

**Mrs. Mollie Allen, 83,
Dies Of Long Illness;
Funeral To Be Friday**

+ Tues. Apr. 30
Mrs. Mollie Allen, 83, widow of the late Thurman Allen, 1835 North Church street, died in St. Elizabeth's hospital at 10:30 this morning after an extended illness.

Mrs. Allen was born in Ohio county, Ky., Sept. 5, 1862, and her parents were Daniel and Sally Westfield Burks, her father a native of West Virginia, her mother of Ohio county, Ky. She was twice married, both of her husbands preceding her in death.

She was first married to Stephan Moore, who died in 1898, and in 1900 she was married to Thurman Allen in Owensburg, Ky.

Two daughters survive her, Anna, wife of Charles Dittle, 1835 North Church street, and Lottie, wife of Charles Westrich, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; also four grandchildren, Donald Moore, Virgil and Mildred Dittle, and Leona Gaerdner; and one great-grandchild, Jennie Lee Dittle. She was preceded in death by a son, Terry Moore; two brothers and two sisters.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Kochler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.

JULIUS L. BACH, RETIRED PRINTER, DIES AT 78 HERE

**He Was One of Founders
Of Morning Record
Publication.**

+ 7th Dec - 13

Julius L. Bach, 78, retired printer, died at 3:30 last night at his home, 415 Portland avenue, after an illness of 13 days. His death was due to a heart condition.

Recipient of a 50-year membership pin from the International Typographical Union in 1944, Bach retired Jan. 21, 1934, after having been employed at the Daily Advocate 25 years.

Bach and George Meyer launched the Morning Record, the last morning newspaper in Belleville, which was discontinued a number of years ago after the publication changed hands several times.

Bach was a well-known musician in his younger days when he played a trombone.

He was born at Evansville, Ind., May 9, 1860, a son of Ellian L. Bach and Mary Schor Bach, both natives of Germany. His father was one of the early newspapermen here.

Bach married Minnie Hellmann here, Oct. 8, 1882, and she died Jan. 24, 1919. Mrs. Bach was active in at-home activities during World War I.

Two sons and two daughters survive. They are Curt K., of Los Angeles, Calif.; Clarence A., of 1006 East B street; Juanita, wife of H. C. Hovenden, of Park Ridge, Ill., and Marcella, wife of Irvin Baechle, of 415 Portland avenue.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Melba Selb, in 1932 and a son, Cornelius, who died last December while in service with the U. S. Navy and who also served in World War I.

He is also survived by five grandchildren and two sisters.



JULIUS L. BACH

Mrs. Emmy Damm, of Oak Park, Ill., and Mrs. Carrie Reichard, of Sioux Falls, S. D. He was preceded in death by his brother, Rudolph Bach, six months ago at Glendale, Calif.

Bach was a member of Local No. 74 of the International Typographical Union.

The funeral will be at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Ida Barnickol Dies In Champaign At Age Of 69 Years

+ 9 mi. Dec 11
Mrs. Ida Barnickol, 69, wife of Walter Barnickol, formerly residing on a farm south of Freeburg, died of a paralytic stroke yesterday afternoon in their home in Champaign, Ill., where they lately made their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnickol resided on their farm south of Freeburg for 30 years, then moved to Columbia, Mo., and later to Champaign. An adopted son, Paul G. Barnickol, whom they reared, is in the employ of the Illinois Conservation Department, and when he was assigned to duty at the state university, they moved their residence to Champaign.

Mrs. Barnickol was a daughter of the late Eugene and Susan Unterfaenger Kaysing and was born here May 13, 1877. Her father died when she was quite young and her mother having later married James Laughlin, the deceased adopted the name of Laughlin. For many years she was employed in the former Kinloch telephone exchange.

She was twice married, her first husband having been Herman Barnickol, former St. Clair county sheriff, who was fatally injured during an attempted jail delivery. Later she was married to Walter Barnickol, brother of her first husband.

Besides her husband and adopted son she leaves other distant relatives here. A sister, Mrs. Bertha Gilmor, preceded her in death in Coffeyville, Kans.

The body will arrive at the Gundlach and Company funeral home some time tomorrow and the funeral will be from there at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

**Lewis C. Barthel, 46,
Foundry Worker, Ill
One Month, Dies Today**

Just May 11
Lewis Charles Barthel, 46, of 917 North Charles street, local foundry worker and last employed as shipping clerk at the Egyptian Foundry, died at 8:15 this morning in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, which he entered last Tuesday. He had been seriously ill one month.

Barthel was born in Grand Chain, Ill., Sept. 10, 1899, and was a son of the late Henry and Mathilda Hepp Barthel. His father was born in Prairie du Long township, his mother in Germany. In 1923 he was married to Marguerite Hoerr in St. Paul's church here.

His wife survives him with one daughter, Sally Ann, at home. He also leaves four sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Anna Stahlheber and Mrs. Margaret Stahlheber, both in California; Miss Tillie Barthel and Edwin Barthel, 1100 Schcel street; Mrs. Edna Dahm, 1505 East B street, and Alvin, St. Louis. Two brothers, Ernst and Henry, preceded him in death.

He was a member of St. Paul's church and of the Molders and Foundry Workers Union, Local 182.

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home where friends may call after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. At 11 o'clock Tuesday morning it will be taken to the church where funeral services will be conducted by Rev. B. J. Koehler at 2 in the afternoon, followed by burial in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Sam Baxendale, Of Near Mascoutah, Dies At Age 81 Years

Thur. Sept. 12
Mrs. Prudillar Baxendale, 81, who made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Savage, rural route 2, Mascoutah, died at 10 o'clock this morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital where she had been a medical patient since Sept. 2.

Mrs. Baxendale was first married to Jackson Morton, after whose death she was married to Sam Baxendale, who also preceded her in death.

Two sons and three daughters survive her, Harry Morton, 433 South Pennsylvania avenue; Ruth, wife of Fred Savage, with whom she lived; Mary, wife of Ed Reeves, St. Louis; Clarence Morton, Flint, Mich.; and Mrs. Roma Michelson, in California; also 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Bender, 90, Dies Following 4-Week Illness

Mrs. Fredericka R. Bender, 90-year-old resident of 720 East D Street, died of infirmities of age in her home at 7:15 o'clock last



MRS. FREDERICKA BENDER
Died at 7:15 p.m. last night following four weeks' illness.

A native of Germany, Mrs. Bender was born April 10, 1856, a daughter of the late Christian and Julia Mueller, nee Kugel, also natives of Germany. She married Carl A. Bender in Germany May 10, 1883. Six years later the couple came to the United States. Her husband died February 22, 1924.

Surviving are four children: Robert, Bender, 720 East D Street; August Bender, 702 State Street; Mrs. Fredericka Schifferdecker, 400 North Virginia Avenue; and Miss Anna Bender; a sister, Mrs. Juliana Schmitzer, residing in Germany; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Three children, Carl, Fannie, and Emil Bender, preceded her in death.

She was a member of Women's Circle A, St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 9.

*2 more to be buried in 7 days in Germany
2 more in 10 days in 10 days
Loud to sing & home*

Mrs. Bender, 90, Dies Here; Final Rites Wednesday

Died Sun. Sept. 22, 1946

Picture on Page 2

Mrs. Fredericka R. Bender, one of Bedford's oldest residents, died at 7:15 last evening at her home, 720 East D street, after an illness of four weeks. She was 90 years old.

Mrs. Bender was born in Staufenberg, Baden, Germany, on April 10, 1856, a daughter of the late Christian and Julia Kugel-Moeller, both of whom were natives of Germany.

She married Karl August Bender in Staufenberg, May 10, 1883, and they came to the United States 37 years ago. Her husband died Feb. 22, 1924.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Fredericka Schifferdecker, 401 North Virginia Avenue, and Miss Anna Bender; two sons, Robert Bender, 720 East D street, and August C. Bender, 702 State street; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter and two sons, Fanny, Karl and Emil Bender.

Mrs. Bender was a member of Circle A and the Women's Guild of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Renner-Germain funeral home, in charge of Rev. B. J. Koehler. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. Bertschinger, 54, Dies; Funeral Friday Afternoon

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Mrs. Cecelia H. Bertschinger, 54, of 7 North Forty-fourth street, died at 11:10 last night at St. Elizabeth's hospital after an extended illness.

She was the wife of Albert Bertschinger and the mother of Irvin A. Bertschinger, both of whom are plasterers.

Mrs. Bertschinger was born at Fayetteville, March 27, 1892, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Snyder) Steiger. Her father was born in Germany, her mother in Fayetteville. The Bertschingers were married here July 22, 1908.

In addition to her husband and son she is survived by three sisters, Louise, wife of Herman Dressler, Lebanon; Katie, wife of George Frerking, Mascoutah, and Beana, wife of Otto Kula, St. Louis. One grandchild also survives. A brother, Henry Steiger, preceded in death.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, where friends may call after six o'clock this evening. Funeral services will be held there at two o'clock Friday afternoon, with Rev. Robert Herman, assistant pastor of St. Paul's church, officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Conrad Bien, 53, World War I Vet, Dies In Hospital

+ *W. M. Sept. 18*
Conrad Bien, 53, of 215 South Virginia avenue, a veteran of World War I, and last employed with the Laclede Stoker Company, St. Louis, died in Veterans' Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, at 4 o'clock this morning after a lingering illness.

Bien, who was a bachelor, was born in this city, February 20, 1893, a son of the late George and Nancy Meyer Bien. Surviving him are three brothers, George, Shiloh road; Edward, local taxi man, 215 South Virginia avenue, and Anton, 110 North Tenth street.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home where services will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, followed by burial in Green Mount cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. The body may be viewed at the funeral home after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

CONTRACTOR DIES SUDDENLY IN HIS AUTO

Peter Birkner, 74,
Stricken After
Paying Visit to
Police Station

Mon. Sept. 9 - 46
Peter Birkner, 74, retired carpenter-contractor of 27 North Eighth Street, died suddenly, apparently from a heart attack, in his auto which was parked on the south side of the first block on West Washington Street at 8:30 o'clock this morning. He had been under the care of a physician.

Mr. Birkner reported to police headquarters after his auto had been ticketed by a patrolman because it did not have a 1945 city wheel tax license. He produced the license and the receipt and was told by Patrolman Frank Blesseberger to ignore the summons.

Leaving the police station, he walked to his auto, parked a short distance away. Five minutes later two men came to the station and told Blesseberger: "There is a man seated in an auto near here and we think he is dead." The men were: Edward F. Baehr of New Athens and Harry N. Schneider, 1314 North Church Street, both employees of the Security Abstract and Title Company.

Blesseberger investigated and called the Hegner-Gemlin ambulance. Mr. Birkner was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Later the body was removed to the Pats Birkner Funeral Home.

Mr. Birkner was born in Hecker June 2, 1872, and was a son of the late John and Anna Birkner, nee Helgert, both natives of Germany. Pauline Bruns, whom he married in Hecker 55 years ago, died December 2, 1942.

Surviving are a son, Osborne Birkner, at home; four daughters, Mrs. Christine Ogden, 300a East B Street, Mrs. Rose Simpson, 27 North Eighth Street, Mrs. Helen Schaum, 219 North Eighth Street, and Aurelia, wife of Raymond Wilkey, 1710 Scheel Street; two brothers, Louis and Fred Birkner, both of Hecker, 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A sister preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements are listed in the secondary column on Page 9.

Dies In His Car After Leaving Police Station

Mon. Sept. 9 - 46

Less than five minutes after he left police headquarters apparently healthy and in cheerful mood, Peter Birkner, 74, retired carpenter, 27 North Eighth street, was found dead in his automobile at 8:35 this morning.

Birkner had parked the car in front of the Security Abstract and Title Company, just west of city hall on Washington street.

Police Officer Frank A. Blesseberger said that Birkner came into the station with a "ticket" for failure to display a city wheel tax license on his car. He had such a license, however, explaining he had failed to attach it to the windshield of the auto.

After being excused, Birkner chatted amiably for a brief while as he smoked a cigar, then departed. Within a few minutes, Edward F. Baehr, of New Athens, and Harry N. Schneider, 1314 North Church street, came into the station and reported there was a man apparently dead in an automobile outside.

Birkner was rushed to St. Elizabeth's hospital in a Hegner-Gemlin ambulance and pronounced dead by a physician on arrival there. He still clutched his cigar in his left hand and the ignition keys of the auto in his right hand. Death was apparently due to a heart attack.

The deceased was born in Hecker June 2, 1872, a son of German immigrants, John and Anna Seid.

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Pauline Bruns
daughter June 2, 1872

bert Birkner, both deceased. His wife, the former Pauline Bruns, to whom he was married in Hecker 53 years ago, died December 3, 1942.

Four daughters and one son survive him, Mrs. Christine Ogden, 300a East B street; Mrs. Rose Simpson, 27 North Eighth street; Mrs. Helen Schaum, 219 North Eighth street; Aurelia, wife of Raymond Wilkey, 1710 Scheel street; and Osborne Birkner, at home.

He also leaves 15 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and two brothers, Louis and Fred Birkner, both of Hecker.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Pats Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Julia Boos, Former Grocer, Dies At Age 71

Mrs. Julia M. Boos, 71, of Smith-ton road, who formerly conducted a grocery store on South Eighth street, mother of Deputy Sheriff and former City Treasurer George J. Boos, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's hospital after a brief illness.

Mrs. Boos was the widow of Carl M. Boos and a lifelong resident of Belleville, for many years and until her retiring in 1928, she conducted a grocery store here. In the latter year she turned the business over to her son Hugo.

She was born in Belleville, May 21, 1874, a daughter of the late Jacob and Barbara Jung Ullrich, both of whom were natives of Germany. Her father in earlier years conducted a saw mill here. On June 28, 1896, she was married to Carl M. Boos in St. Paul's Evangelical church.

Surviving her are two sons, George J., 504 East Washington street, and Hugo E., at home; a grandson, Orel E. Boos; a brother, Jacob P. Ullrich, and a sister Miss Elizabeth Ullrich, all residing here. Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Renner-Geminn funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

The pallbearers will be Orel Boos, Jacob W. Ullrich, Wilbert Ullrich, E. C. Roediger, Emil Gauss and John Ladermann.

CHARLES P. BORN, PIONEER IN TIRE BUSINESS, DIES, 81

Nearly Lost His Life In Fire
At Home In 1942;
Funeral Thursday.

+ Born 12-24-46
Picture on Page 8

Charles P. Born, 81, retired machinist and pioneer tire dealer, who in his declining years operated a bicycle repair shop at 508 East Main street, died at 6:55 this morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital where he had been a medical patient since December 15.

In earlier years Born was associated with his father and brothers in the Born Machine Shop, formerly located in the 200 block on East B street and later on Lebanon avenue at the overpass bridge.

Born was also noted as a skilled musician and held the honor of having been Belleville's first banjo player.

On January 31, 1942, Born nearly lost his life in an early morning fire in his home, 611 North Charles street, when a roomer, Forrest Schneeberger, set fire to his bed on the second floor of the home.

Born was awakened when the flames burned through the upper floor of the house and burning embers fell on the bed Born occupied.

Schneeberger was found suffocated and Born required hospitalization for shock and burns to the feet. It was the third time Schneeberger had set fire to his bed by falling asleep with a lighted cigarette.

"Charles" Born, as he was more popularly known, was born in Belleville, Oct. 6, 1860, a son of German-born parents, Carl and Helena Frank Born, and was married to Adela M. Doe here 54 years ago. His wife died July 13, 1939.

Surviving him are a son, Robert L., St. Louis, and a daughter Lucille, wife of Russel Viehman, 4600 Park drive, also a brother, Lafayette Born, Memphis, Tenn., and one grandson "Skippy" Russel Viehman.

The body is at the Pete Gardner funeral home where friends may call after 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, and from where the funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. Robert Herman, assistant pastor of St. Paul's church will officiate.

Mrs. Boustead, 71, Dies at Her Home on South High St.

Fr. Mar. 29
Mrs. Margaret Boustead, 71, died in her home, 814 South High Street, at 10:50 o'clock last night following four years' illness. Mrs. Boustead formerly resided on South 59th Street.

She was born in Belleville August 21, 1874, and was a daughter of the late Andrew and Isabelle Kirkwood, nee Stevenson, both natives of Scotland. Her husband, Thomas Boustead, died in 1942.

Surviving are a son, Claude Boustead, 4417 West Main Street; two daughters, Mrs. Iva Mosley, Detroit, and Mrs. Myrtle Alberts, 814 South High Street; a brother, Martin Kirkwood, 4398 West Main Street; three sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Beuchie, St. Louis, Mrs. Isabelle Golay, California, and Mrs. Mamie McCrae, Phoenix, Ariz., and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements may be found in the obituary column on Page 11.

Wm. Briesacher, Grocery Clerk, Seed Man, Dies

+ Tues. Dec. 17

William Briesacher, 77, veteran seed man and for 41 years a clerk in the former Eckhardt grocery store, died in his home, 219 North Twenty-eighth street, at 9:30 this morning after illness of one year.

He was last employed in the seed department of the W. L. Batdorf and Company store for three years and retired a year ago after suffering a paralytic stroke.

The deceased was born in St. Clair township January 12, 1869, a son of the late Christian and Elizabeth Geminn Briesacher, and was married in this city to Mary Siegfried on May 30, 1897. His father was born in St. Clair township, his mother in Germany.

Besides his wife he leaves one son, Raymond C. Briesacher, 210 North Twenty-eighth street; one brother, Charles, 23 South Thirteenth street; and two grandsons, Marshall Briesacher, with the Army Air Force at West Palm Beach, Fla., and Raymond, Jr., at home.

A sister, Mrs. Louisa Ebersohl, preceded him in death.

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home from where the funeral will be held Friday, the time not yet set. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

Mr. Briesacher retired 12 months ago after several years' employment at W. L. Batdorf and Company. Previously he worked 41 years in the employ of William Eckhardt Grocery Store on West Main Street.

He was born in St. Clair Township January 12, 1869, a son of the late Christian and Elizabeth Geminn. His mother was a native of Germany, his father a native of St. Clair Township. He married Mary Siegfried in Belleville May 3, 1897.

Anna Brosius, Last Of Family, Dies At Age 74

Miss Anna Brosius, 74, of 44 North Pennsylvania avenue, where she resided with her nephew, Attorney Carl W. Feickert and family, died in her home at 5:50 yesterday evening after a lingering illness.

Miss Brosius had been an invalid in late years and formerly resided with her sister, Miss Frieda Brosius, at 41 North Virginia avenue. Since the death of the latter on October 27, 1945, she lived in the Feickert home.

Miss Brosius was the last survivor of the pioneer Brosius family here, having been preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Anna Weigand-Brosius, four brothers and two sisters.

Her father was an inventor and the builder of the first electric light plant in Belleville. He was the original owner of the European style "castle", now the home of Mrs. Ida Perrin, widow of the late Judge Frank Perrin, at 735 East Main street. The home site at that time extended east to and included the Douglas school grounds, and the first light plant operated by Mr. Brosius was located in the building occupied by the Al Kutz Service station, 765 East Main street.

Mr. Brosius was also the inventor of the electric clock, the original of which was built in the tower of his "castle" and others were placed in three school buildings and First Methodist church. All these have long since been abandoned. He was also interested in the manufacture of farm machinery and manufactured the machinery for the then Belleville Oil Works.

The sisters and brothers who preceded Miss Brosius in death were Mrs. Elsie Feickert, Miss Frieda Brosius, Henry, John and Jacob Brosius, all of whom were residents of Belleville, and Charles Brosius, whose home was in St. Louis.

She was born in Belleville June 18, 1872. Her next of kin are nephews and nieces, Mrs. Hortense Blake, Attorney Carl W. Feickert, and Mrs. Hedwig L. Staples, Belleville, and Mrs. Eugenia Tomlin, Boland, Jacob, Carl and Eugene Brosius, and O. T. Brosius, St. Louis.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 5 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. John Browning, Of Old Collinsville Road, Dies, Aged 71

Wed. May 29

Mrs. Florence Browning, 71, wife of John A. Browning, died in her home five miles north of Belleville on the old Collinsville road at 5:15 this morning after an illness of one year.

She was born in New Athens township, July 30, 1874, a daughter of the late Albert and Elizabeth Scott Peters, and was married to John A. Browning in Belleville, July 22, 1899.

Besides her husband she leaves a son Clifford; a daughter, Mrs. Edythe McKean, and a sister Mrs. Edith Fowler, all residing on old Collinsville road; also two brothers Harry and Luther Peters, of Belleville. Two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive her.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Martha Craig; a brother Charles Peters, and a sister Mrs. Carrie Andres.

She was a member of the Pocahontas lodge of Maryville, Ill.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Elmwood cemetery, Freeburg. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

M. J. Koehler, Minister

**Miss Minnie Brua,
Retired Teacher,
Dies At Age Of 83**

+ Sun. Oct. 6

Miss Minnie Brua, a teacher in the public schools of Belleville, for over half a century, died in her home, 500 East C street, at 6:30 last night at the age of 83 years. In late years she lived in retirement and died following an extended illness.

She was a sister of the late Henry W. Brua, many years principal of the local high school, and a sister, Miss Sophie Brua, who died in 1935, had been a teacher in the grade schools until her retirement.

Her father was Henry Brua, born in Muehlhausen, Germany, her mother the former Wilhelmina Brehme, born in the Modsele district of France. She was born in Belleville, August 26, 1863.

The brother, Henry W. Brua died here December 29, 1940, two other sisters also preceded her in death, Miss Ida Brua in 1934, and Mrs. William E. Siefert in 1935.

She leaves one nephew, Col. William Siefert of Joplin, Mo.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

John W. Burns, 72, Miner, Stricken; Dies at Hospital

John William Burns, 72-year-old coal miner of 316 South 29th Street, was pronounced dead at 1:30 o'clock this morning at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where he



JOHN W. BURNS

was taken after he was stricken in his sleep. Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane will conduct an inquiry at the Pete Gaedner Funeral Home.

An employee of the St. Louis and O'Fallon Coal Company Nigger Hollow Mine, Mr. Burns was a member of Local No. 8, Progressive Mine Workers of America. He was injured in a mine accident in February, 1948 and had not been able to work since that date.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., January 29, 1874, and was a son of the late John and Margaret Burns, also natives of Pittsburgh. He married Anna Teigler in St. Louis on September 16, 1910.

Surviving besides his wife are four sons, Sgt. John Burns, now at home on a reclassification furlough; William, Robert and Tom Burns, all at home; two daughters, Christina W., wife of Arthur A. Rettig, 696 Wabash Avenue, and Kathryn J., wife of William H. Schwartz, 704 West E Street, and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements may be found listed in the obituary column on Page 13.

