

## John Amenn, 71, Dies at His Home After Long Illness

John Amenn, 71, of 1123 Freeburg Avenue, who has been blind for the last 35 years, died at his home at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon following a lingering illness.

Mr. Amenn was born in Carlyle September 30, 1876, and was a son of the late Alonzo and Mary Amenn, nee Girard. He married Ollie Strong in Collinsville December 30, 1903, and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are two children: Erwin Amenn of 1700 North Charles Street, and Iona, wife of Arthur Semrau, 1123 Freeburg Avenue; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two brothers: August Amenn of Carlyle and Louis Amenn of Collinsville.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Renner-Geminn Funeral Home to Walnut Hill Cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, officiated.

## **Frank Ayers, 78, Former Resident, Dies In Kentucky**

*+ Med. 12-8-48*  
Frank B. Ayers, 78, of Louisville, Ky., former resident of Belleville, died at his home yesterday afternoon.

Born in Ohio, Nov. 17, 1870, he was a retired secretary of the Louisville Industrial Foundation.

He married Ella Stephani in Belleville, Aug. 4, 1897, and she died on March 17, 1934.

Surviving are three daughters, Ruth Ayers, at home; Mrs. Elizabeth Robbins, of Chicago; Mrs. Daisy Gallaher, of Oakland, Calif. A son and a daughter preceded him in death.

The body will arrive here at 6:54 tomorrow morning. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Gundlach funeral home with interment in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.



## JULIUS BACHMAN, 51, DIES; INJURED IN FALL AT MILL

*For News-Record 5-23-45*  
**Father Of Nine Was On  
Catwalk At Imbs Flour  
Plant.**

Julius R. Bachman, 51, of 313 South Second street, who was injured in an accident at the J. F. Imbs Milling Company, 527 West Main street, at 12:45 last Friday afternoon, died at 7:10 a. m., today at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Bachman, who was a wheat un-loader at the flour mill where he was employed since July, 1945, suffered a skull fracture, hip fracture and a badly mangled arm.

There was no witness to the accident. Charles Edmiston, scale man at the mill, heard a thud in the scale room and in investigating found Bachman on the floor.

Bachman apparently fell about 20 feet from a catwalk while he was tightening belts with resin.

The mangled condition of his arm indicated that he may have come in contact with the moving belt.

Before working at the mill, Bachman was employed at the Oakland Foundry Company.

Bachman was the father of nine children, all but two of them living at home.

He was born at Nandecock, Pa., Oct. 23, 1896, a son of Jacob and Pauline (Nast) Bachman. His mother, who lives at the Bachman home at 313 South Second street, was born in Prussia; his father, who preceded in death, was born in Switzerland. He married Katherine Seiffert here, May 27, 1922.

Besides his wife and mother he is survived by eight daughters and a son, Lucille, wife of Harvey Nobe, of 1719 LaSalle street; Miss Ethel, at home; Katherine, wife of Almer Muir, of 317 South Second street; Marilyn, Audrey, Sharon, Barbara, Sandra and Julius Junior, all at home.

## Fatally Hurt



**Julius Bachman, 51, of 313 South Second street, who died today of injuries which he suffered in a 20-foot fall at the Imbs flour mill last Friday.**

He is also survived by three sisters and two brothers, Helen, wife of Walter Schoenbach, of 1504 LaSalle street; Rosa, wife of Carl Bergquist, of 24a North Jackson street; Pearl, wife of Mitchell Browning, of Freeburg; William Bachman, of San Francisco, and Herman Bachman, of Palo Alto, Calif. Two brothers and a sister preceded in death.

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

The arrangements for the funeral will be completed later.

Bachman was a member of the Men's Aid Society and the Brotherhood of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, and the Milling Workers' Union.

## JAMES E. BAILEY DIES ON PORCH AT HOME FROM STROKE

### Funeral For Field Manager of Fuller Brush Company Saturday.

James E. Bailey, 54, of 1034 LaSalle street, field manager for the Fuller Brush Company in this area, died of a heart stroke about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon while seated on the back porch of his home.

A neighbor, Mrs. Jerome Willman, of 1008 LaSalle street, who noticed that Bailey was in a slumped position, found him dead.

Bailey worked yesterday morning, but was indisposed in the afternoon and had asked his wife, Mrs. Helen Bailey, to make a trip to Waterloo for him while he rested. She arrived home from the trip shortly after Bailey died. Bailey was not under the care of a physician recently.

He was associated with the Fuller Brush Company for about 25 years and previously he was a stovemounter at the Karr Bangs Company.

A veteran of World War I, he was in the Army for 22 months and was overseas. He was a member of the executive board of the George E. Hilgard American Legion Post.

Bailey was born at Millstadt, Dec. 5, 1892, a son of Cyrus and Lucinda (Darr) Bailey. His mother, a native of Macomb county, lives at 717 St. Clary avenue. His father, who was born in Stokely township, preceded in death.

He married Miss Helen Krog here, March 16, 1923. Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by three sisters and two brothers, Nora, wife of Clarence Stallings, of Granite City; Alma, wife of Matt Darr, of Jerseyville; Almeta, wife of John VanOsdale, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Millard Bailey, of 609 Wabash avenue, and Wilford Bailey, of 309 South Nineteenth street.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock tonight.

Funeral services will be held at the Gundlach chapel at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koshlec will officiate. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

Bailey was a member of St. Clair Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and High Twelve of the Masons; George E. Hilgard American Legion Post; Travelers Protective Association; St. Clair Anglers, and St. Clair County Farm Bureau, and was an honorary member of the Stovemounters Union.

## **Louis Beck Dies In Home Where He Was Born In 1860**

*Wed. Jan. 28*  
Louis Beck, 87, retired cigar-maker, died at 7:30 last night at his home, 804 North Church street, the same place where he was born Feb. 12, 1860. Beck was ill about a year, seriously ill two days.

Beck, who was a son of Ignatz and Elizabeth (Koch) Beck, both natives of Germany, married Josephine Aulbach in St. Louis in 1892 and she died in 1914.

He is survived by a son and a daughter, Roy Beck and Miss Ruby Beck, both at home, and a granddaughter Mrs. Elmer Remelius. Three brothers and three sisters preceded in death.

The body is at the Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock and where the funeral services will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Norbert Rauhake, Otto Schirmer, Charles Beck, Harry Meyer, Charles Meyer, Jr., and Elmer Remelius.



# Rope Is Tied to Ankle

Frank Becker's Body Removed from Stolberg's; Was Cancer Sufferer

After writing three notes, Frank "Sam" Becker, 82, of 106 South Third Street, calmly tied a rope to his crippled left foot and then walked about ten feet into Stolberg's Lake last night and was drowned.

His body was recovered shortly after 7 p. m. by Deputy Sheriff Elmer W. Lacquet and two members of the State Highway Patrol—Sgt. Oliver Reichert of Dupo and Patrolman William Thompson of Collinsville. The officers said he had been dead for less than an hour.

One note read: "F. Becker to Renner's," meaning the Renner-Geminn Funeral Home; another said: "F. Becker in the pond"; and the third gave this terse message: "F. Becker."

Lacquet said Becker, a retired coppersmith at the Harmony Foundry, had been suffering from cancer for several years and his pains had increased in recent months. On August 7, 1947, he slashed both wrists with a small knife but recovered. Since then he has threatened to commit suicide.

## More Rope in Bag

Methodically Becker, who walked with the aid of a cane, trudged to the lake early last night. He chose a spot on the west bank near the north end. One end of the rope was tied to an iron stake driven into the bank and the other was tied to his left ankle after the shoe had been removed.

Neatly he piled his cane, his hat and a bag which contained additional rope, on the bank. Then he attached one of the

## CRIPPLE DROWNS HIMSELF IN LAKE

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notes to his hat, another in his shoe and the third he laid under the cane.

He walked into four feet of water, and lay down. At 8:30 p. m. Clarence Muren, 14 South Third Street, and his nephew, George Muren Jr., 111 Centreville Avenue, were walking along the bank when they noticed the partially submerged body and the rope. They called Lacquet who notified the State Highway Patrol and rushed to the scene. The three officers pulled the body to the shore.

Inquest Held  
Coroner Dr. C. E. Kane was called to the scene and after an examination ordered the body removed to the Renner-Geminn Funeral Home where an inquest was held and a verdict of suicide by drowning was returned.

Mr. Becker was born in Belleville April 2, 1865, and was a son of the late Frederick and Margaretta Becker. He married Caroline Westrich in St. Louis January 3, 1900. She survives.

A son, Russell, was killed in 1933 in a traffic accident on the Macouteah Road and a daughter, Margaret, died in infancy.

He was a member of Local 182 of the A.F.L. International Molders and Foundry Workers Union.

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

## **Mrs. Adelia Begole Of Ridge Prairie Dies At Age Of 64**

+ *Thurs 11-11-48*  
Mrs. Adelia Begole, 64, of Ridge Prairie, Caseyville township, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at 12:30 this morning after an illness of six months.

Born in Ridge Prairie, Dec. 3, 1883, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Lena Deppe Suever. She married L. T. Begole on Jan. 19, 1911. He survives.

Also surviving are a son Arthur, of St. Louis; two sisters, Clara, wife of Henry Bonhard, of 3721 West Main street; Amanda, wife of George Lepper, of 524 North Fourth street, and six grandchildren. A brother and three sisters preceded her in death.

The funeral will be at 1:30 Saturday afternoon from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Bethel cemetery.

She was a member of Ridge Prairie Grange, No. 1825.

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

Surviving are her husband, a retired farmer; a son, Arthur Begole, St. Louis; two sisters, Clara, wife of Henry Bonhard, 3721 West Main Street, and Amanda, wife of George Lepper, 524 North Fourth Street; and six grandchildren. A brother, William Suever, and three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Zimmermann, Mrs. Anna Moergan, and Mrs. Amella Seibel, preceded her in death.

She was a charter member of the Ridge Prairie Grange No. 1825.

## **Frank Bell, Miner, Dies At Hospital; Final Rites Monday**

*7-2-21 Jan. 3*  
Frank Bell, 72, of 1006 North Church street, died at 12:08 a. m., today at St. Elizabeth's hospital after an extended illness. Bell was a miner and he last worked at the old Eldnar Coal Company.

He was born at Centralia, July 11, 1875, a son of George and Mary (McFarland) Bell.

Bell, who never married, is survived by a brother, Charles Bell, of 604 Bristow street, and two sisters, Mrs. Catherine Kindermann, of 605 South Twenty-first street, and Mrs. Myrtle Roesch, of 102 Delaware avenue. A sister died in infancy. He is also survived by a nephew, Charles Kindermann, of 3537 Summit avenue, and a niece, Mrs. Helen Martino, of Vanuys, Calif.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Bell was a member of Progressive Miners Local No. 4.



## **Jacob Bernius, 83, Dies After Illness; Funeral Saturday**

+ WED - 11-17-48

Jacob Bernius, 83, who was last employed as a watchman for the Belleville Shoe Company, died at 12:55 this afternoon after an extended illness.

Born in Smithton, Dec. 22, 1864, he was the son of the late Louis and Christine Schiermeyer Bernius. He married Louise Eckert in O'-Fallon, July 23, 1890. His wife, two brothers, and two sisters in infancy preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Miss Ollie Bernius, of 303a East A street, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Grant, of 530 South Twenty-first street. He was a member of the Men's Aid Society of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church.

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

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Shiloh cemetery.

**Mrs. Clara Beyer,  
83, Dies At Home;  
Funeral Wednesday**

Died Sun. Dec. 12, 1948

Mrs. Clara Beyer, 83, of 210 West C street, died at her home at 6:30 last night after a month's illness.

Born in Belleville, July 20, 1865, she was the daughter of Charles and Ellen Green Nesbit. She married Herman Beyer in Belleville 63 years ago. He survives and is 85 years old.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles, at home; Arthur, of 216 North Fifth street; four daughters, Emma Yagge, of Kretchmer avenue; Adaline, wife of John Braun, of 410 North Fourth street; Ella, wife of Albert Adrian, of 104 Lucinda avenue; Dora Alders, at home; a brother, Donald Nesbit, of St. Louis; two sisters, Nellie, wife of Jacob Mank, of 213 West Lincoln street; Blanche, wife of Fred Hoeser, of St. Louis; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A son and four brothers preceded her in death.

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

The funeral will be from the Gaerdner funeral home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## **Mrs. Sarah Blaies, Dies At Hospital; Funeral Saturday**

*Wed. 11-17-178*

Mrs. Sarah Florence Blaies, 56, of 500a South Illinois street, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at 4:45 last night after an illness of two weeks.

Born in Millstadt, Oct. 22, 1892, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Minnie Platte Sutton. She married Cornelius Blaies in St. Louis, Feb. 27, 1928 and he survives. He is employed as a laborer in the Oakland foundry.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Howard Wright, of North Hollywood, Calif.; seven daughters, Ethel, wife of Harry Fritzinger, of Smithton road; Marie, wife of John Dornbach, of 1407 West A street; Mrs. Doris Jeoppo, at home; Viola, wife of Clarence Vogel, of 35 North Seventeenth street, and Aurelia, Rita and Lola Blaies, all at home; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Norris, of St. Louis; a brother, Ralph Sutton, of 505 Union avenue, and three grandchildren.

She was a member of the Circle A, of St. Paul's church. Two sons, three brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

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

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Gaerdner funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.



## **Mrs. Anna Blum, 82, Dies In Hospital; Funeral Wednesday**

*Died - Sunday July 25th*

Mrs. Anna Blum, 82, who resided at St. Paul's Old Folks Home, died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock in St. Elizabeth's hospital.

Mrs. Blum was born in Mascoutah, Oct. 10, 1865, the daughter of Phillip and Elizabeth Henschkol Hoehner. She married the late John A. Blum, in St. Louis, Sept. 28, 1899 and he died March 2, 1941. Her parents also preceded her in death. She formerly resided at 401 Wabash avenue before moving to St. Paul's Old Folks Home.

Surviving are two sons, Edwin Blum, of 230 South Pennsylvania avenue; Fred J. Blum, of St. Louis; a daughter, Elsie J. Blum, of 316a North Oak street; a sister, Mrs. G. F. Bauman, of 219 North Pennsylvania avenue, and two grandchildren.

Four brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

The funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Gundlach funeral home with interment in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call after 6 o'clock this evening.

## **Frk. Blumhorst Is Found Dead At Age Of 64**

*10-18-48*

Frank "Chick" Blumhorst, 64, porter at The Office, tavern at First and A street, was found dead on a cot in the stock room there at 7:20 Saturday night by Melvin Lincoln, manager.

Lincoln called police and Officers John Smith and Emil Kluge made an investigation. Blumhorst was pronounced dead from natural causes by a physician.

Apparently in good health and spirits, Blumhorst, who stayed at the tavern where he worked, went out Saturday afternoon. Lincoln said he returned shortly after 3:30 to take a nap. He found him

dead when he received no response to his call in the evening.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Gaerdner funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Friends may call at the Gaerdner funeral home after 7 o'clock tonight.

## FARMHAND KILLED AS FELLED TREE ROLLS DOWN HILL

*+ Sat. 12-4-48*  
**Julius Boisseau, 70,  
Dies Instantly When  
He Cuts Bracing Limb**  
*+ Sat. 12-4-48*

Julius Boisseau, 70, of North Seventeenth street road, a farmhand on the farm of Orville Procasky, South Fifty-ninth street road, a short distance south of route 13, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon when he was crushed by a heavy oak tree he was trimming on a hillside.

Boisseau and four others were working on the hillside on the Procasky farm and had just finished cutting down a 37-foot tree that was two feet in diameter. His companions had trimmed all the limbs from the trunk but one, which they left to brace the huge log on the hill.

As the others went on to another tree, Boisseau noticed the lone limb remaining and apparently not realizing why it had been left, severed it with a sharp stroke of his ax. The huge log rolled downhill, knocking Boisseau down and crushing him beneath it.

Boisseau's body was found by Lloyd Mann, 12-year-old farm youth of the neighborhood. He was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Elizabeth's hospital in the Gaerdner ambulance.

The men who had been working with Boisseau were Procasky and his brother, Leroy Procasky, route 1, Millstadt; John Pflugmacher, route 2, Belleville, and Virgil Mann, route 1, Millstadt.

State Highway Patrolman Glenn Barthelme, who was passing nearby

## Farmhand Killed As Felled Tree Rolls Down On Him

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as the alarm was sounded, made an investigation, the results of which he reported to the sheriff's office.

Julius Boisseau was born in French Village, Sept. 15, 1878, the son of the late Louis and Emma Koehler Boisseau. His mother was a native of Caseyville, and his father of Edgemont Station.

Surviving are two sons, Julius, of South Eleventh street; Elmer, of South Eleventh street; a daughter, Edna, wife of Elmer Williamson, of 605 South Fourteenth street; a brother, Ben Boisseau, of East St. Louis; a sister, Mrs. Cora Hagen, of Edgemont Station, and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Gaerdner funeral home with Rev. E. J. Koehler, officiating. Burial will be in the Mascoutah city cemetery.



## Mrs. Anna Bour, 80, 87 Former Resident Here, Dies After Illness

*Thur. July 15*  
Mrs. Anna Bour, 80, of Prospect Park and formerly of Belleville, died at the home of her granddaughter Mrs. Claude Cantwell, at 5:15 yesterday evening after an extended illness.

Mrs. Bour was born in Shiloh, Nov. 10, 1860, the daughter of George Walliser and Sophia Linder Walliser. She married Charles Bour of Belleville, Sept. 18, 1888. He was a barber here until ~~passing~~ ~~ing away~~ recently. After his death Mrs. Bour moved to Prospect Park.

Surviving are the following: a son, Charles J. Bour, of 113 South Virginia avenue; two daughters, Mable, wife of Ed Ehret, of 30 Grand avenue; Pearl, wife of Edgar Lancaster, of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Drake and Mrs. Christine Phillips, of O'Fallon and a brother, John Walliser, of O'Fallon. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, two daughters, a sister and a brother preceded her in death.

The funeral will be Monday afternoon at 3:30 from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. D. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the Gundlach funeral home after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.

## Braunersreuther Widow Dies After Extended Illness

Mrs. Henrietta Braunersreuther, 77-year-old widow of 616 North Illinois Street, died at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon in St. Elizabeth's Hospital. She had been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. Braunersreuther was born in Belleville September 16, 1870, a daughter of the late Jacob and Elizabeth Wunderle, nee Mohr. Her mother was born in Belleville; her father in Germany.

Her husband, Charles Braunersreuther, a grocer whom she married on June 28, 1893, in Belleville, died on June 11, 1925. Her husband was a member of the first board of education of the Township High School.

Surviving are two sons, George Braunersreuther, 215 Abend Street, and Julius Braunersreuther, 616 North Illinois Street, and a sister, Miss Anna Wunderle. Five brothers preceded her in death.

For partial funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 15.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1948**

**Carl Bromba,  
Miner, Dies**

**Died Tues. Dec. 14, 1948**

Carl Bromba, 74, of 404 North Charles street, died at the Alton State hospital at 9:30 last night after a lingering illness. He was a retired coal miner.

Born in Germany, Dec. 15, 1874, he came to Belleville to live in 1902.

Friends may call at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home after 6 o'clock tomorrow night. Funeral arrangements are pending.

**Services Tomorrow  
For Carl Bromba**

**Rev. R. J. Herman**

The funeral of Carl Bromba, 74, of 414 North Charles street, who died Tuesday, will be from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with interment in Shiloh cemetery.

Members of the Progressive Mine Workers of America will conduct services. 12-18-48



## PVT. BRUSS' BODY ARRIVES

(Picture On Page 15)

The body of Pvt. Herman A. Bruss, 25-year-old victim of World War II, arrived here this morning for final burial. The flag-draped casket bearing the remains arrived at the local Illinois Central Railroad depot at 11:15 a. m. and was taken to Gundlach and Company Funeral Home. Complete funeral arrangements may be found in the obituary column on page 11.

Bruss, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bruss of the Shiloh Road, was killed in action on Luzon March 6, 1945. Born in Belleville April 4, 1919, he was employed at the Star-Peerless Brewery Company prior to entering the service in January, 1942. He was sent overseas in October of 1942.

Surviving besides his parents are three brothers: William Bruss, 424 Clay Street; Clarence Bruss, 421 Clay Street, and Leroy Bruss, R. R. 2, Belleville, and four sisters: Irene, wife of Clarence Wagner, R. R. 2, Belleville; Mildred, wife of Wesley Wheeler, Wynliston, Pa.; Mrs. Ethel Powers, 39 South 54th Street, and Edna, wife of Everett McMillan, R. R. 2, Belleville.

## Herman Bruss Body Arrived This Morning

The body of Pvt. Herman A. Bruss, 25-year-old infantryman, who was killed in action in Manila, March 6, 1945, arrived at the Illinois-Central railroad station here at 11:15 this morning.

The funeral will be Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Friends may call at the Gundlach funeral home after 6 o'clock tonight.

Bruss was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bruss, of the Shiloh road. He was employed at the Star-Peerless Brewery Company before entering service. His father was formerly a caretaker at the Dewey Rod and Gun Club on the Shiloh road.

Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers, William, of 424 Clay street; Clarence, of 421 Clay street, and Leroy, of rural route 2, Belleville; and four sisters, Irene, wife of Clarence Wagner, of rural route 2; Mildred, wife of Wesley Wheeler, of Wynliston, Pa.; Ethel, wife of Leo Power, of 39 South Fifty-fourth street, and Edna, wife of Everett McMillan, of rural route 2.

Bruss had been in service for about three years at the time of his death.

## Mrs. Annie Burns Dies in Hospital After Long Illness

Mrs. Annie Burns, 56, of 316 South 20th Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 3 o'clock yesterday morning following an extended illness. She had been confined to the hospital as a medical patient for two weeks.

Mrs. Burns was born in Moberly, Mo., March 3, 1892, and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teigler. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in Moberly. She mar-



MRS. ANNIE BURNS

ried John Burns in St. Louis in 1910 and he died August 23, 1946.

Surviving are six children: John H. Burns, at home; Christine, wife of Arthur Battle, 406 Wabash Avenue; William G. Burns, at home; Kathryn, wife of William Schwartz Jr., 704 West E Street, a state drivers' license examiner, Aviation Machinist's Mate Third Class Robert J. Burns, stationed with the Navy at San Diego; Thomas Leroy Burns, also at home. Five grandchildren also survive.

