DAVIS], of Mishawaka and Vernon J. [DAVIS], of Buffalo, N.Y. A daughter and a brother and sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home and interment will be in the IOOF cemetery. Rev. Chesley HOWELL will officiate. The body will lie in state at the funeral home where friends may call up until the time of the services.

Oratio P. Stuckey

Oratio P. STUCKEY, 66, died in Parkview hospital in Plymouth Wednesday afternoon, less than 24 hours after he was stricken with a sudden illness. Death was due to pulmonary thrombosis. He became ill late Tuesday and was taken to the hospital early Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Stuckey, in hurrying from their home to call a doctor, stumbled over some object in the yard and fell, breaking her right arm.

Born in Tippecanoe, Ind., Mr. Stuckey lived in that vicinity most of his life, moving to Plymouth four years ago. He is survived by his widow, a son and four daughters.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist church in Plymouth.

Saturday, September 30, 1944

George W. Nichols

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Harrison funeral home in Kewanna for George W. NICHOLS, 70. The well-known Kewanna farmer died at 11:45 o'clock Thursday night at St. Josephs hospital.

George Nichols was born near Grass Creek, September 7, 1874, the son of George and Florence NICHOLS. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Ruth L. FRY of Royal Center; a son, Albert B. [NICHOLS], of near Kewanna; two brothers, David N. [NICHOLS], of Logansport, James K. [NICHOLS], of Grass Creek; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah MARSH of Grass Creek, Mrs. Eva TIMLEY of Niles, Mich.; seven grandchildren and five [?] great-grandchildren.

Burial will be made in the Fletcher's Lake cemetery.

Monday, October 2, 1944

Eunice Aretta Johnson

Mrs. Eunice Aretta JOHNSON, 73, died Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Overmyer, seven miles north of Kewanna. She had been ill for three weeks.

Mrs. Johnson was born [Eunice Aretta FERNBAUGH] [June 5, 1871] in Pulaski county near her present home and had lived there practically all of her life. She had resided in this city for two years, going to her daughter's home near Kewanna last November. She was married to Charles PICKENS, November 23, 1892. Mr. Pickens died in 1897 and on Nov. 7, 1898 she was married to Schuyler Daniel JOHNSON, who passed away in 1942.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Clyde OVERMYER of route 1, Kewanna, Mrs. Ethel NICKELS, of Rochester; one son, Walter [JOHNSON] of Culver; two sisters, Mrs. Ella HINTON of LaPorte and Mrs. Dora BARNETT of South Bend; two brothers, William [FERNBAUGH] and Henry FERNBAGH of Leiters Ford; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Zion Methodist church near Lake Bruce at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Hilary HOWELL in charge. Interment will be at Lake Bruce cemetery. The body was taken to the Overmyer home, where friends may call.

Byrdie Viola Prill

Miss Byrdie Viola PRILL, 72, died at 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening at the home of her niece, Mrs. Edith MADDUX in Henry township. Miss Prill's home was at 301 East Eighth street, Rochester. She had been ill for ten months. Death was caused by a stroke of paralysis.

Byrdie Prill was born Aug. 3, 1872, the daughter of David and Mary (PECK) PRILL in this county and had lived here her entire life. She was a housekeeper and a member of the Baptist church in Peru.

Surviving are a brother, William [PRILL], of this city, and two nieces, Mrs. Maddox of Henry township, and Mrs. Dessie MEREDITH of Mentone.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Foster funeral home, with the Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Burial will be in the Athens cemetery. The body will remain at the Foster Funeral home, where friends may call.

Tuesday, October 3, 1944 to Wednesday, October 4, 1944

[no obits]

Thursday, October 5, 1944

Elizabeth Graf Shrader

Mrs. Elizabeth GRAF SHRADER, 76, was found dead at her home in Harrison township, Pulaski county, at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mrs. Shrader had not been ill and it is believed that she died in her sleep.

Elizabeth Shrader was born June 4, 1868, at North Grove and was married Aug. 23, 1891, to Abner SHRADER.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Grace MURRAY of Hamlet; three sons, Earl [SHRADER] of Kewanna, Russell [SHRADER] and Ralph [SHRADER] of Winamac; 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The body will remain at the Shrader home, northwest of Kewanna, until 10:00 o'clock Friday morning when it will be removed to the Fry and Lange funeral home in Winamac, where funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. A. E. GIVENS will be in charge and burial will be at Crown Hill cemetery.

Friday, October 6, 1944

Norman Baldwin, Jr.

LT. BALDWIN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. BALDWIN, of route 2, Rochester, received notice Thursday morning from the War department, reporting that their son, First Lieut. Norman BALDWIN, [Jr.] is missing in action over Holland since Sept. 17.

Lieut. Baldwin, a pilot on a paratroop transport plane, has been in the Army for five years and overseas for the past 18 months. He was based in England.

Lieut. Baldwin, a graduate of Talma High school, is married and has a son, who resides with his parents near this city.

[NOTE: Norman Baldwin, Jr., pilot of troop transport shot down over Groesbeck, Holland, September 17, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

George House

Word has been received here of the death of George HOUSE of Cambridge City. Burial will be made in the IOOF cemetery here at 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Mr. House was a retired printer, having worked in that capacity in Rochester. He was on the composing staff at the Chicago Tribune until a few years ago, when he retired and since has been living with relatives in Cambridge city.

Neva Keiser

Mrs. Emma STOCKBERGER of route 3, Rochester, has been called to Elkhart by the death of her sister, Mrs. Neva KEISER, 58.

Mrs. Keiser took her life Wednesday night by drowning in the St. Joseph river.

Funeral services were held this afternoon in Elkhart. Burial was made at South Whitley.

Saturday, October 7, 1944

Clifford Gray

CLIFFORD GRAY KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Mrs. Gertrude GRAY, of Akron, received a message late Friday from the War department stating that her son, Pfc. Clifford GRAY, 24, has been killed in action in France some time during the month of September.

Pfc. Gray had been in the Army for nearly two years and had been overseas since last Easter. He had attended the Akron High school. His wife, the former Miss Wilma HOLLOWAY, and son Dennis Dean [GRAY] reside in Rochester.

Pfc. Gray has five brothers, John [GRAY] of Rochester, Robert [GRAY] of Akron, Orville [GRAY] of Plymouth, S/Sgt Edward [GRAY] stationed in Washington and Bud at home. He also has four sisters, Mrs. Jack BANTER of Akron, Mrs. Mary Eileen WISE of South Bend and Lois [GRAY] and Vivian [GRAY] at home.

[NOTE: Clifford Gray, 24, Akron, killed in action in France, September, 1944. Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000]

Harold Babcock Thornburg

LIEUT. H. B. THORNBURG IS KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs. Howard P. CALLOWAY, of route 1, Rochester, has received a telegram from the War department stating that her son, Lt. Harold Babcock THORNBURG, M.C.U.S.N., was killed in action September 21. No further details could be learned.

[NOTE: Harold Thornburgh [sic], Rochester, killed in action at sea, September 21, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000; also Jean C. and Wendell C. Tombaugh, *Fulton County Indiana Cemeteries, Rochester IOOF*: Harold B. Thornburg, Lieut. (M.C.) USN, killed at Halmahera Is., New Guinea, 1911-1944.]

Monday, October 9, 1944

[no obits]

Tuesday, October 10, 1944

Connie Sue Taylor

Connie Sue TAYLOR, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth TAYLOR, who reside six miles west of Rochester in the Burton neighborhood, died at 1:00 o'clock this afternoon at the Woodlawn hospital. Death was due to peritonitis. The girl had been ill since Thursday and underwent an appendectomy last night, but the appendix had ruptured and peritonitis set in.

Connie Sue was born May 3, 1940, in the Burton neighborhood, the daughter of Kenneth and Leona (GOOD) TAYLOR.

Surviving besides the parents are a brother, Dennis, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin TAYLOR of Rochester and Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley GOOD of Burton.

Harold Babcock Thornburg

FORMER RESIDENT MEETS DEATH IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Dr. Harold THORNBURG, 29, a flight surgeon in the navy, was killed in action in the South Pacific war zone on Sept. 21, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Howard P. CALLOWAY of route 1, Rochester.

Dr. Thornburg entered the navy two years ago, soon after receiving his doctor's degree from the Southern California School of Medicine. He spent his boyhood in Rochester and graduated from the local high school. He was married and his wife and three children reside in Santa Monica, Calif.

Surviving other than his wife and children and his mother, are: His father, Dr. Harvey THORNBURG of Santa Monica; one sister, Miss Kathryn THORNBURG of El Centro, Calif; his grandmother, Mrs. Laura BABCOCK of Rochester. Two uncles, Robert P. BABCOCK and Lawrence BABCOCK, also reside here.

Howard Hoge

Memorial services were held Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Lewis HOGE, northwest of this city, for her son, Pfc. Howard HOGE, who was killed in France a few weeks ago. Dr. C. T. HOWELL, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated at the services.

Wednesday, October 11, 1944

Joseph C. Wideman

Joseph C. WIDEMAN, 82, died at noon Tuesday at the Stansbury nursing home in Rochester. Death was due to complications.

Mr. Wideman, who lived north of Akron with two bachelor brothers, was born March 8, 1862 in Ohio, the son of Joseph and Barbara WIDEMAN. He was a farmer.

Surviving are two brothers, James [WIDEMAN] and Henry WIDEMAN.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Moyer funeral home in Akron. The Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH will be in charge. Interment will be in a cemetery near Akron.

Connie Sue Taylor

Funeral services for Connie Sue TAYLOR, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth TAYLOR, who died Tuesday at 1:00 o'clock at the Woodlawn hospital will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Burton church. Rev. F. R. BRIGGS, pastor of the Rochester Methodist church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Rochester IOOF cemetery.

The body was removed from the Foster funeral home to the Taylor home, six miles west of Rochester at noon today.

Thursday, October 12, 1944

Alexander Charles "Sandy" Fieser

Alexander Charles "Sandy" FIESER, 77, died at 9:10 o'clock this morning at the Woodlawn hospital. Mr. Fieser, a lifelong resident of this county, resided six miles south of Argos on [U.S.] road 31. He had been a patient at the hospital for two months but had been in poor health for two or three years. Death was due to complications.

Mr. Fieser was born December 11, 1867 in Fulton county, and was married to Lida WRIGHT

in September 1891. Mrs. Fieser died in 1903.

Surviving are an adopted daughter, Mrs. Tressie MYERS, south of Argos; and a sister, Mrs. Lena MILLER, of South Bend.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Tiosa Brethren church with the Rev. Daniel S. PERRY of Rochester in charge. Burial will be made in the Reichter cemetery. The body remains at the Grossman funeral home in Argos and will be taken to the residence Friday evening.

Richard Sausaman

NEPHEW OF LOCAL MEN IS KILLED IN ACTION

Cpl. Richard SAUSAMAN, 23, was killed in action in Italy on Sept. 21, according to a telegram received Monday evening from the War Department by his mother, Mrs. Thelma SAUSAMAN of Denver. The father, C. E. Sausaman, resides in Roann.

Cpl. Sausaman was with the 135th Infantry and had been overseas since May, 1943, and in the service since October 1942. He was born at Crown Point, Sept. 26, 1921, but had spent the greater part of his life in Miami county. He was a graduate of the Peru high school and had attended the airplane engineering school at Lincoln, Neb., before entering service.

Surviving are the father and mother; a sister, Jean [SAUSAMAN], of Denver; a brother, Joseph Hugh SAUSAMAN, of Roann and the grandmothers, Mrs. T. E. ROUCH, and Mrs. C. M. SAUSAMAN, both of Peru.

Cpl. Sausaman was well known in Rochester, where he often visited his uncles, William H. ROUCH and A.B. GREEN.

Charles Thomas Enyart

Charles Thomas ENYART, 58, former resident of Fulton, died at 6:00 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Woodlawn hospital here. His condition was serious for the past two weeks but he had been in failing health for a year. Death was due to complications. For the past four years he had lived four miles west of Rochester on State Road 14.

Charles Enyart was born in Fulton county Aug. 13, 1886, the son of Nathan and Emma ENYART. His marriage on Dec. 25, 1908, was to Angie CONN, who passed away in February, 1938.

He was a member of the Fulton United Brethren church.

Surviving are two sons, Robert C. [ENYART], of Delnorte, Colo., and Wilbur [ENYART], of Rochester; three daughters, Arabelle [ENYART], a missionary in Servia Leona, West Africa, Mrs. Ruth BLACK of Logansport and Maxine [ENYART] of Fulton; two brothers, Ben [ENYART] of Greentown and Earl [ENYART] of Rochester; three sisters, Mrs. Flossie BAILEY of Fulton, Mrs. Rhoda BEVELHEIMER of Tipton and Mrs. Olive CAREY, and one granddaughter.

The body was taken this afternoon from the Ditmire funeral home in Fulton to the residence of his son Wilbur, three miles west of Rochester on State Road 14. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Fulton United Brethren church, with Rev. Stacy SHAW and Rev. B. F. CHAMBERS in charge. Interment will be made in the Fulton cemetery.

Friday, October 13, 1944

Almina Jane Steffey

Mrs. Almina Jane STEFFEY, lifelong resident of this community, passed away at 12:40 a.m. Friday at her home, 460 East Ninth street. Death resulted from complications following an illness of five weeks' duration.

Mrs. Steffey had a host of friends throughout Rochester and Fulton county. Almina Jane [PIPER], daughter of David and Sarah PIPER, was born at Denver, Ind., on Dec. 24, 1864, and came to Rochester when quite young. Upon reaching womanhood she was united in marriage with Franklin Monroe STEFFEY. Mrs. Steffey was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors are four sons, Earl [STEFFEY], Ernie [STEFFEY], Carl [STEFFEY], all of Hammond, Ind.; Ellsworth [STEFFEY] of South Bend; a daughter, Mrs. Elsie WIDOWS of this city; eleven grandchildren, one great-grandchild; two great-great-grandchildren, and a brother, James PIPER of Omaha, Neb. A son and a daughter preceded her in death.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Foster funeral home. Interment will be in the Citizens cemetery. The body was removed to the Foster funeral home where it will lie in state until the hour of the services.

[NOTE: Jean C. & Wendell C. Tombaugh, *Fulton County Indiana Cemeteries, Citizens Cemetery*: Almina J. Steffey, 1864-1944; Franklin M. STEFFEY, 1864-1942.]

George Wesley Dennie

George Wesley DENNIE, 77, died at 6:15 o'clock this morning at his home on East Walnut street in Argos. He had been ill for nine months. Death was caused by a stroke.