C. A. COBURN, INSURANCE CO. FOUNDER, DIES

+ Aug. 14
Clarence A. Coburn, 61-year-old co-founder and branch manager of the local main office of the Bituminous Casualty Corporation, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis. A resident of 508 Forest Avenue, Mr. Coburn became afflicted with a digestive ailment a year ago and, although recover-



CLARENCE A. COBURN

ing from the first attack, was required to relinquish his duties two months ago because of a recurrence.

Widely-known in insurance circles, Mr. Coburn was one of the original founders of the Bituminous Casualty Corporation which now has assets in excess of \$14,500,000 and a policy holders' surplus of nearly \$3,000,000.

Mr. Coburn became manager of the Springfield branch of the Bituminous Casualty Exchange 25 years ago at the suggestion of his brother, R. D. Coburn, executive vice-president of the

CLARENCE COBURN DIES IN HOSPITAL

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exchange. In 1928, when the exchange was organized into a stock company, the Coburn brothers were among the organizing stockholders and original employees of the co-partnership of Cleveland and Cound of Rock Island, managers of the the company.

The company originally confined its operation to the writing of workmen's compensation on coal mines and when its activities spread to this area 18 years ago. Mr. Coburn was transferred from the Springfield office. Later, at his suggestion, the W. A. Schickedans Agency, Inc. of Belleville, was named exclusive supervisory general agent throughout the 34 Southern Illinois counties.

Born in Sciota County, O., September 14, 1878, Mr. Coburn was a son of the late Robert and Isabella Coburn, nee Colgrave, also natives of Ohio. His first wife, the former Mary E. Williams, died September 21, 1930. He married Agnes M. McMahon at Pana, Ill., in 1934.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Ralph A. Coburn, St. Joseph, Mo.; three brothers, Claude Coburn, Rosedale, Ind., W. E. Coburn, Clinton, Ind., and R. D. Coburn Rock Island Ill.; a sister, Mable, wife of Thomas Dowdy, Kingville, Tex., and two grandsons, John and Robert Coburn.

Complete funeral arrangements may be found in the obituary column on Page 11.

Funeral Friday



Clarence A. Coburn, branch manager of the Belleville claim office of the Bituminous Casualty Corporation, who died yesterday afternoon at the age of 67 years.

C. A. Coburn Dies Aged 67; Rites Friday

Special May 14

Clarence A. Coburn, 67, of 508 Forest avenue, branch manager of the Belleville claim office of the Bituminous Casualty Corporation, died at 4:30 yesterday afternoon in St. Mary's hospital, East St. Louis, after an illness of several months.

Coburn's health became impaired about a year ago when he first became afflicted with a disturbance of the digestive tract and, although he recovered from the first attack, he found it necessary to relinquish his duties as claim branch manager about two months ago.

He was widely known in insurance circles and was one of the original co-founders of the Bituminous Casualty Corporation which now has assets in excess of \$14,000,000 and a policyholders' surplus of approximately \$3,000,000 and has for the past eleven years written more Illinois Workmen's Compensation premiums than any other stock company in Illinois.

Twenty-five years ago he became the branch manager of the Springfield branch office of the Bituminous Casualty Exchange at the sug-

gestion of his brother, Executive Vice-President R. D. Coburn, of that company, who was the original employee of the exchange and in 1928 when the Bituminous Casualty Corporation was organized on a stock company basis to succeed the exchange the two Coburn brothers were among the organizing stockholders and the original employees of the co-partnership of Cleveland and Conrad of Rock Island, Ill., who managed the company so successfully throughout the years.

Originally the company confined its operations to the writing of Workmen's Compensation on coal mines and when it became active in this area 18 years ago, Coburn was transferred here from Springfield. He was the claim manager and agent, in fact, the sole representative of the Bituminous in this area until after the company became a stock company and started to accept brokerage business. It was at his suggestion that the W. A. Schickelmeier Agency, Inc., of this city was appointed exclusive supervisory general agents throughout the southern 24 counties in Illinois, in which area the company now writes in excess of \$750,000 in premiums per annum, much of which is serviced through the Belleville claim office.

The deceased was born in Scioto county, O., Sept. 15, 1874, and was twice married. His parents, John and Isabelle Colgrave, both natives of Ohio, are deceased. His mother, Mrs. E. W. Wil-

Woman's Body Is Found In Hotel Here

Times, July 11.

Mrs. Viola DaRugna, 26, widow of a World War II casualty, was found dead in bed at 10.25 this morning at National Hotel, with an empty prescription box, which had contained pills prescribed for nervousness, near her.

She was discovered lying across the bed, fully clothed, with her feet hanging onto the floor, by Mrs. Vivian Hahn, hotel maid, who went to the room to do the morning cleaning and used a pass key to admit herself when she found the door locked.

Police said that Mrs. DaRugna may have taken an overdose of medicine, which had been prescribed for her nervous condition by a local doctor. They said they were told by her mother, Mrs. James Sebol, that she had taken an overdose of sleeping powder last Jan. 4 and that for some time she had suffered from a highly nervous disorder.

Mrs. DaRugna's husband, Louis DaRugna, was killed in action at Guadalcanal in December, 1942, while serving with the navy.

Police Lt. Herbert G. Uhley said that two notes were left by Mrs. DaRugna, one which was scribbled in such manner as to be difficult to decipher, and the other addressed "to a local man by his first name only" in which she said she intended to take her life.

At St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where the body was first taken, it was said she apparently had been dead for several hours.

Mrs. DaRugna was born in Belleville Feb. 10, 1920, a daughter of James and Alby Volin Sebol, and was married to Louis DaRugna Nov. 2, 1941.

Her parents, who survive her, reside at 21 North Forty-fifth street. Her father was born in Macon county, Mo., her mother in Czechoslovakia.

Besides her parents she leaves three sisters and one brother, Mrs. Helen Dunlap, 30 South Fifteenth street; Mary Ann Sebol, Mrs. Alma Henner and George Sebol, all of 21 North Forty-fifth street.

The body was taken to the Pete Gaedner funeral home and may be viewed after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Alfred Dawson Dies

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Alfred Dawson, 69, of rural route 2, Lebanon road, employed in the North Side coal mine died suddenly at 12:40 this afternoon in his home. He was formerly one of the operators of the former Muren mine.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Nevill Dawson, two daughters, one brother and one sister. The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home. Funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock to Walnut Hill cemetery.

Al Dawson Funeral Rites Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon

7- Tues. Dec. 24
The funeral of Alfred Dawson, 69, coal miner residing near the Dewey Rod and Gun Club on Lebanon avenue, who died in his home suddenly Tuesday during the noon hour, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Renner-Geminn funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

He was born in Belleville, February 2, 1877, a son of the late Ed and Anna Pannier Dawson, and was married to Gertrude Nevill, April 24, 1896. His father was born in Belleville, his mother in Germany.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Idell Junior, Hotel Belleville, and Mrs. Edwin Heidorn, North Charles street; also a brother Henry, rural route 2, and a sister Mrs. Dave Huling, 1905 North Church street.

He also leaves five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Two brothers, Ed and Fred, preceded him in death.

He was a member of Progressive Miners' Union, Local 4.

The pallbearers will be Charles and Stanley Dawson, Henry Dawson, Jr., John Riesenberger, Barney Keefe and William Bruss.

Edward E. Dawson, Tavern Owner, Dies At Age Of 70 Years

Inter. Nov. 26
Edward E. Dawson, 70, retired tavern owner, 912 North Charles street, died at 7:20 last night in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where he had been a medical patient since October 27.

Since the days before prohibition Dawson operated a tavern next door to his home and retired from that business one and a half years ago. In his younger years he was employed as a roller mill man in the old Hartmann, Hay and Reis nail mill in Swansea.

He was born in Belleville March 15, 1876, his father, Edward Dawson, having been a former St. Clair county sheriff. His mother was the former Anna Pomer, who was born in Germany. His father was born in Belleville.

His wife, the former Mary E. (Continued to Page 2, Col. 5)

Lockhart, whom he married here June 17, 1898, survives him with one son and two daughters, Roy, 912 North Charles street; Mrs. Rowena Lieb, 816 North Charles street; and Mrs. Evelyn Rothweiler, 1718 Mufen boulevard.

He also leaves five grandchildren; two brothers, Al and Henry, both of rural route 2, and one sister, Mrs. Maude Huling, 1905 North Church street. Besides his parents, one brother and three sisters preceded him in death.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Renner-Geminn funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koshler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

BLOOD DISEASE FATAL TO BABY

9 mi. Feb. 15
Betty Jane DeFrates, four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron J. DeFrates of 508 North First Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A victim of anemia, the baby had been ill and a patient in the hospital since birth last October 18.

The baby underwent several blood transfusions in a vain effort to save her life, the latest being made last Saturday after the baby's father made an appeal for blood donors. The appeal, made through the News-Democrat, resulted in 33 persons offering blood.

The child's father, a native of Springfield, is employed by the Hoeffken Construction Company. The mother, formerly Mildred V. Skaer, is a native of Springfield. *Smith*

Surviving besides the parents are a sister, Virginia, and a brother, Robert Lee, both at home.

Arrangements for the funeral may be found in the obituary column on Page 9.

Mrs. John Dewein, 76, Sick 12 Weeks, Dies; Rites On Wednesday

John Dewein
Mrs. Rebecca Jane Dewein, 76, widow of the late John D. Dewein former Freeburg avenue tavern operator, died in her home 1013 Freeburg avenue at 7:15 yesterday morning after an illness of twelve weeks of a complication of diseases.

She was born on Turkey Hill, March 2, 1870, a daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Atchison Rittenhouse, and was married to John Dewein in St. Paul's Evangelical church. Her husband preceded her in death, December 19, 1930. Her father was born in Mascoutah, her mother in Freeburg.

Besides her husband four sons and two daughters preceded her in death and she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Estelle Seubert, 1013 Freeburg avenue, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Wheatley, DuQuoin, Ill.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose. *25772*

The funeral will be at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon from the Renner Geminn funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev B. J. Koehler, officiating.

Miss Eliz. Doeckel Dies Of Linger- ing Illness At Age 73

Dies Feb 19

Miss Elizabeth Doeckel, 73, of 1504 West Main street, died in her home at 7:45 this morning after a lingering illness.

She was a daughter of the late William and Francis Klein Doeckel and was born here April 14, 1872. Her father was born in Texas, her mother in Belleville.

Surviving her are two brothers, William and Edward, for whom she kept house at 1504 West Main street; another brother, Louis, and a sister, Bertha. One of her sisters preceded her in death.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

William Doeckel Dies Four Days After His Sister

2-25-46
Four days after the death of his sister, William Doeckel, 71, a retired packer for the old Crescent Nail Mill, died at his home, 1504 West Main Street, at 8:15 o'clock Saturday night. Death followed a brief illness. Mr. Doeckel was unable to attend the funeral of his sister, Miss Elizabeth Doeckel who died last Tuesday and who was buried Thursday.

The deceased was born in Belleville September 4, 1874, and was a son of the late William and Frances Doeckel, nee Klein. His father was born in Texas and his mother in Belleville.

He never married and is survived by two brothers, Edward, 1504 West Main Street, and William Doeckel, and a sister, Miss Bertha Doeckel.

Funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 11.

Harry E. Ducsten, N-D Writer, Dies

Staff Member and Veteran of Two Wars Victim of Apoplexy

Harry Edmund Ducsten, special writer for the News-Democrat for 12 years and a veteran of two wars, died from apoplexy at his home, 520a South High Street, at 9:15 o'clock last night. He was 62 years of age.

Mr. Ducsten, who joined the News-Democrat's staff in 1924, was at his desk yesterday. In mid-afternoon he complained of feeling ill and consulted his physician who found no serious ailment but advised him to rest for the balance of the week. His death was completely unexpected and came with stunning surprise.

The body was taken to the Bux Funeral Home where it will lie in state after 7 o'clock tonight. At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning it will be taken to St. Louis and then forwarded by train to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl A. Hegerl, Forty-Fort, Pa., a suburb of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

John D. Miley Camp No. 75, United Spanish War Veterans, will conduct its services at the funeral home at 8 o'clock tonight. Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church and a longtime friend of Mr. Ducsten, will officiate at the religious rites.

Mr. Ducsten was born in Philadelphia on September 21, 1884, he was a son of the late William H. and Margaret Ducsten, nee Pratt. The family resided there for a year and a half and then moved to Springfield, Ill., where they lived until 1894. They then moved to Baltimore. At the age of 18 years, Mr. Ducsten enlisted in the Army on June 22, 1899, during the Spanish-American War. He was discharged November 20, 1899, with the rank of sergeant.

He resided in Washington, D. C., from 1900 until 1917, serving as reporter and automobile editor for the Washington Post from 1902 until 1917. In May, 1917, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Army during World War I. He was promoted to captain in October, 1918.

Mr. Ducsten was stationed at the adjutant ordnance officers' training school at Peoria, and later at the Raritan, N. J. Arsenal until October, 1918, when he was attached to the 12th Field Artillery Brigade at Camp McClellan, Ala., for the balance of the war. He was mustered out in February, 1919, after commanding the 12th U. S. Army Ammunition Train.

Past Commander
Shortly after his release from the Army, he was made automobile and Sunday editor of the El Paso, Tex., Herald, a position he held until 1923. Then he entered the citrus and vegetable packing business in Florida, residing at Winter Haven. He left Florida in 1933 and a year later joined the News-Democrat's staff. / 1934

Mr. Ducsten took an active part in the affairs of service organizations here. He was past commander of the John D. Miley Camp No. 75, United Spanish War Veterans, a member of the American Legion and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also held membership in the South Side Improvement Association.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pearl Ducsten, and two daughters, Mrs. Walter H. Hegerl, wife of a Lieutenant Colonel at Alexandria, Va., and Mrs. Carl A. Hegerl, wife of a dentist at Forty-Fort, Pa. Eight grandchildren also survive.

HARRY DUCSTEN, NEWSPAPER MAN, DIES SUDDENLY

Past Commander Of Spanish Veterans Stricken With Apoplexy.

Harry E. Ducsten, 62, of 520a South High street, a special writer for the News-Democrat, died suddenly at his home of apoplexy at 9:15 last night.

Ducsten, a member of the News-Democrat staff since Dec. 8, 1924, was a past commander of the United Spanish War Veterans and a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the South Side Improvement Association.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Ducsten was born Sept. 21, 1884, a son of the late William H. and Elizabeth Pratt Ducsten. He was a veteran of the first world war and of the Spanish-American War.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Pearl Ducsten, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Walter H. Hegerl, wife of a lieutenant colonel in the Army at Alexandria, Va., and Mrs. Carl A. Hegerl, wife of a physician at Forty Fort, Pa. Seven grandchildren also survive.

The body is at the Bux funeral home, where it may be viewed until 3:00 tomorrow afternoon, after which it will be forwarded to Forty Fort, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where funeral services and burial will take place.

At 8 o'clock this evening services will be conducted at the Bux funeral home by Rev. B. J. Koehler and by John D. Miley Camp, United Spanish War Veterans.

Last night, with appalling surprise and swiftness, death struck deeply into the ranks of News-Democrat workers, leaving a stunned staff to grieve the untimely passing of Harry Ducsten.

In point of years Mr. Ducsten just last week had attained the 62 mark, which is not old by today's standards, especially so with Harry, whose outlook and interests remained so youthful and vigorous.

In point of years, Harry was the scholarly dean of the staff, but to his associates who knew and loved him, he was always one of the boys, doing his job with gusto and relish.

He was a true newspaperman in the best sense of the word, a hard worker, ever questing for the truth, incorruptible, faithful to his trust, intensely loyal to his paper.

He possessed that rare editorial faculty of being able to sift fact from fiction with instinctive and unfailing accuracy, please the veneer of subterfuge and set down the truth in objective words to be understood by everyone.

Nobody pulled any fast ones on Harry Ducsten.

A full lifetime spent in travel, in newspaper writing, and as an officer both in the war with Spain and World War I contributed a background of experience that made Mr. Ducsten's 12-year hitch at the News-Democrat a period of enlightenment and education for the paper's readers.

Many of the newspaper's best and most widely quoted editorials in recent years were Harry's.

His coverage of the annual Fairs under the *nom de plume* of "Perry Scope" delighted readers each year who clamored for more of his whimsical sidelights and straight-from-the-shoulder comment.

Ducsten had opinions and convictions, and it was not his nature to dodge an issue or compromise with the truth.

He kept his viewpoint sharp and as modern as tomorrow by studying a number of the nation's leading metropolitan newspapers every day.

He had the wonderful faculty of being able to absorb the printed page with amazing swiftness, and kept abreast of the times by reading all of the noteworthy books as quickly as they arrived from the publishers' hands.

Writer-Vet Dies



Harry E. Ducsten, 62, local newspaper man and war veteran, who died suddenly at his home here of apoplexy last night.

Yet there was nothing of the bookworm about Harry Ducsten.

He was a hall fellow well met, who maintained the common touch and walked among his fellows as a man among men.

At 62 Harry enjoyed living very much.

He was far too vigorous a man to die.

Yet, if death were inevitable yesterday, the visitation was the swift, merciful kind that Harry himself would have wanted had the choice been his to make.

He leaves in Belleville today, a host of close friends, acquaintances and admirers, who comprehend their great loss, but find it difficult to realize that Harry Ducsten is gone forever.

His saddened newspaper co-workers cannot find words to express their ineffable grief, save to express to his bereaved wife and family their deepest and most heartfelt sympathy.

*How well he fell asleep!
Like some proud river, widening toward the sea;
Calmly and grandly, silently and deep,
Life joined eternity.*

Mrs. M. Etling, Fayetteville, Dies Following Stroke

+ Sat. May 9
Mrs. Maggie Etling, 79-year-old wife of Jacob Etling, Fayetteville, died at 12:15 o'clock this morning at the home of a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klein, Lebanon, following a heart attack. Mrs. Etling and her husband went to her daughter's home after she suffered the attack three weeks ago.

Mrs. Etling was born at Turkey Hill, near Freeburg, June 2, 1866, a daughter of the late John and Sophia Dintelmann, nee Mueller. She married Mr. Etling on August 14, 1888, at Freeburg.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons: Elmer Etling, Belleville, and William Etling, Mascoutah; two daughters, Ella, wife of Henry Klein, Lebanon, and Meta, wife of John Giegler, Fayetteville; a half-sister, Mrs. Louisa Voss, Mt. Vernon; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A son died in infancy and two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services are listed in the obituary column on page 11.

Mrs. Ernst Feurer, Married 60 Years, Dies At Age Of 81

of Fairview, July 28
Mrs. Linda Louise Feurer, 81, wife of Ernst Feurer, 2 North seventh street, died in her home Thirty-seventh street, died in her home at 1 o'clock this morning of infirmities of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Feurer for many years were residents of the New Athens area and on August 2, 1943,



Mrs. Feurer

celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Feurer, in New Athens.

Mrs. Feurer was born in Prairie du Loup township October 27, 1864, and was a daughter of the late Fred and Mary Kniefelkamp Wix-

kamp, who were both German born. She was married to Ernst Feurer in the home of her parents by the then pastor of the Freeburg Evangelical church, Rev. Theodore Horn, on August 5, 1883.

The couple resided on a farm south of New Athens from which they retired in 1917, and since then lived in Belleville and New Athens.

Besides her husband, who is 84 years old, she leaves the following children, Henry C., Red Bud; Edgar J., New Athens; Herbert M., 719 Lebanon avenue; Lena, wife of H. P. Metz, 411 North Seventh; Martha; Adele, wife of Walter C. Jones, 1015 East Monroe street; and Immanuel, 543 South Virginia avenue; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Emma Schwartz Bethalto, Ill., and three brothers, Henry, Louis and Walter Wiskamp, all of Belleville. A son in infancy preceded her in death and also a brother and three sisters.

She was a member of St. Paul's church and of the New Athens Ladies Singing Society.

Funeral services will be held in St. Paul's church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler and H. W. Rath of New Athens Evangelical Church officiating, with burial in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, where friends may call after 5 o'clock this evening, and will be taken to the church at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

MRS. FLURE, 86, DIES SUDDENLY

12th St. Feb. 7
Mrs. Anna Flure, 86-year-old member of a pioneer Belleville family, collapsed and died suddenly of a heart attack at 9 o'clock this morning at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kuntz, 1328 West Lincoln Street. Her home was at 508 Lebanon Avenue.

Members of the family said Mrs. Flure had been "in the best of health" and last night ate a big supper. She arose as usual this morning and suffered the stroke in the bathroom of the home, striking the rim of a wash basin as she fell.

Born in Belleville June 5, 1859, Mrs. Flure was a daughter of the late Jacob and Agnes Wasem, nee Hasselbach, both of whom were children of pioneer Belleville families. She married Jacob Flure in Belleville September 21, 1884. Her husband, a prominent painter and decorator, died July 21, 1921.

Surviving besides the daughter, Mrs. Lulu Kuntz, at whose home she died, are two sons, William Flure, 820 North Charles Street, and Stephen Flure, 18 North First Street; a daughter, Ida, wife of Chief Deputy Sheriff Frank T. Kern of 1831 Page Avenue; nine grandchildren, Lee Flure of Alton, Earl Flure, in the Army in New Jersey, Julius Flure, who just returned from overseas service, Norman and Lorraine Flure, Belleville, Mrs. Florry Brubaker, Dupon, Mrs. Meta I. Murry, Belleville, Miss Merba Louise Kuntz, Belleville, and Mrs. Edith Best, Atlanta, Ga.; and two great-grandchildren, Robert Lee Flure, Highland, Ill., and William Rayne Brubaker of Dupon. A daughter, two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

She was a member of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 14.

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Mrs. Susan Fuess, 64, Dies In Alton; Rites Here On Wednesday

Mrs. Susan Fuess, 64, of 218 West Harrison street, widow of the late Martin Fuess, died at 3 o'clock Sunday morning in Alton hospital after being in failing health since last June. Her late husband was for many years dispenser at the Lincoln Hotel bar and was better known under the name of "Shorty" Fuess.

Mrs. Fuess was born in Prairie county, Ill., January 3, 1881, and was a daughter of the late Jacob and Catherine Foster Nosbisch. She was married to Martin Fuess in Edwardsville, May 9, 1912, who died here April 10, 1938.

Surviving her are two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Charles Theobald, Baldwin; Mrs. Catherine Sackwitz, Marissa, and William Nosbisch, 1018 East Main street.