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

## **Bertha Clayton Dies At Hospital; Funeral Tomorrow**

Mrs. Bertha Clayton, 73, who lived at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl G. Wangelin, 136 North Pennsylvania avenue, since the death of her husband, 15 years ago, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital Saturday, Sept. 4, at 8:20 in the evening. *1815 center*

The funeral will be tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

Mrs. Clayton was born in West Troy, Ill., March 31, 1875, the daughter of Fredrick and Adeline Ritter Wieduwilt. She married William Clayton in Massillon, O., Oct. 31, 1896, and he died on Aug. 11, 1933.

Surviving are a daughter, Pearl, wife of Earl G. Wangelin, of 136 North Pennsylvania avenue; three sisters, Mrs. Lena Sangrelet, of Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Frank Schultz, of Collinsville; Mrs. Dave Wilson, of Collinsville; three brothers, Harry Wieduwilt, of Edmund, Okla.; John Wieduwilt, of Glen Carbon; Joseph Wieduwilt, of Edwardsville; and two grandchildren.

Eight brothers and sisters and an infant son preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Eastern Star of Collinsville.

Pallbearers will be Richard Gass, Ernst Gass, Elmer Wangelin, Paul Moeller, Al Heineman and Henry Dunck.



## **Ray (Rip) Cloud, 52, Dies; Final Rites Tomorrow**

*Sat. Feb. 21*  
Raymond (Rip) Cloud, 52, of 11a Public Square, who was well known here as a sports follower, died at 2:20 Saturday afternoon at the Veterans Hospital at Jefferson Barracks, where he was a patient for three months. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Cloud was a deputy sheriff when Martin Schnipper was sheriff of St. Clair county. He was a veteran of World War I.

Cloud was born here, Oct. 16, 1895, a son of Andrew and Louise (Deshay) Cloud. His father was born in Indiana, his mother in Belleville.

He married Lucille Davis at Waterloo, Oct. 18, 1919, and she died May 19, 1934.

He is survived by three brothers, Edward, of 306 South Twentieth street; Jess, of 1719 West Main street, and Eugene, of North Twelfth street. He was preceded in death by a brother, Walter, and a sister, Mrs. Florence Jacques.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## Louis Daesch, 80, Smithton, Dies in Hospital Here

Louis Daesch, 80, a former resident of Smithton and a retired railroad office worker, died at 11:30 o'clock Saturday night at St. Elizabeth's Hospital where he had been a medical patient since January 4. In recent months, he made his home at St. Paul's Old Folks Home.

He was born in Smithton January 16, 1868, and was a son of the late Conrad and Mary Daesch, nee Daab, both natives of Germany. He married Minnie Maedel in Smithton June 3, 1889, and she died April 30, 1940.

A son, Victor C. Daesch, died last March 27 while another son and a daughter preceded him in death as did a brother and a sister. He is survived by eight nieces and nephews: Robert L. and Sylvester Daesch and Mrs. May Kelsey, all of Belleville; and Mrs. Bertha Bueschen, Louis and Fred Press Mrs. Jule Grob and Mrs. Elsie Connelly, all of St. Louis.

He was a member of the Smithton Turner Society.

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

## CHAS. DERMINT DIES SUDDENLY

*7 Sat. Apr. 3*  
Charles Dermint, 65-year-old truck driver of 601 North Douglas Avenue, died unexpectedly at 10 o'clock this morning in his home, the victim of a heart attack. Mr. Dermint was pronounced dead after firemen worked nearly an hour with an inhalator.

The man, an employe of the Fruth Motor Truck Service where he worked yesterday, was stricken at his home last night. At 9:13 o'clock this morning attending physicians summoned an inhalator.

He was born in Belleville on November 8, 1882, a son of the late Alvin and Emma Dermint, and married Mathilda Roth in Belleville in 1902.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Lester Dermint, 306 North Charles Street, a daughter, Anita, wife of George Schmitz, St. Louis County; two sisters, Rose, wife of Cornelius Schoedler, 720 South First Street, and Mrs. Addie Hoffman residing in Texas; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was a member of Local No. 50, Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page two.



## Edward Dewein, Sr., Funeral Services Friday Afternoon

*James  
Mon. Feb. 17*

Funeral services for Edward George Dewein Sr., 79, retired grocer, of 417 South Second street, who died at his home at 1:40 yesterday afternoon after an extended illness, will be held at three o'clock Friday afternoon at the Renner-Geminn funeral home.

Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after six o'clock tonight.

Dewein was born here July 28, 1868, a son of George and Katherine Dewein, and married Mary Hoffmann here, Nov. 25, 1891.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, Dr. Edward G. Dewein Jr., of Freeburg; Irvin Dewein, 118 North First street, and a daughter, Miss Irene Dewein, at home. Another daughter, Mrs. Alma Farrell, died in 1925.

He is also survived by four grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Adam Ehret, of Belleville, and three brothers, George, Walter and Adolph Dewein, all of Belleville. Two other brothers, Fred and John, preceded in death.

Dewein was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the South Side Improvement Association.

## HAROLD DILLER BODY ARRIVES SATURDAY

*T 12-10-1944*  
The body of Cpl. Harold H. Diller, victim of World War II, will arrive here Saturday morning for final burial. Complete funeral arrangements are in the obituary column on Page 17.

Cpl. Diller, 27-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Diller, 1914 West Main Street, was killed in action in Germany during the Battle of the Bulge, on December 16, 1944. Born in Belleville October 28, 1917, he had been employed by his father in the operation of the Diller Sheet Metal Works prior to entering the service in February, 1942.

Surviving besides his parents are a brother, C. Byron Diller, St. Louis, and a sister, Betty, wife of Harold Gansmann, 1831 Muren Boulevard.

The body will arrive at the local Illinois Central depot at 10:15 o'clock Saturday morning and will be taken immediately to the Gundlach and Company Funeral Home. Full military honors will be accorded at the funeral. *Funeral 11-15-44 P*

The pallbearers will be Nick Sardiga Jr., Fred Peck Jr., Clyde Lasco, Norman Klotz, John Wainwright and Theodore Schifferdecker.

Scott Air Force Base will furnish a firing squad and a bugler.

Cpl. Diller was killed Dec. 16, 1944, in action, while serving in the infantry at Keschernnick, Germany, during the Battle of the Bulge. He was inducted into the Army March, 1942. He left the states Oct. 12, 1944, and immediately went to France.

Diller was born in Belleville, Oct. 28, 1917, a son of Charles and Clara (Koenig) Diller, both of whom were born in Belleville.

Besides his parents, Diller, who was single, is survived by a brother, Byron Diller, of St. Louis, and a sister, Betty, wife of Harold Gansman, of 1831 Muren boulevard, here.

## **Eliz. Dintelmann, 74, Dies; Rites At St. Paul's Church**

*+ Mon. Jan. 19*  
Mrs. Elizabeth Dintelmann, 74, of Smithton road, St. Clair township, died at her home at 5:10 p. m., yesterday after an extended illness.

She was born in Germany, Sept. 25, 1873, a daughter of Nicholas and Charlotte (Diabel) Hasselbach, and married Henry Dintelmann here June 6, 1899. He died Oct. 22, 1934.

She is survived by two sons, Henry G. Dintelmann, of State street road, and Irvin C. Dintelmann, of Smithton road. She was preceded in death by a son, Walter, and also two children in infancy.

She is also survived by two grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Minnie Igel, of St. Louis. Two brothers and two sisters preceded in death.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and until 11 a. m., Thursday, when the body will be taken to St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church.

The funeral rites will be held at the church at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

Mrs. Dintelmann was a member of St. Paul's church and the Ladies' Aid and Circle A of the church.



## Edward Eckert, Former Business Man Here, Dies

*Wed. July 28*  
Edward Eckert, 83, of 605 West Lincoln street, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at 4:45 this morning.

Eckert, who was a retired furniture dealer here, was born in Millstadt, Oct. 23, 1864, the son of the late Fredrick and Margaret Dehn Eckert. He married Ellen Hertel who died on June 23, 1943.

Surviving are: two daughters; Elizabeth, wife of Louis Dehn, 605 West Lincoln street; Mrs. Hattie Gilk, of St. Louis; two sons; Monroe Eckert, of 301 State street; Eugene Eckert, of St. Paul, Minn.; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was a member of St. Clair Lodge A. F. and A. M., No. 24. Two sons, eight brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

The funeral will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Renner-Geminn funeral home with burial in Valhalla cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Friends may call after 7 o'clock this evening.

*2 sons + Charles  
Edwin + Charles*

# **MAX ECKHARDT, 68, DIES; GROCER HERE MANY YEARS**

**On Library Board Since  
1909; Funeral Services  
Monday Afternoon.**

Max Eckhardt, 68, well-known retired Belleville grocer, died at 8:43 a. m. today at Deaconess hospital, St. Louis, where he was a patient for the last six weeks.

Eckhardt became ill last fall and underwent an operation in November for its correction, but he never completely recovered. He resided at 422 West Main street.

A life-long resident of Belleville and active in civic affairs, Eckhardt was associated with his father, William Eckhardt, Jr., the founder of the former Eckhardt grocery in the second block on West Main street. Max Eckhardt operated the store after the death of his father. His last work was at the W. L. Badger and Company feed business.

Eckhardt entered the grocery business with his father following his graduation from the old Belleville High school. Both he and his father were active in the Philharmonic organization, the elder Eckhardt being a violinist, and his son a pianist and alto player.

Eckhardt was president of the board of the Public Library at the time of his death, being on the board for 35 years as a member starting in October, 1909, and as president in the Spring of 1929.

Active in St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, Eckhardt was secretary of the church while serving on the church council. He was interested in Boy Scout work and was chairman of troop 14 of St. Paul's church. He was widely known as a stamp collector.

He was born in Belleville, Dec. 11, 1879, a son of William Eckhardt, Jr., and Mrs. Henrietta Ulrich Eckhardt. His father was born in Germany, his mother in this country. He married Bertha Thebus here Sept. 18, 1903.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Anna Maria, wife of J. W. Baschoff, of Chicago, and Elsa, wife of J. M. Houck, of LaGrange, Ill.

He is also survived by five grandchildren, Sara and Richard Houck, and James, Charles and Julianna Baschoff, and a brother, E. W. Eckhardt, of 810 Sycamore street, retail food market operator. He was preceded in death by a brother, Adolph, who died as a

## **Grocer Dies**



Max Eckhardt, 68, well-known retired grocer here, who died today at Deaconess Hospital, St. Louis. He was ill since last fall.

young man, and a sister, Miss Hortense Eckhardt.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Gundlach funeral home. Rev. R. J. Koshler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call after 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.



MAX ECKHARDT

## MAX ECKHARDT DIES; HEAD OF LIBRARY BODY

*Max Eckhardt, 68-year-old prominent retired grocer and veteran member and president of the Belleville Public Library board of trustees, died at 8:30 o'clock this morning in the Desconess Hospital, St. Louis, where he had been a patient for six weeks.*

Mr. Eckhardt, a resident of 423 West Main Street, had been in failing health since he underwent a major operation last fall. He reentered the hospital six weeks ago and had been in a critical condition for more than a week.

Born in Belleville on December 11, 1879, Mr. Eckhardt was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Eckhardt Jr., nee Henrietta Ulrich. His mother was born in Belleville; his father in Germany. His father established a grocery store on West Main Street which was operated later by his two sons, Max and E. W. Eckhardt. Max retired from business nearly six years ago but his brother operates markets on East and West Main Street to day.

Mr. Eckhardt was named to the board of the Public Library by the late Mayor Fred J. Kern in October, 1909. Upon the death of W. A. Hough, Eckhardt became president of the board in July, 1929. Surviving are his wife, the former Bertha Thebus whom he married in Belleville on September 19, 1906; two daughters, Annalouise, wife of J. W. Bischoff, Chicago; and Elsie, wife of James Hough, La Grange, Ill.; a brother, E. W. Eckhardt, 810 Sycamore Street, and five grandchildren. A brother and a sister preceded him in death.

In 1928, Mr. Eckhardt had been active in Boy Scout work. He also was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Euka Lodge.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 13.

## Eckhardt Funeral Services Monday

The funeral of Max Eckhardt, 68, well known retired Belleville grocer who died yesterday, will be held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Palbearers for the funeral will be Harry Busse, O. C. Joseph, Walter Kell, Irvin Krummrich, Eugene LePere, Henry Meckfessel, Ed Roediger and W. A. Schickel-danz.

Friends may view the body after 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Gundlach funeral home.

Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.



## MRS. EHRET, 89, DIES SUDDENLY

Handwritten: + Feb. 21

Mrs. Elizabeth Ehret, a widow who observed her 89th birthday anniversary on Tuesday, collapsed and died suddenly at noon today at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Reis, Garden Boulevard, Edison Place.

A former resident of 712 East Washington Street, Mrs. Ehret had made her home with her daughter the past two years. She had breakfast this morning with her daughter but collapsed and died at noon. A half-brother, Edward G. Dewein, 79-year-old retired grocer, died in his home 417 South Second Street, on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ehret was born in St. Louis February 16, 1859, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Dewein, nee Lautenschlager. Her mother was born in Germany; her father in Alsace Lorraine, France. She married Adam Ehret in Belleville almost 70 years ago. Her husband, a foundry man who was one of the founders of the old Enterprise Foundry, and later the Crown Foundry, died more than 20 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Reis, and Miss Clara Ehret, 65th of Garden Boulevard; two sons: Alva Ehret, 115 North Douglas Avenue, and Erwin Ehret, Metropolis, Ill.; three half-brothers: Walter Dewein, 303 North Jackson Street; George Dewein, 510 South Illinois Street, and Adolph Dewein, Freeburg; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Two other half-brothers, John and Fred Dewein preceded her in death.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.

The body is at the Renner-Gemina funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tomorrow night and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Died - Fri April 19  
**Harry England,  
Retired Engineer,  
Dies in Hospital**

Harry Lee England, 69-year-old former engineer and retired night-watchman of 117 South 29th Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 2:25 o'clock this morning following a prolonged illness. He retired ten years ago from his profession as an engineer.

Born in Louisiana, Mo., on December 21, 1878, he was a son of the late William and Martha England, and married Sabina Kaiser in Belleville on June 29, 1907.

Surviving besides his wife are a son, Harry C. England, and a daughter, Ethel, wife of Clarence Keiser, both at home. A brother died in infancy.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 19.

## **Eric Ericson, 64, Dies At Hospital; Funeral Is Friday**

*+ W. J. — Sept. 8*  
Eric Ericson, 64, of 601 North Douglas avenue, who came back to Belleville to live last June after an absence of 24 years, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at 7:30 this morning. He had been ill a year.

Ericson moved to Aurora, Ill., 24 years ago and was employed on a newspaper there. He moved back to Belleville and took up his residence on North Douglas avenue last June.

Born in Sweden, Sept. 15, 1883, he was the son of John and Anna Ericson. He married Mary Sargent Nov. 12, 1924, in Chicago. She survives.

Besides his wife, a sister, Mrs. Nany Kallen, of Aurora, and one brother in Sweden, also survive.

The funeral will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Gundlach funeral home with interment in Valhalla cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.



## SMITHTON ROAD WOMAN AGED 44, FOUND SHOT DEAD

### Mrs. Elmer Ettling's Body Found In Ravine, Shotgun By Side.

*+ 7 mi. West 3*  
Mrs. Louise Ettling, 44, wife of Elmer Ettling, of Smithton road, a mile south of the city limits, at 7:15 this morning was found fatally shot in a ravine near her home.

The body was discovered by Arthur Kennedy, of nearby MacArthur place, on his way to work. He called the sheriff's office and Deputies Peter Koch, Gomer Jay Williams and Herman Schade responded and were joined by Dr. C. C. Kane, coroner.

The deputies and coroner said that Mrs. Ettling apparently ended her own life by firing a 12-gauge shotgun into her chest. The gun was found alongside her body, together with a broomstick with which she pulled the trigger as she lay in the ravine.

Mrs. Ettling's husband had gone to work at the Oakland Foundry, where he is employed as a molder, only a short time earlier, and their daughter, Ethel Mae, 16, had not yet awakened when her mother left the house with the shotgun.

Ettling told the deputies the gun had been taken apart and was lying on a box in the basement. He expressed surprise that she should have been able to put it together, a task which he said is rather difficult.

Mrs. Ted Ross, a neighbor, told the deputies she had seen Mrs. Ettling walk by with the shotgun, but she said this is not an uncommon practice in the neighborhood, where rodents are frequently shot.

The deputies and coroner said no note was found. Ettling told them his wife had been operated upon several months ago, and she had been despondent since that time.

The body was removed to the Gaerdner funeral home, where an inquest is pending.

Mrs. Ettling was born in Red Bud, Aug. 26, 1904, the daughter of Phillip and Mary Roth Kraemer, both of whom preceded her in death.

She married Elmer Ettling in Granite City, Mar. 10, 1923.

Besides her husband, she is survived by the daughter, Ethel May, who lives at home; four brothers, Edward Kraemer, of Cloquet, Minn.; Henry Kraemer, of Red Bud; John Kraemer, of Swansea; William Kraemer, of Smithton; and three sisters, Mrs. Ernestine Rahn, of Red Bud; Mrs. Minnie Kunz, of Swansea; and Ella, wife of Carl Haysmann, of 810 East Washington street.

The funeral will be Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Paul's Evangelical church, with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

The body will be taken to the church from the Gaerdner funeral home at 11 o'clock Monday morning. Friends may call at the Gaerdner funeral home after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

## LOCAL WIDOW, 76, FATALLY HURT IN FALL DOWN STAIRS

**Mrs. Mathilda Fietsam's  
Body Discovered By  
Her Daughter-in-law**

*Thurs. Sept. 16*  
Mrs. Mathilda Fietsam, 76, widow of George Fietsam, was fatally injured early this morning when she accidentally fell down the basement stairs at the home of her son, Gilbert Fietsam, 410 North Fifth street, where she had been living.

Mrs. Fietsam was found lying at the foot of the stairs at 6:15 this morning by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Myrtle Fietsam, when she arose.

Police who investigated said that indications were that the elderly woman had gotten up during the night and mistook the basement door for the bathroom door nearby. Her head struck the basement wall when she fell down the stairs, apparently head first.

A flashlight Mrs. Fietsam carried, still lighted, was found beneath her body. Dr. C. C. Kane, coroner, authorized removal of the body. An inquest is pending.

Mrs. Fietsam was born in New York, Aug. 15, 1872. She married George Fietsam, Sr., in Fayetteville, Nov. 24, 1891, and he died in Belleville, Aug. 23, 1947. He had been a blacksmith.

She was a member of the Service Star Mothers.

Surviving are four sons, George, Jr., of 614 Portland avenue; Clarence, of San Antonio, Tex.; Arthur, of 117a West Main street; Gilbert, of 410 North Fifth street; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Renner-Geminn funeral home with Rev. B. J. Knobler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Friends may call at the Renner-Geminn funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening.

## Widow, 76, Dies in Fall at Home

*Thurs. Sept. 16*  
The body of Mrs. Mathilda Fietsam, 76-year-old widow, was found this morning on the basement floor of her home, 410 North Fifth Street. She apparently had fallen on the steps and suffered a fatal head injury.

The discovery was made at 6:15 o'clock this morning by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gilbert Fietsam, with whom she resided. No one in the two-family residence heard the fall.

Mrs. Fietsam was dressed in night clothing but had donned stockings. A flashlight was in her hand. She apparently had fallen from the top step and had been dead more than an hour. The Renner-Geminn ambulance was sent to the home and removed the body to the Renner-Geminn Funeral Home. Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane has ordered an inquest.

Mrs. Fietsam was born in New York on August 15, 1872, and married George Fietsam Sr., in Fayetteville on November 24, 1891. Her husband, a retired blacksmith, died August 23, 1947.

Surviving are four sons, George Fietsam Jr., 614 Portland Avenue; Clarence Fietsam, San Antonio, Tex.; Arthur Fietsam, 117a West Main Street, and Gilbert Fietsam with whom she lived; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was a member of the Service Star Mothers.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 17.

## **Stephen Flure, 57, Barber, Dies; Military Rites**

*Sat. Jan 31*  
Stephen Flure, 57, local barber and veteran of World War I, died at 1 a. m. today at Jefferson Barracks hospital after an extended illness.

Flure lived above his barber shop at 18 North First street. He recently collapsed in his barber shop and later collapsed at his home. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Flure, who learned the barber trade under Charles Bauer, here, formerly operated tonsorial shops at St. Jacob and Highland.

He was born in Belleville, Nov. 14, 1890, a son of the late Jacob and Anna (Wasem) Flure. His father was born at Douglas, his mother in Belleville.

He is survived by three sons, Levi and Earl Flure, both of Alton, and Julius, of Highland.

He is also survived by three grandchildren; a brother, William Flure, of 820 North Charles street and two sisters, Mrs. Lulu Kuntz of 1328 West Lincoln street, and

Ida, wife of Chief Deputy Sheriff Frank Kern, 23 West Washington street. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Alma Fink.

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock tomorrow night and where funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery with the American Legion in charge of the military rites at the grave.

Flure was a member of the American Legion and the Barbers Local.



*F. H. H. H. H.*  
**Mrs. Foerste, 41,  
Dies; Daughter  
of Local Couple**

Mrs. Leona C. Foerste, 41-year-old wife of Wallace Foerste, a Dupo jeweler, died at 10 a. m. today at DePaul Hospital, St. Louis, following a lingering illness.

She was born February 9, 1907, a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Scheich, nee Schwedel, both natives of Belleville.

In addition to her husband she is survived by her father; two children, Bonnie Sue and Wallace Terry Foerste; a sister, Mrs. Louise Gramann and four brothers, Charles, William, Raymond and Lester Scheich, all of Belleville.

Complete funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page eleven.

**Mrs. Leona Foerste,  
Of Dupo, Dies In  
St. Louis Hospital**

*F. H. H. H. H.*  
Mrs. Leona C. Foerste, 44, of Dupo, who has relatives living here, died at the DePaul Hospital, St. Louis, at 10 o'clock this morning after a lingering illness.

Besides her husband, Wallace Foerste, and her father, Philip Scheich, both of Dupo, she is survived by a son, Wallace Terry, at home; a daughter, Bonnie Sue, at home; a sister, Mrs. Louise Gramann, and four brothers, Charles, William, Raymond and Lester, all of Belleville.

The body will lie in state at the Dashner funeral home, Dupo, until noon Monday when it will be taken to the Pete Gaerdner funeral home here, where services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

**Services Today For  
Mrs. Leona Foerste**

Funeral services for Mrs. Leona C. Foerste, 44, of Dupo, who died Saturday, were held this afternoon from the Gaerdner funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment was in Valhalla Burial Park.