George Dennie was born in Kosciusko county, February 24, 1867, the son of Meredith and Elizabeth DENNIE. He had lived in Argos for the past 17 years, going there from Claypool. He was employed on the Nickel Plate railroad for many years, retiring a short time ago.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl [DENNIE]; one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy THOMPSON, of Argos; three sons, Joe [DENNIE], of Rochester; Robert [DENNIE], of Argos and Clinton [DENNIE], in the army, stationed in New Guinea. Another son, Walter [DENNIE], died in 1942.

Friends may call at the Grossman funeral home in Argos until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, when the body will be taken to Mrs. Thompson's home. The remains will be removed from the Thompson home Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock and taken to the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at the Grossman funeral home Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Burial will be made in Maple Grove cemetery.

George Gault

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SGT. GAULT SUNDAY EVE.

Memorial services for Staff Sergeant George GAULT, who was killed in France Sept. 6, will be held Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Olive Branch church near Fulton.

Sgt. Gault entered the service of the U. S. Army on May 15, 1942, and was transferred overseas on June 6, 1944. He had spent a three-day furlough with his parents during May of this year.

Alvin P. Copeland

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood COPELAND of Monterey, received word yesterday that their son, Alvin F. COPELAND, 34 years old, was killed in action Sept. 27 in Holland. He was a brother of Shirley COPELAND of Winamac.

Pvt. Copeland, a native of Pulaski county, spent most of his life in Tippecanoe township. He attended Monterey schools and entered military service in March, 1942.

Saturday, October 14, 1944

Oliver E. Sharp

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Dunkard church at Headlee for Oliver E. SHARP, 74 , of Kewanna, who died Friday morning at 1:30 o'clock at the St. Joseph hospital in Logansport after a three-weeks' illness. Death was caused by a stroke suffered Sept. 26.

Born April 10, 1870, at Franklin, he was sexton of the Odd Fellows cemetery at Kewanna and had been janitor at the Kewanna school for some time. Mr. Sharp had resided in Kewanna for ten years, going there from Logansport. In 1888 he was married to Sarah HENRY at Clinton and Aug. 14, 1905, was united in marriage to Mary E. ORBY.

Survivors are the wife, Mary; six sons, Thomas [SHARP] of Monticello, Floyd [SHARP] of Wandina, Minn., Basil R. [SHARP] of Peru, Guy N. [SHARP] of Oakland, Calif., Perry N. [SHARP] of South Bend and Oscar E. [SHARP] of Indianapolis; a daughter, Mrs. Beulah FERRIS of New Palestine; a step-daughter, Mrs. Mattie HENDERSON of Onward; a step-son, Orville WILKIE of Mowbridge, S.D.; 37 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

There will be a short service at 12:30 Sunday at the Harrison funeral home in Kewanna prior to the final rites. Officiating at the last rites will be Rev. Alvin HALL, assisted by Rev. Douglas STARKS. Burial will be in Bell Center cemetery.

Frederick Van Dien

LIEUT. FREDERICK VAN DIEN IS MISSING IN ACTION

Lieut. Frederick Van DIEN, son of Gertrude and Bert Van DIEN of this city, has been reported missing in action. Mrs. Van Dien received an official telegram from the War department late Friday.

Lieut. Van Dien was a member of the 12th Air Force and piloted a B-25 medium-type bomber. In a recent report received from the U. S. air base on Corsica it was revealed that the Rochester pilot had completed 25 air missions, most of which were in the Mediterranean theater of war.

Frederick spent a furlough with relatives and friends here last summer and upon his return to his base on the east coast he was soon transferred to Europe for combat duty.

Frederick is a graduate of the Rochester High school and is well known to the young people of the community. The message stated Lieut. Van Dien failed to return from a combat mission on Sept. 23.

[NOTE: Frederick Van Dien, 23, Rochester, killed in action over Italy, September 23, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Jay Taylor

JAY TAYLOR KILLED IN ACTION IN GERMANY

Pfc. Jay TAYLOR, 26, grandson of Mrs. George GOINS of route 1, Rochester, was killed in action in Germany on Sept. 15. Word of Pfc. Taylor's death was received Thursday by his father, Marion TAYLOR of Lucerne.

Taylor entered service in May, 1942 and went overseas in December, 1943. He was first stationed in England and participated in the D-Day invasion of France. Taylor, a member of the infantry, was wounded on June 8. After returning to the front in July he took part in the invasion of southern France.

Taylor was a former student of Lucerne High school. He is survived by his father, Marion Taylor, and a brother, Capt. Richard TAYLOR of San Antonio, Texas.

Monday, October 16, 1944

Frank Merley

Frank MERLEY of Kewanna passed away around the noon hour today at the Murphy Medical Center in Warsaw. Mr. Merley was 58 years of age. His obituary will appear in tomorrow's edition of The News-Sentinel.

Elma Stockberger

Word was received by friends here today of the death of Mrs. Elma STOCKBERGER, 88, which occurred Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fern EDWARDS of Minerva, Ohio.

Mrs. Stockberger was the widow of the late Joel STOCKBERGER who was in the hardware business at the corner of Main and Ninth streets for a long number of years. Mrs. Stockberger, following her husband's death, left Rochester about 20 years ago.

While a resident here, she was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, a member of the Past Marons organization and also a member of the Rochester Methodist church. The Stockbergers, during their residence here, resided in the 1100 block on South Madison street.

Survivors are a son, Dennis STOCKBERGER of Springfield, Mo., and the daughter, Mrs. Edwards.

The body is to arrive at the Foster funeral home here Wednesday afternoon. Funeral arrangements will be announced in Tuesday's edition of The News-Sentinel.

Kathryn Rosemary Ley

Miss Kathryn Rosemary LEY, 23, passed away 5:20 Sunday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred LEY in Kewanna. Death resulted from complications following a six-months' illness. Miss Ley had a host of friends throughout the western sections of Fulton county and at South Bend.

Kathryn Rosemary Ley was born in Wayne township, Fulton county, on May 7th, 1921. She attended the Grass Creek and Kewanna high schools and graduated from the South Bend College of Commerce. Miss Ley was a member of the St. Ann's Catholic church of Kewanna. Prior to her illness she was employed by the Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. at South Bend.

Survivors are her parents; a sister, Dorothy Jean [LEY], at home; three brothers, Francis LEY, S 1/c with the Sea Bees at Pearl Harbor; Capt. Edmund LEY, of the U. S. Air Corps, of Miami, Fla.; and Paul LEY, Soundman 2/c of the U. S. Navy, at Key West, Fla.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock, at the Kewanna St. Ann's church, with the deceased's uncle, Rev. Edmund LEY, of Dyer, Ind., officiating. Rev. Jerome

WALSKI, pastor of the St. Ann's church will assist in the services. Interment will be in the St. Vincent's cemetery, Logansport. The body lies in state at the Ley home where friends may call.

Richard E. Long

CAPT. RICHARD LONG DIES IN NEW GUINEA

Capt. Richard E. LONG, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. LONG of Kewanna, died from wounds received in action somewhere in New Guinea, according to a message received Saturday morning by the parents.

Capt. Long had been overseas for 15 months.

Surviving besides his parents are his wife, Mary Alice (ROBBINS) LONG and a son, Richard [LONG], Jr.

[NOTE: Richard Long, Kewanna, died of wounds in New Guinea, September 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Tuesday, October 17, 1944

Elma Stockberger

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma STOCKBERGER will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Methodist church with the pastor, Rev. F. R. BRIGGS, officiating. The Rochester chapter, Order of Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Stockberger was a past matron, will be in charge of the services. Burial will be in the IOOF cemetery.

The body will arrive here at 3:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and will remain at the Foster funeral home until 1:00 o'clock Thursday, when it will be taken to the church, where it will lie in state until the hour of the services.

Mrs. Stockberger died Monday night in Minerva, Ohio, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fern EDWARDS. Other survivors are a son, Dennis [STOCKBERGER] of Springfield, Mo., and another daughter, Mrs. Margaret BURNHAM of Melrose, Mass. Mahlon BAIR of near this city is a nephew of the deceased.

Edward Younger

Mrs. Hiram G. MILLER has learned of the death of her cousin, Edward YOUNGER, 84, which occurred at his home in Chicago. Mr. Younger was a member of the editorial staff of the Chicago Tribune for many years.

Frank Louis Merley

Funeral services for Frank Louis MERLEY, 68, who passed away Monday at Warsaw, Ind., will be held at the Merley home, 2 1/2 miles west of Akron on Thursday afternoon, two o'clock.

Mr. Merley was born on a farm near Millark in 1876 and resided in Henry township for all of his life. He was married to Daisy WHITTENBERGER on Jan. 11th, 1896. His parents were Casper and Dorothea MERLEY. The deceased was a member of the Akron Knights of Pythias lodge.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Daisy MERLEY, and two sons, Nyle [MERLEY] and Don MERLEY, both of Akron; seven grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Nora FERNBAUGH, of Leiters Ford.

Infant Son Ringle

Prayer services were held this afternoon at the Foster funeral home for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin RINGLE, who reside on East Ninth street.

The baby, born yesterday, died last night at the Woodlawn hospital.

Surviving besides the parents are a sister, Karen Sue [RINGLE] and a twin brother.

Rev. David LIVENGOOD will be in charge of the services and burial will be made in the Citizens cemetery.

Irene Alice Cowan

Last rites for Mrs. Joseph E. COWEN, 72, of Mishawaka, formerly of this city, who died Friday at her home in Mishawaka after an illness of three years, were held Monday at Mishawaka.

Mrs. Cowan [Irene Alice CANFIELD] was born Sept. 8, 1872, in Walnut, and moved to Mishawaka from Rochester in 1916. As Miss Irene Alice CANFIELD she was married to Mr. Cowan Sept. 3, 1892.

Richard E. Long

KEWANNA CAPTAIN DIES OF BATTLE WOUNDS

Captain Richard E. LONG, 27, died October 2nd, as result of wounds received in action somewhere in New Guinea, according to a government telegram received Saturday by his wife, Mrs. Maryalice LONG of Kewanna. Mrs. Long resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William ROBBINS.

Captain Long was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. LONG of Kewanna, and was born in Logansport, December 25, 1916. He was a graduate of the Kewanna high school and Purdue university and was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Prior to entering the service, three and a half years ago, he was employed at the U. S. Rubber Co., Indianapolis. He had served overseas for 15 months and was in the Chemical Warfare Service.

Survivors besides the widow are an 11-months-old son, Richard E [LONG], Jr.; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. LONG, and a grandmoter, Mrs. Cora SANDERS, of Marion, Ill.

[NOTE: Richard Long, Kewanna, died of wounds in New Guinea, September, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Wednesday, October 18, 1944

Frank William Walters

Frank William WALTERS, 70, died at 2:00 o'clock this morning at his home three and one-half miles northwest of Akron. Death was due to complications. He had been ill for two months.

Frank Walters was born in New York, May 25, 1874, the son of William and Nellie WALTERS. He came to Akron from Vincennes nearly five years ago. He was a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Frances [WALTERS]; one daughter, Mrs. Virginia GILLUM of Indianapolis; two step-daughters, Mrs. Richard BOYD and Mrs. W. F. HYDE, both of Vincennes; one sister, Mrs. Margaret PELLET of Buffalo, N.Y., and one brother, Charles WALTERS, also of Buffalo.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Moyer funeral home in Akron with the Rev. R. FENSTERMAKER in charge. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery at Akron.

Blanche Mae Hartman

Mrs. Blanche Mae HARTMAN, 63, died Tuesday evening at 6:15 o'clock at the home of her brother, Fred Jones, 437 West Eighth street, following an illness of three years of asthma.

Born [Blanche Mae JONES] May 28, 1881, in Rochester, the daughter of William and Matilda (HURRELL) JONES, she was married to William HARTMAN and lived here most of her life except for six years in Detroit, Mich., and ten years in Michigan City.

She was a member of the Auxiliary of the A. H. Skinner Camp of Spanish-American War Veterans, and of the Townsend club of this city.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lorene ZIMMERMAN of Jackson, Mich., and Mrs. Wilma HORN of Marshall, Mich.; two brothers, Ed [JONES] and Fred [JONES] of this city; four grandchildren; three nieces, and three nephews.

Last rites will be held at the Foster funeral home at 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon with Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD in charge. Burial will be made in the Citizens cemetery. The body will remain at the Foster funeral home where friends may call.

Lena M. Schnitz

Mrs. Lena M. SCHNITZ, 86, Fulton county native, died last night in St. Joseph's hospital in Logansport. She was the widow of John V. SCHNITZ.

She [Lena M. ZANGER] was born April 22, 1858, in Fulton county, the daughter of Mathias and Mary ZANGER.

Surviving are five children: Rev. Carl J. SCHNITZ of Gary; William M. SCHNITZ of Gary; Henry A. SCHNITZ of Oak Park, Ill.; Mrs. Herman E. BAUER of near Logansport and Miss Margaret C. SCHNITZ at home; two brothers, Mathias ZANGER and Andrew J. ZANGER, both of Logansport, and two sisters, Mrs. Barbara PERSONETTE of Logansport and Mrs. Alma GRAHAM of Winamac.

Thursday, October 19, 1944 to Friday, October 20, 1944

[no obits]

Saturday, October 21, 1944

Clarence Barnhart

Word has been received here of the death of Clarence BARNHART at his home in Bakersfield, Calif., on Thursday. The deceased was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George BARNHART of Twelve Mile. He was a brother of Mrs. Truman MURDEN of Twelve Mile and a cousin of Hugh A. BARNHART of Rochester. Mr. Barnhart moved to California 30 years ago and was engaged in the tool and oil business there. He is survived by the widow, several children, his sister and two brothers, Charley [BARNHART] and Walter [BARNHART].

Infant Son McClure

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McCLURE of North Manchester, died at birth at 11:40 a.m. Friday, October 20th, at the Woodlawn hospital in Rochester. Mrs. McClure was formerly Miss Marjorie PERRY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. PERRY of this city. Burial was made in North Manchester.

May Meredith

Mrs. May MEREDITH, 73, died at 5:30 o'clock Friday evening at the Logansport State hospital, where she had been a resident for the past 26 years. Death was due to complications.

Mrs. Meredith was born in Kosciusko county on December 24, 1871, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William EATON. She was married to Willis MEREDITH.

Surviving is the husband, Willis Meredith, who resides in Akron.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Moyer funeral home in Akron. The Rev. R. FENSTERMAKER will be in charge and burial will be made in the IOOF cemetery, west of Akron. The body remains at the funeral home where friends may call.