The funeral has been set for 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Bux funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

Howard K. Gebhard Dies Suddenly This Morning At Age 24

+ Fri. July 12
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gebhard, 806 South Third street, received a telegram this morning announcing the sudden death of their son, Howard Kenneth Gebhard, 24, who had been an invalid. The body will be brought to the Gundlach and Company funeral home.

The deceased was born in Belleville September 6, 1921, and is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister, Betty Jean and John, at home, and T/5 Vernon Gebhard, stationed in Korea. The father was born in Belleville, the mother, the former Rosalee Stafford, was born in Tennessee.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

**John Giordano, 62,
Former Grocerymen,
Dies This Morning**

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+ ~~July~~ NOV. 26
John Giordano, 62, of 24 South Thirty-eighth street, who for 20 years conducted a grocery store at Eighty-second and West Main streets, died at 3 o'clock this morning in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, which he entered as a medical patient last Wednesday. Since 1943 he lived in retirement.

A native of Vinadio, Italy, where he was born December 25, 1883, he was a son of the late Peter and Mariana Giordano, his mother's maiden name also having been Giordano. His wife, who survives him here, was the former Bianca Gerini, and their marriage took place in Chriono, Italy, July 26, 1910. He leaves no children, neither brothers nor sisters.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Greenwood Memorial Park on route 50, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Otto Glueck, 61, Ill Six Months, Dies In Home This Morning

Feb 23
P-1 MRS OTTO GLUECK death
Mrs. Ida Glueck, 61, widow of
the late Otto Glueck, died in her
home, 318 East Grant street, at
7:45 this morning after an illness
of six months.

Mrs. Glueck was born in Ashley,
Sept. 7, 1884, and was a daughter
of the late George and Elizabeth
Morris, the mother's maiden name
also having been Morris, and father
and mother were both natives
of England. She was married to
Otto Glueck in St. Louis, July 22,
1905, and he preceded her in
death Dec. 27, 1941.

Surviving her are a son, Leroy,
119 Gilbert street, Swansea; a
daughter, Evelyn, wife of Edgar
Pfeffer, 318 East Grant street;
two sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Bert,
Sparta, and Mrs. James Walker,
Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers,
Alfred Morris, Harrisburg, and J.
W. Morris, Sparta; also two
grandchildren. Three sisters pre-
ceded her in death.

The body is at the Gundlach
and Company funeral home where
friends may call after 1 o'clock to-
morrow afternoon.

The funeral will be at 2:30 Tues-
day afternoon from the funeral
home to Walnut Hill cemetery,
Rev. B. J. Kochler officiating.

Mrs. John Gorges, 80, Dies Of Long Illness; Funeral To Be Friday

+ Wed May 8
Mrs. Clemma Gorges, 80, of 1713 West Main street, widow of the late John Gorges, a former electrician, died of a lingering illness at 2 o'clock this morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital, which she entered a week ago.

Mrs. Gorges was born in Belleville, October 11, 1865, a daughter of the late Stephen and Anita Coue Desheye, who were natives of France. Her late husband, John Gorges, to whom she was married here 63 years ago, died in 1916.

Surviving her are two sons, Charles, 712 South Nineteenth street, and Albert, St. Louis; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a brother Eugene Desheye, who resides in Montana. She was preceded in death by one son, two sisters and four brothers.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. B. J. Koehler will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Pete Gaerdner funeral home, followed by burial in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Conrad Green, 73 Dies Suddenly In Her Home This Morning

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Mrs. Sarah Jane Green, 73, widow of the late Conrad Green, former Belleville coal miner, died unexpectedly in her home at 9 o'clock this morning, her death apparently resulting from a heart attack.

Mrs. Green was the mother of eleven children of whom nine survive her. Her parents were the late Thomas and Ann Veronica Saliner Wright, her mother a native of Switzerland, her father of England. She was married to Conrad Green in Belleville October 27, 1891, and he preceded her in death November 17, 1933.

The surviving children are Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Hohm, Palmyra, Ill.; Mrs. Emma Fulton, 209 North Second street; Mildred, wife of Alderman Ernst Tiemann, 417 South Tenth street; Elmer, 209 North Second street; Lavina, wife of William Kohler, 913 St. Clair avenue; Henry, Freeburg; Gustav, 1609 Benton street; Marguerite, wife of William Bertschinger, 1725 Kinsella avenue; and Earl, 3915 West Main street. Two sons, Edward and Calvin, preceded their mother in death.

She also leaves two brothers and one sister, William Wright, St. Louis; Benjamin, 117 North Second street; and Mrs. Josephine Mathews, 616 West C street; all ten grandchildren. Four brothers and four sisters died earlier.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Pe Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehn officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 5 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Sarah Green Dies Suddenly At The Age of 73

Mrs. Sarah Jane Green, 73, collapsed and died suddenly, apparently of a heart attack in her home, 209 North Second Street, at 9 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Green was the wife of the late Conrad Green, a coal miner who died November 17, 1933. She was born in Turkey Hill May 6, 1873, and was a daughter of the late Thomas and Ann Veronica Wright, nee Saliner. Her mother was a native of Switzerland; her father a native of England. She married Mr. Green in Belleville on October 27, 1890.

Surviving are four sons, Elmer Green, 209 North Second Street, Henry Green, Freeburg, Gustave Green, 1609 Duncan Street and Earl Green, 3915 West Main Street; five daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Hohm, Palmyra, Ill., Mrs. Emma Fulton, 209 North Second Street, Mildred, wife of Fourth Ward Alderman Ernst W. Tiemann, 417 South Tenth Street, Lavina, wife of William Kohler, 913 St. Clair Avenue, and Marguerite, wife of William Bertschinger, 1725 Kinsella Avenue; two brothers, William Wright, St. Louis, and Benjamin Wright, 117 North Second Street; a sister, Mrs. Josephine Mathews, 616 West C Street, and ten grandchildren. Two sons, Edward and Calvin, four brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

The obituary column on page 9 contains complete funeral arrangements.

DAUGHTER OF DIETZ HALL DONOR DIES

Mrs. Emma Gross, 82-year-old member of a prominent Belleville family died in her home, 312 North Second Street, at 5:05 o'clock this morning following many years illness.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dietz, nee Mary Storck, both natives of Germany. Her father, a veteran of the Civil War, was the donor of the Dietz Memorial Hall.

Mrs. Gross was born in Belleville on September 30, 1863, and was married to George Gross in Belleville on February 26, 1895. Her husband, manager of the Richland Mill, died in September, 1904. They had no children. Several brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Surviving are four nieces: Mrs. Marie Spring, Webster Groves, Mo.; Mrs. Frieda Bechtold, Mrs. Anita Hoeflinger and Mrs. Lorene Dollus, all of St. Louis and two nephews: Arthur Mauserer, Belleville, and John Dietz, Gainesville, Fla.

She was a member of the Women's Relief Corps and the Woman's Guild of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete but those made thus far are listed in the obituary column on page 9.

Mrs. Edna Guckes Dies Following Lengthy Illness

+ June 30
Ill for a year, Mrs. Edna Guckes, 50, of 507 Wabash Avenue, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where she had been a medical patient since last Monday, at 9:45 o'clock yesterday morning. She was the wife of Walter Guckes, an employe of the Westcott Valve Company.

Mrs. Guckes was active in the affairs of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church and was a member of the Ladies' Bible Class, and Circle B. She also held membership in the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Chapter No. 12 of the Victory Mothers.

The deceased was born in Millstadt Township September 5, 1895, and was a daughter of the late Philip W. and Emma Rodemich, nee Diesel, both natives of Millstadt Township. She married Mr. Guckes in Millstadt December 29, 1917.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Lorraine R. Guckes, at home; and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Cecelia Chilton, Quincy, Mrs. Walter Huwer, Smithton Township; Mrs. Flora Logner, Millstadt; Miss Bertha Rodemich, Belleville; and Robert L. and Kermit W. Rodemich, both of Millstadt. Two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on Page ??

son at St. Paul
**John Hammel,
Former Painter,
Dies At Age 83**

Oct. 7, 1943
John Hammel, 83, of 123 Mascoutah avenue, a former painter employed at the Harrison Machine Works for fifty years, died at 5:52 Saturday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's hospital after a brief illness of a paralytic stroke.

He was born in Belleville, Oct. 14, 1862, a son of the late John and Elizabeth Hammel, and was married to Augusta Lueckemeyer who preceded him in death on Nov. 3, 1942.

Surviving him are two sons, William, Peoria, and Henry, 2105 East B street, and three grandchildren.

A son, John Jr., died July 21, 1933, another son in infancy, also a brother.

The funeral will be at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 5 o'clock this evening.

**Mrs. Mary Harszy,
Sick 5 Years, Dies,
89; Funeral Friday**

+ Funeral Jan. 22

Mrs. Mary Harszy, 89, mother of William Harszy, blacksmith, of 15 South Third street, died in her home on state route 50, Caseyville, route 1, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an illness of five years.

Bluff Court
Mrs. Harszy was the widow of Henry Harszy, a daughter of the late William and Magdalena Wagner Flickinger, and was born in Stookey township, Oct. 12, 1856. Both parents were natives of Germany.

She lived all life.
Surviving her are three sons and one daughter. William, 15 South Third street; Henry, 520 North Fourth street; John, East St. Louis banker; and Miss Margaret Harszy, at home; also five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, three sisters and one brother. She was a member of Circle B, St. Paul's church.

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The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home from where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

Funeral, St. P. all her

Mrs. Emma Hartleb, Widow, Dies Aged 78; Funeral Is Saturday

Mrs. Emma Hartleb, widow of the late Oscar Hartleb, died at 10 o'clock last night of a lingering illness in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Julius Kraft, 37 North Douglas avenue, where she last made her home.

The greater part of her life Mrs. Hartleb lived on Pleasant



Hill, where her husband conducted a barber shop for thirty years. In later years he was employed as a crossing watchman for the Illinois Central Railroad, and also as a foundry worker.

She was born in Waterloo August 26, 1867, a

daughter of the late William and Augusta Struebzig, both natives of Germany, and was married to Oscar Hartleb in Belleville by the late Rev. William Weber, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church, on December 8, 1887. Four years after their marriage they resided in St. Louis, then returned to Belleville.

In 1937 the couple celebrated its golden wedding anniversary with a family reunion and open house to their other relatives and friends.

Hartleb preceded his wife in death in 1943, and she is survived by one son and five daughters: Albert, 29 North Ninth street; Lilly, wife of Louis Kirsell, St. Louis; Clara, wife of Harry Hoelling Sr., 624 North Church street; Mrs. Margaret Ward, 330 East B street; Florence, wife of Julius Kraft, 37 North Douglas avenue, and Mrs. Etienne Roesech, 708 East D street; also 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Clara Toma, Mrs. Hilda Hoeffner and Adolph Struebzig, St. Louis, and Gust Struebzig, Waterloo.

She was a member of Circle B of St. Paul's church and of the Service Star Legion.

The funeral will be at 10 o'clock Saturday morning from the Renner-Gemmig funeral home to Valhalla Burial Park, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

**Dan Hatfield, 80,
Dies In Hospital;
Funeral Wednesday
+ Sun. Nov. 3**

Daniel Hatfield, 80, retired farmer of 1817 Garden street, Swansea, a resident of the city for 19 years, died in St. Elizabeth's hospital at 7 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of several weeks. *Chapman, Ga.*

He was born in Birmingham, Ala., December 25, 1865, a son of the late George and Mary Williams Hatfield, both of whom were natives of Alabama. His wife, the former Melvina Burns, to whom he was married August 4, 1884, died on Christmas Day in 1925. *David*

A son and two daughters survive him. Albert, in Honolulu, and Mrs. Sarah Jones, Cleveland, Tenn., and Mrs. Manilla Jaeckel, 1824 North Illinois street; also four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Roedersheimer.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler, officiating.

after Heap, 41, of 510 East Monroe street, and George Weiss, 69, of 616 East Garfield street, were instantly killed at 1:20 this morning when the automobile in which they were riding ran off route 13 at the route 136 "Y", two miles west of New Athens.

The two men, riding in an automobile belonging to Heap, who is presumed to have been driving, were both thrown out of the car, which apparently overturned several times and was totally wrecked.

State Police Sergeant Walter Sauerwein, who lives at New Athens and investigated the accident, said that William Burgess, operator of Shamrock Inn, near the scene of the accident, heard the crash and summoned Dr. O. G. Schneidewind, deputy coroner, of New Athens, and the Stookey ambulance from that city. Dr. Schneidewind pronounced both men dead when he arrived.

The two men were on their way to Weiss' clubhouse, which when he was not in Belleville also served as his home, about a half mile from the scene of the accident, on route 1, New Athens, and had planned a duck hunting trip.

Sgt. Sauerwein said indications were that the car overturned as it rounded the curve and overturned in the center of the opening in the "Y" as they apparently headed toward the dirt road leading to the clubhouse.

In Business Here

Heap, who was associated with his father Frank Heap in the grocery and meat business at South Douglas avenue and McKinlay street, was born here December 22, 1903. His father is a native of England, his mother the former Elizabeth Neal, was born in Lumburg. Both survive him.

He also leaves his wife, too for mer Pearl Gans, to whom he was married here December 24, 1924, a sister Myrtle, wife of Ralph Fitzgerald, 133 Kansas avenue, and a brother Edwin, of Smithton.

The funeral will be at 2:30 Sunday afternoon from the Gundlach

and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Kuchler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Veteran Local Molder 69

Weiss, who was a veteran local molder here, resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spindler, 616 East Garfield street the past five years, and previously had roomed at the home of Mrs. Spindler's mother, the late Mrs. Frank Schmidt on Caroline street for a period of near 15 years.

The "Buck" Weiss club house in the OKW TOWER bottoms west of New Athens is well known to sportsmen of the area, and Weiss was always to be found there on weekends or when foundries were not working.

Weiss leaves no known relatives, his wife, the former Flora Burger having died in Lumburg two months ago. They had no children.

He was born in Belleville, February 22, 1877, a son of the late Nicholas and Mary Weiss, both of whom were natives of Germany. His wife, the former Flora Burger, to whom he was married in Massachusetts, December 19, 1918, died in Freeburg, August 25, 1944. Two brothers preceded him in death.

He was a member of the IOPM Molders' Union, Local 182, and one of the stockholders of the Egyptian Foundry Company, also a member of the Masonic order.

The body was brought to the Renner-Geminn funeral home here this afternoon where friends may call after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening. The funeral will be to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Kuchler officiating, the time to be set later.

Local Men Lose Lives On Highway

Walter Heap and George 'Buck' Weiss Killed Near New Athens

Two men were killed at 1:20 o'clock this morning when their auto ran off the pavement and overturned several times at a curve in the road on State Highway No. 13, two miles west of New Athens. The dead are:

Walter H. Heap, 40, of 510 East Monroe Street, driver of the car. Heap, discharged from the Army exactly a year ago today, was employed in his father's grocery before entering service. He has been unemployed since leaving service.

Heap Born in Belleville
The bodies were taken to Stookey Funeral Home and later the body of Heap was transferred to Gundlach and Company Funeral Home and the body of Weiss to the Renner-Geminn Funeral Home, both in Belleville.

Heap was born in Belleville, December 22, 1900, and was a son of Fred and Elizabeth Heap, nee Neal. His parents operate a grocery at 301 South Douglas Avenue. His father was born in England and his mother in Lumburg. On December 24, 1924 he married Pearl M. Gans at Belleville.

Besides his widow and his parents, he leaves a sister, Myrtle, wife of Ralph Fitzgerald, 133 Kansas Avenue, and a brother, Edwin Heap, Smithton.

Funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 15.

Was Died in August

Weiss was born in Belleville, February 22, 1877, a son of the late Nicholas and Mary Weiss, both natives of Germany. He married Flora Burger, a daughter of Village Marshal and former Deputy Sheriff Louis Burger of Freeburg, on December 19, 1918 at Massachusetts. Mrs. Weiss died last August 25. Two brothers preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Local No. 182 AFI International Molders and Foundry Workers Union.

Partial funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 15.

George "Buck" Weiss, 69, of 616 East Garfield Street, a molder and a stockholder in the Egyptian Foundry Company.

Deaths of the two men brought the traffic fatality toll for St. Clair County to 35 for this year, one less than the toll for 1945 at this time. Both men sustained skull fractures.

Deputy Coroner Dr. O. G. Schneidewind of New Athens will conduct an inquest at the Gundlach and Company Funeral Home at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Last Control of Car

The two men were enroute to Weiss' clubhouse, a half mile east of the scene, when the accident occurred. State Highway Police Sgt. Walter Sauerwein said it appeared that Heap lost control of the auto while it was making the curve.

The auto overturned several times and both men were thrown from the car. William Burgess, who operates Shamrock Inn, a tavern near the scene, heard the noise and ran outside. He found the wrecked auto and the bodies. Then he called the Stookey Funeral Home at New Athens and Sgt. Sauerwein, who lives at New Athens.

When the ambulance arrived, both men were dead. In their car, the officers found a shotgun. Sauerwein said he understood the two were enroute to Weiss' clubhouse and planned an early morning duck hunt in the vicinity of New Athens.

Martin Heinemann, 79, Dies At St. Louis; Rites Here Thursday

Jan. 27
Martin Heinemann, 79, retired carpenter of 6443 Marquette avenue, St. Louis, a brother of Mrs. Mary Sattig, 111 South First street, died in that city yesterday of a lingering illness.

Heinemann's father was the late Henry A. Heinemann, for many years a news dealer at 11 South First street. His mother was the former Elizabeth Friederich and he was born in this city, December 17, 1866. His wife, the former Tillie Bilzing, preceded him in death in 1925.

Besides his sister, residing here he leaves one son, Oscar, St. Louis. Also preceding him in death were a daughter in infancy; a brother, Henry, and two sisters, Mrs. Louisa Fink and Miss Catherine Heinemann.

Heinemann had followed his trade as carpenter for 47 years.

The body will be brought to Belleville and may be viewed at the Gundlach and Company funeral home after 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The funeral will be from there at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery.

1900 July 31
**Mrs. Hentze, 90,
Dies at Her Home
on N. Illinois**

Mrs. Elizabeth Hentze, nonagenarian native of St. Clair County, died of infirmities of age in her home, 416a North Illinois Street, at 9 o'clock this



ELIZABETH HENTZE

morning. She had been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. Hentze was born in Turkey Hill, southeast of Belleville, on December 5, 1854, and was a daughter of the late John and Albertina Kiefer. Her husband, Fred Hentze, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. May Peters, 725 West Lincoln Street and Mrs. Ida Weinel, 416a North Illinois Street; three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Pfannebecker and Mrs. Ida Carney, both of St. Louis, and Mrs. May Brickey of Edgement Station; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Two sons and two brothers preceded her in death.

Complete funeral arrangements may be found in the obituary column on Page 13.

Mrs. Edward Herman Dies This Morning After Brief Illness

+ Tues. Nov. 26

Mrs. Minnie V. Herman, 47, wife of Edward J. Herman, local iron molder of 403 Gilbert street, Swansea, died at 7:20 this morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital after a serious illness of five days.

She was born in Belleville August 21, 1899, a daughter of Philip and Amelia Kluge Freudenberg, her father surviving her and residing at 127 North Forty-third street. She also leaves her step-mother, Mrs. Nettie Freudenberg.

She was married to Edward J. Herman here May 16, 1923. They have no children. Her husband survives her as do two of her brothers, William Freudenberg, 403 Gilbert street, and Philip Freudenberg, Kewanee, Ill.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The funeral will be at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon from the funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

JOSEPH HILL, 75, HOTEL OPERATOR, DIES SUDDENLY

Stricken Shortly After Re-
tiring Following Visit
By Friend.

Joseph Hill, 75, who for thirty-six years operated the Western Hotel, lately known as the Hill Hotel, 330 West Main street, died suddenly and unexpectedly at 8:50 last night in his room in the hotel supposedly from a heart attack.



He was stricken shortly after retiring at 8 o'clock, his usual hour for retiring, and since he had not been ill or under medical care a coroner's inquiry will be held.

Police Officers William H. Kline No. 2 and Frank Host, who investigated the death, reported Hill was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the Gaedner ambulance.

The officers learned that Henry Vogel, a friend, of 327½ West Lincoln street, had visited Hill before he retired and that he left him in good spirits.

Hill's body was found in his room after a woman in the hotel called police, stating she heard unusual sounds emanating from his room, as if he were gasping for breath.

Native of Belleville
He was born in Belleville October 22, 1870, a son of the late Robert and Jane Hill, who were both natives of England, and was married to Emma Truett who preceded him in death November 10, 1929. He was also preceded in death by his two sons, Robert and Charles; three sisters and a brother.

His survivors are the two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Edna Hill, Forty-second street and North Belt highway, and Mrs. Lorraine Hill, 903 Sycamore street; also a sister, Mrs.

Sarah Fredericks, 903 Sycamore street; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Before taking over the Western Hotel the deceased operated a tavern at the corner of Douglas and Leblanc streets. His father, Robert Hill, formerly operated a tavern at the same place, 903 Sycamore street, and managed the baseball park opposite the tavern, then known as Hill's Park.

Former Baseball Player

The deceased was also a baseball player of note in the early days of league baseball. Sports records show that he played with the Union Blues in 1883 and 1886; Pinetops, 1888 to 1892; St. Louis Browns, 1891; and later with the Clark Juniors.

In an interview some years ago he related that he attended some of the early World Series games between Charlie Comiskey's Browns and the Chicago White Stockings in St. Louis and he remembered paying the minimum sum of 25 cents for his seat in the bleachers.

Hill was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The body was taken to the Pats Gaedner funeral home and may be viewed there after 6 o'clock this evening. The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. H. J. Koehler officiating.

C. A. Hofmeister, Veteran of First World War, Dies

Charles A. Hofmeister, 51-year-old veteran of World War I, died at 5:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Mr. Hofmeister, who resided at 404 Sycamore Street, had been in failing health for some time.

He was born in Belleville on June 27, 1894, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hofmeister, nee Barbara Wintrich, also natives of Belleville. He never married.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Irma Tippin, 509 North High Street, a niece and a nephew. A brother, August Hofmeister, died in 1934.

He was a member of the George E. Hilgard Post 58, American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 13.

Arthur Honer, 56, Meat Cutter, Dies Of Long Illness

+ 9 Mon. Nov. 25

Arthur Honer, 56, former meat cutter and last employed at the John Schaefer grocery, died at 7:15 last night in his home, 103 Delaware avenue, after an illness of five years.