Pallbearers were George Boos, Irvin Krummrich, Lloyd Vivian, Dr. Earl Dick, Ed Hankammer and Howard Bostian.

## Dr. Frederick Fox, Retired Freeburg Physician, Dies

*+ Wed. July 21*  
Dr. Frederick B. Fox, 76, of Freeburg, died this morning at 12:27 in St. Elizabeth's hospital suffering from complications due to old age.

Dr. Fox graduated from St. Louis University's school of medicine in May of 1906. He set up his first office in Tilden, answering his first call riding horseback. In November of 1946 he suffered a paralytic stroke and retired from active practice.

He was born in Chapin, Ill., on Dec. 27, 1871, the son of George and Margret Biggers Fox. On May 1, 1917, he married Lissette Suemnicht of New Athens Township, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Richard E. Fox, of Chapin, and Walter R. Fox, of San Mateo, Calif. A brother, Earl, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Gundlach funeral home with burial in Valhalla cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Friends may call after 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Gundlach funeral home.

*1 Son - Russell Fox  
by previous  
marriage*

## John B. Frick, Coremaker, Dies at Age of 60

John Betz Frick, 60-year-old retired foundry coredmaker died in his home on the North 17th Street Road, nearly two miles north of Belleville, at 11:10 o'clock last night. He had last been employed at the Excelsior Foundry Company.

Mr. Frick was born in Belleville on January 17, 1888, a son of the late John and Catherine Frick, nee Betz, also natives of Belleville, and married Theresa Haak in Belleville on December 31, 1946.

Surviving besides his wife are a sister, Mrs. Lillian Gorges, 712 South 19th Street, and two brothers, Hugh Frick, 801a Freeburg Avenue, and Nick Frick, Kansas City, Mo.

A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the American Legion. Mr. Frick entered the service May 29, 1918, serving as a private in Company B, 45th Infantry. He was discharged from the service at Camp Grant, Ill., June 1, 1919. He also was a member of Local 220, Molders Union.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.



## **Charles P. Gabel, 54, Molder, Dies; Services Monday**

*+ Sat. Feb. 21*  
Charles Phillip Gabel, 54, of 1601 North Illinois street, Swansea, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 12:52 a. m., today after an extended illness.

Gabel was a molder at the General Magnesium Foundries, Inc., plant here on South Third street.

He was born here, July 29, 1893, a son of the late Fred and Mary (Schoeppel) Gabel. His father was born in Missouri, his mother in Germany. He married Gladys Pearl Hanvey, March 30, 1918 at Edwardsville.

Besides his wife he is survived by a son, Orville Gabel, of 1804 North Illinois street. Also surviving are one grandchild and the following three brothers and five sisters, Fred, of 1820 Garden street; Jacob, of 2200 North Illinois street; Herman, of Caseyville avenue; Mrs. Anne Hoffmann, of 320 Gilbert street; Mrs. Theresa Bender, of 324 Gilbert street; Mary, wife of Adolph Endres, of 3703 West Main street; Matilda, wife of Henry Meyer, of 837 Tower street, and Katherine, wife of Edward Alt, of St. Louis. Six brothers and a sister preceded in death.

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight; and where the funeral services will be held at 1:30 Monday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Gabel was a member of the Iron Molders Local 220. *125*

## **Fred Gabel, Coal Miner, Dies At Home**

Died Wed. Dec. 15, 1948

Fred Gabel, 72, of 1820 Garden street, a retired coal miner, died at his home at 9:30 last night after an extended illness.

Born in O'Fallon, Sept. 20, 1876, he was the son of Fred and Mary Schepple Gabel.

Surviving are two brothers, Jacob Gabel, of North Illinois street; Herman Gabel, of 1028 Caseyville avenue; and five sisters, Mrs. Anna Hoffman, of 320 Gilbert street; Mrs. Theresa Bender, of 324 Gilbert street; Mary, wife of Adolph Andres, of 3700 West Main street; Mrs. Tillie Meyer, of Vennedy; Mrs. Catherine Alt, of St. Louis.

Friends may call at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home after 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The funeral will be from the Peter Gaerdner funeral home at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## Wm. Gardner Dies; Former Custodian At Bank Building

*+ Tues. Jan. 6*

William Charles Gardner, 81, of No. 9 North Jackson street, former custodian and maintenance man of the First National Bank building, died at 3:10 yesterday afternoon at St. Elizabeth's hospital after an illness of about a year.

He was an employe in the bank building for 34 years, being an elevator operator there in recent years.

He was born in Guernsey, England, Nov. 22, 1866, and married Elizabeth Rebson here in 1892. She died Jan. 12, 1940.

He is survived by a son, George Gardner, of Birmingham, Ala., and a daughter, Mrs. Clara Ray, of Anderson, Ind.

He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Amelia Wild, of 2804 West Main street, and Mrs. Esther Gilloch, of Springfield, Ill.

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.



# **PHILIP GEMINN, SR., DIES AT HOSPITAL; FORMER ALDERMAN**

**Also Served As  
Supervisor; Was  
77 Years Old.**

Philip Geminn, Sr., 77, of 1321 North Church street, well-known resident, retired brewery worker and former alderman and supervisor, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at 10:10 last night following a fracture he suffered Thanksgiving Day after which complications set in.

Geminn suffered a fractured left leg in a fall at his home on Nov. 25 and was taken to the hospital where he was confined until his death.

He was born in Belleville, June 24, 1871, the son of the late Jacob, Sr., and Catherine Hess Geminn. His parents were both natives of Germany. He was educated in the Belleville public schools and later learned the brewery trade.

Geminn married the former Catherine Dahm in Belleville June 14, 1905, and she survives.

He was employed at the Star Beerhaus Brewery for 35 years, retiring at the age of 67 years. He served as first ward alderman under the F. J. Kern administration and later served as supervisor for two terms. He was a member of the Brewery Workers Local 21 and of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons, Philip Geminn, Jr., of 2113 West A street, who is now serving as township supervisor; Hugo Geminn, of 4934 Washington boulevard, Chicago; Walter Geminn, of 1321 North Church street; Clarence Geminn, of 1409 North Charles street; and a daughter, Mrs. Marcella Neuf, of New Athens.

Also surviving are three brothers, Jacob Geminn, Jr., of 606 Bristol street; John Geminn, of 129 South Virginia avenue; Thomas Geminn, of 1824 Garden street, St. Louis, and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Geminn, and three sisters, Miss Ella Geminn, Mrs. Caroline Habelruh and Mrs. Louise Kluss.

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from St. Paul's church with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The body will remain at the Renner-Geminn funeral home until 11 o'clock Saturday morning, when it will be taken to church.

Friends may call at the Renner-Geminn funeral home after 3 o'clock tomorrow evening.

## **Charles Gibbins, Former Resident, Dies In Aberdeen**

Died Mon. Dec. 27, 1948

Charles Gibbins, 63, of Aberdeen, S. D., former resident of Belleville, died in Aberdeen at 3:30 yesterday morning after an extended illness.

The body, which is being shipped here for services and burial will arrive in Belleville at 10:30 tomorrow evening. Friends may call at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home after noon, Thursday.

Born in Mascoutah, Oct. 5, 1885, he was the son of the late Charles and Nora Lloyd Gibbins. He married Bertha Higgins and she preceded him in death. He later married and his widow, Mrs. Ann Gibbins. *Survivor*

Also surviving are a daughter, Mildred, wife of Clifford Hall; a brother, Roy Gibbins, of St. Louis; two sisters, Mrs. Zoe Wittauer, of South Eleventh street road; Della, wife of Charles Held, of East St. Louis; and two grandchildren.

He was a member of the Masonic Symbolic lodge, Consistory and Shrine.

The funeral will be from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon with interment in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## Frank Gildig, 61, Dies; Funeral To Be Held Saturday

*Wed Feb. 18*  
Frank Gildig, 61, a miner, of New Baden, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at 7:30 last night after an extended illness. He was last employed at the Service Coal Company.

Gildig was born at Trenton July 20, 1886, a son of the late Henry and Helen (Seger) Gildig, both natives of Trenton, and married Mayme Mueller in Belleville, Oct. 19, 1911.

He is survived by his wife and two brothers, William and Julius Gildig, both of New Baden. He was preceded in death by a brother, Tony Gildig, and a sister, Mrs. Ida Bell White. Eighteen nieces and nephews survive.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

Gildig was a member of Local No. 4, Progressive Miners of America. *at Service Coal Co.*



## **Theresa Golsch Dies In Hospital; Was 86 Years Old**

*Theresa 12-8-48*  
Mrs. Theresa Golsch, 86, of 1801 East C street, wife of the late Adolph Golsch, a retired cigar maker, died in St. Elizabeth's hospital at 10:25 last night.

Born in Belleville, Jan. 15, 1862, she was the daughter of George and Marian Schlosser. She married Adolph William Golsch in Belleville and he died on Dec. 8, 1942.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Mary Beisiegel, of 408 East B street; Rose, wife of William Hubert, of 1801 East C street; Mrs. Margaret Gerhardt, of 226 East Main street; Louise, wife of Joseph Fey, of 408 South Jackson street; Mrs. Elizabeth Ettwein, of Detroit, Mich.; three sons, George, of Belle Gardens, Calif.; Adolph, of New Baden; A. J. Golsch, of East St. Louis; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Gundlach funeral home after 6 o'clock this evening. Funeral arrangements are pending.

# **Mrs. Gooding, 78, Dies; Rites At St. Paul Church**

*Jan 6-7-48*  
 Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gooding, 78, of 1102 LaSalle street, died at her home at 2:20 a. m. today after an illness of sixteen months.

She was born at Ingles Prairie, three miles north of O'Fallon, Dec. 2, 1869, a daughter of George and Catherine (Klema) Poignee. Her father was born in Alameda-Lorraine, France, her mother at Troy.

She married John Foerster at Lebanon in 1890 and he died in Lebanon six years later. She married Robert Monroe Gooding in Belleville in 1901, and he died Feb. 16, 1942.

She is survived by a daughter by her first marriage, Mrs. Anna Raetz, of 1019 Scheel street, and three daughters and a son by her second marriage, the Misses Mary E., Ella B., and Robertina C. Gooding, all at home, and Robert J. Gooding, owner of truck service business, of 1159 LaSalle street.

She is also survived by four step-sons and one step-daughter, Homer Gooding, of Beseda, Calif.; James A. Gooding, of Denver, Colo.; Clyde Gooding, of Los Angeles; Marshall Gooding, of Glendale, Calif., and Mrs. Laura Flood, of Belvidere, Kent, England. One step-son and one step-daughter preceded in death.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, five great grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Perschbacher of Mascoutah; Mrs. Catherine Bolbach, of O'Fallon; Mrs. Clara Trappe, of Mascoutah; Miss Emma Poignee, of Mascoutah, and Mrs. Ella Jung, of Mascoutah, and a brother, Henry Poignee, of Terre Haute, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Anna Perschbacher, and three brothers, John, Frank and Conrad Poignee.

The body is in the Hanner-Garrison funeral home, where friends may call after 8 a. m. back tomorrow night and until 11 o'clock Thursday morning when the body will be removed to St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church.

Services will be held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon at the church, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in College Hill cemetery, Lebanon.

Mrs. Gooding was a member of St. Paul's church and Daughters of Naomi, and was an honorary member of the Women's Guild of Christ church.

## **Felix Goodnick, Sr., 86, Dies; Funeral To Be Held Monday**

*+ Price - 28*  
Felix Goodnick, Sr., 86-year-old retired miner, of South 29th street, died at his home at 4:30 yesterday afternoon after an illness of two days. He last worked at the Avery Mine.

Goodnick was born in Indiana, Nov. 20, 1861, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goodnick, and married Drucilla Mayer here 62 years ago. She died Dec. 19, 1945.

He is survived by seven sons, Joseph, of South 29th street; George, of 532 Mascoutah avenue; Felix, of 3541 Summit avenue; Emil, of Smithton road; Arthur, of Edwardsville, and Roy and Tyrus, both of South 29th street. Felix Goodnick, Jr., is the county mine inspector.

Goodnick was preceded in death by two sons and two daughters and also two brothers and two sisters. Eleven grandchildren survive.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight.

Funeral services will be held at the Gaerdner chapel at two o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Caseyville cemetery. Members of Progressive Miners Local No. 4 will be the pallbearers.



## Al Goodwin Dies, His Twin Brother Died At Age Of 71



Albert Goodwin, 80, a retired farmer, of 417 East Lincoln street, who died at 4:45 yesterday afternoon at St. Elizabeth's hospital shortly after he was taken there. Death was due to an extended illness.

Goodwin was a twin brother of Alpheus E. Goodwin, who died at the age of 71 at the East Lincoln street address May 4, 1939.

The twins were born at Shawneetown, Ill., June 17, 1867, sons of the late Andrew and Martha (Patt) Goodwin.

Albert Goodwin married Agnes Johnson, who died in June, 1917.

He is survived by a half-sister, Mrs. Nora Knipple, of Chicago, and nieces and nephews.

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Thursday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery at French Village.

## **Mrs. Sophia Green Dies At Hospital; Funeral Is Saturday**

*Thurs. Feb. 11*  
Mrs. Sophia Green, 61, residing at 1315 Union avenue, died at St. Elizabeth Hospital at 9 o'clock last night from a heart ailment from which she had been seriously ill the past two weeks.

Mrs. Green was born in Belleville, a daughter of the late John and Mary Vratney Stehlick, and was married to Frank Green here in 1906.

He survives with two sons, Elmer, New York city, and Russell of 27 North Forty-first street; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Schmitz, 2917 Reiss avenue, and Mrs. Mildred Ries, 16 Woodland court; five brothers, Rudolph Stehlick, 2911 Reiss avenue; Edward Stehlick, Detroit; Ray Stehlick, 1100 East Main street; George Stehlick, 913 South Jackson street; John Stehlick, North Belt highway, and one sister, Mrs. Frank Frisbie, Wichita, Kans., and two grandchildren. One brother and one sister preceded her in death. *Faye + Mary*

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Gaerdner funeral home, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 p. m. today.

## David Grieve Dies; Retired Mine Engineer

*David Grieve, 70-year-old re-*  
tired coal mine engineer, died unexpectedly at his home, 718 Bristow Street, at 8:15 o'clock last night. Although he had been in failing health for some time, his condition was not believed serious.

Mr. Grieve was born in Birkner Station on November 22, 1877, a son of the late James and Jennie Grieve, nee Snadden, both natives of Scotland. His wife, the former Lillie Stoll whom he married December 29, 1917 in Belleville, died in 1933.

Surviving are a brother, Joseph Grieve, 418 Lebanon Avenue, and Miss Agnes Grieve, 718 Bristow Street, two nephews, Allen Grieve and William Kinghorn, and a niece, Mrs. Dorothy Nielson. Two brothers, James and John, and three sisters, Jennie, Elizabeth, and Mrs. Maggie Kinghorn, preceded him in death.

He was a member of St. Clair Lodge No. 24, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Tancred Commandery Knights Templar, the Mississippi Valley Consistory, and the Ainad Shrine.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page eleven.



## Julius Grombach, 59, Dies; Funeral To Be Held Here

+ *Fun. 9-28-8*  
Julius P. Grombach, 59, of 4012a Flad avenue, St. Louis, and formerly of Belleville, died at 4 a. m. yesterday at St. John's hospital, St. Louis. He died shortly after he was taken to the hospital following a stroke at his home.

Grombach was a meat cutter. He was a veteran of World War I, serving as a private in the 16th Infantry and being in service from February 1918 to February 1919. While in Belleville he was a horse and mule dealer.

Grombach was born here, Dec. 25, 1868, a son of Jacob and Johanna (Hammer) Grombach, both of whom were born here. He married Augusta Schnitzmeier at Louisville, Ky., June 1, 1918.

He is survived by his wife, a brother, Jacob, of Louisville, Ky., and a sister Emeline, wife of Robert Schrag, of 223 East Main street.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock tonight and where funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Grombach was a member of Meat Cutters Union, Local 88 in St. Louis.

Robert (Bob) Groom, who had a great career as a pitcher in the American League, died this afternoon at his home, 1908 West Main street. The photo was taken when Groom coached the Belleville American Legion junior baseball teams of 1938 and 1939 to state championships.

## ROBERT GROOM, 63, GREAT PITCHER IN BIG LEAGUES, DIES

### Coal Company Head Ill Three Years: Hurled No-Hitter.

Robert (Bob) Groom, 63, former great pitcher in the American League, died at 11:55 a. m. today at his home, 1908 West Main street, after an illness of three years.

Groom was president of the Groom Coal Company and the Crown Coal Company and was a director of the St. Clair National Bank.

His baseball accomplishments included the pitching of a no-hit game for the St. Louis Browns at the expense of the ultimate pennant-winning Chicago White Sox in 1917 before 20,000 fans at Sportsman's Park in St. Louis.

Groom was born in Belleville, Sept. 12, 1884, a son of the late John and Mary (Dickenson) Groom. His father, who was a coal mine operator, was born in Belleville; his mother was born in Missouri.

He married Catherine Josephine Rirkner in St. Louis, Nov. 11, 1915. She died June 14, 1939.

He is survived by a son, Robert Groom, Jr., of 1908 West Main street; two grandchildren, a brother, Ollie Groom, of 2217 West Main street, and a sister, Mrs. Ann Massey, of San Francisco.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Groom, and two sisters, Mrs. Marys Diehl and Miss Elizabeth Groom.

Groom was a member of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church and a member of the St. Paul's Elder Society, composed of former members of the church council.

His Masonic affiliations were St. Clair Lodge No. 24 A. F. & A. M.,

Mississippi Valley Consistory, Tapered Commandery of Knights Templar and Altar Temple.

The body is at the Renner-Gemina funeral home, where friends may call after six o'clock tomorrow night.

Arrangements for the funeral will be completed later.

Bob Groom, who returned to the baseball way to train two Belleville teams in as many years, 1938 and 1939—to state championships in American Legion junior baseball competition was the city's outstanding ex-major leaguer.

A decade of pitching in the big leagues was the record of Groom.

Groom was with the Washington Senators from 1909 to 1913, inclusive; St. Louis Federals, 1914 to 1915; St. Louis Browns, 1916 to 1917, and Cleveland Indians, 1917.

His performances are in baseball books as records. He hurled hitless ball in two games in 1917. The first game was in the afternoon. It was a tough header between the Browns and the White Sox in 1917. Bob, pitching for the Browns, did not allow a hit in working the last two innings of the first game and then pitched a no-hit, no-run ball in the nightcap. A second no-hitter, coinciding with his no-hitter, is set by Groom and Ernie Koob, pitching hitless games for the same team on successive days.

Groom was also a hero in a eighteen-inning scoreless game, 1909, the longest runless battle the majors, when he was with the Washington Senators. The N. played the Tigers that afternoon. Detroit, Groom, who worked the last ten innings, got the big thrill of his big league career, the fifteenth inning of this game when he stopped the Tigers as they loaded the bases with no out.

## 'Bob' Groom's Funeral Will Be Held Monday

The funeral of Robert "Bob" Groom, 63-year-old coal mine operator and retired professional baseball player who died yesterday in his home, 1908 West Main Street, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon from St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church to Walnut Hill Cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler, the pastor, will officiate. The body will be moved at 11 o'clock Monday morning from Renner-Gemina Funeral Home to the church.

Groom, who was president of the Groom Coal Company and Crown Coal Company, entered baseball's hall of fame on May 6, 1917, when he pitched a no-hit, no-run game for the St. Louis Browns against the Chicago White Sox. In recent years he had served as coach, trainer and adviser in youth baseball teams in the area. He is survived by a son, a brother, a sister and two grandchildren.

## Mrs. Gummersheimer Dies; Was Widow Of Newspaperman Here

*+ 9147 Jan. 26*  
Mrs. Margaret Gummersheimer, 81, formerly of 411 South Second street, died at the home of a son and daughter, 6055 Kingsbury avenue, St. Louis, at 6 a. m. today after an extended illness.

She was the widow of the late Jacob J. Gummersheimer, who was the editor of the Post und Zeitung, a German newspaper here and a leader in the Turner Society and Liederkrantz organization.

As a young woman, Mrs. Gummersheimer before her marriage was a hand type compositor for the Advocate when this newspaper was published from the old Advocate building at 19 East Washington street.

Mrs. Gummersheimer was born here, Dec. 23, 1866, a daughter of August and Margaret Kurrus, both natives of Germany, and married Jacob J. Gummersheimer here in 1891. He died Feb. 1, 1932.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter, August Gummersheimer and Mrs. Meta Ludwick, both of 6055 Kingsbury avenue, St. Louis, and Irwin Gummersheimer, of 411 South Second street. One grandchild also survives.

The body is at the Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

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



# **William H. Hagen, Retired Foreman, Dies At Age Of 71**

William H. Hagen, 71, retired foreman for the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, died at 12:55 this afternoon at St. Vincent's Home. He had been ill for five years, seriously for a week. Hagen left the employ of the telephone company when he reached the age of 68, after 30 years of service.

Born in Louisport, Ind., April 20, 1874, Hagen was a son of the late Joseph and Malinda Earl Hagen. His wife, who died in 1933, was the former Miss Anna Helena Pearce, to whom he was married in Indiana.

Surviving are two daughters, Georgia, wife of James Shewe, 1605 Lucinda place, and Helen, wife of Dr. M. J. Huber, Blackwood, Mo., a son, Howard P. Hagen, of Borman street; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Logston, Owensboro, Ky., and three grandchildren.

The body was removed to the Pete Gaerdner funeral home. Funeral services were incomplete this afternoon.

# **William Hagen's Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow**

A funeral service will be conducted tomorrow for William H. Hagen, 71-year-old retired telephone company construction foreman who died yesterday afternoon in St. Vincent's Home for the Aged, following a lingering illness. Complete funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 13.

Mr. Hagen was born in Louisport, Ky., on April 20, 1874, a son of the late Joseph and Malinda Hagen, nee Earle, also natives of Kentucky, and he married Anna Helena Pearce in Indianapolis in August 30 years ago. His wife preceded him in death.

Surviving are three children, Howard Hagen, 527 Harrison Street; Helen Marie, wife of Melvin Huber, Brentwood, Mo., and Georgia H., wife of James Shewe, 1605 East C. Street; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Longston, Owensboro, Ky., and three grandchildren.