Monday, October 23, 1944

[no obits]

Tuesday, October 24, 1944

Robert Lee Fagner

Winamac, Ind., Oct. 24. - Sgt. Robert Lee FAGNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. FAGNER, of this city, was killed in action in France, Oct. 4, according to word received by his parents from the War department.

Robert entered service March 1, 1943, and had served overseas one year. He was wounded in action on the Anzio beachhead and on Jan. 24, 1944, was awarded the Purple Heart.

Survivors are the parents, three sisters and three brothers.

Mrs. Ed EKBLAW of south of Rochester is an aunt of Sgt. Fagner.

Oliver P. Martindale

Oliver P. MARTINDALE, 73, died at his home in Wayne township near Grass Creek at 4:15 o'clock Monday afternoon. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis suffered Friday.

Oliver Martindale was born November 29, 1870, the son of George B. and Angeline (COOK) MARTINDALE, in Fulton county, where he spent his entire life. He was married on December 24, 1899 to Ella ROUCH. He was a farmer and until eight years ago, when he moved to Wayne township, he resided in the Antioch neighborhood.

Survivors are the wife; two daughters, Mrs. Charles HELVEE, of Logansport, and Miss Cleo MARTINDALE, at home; two brothers, Albert [MARTINDALE], of Denver, and Byron [MARTINDALE], of Warsaw; three sisters, Mrs. Lee RAYMER, of Peru, Mrs. Ada NELLANS, of Twelve Mile, and Mrs. J. C. HUDKINS of Knox, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Rochester Methodist church with Rev. F. R. BRIGGS in charge. Burial will be made in the IOOF cemetery at Rochester. The body will remain at the Foster funeral home until the hour of the services.

Wednesday, October 25, 1944

Samuel Schirm

Samuel SCHIRM, 83, died at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Stansbury nursing home in Rochester. Mr. Schirm, a resident of Kewanna, had been at the nursing home for the past three months, although he had been ill for four years. Death was due to complications.

Samuel Schirm was born in Crawford County, Ohio, the son of Martin and Elizabeth SCHIRM and had resided for many years in Kewanna.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Minnie EVANS, Mrs. Sadie BROOKER of Kewanna and Mrs. Emma STEPHENS of Plymouth and one brother, William [SCHIRM], of Kewanna.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Harrison funeral home in Kewanna and burial will be made at Shaffer cemetery at Kewanna. The body will remain at the funeral home where friends may call.

Thursday, October 26, 1944

[no obits]

Friday, October 27, 1944

Mathilda Van Vactor

Funeral services for Mrs. Mathilda VAN VACTOR, former resident of Argos, will be held at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Argos Advent church. Burial will be made in the Maple Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Van Vacor died Thursday morning at Castleshannon, Pa., in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Malloy. She had lived in Argos for many years, moving from there to Evanston, Ill. After the death of her husband, Rev. David VAN VACTOR, in Evanston, in March 1938, she went to Pennsylvania to reside with her daughter.

Surviving are one son, David VAN VACTOR, who is a concert artist and travels over the United States; two daughters, Mrs. Walter MALLOY, with whom the deceased made her home, and Mrs. George McCLAY of Winnetka, Ill.

Ida Jane Welton

Mrs. Kenneth [Ida Jane] WELTON, 49, died at Epworth hospital in South Bend at 1:00 o'clock this morning after a lingering illness of eight months. Mrs. Welton resided at 2001 Berkley Place in South Bend and was the former Miss Ida Jane METZ, daughter of Mrs. Versa MILLS, formerly of this city.

Surviving are the husband, [Kenneth WELTON]; one daughter, Mrs. Bette SHORT of South Bend, and two brothers, Jack [METZ] and Marvin METZ of South Bend. She was also a cousin of Mrs. Robert QUINN of this city.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Ner Kinder

Ner KINDER, 50, well known Fulton county farmer and lifelong resident of Akron, died this morning at 9:30 o'clock at his home north of Akron. Death was caused by complications following an operation. He had been seriously ill for several months.

Mr. Kinder was born in Akron, Sept. 4, 1894, th son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe KINDER. He

was united in marriage to Eva HALDERMAN in Akron in 1917.

Surviving are the wife; two children, Mrs. Anita SLAYBAUGH of Warsaw, and Billy [KINDER], at home, and a sister, Mrs. Sarah EASH of Elkhart. A brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Church of God in Akron, with the Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Burial will be made in the Akron cemetery.

Saturday, October 28, 1944

Emerson Lowell Towne

EMERSON TOWNE KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E TOWNE, six miles northeast of Rochester, received word from the War department Friday informing them that their son, Pfc. Emerson Lowell TOWNE, had officially been declared killed in action in France on Oct. 2. Mr. and Mrs. Towne had previously received word that Emerson was missing in action.

Pfc. Towne was born in Fulton county on Sept. 2, 1921, and had lived in this county all his life before entering the service in July of 1942. He had been overseas since June. He attended the Talma schools and before entering the service was engaged in farming.

Survivors include the parents; five brothers, Pvt. Clyde E. TOWNE, Jr., and Cpl. James TOWNE, both serving in France, Harold [TOWNE] of Akron, Jack E. [TOWNE] of Maccele, Ill., and Vernon [TOWNE] at home; six sisters, Mrs. Ellie RYNEARSON of near Rochester, Mrs. Emil SHULTZ of South Bend, Mrs. Harold E. MATTOX of Athens, Mrs. Estel CRAWL of Mentone and Misses Norma Jean [TOWNE] and Mary Ann [TOWNE], both at home.

[NOTE: Jean C. & Wendell C. Tombaugh, *Fulton County Indiana Cemeteries, Rochester IOOF Cemetery*: Emerson L. Towne, Ind Pfc 317 Inf 80 Inf Div WW2, Sep 2, 1921 - Oct 2, 1944.]

Benonie "Nonie" Worthington

Benonie "Nonie" WORTHINGTON, 70, formerly of Akron, passed away at 3:00 a.m. Saturday at the county infirmary from complications. He had resided at the infirmary for the past three years.

Mr. Worthington followed the occupation of farming until ill health forced his retirement. He was the son of A. and Susan WORTHINGTON. Survivors are two brothers, one of Indianapolis, and the other residing in Michigan.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon, two o'clock, at the Moyer funeral home, Akron. Interment will be in the Akron IOOF cemetery.

Warren C. Smith

Warren C. SMITH, 65, passed away at 6:45 o'clock Friday evening at his home, 1218 South Pontiac street, this city. Death resulted from a heart attack which was suffered at the dinner table and Mr. Smith succumbed before his family physician arrived. He had been in failing health since last May.

The deceased had a wide acquaintance of friends throughout northern Indiana and also at Three Rivers, Mich.

Warren C., son of Joseph and Emily SMITH, was born Feb. 23, 1879, at Fowler, Ind. On June 10, 1903, he was united in marriage with Martha A. WALLER. A number of years ago Mr. Smith resided in Rochester for a period of five years, employed as manager of the Railway Express Co. The Smiths then moved to Huntington, Ind., where he was employed in a like capacity.

They returned to Rochester 18 months ago, and up unto the time of his demise, Mr. Smith was manager of the express company's office at Three Rivers, Mich. He had been in the employ of the express company for over two score of years.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Rochester Masonic lodge and the Christian church of Huntington, Ind.

Survivors are his wife and a daughter, Judy SMITH, both of this city; a sister, Mrs. Charles STUCKER of West Lafayette, Ind.; three nieces, and two nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 o'clock Monday from the Val Zimmerman Memorial Chapel, 611 Main street. Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD will officiate and burial will be in the Rochester IOOF cemetery. The Rochester Masonic lodge will be in charge of rites.

The body will lie in state at the Smith home up until the hour of the services.

Ida Jane Welton

Graveside services for Mrs. Ida Jane (METZ) WELTON will be held at the Citizens cemetery, this city, at 12:30 Monday afternoon with the Rev. SELLE of South Bend officiating. Regular services will be conducted at the Welsheimer funeral home, South Bend, at 11:00 a.m. Monday.

Monday, October 30, 1944

Oscar J. Brugh

Oscar J. BRUGH, 63, well-known retired Leiters Ford grocer, was found dead on the floor of the living room at his home at 7:00 o'clock Saturday evening. Death was caused by coronary embolism.

Mr. Brugh's uncle, Eli BRUGH, found the body and Dr. Dean K. STINSON, Fulton county coroner, was called and stated that he believed death had occurred at around 6:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Mr. Brugh was last seen alive Friday night by a cousin, Fred BRUGH.

Mr. Brugh had been in ill health for several years and had sold his grocery to Earl SEE, three months ago. He had been in the grocery business at Leiters Ford for 40 years, and had for several years worked for a street car company in Hammond.

Oscar J. Brugh was born Dec. 5, 1880, in Angola, the son of Wilson and Elizabeth BRUGH. He came to Fulton county with his parents 60 years ago, and was married to Pearl COX, who is deceased. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Leiters Ford.

Surviving are a half-sister, Willie BRUGH, and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel at Leiters Ford at 3:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with Rev. BURGETT officiating. Burial will be made in the Leiters Ford cemetery. The body will be at the Foster funeral home until Tuesday afternoon when it will be taken to the chapel in Leiters Ford where it will lie in state until the hour of the funeral.

Albert Eber Barnes

Albert Eber BARNES, 86, retired merchant, died at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Brugh, in Aubbeenaubee township, nine and a half miles northwest of Rochester, after an illness of two years.

Albert Barnes was born June 3, 1858 in Wayne county, the son of James and Rebeccah BARNES. He was married November 24, 1881 to Dora MORTON at North Judson.

Mr. Barnes formerly operated a grocery at 608 Main street, Rochester, and was later engaged in business in Seattle, Wash. He returned to this county two years ago to reside with his daughter.

Surviving are the wife and two children, Mrs. Harry BRUGH of Leiters Ford, William A.

BARNES, of Yakima, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Andrew E. [BARNES], of Indianapolis, and S. A. BARNES, of Gary; a sister, Mrs. Grace KELLEY, of Lebanon.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Foster funeral home with Rev. Chesley HOWELL in charge. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery at Rochester. The body was taken to the home of the daughter Sunday and will be returned to the Foster funeral home Tuesday morning.

Tuesday, October 31, 1944

Candus Zabst

Mrs. Candus ZABST, 88, a pioneer resident of the Fulton community, passed away Monday at the Stansbury nursing home, Audubon street, Rochester, following a brief illness from pneumonia. Mrs. Zabst, who had been a resident of Liberty township throughout her entire life, had a host of friends throughout both Fulton and Cass counties.

Mrs. Zabst [Candus COLLINS], daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William COLLINS, was born in Fulton county on Feb. 14, 1856. The deceased was a member of the Fulton Baptist church.

Surviving are two sons, Leavell [ZABST] of Peru, and Lon [ZABST]; a sister, Mrs. J. A. OLIVER of Fulton; a brother, Robert COLLINS of Peru; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The body was taken to the Ditmire chapel at Fulton. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Fulton Baptist church with the Rev. Franklin ARTHUR officiating. Burial will be in the Fulton cemetery.

Frederick Barnhart Miller

Frederick Barnhart MILLER, 83, died at 10:40 o'clock Monday night at his home in Tiosa after a four weeks' illness. Death was due to complications.

Frederick Miller was born Feb. 21, 1881, in Germany, the son of Thomas and Mary MILLER. He came to this country 61 years ago. He was united in marriage to Carolyn DORN in Germany on Sept. 30, 1883.

He was a member of the Tiosa Brethren church.

Surviving are the wife; eight children, Carl L. [MILLER] of Plymouth, Fred [MILLER] of South Bend, William [MILLER] of Rochester, Harvey [MILLER] of Plymouth, Mrs. Magdalena BIXLER of Tiosa, Mrs. Ed EASH of Rochester, Mrs. Minnie READ of Huntington and Mrs. Martha SLIFE of Burket; 26 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Tiosa Brethren church, with the Rev. Ora LEMERT in charge. Burial will be in the Richland Center IOOF cemetery. The body will be taken from the Foster funeral home to the Miller residence Wednesday evening at 5:00 o'clock.

Charles Wilhoit

Relatives and friends in Akron and Rochester have received word of the death of Charles WILHOIT, 78, retired C. & E. I. railroad employe, who died at his home in South Holland, Saturday night. Mr. Wilhoit was reared at Akron. Funeral services were held in South Holland today. Relatives attending the services were: Mrs. Anna WILHOIT and Mrs. Joe WILHOIT of Rochester and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford WILHOIT, of Akron.

Mrs. Kenneth Welton

Burial rites were held here Monday for Mrs. Kenneth J. WELTON, following services in South Bend. Out-of-town persons attending the graveside services were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer WELTON of South Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Norman PEDIGO of Indianapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Richard WELTON of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Robert SHORT, Mr. and Mrs. Donald COMBS, Mr. and Mrs. Roy METZ, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin METZ, Mr. and Mrs. Jack METZ, Mrs. Wilber CROME, Mrs. James McGANN, Mrs. Harriet RHODES, Mrs. Lee COLE, Miss Diana HABICK, Clem KAYLOR, George LANE and William ALLISON, all of South Bend; Mrs. Versa MILLS of this city is the mother of the deceased, and Miss Jessie HARDIN and Mrs. Robert QUINN are cousins.

Wednesday, November 1, 1944

Judy Kay Morrow

Judy Kay MORROW, 15 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo MORROW, died at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday night at her home three miles east of Rochester. She had been ill two weeks.

Judy Kay was born July 19, 1943 at Kewanna and her parents moved to their present home about three months ago.

Surviving are the parents; a brother, Allen Lee [MORROW] of Logansport; Mrs. Lillie MARQUIS of Walton and Mrs. George HOLLOWAY of Rochester.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Twelve Mile United Brethren church and burial will be made in the Skinner cemetery east of Twelve Mile. The body will be returned to the residence tonight.

Thursday, November 2, 1944

[no obits]

Friday, November 3, 1944

Emory Scott

Emory SCOTT, 87, prominent Akron business man, died at his home at 6:15 o'clock Thursday evening. He has been ill for nearly two years and death was due to complications.

Emory Scott was born in Ohio, Feb. 22, 1871, the son of Robert and Katherine SCOTT. He was united in marriage in Akron on October 12, 1898 with Eva CURTIS. Mr. Scott had lived nearly all his life in Akron being associated with his brother, Albert SCOTT in the drug business for many years. After quitting the drug business he went into business for himself as an optometrist. He retired when he became ill over a year ago.