He was born in Belleville, Dec. 9, 1889, and was married to Elizabeth Hacker in St. Louis, Aug. 3, 1910. His wife survives him with one son, Wilbert, Bloomington, Ind.

He also leaves one brother, George, 3317 Roland avenue, and five sisters. Miss Anna Honer, Alton; Mrs. Emma Harris, Bechtold addition; Mrs. Mamie Miller, South High street; Mrs. Ella McKierney, Belleville, and Mrs. Lulu Morgan, St. Louis; also one grandson, James Honer.

He was a member of meat cutters' union, local 62.

The body may be viewed at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home after 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The funeral will be at 10:30 Friday morning from the funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Kochler officiating.

Mrs. Herman Huhn, 69, Dies In Swansea Home; Funeral Here Friday

Died Tues. 11 5 46

Mrs. Sadie J. Huhn, 69, wife of Herman Huhn, a blacksmith employed at the Little Oak mine, died in her home, 1702 Helen street, Swansea, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an extended illness.

Mrs. Huhn was born in East St. Louis, October 6, 1876, was a daughter of the late George and Amelia VaLotte Miller and was twice married. Her father was born in Indiana, her mother in Center-ville.

Her first husband was Bertrand Watson and 44 years ago she was married to Herman Huhn in St. Louis. He survives her with one son, Loyal Watson, St. Louis.

She also leaves two brothers and two sisters, George Miller, North Illinois street, Swansea, and Ed Miller, St. Louis; Mrs. Cozy Gerson, St. Louis, and Mrs. Mabel Barnhardt, Chicago.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where it may be viewed after 6 o'clock this evening. The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. Robert Herman officiating.

Humphries Infant Dies In Hospital

6/22 Julia
Eugene Frederick Humphries, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Humphries, Freeburg, born in the maternity department of St. Elizabeth's hospital last Friday, died in the hospital at 11 o'clock last night.

The infant's mother is the former Laura Hindrichs, a native of Waterloo, the father was born in Freeburg. Besides the parents there survive the infant two brothers, Rodney and Ronald, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hindrichs, 219 North First street.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home and will be taken to the home of the grandparents, 219 North First street at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening. The funeral will be from there at 9 o'clock Friday morning to Elmwood cemetery, Freeburg, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

LOCAL MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN COLLAPSES, DIES

Coroner's Autopsy Finds Mrs. Elmer Isselhardt Ate Poisoned Wheat.

Mrs. Anna Louise Isselhardt, 34, wife of Elmer Isselhardt, 1012 South Charles street, was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Elizabeth's hospital shortly after 8:30 last night after collapsing at the foot of a stairway in her home.

Police Officers William H. Klotz No. 1 and Frank Bott, who investigated the death, were told by Warrant Officer Willard Guerin, 1010 South Charles street, next door, that Mrs. Isselhardt's husband was asleep when he heard her slump at the foot of the stairway.

Guerin said he aroused Isselhardt and then called for an ambulance. The army officer told police that Mrs. Isselhardt told him, "I'm dying," and asked him to bring her three children, two girls and a boy, to her.

When Mrs. Isselhardt arrived at the hospital in the Gaerdner ambulance physicians pronounced her dead. The police officers reported they found three cups and a glass on a kitchen table. One of the cups apparently had contained coffee, another what appeared to have been chocolate milk, and the other containers were empty. A package containing poisoned wheat was found in a cabinet in the kitchen.

Dr. C. C. Kane, coroner, conducted a post mortem examination of the body today after which he reported to Chief of Police Eugene LePere that a cup of poisoned wheat was found in the stomach.

Native of Belleville
Mrs. Isselhardt was born in Belleville, April 18, 1913, a daughter of John and Celestine Lehr Meehling, her father preceding her in death, her mother surviving her. She was married to Elmer M. J. Isselhardt in St. Louis, June

MOTHER OF 3 DIES; POISON IN STOMACH

Con found from Fargo Ore.

hardt's husband, Elmer J. Isselhardt, 42, a molder, who was asleep, and then summoned the police and the Pete Gaerdner ambulance.

Isselhardt told the News-Tribune that he went to his bedroom about 6 p. m. for a nap. He said the youngest of their three children, Carol Jean, went with him but left the room while he was asleep. The three children were downstairs when Mrs. Isselhardt collapsed. No notes were found.

Mrs. Isselhardt was born in Belleville April 18, 1913, and was a daughter of John and Celestine Meehling, nee Lehr. Her father, a native of Belleville, preceded her in death. Her mother, a native of Fayetteville, resides at 1031 South Charles Street. She married Mr. Isselhardt in St. Louis June 21, 1941.

Besides her husband and her mother, she leaves three children: Leroy Ernest and Leona May, four-year-old twins, and Carol Jean, 2; a brother, Xavier Meehling, at home; and a sister, Miss Margie Jean Meehling of Chicago.

Funeral arrangements are being handled in the obituary column on page 2.

21, 1941. Her father was born in Belleville, her mother in Fayetteville.

Besides her husband and mother she leaves three children, Leroy Ernst, Leona May and Carol Jean; also a brother, Xavier Meehling, 1031 South Charles street, and a sister, Miss Margie Jane Meehling, Chicago.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7:30 this evening.

A coroner's inquest is pending.

Miss Ellen James Dies at Hospital After Long Illness

Shur. June 6
Miss Ellen James, 82-year-old life-long resident of Belleville, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 8:10 o'clock this morning following a lingering illness. A resident of 1301 Freeburg Avenue, she had been a patient in the hospital since last May 17.

Miss James was born here December 5, 1863, and was a daughter of the late Joseph R., and Constance James, both natives of England. She never married.

The only survivors are a number of nieces and nephews. Two brothers, William and Henry James, preceded her in death.

Funeral arrangements may be found listed in the obituary column on Page 15.

Dies Aged 65



Charles W. Johnson, retired co-owner of the old Belleville Feed Mill, who died yesterday at the age of 65 years.

C. W. JOHNSON DIES; RETIRED FEED MILL MAN

Charles W. Johnson, 65, retired co-owner of the old Belleville Feed Company, 210 East Washington Street, died suddenly from a heart attack at his home, 17 South Missouri Avenue, at 2:45 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Johnson had been in failing health for nine years, necessitating his retirement from business in 1937. His condition was not considered serious and Saturday night he, his wife and two nieces, the Misses Bernice and Edna Mueller, who make their home with Johnson, played cards.

Thirty-five years ago, Mr. Johnson and the late Robert Hagg purchased the feed company. They operated it for 26 years and then sold the business. It is now operated under the name of the Fairbairn Hybrid Corn Company.

Patrol Civil War Veteran.

The deceased was born in Belleville June 20, 1881, and was a son of the late Andrew and Sophie Johnson, nee Kierkusa. His mother was a native of Belleville. His father, a Civil War veteran and the founder of Johnson Rendering Works, was born in Sweden. Charles Johnson married the former Nellie Connors in Belleville April 5, 1908.

Besides his widow, he leaves five sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Ella Yackel, 613 Forest Avenue, Mrs. Jacob Schneeburger, 331 Portland Avenue, Mrs. Lillie Bauer, 715 Caroline Street, Edward "Pat" Johnson, 722 Caroline Street, Clarence "Mike" Johnson, 719 Ann Street, Mrs. Clara Koch, 315 East Main Street, and Miss Pearl Johnson, 715 Caroline Street. Edward and Clarence Johnson now operate the rendering business and Miss Pearl is a teacher at the Township High School.

Past K. T. Commander

He also is survived by four nieces and three nephews: the Misses Bernice and Edna Mueller, Mrs. Lowell C. Allen, 824 Forest Avenue, Mrs. Ross Anderson of near Duluth, Minn., James Yackel, 613a Forest Avenue, Raymond Yackel of Florida and Charles W. Nunley of St. Louis.

Mr. Johnson was high in the affairs of the Masonic Lodge. He was a past commander of Tancred Commandery No. 50, Knights Templar, a member of St. Clair Lodge No. 24, A. F. and A. M., and Ainal Shrine in East St. Louis.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the family.

Irvin H. Keck, 52, With Union Electric Firm 35 Years, Dies

Irvin H. Keck, 52, residing a half mile southwest of Belleville on Millstadt road, who for 35 years was employed in the office of the Union Electric Company, East St. Louis, died at his home at 8:15 last night of a lingering illness.

At the age of 17, when he quit the public schools, Keck entered the accounting department of the East St. Louis and Suburban Railroad Company, a subsidiary of the Union Electric Company, and remained with the latter company in the accounting department until he became ill last September. He was

IRVIN H. KECK, WAR VET, DIES

March 22
Irvin H. Keck, 52-year-old veteran employe of the Union Electric Company of Illinois, died in his home on the Millstadt Road, one mile southwest of Belleville, at 8:15 o'clock last night following a prolonged illness. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Keck had been employed at the utility's East St. Louis plant for the last 35 years.

He was born in Belleville March 10, 1894, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Keck, nee Margaret Vogt, both natives of Stoekey Township. His father preceded him in death but his mother resides at 505 North Fourth Street.

Surviving besides his mother are his wife, the former Ida Bell, whom he married in Belleville March 24, 1920; a sister, Clara, wife of Arthur Kriegshauser, 505 North Fourth Street, and a brother, Edward Keck, 218 South 35th Street.

He was a member of St. Clair Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Tattered Commandery, Knights Templar. During the last war he served as a sergeant, first class, in the headquarters detachment, 159th Depot Brigade, of the Quartermaster Corps.

The obituary column on Page 11 contains the complete funeral arrangements. *O. J. Schindler*

under treatment in the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., for two months and was bedfast since his return last November.

Keck was a veteran of World War I, having entered service Feb. 26, 1918, and was a first sergeant in the quartermaster corps of the 159th Depot Brigade, stationed at Camp Grant until his discharge Dec. 18, 1918.

He was born in Belleville, March 10, 1894, a son of John and Margaret Vogt Keck, his father preceding him in death, his mother surviving him and residing at 505 North Fourth street. Both of his parents were born in Stoekey township. He was married to Ida Bell in Belleville, March 4, 1920.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves one sister Clara, wife of Arthur Kriegshauser, 505 North Fourth street, and one brother Edward Keck, 218 North Thirty-eighth street.

He was a member of St. Clair Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and Tattered Commandery, Knights Templar, *+ St. Paul Church*

The funeral has been set for 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler, officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

Peter Kessler, 81, Dies; Final Rites Tuesday Morning

+ Sat. June 1
Peter Kessler, 81, a mine blacksmith for many years, died at 2:15 a. m., today at his home 1703 East D street, after an illness of four months.

He was born in Stookey township Nov. 5, 1864, a son of John and Eva (Reuthermann) Kessler, both of whom were born in Germany. He married Katherine Kerchner here June, 1910. She died July 8, 1943.

He is survived by two daughters and a son, Miss Olivia, Arthur and Miss Dolores, all at home.

He is also survived by four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Mary Hahn, Milstadt; Mrs. Catherine Denzler, 108 West Washington street; Mrs. Philip Puderer, 207 East D street; Leo Kessler, East St. Louis; Mrs. Philip Herr, St. Louis, and John Kessler, Augusta, Kan.

He was a member of the United Spanish War Veterans, who will hold their ritual at the grave.

The body is at the Gundlach and company funeral home where friends may call after two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at the Gundlach chapel at ten o'clock Tuesday morning with Rev. B. J. Kochler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church, officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Lillie Kirsch, Foundry Man's Wife, Dies At Age 55 Years

(Picture on Page 3)

Mrs. Lillie Kirsch, 55, wife of Louis Kirsch, stove salesman for the Eagle Foundry Company, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Missouri Baptist hospital, St. Louis, after an illness of three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirsch formerly lived here at 10 North Thirty-eighth street and three years ago transferred their residence to St. Louis where they lived at 4025 Lafayette avenue. Before moving to St. Louis, Mrs. Kirsch was active in Masonic circles here and was a member of the local chapters of the Eastern Star and White Shrine.

She was born in St. Louis, May 15, 1891, a daughter of the late Oscar and Emma Struebzig Hartleb, and was married to Louis Kirsch in Jefferson City, Mo., November 29, 1916. Her mother died here on June 24 of this year.

Surviving her besides her husband are one daughter, Lucille, wife of Virgil Laux, St. Louis; one brother, Albert Hartleb, 29 North Ninth street; and four sisters, Mrs. Eleanor Roesch, 703 East D street; Clara, wife of Harry Hueting, 624 North Church street; Mrs. Margaret Ward, 320 East B street, and Florence, wife of Julius Kraft, 37 North Douglas avenue.

She also leaves one grandchild.

The body was taken from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to the Beiderwieden funeral home, 3620 Chippewa street, St. Louis, this afternoon, and will be returned to the Gundlach parlors again at noon tomorrow.

At funeral services to be held here at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon the ritual of the Eastern Star and White Shrine will be carried out. Rev. Robert Herman, assistant pastor of St. Paul's church, will officiate and burial will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

Mrs. Fred Kissel Dies In Hospital At Age 72 Years

+ Fri. Mar. 28
Mrs. Louise Kissel, 72, wife of Fred W. Kissel, 1918 North Church street, died at 2:25 yesterday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's hospital, where she had been under medical care since March 3.

Mrs. Kissel was a daughter of the late Jacob Geminn, Sr., and Catherine Haas Geminn, and was born here Dec. 22, 1873. Both of her parents were born in Germany. She was married to her surviving husband, Fred W. Kissel, in St. Louis in 1898.

Besides the husband she leaves one son, Fred P. Kissel, 16 Carson drive, former clerk of county court now with the St. Louis area rent control office; and one grandson, Wayne A. Kissel, 100 North Eleventh street, radioman in the U. S. Navy, stationed on Guam.

She also leaves four brothers and two sisters, Jacob Geminn, 606 Bristow street, member of the Renner-Geminn undertaking firm

John, 129 South Virginia avenue; Thomas, 1824 Garden street, Swansea; Philip, 1321 North Church street; Elizabeth, wife of Ed Green, 1216 North Church street; and Catherine, wife of John Sensel, Ashley. Two sisters, Ella and Mrs. William Habelrath, and a brother, William, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Kissel was a member of the Women's Guild, Circle A, of St. Paul's church.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. B. J. Koehler, will be held in the Renner-Geminn funeral home at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon with burial in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

The pallbearers will be Ralph Geminn, Arthur Kirsch, Harold Meyer, Walter Malzahn, William Wade, and William Oesterle.

**Fred W. Klein, 78,
Dies This Morning
Of Long Illness**

Fred W. Klein, 78, of 615 Fulton street, died at 10 o'clock this morning in his home of a lingering illness.

He was born in Ridge Prairie Aug. 29, 1868, a son of the late Anton and Wilhelmina Kraug Klein, and was married to Emily Harszy in Belleville March 12, 1902. His father was a native of Germany, his mother of Illinois.

Besides his wife he leaves one son, Edwin Klein, 617 Fulton street, and two grandchildren, Rosemary Klein and Edwin Klein Jr.; also two sisters, Mrs. Anna Aitken and Mrs. Lottie Brunk, both residing in East St. Louis.

Two brothers, August and Henry, and two sisters, Mrs. Caroline Werkmeister and Mrs. Mayme Weigand, preceded him in death.

He was a member of St. Paul's church, where funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, where friends may call after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon until 11 o'clock Thursday morning, at which hour it will be removed to the church. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

'FRITZ' KUNI, 66, LONG SICK, DIES; FUNERAL SUNDAY

Son Of Leading Restaurant
Operator Was Widely
Known Pianist.

+ Wed. May 29

Frederick E. "Fritz" Kuni, 66, a former widely known skilled pianist of this city, the past six years an office employe of the Star-Peacless Brewery Company, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday night in his home, 1403 Lebanon avenue, after a prolonged illness.

For thirty years the deceased was the credit manager of the Kleselhorst Piano Company, St. Louis, but during all those years maintained his residence in Belleville.

He was born in Belleville, February 9, 1880, and was the son of the late Fritz and Dora Hoffman Kuni, his father having been one of the city's leading restaurant operators and also many years a member of the city council.

Surviving him are his wife, the former Ella Daubach, and two sons, Lester E., Kankakee, Ill., and Arthur W., Ladue, Mo. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Albert T. Sprich, Carlyle road, and Mrs. G. Heimberger, St. Louis; two step-sisters, Miss Clara Thiele, retired school teacher, residing at St. Paul's Home for the Aged, and Mrs. Lula Mayr, 805 East McKinley street; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Misses Pauline and Mathilda Kuni.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Renner-Geminn funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. W. Langenstein Of Freeburg Dies Of Heart Attack Aged 64

+ Tues. Apr. 16.

Mrs. Julia Ann Langenstein, 64, wife of William Langenstein, Freeburg, died at 6:30 last night in her home, following a brief illness of a heart affliction.

Mrs. Langenstein was born in Belleville March 3, 1882, and was a daughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth Green Rehg. She was married to William Langenstein in Belleville October 18, 1900.

Besides her husband she leaves one son, William, Jr., Freeburg, and three daughters, Mrs. Leona Fischer, Collinsville, and Mrs. Cora Mae Paule and Miss LeVerne Langenstein, both of 741 East Adams street. One of her children died in infancy.

She also leaves six grandchildren and brothers and sisters, Mrs. Ida Mason, Mount Vernon; Mrs. Cora Zink, Freeburg; Elmer Rehg, St. Louis; William, 414 Union avenue, and Charles, 1400 Scheel street.

She was a member of Freeburg Camp, Royal Neighbors.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, where friends may call after 8 o'clock this evening, and from where the funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

Henry Lehr, Foundry Worker, Dies At Age 51; Rites On Friday

+ Wed. Apr. 3

Henry Lehr, 51, of 608 Abend street, employed as a laborer in the Supreme foundry, died after an extended illness at 6:50 this morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital, where he was under medical care since February 16.

He was born in Belleville, March 20, 1895, a son of Henry and Elizabeth Miller Lehr, both of whom were born in Germany and are deceased. He was married to Blanche Jacobs in Nashville, Ill., May 12, 1918.

His wife survives him with one son, Edward, 23 South Twelfth street; a brother, Fred, 608 Abend street; and two sisters, Anna, wife of Adam Wegner, 107a West Main street, and Mrs. Gretchen Scher, Zionsville, Ind. A brother and a sister preceded him in death.

He was a member of Eagles and of local 182, Iron Molders' Union.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock evening.

Wife of Henry Leidenheimer Dies Tuesday

Mrs. Lydia Leidenheimer, 59, wife of Henry P. Leidenheimer of 509 North First Street died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital Tuesday night at 11:30 o'clock after an extended illness. The deceased had been seriously ill for the past year.

Mrs. Leidenheimer was born in Scott County, Mo., February 26, 1887, a daughter of the late Fred and Catherine Kaase, nee Raben. She married Mr. Leidenheimer June 25, 1904 at Columbia, Ill.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons and a daughter. They are: Harold of 505 North First Street, Neva, wife of Arthur Pointon of 517 North Illinois Street and James at home.

Two brothers and three sisters also survive, viz.: Mrs. Anna Schneider, Mrs. Elizabeth Oakley and Mrs. Catherine Brindley all of St. Louis, and Herman and William Kaase, both of East St. Louis. One sister preceded her in death.

Mrs. Leidenheimer was a member of the Women of the Moose.

Funeral arrangements will be found in the obituary column on page 13.

John Lill, 70, Dies This Morning Of A Heart Affliction

+ Mon. Oct. 7

John Lill, 70, former Belleville coal miner, who six months ago left his home, 721 South First street, to live with his nephew, Leroy Midgley, near Lebanon, died suddenly at 6:30 this morning at the Midgley home, his death presumably resulting from a heart affliction, with which he had been ailing.

The deceased was born in Belleville July 23, 1876, a son of the late Jacob and Louise Hildebrand Lill, both of whom were natives of Germany. His wife, the former Emily Weingardt, to whom he was married in St. Louis March 4, 1905, preceded him in death May 21, 1934.

Surviving him are a sister, Mrs. George Glakemeyer, 105 South Third street, and one brother, Edmund Lill, 224 Abend street.

He was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge and of the Coal Miners Union.

The funeral will be at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening.

Harry Lonsdale Fatally Injured

Feb. 25, 1946
Ex-Paratrooper Loses Life When
Car Crashes Through Guard Rail

Harry Lonsdale, 34-year-old returned veteran and mine worker of 811 Lebanon Avenue, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 4 o'clock this morning, less than eight hours after the automobile in which he was riding crashed through

a guard rail and overturned on the Collinsville Road, three miles north of Belleville. He suffered a fractured neck and a skull injury.

The driver of the automobile, William K. Goalby, Jr., 27, of 510 Wabash Avenue, suffered cuts and bruises about the head, legs and body, and is a patient in the hospital.

Goalby told reporters he was driving toward Collins-



HARRY LONSDALE

ville at 10:30 o'clock last night when another car, travelling in the opposite direction, came on his side of the pavement. Goalby said all he remembered is that he attempted to "get out of the way." State Highway Police said the vehicle crashed through the guardrail on the right side of the pavement, overturned two or three times and plunged into a ditch.

Lonsdale's death was the fifth traffic fatality of the year in St. Clair County compared with 13 at this time a year ago.

Members of the Lonsdale family today were attempting to notify his wife of the accident. The wife, the former Betty Matfert of Paddington, London, England, was expected to arrive in the United States some time next month. Lonsdale's mother, Mrs. Bertha Lonsdale, nee Koshler, a native of New Athens, told reporters that her son had married the English girl last August 15. The British girl had registered for transportation to the United States and was accepting shipping orders at any moment. Mrs. Lonsdale said she didn't know how to get in touch with the girl inasmuch as she may be on a liner enroute to the U. S. at the present time.

"If she hasn't already sailed, I hope the girl doesn't come at this time," the victim's mother said. "It would be a terrible thing for that poor girl to come to this country as a total stranger and then find that her husband had been killed."

Harry was discharged from the Army last November 25, after almost four years service, 27 months of which were spent in the European Theater, where, as a paratrooper, he participated in numerous combat engagements including the landing operations in Normandy on D-Day, June 7, 1944. He suffered minor injuries while in action in December, 1944, and after a short period of hospitalization was able to return to his unit. Since his discharge he had been employed as a Upde-man at the United Electric Coal Company Mine near Piasburg.

Surviving besides his mother and wife are a brother, Harold Lonsdale, of 811 Lebanon Avenue and a sister, Hortense, wife of Erwin Schuster, 16th Street and the South Bell Line.