He was a member of the Stronger's Best Lodge, A. F. and A. M. *March 1933.*

## Mrs. Hambleton Dies in Hospital; Ill for 2 Months

Mrs. Laura P. Hambleton, 73, of 416 North 39th Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning. She had been ill for two months and entered the hospital a week ago as a medical patient.

The deceased was born in St. Louis November 16, 1874, and married James R. Hambleton in St. Louis June 16, 1900.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Evelyn, wife of Walter Flach, 1006 Hecker Street, and a grandson, Kenneth Flach. She was a member of the Woodmen of the World and of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock tonight.

Funeral services will be held at the Renner-Geminn chapel at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Miss Hosbach was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church.

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### Mrs. Hammel, 77, Dies Here; Widow Of Grocery Owner

Mrs. Margaret Hammel, 77, of 414 East D street, who died at 8:20 last night at St. Elizabeth's Hospital after an extended illness. She was taken to the hospital last week.

Mrs. Hammel was the widow of Louis Hammel, who operated a grocery on East Main street and later on Walnut street. He died Dec. 12, 1934.

She was born in Washington county, May 9, 1871, a daughter of Daniel and Augusta (Brenn) Keiser, both natives of Germany, and married Louis Hammel at Lonsburg in 1890.

She is survived by two sons, William O. L. Hammel, of 416 East D street, and Elmer P. Hammel, of 414 East D street, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Minnie Buster, of Pinckneyville.

Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Anna Gerth and Mrs. Clara Scheske, both of 413 East C street, Mrs. Lena Gerth, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Mary Ann, of Lonsburg. Three brothers preceded in death.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church. Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and until 11 o'clock Wednesday morning when the body will be removed to the church.

Mrs. Hammel was a member of St. Paul's church, Circle A and Circle B of the church, and was also a member of the Royal Neighbors.



## FARMER DIES WHILE PLOWING

*+ 7th Apr. 8*  
Philip J. Handrich Sr., 63-year-old farmer today collapsed and died apparently of a heart attack while working in a field near his home on R. R. 1, Freeburg. He had been under the care of a physician for a heart ailment.

Handrich was found by Alonzo Neff of Hecker who stopped his auto when he saw Handrich's team of horses wandering aimlessly in the field where the farmer had been plowing a short time earlier. Rushed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the Renner ambulance from Freeburg, he was pronounced dead.

A native of Belleville, Mr. Handrich was born on October 23, 1884, a son of the late Jacob and Elizabeth Handrich, nee Bress. His mother was a native of Troy, Ill.; his father a native of Germany.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ella Klemme whom he married in Belleville in 1915; a son, Philip Handrich Jr., of East St. Louis, and two grandchildren. Four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 15.

## William J. Hardt Dies; Retired Grocery Owner

William J. Hardt, 77-year-old retired grocer of St. Paul's Old Folks Home, died suddenly at 3:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon a few minutes after he had been admitted to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Death apparently was due to a heart attack.

Mr. Hardt, who had been making his home at St. Paul's for the past four or five years, formerly operated a grocery store near 4000 West Main Street. He was born in St. Clair Township on April 25, 1871, a son of the late Andrew and Catherine Hardt, nee Feder. His wife, the former Johanna C. Deppe, died on January 23, 1941.

Only nieces and nephews survive. A brother, Charles, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Ruebel and Mrs. Caroline Neuner, preceded him in death.

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

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 13.

## Car Demolished In Truck Crash, Explosion, Fire

Miss Betty Hedger, 18, of 212 Gilbert street, Swansea, a clerk at the St. Clair National Bank, was killed, and her sister, Mrs. Florence Schmelzel, 28, wife of Warren Schmelzel, bus driver, 260a Lebanon avenue, critically injured in one of the most spectacular traffic accidents here in a long time.

A car driven by Mrs. Schmelzel, with Miss Hedger as a passenger, crashed with a large tractor and refrigerator-trailer of the Evansville, Ind., Fruit Company, operated by William Dee Stewart, 24, of Evansville, on route 13 at the rear of the Belleville Township High School stadium, at 5:30 yesterday evening.

Miss Hedger apparently died immediately of a broken neck, fractured skull and other injuries. Mrs. Schmelzel, who remains in critical condition at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, suffered a severe gash and probable fracture at the back of the head, a fractured right thigh and a badly lacerated left thigh.

Mrs. Schmelzel was driving east as the two sisters were returning home after a short drive when their car and the large truck, travelling west, collided. Stewart, who was unhurt, told the state highway patrol he was attempting to avoid a collision with another car when the accident occurred.

Both vehicles ran off the highway on opposite sides and overturned in ditches off the shoulders of the road. The automobile was declared the most totally wrecked ever seen by police and wrecking crews here. The motor, chassis, body, dashboard and even the seats of the car were dislodged and twisted into a mass of wreckage.

A large gasoline tank on the tractor-trailer exploded as the truck overturned, causing fire which destroyed the cab of the truck and its front tires, and the heat was so intense that even the front wall of the trailer was melted.

Miss Hedger was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital, to which she and Mrs. Schmelzel were removed in the Gaerdner ambulance. The Northwest fire

department extinguished the truck fire after fighting the gasoline blaze for 45 minutes with fog lines.

Much excitement was created at the scene of the accident when a baby carriage was found in the wreckage of Mrs. Schmelzel's car and it was believed a baby had been hurled out. From members of the family it was learned that the seven months old baby of the Schmelzels was safe at home.

The South Belt highway section of route 13 was congested with traffic for more than four hours after the accident. When the damaged vehicles were towed to the De-Nite Garage, hundreds of motorists went there to examine them, causing a blockade not only on South Belt Highway, but also on the Freeburg road entrance into the city.

Witnesses said that Stewart escaped injury by leaping from the cab of the truck as it overturned, just before it burst into flames with the blast. The damage to the trailer was estimated at more than \$4,000 and the destruction of the 1930 Chevrolet coach driven by Mrs. Schmelzel was estimated at \$1,000.

Stewart is being held at county jail pending an inquest into Miss Hedger's death and the outcome of Mrs. Schmelzel's injuries. The inquest was tentatively set for this evening at the Gaerdner funeral home.

Miss Betty Lee Hedger was born on May 19, 1930, and died on June 28, 1943.

She is the daughter of Clarence A. Hedger, born in Lawrence county, Mo., and Edna E. Hausler Hedger, born in St. Louis.

Besides her parents, surviving are two sisters, Florence, wife of Warren Schmelzel, of 260a Lebanon avenue; Ruth, wife of Robert Evans, 940 North Illinois street; and two brothers, Allen Hedger, in Longbeach, Calif., and Ralph Hedger, of 1010 North Second street.

The funeral rites will be Wednesday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon from the Gaerdner funeral home, with Rev. H. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The body may be viewed after 6 o'clock tonight.



## Eliz. Heidorn Dies in Chicago After Long Illness

*Funeral Home*  
Mrs. Elizabeth Heidorn, 76-year-old widow and resident of this area for many years, died at 11:45 o'clock last night in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Carbine, 6532 South Paulina Street, Chicago. Mrs. Heidorn, who previously resided at 619 East A Street, had made her home with her daughter the last two years. She had been in failing health for some time.

Born near Darmstadt on August 19, 1871, Mrs. Heidorn was a daughter of the late John and Mary Mueller, nee Hirth, both natives of Germany. She first married Ed Engler in 1890 and following his death married Henry Heidorn in St. Charles, Mo., on January 27, 1926. Her husband, a post office worker, died on May 25, 1943.

Surviving besides her daughter are a sister, Mrs. Mary Weber, 111 Portland Avenue, two brothers, John Mueller, 211 Caroline Street, Swansea, and Henry Mueller, Jacksonville, and four grandchildren: Mary Jane, James, John and Edward Carbine.

For partial funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 13.

## Frank Hendricks, Retired Miner, Dies At Age of 82

Frank Hendricks Sr., 82-year-old retired coal miner of 712 Texas Avenue, died at 6 o'clock this morning in Carr's Nursing Home, East St. Louis, following an extended illness. He has been a patient in the home for the past three weeks.

Mr. Hendricks was born in Czechoslovakia on January 7, 1866, and married Mary Steffel in Lingo, Mo., in 1890. His wife died on March 28, 1939.

Surviving are two sons, James and Frank Hendricks Sr., both of Birkner Station; three daughters, Rose, wife of Frank Pelc, with whom he resided at 712 Texas Avenue, Alba, wife of Otto Lowrey, Edgement Station, and Josephine, wife of Harold Wergers, St. Louis; a sister, Mrs. Anton Schey, Birkner Station; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A son, Joseph, died in 1929.

He was a member of Local No. 4, Progressive Mine Workers of America.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 13.

## MRS. HEPP IS DEAD AT 90

*John Hepp*  
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hepp, 90-year-old, long-time resident of Belleville, died in her home, 518 Portland Avenue, at 12:15 o'clock this morning. Death followed a brief illness and was due to complications brought on by her advanced age.

Mrs. Hepp was born in Hecker, December 13, 1897, a daughter of the late Martin and Mary Stahlheber, nee Volk. Her father was born in Pennsylv-



MRS. MARY HEPP

ania; her mother in St. Louis. Her husband, John Hepp, whom she married November 23, 1899, in Hecker, died February 1, 1933.

Surviving are three sons: John Hepp, 518 Portland Avenue, Charles Hepp, St. Louis, and Louis Hepp, South Bend, Ind.; and three grandchildren.

Two sons, Edward and Henry Hepp, seven brothers: Charles, David, John, George, William, Henry and August Stahlheber, and three sisters: Mrs. Minnie Stauder, Mrs. Sophie Schaefer, and Mrs. Katherine Hines, preceded her in death.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.

The body is at the Renner-Gemina funeral home, where friends may call after seven o'clock tonight.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock Monday afternoon at the Renner-Gemina chapel. Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, will officiate. Interment will be in the Stedfest cemetery at Hecker.



**Mrs. Josephine Herl  
Dies At Residence;  
Was 81 Years Old**

1883. 12-21-33  
Mrs. Josephine Herl, 81, of 744 Union avenue, died at her residence at 5:30 this morning.

Born in Peoria, Oct. 23, 1867, she was the daughter of George Jacob and Elizabeth Schmidt Klein. Her parents were Germany natives.

She married August Herl in St. Paul's church, Jan. 2, 1891, and he survives.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Lillian, wife of James P. Gildea, of 748 Union avenue; a brother, Frank Klein, of 212 North Sixth street, and a grandchild. Four sisters and a brother preceded her in death.

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

The funeral will be from the Gundlach funeral home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

The funeral of Mrs. Josephine Herl, 81, of 744 Union avenue, who died yesterday, will be from the Gundlach funeral home at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

Pallbearers will be Walter Klein, Irving Sauerwein, Oscar Luehder, Frank Warner, Elmer Yung and John Kingdom. Included in the list of survivors is a granddaughter, Pearl, wife of Thomas F. Fekete, of Granvue Drive.

## **Louisa Herman, 82, Of 721 Forest Ave., Dies At Residence**

*Sunday - July 25<sup>th</sup>*

Miss Louisa Lenora Herman, 82, of 721 Forest avenue, died at her residence yesterday morning at 1 o'clock from complications due to old age.

Miss Herman was born in New Athens Township Dec. 7, 1865, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Lortz Herman, Sr. Her mother was born in Darmstadt and her father in Germany. Both preceded her in death.

Surviving are two brothers, Edward N. Herman, of New Athens township; William F. Herman, of 721 Forest avenue; and a sister, Emma M. Wilderman, of Freeburg township.

Four brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church in Freeburg with interment in Elmwood cemetery, Freeburg. The body will be moved at noon tomorrow from the Renner funeral home in Freeburg to St. Paul's church. Rev. G. F. Brink will officiate. Friends may call at the Renner funeral home in Freeburg.

## **Adam Herr, Farmer, Dies; Funeral To Be Held Wednesday**

*J. Herr — Feb 15*  
Adam Herr, 75, retired farmer, of Stookey township, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 10:45 last night after an extended illness. He was admitted to the hospital Jan. 15 as a medical patient.

He was born in Stookey township, Oct. 6, 1872, a son of Adam and Pauline (Runde) Herr. His father was born in Stookey township, his mother in Belleville.

Herr, who never married, was preceded in death by a brother and four sisters. Nieces and nephews survive.

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home, where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.



## Adam Herr Dies; Former Hurler in Old Trolley Loop

*† Mrs. May 3*  
Adam "Ottie" Herr, 67-year-old stove moulder and former professional baseball player, died at 3 o'clock this morning at his home, 506 South Second Street. He had been in failing health for some time.

For many years, Herr was an outstanding pitcher for the Chicago White Sox and in the old Trolley League. In recent years he was employed at the Karr Range Company and was a member of Local 4, Stove Moulders Union.

Born in Belleville on March 27, 1881, he was a son of the late Henry and Louisa Herr, nee Schmidt, also natives of Belleville.

Surviving are two sisters, Anna, wife of Joseph Plessa, with whom he resided, and Edna, wife of John Platte, 504 South Second Street. A brother, Henry, died in 1944.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 6. *... and ...*

**HERR, ADAM "OTTIE"** — Of 506 South Second Street entered into rest at 3 a. m. Monday, May 3. Beloved brother of Mrs. Gus Plessa, and Mrs. John Platte. Funeral at 2 p. m. Thursday, May 6, from Pete Gardner Funeral Home to Walnut Hill Cemetery with Rev. H. J. Koshler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 p. m. tomorrow.

## David Hirstein Dies; Retired Cemetery Worker

*+ Sun Mar. 14*  
David Hirstein, 73-year-old retired cemetery worker of 617 East McKinley Street, died at 10 o'clock last night in St. Elizabeth's Hospital where he had been a patient since Saturday. Death followed five weeks' illness.

Mr. Hirstein was born in Summerfield January 1, 1875, a son of the late Abraham and Barbara Hirstein, nee Gross. His mother was born in Troy, Ill., his father in Germany.

Surviving are his wife, the former Minnie Benz, whom he married on March 12, 1899 in Summerfield; two brothers, August Hirstein of Davenport, Ia., and Henry Hirstein, Lebanon, and a number of nieces and nephews. A daughter who died in infancy, six sisters and four brothers, preceded him in death.

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

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.

## **Sgt. Hofmeister Body To Arrive Here Wednesday**

The body of T/Sgt. Hamilton J. Hofmeister, 27, Air Force, of Belleville, recently returned to this country from temporary military cemetery in France, will arrive in Belleville at the Illinois Central station at 10:18 Wednesday morning.

It will be taken to the Gundlach and company funeral home where friends may call after two that afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Gundlach chapel with Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, officiating.

Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and personnel of Scott Air Force Base will be in charge of the military rites.

Hofmeister made his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Roy N. Tippin, 509 North High street, after the death of his mother in 1931 and his father in 1934. His parents were August and Lottie Rech Hofmeister.

Other survivors include a brother, Milton Hofmeister, of 301 North High street; grandmothers, Mrs. Mary Rech, and an aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Bux, both of Belleville and another aunt, Mrs. Charles Nuernberger, of Lenzburg.

T/Sgt. Hofmeister was killed July 19, 1944, over France when a bomber on which he was a radioman-gunner, received a direct hit by enemy fire. Before his enlistment Hofmeister was an employe of the Engler Ice and Coal Company.

## **HOFMEISTER BODY IS DUE**

The body of Technical Sgt. Hamilton J. Hofmeister, 27-year-old World War II Air Force crewman, will arrive here Wednesday morning for burial. Complete arrangements are in the obituary column on Page 11.

Sgt. Hamilton, a radio-operator-gunner aboard an attack bomber was shot down over France on July 19, 1944. His body will arrive here at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot at 10:18 a. m. Wednesday and will be taken immediately to the Gundlach and Company Funeral Home.

Born in Dallas, Tex., he had been employed at Scott Air Force Base prior to entering the service in May, 1941. Surviving are a brother, Milton Hofmeister, 301 North High Street, and an aunt, Mrs. R. N. Tippin, 509 North High Street, with whom he lived at the time of his entry into the service.



## Dora Hosbach, 68, Dies Following 4-Month Illness

Miss Dora Hosbach, 68, of 103a West Washington Street, died at 12:55 o'clock this morning in St. Elizabeth's Hospital where she had been a patient for three weeks. Death followed four months' illness.

Miss Hosbach was born in Belleville August 24, 1879, a daughter of the late John and Anna Hosbach, both natives of Germany. She never married.

Surviving are a brother, Adolph Hosbach with whom she resided; a sister, Mrs. A. J. Katt, Highland, and five nieces and nephews whom she reared: Miss Aurelia Mayer, Mrs. John Gerneth, and Elmer Katt, all of Belleville; William Katt, Edwardsville, and Albert Katt, Portland, Ore. A brother, Edward, and a sister, Lena, preceded her in death.

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

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 15.

## Mrs. Isler Dies, Was Found Frozen After Hip Injury

Mrs. Elizabeth Isler, 63, who suffered exposure and frozen extremities while lying helpless on the kitchen floor of her home on Caseyville road, three miles north of here, died at ten o'clock last night at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Mrs. Isler, who lived alone, was found about 7:30 p. m., Jan. 23, with her right hip fractured, by a neighbor, Julius Dahm, when he went to the Isler home to take coal into the kitchen as had been his habit.

The kitchen door was ajar at the time and the fire in the kitchen stove had gone out. It was extremely cold in the room, with water in a pan on the stove being

frozen as the temperature outside at the time was near zero.

Mrs. Isler fell and fractured her hip about four o'clock the previous afternoon shortly after Dahm had left the place where he replenished the fuel for her kitchen stove.

Mrs. Isler is the second woman to die here after having suffered exposure in the recent cold weather.

Mrs. Lena Wright, 77, of 216 (rear) North Fifth street, who was found partly frozen at her home last week, died Friday. Mrs. Wright, who also lived alone, was helpless on the floor of her kitchen for a long time after she had suffered a stroke before she was found.

Inquests will be held in both deaths, it was stated at the office of Dr. C. D. Kane, county coroner.

Mrs. Isler lived at the Isler truck garden farm for more than fifty years and she formerly operated the truck garden.

She was born at Waterloo, July 1, 1864, a daughter of John and Amelia Schmidt, and married Peter Isler, April 19, 1885. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son and a daughter, Henry Isler, of No. 8 Kirchner Place, owner of the Isler Bottling Company on Lebanon avenue, and Mrs. Anna Vohrwinkel, of St. Louis. She was preceded in death by three sons and a daughter, Charles, George, John and Mrs. Emma Loos. Seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

The body is at the Banner-Gemins funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tomorrow night and where the funeral services will be held at 1:30 Friday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## Margaret Keck Dies Following Lingering Illness

*+ won Oct. 8*  
Mrs. Margaret Keck, 79-year-old widow of 505 North Fourth Street, died at 8:20 o'clock last night at the Lorton Nursing Home, 425 South 20th Street. Death followed a lingering illness.

Mrs. Keck was born in Stookey Township on July 22, 1869, a daughter of the late Peter and Mary Vogt, nee Koch, and married John Keck in the Concordia Church on April 6, 1891. Her husband, a retired farmer, died on March 13, 1930.

Surviving are two children, Clara, wife of Arthur Krigsheuser, also of 505 North Fourth Street, and Edward Keck, 218 South 38th Street, and a grandson, Dale Keck. A son, Irvin, five brothers, and two sisters, preceded her in death.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.



## John P. Keim, 67, Dies Unexpectedly Following Surgery

*Subscribed 15*  
John P. Keim 67, of 301 North First street, died unexpectedly at his home at 10:45 a. m. today.

Becoming ill three weeks ago, Keim underwent an operation two weeks ago and was returned to his home where he was apparently recovering.

Keim, who last worked for the St. Clair Pottery Works, was formerly a plumbers' laborer.

He was born in St. Clair county, May 4, 1881, a son of the late Louis C. and Mary (Gasser) Keim, and married Emma Ortlepp here, May 8, 1904.

Besides his wife he is survived by five daughters and two sons, Mrs. Viola Poirot, at home; Edna, wife of Arthur Pfeil, of rural route 2, Belleville; Irene, wife of Milton Dold, of Flora; Elsie, wife of Ivan Williams, of rural route 4, Belleville; Walter, of 607 East B street; Eugene, of Peoria, and Arleen, wife of Coley Dickerson, of 801 North Second street.

Also surviving are ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and four brothers, Adam, of rural route 2, Waterloo; Louis, of Waterloo; George, of Floraville, and Richard, of Columbia. Two brothers and a sister preceded in death.

The body is at the Pete Gaedner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tomorrow night. Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

Keim was a member of the Enamellers Local No. 60.

## **Clifford Kelsey, 43, Dies; Funeral To Be Held Here**

~~WED 7-11-48~~  
Clifford Kelsey, 43, of South Bend, Ind., and formerly of Belleville, died at South Bend, Ind., early this morning.

Kelsey, who was a patternmaker, was seriously ill only a short time. Death was due to a heart condition.

He was born in Belleville, Feb. 1, 1905, a son of Ernest and Alvina (Perrottet) Kelsey. His mother preceded in death.

His father and step-mother, Mrs. Lena M. Kelsey, live at 1326 East Main street.

He is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Snowfall Kelsey; a brother, Willard Kelsey, of 119 West Monroe street, and a step-brother, Sam Kelly, Sherman and East C streets.

The body will be brought to Belleville for the funeral services and interment. The Gundlach funeral home will be in charge.

## **Kelsey Funeral To Be Held Saturday**

Funeral services for Clifford Kelsey, 43, of South Bend, Ind., and formerly of Belleville, will be held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Gundlach funeral home.

Rev. B. J. Kochler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Jess Clark, Allan Niess, Harvey Klingel, Leroy Perrottet, Hobart Plab and Orville Schubert.

The body will arrive here from South Bend early tomorrow afternoon and friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p. m. Kelsey, who was a patternmaker, died yesterday morning.

Belleville relatives include his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelsey; a brother, Willard, and a step-brother, Sam Kelly. He is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Snowfall Kelsey.

## Emelia Kerchner Dies; Final Rites Friday Afternoon

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Mrs. Emelia Kerchner, 80, a life member of St. Paul's Old Folks Home, died at 9:45 a. m., today at St. Elizabeth's hospital after a lingering illness.

She was the widow of Dr. Fred W. Kerchner, who died 24 years ago at East St. Louis. He was a physician at Millstadt and Glen Carbon as well as East St. Louis. She was also preceded in death by her only child, Cornelia, 13 years ago.

Mrs. Kerchner was born in Belleville, Feb. 27, 1868, a daughter of Phillip Jacob Schneider and Margarathe Kraus Schneider. Her father was a well-known building contractor here.