He was a member of the Akron Methodist church.

Surviving besides the wife is one brother, Albert, of Akron.

Funeral services will be held at the Scott residence Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with the Rev. R.. FENSTERMAKER in charge. Burial will be in the IOOF cemetery west of Akron. The body will be removed from the Moyer funeral home Saturday morning to the residence where friends may call.

Mrs. C. N. Gardner

Mr. and Mrs. Walker GARDNER left for Delphi today where Saturday they will attend funeral services for his sister-in-law, Mrs. C. N. GARDNER. Mrs. Gardner died Thursday morning at her home in Chillicothe, Ill. She was the former Bessie SIMS of Delphi.

Saturday, November 4, 1944

Joseph L. Patrick

Joseph L. PATRICK, 62, of Elwood and former resident of Rochester, died in his car north of Galveston at 8:00 o'clock Friday evening. Death was due to a heart attack.

Patrick had given a lift to a soldier, Herbert Junior Kenter of Cold Springs, Ky., on road 31 south of Plymouth during the afternoon. Learning that Kenter was going to Kentucky, Patrick offered to take to within 35 miles of Indianapolis, if Kenter wished to wait for him while he transacted business in Peru.

When Mr. Patrick was stricken Kenter stopped the car and flagged a passing motorist and inquired about the nearest physician. Kenter drove to a Galveston physician's office where Patrick was found to be dead.

Joseph L. Patrick was the son of William and Ida PATRICK and was married to Lidie MAHLER. He came here from Burlington and operated the Erie hotel for two years. At present he was a salesman for the Star Tank and Boat Co. of Goshen. He was a member of the Dunkard church.

Surviving are the widow; mother, Mrs. Ida PATRICK of Flora; four children, Joseph [PATRICK] Jr., in service, Mrs. Hazel LESH of San Pedro, Calif., Mrs. Ora LESH of Deercreek, Mrs. Juanita HOLLINGSWORTH of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mrs. Ora STYLES of Anderson, and two brothers, Ervin [PATRICK] and Arthur [PATRICK] of Flora. Also surviving are a number of half-sisters and brothers.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but the body was taken to the Leiter funeral home in Flora.

Monday, November 6, 1944

[no obits]

Tuesday, November 7, 1944

James F. DuBois

PVT. JAMES F. DUBOIS KILLED IN ITALY ACTION

Word has been received by relatives here of the death in Italy of Pvt. James F. DuBOIS, son of John Dubois, former Lake Nyona resident, now of South Bend.

Overseas since August, 1943, he serviced first with the quartermaster corps in Africa and then transferred to the infantry, being sent to Italy a few months ago. He graduated from Riley high school, South Bend, in 1941 and was employed by the Dodge Manufacturing corporation, Mishawaka, before entering the army, Feb. 10, 1943.

Surviving besides his widow are two children, Robert [DuBOIS] and Sharon [DuBOIS], at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DuBOIS, 1508 Lear street, South Bend; a brother, Stephen [DuBOIS], in the navy; and four sisters, Mrs. Ruth BROMAN, Cambridge, Mass.; and Elizabeth [DuBOIS], Patricia [DuBOIS] and Mary Katherine [DuBOIS], at home.

A number of other relatives still reside in Fulton county.

Wednesday, November 8, 1944 to Thursday, November 9, 1944

[no obits]

Friday, November 10, 1944

Albert Emmons

Relatives and friends here have received word of the death in South Bend, early Thursday morning, of Albert EMMONS, 80.

Mr. Emmons was for several years a resident of Fulton county where he worked as a carpenter. He spent the latter years of his life in Mishawaka and South Bend.

Funeral services will be held Saturday from the Bubb chapel, Mishawaka, at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be in Faiview cemetery, Mishawaka.

Death was due to complications which followed a long illness.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Alice (BORTON) EMMONS, and one son, Sampson [EMMONS], with whom he resided at 820 Fox street, South Bend.

Saturday, November 11, 1944

Raymond Hartle

RAYMOND HARTLE IS KILLED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Charles HARTLE, Leiters Ford, have just been advised by the Navy Department that their son, Raymond HARTLE, 19, had been killed in action in the South Pacific.

Raymond enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and received his boot training at Great Lakes. Later he was assigned to destroyer duty and was a member of the crew of a destroyer when fatally injured in the Philippine invasion operation. Surviving are the parents, five sisters and six brothers.

Hartle attended Leiters Ford high school and participated in the invasions of Italy, Sicily and the Islands of the Southwest Pacific.

[NOTE: Raymond HARTLE, Leiters Ford, killed off Leyte in Battle of Philippine Sea, October 24, 1944, - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Joseph Rule

Funeral services for Joseph RULE, Argos, who passed away Friday evening will be held at 2 p.m. Monday from the Argos M. E. church with the Rev. James NEAL officiating.

The deceased was 80 years old and had been ill for several months. He had resided in Argos for the past 53 years. Survivors include his widow and six daughters.

Julia R. Ringle

Relatives here have been advised of the death, early this morning, of Mrs. Julia R. RINGLE, 80, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Wilkinson, near Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Mrs. Ringle [Julia R. COON], was born near Tiosa on May 11, 1864 and has resided in this county and in Iowa all her life. Death was due to complications and followed an illness of three and a half years. Her husband, John RINGLE, passed away several years ago.

Survivors include, in addition to Mrs. Albert WILKINSON, a daughter, Mrs. Charles WILKINSON, Toldeo, Ia.; two sons, Melvin [RINGLE], of Rochester, and Forrest [RINGLE], of Aledo, Ill.; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The remains will arrive here Monday evening and may be seen at the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home until the hour of the funeral, Tuesday at 2 p.m. Rev. Harry J. BAILEY of the First Baptist church will be in charge of the last rites. Burial will be made in Riechter cemetery.

Monday, November 13, 1944

Francis S. Freese

Francis Solomon FREESE, 73, lifelong resident of the Monterey community, passed away Sunday afternoon at Woodlawn hospital. Mr. Freese had been in ill health for the past two years and was removed to Woodlawn late Saturday evening.

The deceased had a wide acquaintance of friends throughout the western section of the county where he engaged in farming throughout his entire life.

Survivors are his widow; seven daughters, Miss Hazel FREESE, Mrs. Gladys DAVIS, Miss Marguerite FREESE, all of South Bend; Mrs. Florence BARNS of Rochester, Mrs. Mary Etta JOACHIM, Mrs. Lois FERNBAUGH, both of Chicago, and Mrs. Anna Belle KLINE of Culver; and two sons, Guy [FREESE] and Francis [FREESE], Jr., of South Bend.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Methodist church southeast of Culver. Interment will be in the Leiters Ford cemetery. The body was removed from the Easterday funeral home in Culver to the Freese home, four and one-half miles southeast of Culver, Monday evening, where friends may call up until the hour of the services.

Samuel Swigert

Mrs. Emma ADAMS today received word of the death of her brother, Samuel SWIGERT, 62, who passed away early today at the St. Joseph hospital, South Bend. Mr. Swigert formerly resided in the Delong community. For the past score of years he has been manager of the South Bend Lathe Works. Survivors are the widow and two sisters, Mrs. Adams of this city and Mrs. Catherine MOORE of Toledo, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held in South Bend Wednesday, and burial will be in the Leiters Ford, IOOF cemetery.

Alpha R. Bockover

PLANE CRASH IN INDIA FATAL TO TWELVE MILE YOUTH

Logansport, Nov. 13. - T/Sgt. Alpha R. BOCKOVER, 21, of Twelve Mile, was killed in a plane crash in India on Oct. 27, according to word received by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl GRETHER, of Twelve Mile, from the War department. Sgt. Bockover was well known in Miami county.

He entered the air corps in May, 1942, and received his training at Shreveport, La., in California, and Nevada as a gunner on a B-29 bomber. He was sent overseas in August, last year.

Mary Jane Berry

Death came to Mary Jane BERRY, 81, of Fulton, at 8:30 Sunday morning following an illness of four days from paralysis.

Mary Jane JONES was born in Ohio on Sept. 14, 1861 and came to Fulton county many years ago. She was married early in life to Benjamin BERRY, who preceded her in death in 1915.

A woman of kind heart and neighborly sentiments, she was known and respected by a large group of friends and acquaintances. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and gave much of her time during her active years to the work of that church.

Surviving are one son, Glen [BERRY], of Rochester; two grandsons, Benile [BERRY] and Gerald BERRY, of Fulton; one great-granddaughter, Judith BERRY, of Fulton and one half-brother, Bucker JONES, of Argos.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church at Fulton

with the Rev. J. Franklin ARTHUR officiating. Burial in Fulton cemetery. The body will remain at the Ditmire mortuary, Fulton, until the hour of the funeral.

George LaLibertie

Word has been received this morning by Mr. and Mrs. Percy SMITH of the death of Dr. George LaLIBERTIE which occurred Sunday in Jackson hospital, Miami, Fla., following a short illness.

Surviving are his widow [Genevive LaLIBERTIE], the former Miss Genevive SMITH of this city, and one daughter, Leila [LaLIBERTIE]. More details will be given later. Burial will be made in the East. Funeral services will be held in Miami on Tuesday.

Julia Ann Ringle

The body of Mrs. Julia Ann RINGLE of Cedar Falls, Iowa, will arrive over the Erie railroad at 7:12 this evening. Mrs. Albert WILKINSON, a daughter with whom Mrs. Ringle made her home, is accompanying the body.

A sister, Mrs. Helen LONG of Mentone, Ind., and a brother, Clarence COON of Gary, were omitted from the list of survivors which were carried in Saturday's edition of The News-Sentinel.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home with Rev. Harry J. BAILEY of the First Baptist church officiating. Interment will be in the Riechter cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the funeral home after 8:00 p.m. this evening and prior to the hour of the services.

Tuesday, November 14, 1944

May Ault

News of the death at Warroads, Minn., on Monday of Mrs. May AULT, 83, was received late yesterday by relatives here. Mrs. Ault, widow of the late Joseph AULT, Sr., was for many years a resident of this city when her husband owned and operated the Ault Planing Mill on Pontiac street, midway between Third and Fourth streets.

Born in Huntington Oct. 24, 1861, she came as a bride to Rochester on March 25, 1884 and remained here until 1904, when with her family she moved to Warroads where she has since resided.

Surviving are a son, Fred H. [AULT]; and a daughter, Mrs. Edith GERRIE, of Warroads, Minn.; two sons, William F. [AULT], Minneapolis, Minn., and Joseph O. [AULT], of Rochester; twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in Warroads, Minn., Thursday afternoon and burial will be made there.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe AULT departed for Warroads this morning.

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George LaLibertie

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. today in Miami Beach, Fla., for Dr. George LaLIBERTIE. Dr. LaLibertie, who is a brother-in-law of Percy SMITH of this city, passed away Saturday evening in the Jackson Memorial hospital at Miami Beach. He had been in ill health for the past several months. The deceased is survived by his wife, who was formerly Genevieve SMITH of this city, and a daughter, Leli Marie [LaLIBERTIE]. Dr. LaLibertie had many friends in this city where he and his family visited on several occasions.

Wednesday, November 15, 1944

John J. Sulick

John J. SULICK, 83, expired Tuesday afternoon at his home in Kewanna, following a long illness due to infirmities and paralydis.

The deceased, who migrated from Czechoslovakia, was born Nov. 6, 1861. Many years ago he settled in Winamac and about five years ago established his residence in Kewanna. During his active years he followed the business of farming.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary SULICK; three sons, John [SULICK] and Frank [SULICK] of Kewanna and Joseph [SULICK] of Winamac; four daughters, Mrs. Marie GRAY of Chicago, Mrs. Rose SPENCER of San Pierre, Miss Albie SULICK of Kewanna and Mrs. John BECK of Chicago. One brother, Joseph [SULICK], of Brookfield, Ill., and seventeen grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. Fr., Jerome WALSKI will be held from St. Anne Catholic church, Kewanna, at 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning. Interment will be in Resurrection cemetery, Justice, Ill. The remains will lie in state at the Harrison funeral parlors, Kewanna, until Thursday morning.

Henry M. Perschbacher

Relatives here have received word of the death of Henry M. PERSCHBACHER, of Indianapolis, former resident of Fulton county, which occurred Tuesday at his home.

Henry M., son of Michael and Marie (IRVINE) PERSCHBACHER, was born on a farm near Tiosa on June 22, 1868. During his teen years he assisted his father in farm work and when 19 years of age he was employed as a brakeman on the L. E. & W. railroad. Later he was transferred to the B. & O. railroad as baggage master in which capacity he worked until his retirement.

Surviving are his wife, Anna [PERSCHBACHER], of Indianapolis; a sister, Mrs. William KOCHENDERFER of Adrian, Mich.; a niece, Mrs. Wilmer WINE of Detroit; a nephew, Frederick PERSCHBACHER of this city, and a number of cousins.

Funeral services will be held Friday aftnoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Conkle funeral home, Indianapolis, and interment will be in the Crown Hill cemetery, Indianapolis.

Friday, November 17, 1944

Harold Thornburg

MOTHER GETS DETAILS OF SON'S DEATH AT SEA

Details of the death of Lt. Harold THORNBURG which occurred in the South Pacific, Sept. 21, were received yesterday from the Navy Department by his mother, Mrs. Howard P. CALLOWAY, route 1.

Lt. Thornburg, who was a flight surgeon aboard an aircraft carrier, was on a special mission by plane when his ship was shot down by Jap fire. Although it is not known whether or not he was injurd, his plane sank before rescue crews could reach him.

Lt. Thornburg, who was 33, was married and the father of two sons, seven and ten years old, respectively, and one baby daughter, whom he never saw. His family now resides in Coronado, Calif. A sister, Kathron [THORNBURG] lives in Modesto, Calif., and is father, Dr. Harvey THORNBURG, is a resident of Sanford, Maine.

Saturday, November 18, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, November 20, 1944

Julie Ilene Biggs

Funeral services for Julie Ilene BIGGS, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey BIGGS, 323 Fulton avenue, will be held at 2 o'clock p.m., Tuesday afternoon at Grace M. E. church, where she attended Sunday School and interment will be made in the IOOF cemetery.

The little girl succumbed to pneumonia Saturday night after a two weeks' illness in Woodlawn hospital.

Survivors include the parents, three brothers, Robert [BIGGS], at home, Dale [BIGGS] and William [BIGGS], with the armed forces; three sisters, Marjorie Jean [BIGGS], Betty Lou [BIGGS] and Delores Mae [BIGGS], at home; a grandfather, William H. DALE, of Monon, and a grandmother, Mrs. Agens BANEY, of this city.