Lonsdale was born in Belleville April 20, 1911. His father, Richard Lonsdale, died 21 years ago.

Funeral arrangements are pending information received as to the whereabouts of the widow. Likewise pending is an inquest to be conducted by Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane at the Pete Gaspiller Funeral Home. *Journal*

Eugene P. Louis, 53 In Veterans Hospital Four Years, Expires

4 Fri. July 19
Eugene P. Louis, 53, of 112 South Illinois street, veteran of World War I, and last employed as a salesman for the Honer Monument Company, died at 7:30 last night in Veterans Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, where he had been a medical patient for four years.

Louis, who was formerly employed as a stonecutter for the Honer firm and in later years as a salesman, was born in Belleville, July 2, 1893, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leon Louis, and married Geneva Kettler here August 11, 1920.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Margareth, wife of Lieut. Bernard Carder, Denver, Colo.; Delores, wife of Harvey Buechler, 206 South Pennsylvania avenue; two brothers, Cornelius, 116 West A street, and Walter, Woodland court; also two grandchildren, Thomas L. and Howard E. Carder.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of the Last Man's Club. During World War I he served as a sergeant in the infantry.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home from where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Full military graveside services will be carried out by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

Miss Ruth Martin, Beauty Parlor Operator, Dies

Miss Ruth Julia Martin, 41-year-old beauty parlor operator of 2924 Vernier Avenue, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 6:45 o'clock last night following three months' illness. She had been a patient in the hospital since September.

Miss Martin was born in Lenzburg July 20, 1905, and was a daughter of the late Ambrose and Ann Martin, nee Sebastian. Her mother was born in Lenzburg; her father in Freeburg.

Surviving are two brothers, Eugene Martin, Hammond, Ind., and Lorraine Martin, Lenzburg and two sisters, Ruby, a twin sister, and wife of Harold Smith, 1323 West Main Street, and Mrs. Martha Borger of Freeburg.

Operator of a beauty parlor on West Main Street for many years, Miss Martin was a member of the Alpha Chapter, Cosmeticians of Missouri. She also was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 15.

Mrs. Bertha C. May, Cafeteria Employee, Dies At Age Of 66

St. Louis, Nov. 28
Mrs. Bertha C. May, 66, widow of the late Amandus May, who for many years was employed as a cook in the kitchen of the Belleville Township High School cafeteria, died in Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of five months.

Mrs. May last resided with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Frees, rural route 1, Red Bud. She was born in Belleville, October 26, 1880, of German-born parents, August and Philippina Henas Krause, both deceased.

Surviving her are a daughter, Hilda, wife of Elmer Frees, rural

route 1, Red Bud; two brothers, George Krause, 20 North Eleventh street; Charles Krause, 203 East E street; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Krause was a member of the Daughters of Naomi, the Eastern Star, White Shrine, Pythian Sisters, and the Ladies Aid society of St. Paul's church.

Mrs. May was also a member of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union.

The body is at the Banner-Gemius funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock this evening, and where funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. R. J. Koehler officiating. White Shrine services will be held in the funeral home and the Eastern Star service at the cemetery, while the Pythian Sisters will carry out their ritual in the funeral home at 8 o'clock to-

morrow evening.

Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

MRS. MAY DIES; SCHOOL COOK

Mrs. Bertha C. May, 86-year-old cook at the Township High School cafeteria for nearly 30 years, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning in Missouri Bap-



MRS. BERTHA MAY

list Hospital, St. Louis, where she had been a patient for two days. Mrs. May, who resided with a son-in-law and daughter, Elmer and Hilda Frees, R. R. 1, Red Bud, had been in poor health for two months.

A widow for many years, Mrs. May had been employed at the local school since the cafeteria was established. She was born in Belleville, October 26, 1880, and was a daughter of the late August and Philippina Krause, nee Henas, both natives of Germany. Her husband was Amandus May.

Surviving besides her daughter are two brothers, George Krause, 20 North 11th street, and Charles Krause, 203 East E street; three grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Daughters of Naomi, Order of Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and Pythian Sisters.

Jacob Mayer Dies Aged 65; Rites Monday

Jacob Mayer, 65, of 130 South Seventeenth street, an employe of the Midwest Coal Company, a strip-mining firm at Millstadt, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at 7:40 this morning.

Born in Austria, Aug. 16, 1880, Mayer was a member of local No. 167, Progressive Mine Workers of America, and the Eagles lodge. He was married in St. Louis Nov. 29, 1905, to Emma Meyer, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Edwin Mayer, at home, and Elmer Mayer, 313 South Ninth street. A son, Clarence, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home, with burial in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. Robert Herman, assistant pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church, will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral parlors after 6:30 this evening.

Jacob Mayer Rites Held Here Today

The funeral of Jacob Mayer, 130 South Seventeenth street, who died Saturday morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital, was held this afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. Robert Herman, assistant pastor of St. Paul's church, officiated and the pallbearers were Henry Loeffler, Lemont Duncan, Albert Beutler, John Graham, I. V. Curtis and Arthur Bushman.

'MACK' McCORMICK, LOCAL BUSINESS, SPORTSMAN, DIES

In Hospital Since Last Fri-
day After Several Par-
alytic Strokes

See Mar. 31
Charles "Mack" McCormick, 45, prominent Belleville business man and sportsman, owner and manager of the McCormick Distributing Company, 112 North Second street, died at 7 o'clock Sunday morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital. He entered the hospital last Friday after having suffered several paralytic strokes. *See + St. Clair*

McCormick, who lived at 314 Sherman street, widely known as a hunter and fisherman, interested in trap shooting and one of the leaders of the Pointer and Setter Club, active in all its field trials, also held membership in the Elks' Club, St. Clair Country Club, Optimist Club, Anglers' Club and the Beer Distributors' Association.

He was born in St. Louis, Feb. 4, 1901, a son of George W. and Rosa A. Maxwell McCormick, his father preceding him in death, his mother surviving him at 400 Union avenue. He was married to Mildred Mueller here February 1, 1930.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves three brothers: Lt. Com. Clyde McCormick with the U. S. Merchant Marine, Orville, 400 Union avenue, and Theodore, Overland, Mo. A sister preceded him in death.

The body may be viewed after 6 o'clock this evening at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home and the funeral will be held from there at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery.

Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

Dies At Age 45



Charles "Mack" McCormick, 45, well-known local business man and sportsman, who died yesterday at the age of 45 years.

DR. McKELVEY POLIO DEATH VICTIM AT 56

Class 3rd 7-46
Local Physician And
Surgeon Stricken
Aug. 20th.

Dr. S. W. McKelvey, 56, noted physician and surgeon who resided with his family at 2 Kircher place, passed away this morning at 10:45 in an iron lung in the isolation department of St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis, where he was under medical care since August 20.

He was stricken seriously ill that day, was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital and fell into a coma necessitating the administering of oxygen and during the night was removed to the isolation ward at St. Mary's Hospital. There diagnosis showed definitely that he had fallen ill to poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis).

Since a patient at the East St. Louis hospital he called from time to time although his condition was always considered grave by attending physicians. Since early this week his condition grew more critical daily and when death ensued there were present with him members of his family, his wife and three sons, all aches.

State-wide known
Dr. McKelvey was known the state over for his skill as surgeon, more so than for his medical practice, and his services along surgery lines were sought always in demand by physicians here and in other cities. It was upon his return from performing a surgical operation at Alton on August 16, 1946, by McKelvey complained of feeling ill and the next illness followed.

In 1919 Dr. McKelvey was appointed state institutional surgeon, a position he held until that office was abolished in 1923. Although a resident of Belleville then he was frequently called away to perform surgical operations at various state institutions.

Claimed By Polio



Dr. S. W. McKelvey, prominent local physician and surgeon, former president of the Belleville Township High School board of education and sports enthusiast, who died of polio today at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis.

Sports Enthusiast

An ardent sports enthusiast, especially in the years his three sons were students at Belleville township high school, he was leader in the movement for erection of the football stadium on the campus of the local high school. Several terms he was president of the board of education of Belleville Township high school.

The deceased was a native of Nashville, Ill. His father, the late H. T. McKelvey, was a prominent farmer and businessman of Nashville and served for many years as chairman of the Democratic central committee of Washington county. Dr. McKelvey for many years was active in St. Clair county and state Republican politics.

He attended the public schools and then the high school at Nashville and later was graduated from the College of Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis. After serving his internship he began the general practice of medicine, later specializing in surgery.

Besides his wife, the former Ann McCumisky, he is survived by three sons, Ralph, Robert and Richard, his aged mother, Mrs. Mary McKelvey, Nashville, and one sister, Miss Mary McKelvey; and four grandchildren. Another sister he had died ten years ago.

Dr. McKelvey was a member of the Masonic Order and Knights Templar, and of the St. Clair County Medical Society.

His body will be brought to the Gunkel and Company funeral home but funeral arrangements are incomplete.

DR. McKELVEY

The untimely death of Dr. S. W. McKelvey, the eminent local physician and surgeon, in the prime of his career at the early age of 56 years, is a tragedy that will long be felt not only in Belleville, but far beyond the confines of this community.

A noted surgeon, Dr. McKelvey's services often were sought by other physicians in distant parts of the state and elsewhere. As Illinois state institutional surgeon for 14 years he established a reputation that will be cited as a model example long after his passing away.

Dr. McKelvey was also vitally interested in the civic welfare of the community and a sports enthusiast. His administrative and executive ability as president of the Belleville Township High School board of education was a big factor in the development and expansion of the school, leading to the establishment of its Junior College. It was largely through his leadership that the creditable football stadium on the high school campus was erected.

Perhaps the best tribute that can be paid to Dr. McKelvey is that essentially he was a good doctor whose loss will most acutely be felt by his former patients. That he himself was stricken with dreaded polio at a time when his services were so sorely needed is one of the ironies of fate.

FUNERAL WILL BE TOMORROW

Masonic funeral services for Dr. Samuel Wheelers McKelvey, 56, Belleville surgeon who died Saturday morning from infantile paralysis, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from Gundlach and Company Funeral Home to Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, and Rev. E. Russell Lynn, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

The active pallbearers will be: Former County Judge W. R. Weber, Edward Kaufman, Stanley E. Sprague, A. A. Fischer, William Schmidt Jr., and former Mayor George A. Brechnitz.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Lester J. Grigsby Jr., Charles G. Kaufman, W. C. Reichert, Elmer Roberts, Ross C. Adams, Walter P. Tisch, Eugene Raetz, Dr. C. S. Wilson, F. O. Reh, Louis J. Menges, City Clerk Carl Siegel, former Mayor Roland W. Jung, State Sen. John T. Thomas, Frank Ward, Arthur W. Peth, Leslie Schrader, Dr. Bernard Strassmann, Dr. F. A. Renner, Dr. J. E. Wheeler, State's Attorney Louis P. Zerweck, Charles Webb, Adolph Strittmatter, Chief Deputy County Treasurer J. Paul Moeller, E. L. Ruhmann, Arthur Gundlach, Fred E. Merrill, L. D. McCord.

Arthur Nold, H. B. Tabor, Herman Aufdenspring, Fred H. Burman, Edward P. Petri, Dr. Charles H. Schumacher, George Smallwood, Joseph B. and Dan McGlynn, Dr. L. E. Tegtmeier, Dr. Joseph Needles, Dr. George Rosenthal, Arthur O. Spoenemann, A. V. Stuart, Dr. D. R.

Funeral For Dr. McKelvey Is Tomorrow

The funeral of Dr. Samuel W. McKelvey, Belleville physician and surgeon who died Saturday forenoon in the isolation ward of St. Mary's hospital, East St. Louis, after he was stricken by poliomyelitis, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery.

Before arrangements were made for a public funeral service Dr. Norman Rose, state or health supervisor was contacted. He granted permission to hold a public service since the death of a polio patient removes all danger of communicating the disease to others, he advised, however, that children remain away from the funeral home.

Masonic services will be carried out and two ministers will serve at the last rites, Rev. B. J. Koehler of St. Paul's Evangelical church, and Rev. E. Russell Lynn of the Presbyterian church.

The active pallbearers will be Judge Waldemar R. Weber, Edward Kaufman, Stanley E. Sprague, Adolph A. Fischer, William Schmidt, Jr., and former Mayor George A. Brechnitz.

The following have been named as honorary pallbearers. Lester J.

Grigsby, Jr., Charles G. Kaufman, W. C. Reichert, Elmer Roberts, Ross C. Adams, Walter P. Tisch, Eugene Raetz, Dr. C. S. Wilson, F. O. Reh, Louis J. Menges, City Clerk Carl Siegel, former Mayor Roland W. Jung, State Senator John T. Thomas, Arthur Nold, H. B. Tabor, Herman Aufdenspring, Fred H. Burman, Ed P. Petri, Dr. C. H. Schumacher, George Smallwood, Joseph G. McGlynn, Dan McGlynn, Dr. L. E. Tegtmeier, Dr. Joseph Needles, Dr. George Rosenthal, A. O. Spoenemann, Frank Ward, Arthur W. Peth, Leslie Schrader, Dr. Bernard Strassmann, Dr. F. A. Renner, Dr. J. E. Wheeler, State's Attorney Louis Zerweck, Charles Webb, Adolph Strittmatter, J. Paul Moeller, E. L. Ruhman, Arthur Gundlach, Fred E. Merrill, L. D. McCord, A. V. Stuart, Dr. D. R. Robertson, Dr. E. L. Rauth and Severin Gundlach.

Dr. McKelvey was a member of the American Medical Association, the Nu Sigma Nu Fraternity, St. Clair Lodge No. 24 A. F. & A. M., Belleville Chapter No. 106 R. A. M.; Knights Templar, Shriners, Elks, the Illinois Medical Association and the St. Clair County Medical Association.

A sister, Miss Mabel McKelvey, who died September 8, 1936, was a former teacher in the public schools here and made her home with the family of Dr. McKelvey while teaching here.

Henry Metzger, 80, Retired Miner, Of Swansea, Dies Today

7 min 9/20
Henry Metzger, 80, retired coal miner, of 1824 Garden street, Swansea, died at 8:10 this morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital after a serious illness of two weeks.

He was born in Millstadt April 30, 1866, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Metzger, both of whom were born in Germany. On October 28, 1897, he was married to Margaretha Gerhardt in Millstadt.

His wife survives him with two daughters, Lorraine, wife of John Pfeiffer, 1826 Garden street, and Tillie, wife of Charles Wagner, 16 North Twelfth street; also five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Two daughters and two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

He was a member of Progressive Mine Workers Union, local 7.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Valhalla Burial Park. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon tomorrow. The Metzger funeral home, Millstadt, will be in charge.

Theodore Metzler Dies At Age Of 88; Rites On Wednesday

+ Jan. Nov. 24

Theodore A. Metzler, 88, retired St. Clair township farmer, residing one-half mile west of the Stookey school, died unexpectedly at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, to which he was removed Saturday evening after he was stricken with a heart attack.

He was born in Millstadt township November 9, 1858, of German born parents, Louis and Margaret Rauch Metzler, and was married to Ada E. Snyder September 3, 1896. His wife died February 10, 1929.

Two brothers and three sisters survive him. John G. and the Misses Sophie L. and Mathilda M. Metzler, residing one mile south of Belleville on the Smithton road: Alfred O., Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Elmer Smith, residing east of Smithton.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, from where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to Green Mount cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

Mrs. Frieda Miles, 64, Dies Of 3-Day Illness, Funeral To Be Friday

† Tues. Feb. 19
Mrs. Frieda Miles, 64, widow of the late William O. Miles, 514 Centerville avenue, died at 6:30 last night in St. Elizabeth's hospital which she entered yesterday morning after being seriously ill only three days.

Mrs. Miles was born in Belleville, Jan. 1, 1882, a daughter of the late Christian and Agnes Gain Reck, and was married to William O. Miles in Sigourney, Iowa, Nov. 20, 1901. He preceded her in death here March 25, 1936.

Surviving the deceased are four sons, Claude O., Highland, Ill.; Harold, 17 North Thirty-first street; Austin, Kalamazoo, Mich., and Lt. William Stanley Miles, U.S.A., Miami, Fla. A son, Cornelius died Nov. 30, 1937.

She also leaves six grandchildren two great-grandchildren: a brother William Reck, here, and two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Voltmer, Livingston, N. J., and Mrs. Catherine Ettling, South Sixteenth street.

She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical church, Security Benefit Association, and Tecumseh Council, degree of Pocahontas.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in St. Paul's church conducted by Rev. B. J. Koehler, followed by burial in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening until noon Friday, at which hour the body will be taken to the church.

Malbern Miller, World War 1 Vet, Dies At Age Of 58

Malbern Philip Miller, 58, of 622 South High street, World War I veteran, employed as a warehouseman at the Bodega Wine and Liquor Company, died unexpectedly at 11:39 Saturday night in St. Elizabeth's hospital, two hours after he was stricken with a heart attack in his home.

He was in apparent good health when he was stricken although he had previously had similar attacks, and was preparing to go to work on a night shift when he was stricken.

The deceased for a time was employed as manager of the St. Clair Ice Company and previously had been similarly employed in Bement, Ill.

He was born in Prairie du Long township March 7, 1888, a son of the late Louis G. and Mary Skaer Miller, both natives of this county. He was married to Jeanette Schroer in St. Charles, Mo., October 15, 1937.

Besides his wife he leaves two brothers, Police Patrolman Percy J. Miller, and Walter Bement, Ill.; and one sister, Bertha, wife of August Semmelroth, 404 Wabash avenue.

Three sisters preceded him in death, Mrs. Clara Jaeckel, Mrs. Laura Stahlheber and Miss Emily Miller; also a brother at the age of six years.

He was a member of the Teamsters' Chauffeurs and Warehousemen's Union.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home from where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

Fred C. Moehrman, Masonic Temple's Custodian, 60, Dies

True June 18
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Fred C. Moehrman, 60, a former machinist and in later years custodian of the Masonic Temple, died in his home, 1014 East B street, at 8:15 last night following a heart attack he suffered on June 1, for which he was for a time under medical care in St. Elizabeth's hospital.

Moehrman had for many years been employed as a machinist for the former Modern Die and Plate Press Company and for the past nine years was custodian of the Masonic Temple.

He was born in Litchfield, Ill., June 22, 1885 and was married to Edna Hoffman in St. Louis June 26, 1914. His parents were the late Fred and Barbara Moehrman, his mother a native of France, his father born in Germany.

Besides his wife he leaves one daughter, Ruby, wife of Howard J. Kloess, 1436 Commercial street; two brothers Charles, St. Louis; Ernst, 109 South Virginia avenue; and three sisters, Mrs. A. J. Peplow, Pekin, Ill.; Mrs. Rose Mickey, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Sophie Mack, St. Louis. A sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

He was a member of St. Clair Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

His funeral will be at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. Robert Herman, assistant pastor of St. Paul church, officiating. Friends

CIGAR MAN'S WIDOW DIES

Thurs. Jan. 28
Mrs. Anna Katherine Mohr 88, of 230 South Pennsylvania Avenue, died at 8:55 o'clock last night in St. Elizabeth's Hospital following a ten-day illness. She was the widow of Peter Mohr, founder of the Peter Mohr Cigar Company.

Born on a farm in Turkey Hill March 23, 1857, she was a daughter of the late George and Marie Fritz, both natives of Germany. She married Mr. Mohr in Belleville September 5, 1876. He died February 18, 1919.

Rev. J. J. Schaefer, p.
Surviving are two sons, Edward J. Mohr, 805 Lebanon Avenue, who operates the business founded by his father, and Robert L. Mohr, 2119 West Main Street; three daughters, Mrs. Elsie Zerweck, 508 South Virginia Avenue, Mrs. Frieda Blum, 230 South Pennsylvania Avenue and Mrs. Irma Yung, 427 South 13th Street; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Five children, Henry P. Mohr, Mrs. Meta Uhl, Mrs. Anna Kloess, and Henrietta and Lisetta who died in infancy, two brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Women's Guild and Circle "A" of that church and the Daughters of Naomi.

Pallbearers at the funeral will be Irwin Mohr, Howard Kloess, Fred Blum, Gene Sauer, Harold and Robert Yung.

For complete funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 11.

Mrs. Eliz. Mueller Dies At Home Here At Age Of 88 Years

+ *Encl. Jan. 22*

Mrs. Elizabeth Mueller, 88, of 1016 Mascoutah avenue, passed away in her home at 5:30 yesterday evening after an illness of one year.

Mrs. Mueller, nee Isselhardt, a daughter of the late Joseph and Eva Isselhardt, was born in this city March 11, 1857. Both of her parents were natives of Germany. She was married to William Mueller in St. Paul's church, Nov. 2, 1882, and he preceded her in death January 6, 1888.

Of three children born to their union, a daughter, Mrs Minnie Taylor, preceded her mother in death, and she is survived by two sons, Ernest O. Mueller, 1016 Mascoutah avenue; and John W. Mueller, Freeburg. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Four brothers and three sisters died earlier.

The funeral has been set for 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Renner-Gemini-Bergman funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

FRED MUELLER, BREWER, DIES

Quits Feb 12
Fred Mueller, 79-year-old retired brewer, died in his home, 907 West Monroe Street, at 10:15 o'clock last night following sev-



FRED MUELLER

eral years' illness. A brewer at the Griesedieck - Western Brewery Company for 39 years, Mr. Mueller retired in 1941 because of failing health.

He was born in Coblenz, Germany, October 12, 1866, and was a son of the late William and Elizabeth Mueller, nee Newhouse, also natives of Germany. He first married Barbara Lippert on August 22, 1891. She died on August 12, 1925 and on December 22, 1928 he married Emma Dewald in Belleville.

Surviving besides his wife are three children, Oscar Mueller, St. Louis, Frieda, wife of Henry Nold, 516 North 16th Street and Ella, wife of Carl Dietz, Miami, Fla.; a brother, Henry Mueller, St. Louis and four grandchildren. A son, Otto, two sisters, and three brothers preceded him in death.

For funeral arrangements see obituary column on Page 11.

Geo. Neithardt Dies Of Infirmities, Aged 81, Funeral Friday

+ Tues. Apr. 2.

George Neithardt, 81, retired iron molder of 905 South Charles street, where he resided with his daughter, Mrs. Edward Vonderheid, died in his home at 4:15 yesterday afternoon after a serious illness of four weeks. He was formerly employed in the Baker-Nage foundry but retired ten years ago.

The deceased was born in Indiana, March 19, 1865, and on Sept. 18, 1891, in Evansville was married to Mary Hollander, who preceded him in death 16 years ago.