Surviving are a brother, Phillip Jacob Schneider, of East St. Louis; two nieces, Miss Cleda Moses of Decatur, and Mrs. Anita Boswell, of South Bend, Ind., and two nephews, Forest Moses, of Teas two nieces, Miss Cleda Moses of Peoria.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Schneider, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Moses and Mrs. Louise Wottowa.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock, Friday afternoon at the Gundlach funeral home, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after six o'clock tomorrow night.

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

## Dies At 80



Mrs. Emelia Kerchner, 80, a resident of St. Paul's Old Folks Home, who died today at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. She was the widow of the late Dr. Fred W. Kerchner, who was a physician at Millstadt, Glen Carbon and East St. Louis.



## Harold Klein's Body Arrives; Rites Tomorrow

The body of S/Sgt. Harold Klein, 34, of Belleville, arrived here at the L. & N. Railway station at 10:19 this morning. Klein was killed in action on the island of Leyte, Dec. 4, 1944.

Friends may call after 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Gaerdner chapel with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Burial will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

Klein is survived by his sister, Dorothy, wife of Wilbert Welker, 1328 North Church street, and two nephews, Kenneth and Thomas Welker.

The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and personnel of Scott Air Force Base will participate in the military rites.

## Sgt. Harold Klein Body To Arrive In City Tuesday

The body of S/Sgt. Harold Klein, 34, of Belleville, who was killed in action on the island of Leyte, Dec. 4, 1944, will arrive here at the Southern railway station at 9:42 a. m., Tuesday.

It will be taken to the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after four o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Gaerdner chapel. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and personnel of Scott Air Force Base will participate in the military rites.

Klein is survived by his sister, Dorothy, wife of Wilbert Welker, of 1328 North Church street, and two nephews, Kenneth and Thomas Welker.

The body of Staff Sgt. Harold Klein, 38-year-old victim of World War II, will arrive here Tuesday morning for final burial. Complete funeral arrangements are in the obituary column on page nine.

Sgt. Klein's body was aboard the Army Transport Dalton Victory which arrived August 12 at San Francisco. The body will arrive at the Southern Railway Depot at 9:42 o'clock Tuesday morning and will be taken to the Pete Gaerdner Funeral Home.

An infantryman and one of the first group of local area men to enter the service under the Selective Service Act, Sgt. Klein was killed on Leyte, Philippines, on December 4, 1944.

He was born in Belleville and was educated here but was working as a ranch foreman in Colorado prior to his induction.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Wilbur Welker, 1328 North Charles Street, and two nephews, Kenneth and Thomas Welker.

## John 'Jack' Klein, Retired Miner, Dies at Age of 71

John 'Jack' Klein, 71-year-old retired coal miner, died at his home, 205 East Caroline Street, Swansea, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an extended illness. He worked for many years at the old Service Mine in Swansea and later at the Tower Grove Mine here.

Mr. Klein was born in Belleville February 12, 1876, and was a son of the late John and Frances Klein, nee Kelling. His father was born in Germany and his mother in Switzerland. He was never married.

Surviving are a brother, Louis Klein of Kreischner Avenue, and a sister, Frances, wife of Henry Pfeiffer, 205 East Caroline Street. Two brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

He was a member of Local 4, Progressive Mine Workers of America.

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

## John (Jack) Klein 70, Miner, Dies; Funeral Wednesday

John (Jack) Klein, 70, former miner, died at his home, 205 East Caroline street, Swansea, at 2:30 yesterday afternoon after an extended illness.

He worked at the Service mine for many years and later was at the Tower Grove mine.

He was born here, Feb. 12, 1877, a son of John and Frances (Kelling) Klein. His father was born in Germany, his mother in Switzerland.

Klein, who never married, is survived by a brother, Louis Klein, of Kreischner avenue, and a sister, Frances, wife of Henry Pfeiffer, of 205 East Caroline street. Two brothers and a sister preceded in death.

The body is at the Pete Gaedner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Klein was a member of the Progressive Miners of America Local No. 4.

## **"Joner" Klein, 69, Suffers Stroke And Dies At Residence**

Died Wed. Dec. 1, 1948

Walter "Joner" Klein, 69, of 228 South Eighteenth street, well known retired moulder of the Oakland Foundry, who has been in failing health for the past few years, suffered an apparent stroke in front of his home last night and died a short time later at 8:15.

Friends passing by his house carried Klein into his home, where he died shortly after suffering the stroke.

Born in Belleville, Dec. 10, 1879, he was the son of the late William and Clara Hubert Klein. He married Josephine Hug in Belleville, Feb. 26, 1902. She survives. He was a member of the Moulders Union, 182.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a brother, William Klein, of Alabama; four half-brothers, Herman, Arthur, Edward and Fred Lorenz, all of Belleville; and a half-sister, Rose Glogovsick, of Belleville.

The funeral will be at 10 o'clock Monday morning from the Renner-Geminn funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Green Mount cemetery.

Friends may call at the Renner-Geminn funeral home after 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.





Pvt. Clarence Knobloch

**PVT. CLARENCE KNOBLOCH**

Pvt. Clarence Irvin Knobloch, 26, son of Mrs. Christina Knobloch, of Carlyle road, rural route 2, Belleville, was killed in action June 10, 1944, while serving with the U. S. 12th Air Force in Italy. His body was in a temporary military cemetery in Italy.

Pvt. Knobloch, a gunner-engineer on a B-25, was killed when the bomber, struck by enemy anti-aircraft fire, burst into flames and then crashed. It was his 44th mission.

He was a mechanic at the Curtiss-Wright aviation plant in St. Louis before he was drafted into the service Aug. 4, 1942, at Scott Air Force Base. After being in Air Force schools at Lincoln, Nebr., and Fort Meyers, Fla., Knobloch went overseas Sept. 20, 1943.

He was posthumously awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart Award.

Knobloch was born in Shiloh Valley township, May 5, 1918, a son of Christina (Schneidewind) Knobloch and the late William B. Knobloch. His father was born in Shiloh Valley township, his mother in Washington county.

Besides his mother, Pvt. Knobloch, who never married, is survived by two sisters and two brothers. Elsie, wife of Joseph Amann, of Mascoutah road, rural route 1, Belleville; Elmer, of Little Oak lane, rural route 2, Belleville, and Oliver and Miss Hilda, both living with their mother on the Carlyle road.

The Gundlach funeral home will be in charge of the funeral. Interment will be in the Shiloh city cemetery.

**Pvt. Knobloch  
Body To Arrive  
Tuesday Morning**

The body of Pvt. Clarence I. Knobloch, 26, son of Mrs. Christina Knobloch, of Carlyle Road, rural route 2, Belleville, will arrive here at the Illinois Central station at 10:15 a. m., next Tuesday morning.

It will be taken to the Gundlach and company funeral home where friends may call after 3 p. m., Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held at the Gundlach chapel at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church will officiate. Interment will be in the Shiloh city cemetery.

The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Scott Air Force Base personnel will be in charge of the military rites.

Pvt. Knobloch was killed in action June 10, 1944, while serving with the U. S. 12th Air Force in Italy. He was a gunner-engineer on a bomber, which was struck by enemy anti-aircraft fire, burst into flames and then crashed. He was on his 44th mission at the time.

## **Paula Knoebel, 74, Dies; Funeral To Be Monday Morning**

**Died Friday Aug. 27, '48**

Miss Paula Louisa Knoebel, 74, of 616 East B street, died at 7 o'clock this morning from heat prostration and infirmities.

Born on Sept. 5, 1873, she was the daughter of Herman and Emily Burkhart Knoebel. Surviving is a sister, Josephine, wife of Charles A. Grossart, of 618 East A street. One sister preceded her in death. She was a member of the Liederkrantz ladies' chorus.

The funeral will be Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the Gundlach funeral home with burial in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

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

## **Marie Koudelka, 76, Dies; Funeral Services Monday**

*John J. Smith*  
Mrs. Marie Koudelka, 76, of 4925 West Main street, died at her home at 8:25 last night after an extended illness. She was seriously ill four weeks.

Mrs. Koudelka was born in Czechoslovakia, June 17, 1871, a daughter of Wacław and Marie (Hanus) Walta, and married Karel Koudelka in Czechoslovakia, Feb. 2, 1890.

Mr. and Mrs. Koudelka came to this country in 1904, settling in Belleville. Koudelka is a retired coal miner. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1940.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Koudelka is survived by three sons and two daughters, Dan, of 211 North Forty-seventh street; Joseph, of Chicago; Vlasta, wife of Charles Schield, of 106 East Caroline street, Swansea; Rose, wife of Frank Sedlack, of Taylorville, and Frank, of 1713 Garden street, Swansea.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Olga, and two sons, Lonny and William.

She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a brother, Frank Walta, of Auburn Grass Valley, California. Three sisters preceded her in death.

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

Funeral services will be held at the Gaerdner chapel at two o'clock Monday afternoon. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.



## AUG. KRAEMER DIES; RETIRED MACHINIST

*July 9, 1947*  
August Kraemer, 86-year-old retired machinist and father of the late Chief Supervisor A. Errol Kraemer, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 9:35 o'clock this morning following a two-weeks' illness. He resided with a sister, Mrs. Mary Stark, at 301 North Charles Street.

Mr. Kraemer worked for many years at the Star Brewery. He was superintendent of the old Belleville Waterworks before it was absorbed by the East St. Louis and Interurban Water Company. About 25 years ago he retired from the trade.

The deceased was born in Belleville December 10, 1861, and was a son of the late William and Margaret Kraemer, nee Bernius, both natives of Germany. He married Katie Barth in the First Presbyterian Church June 8, 1884. She died June 17, 1907.

His two sons preceded him in death, A. E. dying May 1, 1945, and Julien W. dying August 7, 1916, from injuries in a traffic accident.

His survivors include a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elvira Kraemer, 417 North High St.; a brother, William, 216 N. First St.; two sisters, Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Annie Bodman, 8 North 28th Street; four grandchildren: Adwir L. Kraemer, 1647 North Church Street; Norman J. Kraemer, 3201 Roland Avenue; Warren E. Kraemer, 622 South Church Street, and Miss Shirley Jean Kraemer, 417 North High Street, and a great-grandson, Thomas E. Kraemer, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kraemer.

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

## John Kreitner, 80, Belleville Native, Dies in St. Louis

*27th July 30*  
John Kreitner, 80-year-old native of Belleville, died at 6:20 o'clock this morning in the St. Louis City Hospital. He resided at 612 Barry Street, St. Louis.

Born here August 23, 1867, Mr. Kreitner married Mrs. Annie Steinwagner Yuengel. His wife died 38 years ago.

Surviving are five children, Katherine, wife of Charles Day, High Ridge, Mo.; Frank Kreitner, 3533 Lorene Street, Belleville; Carrie, wife of Clyde Ohlsen, Maringo, Ill.; Jennie, wife of Seth Minter, Ashland, Ill., and George Kreitner, Streator, Ill.; two step-children, Lulu, wife of George Kronenberger, and Andrew Yuengel, both of Belleville; a sister, Mrs. Annie Merrill, Union Hill, Ill., 28 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Two sons, John and Arthur Kreitner, and two sisters preceded him in death.

For partial funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 15. *27th July 30*

## Monroe Lashley Dies; Ill Since Last October

*Shr. Apr. 29*  
Monroe M. Lashley, 47-year-old laborer of 627 West Lincoln Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 7:20 o'clock this morning following an illness since last October. Death was due to internal hemorrhages and followed two days' hospitalization.

Born in Rentchler Station September 19, 1900, he was a son of Amos and Margaret Lashley, nee McBride. His father, a native of Ironton, Mo., preceded him in death, but his mother, a native of Baldwin, Ill., survives.

Also surviving are his wife, the former Rose Yaeger whom he married in Belleville January 12, 1918; a son, Floyd Lashley, 319 North Seventh Street; a daughter, LaVern, wife of Richard Lugge, 903 West D Street; two brothers, Curtis Lashley, Wood River, and Cordell Lashley, St. Louis; two sisters, Mrs. Averah Riesenberger, 703 North Douglas Avenue, and Mrs. Eleanora Hemmer, St. Louis, and five grandchildren.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 19.



## Pfc. Leaver's Body Arrives in East St. Louis

The body of Pfc. William C. Leaver, 28-year-old victim of World War II, arrived yesterday in East St. Louis for final burial. For complete funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 19.

Leaver, a former resident of 629 North 83rd Street, East St. Louis, died on February 7, 1944, of wounds suffered in action in Italy. A former employe of the Aluminum Ore Company, he had entered the service November 24, 1941.

Born in East St. Louis April 9, 1915, he was a son of William L., and Caroline Leaver, nee Sindel. His father preceded him in death but his mother resides at 629 North 83rd St., East St. Louis.

Also surviving are a brother, Virgil Leaver, East St. Louis, and four sisters: Mrs. Leda Ruff, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. Mildred Brown and Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, both of East St. Louis, and Mrs. Lula Mae Sorgmann, Belleville.

# **Mrs. Laura LeChien, 76, Dies At Home; Was School Teacher**

Mrs. Laura Ann LeChien, 76, who resides at the home of her son, Gene, 1120 Arthur street, died at his residence at 10:55 last night after an illness of five months.

Mrs. LeChien was a retired school teacher, having taught in St. Clair county public schools for 17 years.

Born in St. Clair county, Feb. 13, 1873, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Mary Louise (Fuller) Daniel.

She married Hector A. LeChien in Centerville Station, June 12, 1911, and he died on June 7, 1926.

Surviving are a son, Gene H. LeChien, who is a real estate and insurance man, of 1120 Arthur street; a sister, Mrs. Emma Quella, of St. Louis; and five grandchildren. Two sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call at the Glendener funeral home after 6 o'clock tonight.

The funeral will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Glendener funeral home with Rev. R. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Messenger cemetery on the old Collinsville road.

# **Mrs. LeChien, 76, Dies Following 5-Month Illness**

Mrs. Laura Ann LeChien, 76-year-old widow, died at 10:55 o'clock last night at the home of her son, Eugene H. LeChien, 1120 Arthur street, where she had been residing the past eight months. A former resident of 423 North Seventh street, Mrs. LeChien had been ailing five months.

She was born in St. Clair County February 13, 1872, a daughter of the late Stephen R. and Mary Louise Daniel, nee Fuller, and married Hector A. LeChien in Centerville Station June 12, 1911. Her husband died June 7, 1926.

Surviving besides her son, an insurance and real estate dealer, are a daughter, Mrs. Emma Quella, St. Louis, and five grandchildren. Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 25.

*Age 77 yrs. in St. Clair  
2 sons, Louis, Richard.  
3 sons, Charles, William,  
Frederick - all work*

## Pfc. Wilbur Lehr Body To Be Here Saturday Morning

The body of Pfc. Wilbur F. Lehr, 24, among the war dead returned to this country from Italy, will arrive at the Illinois Central station here at 11:18 a. m. Saturday.

The flag-draped casket will be taken to the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after 7 o'clock Saturday night.

Funeral services will be held at the Gaerdner chapel at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The George E. Hilgard American Legion Post, and Scott Air Force Base personnel will be in charge of the military rites.

Pfc. Lehr died on the Anzio beachhead, Italy, Feb. 24, 1944, when Germans bombed the hospital tent where he was a patient after having been wounded in action. He was with the 27th Armored Field Artillery.

He was born in Belleville, Dec. 17, 1919, and was reared by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehr, 608 Abend street, as both of his parents had died by the time he was eight years old. He was a son of Christian and Lavina Lehr. His father was born in Belleville, his mother at Hecker.

Prior to his enlistment in the Army, Aug. 10, 1942, he was an attendant at the Standard filling station, South Illinois street and South Belt highway, when it was operated by Wilbur (Brick) Ehret. He received his training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Besides his aunt and uncle, he is survived by four brothers and two sisters. Elmer, of 1734 North

Church street; Lester, of 116a West Main street; Cornelius, of rural route, New Athens; Leroy, of Washington, Mo.; Laura, wife of James Fraser, of 209 North Forty-fourth street, and Mrs. Florence Van Winkle, of South Virginia avenue.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1948**

## Pfc. Wilbur Lehr Services To Be Held Here Monday

The body of Pfc. Wilbur F. Lehr, 24, who was killed in action in Italy while serving with an armored field artillery outfit, arrived at the Illinois Central station here this morning.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home, where friends may call after seven o'clock tonight.

Funeral services will be held at the Gaerdner chapel at two o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. Robert Herman, assistant pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, will officiate.

The George E. Hilgard American Legion and Belleville Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and also Scott Air Force Base personnel will be in charge of the military rites. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Lehr died at the Anzio beachhead Feb. 24, 1944, when Germans bombed the hospital tent where he was a patient after having been wounded in action.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Christian Lehr, Pfc. Lehr was reared by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehr, 608 Abend street, after the death of his parents. He is survived by four brothers and two sisters.



5- slip - daughter  
4- slip - wife  
2- slip - son  
make peace with job

## W. H. Lenhardt Dies in His Home After Long Illness

William H. Lenhardt, 53, died in his home, 214 West C Street, at 12:20 o'clock this afternoon. Death followed a prolonged illness.

Born in Belleville on October 30, 1894, Mr. Lenhardt was a son of the late John and Louise Lenhardt, nee Schilling. His mother was born in Germany; his father in Freeburg.

Surviving are his wife, the former Anna Martin, whom he married in Kansas City, April 22, 1904; two brothers, Emil Lenhardt, 901 East Adams Street, and Herman Lenhardt, 906 North High Street, and three sisters, Mrs. Katherine Stumpf, 43 Kansas Avenue, Mrs. Ida Boyd, St. Louis and Mrs. Mary Dickson, 2619 East Main Street.

Mr. Lenhardt was a member of the Belleville Lodge 1221, Loyal Order of Moose. He was last employed at the Belleville Rendering Works.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.

## William Lenhardt Dies At Home Here At Age Of 53 Years

William H. Lenhardt, 53, of 114 West C street, died this afternoon after an extended illness at 12:20. He was formerly employed at the Belleville Rendering Works.

Lenhardt was born on October 30, 1894, in Belleville, the son of John and Louise Schilling Lenhardt. On April 22, 1904, he married Anna Martin of Kansas City. Both parents preceded him in death.

Besides Mrs. Lenhardt surviving are the following: Three sisters, Mrs. Katherine Stumpf, of Kansas Avenue; Mrs. Ida Boyd, of St. Louis; Mrs. Mary Dickson, of East Main street; two brothers, Emil Lenhardt, of East Adams street, and Herman Lenhardt, of North High street.

Lenhardt was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge 1221 in Belleville.

The funeral will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Gundlach funeral home. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call after 4 o'clock tomorrow evening.

## MRS. LE PERE'S RITES TUESDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret LePere, 64, a former resident of Belleville who died at 1 p. m. Saturday in St. Joseph's Hospital, Alton, 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, will officiate.

Mrs. LePere, widow of William LePere and sister-in-law of former Chief of Police Eugene LePere, had been making her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Beardsmore of Alton.

She was born in Stookey Township May 10, 1883, and was a daughter of the late Robert and Elizabeth White, nee Miller, both natives of Scotland. She married Mr. LePere, a coal miner, in O'Fallon June 12, 1907, and he died May 29, 1944.

Surviving are four children: Florence, wife of Elmer Beardsmore, Alton; Evelyn, wife of Earl Kidd, of St. Louis; Jesse, wife of Leffler Elgin, both of St. Louis, and Kenneth LePere, Alton; a step-son, Irvin LePere of South 74th Street; seven grandchildren, and two sisters: Mrs. John Nesbit of South 74th Street and Mrs. Jeannette Armstrong of St. Louis.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

## Funeral Rites For Mrs. LePere Here Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret LePere, 64, of Alton and formerly of Belleville, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Gundlach funeral home. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Mrs. LePere died at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital, Alton, after a lingering illness.

She was born in Stookey township, May 10, 1883, a daughter Robert and Elizabeth (Miller) White, both natives of Scotland. She married William LePere at O'Fallon, June 12, 1907. LePere, who was a brother of former Chief of Police Eugene LePere, died May 29, 1944.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons, Florence, wife of Elmer Beardsmore, of Alton; Evelyn, wife of Earl Kidd, of St. Louis; Jesse, wife of Leffler Elgin, of St. Louis; Kenneth LePere, of Alton, and Irvin LePere, of rural route 3, Belleville.

She is also survived by seven grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Jeannette Armstrong, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Mary Nesbit, of South Seventy-fourth street.

## Mae Lever, 70, Dies; Resident Of Local Hotel

Mrs. Mae E. Lever, 70, died at 8:30 a. m. today at Hotel Belleville where she had made her home for nearly the last ten years. Death was due to an extended illness.

Mrs. Lever was the widow of George A. Lever, who died here March 28 last year. He was the general foreman of the machine and engineering shop at Scott Field when the reservation was a lighter-than-air Army aviation base.

Mr. and Mrs. Lever were residents here for about the last twenty years.

A native of Ohio, Mrs. Lever is survived by a brother, Fred L. Brooke, of Chicago, and a sister, Mrs. C. J. Johnson, of Washington, D. C. Nieces and nephews also survive.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Funeral services will be held at the Gundlach chapel at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Rev. B. J. Koshler officiating, after which the body will be forwarded to Newark, Ohio, for interment in Cedar Hill cemetery.

## Mrs. Mae Lever Dies in Hotel After Long Illness

Mrs. Mae E. Lever, nee Brooke a widow residing at Hotel Belleville died there at 8:30 o'clock this morning following an extended illness. She was 70 years of age.

A native of Ohio, Mrs. Lever was the widow of George A. Lever, a retired civil service employe who died last March 28. The couple had resided at the hotel for many years.

Surviving are a brother, Fred L. Brooke, Chicago, a sister, Mrs. C. J. Johnson, Washington, D. C., and nieces and nephews.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page nine.

LEVER, MRS. MAE E. — Of Hotel Belleville entered into rest at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday, March 22, 1939, at the residence of Fred L. Brooke and Mrs. C. J. Johnson. Funeral at 3 p. m. Thursday, March 23, from the Gundlach and Company Funeral Home with Rev. B. J. Koshler officiating. The body will then be forwarded to Newark, O., for burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 a. m. Thursday.



## John Lieb, Retired Farmer, Dies Here; Final Rites Monday

*Thurs. Mar. 25*  
John Lieb, 82, of 27 North Church street, died at his home at 5 p. m., yesterday after an extended illness due to his age. Lieb, who was a farmer, retired thirty years ago and moved to Belleville.