Albina E. Henricks

Mrs. William [S.] HENRICKS, 59, passed away Saturday evening at 9:30 o'clock at her home in Mexico, Ind. Death resulted from complications following a year's illness. The deceased's maiden name was Albina BLEDSOE.

Survivors are her husband and three daughters, Mrs. Lawrence (Theresa) BABCOCK, of Lake Manitou, Mrs. Lyman BRAKEBILL and Mrs. James STOCKDALE, both of Mexico.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Brethren church in Mexico. Interment will be in the adjacent cemetery.

Clinton Beyler

Mrs. Hulda VOLPERT, a nurse at Woodlawn hospital, has been notified of the death of her father, Clinton BEYLER, of near Plymouth, and injuries to her husband, Clem VOLPERT, in a truck-automobile collision near Bremen Saturday afternoon.

Messers Beyler and Volpert operated a dairy farm northeast of Plymouth. Both men were riding in the truck when it collided with a car driven by C. H. PRICE of South Bend.

Funeral services were held at Plymouth at two o'clock this afternoon. Burial was made in Oakhill cemetery there.

Tuesday, November 21, 1944

[no obits]

Wednesday, November 22, 1944

James Grant Shimer

James Grant SHIMER, 80, retired Henry township farmer, took his own life by strangulation at the home of his son, Charles, who resides north of Akron, shortly after noon Tuesday. Ill health is believed to have been the cause.

Using a small rope which he attached to his bed, the aged man sat down and slowly strangled himself to death. The body was found later by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Grace SHIMER, who

notified authorities.

The deceased was born in Ohio on June 13, 1864, but has resided in and around Akron for the past 30 years. He was twice married, first to Miss Rosella JENKINS, who preceded him in death, and later to Lona SWEET, who now resides in Woodburn, Ind.

Better known in the eastern portion of Fulton county as Grant SHIMER, the deceased was highly respected by a large group of friends and acquaintances. He had previously served as a deputy township assessor. His son, Earl, served one term as trustee of Henry township.

Survivors, in addition to his sons, Charles [SHIMER] and Earl [SHIMER], is a daughter, Mrs. Merle COOK of Akron, and several grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Merle Cook, in Akron, with Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH officiating. Burial will be in the Akron IOOF cemetery.

Thursday, November 23, 1944

[no paper - holiday]

Friday, November 24, 1944

[no obits]

Saturday, November 25, 1944

Sarah Read

Auditor and Mrs. J. Harold READ and daughter Carolyn [READ] will go tomorrow to Buffalo, Indiana to attend the funeral of Mr. Read's cousin, Mrs. Sarah READ, widow of the late Wm. READ, who passed away Friday night following a long illness. Services will be held from the Buffalo Christian church at 2 o'clock.

Monday, November 27, 1944

Hattie B. Kistler

Mrs. Hattie B. KISTLER, 83, a pioneer resident of Akron, passed away at her home on Mishawaka street Sunday morning, 10:40 o'clock. Death resulted from a heart attack. The deceased had been in failing health for the past several months but her condition had not been regarded as critical. Mrs. Kistler had a host of friends throughout the eastern section of the county and was active in the social and religious affairs of that community throughout her entire life.

Hattie B. [STRONG], daughter of Andrew and Sarah STRONG, was born in Akron on March 21st, 1861. On April 27th, 1893 she was united in marriage with Absolom A. KISTLER. Mrs. Kistler was a member of the Methodist church and the Akron Thimble club.

Surviving are a son, Charles KISTLER, of Lagrand, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Catherine WHALLON and Miss Margaret STRONG, both of Akron; a sister, Miss Deborah STRONG, who made her home with the deceased; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. R. A. FENSTERMAKER and Rev. D. L. SLAYBAUGH will be held Tuesday afternoon, two o'clock, at the Kistler home. Interment will be in the Akron IOOF cemetery.

Jemima Railsback

Mrs. Jemima RAILSBACK, 89, a pioneer resident of Argos and Marshall county, and known to a great many citizens of this vicinity passed away in Bremen, Ind., Sunday morning. Death resulted from complications attendant to age.

Mrs. Railsback [Jemima CALETT], daughter of Victor and Caroline CALETT, was born on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee, Oct. 16, 1855. She was united in marriage Feb. 22, 1877, to Benjamin Franklin RAILSBACK, who preceded her in death in 1920. Four daughters and one son, the fruits of this marriage, survive. They are:

Mrs. Mertie C. BROWN, Anderson; Mrs. Mabel WILLIAMS, Argos; Mrs. Maud OLDS and Mrs. Victoria DUNN, Concord, Calif., and Victor RAILSBACK, Argos.

Funeral services will be held at the Umbaugh funeral home, Argos, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with interment in Maple Grove cemetery.

Sarah Rebecca Hisey

Mrs. Sarah Rebecca HISEY, 86, last member of a family of 10, passed away Sunday morning at her home, 201 A. avenue, East Rochester, following an illness of several months. Death was due to paralysis and complications.

Rebecca EVERINGHAM was born in Logan county, Ohio, May 25, 1858, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (SUPLER) EVERINGHAM. At West Mansfield, Ohio, on Aug. 19, 1876, she was united in marriage with Oliver P. Hisey and in 1881 she came with her husband to Indiana. Thirty-nine years ago she settled in Rochester where she has since resided. She was a member of the Baptist church of West Mansfield, Ohio.

Survivors include one daughter, Biancha [HISEY], at home; a half-sister, Hattie SMITH of East Liberty, Ohio, and two half-brothers, L. D. and D. W. EVERINGHAM of Springfield, Ohio. Husband, son Charles C. [HISEY] and daughter Leotta Dell [HISEY] preceded her in death.

The remains will be moved from the Zimmerman Bros. mortuary to the family home on Tuesday morning. Funeral services from the home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. C. J. COVERSTONE in charge. Interment will be in Reichter cemetery near Talma.

Tuesday, November 28, 1944

Margaret Ditmire

Death came early Sunday morning to Margaret DITMIRE, 89, at the home of her nephew, John E. ELLIS, northeast of South Whitley, Ind., following an illness of several weeks, due to infirmities and complications.

Born Feb. 16, 1855 [Margaret ELLIS], near Delong, Ind., daughter of John and Letitia (KING) ELLIS, she was united in marriage on Aug. 19, 1875, with Henry DITMIRE with whom she operated a book store in Rochester in a frame building which stood on the site of the present A. B. Shore clothing store. Mr. Ditmire preceded her in death several years ago.

About seven years ago she moved from this county to the home of her nephew near South Whitley where she has since resided. She was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Clara MAHLER COOK of South Bend, several nieces and nephews.

Last rites will be held from the Miller funeral home, South Whitley, at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, followed by services at 2 p.m. at the Rochester Presbyterian church here. Burial will be made in the IOOF cemetery.

William R. Wild

William R. WILD, 78, for a number of years a resident of Rochester, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Vera DREWS, 314 Niles street, LaPorte, at 9:15 Sunday evening following an illness of six weeks duration.

The deceased was born in England on July 29, 1866, but came to America while still a young man. On March 3, 1891, he was united in marriage with Miss Theressa GARTH and to this union were born one son, B. O. WILD of Detroit, and the daughter with whom he resided. They, with the widow, four grandsons and a sister in England, survive.

Last rites will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Haverstock chapel, LaPorte, with the Masonic order, of which he was a member of long standing, in full charge. Burial will be made in Patton cemetery, LaPorte.

James B. (Bruce) Lowe

News of the death of James B. "Bruce" LOWE, 74, which occurred Monday night, following a heart attack at his farm home, two miles south of Rochester, came as a shock to his many friends in this city, although he had suffered with a heart ailment for several weeks.

James B., son of Benjamin and Margaret (BRUCE) LOWE, was born in Wooster, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1879 and came from Ohio to this community with his parents at the age of 12. Early in life he engaged in the business of farming and since that time has been actively engaged in that profession.

In 1892 he was united in marriage with Nora BLACK and to this union were born one son, Benjamin [LOWE], South Bend, three daughters, Mrs. Harvey CLARY and Mrs. Oneita WELLER of this city, and Mrs. Raymond ROGERS who preceded him in death about two years ago.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. John SPAID of Rochester and 16 grandchildren, five grandsons are with the armed forces overseas and one of them is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and the IOOF lodge. He was an active Republican and served two terms under that party as a member of the county council.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home, with the Rev. Chesley T. HOWELL of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Interment will be in IOOF cemetery.

The remains will be taken from the mortuary to the farm home on Wednesday morning and returned to the funeral home Friday morning.

Wednesday, November 29, 1944

Elizabeth Hoffman

Mrs. Elizabeth HOFFMAN, 93, a pioneer resident of the Macy community, passed away at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Woodlawn hospital. Mrs. Hoffman was brought to Woodlawn about two weeks ago suffering from what was believed to have been a light stroke, her death however, was caused by a heart attack suffered late Tuesday afternoon.

"Aunt Elizabeth," as she was known to a host of friends throughout both Fulton and Miami counties, had resided on a farm two miles northwest of Macy for all of her married life, and her pleasing home-spun type of personality had endeared her to both young and old alike. Up until her last illness, "Aunt Elizabeth" had enjoyed exceptionally good health and most of her spare time was spent at quilting, reading and listening to the radio. She was an interesting conversationalist

on current topics and retained an unerring memory of the more rugged life endured by the Hoosiers over three and four score of years ago.

Elizabeth [BARNHART], daughter of Jacob and Mary BARNHART, was born March 18, 1851, on a farm near Twelve Mile, Ind. Upon reaching womanhood she was united in marriage with Asbury HOFFMAN. Soon afterward the Hoffmans took up their residency on the Hoffman farm near Macy, where they engaged in farming. Mr. Hoffman preceded his wife in death about 20 years ago. Mrs. Hoffman was a member of the Macy Christian church and was always active in the affairs of that religious organization.

The deceased was the last member of the rather large family of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Barnhart and of which the late Henry A. BARNHART, of this city, was one of the elder sons. Another of the sons was the late Attorney Marvin BARNHART of Chicago.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John DUEY, and three grandchildren, David [DUEY], Jeanette [DUEY] and John Vincent [DUEY] and a number of nieces and nephews. Among the latter are Hugh A. BARNHART of this city, Mrs. Glen BAILEY of Peru and Dean L. BARNHART of Goshen.

For the past 15 years Mr. and Mrs. John DUEY and family have resided with Mrs. Hoffman and managed her farm.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. William SHUMAN will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Macy Christian church. Burial will be made in the Greenlawn cemetery at Mexico, Ind.

Thursday, November 30, 1944

Augusta Brown

Death came Wednesday evening at Woodlawn hospital, to Mrs. Augusta BROWN, 56, wife of Tom BROWN, 467 E. Ninth street, following an illness of several months.

The deceased was born [Augusta LINK] in St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 29, 1888, the daughter of Louis and Philopena LINK. On July 27, 1918 she became the bride of Tom BROWN, also of St. Louis, and to this union were born two children, Mrs. Bill McKEE, Tacoma, Wash., and George BROWN, of this city, who with husband, grandson, George Albert McKEE, three sisters and two brothers, survive.

About six years ago, with her family, the deceased moved to Rochester where she has since resided. She was a member of Trinity Evangelical church and cherished a large number of friends here.

Funeral services will be held from the Trinity Evangelical church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the Rev. C. J. COVERSTONE in charge. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery.

Friday, December 1, 1944

Lucile Conner

Word was received here today of the death of Mrs. [Merrill] CONNER, which occurred last evening in her home in Pea. Mrs. Conner, whose maiden name was [Lucile] SCHUMAN, formerly taught the fourth grade at the Rochester Columbia school during the years of 1928 and 1929.

Mrs. Conner's husband, [Merrill CONNER], at the present time is principal of the Erie township school in Miami county. The deceased was born and reared in Miami county, it was stated.

Augusta Brown

The remains of Mrs. Augusta BROWN who passed away Tuesday evening will be held at the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home until Sunday. Friends may call at any time until the hour of the funeral.

George Russell Smith

Peru, Dec. 1. - George Russell SMITH, 40, shot himself through the heart with a 12-gauge shotgun at his farm three miles northwest of Chili Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. His act was attributed to ill health. The body was found in the orchard just back of the house by his wife, Helen [SMITH], who went in search of him when she missed him in the house.

Saturday, December 2, 1944

Dale E. Clark

LEITERS FORD MAN IS KILLED IN METZ BATTLE

Word of the death of Sgt. Dale E. CLARK, Leiters Ford, who was killed in action in France on Nov. 8, has been released by the War department. Sgt. Clark had served with the Third army since last July and it is believed that he suffered fatal wounds in the fighting around Metz.

Wounded in a previous action he had recovered and was later returned to service. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Violet (WOODWARD) CLARK, a daughter, Joyce [CLARK], two years old, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank CLARK, of South Bend.

Prayer services, attended by immediate relatives were held at the W. E. Woodruff home in Leiters Ford. Sgt. Clark was 23 years old.

[NOTE: Dale Clark, Leiters Ford, killed in action in France, November 8, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

James B. (Bruce) Lowe

A thirty day furlough, the reward for a job well done, and an opportunity to rest and recuperate from wounds received on a Normandy beachhead on "D" Day, was marred with sorrow for Seabee James LOWE on his arrival here Thursday night, when he learned first hand of the passing of his grandfather, Bruce LOWE.

Lowe, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin LOWE of South Bend, has served in a construction battalion for the past two years and was engaged in the landing of troops in the Allied invasion of Normandy when wounded by enemy gunfire. Awarded the medal of the Purple Heart, he was listed as a casualty, returned to the United States and granted a 30-day furlough to return home.

Having been informed that he might arrive here at any time, although his whereabouts were unknown, it was decided by relatives to postpone the last rites for his grandfather in the hopes that he would reach Rochester in time to attend the obsequies.

Fortunately he did arrive home on Thursday night--in time to attend the funeral which was held Friday afternoon--and plans to remain here several days for a visit before going on to South Bend.

John A. Bell

PRIVATE JOHN A. BELL MEETS DEATH IN ACTION

A notice from the War Department last night revealed the death in action overseas, of Pvt. John A. BELL, 28, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George POLLOCK who reside in Ferndale on Lake Manitou.

The brief message gave no details except to state that Pvt. Bell was killed in action, Nov. 19, just six weeks after he sailed from Camp Meade, Md., for overseas service.