Surviving him are an only daughter, Mayme, wife of Edward Vonderheid, and one grandson. Besides his wife two brothers preceded him in death.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, where friends may call after 6 o'clock this evening and from where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

Grand daughter

Mrs. Nelson, 28, Former Resident, Dies in Texas

Full. Nov. 5
Mrs. Lucille Goff Nelson, 28-year-old native of Belleville, died in her home in Fort Worth, Tex., Tuesday following a heart attack. She had been under a physician's care for heart disease.

Mrs. Nelson was born January 3, 1918, and was a daughter of the late Albert and Lena Tetzlaff, nee Meyer. Surviving are her husband, Percy Nelson; two children, Jacqueline and Raymond Goff, both of 210 South Second Street; two brothers, Arthur Tetzlaff, 515 East B Street, and Pfc. Albert Tetzlaff in the Army in Maryland, and three sisters, Malinda, wife of Frank Steudkowski, 400 North 28th Street; Margaret, wife of Ward Daniels, 105 South Virginia Avenue, and Alleen, wife of Robert Tatman, also of Belleville.

For partial funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 12.

*Marr. Nov. 6, 1945
in Chicago, Tex.*

Mrs. Lucille Nelson Dies In Texas, Body To Arrive Here Tomorrow

Full. Nov. 5
Word has been received by local relatives of the death Tuesday in Fort Worth, Tex., of Mrs. Lucille Goff Nelson, 28, wife of Percy Nelson.

Mrs. Nelson was the former Lucille Tetzlaff, daughter of the late Albert and Lena Meyer Tetzlaff, and was born here January 3, 1918.

Besides her husband she leaves two children, Jaqueline and Raymond Goff; also two brothers and three sisters, Arthur Tetzlaff, East B street; Pfc. Albert Tetzlaff, stationed in Maryland; Malinda, wife of Frank Steudkowski, North Twenty-eighth street; Margaret, wife of Ward Daniels, 105 South Virginia avenue; and Alleen, wife of Robert Patman, also of Belleville.

The body is expected to arrive here at 8:30 tomorrow morning and may be viewed at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home after noon tomorrow. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Lester Neutzling Dies At Home Here At Age Of 40 Years

+ 9 m. Nov. 8
Lester A. Neutzling, 40, residing in Royal Heights and employed as head mechanic at the Brandt Distributing Company, St. Louis, died in his home at 2:15 yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness.

He was born in Belleville, March 3, 1906, a son of Tony and Elizabeth Neutzling, his father preceding him in death. His mother, the former Elizabeth Ritter of New Athens, is now Mrs. John Woodcock, 309 West Washington street. His father was born in Belleville.

On August 22, 1928, the deceased was married to Loren Bunn, in Nashville, Ill., and she survives him with two children, Pat and Lester, at home. Also surviving him is a sister, Mrs. Vera Touchette, East St. Louis.

The body may be viewed at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening. Funeral services will be held there at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

Mrs. Hy. Niebruegge, Dies At Age Of 55 Years; Rites Tuesday

Died Sat. Feb 9th

Mrs. Louisa Niebruegge, 55, wife of Henry F. Niebruegge, 610 South High street, automobile salesman, died at 6:45 this morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital following a paralytic stroke she suffered six weeks ago.

Mrs. Niebruegge was born in Belleville, Oct. 13, 1890, and was married to Henry F. Niebruegge in Springfield, Ill., June 15, 1911. Her parents were the late Henry and Emma Reisbich Rehmstahl, both of whom were also born here.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Mildred, wife of Edwin Gilbert, St. Louis; a brother Henry Rehmstahl, 610 South High street; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Berg-hahn, 225 South Charles street; Mrs. Adell Goslar, 203 South Jackson street, and Mrs. Rose Rettle, 107 North Thirty-sixth street. Three brothers preceded her in death.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home where friends may call after 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and from where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Nold's Rites Are Announced

+ Sat. June 8
Pallbearers were named today for the funeral of Mrs. Rose Nold, 74-year-old life-long resident of Belleville, who died Saturday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's Hospital where she had been a patient since last November. For complete funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 11.

Mrs. Nold, who had been in failing health for the last 2½ years, resided with her son-in-law and daughter, Harold and Irna Minor at 715 Park Avenue. She was born January 28, 1872, and was a daughter of the late Henry and Rosa Gerhardt, nee Knoth, both natives of Germany.

The pallbearers at the funeral will be City Clerk Carl Siegel, Roland Gerhardt, George Steuernagel, and her three sons, Henry, Walter and Arthur Nold.

Surviving Mrs. Nold are her husband, Henry Nold, a retired machinist, her daughter, three sons, a brother and three sisters.

Fred J. Obst, 75, Retired Mailman, Dies Here Today

+ Sat. May 18

Fred J. Obst, 75, a Belleville mail carrier for 30 years, residing at 418 Walnut street, died at 5:18 this morning after an illness of six months. For the past 20 years he lived in retirement.

He was born in Belleville, February 24, 1871, and was one of 13 children of the late Fred and Elizabeth Seibel Obst. His father was a former constable and also city marshal of Belleville.

After retiring from the mail service the deceased moved to Robinson, Ill., where he conducted a restaurant for seven years and again returned to Belleville.

Surviving him are a daughter, Miss Bernice Obst, Washington, D. C., four brothers and seven sisters, Henry, Irving and Alexander, Belleville; Arthur, Robinson, Ill.; Mrs. Lydia Stockdale and Mrs. Emma Dobschuetz, Pasadena, Cal.; Mrs. Clara Vogel and Mrs. Hulda Boeckstiegel, St. Louis; and Mrs. Mollie Obst, Mrs. Ida Engelage and Mrs. Edna Fischer, here. A sister, Tillie, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

Alton 12-23-46

John Parson, Former Miner, Dies In Alton At Age Of 80 Years

Alton Dec 23 1946

John Parson, 80, a former coal miner who lived alone here on Cathedral lane, died at 3:30 yesterday afternoon in Alton State hospital, where he had been a medical patient for three years.

He has no known relatives here but a number of grandchildren living in Glen Carbon.

The body was taken to the Pete Gaerdner funeral home.

The surviving grandchildren are Mrs. Margaret Burgdorf and James and John Cominski, all of Glen Carbon.

The funeral will be at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. Robert Harmon officiating. The body may be viewed at the funeral home after 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. John Penn Dies at Her Home Here Last Night

† Fri. July 12
Mrs. Caroline Penn, 79-year-old life-long resident of Belleville, died in her home, 303 North Jackson Street, at 8:45 o'clock last night. Death was due to infirmities of age and followed six months' illness.

Mrs. Penn was born here on May 6, 1867, a daughter of the late Conrad and Eliza Reinecke, nee Reeves. Her mother was a native of England; her father a native of Germany. She was graduated by the House of the Good Shepherd in St. Louis and married John Penn on November 9, 1887. Her husband died 30 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Florence, wife of Oscar Liese of 311 North Jackson Street; a half-brother, Harrison Reinecke; two grandchildren, Mrs. Anna Morris and William Penn, both of St. Louis, and a great-grandmother, Mary Lynn Morris. A son, Joseph C. Penn, a brother, Fred Reinecke, and a sister, Mrs. Clara Monk, preceded her in death.

Pallbearers at the funeral will be John Thomas, D. Wilhelm, Charles Stookey, Raymond Villmain, Eugene Saunders, and Harrison Reinecke.

Funeral arrangements may be found listed in the obituary column on page 9.

**Mrs. Caroline Penn
Of Pioneer Family
Here, Dies Aged 79**

+ Fri. July 12
Mrs. Caroline Penn, 79, widow of the late John Penn, died in her home, 303 North Jackson street, at 8:45 last night of infirmities of age and complications after an illness of six months.

Mrs. Penn was a daughter of the late Conrad and Eliza Reeves Reinecke, her father having been one of the earlier coal mine operators in this vicinity. Her father was a native of Germany, her mother of England.

She was born here May 6, 1867, and was married November 9, 1887, to John Penn, who preceded her in death 30 years ago. She was also preceded in death by a son Joseph C. Penn, a sister Mrs. Clara Monk, and a brother Fred Reinecke.

Surviving her are one daughter, Florence, wife of Oscar Lieso, 311 North Jackson street; a half-brother, Harrison Reinecke; two grandchildren, Mrs. Ann Morris and William Penn, St. Louis, and one great-grandchild Mary Lynn Morris.

The body is at the family residence, where friends may call after 6 o'clock this evening, and from where the funeral will be held at 10:30 Monday morning to Shiloh cemetery.

Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate and the following will serve as pallbearers: State Senator John T. Thomas, Charles Stookey, Ray Villemain, Eugene Sanders, D. Wilhelm and Harrison Reinecke. The Renner-Geminn funeral home is in charge.

A. F. Perschbacher Succumbs To Heart Stroke At Age Of 81

+ died Sept. 18

Picture on Page 3

Adolph F. Perschbacher, 81, retired Shiloh Valley farmer, died in his home, 1005 Bristow street, at 3:30 yesterday afternoon, his death resulting from a heart attack. He had on August 9 undergone an operation from which he had apparently fully recovered.

The deceased, who was born in Shiloh Valley June 7, 1865, retired from farm life in December, 1920, and has since made his home in the city. His parents were the late Philip and Margaretha Franke Perschbacher, who were both born in Germany. On Feb. 22, 1899, he was married to Emma Hohrein, who preceded him in death Jan. 11, 1926.

Two sons and one daughter survive him, Adolph J., 1005 Bristow street; Edwin A., Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Meta Luehder, 1005 Bristow street, the latter employed as a bookkeeper in the offices of Doctors Twitchell and Twitchell. He also leaves three grandchildren, Edwin J., Donald L. and Janice L. Perschbacher, all of Colorado Springs.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Laura, on April 19, 1930; a sister, Emily, and five brothers, Philip, George, William, Edward and Fred Perschbacher.

The body was taken to the Pete Gaerdner funeral home and at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning will be removed to the family residence, where friends may call after that hour.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the family home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

James Elmer Pitts ⁷⁸⁴ Of Freeburg, Dies At Age Of 81 Years

1 Sun. Mar. 24

James Elmer Pitts, 81, Freeburg, died at his home there at 4:25 yesterday afternoon after an illness of about a year from ailments peculiar to his age.

Pitts was born on a farm five miles south of Freeburg and for a number of years was a farmer, later being employed in the mines in the Freeburg area, having retired 15 years ago. *Noted*

Pitts was a son of the late James and Mary Varner Pitts, and was born Feb. 5, 1865. May 13, 1886, he was married to Miss Ada Huber of Freeburg at Belleville. She survives with two sons, Wyman and William S., both of Freeburg; two daughters Miss Mary, of Alton and Lelia, wife of Louis Darmstatter, Freeburg, and one brother, Edgar, Modesto, Calif. One son died in infancy. Also surviving are four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. *James Pitts*

Pitts attended Five Forks school, later attending school in Carbondale and Warrenton, Mo.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Meng-Sintzel funeral home at Freeburg to Maplewood cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church here officiating.

Otto 'Dick' Poirot Succumbs To Heart Attack At Age Of 72

+ Sat. May 25 1923
Otto "Dick" Poirot, 72, of 504 East D street, employed as a bartender at the Schwind tavern, 733 Lebanon avenue, died suddenly of a heart attack at 4:40 Saturday afternoon.

A short time previous to that he left the Schwind tavern with no complaint of feeling ill and collapsed while seated in a rocking chair at his home. He was rushed to St. Elizabeth's hospital in an ambulance and pronounced dead upon arrival there.

The deceased was born in Shiloh Valley, February 13, 1874, a son of the late Nicholas and Christine Wolfersberger Poirot. His father was born in France, his mother in Ridge Prairie.

Surviving him are three brothers and two sisters, Edmund, 1105 North Illinois street; Walter, 109 North Twenty-eighth street; Delph, 715 Lebanon avenue; Mrs. Louisa Walgand, 127 South Seventeenth street, and Anna, wife of Henry Kuehn, 2227 West Main street.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Green Mount cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler of St. Paul's church officiating.

Mrs. J. M. Quigley Dies Here Today At Age 82 Years

Funeral Home, 10
Mrs. Kate A. Quigley, 82, widow of the late James M. Quigley, a former police captain and who for many years operated an automobile top shop in the rear of his home, 100 Wabash avenue, died at 3:30 this morning in St. Vincent's Home for the Aged, where she had been a resident for the past 12 years.

Mrs. Quigley for years had been a semi-invalid resulting from a hip fracture she suffered when she tripped and fell over an electric cord in her home. She was formerly one of the more active members of Hecker Women's Relief Corps and one of its past presidents.

Mrs. Quigley was born in Nashville, January 3, 1864, a daughter of the late Judge John Ahlgs and Faneline Stuart Ahlgs, her father a former county judge of Washington county. Her marriage to James M. Quigley took place in Nashville on November 29, 1883.

Her husband preceded her in death September 17, 1932, and she is survived by two sons and one daughter, Charles M., 305 South Virginia avenue, J. Allen Quigley, 7018 West Main street, and Mabel E., wife of John A. Karch, 119 South Virginia avenue, a teacher in Belleville Township High school. She also leaves two grandchildren.

She was the last of eight children in the Judge Ahlgs family, two brothers and five sisters having preceded her in death.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, where friends may call after 8 o'clock this evening, and from where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in Green Mount cemetery. Rev. H. J. Koseler will officiate.

The Hecker Women's Relief Corps will hold graveside service in Green Mount cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Charles M. Quigley, 305 South Virginia Avenue, and J. Allen Quigley, 7018 West Main Street; a daughter, Mabel E., wife of John A. Karch, a teacher at the Township High School, 119 South Virginia Avenue, and two grandchildren, Marian Quigley, 305 South Virginia Avenue, and Jacqueline Karch, 119 South Virginia Avenue. Two brothers and five sisters preceded her in death. *the last*

She was a former member and past president of the Hecker Dist. Women's Relief Corps. The organization will conduct graveside rites at the funeral Thursday.

Joseph Rawie, Steel Worker, Dies in Hospital

+ Sun. May 19
Joseph Rawie, 67-year-old structural steel worker of North 17th Street Road, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning, 15 minutes after his arrival at the institution for treatment. He had been ill seven months.

Mr. Rawie was born in St. Louis April 2, 1879, and was a son of the late John and Lena Rawie, nee Beghinger, both natives of Germany. He married Mrs. Barbara Rochus Boissean May 31, 1933.

Surviving besides his wife are three step-children, Julius and Elmer Boissean of the South 11th Street Road and Edna, wife of Elmer Williamson, 605 South 14th Street, and a brother, John Rawie of St. Louis.

He was a member of Local No. 392, Bridge Structural Iron Workers Union.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 11.

7-28-46
**Fred Rehg, 78,
County Farm
Employee, Dies**

+ Fred "Dude" Rehg, 78-year-old retired veteran livestock caretaker at the County Farm, died at 6:50 o'clock yesterday morning at the County Hospital where he had been a resident for 28 years.

Until his retirement because of failing health sometime ago, Mr. Rehg had spent many years as caretaker of the livestock at the institution. He was born in Stookey Township January 29, 1868, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rehg. He never married.

R. P.
The only survivors are a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements may be found listed in the obituary column on Page 11.

REHG, FRED "DUDE"—Of the St. Clair County Farm entered into rest at 6:50 a. m. Sunday, July 28. Funeral at 2 p. m. Tuesday, July 30, from Pete Gaerdner Funeral Home to Walnut Hill Cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Reifschneider Dies Of Infirmities At Age Of 87 Years

Thurs. Oct. 17

Mrs. Mathilda Reifschneider, 87, widow of the late Sebastian Reifschneider, a widely known former horse trader here, died of infirmities of age at 7:30 last night in her home, 7 East B street.

Mrs. Reifschneider was born in St. Louis August 15, 1859, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Franz, and was married to Sebastian Reifschneider in St. Paul's church here on September 13, 1876. Mr. Reifschneider died September 16, 1921.

The surviving children are two daughters and three sons, Miss Carrie Reifschneider, Henry and Arthur, all of 7 East B street; Bert, wife of Arthur St. Clair Ward, Mount Vernon; and John C. Reifschneider, Reno, Nev. She also leaves three grandchildren. A son, Louis, died July 6, 1945.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Green Mount cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. Emma C. Resch, 74, Dies In Hospital; Rites Here Friday Afternoon

3-27-46

Mrs. Emma C. Resch, 74, of 113 South Jackson street (rear), widow of the late Maxmillian Resch, died at 6:30 last night in St. Elizabeth's hospital, where she had been a medical patient since March 9.

Mrs. Resch was born in Caseyville, Feb. 28, 1872, and was a daughter of the late Henry and Mary Diekamp Luekemeyer.

Surviving her are one son Frank, 619 North Charles street; a daughter, Luella, wife of Frank Bingham, 116 South Thirty-fourth street; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A son, three sisters and three brothers preceded her in death.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

Philip Richter, Molder, Dies at The Age of 37

+ 37 - Jan. 26
Philip Richter, 37-year-old iron molder of 901 North Second Street, died of pneumonia in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 7:45 o'clock morning following a 12-day illness. He had been a patient in the hospital for four days.

He was born in St. Louis November 16, 1908, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Richter, nee Anna Stueck, both natives of Germany.

Surviving are a brother, Ernst Richter, 516 Lebanon Avenue and three sisters, Helen, wife of Frank Czarnecki, South Belt Line, Elsa, wife of Elmer Uhley, 901 North Second Street, and Ethel, wife of Staff Sgt. L. D. Crews, Wendover Field, Utah.

He was a member of the Iron Molders and Foundry Workers Union and was employed at the East St. Louis Casting Company, 4200 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 11.

**Mrs. Riesenberger,
Policeman's Mother,
Dies, Aged 72 Years**

† Sun. Mar. 3
Mrs. Emilie Riesenberger, 72, widow of the late Joseph Riesenberger, and the mother of Police Officer Frank A. Riesenberger, died in her home, 311 North Illinois street, at 2:10 Sunday morning after being in failing health several months, and seriously ill four weeks.

Mrs. Riesenberger was born in New Athens, May 5, 1873, a daughter of the late John and Wilhelmina Kunard Loeb, who were both born in Germany. She was married in Belleville to Joseph Riesenberger on Aug. 23, 1893, and he preceded her in death on May 18, 1930.

Three sons and a daughter survive her, Joseph and Frank, at home; Arthur, Roseville, Mich.; and Helen, wife of John Mensinger, 124 North Virginia avenue.

She also leaves two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Jacckel, 10, South Eleventh street; and Mary, wife of Henry Harszy, 520 North Fourth street.

She was a member of Circle B of the Women's Guild of St. Paul's church.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. B. J. Koehler in St. Paul's church at 1:30 Thursday afternoon, followed by burial in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The body is at the Pete Gaedner funeral home and may be viewed after 6 o'clock this evening until noon Thursday when it will be taken to the church.

Oswald E. Ross, Brewery Worker, Dies At Age 57

Fun. Dec. 15
Oswald E. Ross, 57, of 212 North Second street, employed in the bottling department of the Griesedieck-Western Brewery Company, died in St. Elizabeth's hospital at 9:30 last night, three hours after he was taken to the hospital.

Ross had been suffering from a stomach ailment for the past six months but continued with his work. When his condition became aggravated yesterday he was removed to the hospital.

He was born in Freeburg township Dec. 11, 1889, a son of the late Philip and Catherine Mueller Ross, and was married to Lydia Etling in Belleville Sept. 6, 1916.

Besides his wife he leaves one son and two daughters, Milton, Monterey Park, Calif., and Miss Shirley Ross and Mrs. Gloria Woodhouse, at home; a half brother, William Ross, 415 Lebanon avenue; and a half-sister, Marie, wife of Otto Scheibel, Smithton road; also one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three children in infancy, also two sisters.

The body may be viewed at the Peter Gaerdner funeral home after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Albert Ruester, Long Sick, Dies Here At Age Of 69 Years

1-16-46

Mrs. Theresa Ruester, 69, of 119a Portland avenue, died in her home at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an extended illness.

She was the widow of Albert Ruester, a daughter of the late Charles and Barbara Schuetz Fanke, and was born in Lenzburg, October 10, 1876. Her late husband, to whom she was married in Lenzburg in 1898, died in 1941.

One son and two daughters survive her, Clarence, St. Louis; Elsie, wife of Ralph Williams, at home, and Florence, wife of William Bowdrin, at home.

She also leaves four grandchildren, a sister Anna, wife of Otto Frech, Lenzburg, and three brothers, Charles Fanke, Lenzburg; Anthony, Wood River, and Gustav, Lenzburg. *+ Henry Fanke*

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Lenzburg cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler of St. Paul's church officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

John W. Ryan, 73, Retired Salesman, Dies In Hospital

John W. Ryan, 73
John William Ryan, 73, of 619 East Garfield street, retired salesman and who was also engaged in the tea and coffee business in Belleville for twenty years, died at 3:15 Saturday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's hospital after an illness of one year.

Ryan was widely known the county over as a tea and coffee salesman and in later years as a calendar salesman. In 1935 he was a candidate for alderman of the seventh ward and the last several years lived in retirement.

He was born in Lexington, Va., July 4, 1873, his parents, who preceded him in death, having been Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan, his father a native of Ireland.

On September 28, 1921, he was married to Anita Weilmuenster of this city, who survives him with one daughter, Miss Doris K. Ryan, 619 East Garfield street. Besides his parents two sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Renner-Geminn funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

The pallbearers will be Roland and Hallack Reisel, George Knecht, George Schlesinger, Norman Erb and Henry Weilmuenster.

Mrs. Eliz. Schaab Dies In Her Sleep; Was 90 Years Old

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Mrs. Elizabeth Schaab, 90, who for many years made her home with her niece, Mrs. Mollie Gantner, 300 North Second street, was found dead in her bed at 7 o'clock this morning after she had been up and about the home at a late hour last night. She had been under medical care and was apparently stricken with a heart attack during her sleep.

Mrs. Schaab was a daughter of German immigrants, the late George and Magdalena Reutermann Reichert, and was born here April 3, 1856. She was married to Adam Schaab here February 28, 1872, and he preceded her in death in October, 1900.

Also preceding her in death were a son, George, and a daughter, Mrs. Bena Kloess; also a brother and a sister, and her survivors are two sons, Henry, 100 Carlyle avenue, and Adam, St. Louis; a daughter, Mrs. Lena Iselhardt, 527 East Washington street; 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, where friends may call after 6 o'clock this evening, from where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

Belleville Man Dies at His Home After Long Illness

Sat. May 23 73
Henry C. Schifferdecker, 72, died in his home, 415 Mascoutah Avenue, at 11:50 o'clock this morning following a lingering illness.