*Roxana*  
He was born at Floraville, Dec. 3, 1865, a son of Andreas and Barbara Lieb, and married Mary Wagner at Floraville, July 14, 1893. She died July 12, 1936.

He is survived by two sons and four daughters, John E., of Okmulgee, Okla.; Otto F., of 816 North Charles street; Mrs. Edna L. Schroeder, of rural route 2, Belleville; Mrs. Elsie C. Schmidt, of 27 North Church street; Mrs. Hilda J. Fletcher, of 27a North Church street, and Mrs. Mayme C. Kleinert, of Roxana.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren, and three brothers and two sisters, William, of St. Louis; Fred and Frank, both of Waterloo; Mrs. Carrie Seymour, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Annie Fritzinger, of Smithton road, Belleville.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tomorrow night and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

*Frederick 11-25-48*  
**Louisa Lischer,  
91, Dies; Last  
Rites On Monday**

Mrs. Louisa Lischer, 91 years old, of 504 South Twentieth street, died at 9:25 last night at her home after an extended illness. She had been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ella Schanz.

Born in Monroe county, June 12, 1857, she was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Krauss Barthel. She married Fred Lischer in Freeburg, Aug. 23, 1877, and he died on Oct. 31, 1925. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, 158, of New Athens.

Surviving are two sons, Alvin and Albert, both of New Athens; a daughter, Ella, wife of E. G. Schanz, of 504 South Twentieth street; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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

Three brothers, five sisters and a son preceded her in death.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Burial will be in Oak Ridge cemetery, New Athens.

## **Evelyn Little, 25, Dies; Final Rites Wednesday**

**4-11-48**

Mrs. Evelyn Little, 25, wife of Wheeler Little, died at 12:55 a. m. yesterday at the residence of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harold Russell, 421 North Second street, after an extended illness. Mrs. Little formerly lived at 416 Plum street, Cahokia.

She was born in Kentucky, Dec. 15, 1922, a daughter of Thomas G. and Mae (Thomas) Cothes, who survive. The Littles were married in St. Louis in 1940. He is an ironworker.

Her father lives at Savannah, Ga., and her mother, now Mrs. Brannies, lives at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Besides her husband and parents she is survived by a sister Dorothy, wife of Wesley Echols, of St. Benito, Tex.

Funeral services will be held at the Gaerdner funeral home at 3

o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in College Hill cemetery at Lebanon.

Mrs. Little was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church. *not true*



## Mrs. Lynch, 62, Dies Following Illness of Year

Mrs. Louise Lynch, 62-year-old widow of 710 State Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 5:45 o'clock this morning following a year's illness. She had been a patient in the hospital since October 25.

Born in Belleville on September 5, 1885, she was a daughter of the late Adam and Margaret Eckert, nee Faith, both natives of Illinois and married Martin W. "Babe" Lynch in East St. Louis on November 21, 1906. Her husband, a semi-professional baseball player in his youth and later owner of a tavern at Monroe Street and Centreville Avenue, died August 29, 1924.

Surviving are a son, James A. Lynch, Indianapolis; two sisters, Minnie wife of August Juncker, 710 State Street, and Mrs. Ella Vetter, St. Louis; a brother, Fred Roesch, 102 Delaware Avenue and one granddaughter, Susan Kay Lynch. Six brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Pythian sisters.

For partial funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 19.

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

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Gaerdner chapel with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

## William Martin, 78, Former Stovemounter Passes Away At Home



William Fred Martin, 78, of 1025 Freeburg avenue, who died at his residence at 10:25 in the evening of July 4.

Martin had been a member of the Loyal Order of Moose for over 30 years. He was formerly employed by the old Baker foundry and had been a member of the Stovemounters Union, local No. 4.

The deceased was born on June 17, 1870, in St. Louis, the son of William and Fanny Neykirch Martin. On July 15, 1889, he married Louise Schnelle in St. Louis, living there a year, then moving to Belleville. After returning to St. Louis for another short period, the Martins took up permanent residence in Belleville in 1893. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1939 with a large gathering at the Knights of Pythias Park.

Surviving are Mrs. Martin and four sons, Charles, of Runkum road; William, of 329 North Thirty-seventh street; Archie, of Richmond, Calif., and Harry, of 584 West Van Buren street.

One daughter and a sister preceded him in death.

The funeral will be Thursday afternoon at 3:30 from the Renner-Geminn funeral home, with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call after 6:30 this evening.

## **Elizabeth Martini, 64, Dies; Funeral Services Wednesday**

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilke Martini, 64, a native of New Athens township, died at 9 a. m., today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martia Ganim, 402a Hydraulic street, St. Louis, after an illness of two months.

She was born Nov. 19, 1883, a daughter of William and Marguerite (Cox) Miller. She married Charles Wilke, Jan. 17, 1900 and he died May 30, 1936. She married Michael Martini, Jan. 29, 1938. He survives.

Besides her husband and daughter, Mrs. Ganim, she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Ida Mezo, of St. Louis; and two sons, Raymond Wilke, of 710 Scheel street, and Elmer Wilke, of 501 North 28th street. A son died in infancy.

Also surviving are twelve grandchildren, one great-grandchild and four brothers, William, Julius, John and Charles Miller.

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

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Gaerdner chapel. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Mrs. Martini was a member of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church.





Cpl. Edward Meidinger

**CPL. EDWARD MEIDINGER**

Cpl. Edward A. Meidinger, 24, of Belleville, was killed the night of Nov. 2, 1944, in Italy by an enemy artillery barrage while he was serving with the 39th U. S. Army Combat Engineers.

Meidinger worked in the office of Hilfer Brokerage Company, St. Louis, before he was drafted into the service Sept. 17, 1942. He was aboard a troop ship going overseas on New Year's Day of 1943.

He was born in Belleville, Sept. 10, 1920, a son of Adolph and Linda (Streck) Meidinger. His father, who works at the Streck packing plant, was born at Hillsboro, his mother at Sumnerfield. The parents live at 1105 LaSalle street.

He married Miss Alice Herzog, Oct. 10, 1941. She is now the wife of Albert Bach, of 611 North Charles street.

Meidinger is survived by a son, Matthew Edward Meidinger, whom he never had the opportunity to see. The boy was a year old when his father was killed and he was five years old last September.

Also surviving are two sisters, Myrtle, wife of Eugene Sanders, of Freeburg, and Miss Janette, at home.

Cpl. Meidinger was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Belleville Sea Scouts. He was a graduate of the Belleville Township High School.

The Renner-Geminn funeral home will be in charge of the funeral. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

**Cpl. Meidinger  
Rites Saturday;  
Killed In Italy**

The body of Cpl. Edward A. Meidinger, 24, of Belleville, who was killed Nov. 2, 1944, in Italy by an enemy artillery barrage while serving with the 39th U. S. Army Combat Engineers, will arrive at the Illinois Central station here at 10:15 Friday morning.

The body will be taken to the Renner-Geminn funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock Friday night.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Renner-Geminn chapel. Rev. R. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Scott Air Force Base personnel will be in charge of the military rites.

Six Sea Scouts, of whose organization Cpl. Meidinger was a member, will be the pallbearers.

Cpl. Meidinger was the husband of the former Miss Alice Harz, who is now the wife of Albert Bach, of 611 North Charles street.

He is survived by a son, Matthew E. Meidinger, 5, whom he never had the opportunity to see; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Meidinger, of 1105 LaSalle street, and two sisters, Myrtle, wife of Eugene Sanders, of Freeburg, and Miss Janette, at home.

## **Jacob Merod, Sr., 80, Dies; Funeral Services Saturday**

*+ Wed. Jan. 7, '48*  
Jacob Merod, Sr., 80, a retired farmer, of Engelwood Drive, off Caseyville road, died at his home at 3 a. m., today after an extended illness.

He was born in Stookey Township, Jan. 15, 1867, a son of Michael and Caroline (Goeltz) Merod. His father was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, his mother in Alsace-Lorraine, France. He married Bertha Wagner in Stookey township, Aug. 2, 1891.

He is survived by his wife and four sons and two daughters, Jacob of 707 North Charles street; Frieda wife of Ed Heltkamp, of Fredericksburg, W. V.; Theodore, of Caseyville road; William and Fred, both of St. Louis, and Mrs. Mathilda Crowley, also of St. Louis.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and three sisters, Charlotte, wife of Joseph Stoeckel, of 801 South Charles street; Annie, wife of John Peters, of North 28th street, and Mrs. Lena Wagner, of Hartmann Lane. Two brothers and a sister preceded in death.

The body is at the Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after three o'clock tomorrow afternoon and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

## **A. J Merrill, 64, Union Hill, Dies**

*Wed. Jan. 14*  
Arthur J. Merrill, 64, of Union Hill, Caseyville township, died at his home at 7 a. m. today after an illness of four months. Merrill was a farm caretaker.

He was born here, Feb. 2, 1883, a son of George F. Merrill and Anna Kreitner Merrill. His father, who was born in Belleville, lives at Union Hill. His mother, a native of Belvidere, preceded in death.

Merrill, who never married, is also survived by four sisters and a brother, Mrs. Sarah Brucker of East St. Louis; Walter W., of Union Hill; Mrs. Eleanore Ferreira, of East St. Louis; Mrs. Luella Tweston, of Florissant, Mo., and Mrs. Albert Pelo, of Alton. A sister preceded in death.

*Arthur J. Merrill*  
The body is at the Gundlach funeral home.

## **Arthur J. Merrill Rites Here Friday**

Funeral services for Arthur J. Merrill, 64, of Union Hill, Caseyville township, who died yesterday, will be held at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Gundlach funeral home.

Rev. B. J. Koebler will officiate. Interment will be in Mount Hope cemetery. The pallbearers will be Carl Arnold, E. R. Giado, Fred Barzik, Charles Schwahn, James Conner and Frank Kreitner.

Merrill was born here a son of Mrs. Anna Kreitner Merrill, a native of Belleville, who lives at Union Hill, and the late George F. Merrill, a native of Belvidere. Besides his mother, Merrill is also survived by four sisters and a brother.



## William Miller, Coal Miner, Dies in Hospital Here

William Miller, 68-year-old coal miner of 416 Cathedral Lane, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 2:15 o'clock this morning following a year's illness. An employe of the City Street Department under the administration of the late Mayor Fred. J. Kern, he was last employed at the New National Mine.

Mr. Miller was born in Lenzburg August 15, 1879, a son of the late Frederick and Elizabeth Miller, nee Reppel, both natives of Germany, and married Mathilda Keller in St. Paul's Church here, on February 3, 1923.

Surviving besides his wife are three brothers: Henry Miller of Sparta; Fred Miller of 700 Logan Street, and August Miller, 722 West Lincoln Street, and four sisters: Mrs. Maggie Selter, 1007 Caroline Street; Mrs. Theresa Diehl, 425a East A Street; Christine, wife of Fred Hirsch, 302 West Cleveland Street, and Elizabeth, wife of Edward Schmidt, 708 Blair Avenue. Two brothers, John and Charles Miller, preceded him in death.

He was a member of Local No. 4, Progressive Mine Workers of America.

**MILLER, WILLIAM** — Of 416 Cathedral Lane entered into rest at 2:15 a. m. Wednesday, March 10. Beloved husband of Mrs. Mathilda Miller and brother of Henry, Fred, and August Miller, Mrs. Maggie Selter, Mrs. Theresa Diehl, Mrs. Fred Hirsch and Mrs. Edward Schmidt. Funeral at 2 p. m. Friday, March 12, from Pete Gardner's funeral home to Walnut Hill Cemetery. Rev. R. J. Goehner will officiate. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 p. m. today.

## **Bert Moehrl, 65, Carpenter, Dies; Funeral Thursday**

+ Mon. Jan. 12  
Bert Edward Moehrl, 65, carpenter, of 1109 Scheel street, died at his home at 3 o'clock yesterday after an illness of about two years.

He was born in Belleville, Oct. 5, 1882, a son of Oscar and Louise (Alkemeyer) Moehrl. His father was born in Germany, his mother at Hildebrand, Mo.

He married Lillian Kreitner at Edwardsville, March 21, 1910.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Leonard Anna, of 1109 Scheel street; two grandchildren, and a brother, Walter Moehrl of 629h East Main street.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Joseph, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Anna Aberer, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Minna Westcoat, of St. Louis.

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

**Died—Tuesday May 14**  
**Mrs. Nell Morton**  
**Dies Following**  
**Five-Year Illness**

Mrs. Nellie T. Morton, 55, of 1710 East C Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 8:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon fol-



**MRS. NELLIE T. MORTON**

lowing five years' illness. She had been hospitalized since May 2.

Born in Coal Creek, Colo., July 18, 1892, she was a daughter of the late James and Mary Harrison, nee Taylor. Her mother was born in Missouri; her father in England. She married Harry H. Morton in Alton on September 14, 1912.

Surviving are her husband, a brewery worker at the Griggs-Deck-Western Brewery; and

Besides her husband she is survived by five sisters. Sarah, wife of Ernst Engel, of New Athens; Mrs. Inez Mayer, of 500 South Second street; Martha, wife of Charles Sauer, of 4802 West Main street; Ethel, wife of Bert Westrich, of 1903 North Church street, and Hazel, wife of John Fischer, of 1404 East B street. She was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Harrison, and a sister, Mrs. Ida Lennie.

The body is at the Pete Gaedner funeral home where friends may call after 8 o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. H. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Morton was a member of the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Mrs. Nellie Morton**  
**Funeral Tomorrow**

Funeral services for Mrs. Nellie Morton, 55, of 1710 East C street, who died Tuesday, will be held at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Pete Gaedner funeral home.

Rev. H. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Arthur Zwetschke, Warren Fischer, Milton Karet, Emmett Taylor, Ed Engel and George Teter.



## Mrs. Joseph Mulligan Dies At Residence; Last Rites Tomorrow

+ Sat 11-6-48

Mrs. Elizabeth Mulligan, of 120 Centerville avenue, died at her home Saturday at 8 o'clock in the evening, a day after she observed her 74th birthday. She had been ill for some time.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

A member of the Progressive Mine Workers Auxilliary, she also was active in the Ladies of the Moose.

Born in Belleville, Nov. 5, 1874, she was the daughter of the late William and Mary (Schlueter) Hartman. She married Joseph Mulligan in Belleville, Aug. 21, 1900, and he survives. He is a retired coal miner.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Harold Mulligan, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Erna Richardson, who also lives at home; a brother, Fred Hartman, of 23 North Second street, and two grandchildren.

A son, two sisters and three brothers preceded her in death.

Pallbearers for the funeral will be three members of the Ladies of the Moose and three members of the Progressive Mine Workers Auxilliary. They are: Ollie Evans, Alma Butzinger, M. Steinhardt, Grace Loeffler, Alvina Arras and Ann Hoppe.

## **Mrs. Louisa Nagel Dies; Mother Of Local Inspector**

*Thur. Jan. 29*  
Mrs. Louisa Nagel, 75, of 1308 St. Clair avenue, East St. Louis and formerly of 610 West Lincoln street, here, died at the Christian Welfare Hospital, East St. Louis, at 9:30 a. m., today, after an illness of about a year.

She was the mother of Harry Nagel, of 123 North Second street, city plumbing inspector.

She was born here, Sept. 27 1872, a daughter of John and Margaret (Phillips) McKenzie. Her father was born in South Carolina, her mother in Belleville. She married Otto Nagel 52 years ago and he died in 1921.

Besides her son, Harry, she is survived by two daughters, Edna, wife of Bert Lowe, of 1308 St. Clair avenue, East St. Louis, and Mrs. Maude Rickert, of 610 West Lincoln street.

She was preceded in death by a son, three daughters, two brothers and three sisters.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home, where friends may call after six o'clock tomorrow night and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## MRS. NEBGEN DIES; OLDEST CITY NATIVE

Mrs. Elizabeth Nebgen, 92-year-old native of Belleville, died at 9:10 o'clock this morning in St. Elizabeth's Hospital where she had been a patient for ten days. Mrs. Nebgen, said to be the oldest native of the city, suffered a fractured hip in a fall at her home, 627 Sycamore Street, and complications from this injury resulted in her death. An inquiry will be conducted by Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane at the Renner-Geminn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nebgen was born in Belleville April 20, 1856, a daughter of the late Frederick and Appolonia Welsh, both natives of Germany. Her husband, Jacob Nebgen, a retired newspaperman whom she married in Belleville, died January 3, 1932.

Surviving are three children, Andrew Nebgen, 203 South Charles Street; Miss Mamie Nebgen, Portland, Ore., and Fred Nebgen, 627 Sycamore Street, named candidate for state treasurer on the Henry Wallace for President Third Party ticket. Also surviving are three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Two brothers and a sister preceded her to death.

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

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 17.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Nebgen, 92, of 627 Sycamore street, will be held at two o'clock Monday afternoon at the Renner-Geminn funeral home.

Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Alfred Nebgen, John Roth, Roland Nebgen, William Engler, Hugh Nebgen and Eugene Burnett.



## Fred Ohl Dies After Illness Of One Week

*7 July 21*  
Fred Ohl, 312 South Twentieth street, died at 7 p. m. yesterday after a weeks illness from a heart condition. Ohl was born in Belleville April 4, 1896 a son of the late George Ohl and Mrs. Josephine Emge Ohl.

On July 27, 1893 he was married to Miss Annie Lippert at Waterloo. In addition to his mother and his widow Ohl is survived by three brothers, Richard, Marion; Eugene, Utah, Ore.; Harold of Evanston and six sisters, Mrs. Flo Jones of Belleville; Mrs. Elvia Meyer, St. Louis; Mrs. Edith Gooding, Belleville; Mrs. Clara Meritt, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Lillian Baird, Belleville and Mrs. Virginia Ostendorf, Fairfield, Ala. *Unger*

Ohl was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Stove Mounters Union and Belleville Retail Dealers Association. *Reger*

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 Saturday afternoon from Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, with Metzger funeral service in charge and Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating.

Friends may call at Gaerdner funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening.

## **Mrs. Mary Oplt, 55, Dies; Funeral Services Monday**

*1948-4-23-48*  
Mrs. Mary Oplt, 55, of 1420 North Illinois street, died at her home at 12:10 a. m. today after an illness of two years.

She was born at Collinsville, March 26, 1893, a daughter of the late Joseph and Barbara (Brada) Burian, both natives of Czechoslovakia. She married Anton Oplt here, Nov. 23, 1910.

She is survived by her husband, a son Jerry, of Dutch Hollow, and two daughters, Helen, wife of George Severit, of 210 Mascoutah avenue, and Rose, wife of Joseph Silpoch, of 1420 North Illinois street. Another daughter, Mrs. Mildred Hnilica, preceded in death.

She is also survived by seven grandchildren, and the following two brothers and three sisters, Joseph Burian, of Chicago; Frank Burian, of rural route 4, Belleville; Mrs. Barbara Brosh, of 103 Anna street; Mrs. Anna Kricensky, of 4400 West Main street, and Mrs. Rose Diehl, of 203 Caroline street.

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

Funeral services will be held at the Gaerdner chapel at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Mrs. Oplt was a member of the Czechoslovakian Society of America.

## **UTES HERE FOR WEALTHY RECLUSE, POOR YEARS AGO**

### **Frugal John Pear Determined Never To Suffer Poverty Again.**

Simple funeral services were held this afternoon at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home for John H. Pear, 76-year-old retired carpenter-contractor, who became a wealthy man by being extremely frugal and living the life of a recluse in his determination to never again suffer the poverty of his youth.

Rev. H. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, officiated at the final rites. Interment was in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Pear, who died after an illness of three weeks last Saturday at St. Elizabeth's hospital, lived at 214a Missouri avenue, one of the number of buildings he owned at East St. Louis.

It was disclosed yesterday by Mrs. Annie M. Owen, rooming house operator at 613 St. Louis avenue, East St. Louis, a friend of Pear for many years, that he recently told her he had \$69,000 in various banks and owned real estate to make his total wealth more than \$150,000.

Pear's brother, Samuel Pear, of 105 North Fiftieth street, here, in commenting on Mrs. Owen's statements, said he knew his brother owned considerable property, but did not know the likely amount of the estate.

Mrs. Owen said that the carpenter-contractor told her he experienced considerable financial difficulty as a young man and decided if he ever accumulated money he would save it to avoid being poor again.

Pear, a bachelor, was frugal about everything in his life, according to Mrs. Owen, who said he "collected all sorts of old and odd items because he might have use for them some day."

### **John Pear, 76, Dies In Hospital**

John Pear, 76, of 214a Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 1:35 o'clock this afternoon. He had been a patient in the hospital since May 29.

Unmarried, he is survived by four brothers including Frank of St. Louis, Jacob of East St. Louis and Samuel of 105 North 50th Street.

The body was removed to the Pete Gaerdner Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements.

### **John Pear, 76, Dies At Local Hospital**

John Pear, 76, of 214a Missouri avenue, East St. Louis, died at 1:35 this afternoon at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where he was a patient since May 29.

Pear, who never married, is survived by four brothers, Samuel, of 105 North Fiftieth street here; Frank, of St. Louis; Jacob, of East St. Louis, and Steve.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home.



## Mrs. Amelia Pees Dies in Hospital; Ill for 15 Days

Mrs. Amelia Pees, 84-year-old widow of 1019 LaSalle Street, died at 8 o'clock this morning in the St. Louis City Hospital. Death followed 15 days' illness.

Mrs. Pees had been residing recently with her daughter, Mrs. Amelia Bailey of St. Louis. Born in Germany on October 23, 1863, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoffman, nee Huhn, both natives of Germany. Her husband, Jacob Pees, a coal miner, was fatally injured when struck by a train here in 1912.

Surviving besides her daughter are two sons, Jacob and Richard, both of the local address; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Two daughters, Lily and Frieda, a son, Jess; two brothers and two sisters, Fred and Richard Hoffmann, and Mrs. Pauline Rodenberg and Mrs. Lena Peters, preceded her in death.

For partial funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page eleven.

## Funeral Rites For Amelia Pees Tomorrow

The funeral of Mrs. Amelia Pees, 82, of 1019 LaSalle street, who died Tuesday, will be tomorrow morning at Renner-Geminn funeral home. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate, with interment in Walnut Hill cemetery.

pallbearers will be: Otto Lieb, Ray Mank, Joseph Buschner, Wilmer Ernst, Donald and Robert Buschner.

## Mrs. Amelia Pees, 82, Dies After 13 Days In Hospital

Mrs. Amelia Pees, 82, of 1019 LaSalle street, died at 8 o'clock this morning at the St. Louis city hospital, where she had been a patient for 13 days.