Bell is the father of three children, aged nine, six and four respectively. His wife, Dean (ZARTMAN) BELL, preceded him in death about eighteen months ago. Besides the children, his mother and step-father, two step-brothers Dwight [POLLOCK] and George Edward POLLOCK, now with the armed forces overseas, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Carl LOYD of Elwood, Ind.

[NOTE: John Bell, 28, Rochester, killed in action in France, November 19, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Monday, December 4, 1944

Stanley Lemmon

Last rites for Stanley LEMMON who resided near the Fulton-Pulaski line were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Winamac. Burial was in Crown Hill cemetery there.

Mr. Lemmon passed away at his home last Thursday evening following a long illness. Survivors include Mrs. Geneva METZGER, Kewanna; Mrs. Darlene SAYERS, Pulaski county; Mrs. Twila SELDEN, Hampton, Va.; Mrs. Mildred COX, at home, and one son, Cpl. Stanley LEMMON, Jr., now with the armed services overseas.

Robert Bruce Wallace

Word has been received here of the death in Elkhart, Saturday, of Robert Bruce WALLACE, 65, who passed away at his home, 1549 Cassopolis street, that city, following a heart attack.

The deceased was reared in Rochester but left here several years ago to enter the sporting goods business in Elkhart. He was a brother of Edgar WALLACE, and a half-brother of the late George [WALLACE], James [WALLACE], Newton [WALLACE] and Dave WALLACE, and of the late Percy HAWKINS.

A widow, Mrs. Norah (WILCOX) WALLACE, one daughter, Mrs. June ROWE, and a granddaughter, all of Elkhart, survive.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at Elkhart with burial there.

Bonnie Jean Wilson

Bonnie Jean WILSON, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don WILSON, of 725 Monroe street, died Sunday morning in Woodlawn hospital, about 24 hours after birth.

Survivors include the parents, one sister, Carol Sue [WILSON], one brother, David Leroy [WILSON], and grandparents, Mrs. Sadie SHOWLEY, Rochester, and Mr. and Mrs. George WILSON, Kewanna.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at two o'clock at the residence with Rev. B. E. CHAMBERS of Fulton in charge. Burial in Salem cemetery.

Tuesday, December 5, 1944

William C. Willard

LOCAL BOY MISSING IN PHILIPPINE INVASION

Mr. and Mrs. Dan WILLARD, 520 East Eighth street, have been informed by the War department that their son, Pfc. William C. WILLARD, 96th Infantry Division, has been missing in action since Nov. 3rd.

Pfc. Willard is a graduate of Rochester high school and before entering the service two years ago, was employed by the Nickel Plate R.R. He spent several months in Bradley Technical School following induction into the armed forces. In September he was assigned to the infantry and sent overseas.

The 86th [sic] Division has been engaged since the invasion in the conquest of Leyte. Pfc. Willard would have been 20 years old next Thursday.

[NOTE: William Willard, 20, Rochester, killed in action at Leyte, Philippines, November 4, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Wednesday, December 6, 1944

Aley Heward

Mrs. Aley HEWARD, 75, of Grass Creek, died early Tuesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George CALLAHAN, Rochester, R.R. 6, following a long illness.

The deceased was born [Aley HAMMOND] near Madison, Ind., on August 11, 1869, the daughter of Benjamin and Martha HAMMOND. On Oct. 11, 1893 she became the bride of the late Dr. W. M. HEWARD and moved to Grass Creek where she has since resided.

Survivors include a son, Joe H. HEWARD of Chesterton; Mrs. Callahan of this community, and two grandsons, Capt. Bill CALLAHAN and Pvt. Joe CALLAHAN, both overseas.

The body will remain at the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home here until Thursday when it will be removed to the residence of the deceased in Grass Creek. Funeral rites will be conducted Friday from the Grass Creek U. B. church at 2 o'clock and burial will be made in Grass Creek cemetery.

Services will be in charge of Rev. E. HEINBERGER of the Lafayette, Ind., Methodist church, and Rev. F. CHAMBERS of the Grass Creek United Brethren church.

Walter V. "Dick" Bryant

From Granite Falls, Wash., comes the announcement of the sudden demise of Walter V. "Dick" BRYANT, 61, which occurred in the west coast city Nov. 23, where last rites and interment were held.

The deceased a native of the Olive Bethel community in Henry township, was born Aug. 15, 1883, the son of David and Emaline (CARR) BRYANT. Several years ago he moved to Granite Falls, where he has since resided.

Surviving are the widow, a brother Austin [BRYANT] of Arlington, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Amanda Burns

Mrs. Amanda BURNS of Akron died Tuesday morning at the home of her nephew, Forest GREENWOOD of Coachville, Ind. Death resulted from complications following a lengthy illness. Practically all of Mrs. Burns' life was spent in Henry township where she had a host of friends.

Mrs. Burns was born [Amanda M. COOK] in Kosciusko county on April 22, 1866. Her parents were Samuel and Mark COOK. On Oct. 31, 1885, she was united in marriage with Hiram [E.] BURNS, who preceded her in death on July 18, [1935]. She was a member of the Brethren church.

Several nieces and nephews survive.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. William OVERLANDER will be held Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Moyer funeral home, Akron. Interment will be in the Nichols cemetery. The body is at the Moyer funeral home where friends may call.

Aurilla Louise Wilson

Aurilla Louise WILSON, 80, of North Jefferson street, this city, passed away Tuesday evening, 10:15 o'clock at the Stansbury nursing home. Death was attributed to complications following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Wilson had been a resident of this city for 32 years and was widely known throughout Rochester and vicinity.

Aurilla Louise [MOON], daughter of Jonathan and Martha MOON, was born August 14th, 1864, in Pennsylvania. Upon reaching womanhood she was united in marriage with Pierce WILSON who preceded her in death. The deceased was a member of the Evangelical church.

Survivors are a son, Justin HALL, a daughter, Mrs. Bernice RYNEARSON and a brother and a sister.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon two o'clock at the Foster funeral home. Rev. C. J. COVERSTONE will officiate and interment will be in the IOOF cemetery. The body was taken to the Foster funeral home where it will lie in state up until the hour of the services.

Willard "Bill" Chamberlain

BILL CHAMBERLAIN OF THIS CITY KILLED IN ACTION IN GERMANY

Word of the death of Pvt. Willard "Bill" CHAMBERLAIN, 35, in action, which occurred somewhere in Germany on Nov. 20, was received this morning by his wife, Mrs. Charlene CHAMBERLAIN, 1030 Franklin avenue, from the War department.

"Bill," as he was familiarly known in this community, was inducted into the army a year ago this month, and trained at Fort Bragg, N.C., and other southern camps. In April of this year he was sent overseas and served with the infantry in Italy. Early this autumn, as a member of the U. S. Seventh army, he participated in the invasion of Southern France and later saw heavy fighting in the advance on Strasbourg.

The deceased, as one of three brothers, operated a tavern on East Eighth street in this city, and was well known to a host of friends. One brother, W. Lynn CHAMBERLAIN, is now with the Army Air Force in England, and another brother, Claude C. CHAMBERLAIN, who served a year with the air force in Washington and other western states, has been honorably discharged and is now at home here. Besides the above named survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Bernice GEPHART, Peru, and Mrs. Sarah ZIMMERMAN, Rochester. No details of the manner in which Pvt. Chamberlain met death are available at this time.

NOTE: Willard Chamberlain, 34, Rochester, killed near Strasbourg, Lorraine, France, November 20, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Harold Babcock Thornburg

COMMANDING OFFICER GIVES DEATH DETAILS

Carrier Air Group 35
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.
September 30, 1944

Dear Mrs. Thornburg:

It is with deepest regret that I must inform you of the death, in action, on September 21, 1944, of your husband, Lieutenant Harold Babcock THORNBURG, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy.

Doctor Thornburg was the observer in a torpedo bomber which took off from our carrier at 2:30 p.m. on September 21, on a bombing mission against enemy positions on Halmahera island. Two surviving members of the crew reported that the plane completed one bombing run successfully on the second target of the mission, and at altitude of 5,000 feet, began its second run. Enemy anti-aircraft batteries were firing at the plane and at that point the crewmen were told by Dr. Thornburg, over the interphone, that the pilot had been struck by a shell and was unconscious.

Putting aside all thoughts of his personal safety, the doctor informed the crewmen that he was going to help the pilot, instructing them to prepare to parachute but not to do so immediately, which was very sound advice since the plane was still over enemy territory.

The radioman called out the altimeter readings at intervals down to 2,000 feet, at which point he and the gunner parachuted from the plane. Before he jumped the radioman observed the doctor apparently also preparing to jump.

Witnesses of the mishap, in other torpedo bombers in the flight, observed Dr. Thornburg leave the plane after the gunner and radioman left it. His parachute, however, did not have time to open fully before he struck the water, and the witnesses last saw his body, with the parachute still attached, sink beneath the surface of the water.

It is difficult for me to express to you, Mrs. Thornburg, the deep regard and respect in which Dr. Thornburg was held by all of us in the Air Group. He had been with this unit since the commissioning, and each pilot, as he reported for duty, was taken in hand by the doctor and given the benefit of his experience, both as a flight surgeon and as a naval officer. As our medical officer, he was constantly on hand to minister, skillfully and dependably, to those who needed his attentions. His experience as an officer was of the greatest value in the training of our newer officers. More than that, he was the personal friend of every officer and enlisted man in the group.

I hope that it may be of some small comfort to you to know that the doctor died in the finest tradition of a United States Naval Flight surgeon--the last act was to try to help a wounded pilot.

Since he had to die, I know he would have wanted it to be that way--trying to save the life of another. I can assure you that his death was instantaneous; he suffered no pain.

Please feel free to write to us for any additional information we may be able to give you, and accept our deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours very truly,
Frederick T. MOORE,
Lieutenant Commander, Jr.,
U. S. Navy,
Commanding Officer.

Thursday, December 7, 1944

Robert Dee Whybrew

WOUNDS PROVE FATAL TO LT. ROBERT D. WHYBREW

The War department has notified Mr. and Mrs. Chester WHYBREW of Fulton of the death of their son, 1st Lt. Robert Dee WHYBREW, infantry, which occurred at a hospital in France Nov. 16, the result of wounds received in action in the fighting on the western front.

Lt. Whybrew was born in Grass Creek on July 27, 1921, and on Dec. 28, 1941, was united in marriage with Miss Jean Ellen LOUCKS of Peru. He entered the Army on Nov. 5, 1942, trained at Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Pickett, Va., was commissioned a second lieutenant April 30, 1943, and promoted to the rank of first lieutenant Oct. 1, 1944. After preliminary training in England he was sent to France and assigned to an infantry unit which was among the first American contingents to reach Paris. He was twice decorated, once with the Infantrysmens' Badge of Merit, and again with the Purple Heart Medal.

Besides his wife and parents he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Charles KINDIG and Mrs. Lloyd DAWSON of Rochester, and Mrs. Wesley DAWSON of Chicago.

[NOTE: Robert Whybrew, 23, Fulton, killed in action in France, November 16, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

George A. Stockberger

Death came at six o'clock this morning to George A. STOCKBERGER, 91, a pioneer citizen and farmer of this county at his home in Tiosa, the result of infirmities and complications, following an illness of two weeks.

Born in Marshall county on August 22, 1853, he was the son of Solomon and Frances STOCKBERGER. Many years ago he settled to farming in Newcastle and Richland townships and only two weeks ago moved from Talma to Tiosa. He was a member of long standing in the Palestine Baptist church. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Martha STOCKBERGER, two sons, Jonas W. [STOCKBERGER], of Warsaw, and George [STOCKBERGER], Jr., of Fort Wayne, and two daughters, Mrs. Eva WOLF, and Mrs. Ethel COPLEN, of Rochester.

The remains were taken to the Grossman funeral home at Argos to await funeral arrangements which will be announced later.

Aley Heward

Funeral services for Mrs. Aley HEWARD, who passed away Tuesday evening, will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Grass Creek United Brethren church. The body will be taken to the church one hour before the time of the services, it was stated today.

Friday, December 8, 1944

Harold Wayne Young

Harold Wayne [YOUNG], five-year-old son of Everett and Mary YOUNG, passed away at four a.m. Friday at his home two miles west of Leiters Ford. Death was caused by a tumor of the brain. The little boy had been in ill health for over a year.

Harold Wayne, who was born June 14th, 1939, is survived by his parents, four brothers, Ernest [YOUNG], Lavern [YOUNG], Richard [YOUNG] and Gerald [YOUNG]; sisters, Bonnie [YOUNG] and Shirley [YOUNG], all at home, and Mrs. Cecil HUMES of Spartansburg, S.C.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

George A. Stockberger

Funeral services for George A. STOCKBERGER, 91, will be held Sunday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock at the Foster funeral home, this city. Rev. Harry J. BAILEY of the Baptist church will officiate and burial will be in the Reichter cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the Foster funeral home from 10 a.m. Saturday up until the hour of the services. Friends are invited to call.

Surviving Mr. Stockberger are his widow, Mrs. Martha STOCKBERGER, two sons, Jonas W. [STOCKBERGER], of Warsaw, George [STOCKBERGER], Jr., of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Mrs. Roy S. WOLF, of Niles, Mich.; Mrs. Oscar COPLEN, of this city; three brothers, Alvah STOCKBERGER, of Argos, Clem STOCKBERGER, of Florida, Frank STOCKBERGER, of Forest, Ind.; a sister, Mrs. Arvilla FOUSHER, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Benjamin F. DuBois

LT. BENJAMIN DuBOIS REPORTED MISSING IN FLIGHT OVER GERMANY

Word was received this morning from the War department by B. F. FRETZ that his grandson, 2nd Lt. Benjamin F. DuBOIS, has been missing in action since Nov. 23, in a flight near Germany.

Lt. DuBois has been attached to the Eighth Air Force, based somewhere in England, since going overseas several months ago. As a navigator he had almost completed his schedule of missions and was looking forward to a well-earned leave of absence when his bomber was shot down over Germany.

Served As Recorder

The son of the late Howard and Mabel DuBOIS, he was born in this city 27 years ago. He is a graduate of Rochester High school and after graduation entered the abstracting business with his father and grandfather, B. F. Fretz. Following the death of his mother, he was appointed to serve the remainder of her term of office as county recorder.

One of Three In Service

Lt. DuBois is one of three brothers in the armed forces. Robert O. DuBOIS is in the Navy and stationed at Fort Lauderdale, in Florida, and Tommy [DuBOIS], with the Army Medical Corps, is located at Camp Roberts, Calif. A sister, Dorothy GUSTEN, resides in Peru.