A native of Freeburg, Mr. Schifferdecker was born December 11, 1873, and was a son of the late Andrew and Anna Schifferdecker, both natives of Germany. Clara Woods, whom he married in 1897, died on May 1, 1921.

Surviving are two daughters, Verna Belle, wife of George Hackett, 115 North Virginia Avenue and Bessie May, wife of Floyd Proffitt, with whom he lived; two brothers, Jacob Schifferdecker, Belleville and Edward Schifferdecker, St. Louis; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Daab and Mrs. Kinney Freivogel, both of St. Louis and three grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements may be found listed in the obituary column on Page 11.

Arthur Schlueter Dies; Employe of Scott Field

Arthur F. Schlueter, 59, a civilian employe of Scott Field and a former stove mounter, died at his home, 516 North High Street, at 9:40 o'clock yesterday morning. Death was due to heart disease and followed an illness of three weeks.

Mr. Schlueter was born in Belleville October 30, 1887, and was a son of William F. and Julia Schlueter, nee Kohlmeier, both natives of Belleville. His mother resides at the High Street address but his father preceded him in death. He married Katherine Metz June 18, 1914.

Besides his widow and his mother, he leaves two children: Dorothy, wife of Clarence Weidemann, 1717 North Church Street, and Norman H. P. Schlueter of 917 St. Clair Avenue; three grandchildren; and a brother, Harold A. Schlueter, 38 Michigan Avenue. A brother and a sister preceded him in death.

The deceased was employed at the Eagle Stove Foundry Company prior to taking a job at Scott Field. He was a member of Local No. 4, AFL Stove Mounters Union.

Arthur Schlueter, Brother Of Local Merchant, Dies, 59

Arthur F. Schlueter, 59, former stove mounter at the Eagle foundry and lately a civilian employe at Scott Field, died in his home, 516 North High street, at 9:40 yesterday morning after a serious illness of three weeks.

He was born in Belleville, October 30, 1887, a son of the late William F. (and Julia) Kohlmeier Schlueter, and was married to Katherine Metz on June 18, 1914. Both of his parents were natives of Belleville.

His wife survives him with one daughter and one son, Dorothy, wife of Clarence Weidemann, 1717 North Church street, and Norman H. P. Schlueter, 917 St. Clair avenue; also three grandchildren and one brother, Harold Schlueter, 38 Michigan avenue, owner and operator of Schlueter's Shoe Store, 204 East Main street.

A brother and a sister preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Stove Mounters' Union.

The funeral will be at 2:30 Saturday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

Matilda Schlueter, Hospital Patient 30 Years, Dies Aged 60

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Miss Matilda Schlueter, 60, of this city, who was a patient in Anna State hospital for the past 30 years died in that institution Saturday evening.

She was born in Bolleville, September 13, 1885, a daughter of the late Dietrich and Mary Baer Schlueter, who were both natives of Germany.

The following brothers and sisters survive her: Mrs. Henrietta Schleicher, Swansea; Mrs. Madgalena Stemig, 117 South Twenty-third street; John, Alton; Mrs. Katie Gruender, St. Louis; Julius, 806 East Main street; also a half-brother, Fred Memie, Collinsville.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Bux funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. Robert Herman, assistant pastor of St. Paul's church, officiating.

The pallbearers will be Arthur, George and Harold Schleicher, Julius Gruender, and Harold and Clarence Schlueter.

Charles Schramm, Retired Coal Mine Engineer, Dies, 86

+ Oct. Nov. 23 '46
Charles Schramm, 86, a retired coal mine hoisting engineer, died after a lingering illness at 2.30 Saturday afternoon in his home, 721 South Eleventh street.

Schramm was a native of Germany, born September 15, 1860, a son of the late John and Mary Huhn Schramm, and had been married twice. After the death of his first wife, the former Elizabeth Underberg, he was married to Mrs. Wilhelmina Wagner in Mount Vernon, Ill., on April 18, 1912.

nee Koffler
His second wife survives him with the following children: Henry, Mount Olive; Lula, wife of Gust Cook, 3315 Vernier avenue; Carrie, wife of Sylvester Hempe, East

St. Louis; and Katie, wife of George Nelson, East St. Louis.

He also leaves a step-son and two step-daughters, Philip Wagner, 603 South Douglas avenue; Adele, wife of Carl Schramm, 1125 Third avenue; and Florence, wife of William Backs, 721 South Eleventh street; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

He was a member of Progressive Mine Workers' Union, local 4.

Six of his nephews will serve as his pallbearers at his funeral, which will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, B. J. Koehler officiating. His pallbearers will be Clem, John and William Schramm, and Henry, Allen and William Uhde.

Mrs. Semmelroth Dies Following Lingering Illness

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Mrs. Bertha Semmelroth, 56, died in her home, 404 Wabash Avenue, at 2:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon following three months' illness. She had undergone several operations during the past few months.

Mrs. Semmelroth was born in Prairie du Long Township on March 1, 1890, and was a daughter of the late Louis G. and Mary Miller, nee Skaer. Her father was a native of Prairie du Long Township; her mother a native of Smithton Township. She married August Semmelroth in Springfield August 30, 1916.

Surviving besides her husband, a newspaper reporter, are a son, Herbert K. Semmelroth, at home; and two brothers: Patrolman Percy J. Miller, 513 South Third Street, and Walter C. Miller, Bement, Ill. Three sisters and two brothers preceded her in death, one brother, Malbern P. Miller, died last September 14.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and the Circle A of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church. The OES will conduct services at the cemetery and the White Shrine at the funeral chapel.

Funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 11.

. Semmler, 78, Retired Machine Operator, Dies

Frank Semmler
Frank Semmler, retired machinist and watchman of 507 Mascoutah Avenue, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 7:30 o'clock last night — one day after his 78th birthday anniversary. He had been in failing health only a short time.

Mr. Semmler was born in Belleville January 31, 1868, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Semmler, nee Anna M. Herr, both natives of Germany. Lena Weinel, whom he married in Belleville, died May 9, 1919. Mr. Semmler had last been employed at the Harrison Machine Works.

Surviving are a brother, Michael L. Semmler, 540 Park Avenue, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Vierheller, St. Louis. Three sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.



H. L. Severit

Herman Severit, 56, Dies Of Long Illness; Rites Here Saturday

+ 23
Herman L. Severit, 56, coal miner of 117 Carlyle avenue, died at 8:35 last night in St. Elizabeth's hospital after a serious illness of four months. His last employment was at the Wash Coal Company mine but a year ago was forced to quit the mine because of ill health. He had been ailing for the past three years.

The deceased was born in Belleville, October 9, 1890, a son of the late Fred and Augusta Heidorn Severit, his father a native of Germany, his mother of Jamestown, Ill. He was married to Anna Buckhardt in St. Louis, June 22, 1910.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons and two daughters, Katherine, wife of August Massard, St. Louis; Vernell, wife of Ray Friessinger, Smithton road; Webster Severit, 3 Kansas avenue, and Clyde, at home; also four grandchildren.

He also leaves four brothers and seven sisters, Frank, 909 West Washington street; August, 319 South Tenth street; Albert, 1402 North Church street; Louis, 429 North Fifth street; Elizabeth, wife of John Depper, Jr., 1739 North Church street; Emma, wife of Gus Schupp, 1315 Orchard street; Ida, wife of Fred Schleicher, South Twenty-ninth street; Marie, wife of Adolph Hill, 1418 Orchard street; Mathilda, wife of George Reichardt, 425 South Sixteenth street; Mrs. Clara Froel, 116 West Washington street, and Mrs. Anna Macke, residing in Canada.

He was a member of Progressive Miners' Union, Local 4.

The funeral will be at 1:30 Saturday afternoon from the Pete Gaerthner funeral home to Valhalla Burial Park. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. The body may be viewed at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

Andrew Sinkewitz, 66, Coal Miner, Long Ill, Dies; Rites Wednesday

1410 + Sun Apr 23
Andrew Sinkewitz, 66, coal miner of 1310 Raab avenue died at 1:30 yesterday afternoon of a lingering illness and serious illness of two days.

He was born in Lithuania October 15, 1879, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sinkewitz. His wife, the former Emma Duensing, preceded him in death August 29, 1940, as did an only brother.

Three sons and one daughter survive him, Andrew, Giles Theodore and Katherine Sinkewitz, all residing at 23 South Sixteenth street.

He was a member of Progressive Miners Union, local 4.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening.

Pa. 23 Read
**Mrs. Stegmeyer,
 Ex-Mayor's Wife,
 Dies At Age 69**
+ Fri Apr 19
 Mrs. Elizabeth Stegmeyer, 69,
 wife of Charles W. Stegmeyer,
 salesman for the Star-Peerless
 Brewery Company, and former
mayor of Belleville, died unex-
 pectedly at 9:30 this morning in
 her home 1024 North Church
 street.
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 Mrs. Stegmeyer had been under
 medical care for a heart ailment
 and collapsed suddenly this morn-
 ing while busied with her house-
 work.
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 She was born in this city March
 8, 1877, and was a daughter of the
 late Fred and Theresa Saeger
 Gaerdner, her father a former
 merchant tailor who was born in
 Germany. Her mother was born
 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Her marriage
 to Charles W. Stegmeyer was sol-
 emnized in St. Peter's Cathedral
 in July 1896.
 Besides her husband she leaves
 two sons, Fred, state grain inspec-
 tor, 1402 Orchard drive, and
 George, wholesale drug salesman
 with headquarters in Belleville
 and Metropolis, Ill.; a brother,
 Fred Gaerdner, 910 North Douglas
 avenue, and sister, Anna, wife of
 Ed Heisler, 501 East C street.
 She also leaves one grandson,
 Charles Stegmeyer, and two great-
 grandchildren, Charles and Joyce
 Stegmeyer. A brother, Pete Gaerd-
 ner, founder of the Pete Gaerdner
 funeral home, died several years
 ago.
*Funeral arrangements are un-
 complete but will be made and
 view of the Pete Gaerdner fu-
 neral home after 4 o'clock tomor-
 row afternoon.*

Mourns Wife's Death, Man, 85, Found Shot Dead

Fun. After. 31
John Stehlick, 85, of 222 South Eighteenth street at 8:20 last night was found fatally shot, seated in a chair near a window of his home by his son Rudolph Stehlick, who called police.

Officers Herbert Kaltenbronn and John Smith found Stehlick with the right side of his head and face blown off by a charge from a 12 gauge double barrelled shotgun which he held between his legs. They found an empty shell in the right barrel of the gun.

Members of the family told the officers Stehlick had been grieving since the death of his wife four months ago and had made threats to end his life. The body was removed to the Gaerdner funeral home where an inquest is pending.

Stehlick was born in Germany, April 17, 1862, his parents having been the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stehlick. His wife, the former Mary Vratney, to whom he was married in Belleville 63 years ago, preceded him in death Nov. 23, 1945.

Five sons and two daughters survive him. Edward, Detroit; Rudolph, O'Fallon; George, 915 South Jackson street; Roy, owner and operator of the Apex Cleaning and Dyeing Company, 1100 East Main street; John, Jr., North Belt highway; Sophia, wife of Frank Green, 1315 Union avenue, and Anna, wife of Frank Frisbie, Wichita, Kans. Besides his wife, a son and a daughter preceded him in death.

He also leaves a brother, Frank Stehlick, East Adams street, eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was a member of Progressive Miners' Union, Local 4.

The funeral, which will be private, will be held from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

The funeral services will be held Wednesday and announcement has been made that the body can not be viewed.

E. J. STOLBERG DIES AT 80

1910-1911 June 24
Edward J. Stolberg, 80-year-old prominent retired farmer of 707 North Charles Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon following a month's ill-



EDWARD J. STOLBERG

ness. He had been a patient in the hospital for a week.

A life-long resident of the Belleville area, Mr. Stolberg was born on Stolberg's Hill, at the southern city limits, January 8, 1868, and was a son of the late Andrew and Ann Stolberg, nee Heinrich, both natives of Germany. He married Mathilda Munnie on September 5, 1893 and the couple marked their golden wedding anniversary three years ago.

Surviving besides his wife are a daughter, Lorraine, wife of Jacob Merod, 707 North Charles Street; two sisters, Misses Emma and Lisetta, of 462 West Cleveland, pastor and assistant pastor at the First Divine Science Church; a grandson, Edwin Merod, and two great-grandchildren, Cathy and Michael Merod. A brother, George, and a sister, Anna, preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements may be found listed in the obituary column on page 11.

GEO. STUNTZ, FORMER LOCAL DRUGGIST, DIES

+ Wed. June 14
George Stuntz, 55-year-old former local druggist, died at 7:55 o'clock this morning in the Pleasant View Sanatorium following a lingering illness. He had been a patient at the hospital since last January.

A graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Mr. Stuntz began work at the Hartnagel and Harrison Drug Store on East Main Street. Later he bought out the partners, establishing the Stuntz and Harrison and later the Stuntz Drug Store. He was last employed at the Katz Drug Company in St. Louis.

A native of Lenzburg, Mr. Stuntz was born February 22, 1891, a son of the late George O. and Mary K. Stuntz, nee Spitz. His father was a native of Kentucky, his mother a native of Randolph County. He married Emma Spoenneman in St. Louis December 28, 1912.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Black, St. Louis, and Mrs. Virginia Emery, Chandler, Ariz.; a brother, John A. Stuntz, East St. Louis; a sister, Mrs. Helen Schmidt, Gibson City, Ill., and five grandchildren.

He was a member of the East St. Louis Gothic Lodge No. 852, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Druggists Association.

Partial funeral arrangements may be found listed in the obituary column on Page 13.

Henry Taylor, Former Mining Manager, Dies

Sun. Mar. 24
Henry "Harry" Taylor, 67, of 1711 North Charles street, former manager of the Gundlach Coal Company mine, Caseyville township, died at 7:30 last night in St. Elizabeth's hospital after an illness of several years. His last employment was in the mine of the North Side Coal Company on Shiloh road.

The deceased was a son of the late John T. and Raechel Forsythe Taylor and was born in Belleville, Feb. 4, 1879. His father was born in Pennsylvania, his mother in Caseyville township. His first wife, the former Margaret Hughes, died in 1941, and in July of the following year he was married to Mrs. Lizzie Boller. She survives him.

He also leaves his step-mother, Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, 1220 Freeburg avenue; two step-sons, Tom Boller, 1711 North Charles street; and Robert Boller, 408 East B street; two brothers and three sisters, Hugh, 315 North High street; John, 416 East C street; Mrs. Anne Shaughnessy, Utica, N. Y.; Agnes, wife of Rudolph Pfeil, 803 Gass avenue; and Mrs. Elenore Zierath, East St. Louis.

Two brothers and a sister preceded him in death, Nip "Daring Dan" Taylor, and Urban, and Mrs. Corrine Falconer.

He also leaves two step-brothers and two step-sisters, Mrs. Anna Schöff and Frank Cosbey, Belleville; Mrs. Margaret Voss, Alton; and Walter Cosbey, Pennsylvania.

He was a member of the Progressive Miners' Union, local 4.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Pete Gardner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Laura Vahlkamp Dies At Age Of 75; Rites Here Thursday

+ Mon. Oct. 7

The funeral of Mrs. Laura Beasley Vahlkamp, 75, wife of Steve Vahlkamp, who died in her home, 1017 Tudor avenue, East St. Louis, yesterday morning, will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home, with burial in Tower Grove cemetery, Murphysboro.

Mrs. Vahlkamp was born in Murphysboro April 1, 1871, a daughter of the late John and Martha Johnson Black, and was married to Steve Vahlkamp in Belleville in 1925.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, John L. "Hatchet" Beasley, 113 West Monroe street; one grandchild and one great-grandchild. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Henry Pauly, 13a South High street.

The body may be viewed at the Gaerdner funeral home after 8 o'clock this evening.

The Metzger and Son funeral home, Millstadt, will be in charge.

2 Bros & 3 Srs

JACK VANDEVEER DIES OF BULLET WOUND IN HEAD

10-30-46

Police Find Note Saying, 'Don't Blame Anyone But Me' In Home.

Clarence "Jack" Vandever, 42, proprietor of a lunch room at Dunn's Inn, 8629 West Main street, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at 8 o'clock yesterday evening of a gunshot wound suffered at 5:15 p. m. yesterday in an apartment above the inn, where he lived with his wife and six months old baby son.

Police Officers John Smith and Frank Bott, who investigated the death, reported they found a note on the kitchen range stating, "Don't blame anyone but me."

Vandever's body was found on the kitchen floor, a rifle and an empty cartridge shell nearby. A bullet fired from the gun entered his right temple and emerged from the left side of the head above the ear.

Mrs. Alsace Vandever, 27, wife of the dead man, told police that her husband had been out on a business trip all day yesterday with his brother-in-law, Alfred Eckert, and returned home at 4:30 yesterday afternoon in good spirits.

Her statement was confirmed by Edward Zbornak, bartender at the inn, who said that Vandever on his way to his apartment told him he was going upstairs to "clean up."

Mrs. Vandever said that her husband carried some rubbish downstairs and that she burned it

outside. While she was attending the fire he returned upstairs and a moment later she heard a thud, which she at first believed was the sound of their baby falling to the floor.

Running upstairs, Mrs. Vandever instead of finding the baby in need of attention, found her wounded husband on the kitchen floor.

The deceased was born in Mason, Tex., August 19, 1904, where both his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vandever, survive him. He was married to Alsace L. Eckert, in Columbus, Kans., May 5, 1945, who survives him with a six months old son, Alfred C.

He also leaves two brothers, Marion, Mason, Tex., and Frank, Stewart, Okla.

Vandever was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and a veteran of World War II.

The body may be viewed at the Gundlach and Company funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

FARMER, 32, FOUND HANGED IN HIS BARN

Harold Voelkel Despondent Over Death of Sister; Body 40 Feet from Floor

Harold Voelkel, 32-year-old farmer of R. R. 1, Lebanon in Lebanon Township, was found dead at 6:30 o'clock this morning, hanging from a rafter in a barn on his farm home, three miles north of Lebanon on State Highway No. 43.

Deputy Sheriff John Tiley of O'Fallon told reporters the man was discovered by his wife after he failed to reply to calls for breakfast. An extensive search of the farm grounds was necessary before his body was found fastened with balling wire to the center beam, 40 feet from the floor. Tiley said the man apparently had climbed to the top of the barn on a ladder nailed to the wall, fastened the wire and then jumped clear.

Undertakers were obliged to fasten a rope around the man and lower his body by means of a block and tackle. Members of the family said that while Voelkel was in good physical health, he had been despondent over the death last November of a sister, Mrs. Ida Schildknecht of O'Fallon, and over the loss of several fingers of his son, Stan Lee E., 7, in a recent accident. Tiley said no note had been discovered.

Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane will conduct an inquest at the Renner-Geminn Funeral Home.

The family had moved to the farm only four days ago, having previously resided on a farm south of the Old St. Louis Road and about four miles southwest of Belleville.

Besides his wife, the former Mildred Florreich, whom he married August 22, 1937, and the son, Stan Lee E., he leaves a year-old son, Patrick A., a brother, Oliver Voelkel of Peoria, and a sister, Florence, wife of Millard Carr of Freeburg.

Mr. Voelkel was born on a farm near Rentchler Station in Shiloh Valley Township January 23, 1913, and was a son of the late Andrew and Sophie Voelkel, nee Zerban, also natives of Shiloh Valley Township.

He was a member of the Turkey Hill Grange.

Funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 11. *S. Carr*

HENRY WAGNER DIES AFTER STROKE HERE

3-18-46
Henry B. Wagner, 76-year-old veteran brewery worker of 1825 Lebanon Avenue, died suddenly in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 8:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon following a stroke suffered Saturday afternoon. Wagner had been an employe of the Grise-



HENRY B. WAGNER

wick-Western Brewery for more than 25 years and recently had been assigned to duties in the bottling plant.

He was born in Summit Township on June 30, 1869, and was a son of the late Philip and Magdalena Wagner, nee Mathier. His father was a native of Germany; his mother a native of St. Clair County. He first married Julia Pfannstoecker in Floraville April 12, 1891. She died in November, 1931, and he married Lila Probst in Belleville on May 10, 1941. She died last August 21.

Surviving are two sons: Walter W. Wagner, 1704 North Charles Street, and Emil Wagner, 514 Court Street; a daughter, Amanda, wife of Paul Beckholdt, 1205 North Charles Street; a brother, Charles Wagner, 1709 North Church Street; a sister, Mrs. Louisa Handt, 609 Portland Avenue; and seven grandchildren. Six nephews will serve as pallbearers at the funeral.

Mr. Wagner was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Men's Aid Society of the church and the local Brewery Workers Union.

The obituary column on Page 9 contains complete funeral arrangements.



MRS. MELVIN WAGNER

MRS. WAGNER DIES FROM AUTO INJURY

Mrs. Mayme Wagner, 58, of 1641 North Church Street, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from a skull fracture at St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland, after being injured at 8 o'clock Sunday night in a traffic accident at the intersection of State Highway No. 43 and the Edwardsville-Marine Road, a mile and a half west of Marine in Madison County.

Her husband, Melvin Wagner, 59, her daughter, Miss Marilyn Wagner, 17, and her father-in-law, Louis Wagner, 76, all of 1641 North Church Street, also were injured in the accident. Two persons riding in the other car were hurt. They were Jack Harrison, 17, the driver, and Emmett Clark, 19, a passenger, both of Edwardsville.

The body was brought to the Pete Gardner Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wagner was born in Belleville April 10, 1908, and was a daughter of William and Sarah Mann, nee Sullivan. Her father, born in McLeansboro, preceded her in death. Her mother, who resides at 305 South Eighth Street, was born in Tennessee. She married Mr. Wagner September 11, 1928.

Besides her husband, mother and daughter, she is survived by five brothers: John Mann, Compton, Cal.; William and Clarence Mann, both of Cleveland, and Walter and Roy Mann, both of 305 North Eighth Street.

Partial funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on Page 2.

George Wamser, 67, Shiloh Tavern Man, Dies; Rites Monday

+ Sat. Apr. 20

George Wamser, 67, Shiloh tavern operator, and a former iron molder, died at 12:30 this morning in the home of his sisters, Miss Eleanore Wamser and Mrs. Thomas Cameron, 120 South Thirty-fourth street, after a lingering illness.

The deceased, who was a member of Iron Molders Union, Local 182, for forty years, operated a tavern in Shiloh the last fifteen years.