Mrs. Pees was born in Germany October 23, 1863, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhart Hoffmann, both of whom were natives of that country. Her mother's maiden name was Huhn. Her husband, Jacob Pees, died in 1912.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Amelia Bailey, 6285 Elizabeth street, St. Louis, and two sons, Jacob and Richard Pees, of the LaSalle street address.

Preceding her in death were two daughters, Lillie and Frieda, a son, Jesse; two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Rodenberg, and Mrs. Lena Peters, and three brothers, Edward, Fred and Richard Hoffmann.

Funeral arrangements were being completed this afternoon. Friends may call at the Renner-Geminn funeral home after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.

*Obituary end of August 1948*

## Casualty



Pvt. Harry Perschbacher, 35, son of Theodore Perschbacher, of Shiloh and formerly of Belleville, and husband of Mrs. Frances Polich Perschbacher, of St. Louis and formerly of Belleville, who today was reported killed in action in France.

## FORMER LOCAL AND SHILOH MAN DEAD IN ACTION IN WAR

**Pvt. Harry Perschbacher  
Was Previously Re-  
ported Wounded**

*9-12-44*

Private Harry Perschbacher, 35, U. S. Infantry, was killed in action in France on August 23, according to a message from the War Department received by his wife, Mrs. Frances Polich Perschbacher, St. Louis, and formerly of Belleville.

Pvt. Perschbacher was recently reported injured in an accident from which he had recovered and rejoined his company. His father is Theodore Perschbacher, of Shiloh, for many years a resident here.

He was born in this city December 12, 1908, and only a few years ago moved to St. Louis, where he was employed. His wife is a sister of Mrs. Katherine Gaubatz, wife of Ray Gaubatz, 604 Wabash avenue, missing in action since the campaign at Anzio Beach, Italy.

Surviving the deceased besides his widow and father are one brother, Clarence, Elgin, Ill., and three sisters, Elsie, wife of Otto Scheurer, Rentschler Station; Frieda, wife of Elmer Scheurer, 320 Kretschmer avenue; and Norma, wife of William Jakes, 717 Bristow street.

Pvt. Perschbacher entered the service as a draftee on November 13 of last year and has been overseas since June.

## **RITES HERE FOR VETERAN KILLED FOUR YEARS AGO**

**Harry Perschbacher, 35  
 Infantryman, Died In  
 Action In France.**

The body of Pvt. Harry Perschbacher, 35, an infantryman, who was killed in action in France, Aug. 23, 1944, will arrive at 11:18 a. m. Friday at the Illinois Central railroad station here, it was announced today.

The flag-draped casket will be taken to the Renner-Geminn funeral home where friends may call after 7 o'clock Saturday night.

Funeral services will be held at the Renner-Geminn chapel at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The Belleville Post 1730, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be in charge of the military rites.

Pvt. Perschbacher was an attendant at a filling station here before he moved to St. Louis. His father was the late Theodore Perschbacher, who was a custodian at the Kiwi and also the Hibiscus and Ward drug stores here.

Pvt. Perschbacher entered the service as a draftee Nov. 13, 1943, and went overseas in June, 1944. He was killed a short time after he recovered from wounds suffered in action.

He was born at 317 North Illinois street, Dep. 13, 1909, a son of the late Theodore and Emma Perschbacher, both natives of Shiloh Valley township. He married Frances Polich, who has since remarried.

Perschbacher is survived by a mother and three sisters: Clarence, of Kalam, Ill.; Elsie, wife of Otto Schaefer, of Rentschler Station; Frieda, wife of Elmer Schaefer, of 348 Mascoutah avenue; and Norma, wife of William Jakes, of 217 Bristol street.

## **Rites Monday**



Pvt. Harry Perschbacher, 35, for whom funeral services will be held here Monday. He was killed in action in France Aug. 23, 1944.

## **PERSCHBACHER BODY IS DUE HERE FRIDAY**

The body of a former resident of Belleville, killed in action during World War II, will arrive here Friday for burial. He is Pvt. Harry Perschbacher, 35, who resided at 317 North Illinois Street for many years before moving to St. Louis from where he entered the army.

The body will arrive at the local Illinois Central Railroad depot at 11:18 o'clock Friday morning. The Belleville Post 1730, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be in charge of military rites at the funeral.

For complete funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page thirteen.

Perschbacher was killed in action in France on August 23, 1944. Born in Belleville December 12, 1909, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Perschbacher, both natives of Shiloh Valley Township. He entered the service November 13, 1943. His wife, the former Frances Polich, has remarried.

Surviving are a brother, Clarence Perschbacher, Elgin, Ill.; and three sisters: Elsie, wife of Otto Schaefer, Rentschler Station; Frieda, wife of Elmer Schaefer, 348 Mascoutah Avenue; and Norma, wife of William Jakes, 217 Bristol Street.



Died Sunday, Aug. 15, 1948

## Mrs. Minnie Pfeil, Former Resident, Dies In St. Louis

Mrs. Minnie C. Pfeil, 88, of 4971 Robert street, St. Louis, and formerly of Belleville, died at her home yesterday morning at 12:20.

She was a member of the Pythian Sisters and of St. Paul's Evangelical church, Circle A and B. She moved to St. Louis two years ago and while living in Belleville her address was 721 South Jackson street.

Born on June 10, 1860, in Stookey township, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Keller. She married Henry Pfeil on April 26, 1881, and he died on May 22, 1925. A daughter also preceded her in death in 1940.

Surviving are a son, Walter E. Pfeil, of Parsons, Kans., daughter, Mrs. Jeannette Wiesmann, of 4971 Robert street, St. Louis, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The funeral will be tomorrow

afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Paul's Evangelical church with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The body will remain at the Renner-Geminn funeral home until

11 o'clock tomorrow morning when it will be taken to St. Paul's church.

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## E. W. PLEGGE DIES; RETIRED TEACHER HERE

*† Jan. 25*  
E. W. Plegge, 44-year-old retired principal of the Franklin School and past commander of the Tancred Commandery, Knights Templar, died at his home, 32 North Douglas Avenue, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning from infirmities of age following a week's serious illness.

Mr. Plegge was a school teacher for 49 years, 47 of which were spent in Belleville Grade School system. He retired in 1929 and for a few months worked in a finance company office. He taught his other two years in the Memphis Station school.

The deceased was a member of the various lodges affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Besides the Knights Templar, he held membership in the St. Clair and Blue Lodges and the Royal Arch Masons.

He was born in Mascoutah May 22, 1883, and was a son of the late Ernst William and Katherine Plegge, nee Weimgenster. His father was born in Germany and his mother in Columbia, Ill. He attended the Mascoutah schools and was later graduated from Illinois State Normal College at Normal.

He married Wilhelmina Schlott in Belleville on his 23rd birthday anniversary—May 22, 1896. She died October 6, 1918.

Surviving are a daughter, Miss Aurelia, at home, and a sister, Mrs. Adella Morlock of Minneapolis. Another daughter, Sylvia, died April 23, 1927, and four brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

The Knights Templar will have charge of the funeral and complete arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page eleven.

## Samuel L. Poole, Retired Miner, Dies at Age of 88

7 Samuel L. Poole, 88-year-old retired coal miner died in his home, 1001 North Church Street, at 10:35 o'clock last night following five days' illness. He was formerly employed at the Service Coal Company mine.

Mr. Poole was born in Alabama September 19, 1859, a son of the late Samuel and Frances Poole, nee Hawkins, and married Theodocia Deaton in Stephenesville, Tex., on October 11, 1887. 6024

Surviving besides his wife are a son, Jack H. Poole, East St. Louis; a daughter, Mrs. Ollie Evans, at home; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Two sons, Syd and Clarence Poole, and a brother, Theodore Poole, preceded him in death.

He was a member of Local No. 4, Progressive Mine Workers of America.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Poole was a member of Local No. 4, Progressive Miners of America.



## WILLIAM PULTZ, HORSE TRAINER DIES SUDDENLY

*Free Press, Oct. 1.*  
William Pultz, 75-year-old well-known race horse trainer of 709 South First Street, collapsed and died suddenly, apparently of a heart attack, at 4:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Stricken while walking in the first block of East Main Street near the Public Square, Mr. Pultz was rushed in the Pete Gaerdner ambulance to St. Elizabeth's Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

For many years, Mr. Pultz was a trainer of horses for the late William Reichert of Freeburg, and later for William Reichert Jr. He was born in Shelbyville, Ill., on October 17, 1872, a son of the late George W. and Elizabeth Pultz, nee McNealy. His mother was born in Indiana; his father in Germany. He married Mrs. Ella Josie Moore in Evansville, Ind., on April 15, 1912.

Surviving besides his wife are two step-children, Alvin Moore of Dawson Springs, Ky., and Miss Velma Moore, Madisonville, Ky., and four grandchildren. Two sisters preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Freeburg Masonic Lodge.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 11.

## Mrs. Puryear, 53, Shiloh, Dies of Complications

Mrs. Alvina Augusta Puryear, 53-year-old Shiloh housewife, died at 11:55 o'clock yesterday morning in her home in Shiloh following four years' illness. Death was due to complications.

Born in Belleville August 13, 1894, Mrs. Puryear was a daughter of the late Albert and Elizabeth Uhde, nee Schramm, both natives of Germany. She resided the past 34 years in Shiloh.

Surviving are her husband, Leo Puryear, a refrigeration worker whom she married in Clayton, Mo., on February 25, 1943; five children by a previous marriage, George A. Jung, Albert G. Jung, 420 North Fifth Street, John O. Jung, 1827a aab Avenue, Aurelia, wife of William Karius, Shiloh, and Virginia, wife of Edward Morris, French Village; three brothers, Henry Uhde, 9 North Tenth Street, Albert Uhde, Millstadt, and William Uhde, Shiloh; and six grandchildren. A sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from Wolfersberger-Meyer funeral home in O'Fallon to Walnut Hill cemetery here, Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church officiating.

## **Mrs. Lillie Raab, 84, Dies Here; Widow Of Doctor**

*77-2-27*  
Mrs. Lillie K. Raab, 84, of 301 South High street, whose husband, the late Dr. Ernst P. Raab was the son of Henry Raab, for whom the Henry Raab school was named, died at her home at 5:30 yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Raab had been bed-fast for the past three-and-a-half years and also had been ailing previously to that time. She was born in New York City on June 19, 1864. She married Dr. Ernst P. Raab in New York City on April 10, 1898 and he died on Sept. 21, 1935.

Surviving are three daughters, Else, wife of J. L. Schmidt, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Anita, wife of Dr. C. R. Gowen, of Shreveport, La.; Agnes, wife of Frank R. Diffey of 301 South High street; eight grandchildren, Miss Ernestine Gowen, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Richard G. Brown, III, of Carthage, Tex.; Mrs. John H. Birdsell, of Belleville; Mrs. William D. Farthing, of Springfield; Mrs. Richard K. Law, of Glendale, Ill.; Mrs. William Funderburck, of Shreveport, La.; F. Henry Raab and David Raab, both of Kansas City Mo.; three great-grandchildren, Jon Birdsell, Anita Lee Brown and Frances Gale Farthing; and a nephew, George W. Unger, of Chicago.

Funeral services will be Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler, officiating. The body will then be taken to the Valhalla Crematory in St. Louis.

Friends may call at the Gundlach funeral home after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Pallbearers will be F. Henry Raab and David Raab, both grandsons; Richard G. Brown, III, John H. Birdsell and William D. Farthing, all of whom are grandsons-in-law; and George W. Unger, a nephew.



## Otto Raeber, 66, Retired Miner, Dies in Hospital

Otto Raeber, 66-year-old retired coal miner, died in the County Hospital at 2:45 'clock this morning following three months' illness. He had been residing at the County Home where he was employed as a cook.

Born in Highland December 25, 1881, Mr. Raeber was a son of the late Louis and Emma Raeber, nee Mullet, also natives of Highland. He never married.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Mary Kohler, 1201 North Church Street, Mrs. Ida Taylor, Flat River, Mo., and Mrs. Sarah Hebenstreit, 802 Lebanon Avenue. A brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 17.

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

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Gaerdner funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## OWNER OF AUTO RANDLE WRECKED GAVE PERMISSION

**Not Aware He Was  
Killed Until After  
Paper Is Published.**

Mrs. Louise Pelker, owner of the automobile driven by Robert W. Randle, 29, of 21 South Fifty-fourth street, who was killed in a crash with a tractor-trailer on North Illinois street in front of the Swanson Community Park yesterday morning, did not learn of the accident until after the Advocate was issued yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Pelker, an employee of Marzetta's restaurant and tavern on Collinsville road, came to the sheriff's office at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon after learning that her 1941 Pontiac sedan had been wrecked in the crash.

The woman told deputies that she had given Randle permission to use her car to go to the Dunn-Weber tavern, the former Charles "Keith" Rattle tavern, Fifty-seventh and West Main streets, of which he recently became manager.

Mrs. Pelker in a statement to sheriff's deputies said that Randle had been out with her and Mrs. Doris Bain, another employee of Marzetta's, the greater part of the night after closing time early yesterday morning.

Randle had left the women at Mrs. Pelker's home on Collinsville road, a half block from the restaurant, only a short time before the accident. The automobile bore a Missouri license issued to Mrs. Pelker at her St. Louis address at 3022 South Grand avenue.

Randle was born in Belleville, July 14, 1920, the son of Harvey and Myrie Griffin Randle. His mother is a native of Iowa, and his father of Belleville. Both his parents survive.

Also surviving are two brothers, Harvey Randle, Jr., who is stationed at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y., and is now home on furlough; Ed Earl Randle, of Belleville; and his grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Randle, at home. Randle was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

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

The funeral will be from the Gaedner funeral home at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

Palbearers will be Robert Heiman, Kenneth Hoffman, Eugene Dill, Marvin Storer, Robert Murren and Alvin Schene.

### Inquest Planned

But the auto struck the left side of the trailer, knocked off the rear wheels and then went out of control. It came to a halt against a tree in the yard at the home of Mrs. Myrie Crowley. Lois is under a \$1000 bond pending an inquest to be held by Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane at the Gaedner Morgan.

Mrs. Louise Pelker, 3022 South Grand Avenue, St. Louis, told deputy sheriffs that she was the owner of the car which Randle, a former city patrolman and a former chief clerk for the State Highway Patrol's office at French Village, was driving at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Pelker said she is a waitress at Marzetta's Tavern on the Collinsville Road, eight miles north of Belleville. She said that she and another waitress, Mrs. Doris Bain and Randle were out Thursday night and returned to the tavern around 2 a. m. yesterday. They remained there un-

til 5 a. m., and then went to Mrs. Pelker's residence. She said that she gave Randle permission to use the car to drive to work.

### His Survivors

Randle was born in Belleville on July 14, 1920, and was a son of Harvey and Myrie Randle, nee Griffin. His mother was born in Iowa and his father in Belleville.

Besides his parents, he leaves two brothers: Harvey Jr., who is home on leave from the Sheepshead Bay Naval Station at Brooklyn, N. Y., and Edward Earl Randle, 1214 West Main Street, and his grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Randle, 21 South 54th Street.

He was a member of the Belleville Lodge Loyal Order of Moose.

## BOB RANDLE'S FUNERAL TO BE HELD MONDAY

*+ Fri. 9 Nov. 19*  
Funeral services for Robert "Bud" Randle, 28-year-old tavern manager of 21 South 54th Street, will be held at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon from Pete Gaerdner Funeral Home to Valhalla Burial Park. The Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, will officiate.

The pallbearers will be: Robert Rieman, Kenneth Hoffman, Eugene Dill, Marvin Storer, Robert Muren and Alvin Schene.

Randle died at 1:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, five hours after he received internal injuries when his auto sideswiped a truck and then struck a tree in the 2200 block on North Illinois Street, Swansea.

Deputy sheriffs said that Randle was driving south toward his place of employment, the Dunn-Weber Bowling Alleys at 5625 West Main Street, when the accident occurred. The truck driver, Kenneth Lutz, Caseyville, said he saw Randle head for his truck and he took to the shoulder.



## Mrs. Rauch Dies Following Illness of Six Months

Mrs. Rosie Rauch, 88-year-old widow, died in her home, 310 North Charles Street, at 8:45 o'clock this morning following six months' illness.

She was born in Lenzburg on March 5, 1862, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schuetz, both natives of Germany. Her husband, Henry Rauch, whom she married in Belleville April 20, 1886, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur Rauch, St. Louis, and Edward Rauch, 326 Polk Street; four daughters: Miss Emelia Rauch, also of St. Louis; Mrs. Hedwig Topfer, 310 North Charles Street; Betty, wife of Henry Hartman, 1104 Caseyville Avenue, and Mrs. Pauline Armstutz, 1020 Caseyville Avenue; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A son, Henry Schuetz, also preceded her in death. *Rauch*

She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Circle B of the church and the Liberty Camp, Royal Neighbors of America.

For funeral arrangements see *Obituary* column on page 19.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1948

## Last Rites Saturday For Amanda Reheis

The funeral of Mrs. Amanda Ida Reheis, of 424 South High street, who died yesterday, will be at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from St. Paul's church in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

The body will be taken from the Renner-Geminn funeral home to the church at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Pallbearers will be Dr. Armin Emig, Dr. Myron Wagner, Virgil Wagner, Earl Brockel, Ben Rauch and Arthur Schifferdecker.

## Mrs. Amanda Reheis Dies At Home Of Her Daughter Here

*7 Wed 12-8-48*  
Mrs. Amanda Ida Reheis, whose home was at 424 South High street, died at 9:10 a. m. today at the home of her daughter, Irene, wife of Fred Bohannon, 25 South Thirty-fifth street, from a cerebral hemorrhage following a stroke 17 weeks ago. Mrs. Bohannon is organist at St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church.

Mrs. Reheis was born in Prairie du Long township March 20, 1890, a daughter of the late Rudolph and Susan Stippie Wagner, and was married to George Reheis at Hecker, May 5, 1907. He died in February, 1918.

In addition to the daughter at whose home she died, Mrs. Reheis is also survived by one son, Norman, of St. Louis; one brother, Dr. E. R. Wagner, also of St. Louis, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Emig, 219 South Church street, and Mrs. Ed. Lill, 224 Abend street, and two grandchildren. Three brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday from St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church, of which she was a member, to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Mrs. Reheis was also a member of the Ladies' Bible class of St. Paul Sunday school and of Circle B of the Woman's Guild of that church.

Friends may call at Renner-Geminn funeral home after 6 p. m. Thursday, until 11 a. m. Saturday, at which time the body will be removed to the church to await the hour of services.

## Dies Here



**Mrs. Amanda Ida Reheis,** who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Bohannon, 25 South Thirty-fifth street, at 9:10 this morning.



## Margaret Rehg's Funeral to Be Held Monday

*Thurs. Nov. 18*  
Funeral services will be conducted Monday for Mrs. Margaret Anna Rehg, 53, of 1801 Scheel Street, who died at 1:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's Hospital following a year's illness. Complete funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page seventeen.

Mrs. Rehg was born in Freeburg on March 24, 1895, a daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. George Wuest, nee Julia Woodcock, and married Charles T. Rehg in Belleville on January 12, 1914. Her father, a native of Freeburg, resides there;

her mother, a native of Missouri, preceded her in death.

Surviving besides her husband, an employe of the Midwest-Radiant Corporation, are two sons, Charles of Millstadt and Lester at home; three daughters, Margaret, wife of Roy Neumeyer, 2010 Bell Street, Doris, wife of Percy Crook, 1722 LaSalle Street, and Miss Betty at home; five brothers, Walter and Emil Wuest, St. Louis; Bryan of East St. Louis, Louis of Chicago and Raymond of Freeburg; and 11 grandchildren.

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



## William Rehg, 64, Dies At His Home Following Illness

+ Dec 10 1948  
William H. Rehg, 64, of 414 Union avenue, died at his residence at 10:45 last night following an illness of eight months.

He was last employed by the Aluminum Ore Company of East St. Louis, and retired in January when his health began to fail.

In 1918 he was a member of the Belleville police department and later he was a coal miner.

Born in St. Clair county, Aug. 11, 1884, he was the son of the late Henry and Elizabeth Rehg. He married Genevieve McComb in Clayton, Mo., Nov. 1, 1919, and she survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Elmer of St. Louis, and Charles of 1001 Scheel street, and two sisters, Core, wife of Phillip Zin of Freeburg, and Ida, wife of Thomas Mason, of Mt. Vernon.

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

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon with Rev. Koehler officiating. It will be in W.

## Albert Reichling, Former Resident, Dies in St. Louis

Albert "Dicker" Reichling, 65-year-old salesman and former resident of Belleville, died suddenly at 4 o'clock this morning at his residence in a hotel at 16 South 18th Street, St. Louis. The man was pronounced dead at the St. Louis City Hospital, apparently the victim of a heart attack.

A former traveling salesman, Mr. Reichling had been suffering from a heart ailment for some time. He was born in Millstadt in August, 1883, a son of the late Michael and Margaret Reichling, nee Schneider. His father was born in Germany; his mother in St. Louis. He came to Belleville when seven years old and resided here about 10 years.

Surviving are two brothers, E. William "Babe" Reichling, 705 South Charles Street, and George "Meeks" Reichling, 625 East Garfield Street; three half-brothers, Philip Lang, St. Louis, Henry Lang, Columbus, O., and Louis Lang of near Collinsville; a half-sister, Mrs. Lena Kaffenberger, Peoria, and a number of nieces and nephews.

For partial funeral arrangements see the obituary column on Page 17.

Funeral services will be held in private sometime Monday from the Gaerdner funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p. m. Friday.

## Charles Reischich, 78, Retired Moulder, Dies Day Before Birthday

*+ June July 13*  
Charles A. Reischich of 515 North Sixth street, died this morning at 1:10 in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, just one day before he was to observe his seventy-ninth birthday. He had been ailing for 14 days.

He was a retired iron moulder of the Oakland foundry and also had been employed by the Richland foundry. He was a member of the Macabees lodge.

Reischich was born on July 14, 1869, in Belleville, the son of Balthaser and Catherine Wild Reischich, who preceded him in death. He married Amella Meinert on March 28, 1895, here, and she passed away on March 17, 1921.

Surviving are: a son, Wilfred, of 515 North Sixth street; a brother, Frank, who resides in St. Louis; and three sisters, Mrs. Dinah Gass of 3325 West A street, Mrs. Emmar Richards of 214 North Twelfth street, and Mrs. Kathrine Knab, wife of Louis Knab, of 115 North Illinois street. Also surviving are two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Two sons, three sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

The funeral will be Thursday afternoon at 3:30 from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home, with interment in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call after 6 o'clock tonight.