Because of his life before the public, Lt. DuBois is well known over Fulton county, and although hopes are held for his probable return, the fact that he has been reported missing in action comes as a shock to his wide circle of friends.

[NOTE: Ben DuBois, 27, Rochester, killed in action over Germany, November 21, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Saturday, December 9, 1944

George M. "Jack" Walter

LT. JACK WALTER LISTED AS KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs Marietta (KRIEGHBAUM) WALTER of Lafayette, formerly of this city, yesterday received an official message from the U. S. War department that her husband, 1st Lt. George M. "Jack" WALTER, was now listed as "killed in action" while returning to England from a bombing raid over Germany.

Jack was first reported "missing in action" on March 9, 1944. The bodies of two members of the B-17 bomber on which he was chief navigator were found washed ashore on the coast of

England, a few weeks after that date. Lt. Walter had often visited Rochester friends, and had spent summer vacations at Manitou. He had a host of friends throughout this community.

He is survived by his wife, a baby daughter, Lynda [WALTER], whom he never had seen, his parents and brothers and sisters, who reside in or near Attica, Ind. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles KRIEGHBAUM, former residents of this city.

Harold W. Young

Funeral services for little Harold W. YOUNG, 5, will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Leiters Ford Methodist church. Rev. Harley DAVIS will be in charge. Interment will be in the Leiters Ford IOOF cemetery.

Benjamin F. DuBois

In a letter received Saturday morning by Mrs. Madge WAYMIRE, a bombardier and close friend of Lt. Benny DuBOIS, who saw the local man's plane plummet to earth, kindled anew the flame of hope that DuBois is alive and safe, perhaps as a prisoner of war in Germany.

The letter, written shortly after Lt. DuBois' plane was shot down, stated that the writer was in a bomber immediately following the local navigator. He reveals that he saw the DuBois plane go down--in good control--and expressed belief that all hands had plenty of time to bail out and parachute safely to earth. As it is indicated the action took place over enemy territory, it is the belief of Benny's friends in squadron service that he is, perhaps, a prisoner of Germany.

In Friday's announcement it was stated the disastrous flight took place on Nov. 23. This should have read the 21st.

Clara May Rush

Clara May RUSH, 72, widow of the late Edward RUSH, died Friday evening at the home of her son, Donald, northeast of this city from a heart attack. She had been ill only one day.

Born [Clara May EMMONS] May 23, 1872, she was the daughter of William and Cassie EMMONS. On January 14, 1898, she became the bride of Edward RUSH and to this union were born six children, all of whom survive. They are, Harvey [RUSH] and Donald [RUSH], of Rochester, and Vern [RUSH], of Tippecanoe; Mrs. Fern BRYANT and Mrs. Ollie BREEN, Rochester, and Mrs. Ruth ZOLMAN, Tippecanoe. In addition there are ten grandchildren and one brother, Harley EMMONS, Rochester. Two grandsons, Sgt. D. MEYERS in New Guinea and Pvt. Rolland MEYERS, New York, are with the armed forces. The deceased was a member of the Rochester Christian church.

The remains will be taken from the Foster funeral home to the Donald Rush home on Sunday morning. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at the residence, in charge of the Rev. Grant BLACKWOOD. Interment in IOOF cemetery.

Susan C. Huffman

Mrs. Susan C. HUFFMAN, 84, died Friday afternoon at her home in Grass Creek. Death resulted from complications following a several week's illness. Mrs. Huffman had resided in the Grass Creek community since 1892 and had a host of friends throughout that section of the county.

Mrs. Huffman [Susan C. LEASURE] was the daughter of Thomas and Elmira LEASURE, born April 11, 1859, in Ross county, Ohio. Her husband, John W. HUFFMAN, preceded her in death some time ago.

Surviving are three sons, Clarence W. [HUFFMAN], of Grass Creek, Thurman A.

[HUFFMAN] of Kewanna, Lloyd J. [HUFFMAN], of Waterloo, Iowa, a daughter, Mrs. Fannie TAYLOR of Copemish, Mich.; three sisters, Mrs. Tillie HOLLAND of Winamac, Mrs. Waston HOLLAND of Joliet, Ill., and Mrs. Emma SMITH of Long Beach, Calif., and a brother, F. J. LEASURE, also of Long Beach.

The deceased was a member of the Grass Creek U. B. church.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Grass Creek U.B. church with Rev. John E. CHAMBERS in charge. Burial will be in the Grass Creek cemetery.

Monday, December 11, 1944

Paul J. Baumgartner

LEARN'S OF DEATH OF HUSBAND IN PACIFIC

Mrs. Phyllis BAUMGARTNER, who resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Tuyl GILLESPIE, Kewanna, was on Sunday informed of the death of her husband, S 1/c Paul J. BAUMGARTNER, who was killed in action in the Pacific theatre.

S 1/c Baumgartner was 22 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. BAUMGARTNER of Fort Wayne. Previous to his enlistment in the Navy he assisted his father, a contractor, with offices in his home city.

Following boot training he was assigned to service at the Bunker Hill naval base where he served 18 months. In March of this year he was transferred to the west coast and assigned to duty at sea.

In addition to wife and parents, he is survived by one son, Michael Paul [BAUMGARTNER]. No details as to the manner or time of his death are at present available.

Sylvia Fern Anderson

Mrs. Sylvia Fern ANDERSON, 50, lifelong resident of the Culver community, passed away Sunday at 8:35 a.m. at her home in Culver. Mrs. Anderson had been in ill health for the past three years. The deceased had a wide acquaintance of friends throughout that section of Marshall county.

Mrs. Anderson was born [Sylvia Fern THOMPSON] on a farm in the Poplar Grove neighborhood, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred THOMPSON. Upon reaching womanhood she was united in marriage with William W. ANDERSON. The deceased was a member of the Culver Methodist church.

Survivors are her husband; a son, Pfc. William F. [ANDERSON], who is serving with the Ninth army in Germany; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Rochester; and a sister, Mrs. Golda McLANE, also of Rochester.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. Ralph M. JONES of the Methodist church will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Easterday funeral home in Culver. Interment will be in the Culver cemetery. The body will lie in state at the funeral home where friends may call.

Lily White

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Foster funeral home for Mrs. Lily WHITE, 85, widow of the late John WHITE, who passed away at her home south of this city early Sunday morning. Rev. C. J. COVERSTONE will officiate. Burial will be in Citizens cemetery.

The deceased had resided in Fulton and Cass counties all her life. She leaves no survivors. Death came after a long illness, due to infirmities and complications.

John L. Kessler

John L. KESSLER, 76, a former resident of Newcastle township, passed away Saturday morning at the home of his son, Herbert, 717 S. 26th street, South Bend, with whom he had made his home for the past several years.

The deceased was born in this county, December 19, 1867. On Dec. 19, 1887 he was united in marriage with Eulalia MEREDITH who preceded him in death.

To the above union were born nine children, all of whom survive. They are: Herbert [KESSLER], Dewey [KESSLER], Garland [KESSLER], Mrs. Gladys WILLMARTH and Mrs. Lola GEISELMAN, all of South Bend, John M. [KESSLER] and Mrs. Anna CORRELL, Mishawaka, Ben [KESSLER] of Knox, and Mrs. Harriet GIGI of Holcomb, Wis.; also a brother, Milton [KESSLER], Rochester, and four sisters, Mrs. Laura Van DOREN and Mrs. Minnie EMMONS, Warsaw, and Mrs. Effie RATHFON and Mrs. Nora SEVERNNS, Mentone.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Christian church, Talma, with the Rev. C. J. EVERETT of South Bend officiating. Interment was made in Sycamore cemetery, near Talma.

Tuesday, December 12, 1944

Ina Finney

Mrs. Ina FINNEY, 66, for many years a resident of the Prairie Grove neighborhood, passed away Monday noon at the Ewing nursing home, this city, following an illness of several months.

Born [Ina GROVE] in Ohio, May 8, 1878, she was the daughter of John and Sarah GROVE. Following her marriage to Charles FINNEY, she came to Fulton county where she has since resided. She was a member of the Prairie Grove U. B. church, where funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon with the Rev. LONGANBAUGH of Atwood officiating. Burial will be in the IOOF cemetery at Kewanna. The remains will lie in state at the Foster funeral home, this city, until Thursday noon.

Survivors are the husband; one daughter, Mrs. John DENTON, Rochester, and a son, EM 2/c Curtis FINNEY, now at the Bunker Hill Naval Air Base.

Wednesday, December 13, 1944

Joseph Huffman

S/SGT. JOSEPH HUFFMAN IS NOW REPORTED KILLED

The War department on Tuesday amended a previous report to inform Mr. and Mrs. Thurman HUFFMAN, R. 2, Kewanna, that their son, S/Sgt. Joseph HUFFMAN, 27, was killed in action on November 16, in the invasion of Germany. Huffman had previously been reported missing.

Huffman was one of four brothers serving in the armed forces: Albert [HUFFMAN], in the Navy, stationed at Manten, N.C; Carl [HUFFMAN], with the Navy, is at Northport, Va.; and Don [HUFFMAN], with the Navy, is somewhere in the South Pacific. Other survivors are his wife, Doris [HUFFMAN]; a son, Davie [HUFFMAN]; the parents, and a sister, Helen [HUFFMAN], at home.

Huffman, serving in the Infantry, had been overseas since last July and had participated in the invasion of France. In civilian life he had been associated with his father in farming. He was a graduate of the Grass Creek high school, and was a member of the U. B. church.

[NOTE: Joseph Huffman, 27, Kewanna, killed in action in Germany, November 16, 1944 - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Thursday, December 14, 1944

Henry McMillen

Death claimed Henry McMILLEN, 90, Wednesday morning, at his home in Tippecanoe where he has spent almost all of his life. The aged citizen had not been ill and death, which was caused by sudden complications, came as a shock to his many friends.

Mr. McMillen had been twice married. He is survived by a widow, and one son, Merle [McMILLEN], of Tippecanoe; a son William [McMILLEN], of Argos; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Funeral services will be held from the Bourbon funeral home at 1:30 Saturday afternoon.

Ollie Eytcheson

Mrs. Ollie EYTCHESON, 73, widow of the late Isaac EYTCHESON, died early this morning at her home near Fulton following a long illness.

Born [Ollie ECKELBURGER] Sept. 19, 1871 in Miami county, she was the daughter of Perry and Matilda ECKELBURGER. On Sept. 23, 1884, she was united in marriage with Isaac EYTCHESON and settled near Fulton, where she has since resided.

Surviving are two sons, Elmer [EYTCHESON] and Ralph [EYTCHESON], both of Fulton; two daughters, Mrs. Pearl REED, Kewanna, and Mrs. Bessie REED, Fulton; 13 grandchildren.

Mrs. Eytcheson was a lifelong member of the Fulton Baptist church where funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon with the Rev. Franklin ARTHUR officiating. Burial will be made at Fulton. The remains will be taken to the residence on Friday where friends may call until the hour of the funeral.

Willard Chamberlain

WILL HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY P.M.

Members of the LeRoy C. Shelton post, American Legion, will hold a memorial service Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charlene CHAMBERLAIN, 1030 Franklin avenue, to the memory of Pvt. Willard CHAMBERLAIN who was lost in action in Germany on Nov. 20.

The service will be in charge of the post chaplain, the Rev. Harry BAILEY of the First Baptist church. Legionnaires will meet at the Legion home at 2 o'clock.

Friday, December 15, 1944

Ira F. Baker

Ira F. BAKER, 61, a former resident of the Lake Bruce community, but in recent years with residence in Oakland, California, passed away in the west coast city a few days ago, following an illness of several weeks, according to word received by relatives here.

The deceased was born near Lake Bruce on Feb. 14, 1883 and grew to manhood there. Later in life he settled in California where he has since resided. He was the son of Mrs. John BAKER, 429 N. Jefferson street, this city.

Other survivors are: two children, Kenith [BAKER] and Louise [BAKER], at home; two sisters, Mrs. Lester SINGER, Wabash, and Mrs. Harry KREAMER, Kewanna; and one brother, Dr. Ermal C. BAKER, Indianapolis.

Burial was made in Oakland, where last rites were held.

Saturday, December 16, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, December 18, 1944

Vivian Korb

Mrs. Herman [Vivian] KORB, of this city, passed away ten o'clock Sunday evening at the Irene Byron hospital, Ft. Wayne. Death resulted from a tubercular condition from which she had suffered for the past few years. She entered the Ft. Wayne hospital a few weeks. Mrs. Korb had a host of friends among the younger people both this city and Huntington, Ind.

Vivian [STREVEY], daughter of Alive and Hazel STREVEY, was born in Huntington, Ind., on January 10th, 1914. She had been a resident of Rochester for the past six years. On July 5th, 1940 she was united in marriage with Herman KORB in a ceremony solemnized in this city. Mrs. Korb was a member of the Catholic church.

Survivors are her husband, a son, William KORB; three brothers, Sgt. Alvin [STREVEY] and Sgt. Richard STREVEY, serving with the U.S. Army in the Philippines; Corporal Gene STREVEY, of the U.S. Army overseas; two sisters, Mrs. Nondas [PEANEY], of Disko; Mrs. Maxine SCOTT, of Ora, Ind.; and her mother, Mrs. Hazel Strevey, of Huntington, Ind.

The body was taken to the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home where friends may call. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Willard Chamberlain

CHAMBERLAIN MEMORIAL AN IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

The first memorial service for a victim of World War II, held Sunday afternoon in the memory of Pvt. Willard "Bill" CHAMBERLAIN, under auspices of LeRoy C. Shelton Post and Auxiliary, American Legion, was a most timely and impressive affair. Because of the military nature, the service was brief and moved with quiet precision.

Behind the colors a platoon of Legionnaires marched from the Legion Home to the Chamberlain residence at 1030 Franklin avenue, where members of the Auxiliary, a contingent of Members of World War II, special representatives of the Elks, Moose and Eagles lodges, relatives and a host of friends awaited the arrival of the veterans.

An Impressive Service

Post Commander Oliver Grove stated briefly the object of the service; Clarence HILL read a short obituary; Capt. O. I. MINTER read the 23rd Psalm, after which Post Chaplain, Rev. Harry BAILEY delivered the memorial address. The chaplain spoke principally on a theme of freedom, patriotism and sacrifice, without which, he said, no war may be successfully fought and won. Addressed primarily to the living, but with true reverence to those who have made the supreme sacrifice, his message drove home to everyone present a new sense of duty and responsibility to those of us who must fight the battle on the home front. Following the benediction, taps were sounded by Dick Ross.