He was born in Belleville, March 4, 1879, a son of the late John and Christine Wild Wamser, and was never married. His father was born in Freeburg, his mother in Belleville.

Surviving him besides the above named sisters are a brother Robert, St. Louis, and two other sisters in Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Frank McLaughlin and Miss Alma Wamser.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. Herman Wamser, Daughter Of Former Police Chief, Dies

+ Wed 8-28-1946

Mrs. Myrtle L. Wamser, 53, wife of Herman H. Wamser, 605 Park avenue, died at 1:10 this morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital, where she several days ago had undergone an operation for an abdominal ailment.

Mrs. Wamser was a daughter of former Chief of Police and Mrs. Frank G. Wolf, her husband, Herman H. Wamser, is watch repairman at the F. G. Wehrle jewelry store and is a member of the Belleville park board.

She was born in East St. Louis, February 14, 1893, daughter of Frank G. and Mary A. Harszy Wolff, both of her parents natives of Stookey township. She was married to Herman H. Wamser in St. Louis January 11, 1917.

Besides her husband and parents she leaves a son and two daughters. Herman H., Jr., at home; Dolores Mary Ann, wife of

Wilmot A. Paul, Jr., Amarillo, Tex.; and Ruth Virginia, wife of Milton E. Kienle, Jr., Carvalis, Oregon.

Also surviving her are two grandchildren; a brother, Harold Wolff, 527 East B street, and a sister, Violet, wife of Perry A. Wilson, East St. Louis.

She was a member of the Daughters of Naomi of St. Paul's church.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, where friends may call after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the funeral home to Valhalla Burial Park, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

DIPPER

Otto P. Weber, Local Plumber, Dies at Hospital

Otto Philip Weber, 70-year-old plumber of 1828 West A Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 12:30 o'clock this morning following a prolonged illness. He was a patient in the hospital for two weeks.

Mr. Weber was born in Belleville on December 7, 1875, and was a son of the late John and Mary Weber, nee Schall, both natives of Germany. He never married.

Surviving are a sister, Miss Anna S. Weber, 1828 West A Street, a former teacher at the Henry Raab School; a nephew, Willard J. Weber, 505 Wabash Avenue; and two nieces, Mrs. Olivia Campbell, 111 Portland Avenue, and Mrs. Mildred Schore, Los Angeles. Four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

He was a member of the local plumbers' union.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 13.

Mrs. Weidmann Dies At Age 89; Rites Wednesday

of Mount Vernon
Mrs. Caroline Weidmann, 89, wife of William Weidmann, one of the founders of the Belleville Shoe Manufacturing Company, 605 East Main street, died in her home, 106 South Charles street, at 8 o'clock this morning, after a lingering illness and infirmities.

Mrs. Weidmann was born in Mount Vernon, Ind., Oct. 8, 1856, her parents having been the late Carl and Katherine Bischoff Leunig. She



Mrs. Weidmann was married to William Weidmann in Belleville Sept. 9, 1880. The couple celebrated its sixtieth wedding anniversary in 1940 with a dinner reception for relatives and intimate friends at the Elks' Club, and on Sept. 9 last year observed their sixty-fifth anniversary.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, William C. and Walter E. Weidmann, both associated with their father in the Belleville Shoe Manufacturing Company; also three grandchildren, Mrs. Charles F. Short, Jr., Wilmetta, Ill., Homer W. Weidmann and Kathryn O. Weidmann, children of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Weidmann.

Mrs. Weidmann was preceded in death by a son, Carl, in infancy, a brother, Henry Leunig, and five sisters, Louise and Augusta Leunig, Mrs. Andrew Wasm, Mrs. Otto W. Ropiquet, and Mrs. Adolph Schleich.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company's funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock this evening, and from where the funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler of St. Paul's church will officiate.

After Heap, 41, of 510 East Monroe street, and George Weiss, 69, of 616 East Garfield street, were instantly killed at 1:20 this morning when the automobile in which they were riding ran off route 13 at the route 136 "Y", two miles west of New Athens.

The two men, riding in an automobile belonging to Heap, who is presumed to have been driving, were both thrown out of the car, which apparently overturned several times and was totally wrecked.

State Police Sergeant Walter Sauerwein, who lives at New Athens and investigated the accident, said that William Burgess, operator of Shamrock Inn, near the scene of the accident, heard the crash and summoned Dr. O. G. Schneidewind, deputy coroner, of New Athens, and the Stookay ambulance from that city. Dr. Schneidewind pronounced both men dead when he arrived.

The two men were on their way to Weiss' clubhouse, which when he was not in Belleville also served as his home, about a half mile from the scene of the accident, on route 1, New Athens, and had planned a duck hunting trip.

Sgt. Sauerwein said indications were that the car overturned as it rounded the curve and overturned in the center of the opening in the "Y" as they apparently headed toward the dirt road leading to the clubhouse.

In Business Here

Heap, who was associated with his father Frank Heap in the grocery and meat business at South Douglas avenue and McKinley street, was born here December 23, 1905. His father is a native of England, his mother the former Elizabeth Maul, was born in Leinburg. Both survive him.

He also leaves his wife, the former Pearl Gans, to whom he was married here December 24, 1934, a sister Myrtle, wife of Ralph Fitzgerald, 123 Kansas avenue, and a brother Edwin, of Smithton.

The funeral will be at 2:30 Sunday afternoon from the Gundlach

and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. R. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Veteran Local Molder 69

Weiss, who was a veteran 609 molder here, roomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spindler, 616 East Garfield street the past five years and previously had roomed at the home of Mrs. Spindler's mother, the late Mrs. Frank Schmitt on Caroline street for a period of over 15 years.

The "Buck" Weiss club house in the Oak Hill bottoms west of New Athens is well known to sportsmen of the area, and Weiss was always to be found there on weekends or when foundries were not working.

Weiss leaves no known relatives, his wife, the former Flora Burger having died in Freeburg two months ago. They had no children.

He was born in Belleville, February 22, 1877, a son of the late Nicholas and Mary Weiss, both of whom were natives of Germany. His wife, the former Flora Burger, to whom he was married in Mascoutah, December 14, 1916, died in Freeburg, August 25, 1946. Two brothers preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Iron Molders' Union, Local 182, and one of the stockholders of the Egyptian Foundry Company, also a member of the Masonic order.

The body was brought to the Reuner-Geminn funeral home here this afternoon where friends may call after 3 o'clock tomorrow evening. The funeral will be to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. R. J. Koehler officiating, the time to be set later.

Local Men Lose Lives On Highway

Walter Heap and George 'Buck' Weiss Killed Near New Athens

Two men were killed at 1:20 o'clock this morning when their auto ran off the pavement and overturned several times at a curve in the road on State Highway No. 13, two miles west of New Athens. The dead are:

Walter H. Heap, 40, of 510 East Monroe Street, driver of the car. Heap, discharged from the Army exactly a year

ago today, was employed in his father's grocery before entering service. He has been unemployed since leaving service.

George "Buck" Weiss, 69, of 616 East Garfield Street, a molder and a stockholder in the Egyptian Foundry Company.

Deaths of the two men brought the traffic fatality toll for St. Clair County to 33 for this year, one less than the toll for 1945 at this time. Both men sustained skull fractures.

Deputy Coroner Dr. O. G. Schneidewind of New Athens will conduct an inquest at the Gundlach and Company Funeral Home at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Lost Control of Car

The two men were enroute to Weiss' clubhouse, a half mile east of the scene, when the accident occurred. State Highway Police Sgt. Walter Sauerwein said it appeared that Heap lost control of the auto while it was making the curve.

The auto overturned several times and both men were thrown from the car. William Burgess, who operates Shamrock Inn, a tavern near the scene, heard the noise and ran outside. He found the wrecked auto and the bodies. Then he called the Stookay Funeral Home at New Athens and Sgt. Sauerwein, who lives at New Athens.

When the ambulances arrived, both men were dead. In their car, the officers found a shotgun. Sauerwein said he understood the two were enroute to Weiss' clubhouse and planned an early morning duck hunt in the vicinity of New Athens.

Heap Born in Belleville

The bodies were taken to Stookay Funeral Home and later the body of Heap was transferred to Gundlach and Company Funeral Home and the body of Weiss to the Reuner-Geminn Funeral Home, both in Belleville.

Heap was born in Belleville December 23, 1905, and was a son of Fred and Elizabeth Heap, nee Maul. His parents operate a grocery at 301 South Douglas Avenue. His father was born in England and his mother in Leinburg. On December 24, 1934 he married Pearl M. Gans at Belleville.

Besides his widow and his parents, he leaves a sister, Myrtle, wife of Ralph Fitzgerald, 123 Kansas Avenue, and a brother, Edwin Heap, Smithton.

Funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 15.

Wife Died in August

Weiss was born in Belleville February 22, 1877, a son of the late Nicholas and Mary Weiss, both natives of Germany. He married Flora Burger, a daughter of Village Marshal and former Deputy Sheriff Louis Burger of Freeburg, on December 14, 1916 at Mascoutah. Mrs. Weiss died last August 25. Two brothers preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Local No. 182 AFL International Molders and Foundry Workers Union.

Partial funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 15.

William Wenzel, Retired Stove Mounter, Dies

Fun. Jan 27
William R. Wenzel, 63-year-old blind retired stove mounter, died in his home, 1005 East B Street, at 11:35 o'clock last night following five months' illness. Mr. Wenzel had been handicapped by the loss of his sight for the past 30 years.

A native of New Athens, he was born on January 10, 1883, and was a son of the late Gustave and Margarath Wenzel, nee Stapp, both natives of Germany. He never married.

Surviving are seven sisters, Edna, wife of Con O'Brien, St. Louis, Meta, wife of Roland Stoltz, 1001 East B Street, Rose, wife of Arthur Edgar, 518 West Lincoln Street, Augusta, wife of William Vollrath, 1005 East B Street, Mrs. Lena Lenz, 110 South Eighth Street, Margaret, wife of Leonard Biggs, Memphis, Tenn., and Anna, wife of William Kettler, 112 South Illinois Street.

He was a member of the Enterprise Glee Club and of Local No. 4, Stove Mounters' Union.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 11.

Mrs. John Westrich, Operator's Mother Dies Aged 73 Years

+ Sat. Sept. 14
Mrs. Emma Barbara Westrich, wife of John Westrich, 417 North Virginia avenue, and mother of Miss Edna Westrich, telephone exchange operator in the court house, died at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon in her home after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Westrich was born in Shiloh Valley, March 20, 1873, and was a daughter of the late John and Anna Marie Reeb Perschbacher, both of whom were natives of Shiloh Valley. She was married to John Westrich in Belleville, June 4, 1891.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Albert Westrich, 1903 North Church street; Charles, Albuquerque, N. M.; the daughter, Miss Edna Westrich, at home; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother, Theodore Perschbacher, Shiloh.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, John, Charles, Albert, George and Vernon Perschbacher, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Hangesleben, and Miss Frieda Perschbacher.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Ren-Geminn funeral home to Valley Burial Park, Rev. B. J. Koehring officiating.

Adolph Wiechert, Retired Molder, Dies at Rentchler

+ Sat. Nov. 23
Adolph Wiechert, 67-year-old retired molder, died in his home in Rentchler Station at 5:30 o'clock this morning. He was last employed at the old St. Clair Foundry.

Mr. Wiechert was born in Belleville February 27, 1879, a son of the late Henry and Louise Wiechert, nee Lemkemeier. His mother was born in Belleville; his father in Germany. He never married.

Surviving are a brother, Edwin Wiechert, Belleville and seven sisters: Emily, with whom he lived, and Louise and Elsie Wiechert, Mrs. Frieda Linstroth and Mrs. Irma Zeis, all of St. Louis; Mrs. Adele Ziehnert, 1903 West A Street and Mrs. Anita Thorne, Bluffs, Ill.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.

*Loved - good heart.
Nobles - he cat. home
a good line - after.*

Adolph Wiechert, Former Swansea Molder, Dies, 67

Adolph Wiechert, 67, Rentchler station, retired iron molder, died in his home at 5:30 this morning after a lingering illness. He was formerly employed in the old St. Clair foundry in Swansea but for years lived in retirement in Rentchler station.

His parents were the late Henry and Louise Lemkemeier Wiechert and he was born here February 27, 1879. His father was born in Germany, his mother in Belleville.

Wiechert, who was never married, is survived by eight brothers and sisters, Edwin, Belleville; Miss Emily Wiechert, Rentchler station; Misses Louise and Elsie Wiechert, St. Louis; Mrs. Adele Ziehnert, Belleville; Mrs. Frieda Linstroth and Mrs. Erna Zeis, St. Louis; and Mrs. Anita Thorne, Bluffs, Ill.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, where friends may call after noon tomorrow, and from where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

**Mrs. Jacob Wiegand,
Sick 3 Months, Dies
In Hospital, Aged 65**

July 16
Mrs. Frieda C. Wiegand, 65, widow of the late Jacob Wiegand, who made her home with her daughter Mrs. T. Lloyd Vivian, 419 North Fifth street, died at 9:15 last night in St. Elizabeth's hospital which she entered last Wednesday for a surgical operation. She had been ill for three months.

Mrs. Wiegand was born in Germany, Jan. 8, 1881, her parents having been Charles and Frances Mueller Arnold, both deceased. Her husband, Jacob Wiegand, preceded her in death in November, 1934.

One son and one daughter survive her, Irvin C., Chicago, and Edna, wife of T. Lloyd Vivian, 419 North Fifth street; also two grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Minnie Baurmann, St. Louis. She was also preceded in death by two sisters and a brother. *Robert Martin*

She was a member of the Women's Guild, Circle B of St. Paul's church, and of Rebekah Lodge 415.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. Edw. Wilderman Dies Of Long Illness At Age Of 68 Years

+ Mon. July 8
Mrs. Johanna Wilderman, 68, of 106 Centerville avenue, widow of the late Edward Wilderman, died at 8:55 this morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital after an extended illness. ~~She was last employed in the Lincoln and Illinois theaters.~~

Mrs. Wilderman was born in Highland, Ill., June 22, 1878, but since her girlhood lived in Belleville. Her parents were the late Frederick and Sedlia Simmon Waechly, both natives of Germany. Her husband, Edward Wilderman, to whom she was married here in 1905, preceded her in death.

Two sons survive her, Edward, at home, and Herman, New York; also one brother, Fred Waechly, 800 East D street.

The funeral will be from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, the time to be set later. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Ferd Winkler, 85, Retired Soda Man, Dies In Home Here

+ Sun. Mar. 6
Ferd Winkler, 85, retired soda manufacturer of 119 South First street, died in his home of infirmities of age after an extended illness, at 6:20 yesterday morning.

A native of Belleville, he lived here his entire life and years ago established the soda business still operated by his son, Wilfred. His parents were the late John and Magdalena Eggen Winkler, who were both natives of Switzerland.

He was born February 7, 1860, and was married to Mary Buchert here March 18, 1896.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons and five daughters, Dorothy, wife of Dr. I. A. Leunig, 20 North Pennsylvania avenue; Wilfred, 429 South Pennsylvania avenue; Cornelia, wife of Arthur Renner; Carlyle ave.; Minerva, wife of Hugo Renner, Carlyle road; Dr. T. J. Winkler, 527 South Virginia avenue; and Misses Jeanette and Edna Mae Winkler, at home.

He also leaves a brother, Arnold, East A street; two sisters, Misses Adella and Elizabeth Winkler, Fulton street; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a member of St. Paul's church.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Gundlach and Company funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

REV. WITTLINGER, RETIRED PASTOR, DIES HERE, AGE 72

Retired Three Years Ago
After Evangelical Ser-
vice Since 1896.

Rev. Theophil Wittlinger, 72, of 326 North Jackson street, retired minister, whose last charge was the Evangelical church in Floraville, died at 7:05 last night in St. Elizabeth's hospital, where he had been a patient for the past ten days.



Rev. Wittlinger was connected with Evangelical synods in the states of New York and Illinois since he was ordained to the ministry in 1896. The last 17 years of his active career and until he retired in 1943, he was pastor of the church of Floraville.

Rev. Wittlinger He was the son of an Evangelical minister, Rev. John Wittlinger and Mrs. Katherine Schwenk Wittlinger, and was born in Rio Grande Du Sul, Brazil, June 11, 1873. Both parents, who are deceased, were natives of Germany.

Surviving him are his wife, the former Helen Langhorst, to whom he was married in Valley City, Minn., June 17, 1903, and one son, Carl, residing at home. He also leaves a brother, Rev. Oscar Wittlinger, Cleveland, Ohio, and two

sisters, Eleanor Sandresky, Buffalo, N. Y.; and Mrs. Elizabeth Horny, Detroit, Mich.

Rev. Wittlinger was an honorary member of St. Paul's church where funeral services will be held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon. Rev. Otto Bessler of Waterloo and Rev. B. J. Koehler of St. Paul's church will officiate.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home, where friends may call after 5 o'clock tomorrow evening until 11 o'clock Thursday morning when it will be removed to the church.

Rev. Wittlinger Dies; Retired Head of Church

326 N. Jackson
Rev. Theophil Wittlinger, 72-year-old retired minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 7:05 o'clock last night. He had been a patient in the hospital for the past ten days.

Pastor of the Floraville Evangelical and Reformed Church for 17 years, Rev. Wittlinger retired in 1943 after having held pastorates in New York and Illinois since 1896.

Born in Rio Grande, Do Sul, Brazil, June 11, 1873, he was a son of the late Rev. John and Katherine Wittlinger, nee Schawenk, both natives of Germany. He married Helen Langhorst in Valley City, O., June 17, 1903.

Surviving besides his wife are a son, Karl Wittlinger, at the home address; a brother, Rev. Oscar Wittlinger, Cleveland; and two sisters, Mrs. Eleanora Sandresky, Buffalo, N. Y., and Mrs. Elizabeth Horny, Detroit.

He was an honorary member of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church here.

For partial funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.

Joseph Worms, 78, Retired Coal Miner, Dies This Morning

8-5-46

Joseph Worms, 78, retired coal miner of 721 South Jackson street, died in his home at 10:15 this morning after a lingering illness.

He was born in Shiloh Valley, February 10, 1868, his parents having been the late Joseph and Lena Christ Worms, and was married to Minnie Gude who preceded him in death September 1, 1938.

Surviving the deceased are two daughters and three sons, Mrs. Emme Wegescheide, North Fifteenth street; Joseph, 213 Wabash avenue; Miss Lena Worms, at home; Lawrence, 208 Wabash avenue; and Clarence, at home.

He also leaves five grandchildren, a brother and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Carr, Mrs. Anna Rettle and Nic Worms, North Sixtieth street; and Anna, wife of Joseph Rettle, 1416 Lebanon avenue. Five of his children, a sister and three brothers preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Progressive Coal Miners' Union.

The body may be viewed at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home after 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in Valhalla Burial Park, following funeral services Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Gaerdner's, Rev. Robert Herman, assistant pastor of St. Paul Evangelical church officiating.

Frederick Ziegler Dies At Home Here At Age Of 77 Years

Shur. Sept. 12

Frederick Ziegler, 77, retired machinist, of 25 North Thirty-eighth street, died in his home after an extended illness at 9 o'clock this morning.

Ziegler was employed many years as a machinist for the Ober-Nester Glass Company, East St. Louis, and until he retired several years ago. He was born in Highland Feb. 26, 1869.

Besides his wife, the former Kathryn Kingsley Sharp, to whom he was married in Mount Vernon, Ill., June 24, 1908, he leaves one daughter, Miss Martha Kathlewyn Dorothy Ziegler, at home; a brother, Christ Ziegler, St. Louis; and a sister, Mrs. Johanna Bender, residing on the Freeburg road.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home from where the funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon to Valhalla Burial Park, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon tomorrow.

Chas. Zimmerman, 81 Formerly Of Shiloh Valley, Dies Today

+ 20 Sept 20

Charles C. Zimmerman, 81, retired farmer formerly residing near Scott Field in Shiloh Valley township, passed away in his home, 333 North Fourth street, at 8 o'clock this morning after a serious illness of one week.

Zimmerman retired from his farm in Shiloh Valley in 1934, since which time he made his home in Belleville.

He was a native of Germany, his parents having been the late Xavier and Ida Zimmerman. He was born March 8, 1865, and was married to Mary Klossa in Belleville October 12, 1893.

His wife survives him with three sons and two daughters. Charles, Maplewood, Mo.; Roland, Rural route 2, Trenton; Lorraine, rural route 2, Freeburg; the former Frieda Zimmerman, now Sister Germaine d'L Eucaristie, St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Ida Peeples, at home. He also leaves three grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Katie Meyer and Mrs. Minnie Meyer, both residing in Germany.

Two sons, Louis and Emil, preceded their father in death.

The funeral has been set for 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler, officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

LABORER DIES FROM INJURY IN JUNK YARD

+ Mon. June 10
Adam Zinkowitz, 52-year-old junk yard laborer of 223 North High Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon of a fractured skull suffered while at work six days earlier. Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane has ordered an inquest at Gundlach and Company Funeral Home.

Mr. Zinkowitz, employed at the M. Spirtas scrap iron yard on North Second Street for the past 25 years, was struck on the head with a metal cable at 3 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon. Spirtas reported that Zinkowitz was working near a site where two men were crushing scrap metal by hoisting a 500-pound weight to the top of a boom and then releasing the weight.

Spirtas said Zinkowitz stopped his work to watch the two operators of the metal crusher and started to walk toward the operators when the cable used to release the weight suddenly broke, writhing as the tension was released and striking Zinkowitz on the head.

A native of Minsk, Russia, Mr. Zinkowitz was born July 15, 1893. He had no known relatives.

Mr. Zinkowitz was a member of Local 459, AFL Common Laborers Union.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 9.

Mrs. Anna Zoeckler Expires In Hospital At Age Of 77 Years

10/22 Julia.
Mrs. Anna Zoeckler, 77, widow of the late Julius Zoeckler, Tamaroa, Ill., who a week ago came here to make her home with her niece, Mrs. Ida Keck of Millstadt road, died at 8:50 this morning in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, which she entered as a medical patient last Saturday.

Mrs. Zoeckler was the former Anna Leckel and was born in O'Fallon, Oct. 10, 1869. She was married to Julius Zoeckler in Scheller, Ill., in 1884 and he preceded her in death in February, 1942.

Surviving her are a brother, John Leckel, Collinsville, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Zoeckler, Tamaroa; also a number of nieces and nephews.

The body is at the Gundlach and Company funeral home where friends may call after noon tomorrow.