Fought the Good Fight

Pvt. Chamberlain was reported killed in action in the fighting around Strasbourg on November 20. He had been overseas for several months in the Italian theatre and was assigned to a unit of General Patch's Seventh army just prior to the invasion of Southern France. In letters to friends here, he had spoken of severe fighting on the road to Germany and had written spiritedly of the hardships suffered by our boys and of their courage, bravery and unflinching determination to carry through to the ultimate victory which is sure to be ours.

As stated in a previous issue of The News-Sentinel, these brief memorial services will be available to those who have lost dear ones on the battle fronts, and who desire such services, by addressing the post commander, Oliver Grove of this city.

Louis Sadowsky

Maurice SADOWSKY of this city received a telegram early today informing him of the death of his brother, Pvt. Louis SADOWSKY, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The message stated that Louis was killed in action with General Hodges' army, on the western European front early in December. Pvt. Sadowsky is survived by his wife and several relatives.

John H. Lewis

Funeral services for John H. LEWIS of Anderson, Ind., former resident of this city, were held Monday afternoon at the Val Zimmerman Memorial chapel with Rev. David LIVENGOOD officiating. Interment was in the IOOF cemetery.

Mr. Lewis passed away Saturday morning at his home in Anderson. Death was attributed to a heart attack. For the past few years Mr. Lewis was employed in the Chevrolet plant in that city. He left Rochester about 25 years ago. While a resident of this city he was employed by the American Express Co. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim LEWIS, and was born Dec. 2, 1884, in Kosciusko county.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Leona MONROE of South Bend; two sons, Robert E. [LEWIS], of South Bend, and Russell [LEWIS] of the U.S. Navy, now serving overseas; three brothers, Bert [LEWIS], of Chicago, Lee [LEWIS] and Charles [LEWIS] of Rochester; three sisters, Mrs. Bessie WAGONER of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Ethel McINTYRE of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Olie EYTCHESON of South Bend.

Tuesday, December 19, 1944

Vivian Korb

Funeral services for Mrs. Herman [Vivian] KORB in charge of Rev. Charles SCHALL of the St. Joseph Catholic church, this city, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF cemetery. The body now lies in state at the funeral home where friends may call.

William C. Willard

PFC. WILLIAM WILLARD IS NOW REPORTED KILLED

Mr. and Mrs. Dan WILLARD, 520 E. Eighth street, today received official notice from the War department that their son, Pfc. William Clark WILLARD, 20, reported missing in action on Leyte island, was killed in action on November 4.

Pfc. Willard, a member of the 96th Infantry division, entered service in March 1942. After taking preparatory instructions in technical duties he was sent overseas, where he had since been stationed. In the Philippines invasion, his division played an important role. After graduation from the local high school he was employed for a short time on the Nickel Plate railroad, and resigned that position to enter the military service.

[NOTE: William Willard, 20, Rochester, killed in action at Leyte, Philippines, November 4, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Wednesday, December 20, 1944

William Thayer

Robert W. SHAFER was today notified of the death of Sgt. William THAYER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy THAYER, route 1, Lakeville, Ind., who was killed in action in France several weeks ago.

A brother, Robert "Bus" THAYER, was killed in an explosion in Hawaii on last May 21.

Guy Thayer, a cousin of Shafer, is well known here, having attended the old Rochester college, and by reason of having visited relatives in this city and community on many occasions.

Sgt. Thayer was a member of Patton's Seventh army and had seen action in France and Germany following the invasion.

Ella N. Sheets

Mrs. Ella N. SHEETS, 81, passed away at 3:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at her home in Akron. Death resulted from complications following an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Sheets had a wide acquaintance of friends throughout the eastern section of the county.

The deceased, who was the daughter of Jacob and Sarah UHEY, was born in Indiana on Feb. 4, 1863. Her husband, John SHEETS, preceded her in death in 1925.

Survivors are two grandsons, Robert [SHEETS] and Emerson SHEETS, both of Akron.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. Daniel E. SLAYBAUGH will be held at the Akron Church of God, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the IOOF cemetery west of Akron.

Oliver P. Babcock

Oliver P. BABCOCK, 73, a native of Richland township, this county, passed away at his home near Mesic, Mich., last Wednesday morning, following a heart attack.

Born Sept. 27, 1871, he was a brother of Ray BABCOCK, Fulton merchant; the late Andrew BABCOCK; Mrs. Ova B. CLARK, and Lucia C. MILLER, of this vicinity.

He was a graduate of Fulton county schools and Valparaiso college, and when a young man followed the profession of teaching, as did his wife, Alice (NEWTON) BABCOCK, who with a son, Forrest [BABCOCK], two grandchildren, all of Traverse City, Mich., and brother Ray, of Fulton, survive.

The deceased left Fulton county several years ago to purchase land in Michigan. Since that time he has followed the profession of farming and made his home there. Burial was made at Mesic.

Thursday, December 21, 1944

[no obits]

Friday, December 22, 1944

Bertha L. Reed

Mrs. Bertha L. REED passed away at 2:15 o'clock Friday morning at her home three miles southwest of Fulton. Death resulted from a heart attack which she suffered shortly after midnight. Mrs. Reed, who had resided in the vicinity of Fulton for practically all of her life, had a host of friends throughout the southern sections of the county.

Bertha L. [DOUD], daughter of Lucian and Sarah DOUD, was born in Pottawattomie county,

Kan., July 17, 1872. On Dec. 25, 1892, she was united in marriage with James E. REED. Mrs. Reed was a member of the Olive Branch church, near Fulton.

Survivors are the husband; a daughter, Mrs. John RANS of Fulton; two sons, Clarence [REED] and Emmor [REED], both of Fulton; five grandchildren, Jimmy [St. CLAIR], Margaret St. CLAIR, Pvt. Dean REED of Fort Lewis, Wash., Sgt. Dwight REED of India, Harold REED of Fulton, and two brothers, Alvin DOUD of Peru and Arthur DOUD of Macy.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Fulton United Brethren church. Rev. J. B. GLICK will officiate. Interment will be in the Fulton cemetery. The body was removed from the Ditmire funeral home to the residence late Friday afternoon, where friends may call.

Saturday, December 23, 1944

[no obits]

Monday, December 25, 1944

[no paper - holiday]

Tuesday, December 26, 1944

Bertha B. Allerdig

Mrs. Bertha B. ALLERDING, 71, died at 6:45 Christmas morning at her home in Maxinkuckee. Death was attributed to bronchial pneumonia and followed an illness of three days. Mrs. Allerdig had been a resident of Maxinkuckee community throughout her entire life.

Bertha [HISSONG], daughter of Samuel and Sarah HISSONG, was born on Oct. 18, 1873 in Marshall county. On October 6th, 1906 she was married to Clark ALLERDING. Her husband died last June. Mrs. Allerdig was a member of the Poplar Grove Methodist church.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Daisy SOUTH of Lakeville, Ind., and Harry HISSONG of LaPorte, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at the Poplar Grove church Wednesday afternoon, two o'clock. Rev. Ralph JONES will officiate and burial will be in the Poplar Grove cemetery.

Ora Keel

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Ora KEEL, 66, wife of Omer KEEL, well-known farmer of the Woodrow neighborhood. Rev. Harry J. BAILEY of the First Baptist church will officiate and interment will be made in the IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. Keel, ill since last August, passed away at her farm home early Christmas morning. She had been seriously ill for the past four weeks.

Born Feb. 13, 1878, on a farm southwest of this city, she was the daughter of John and Clementine MILLER. On May 16, 1896, she became the bride of Omer Keel and to this union three sons, one of whom is deceased, were born. She was a member of Evergreen lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, and the Mt. Zion and Green Oak community clubs.

Survivors include besides the husband, one son, Claude [KEEL], of this city, a son, Berl [KEEL], of Rochester, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. William NICODEMUS of this city; two grandchildren, and two half-brothers, Dewey MILLER of Dowagiac, Mich., and Byron MILLER, of Butler, Ind.

Wednesday, December 27, 1944

Hannah S. True

[Hannah S.] TRUE, aged 94, a lifelong resident of this city, passed away at 7:30 o'clock this morning at the Bryant nursing home, North Jefferson street. Death resulted from complications following an illness of several months' duration.

The deceased, who was the widow of the late Newton TRUE, for a long number of years resided at 1117 South Madison street.

A son, C. A. TRUE of Chicago, is the only survivor of the immediate family. He is due to arrive here later today and a more detailed obituary will be published in Thursday's edition of The News-Sentinel.

The body was taken to the Val Zimmerman funeral home from where the services will in all probability be conducted.

Maune Nye Boner

Maune NYE BONER, wife of Maj. C. E. BONER of Baltimore, Md., passed away Monday night at the Walter Reed hospital at Washington, D.C., after a very prolonged illness. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. NYE of near Akron and leaves a host of relatives and friends in this community.

The body will arrive at Warsaw Thursday at 10 a.m. and will be taken to the Moyer funeral home at Akron, where a short funeral service will be held Friday at 2 p.m.

Mary L. Simpson

Mrs. Mary L. SIMPSON, 95, a direct descendant of Frances SLOCUM, and one of few nonagenarians in Fulton county, died early this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter JACKSON, 1329 Main street, following an illness of three years.

The deceased was born at Albany, Ill., March 23, 1849, the daughter of Samuel and Rebecca WITHROW. On Jan. 6, 1879, she was united in marriage with Robert W. SIMPSON who preceded her in death. To this union were born two sons, Walter [SIMPSON] of Rochester and Wilbur [SIMPSON] of Columbus, Ind., and one daughter, Mrs. Grace JACKSON, of this city, who, with a sister, Mrs. Olive BOOTH of Rock Island, Ill., and several grandchildren, survive. Mrs. Simpson was a member of the M. E. church at Tippecanoe, where she resided prior to taking residence with her daughter here.

The body has been removed to the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home, where it will remain until funeral arrangements are made.

Joe R. Martin

Arthur SHIREMAN, city hall custodian, on Tuesday attended funeral services at Stamford, Conn., for his son-in-law, Joe R. MARTIN, who died Saturday following a brief illness. Mrs. Martin, the former Lois SHIREMAN and who is well-known in this city, and two daughters survive.

Thursday, December 28, 1944

Hannah Samantha True

Funeral services for Mrs. Hannah Samantha TRUE, 93, who passed away Wednesday morning at the Bryant nursing home, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Val Zimmerman memorial chapel. Rev. Frank BRIGGS, pastor of the Methodist church, will be in charge of the rites and burial will be in the IOOF cemetery.

Hannah Samantha BURDGE was born in Wabash county, Indiana, April 29, 1851. She came to Rochester with her parents when but a child. Upon completing her education in the Rochester schools she was employed as a milliner for a few years and in 1873 she was united in marriage with Newton TRUE, in a ceremony solemnized in this city. Her husband passed away in 1918. Mrs. True was a member of the Rochester Methodist church and was an active worker in that organization until failing health forced her retirement. The deceased had a host of friends throughout Rochester and Fulton county.

Survivors are a son, Arthur C. TRUE of Downers Grove, Ill; a sister, Mrs. Ida SHOWALTER of Wabash, Ind., and three grandchildren.

Mary L. Simpson

Last rites for the late Mrs. Mary L. SIMPSON, 95, who on Wednesday morning passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter JACKSON, 1329 Main street, will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church, Tippecanoe. Rev. HARSHBERGER of Mishawaka will officiate and burial will be made at Tippecanoe.

The remains will be moved from the Zimmerman Bros. funeral home to the Jackson residence on Friday morning. Friends may call.

A prayer service will be held at the Jackson residence at 9:45 Saturday morning with the Rev. F. R. BRIGGS of Grace Methodist church in charge.

Margaret Ann McElheny

Funeral services were held at Peru this afternoon for Mrs. Margaret Ann McELHENY of that city, who passed away Tuesday morning due to asthmatic complications. She was the mother of Richard McELHENY whose wife was the former Miss Maleta PASCHALL of this city.

Myron Edward Allen

Myron Edward ALLEN, 86, of Leiters Ford, died of pneumonia at noon Wednesday at the Woodlawn hospital here. He had been in failing health for several years and a patient of the hospital for two weeks.

He was born at Greenville, Ill., on Jan. 7, 1858, and had resided in Leiters Ford for 15 years. Before moving there he was a railroad watchman at Detroit, Mich. His wife, the former Maude SIMMONS, preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son, S/Sgt. George ALLEN of Homestead, Fla., and a step-daughter residing at Hammond.

The body remains at the Val Zimmerman chapel pending arrangements.

Joseph Gilbert

LT. JOSEPH GILBERT OF U.S. NAVY KILLED IN ACTION WHILE AT SEA

Word from the Navy department this morning announced the death in action of Lt. (j.g.) Joseph GILBERT, son of Everett GILBERT, local druggist, which occurred in the South Pacific on an undisclosed date.

Lt. Gilbert attended the local schools and graduated from Purdue university before joining the Navy three years ago. After completion of his training he was commissioned and assigned to service at sea.

Never Saw Daughter

About two years ago he was united in marriage with Miss Judy GORDON of this city, who with a daughter, Harriet Ann [GILBERT], whom he had never seen, father, and sister Lucy GILBERT, student at Hanover college, survive.

Joe spent a few days' leave here with relatives and friends early in November.

Details of the action in which he met death will be forwarded later, the navy department says.

[NOTE: Joseph Gilbert, 25, Rochester, killed in action at sea, December 7, 1944. - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 27, 2000.]

Friday, December 29, 1944

Edgar Treber

ARGOS YOUTH IS LOST IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Pfc. Edgar TREBER, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ernest TREBER of Argos, was reported killed in action somewhere in France on Dec. 14, the War department revealed in a telegram today.

Pfc. Treber had been in the European war theater for several months and had seen a great deal of front-line action. Further details of his death are expected in a few days.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Ruth MORRELL; his parents; one brother, Pvt. Robert TREBER, now overseas, all of Argos; one brother James TREBER of South Bend, and two sisters, Mrs. John POWERS and Mrs. Robert BECKER, both of Argos. Rev. Treber is pastor of the Argos Christian church and the present town clerk-treasurer.

Guy Day

Guy DAY, a native of Akron, but for several years a resident of Orange, Calif., died at his home in the west coast city last Sunday, according to word received by relatives here.

The deceased had been in ill health for the past two years, it was revealed. He was a brother of Charles DAY, former county highway superintendent, and of Mrs. Elma HALDEMAN, both of Akron.

A wife, two daughters and several grandchildren survive.

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