## **Perry Rief, 54, Dies At Hospital; Last Rites Monday**

*Thurs 11-18-48*  
Perry Andrew Rief, 54, of 1602 West Main street, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 5:40 yesterday afternoon after an extended illness.

Born in St. Louis, Sept. 9, 1894, he was the son of the late Andrew and Pauline Gaertner Rief. He was employed by the Hoeffken Brothers Supply and Construction Company.

Surviving are four sisters, Alice, wife of Walter Vanderhide, of rural route 3, Belleville; Alma, wife of Charles Vlasak, of rural route 2, Belleville; Hilda, wife of Charles Schilling, of 1421 Kinsella avenue; Stella, wife of Elmer Hock, of 2016 Roosevelt street; Raymond, of Scheel street; Irwin, of 317 North Eleventh street; Archie, of 300 South Eleventh street, and Lester, of 108 West D street; seven nieces and a nephew.

He was a member of the Eagle's Lodge and of the Outside Laborers.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Gaerdner funeral home, with interment in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

Friends may call at the Gaerdner funeral home after 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

**NEVER MARRIED**

## Amelia Rockemann Dies; Funeral To Be Held Wednesday

+ *Jan. 18*  
(Picture on Page 4)

Mrs. Amelia Rockemann, 75, of 505 Union avenue, died at 3 a. m. yesterday after an extended illness.

She was born in Stookey township, March 3, 1872, a daughter of Henry and Sophia (Schubert) Wagner. Her father was born in Stookey township, her mother in Millstadt township.

She married Nicholas Rockemann at High Prairie Feb. 24, 1897. They observed their golden wedding anniversary last year.

Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Viola Germann, of 505 Union avenue. She was preceded in death by a son, Waldo, about a year ago.

She is also survived by three grandchildren, and two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Annie Grossmann, of Smithton; Mrs. Ida Brough, of 800 Union avenue; Henry Wagner, of Smithton road, and Edward Wagner, of High Prairie. One brother and three sisters preceded in death.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

## **Carrie Rockemann, 69, Dies; Funeral Services Tomorrow**

*+ Thurs. Feb. 12*  
Mrs. Carrie C. Rockemann, 69, of rural route 1, Granite City, and formerly of Belleville, died at 3:40 yesterday afternoon at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Granite City, after an extended illness.

She was born in Missouri, Nov. 16, 1878, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lynch, and married William Rockemann in St. Louis Sept. 11, 1904.

She is survived by her husband and a brother, Michael Lynch, of St. Louis.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.





E. H. RODENMEYER

## TRAIN VICTIM SAID TO BE RODENMEYER

Relatives today concluded that the man killed by a Southern Railway Company passenger train Sunday night between the 59th and 65th Streets crossings was Edward H. "Eppie" Rodenmeyer, 45, residing in a jungle camp near Cooper's Station.

Relatives said that from information gathered by deputy sheriffs and the fact that Rodenmeyer has been missing for more than 24 hours from the camp, they were satisfied that he was the victim. The body was mutilated beyond identification.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon from Gundlach and Company Funeral Home to Walnut Hill Cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, officiated. An inquest will be conducted later by Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane at the Gundlach morgue.

Rodenmeyer, an odd-job man, was born in Belleville July 24, 1903. His father was the late Ernst Rodenmeyer and his mother, now Mrs. Rosell Burnett Rodenmeyer, Hazelton, lives at 124 South 29th Street.

Besides his mother, he leaves a sister, Hazel, wife of Nicholas Toth, 124 South 29th Street; a brother, Raymond Rodenmeyer, 708 West Adams Street; a half-sister, Mrs. Viola Forstel, 401 1/2 South Second Street; and a half-brother, Russell Lashardt, 319 North 10th Street.

## 'Eppie' Rodenmeyer Body Is Identified; Funeral Rites Held

The body of the man killed by Southern Railway passenger train No. 24, at South Fifty-ninth street Sunday evening, today had been identified as Edward H. "Eppie" Rodenmeyer.

Crew members of the train said the man was lying between the rails when hit, the body being struck over a distance of six blocks, which made identification extremely difficult.

However with the pieces of the body and clothing, relatives of the man aided by the sheriff's office and police, identified the body.

Rodenmeyer was born in Belleville on July 24, 1903, the son of Ernst and Rosella Burnett Rodenmeyer. His mother survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Hazel, wife of Nicholas Toth, of 124 South Twenty-ninth street; a brother, Raymond Rodenmeyer, of 708 West Adams street; a half-sister, Viola Forstel, of 401 1/2 South Second street; and a half-brother, Russell Lashardt, of 319 North Tenth street.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment was in Walnut Hill cemetery.

**John Roehl, 77, Died Wed**  
**Former Resident, 12-22-48**  
**Dies In St. Louis**

*12-22-48*  
John Roehl, 77, of 4939 Aldine Place, St. Louis, former resident and retired farmer of Belleville, died at 12:50 this morning at his home after an illness of two months.

Born in Belleville, Feb. 28, 1871, he was the son of Peter and Katherine Heim Roehl.

Surviving are two nephews, with whom he made his home, Leon and William Dineen, and a niece Miss Anna Dineen, of the same address; and a sister, Mrs. Anna Weisner, of 617 East McKinley street.

A sister, Louise Goepfert Dineen, a brother, a half-brother and two half-sisters preceded him in death.

The funeral will be from the Gundlach funeral home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends may call at the Gundlach funeral home after 6 o'clock tonight. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## **Mrs. Sadie Rogers, 47 Years Old, Dies; Last Rites Saturday**

*Thames 11-4-48*  
Mrs. Sadie Edith Rogers, 47, of 12 East C street, wife of Ralph Rogers, who is a machinist for the Walworth company, of Washington Park, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 12:45 this morning after a lingering illness of two years.

Born in Lebanon, April 2, 1901, she was the daughter of George Conklin and the late Jenny (Seitz) Conklin. She married Ralph Rogers in Belleville, Aug. 29, 1917.

Besides her husband and father, she is survived by two sons, John, at home; Ralph, of Lebanon; five daughters, Ethel, wife of Elmer Kuerrer, of O'Fallon; Lois Beverly, Mrs. Dorothea Loeffler, and Mrs. Margaret Schwarz, all at home; three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Wise, of Lebanon; Mrs. Mary Lind, of 1860 Bunsen avenue; Mrs. Ethel Papproth, of Lebanon; a brother, Abe Conklin, of Lebanon; and seven grandchildren. A brother preceded her in death.

Friends may call at the Renner-Geminn funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening.

The funeral will be from the Renner-Geminn funeral home at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Burial will be in College Hill cemetery, Lebanon.



## 'Shine' Rogger Is Found Shot Dead In Room

William E. "Shine" Rogger, about 50, a veteran of the first world war and a molder at the Oakland Foundry, this afternoon was found shot to death in his room above the East Side Cafe, 1100 East B street.

The body was found by George Quellmaiz, proprietor of the cafe, who went to Rogger's room to investigate after he had not been seen since 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Quellmaiz found lights in the room turned on when he entered.

Police Officer Frank A. Riesenberger and City Health Officer Monroe G. Hodo, who investigated, said that Rogger had apparently ended his own life during the night. He had carefully spread a raincoat and an overcoat over his bed, on which he seated himself to trip the trigger of a shotgun with a walking cane, the officers reported.

Pellets from the blast punctured Rogger's heart. The officers found a note addressed to Rogger's son, Rodney Rogger, 16, of 4820 Walter street, in which he said:

"Dear Sonny: Forgive me, for this is the best way out. Everything I've got belongs to you. I have never had a chance, so for my sake, take care of yourself. Never do anything wrong. Money is always first, and real love is the best thing in the world."

"Now sonny, forget this. It's better this way than to be a burden on someone else later on. I enjoyed my life in the world. It is a great place to live in. So always make it peaceful for your self. So goodbye and forgive me."

Besides the son, Rogger is survived by his former wife, Mrs. Ann Rogger, 610 South High street, who divorced him Sept. 21, 1945; and two daughters, Natalie Rogger, 120 North Pennsylvania avenue, and Mrs. Udell Miller, Miami, Fla.

He is also survived by two brothers, Fred Rogger, 908 South High street, and Edwin Rogger, St. Louis, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Hanke and Mrs. Minnie Voelkel, St. Louis.

The body was removed to the Gundlach funeral home. An inquest is pending.

## PLAN INQUEST INTO DEATH OF WM. ROGGER

Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane today planned an inquest into the death of William Emil "Shine" Rogger, 60-year-old molder who was found shot to death yesterday afternoon in his room on the second floor of the East Side Cafe, 1100 East B Street, as police said they believed Rogger was despondent because of marital difficulties.

Kane said the inquest would be held at the Gundlach and Company funeral home at 3 p. m. today. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at Gundlach's. Arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 11.

Police recovered one note, addressed to a son, Rodney, who lives at 4820 Walter Street. The note asked Rodney's forgiveness and continued: "Money is always first and real love is the best thing in the world."

### Twice Divorced

Police said Rogger had been divorced twice. His first wife was the former Henrietta Metzger. His second wife was the former Anna M. Sarikins. They were married at Nashville August 19, 1925, and divorced September 21, 1945.

Rogger, who was employed at the Oakland Foundry Company, also left four other notes, written on slices of paper. One told Rodney that he owed \$55 in room rent to George Quellmaiz, owner of the East Side Cafe and finder of the body; another told of an 11-cent debt to the milkman; the third of a 25-cent debt to a "cotton" employee and the fourth of a 40-cent debt to a "cotton" employee. Fred N. Riesenberger and City Health Officer Monroe G. Hodo said they would attempt to find the payee of the debts.

He was born in Belleville January 22, 1888 and was a son of the late Ernie and Wilhelmina Rogger, nee Kerkus.

### Leaves Four Children

He leaves four children: Wilbert Rogger of St. Louis, by his first marriage; Udell, wife of Charles R. Miller, Miami, Fla.; Miss Natalie Rogger of 120 North Pennsylvania Avenue, and Rodney, all by his second marriage. He has four children; two brothers, Fred of 908 South High Street and Edward of St. Louis; and two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Voelkel and Mrs. Emma Hanke, both of St. Louis.

He was a member of Local 182, International Iron Molders Union; the George H. Hilgard Post of the American Legion; the Loyal Order of Moose; the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the St. Clair County Anglers Club.

## Mrs. Pauline Rose Dies in Hospital After Long Illness

Mrs. Pauline Rose, 71-year-old widow of 26 North 11th Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 12:35 o'clock this morning following an extended illness.

Born in Summerfield on November 27, 1876, she was a daughter of the late Cornelius and Christina Dirks, and married Frederick Rose in St. Louis 50 years ago. Her husband died on February 25, 1927.

Surviving are a son, Cornelius Rose, 1501 Raab Avenue; three daughters, Amelia, wife of Richard Lee, 508 Centreville Avenue, Lucille, wife of Ben Rhyne, with whom she made her home; and Helen, wife of Ed Wagner, Carmilla, Cal., a sister, Mrs. Lena Ambros Gillespie; 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. A son, a daughter, a brother, and two sisters preceded her in death.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 6.

ROSE, MRS. PAULINE — Of 26 North 11th Street entered into rest at 12:35 a. m. Wednesday, March 3. Deceased mother of Cornelius Rose, Mrs. Richard Lee, Mrs. Ben Rhyne and Mrs. Edward Wagner. Funeral at 2 p. m. Friday, March 5, from Pete Gaerdner Funeral Home to the Summerfield Cemetery. Rev. H. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, will officiate. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 p. m. today.

# **Louis F. Ruehl, 57, Dies; Funeral Services Thursday**

Louis F. Ruehl, 57, of 400 Polk street, died at his home at 11:40 last night after an illness of three years. He was a carpenter and last worked at the Goedde Lumber Company at East St. Louis.

Ruehl was born here Aug. 24, 1890, a son of Louis and Elizabeth (Teufel) Ruehl, both natives of Germany. He married Amanda Steiber here Aug. 3, 1913.

He is survived by his widow and a son, Elmer, at home, and three sisters, Margaret, wife of O. P. Muskopf, of 1140 Lebanon avenue; Anita, wife of Ernest Schmale, of 1140a Lebanon avenue, and Emma, wife of K. J. Muskopf, of 108 North Twenty-eighth street. He is also

survived by two grandchildren, Claudia and Bruce Ruehl.

The body is at the Pete Gaudner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tomorrow night and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Thursday afternoon. Rev. H. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Ruehl was a member of the Carpenters Local No. 433.

# **Louis F. Ruehl, Carpenter, Dies; Ill for 3 Years**

Louis F. Ruehl, 57-year-old carpenter of 400 Polk Street, died in his home at 11:40 o'clock last night following three years' illness. He was member of Local 433, Carpenters Union, and had been employed at the Goedde Lumber Company, East St. Louis.

Mr. Ruehl was born in Belleville August 24, 1890, a son of the late Louis and Elizabeth Ruehl, nee Teufel, both natives of Germany, and married Amanda Steiber in Belleville August 3, 1913.

Surviving besides his wife are a son, Elmer Ruehl, at home; three sisters, Margaret, wife of O. P. Muskopf, 1140 Lebanon Avenue; Anita, wife of Ernest Schmale, 1140a Lebanon Avenue, and Emma, wife of E. J. Muskopf, 108 North 28th Street, and two grandchildren.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.



## **Mrs. Mary Sattig, Dies At Hospital; Funeral Saturday**

+ Wed 12-8-48

Mrs. Mary Sattig, 89, of 111 South First street, died at 3:30 yesterday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's hospital after a lingering illness.

Born in Belleville, Oct. 12, 1859, she was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Friedrich Heinemann. She married Henry Sattig in Belleville, Oct. 21, 1880, and he died Nov. 16, 1929. Two daughters, a son, two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters, Lulu, wife of C. A. Pfeiffer, of O'Fallon; Bertha Sattig, at home; Elsie, wife of Ed Straube, of 109 North Twenty-eighth street; Marie, wife of W. A. Neuhaus, of Cleveland, O.; a son, Arthur, at home, and two grandchildren.

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

The funeral will be at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## Miss Eva Schaab, 81, Dies; Funeral Monday Afternoon

*7 Fri June 11*  
Miss Eva Schaab, 81, who lived at the St. Paul's Old Folks' Home, died at 3:30 yesterday afternoon at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Death was due to an extended illness. She was seriously ill two weeks.

Miss Schaab was born here, Dec. 4, 1866, a daughter of Adam and Christina (Espenschied) Schaab, both natives of Germany.

She is survived by two nephews, Edward G. Schaab, of 704 North Illinois street, and George W. Schaab, of 1018 Lebanon avenue.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, George, Ferdinand, Adam and William, and three sisters, Miss Barbara, Mrs. Mary Bodenbach and Mrs. Anna Bodenbach.

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home, where friends may call after six o'clock tonight.

Funeral services will be held at the Renner-Geminn chapel at 2:30 Monday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The pallbearers will be August and Emil A. Schaab, Rev. Paul Surbey, Adolph Streck, Edward Breidenbach and George Herb.

Miss Schaab was a charter member of Circle B of St. Paul's church.

## **Ben Schad, Charter Member Of County Farm Bureau, Dies**

**Died Thurs. 12-30-48**

Bernhardt "Ben" Schad, 65-year-old farmer residing on the Smelting Works road, rural route 2, and a charter member of the St. Clair County Farm Bureau, died at 11:15 this morning at St. Elizabeth's hospital after a long illness.

Schad was born in Belleville, April 29, 1883, a son of the late Conrad and Sophia Press Schad. His father was a native of Germany and his mother was born in Belleville. He was married Oct. 15, 1913, in Belleville, to Lucinda Munie. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Melba Eversmann, 452 North Seventy-second street, East St. Louis; Mrs. Edna Parrish, rural route 3, and Mrs. Wilma Grommet, Smithton road; two sons, Arthur Schad, at home, and John Schad, rural route 2, Marissa; three brothers, Adolph Schad, at home, and Walter and Fred Schad, Hartman lane, rural route 2, O'Fallon, and eight grandchildren.

Two daughters and a son preceded him in death.

In addition to being a charter member of the Farm Bureau, Schad was a member of Turkey Hill Grange.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Renner-Geminn funeral home with burial in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon.



## Otto Schilling, 85, Of Swansea, Dies Last Rites Tuesday

Otto Schilling, 85, of 20 Brackett street, Swansea, died at 10:45 last night after an extended illness.

Born in Detroit, Oct. 18, 1863, he was the son of the late Charles and Anna Norskey Schilling. He married Laura Agne in Belleville and she died Dec. 12, 1947.

Surviving are two sons, Elmer, of Cincinnati, O.; Earl, at home; a brother Charles, of Kansas City, Mo. and two sisters, Mrs. Louise Kasten and Mrs. Emma Alexander, both of Kansas City. A brother preceded him in death. He was a member of Molders Local 220.

Friends may call at the Renner-Geminn funeral home after 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Renner-Geminn funeral home with interment in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

## Dies in Hospital

Otto Schilling, 85-year-old retired iron molder of 20 Brackett Street, died at 10:45 o'clock last night at Pleasant View Sanatorium. He had been ailing for some time.

Mr. Schilling was born in Detroit October 18, 1863, a son of the late Charles and Anna Schilling, nee Norskey. His mother was born in Yugoslavia; his father in Germany. His wife, the former Laura Agne whom he married in Belleville died last December 12.

Surviving are two sons, Elmer Schilling of Cincinnati and Earl Schilling, 20 Brackett Street; a brother, Charles Schilling, and two sisters, Mrs. Louise Kasten and Mrs. Emma Alexander, all of Kansas City, Mo.

He was a member of Local 220, AFL International Iron Molders Union.

## **Mrs. Ida Schmidt, 48 Dies; Formerly Orchestra Pianist**

*+ Sun Jan 18*  
Mrs. Ida Schmidt, 48, of 418 East D street, died at 8:30 a. m., yesterday at her home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Schmidt was a piano player for the former Billy Schmidt's dance orchestra which was managed by her husband, William C. Schmidt, an employe at the Midwest Rubber Reclaiming Company at East St. Louis.

She was born here Feb. 9, 1899, a daughter of George and Mary (Raber) Kohler, who live at 1201 North Church street. Her father was born in Belleville, her mother at Highland. She married Schmidt here, March 9, 1915.

Besides her husband and parents she is survived by a brother, William Kohler, of 913 St. Clair avenue, and a sister, Varney Lee, wife of Lon Fizer, of 1201 North Church street.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after three o'clock today and where the funeral services will be held at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Schmidt was a member of the Belleville Musicians Local No. 29.



## Jacob Schmidt, Former Resident, Dies in E. St. L.

Jacob Schmidt, 77-year-old retired painter of 629 North 27th Street, East St. Louis, died at 9:45 p. m. Saturday at St. Mary's Hospital after a long illness. He was a former resident of Belleville.

He was born here October 21, 1871, a son of the late Jacob and Margaret Schmidt, nee Kilian. Survivors include a foster daughter, Mrs. Margaret Fritter, East St. Louis; two brothers, William Schmidt, 222 Lebanon Avenue, and Charles Fischer, 331 West H Street, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow at East St. Louis with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.



# **WALTER D. SCHMITT, FORMER ADVOCATE CITY EDITOR, DIES**

## **Funeral Services For Retired Newspaper Man Saturday Afternoon**

Walter D. "Teddy" Schmitt, 74, of 110 North Illinois street, city editor of the Advocate from 1913 to 1928, died suddenly at his home at 8:15 Wednesday night.

Although suffering from asthma and impaired eyesight for 20 years, Schmitt had always been able to be up and about and his death was unexpected.

Schmitt who lived in the home of former Governor Reynolds here, had been a Belleville newspaper man all his active life. Even after his retirement from the Advocate due to his health, he was a correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for 12 more years. Before retiring from the Advocate he was also vice president of the Belleville Advocate Printing Company.

Schmitt began work as a newspaper reporter in Belleville at an early age, having been attracted to the profession as a result of a boyhood fancy to write poetry and prose. He was the last survivor of the so-called old school of journalism in Belleville.

Besides his newspaper work Schmitt was also active in the promotion of the Mullen Building Corporation, which erected the Lincoln Theater Building, and in other local ventures.

Schmitt was born in Belleville, Nov. 22, 1874, a son of the late Henry and Clara Voegeli Schmitt, and married the former Miss Ida G. Klein in Belleville, July 3, 1912.

Besides his widow he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Magdalena Mueller, 202 South High street, and Miss Frieda Schmitt, 110 North Illinois street.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home, where funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. E. J. Kuchler, pastor of St. Paul's Church, officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Palbearers will be six nephews, Arthur, Herbert, Victor, Dallas and Allan Schmitt and William Pfingsten.

## **Dies Suddenly**



Walter D. Schmitt

Walter D. "Teddy" Schmitt, 74-year-old dean of Belleville's newspapermen, died at his home, 110 North Illinois Street, at 8:15 o'clock Wednesday night following a protracted illness. Death occurred the day after Mr. Schmitt observed his birthday anniversary.

Relatives were preparing to move him to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for treatment for asthma when death occurred. He expired just as the Gundlach and Company ambulance arrived at his home, formerly the residence of the late Gov. John Reynolds.

Mr. Schmitt was a newspaperman for some 34 years. He retired in 1928 due to failing health.

For many years he worked in a confectionery on West Main Street when the store was operated by members of his family. He began reporting for the News-Democrat in 1904 and was with this paper for ten years.

In 1915 he became associated with the Daily Advocate and later became city editor of that paper. In 1928, he retired from the Advocate's staff and for the next ten years was the Belleville representative of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He corresponded for the Post-Dispatch while working for the Advocate and after 1928 devoted his entire time to working for the St. Louis paper.

To hundreds of public officials and employees of public offices he was known as "Teddy."

The deceased was born in Belleville November 22, 1874, and was a son of the late Henry and Clara Schmitt, nee Voegeli. His father was born in Germany and his mother in Switzerland.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ida G. Klein Schmitt; and two sisters: Mrs. Magdalena Mueller of 202 South High Street and Miss Frieda Schmitt of 110 North Illinois Street. A sister, Mrs. William Pfingsten, and three brothers: Simon, Henry and Dr. E. G. Schmitt of Springfield, Mo., preceded him in death.

Palbearers for the funeral will be: Arthur, Herbert, Victor, Dallas and Allen Schmitt and William Pfingsten. Other funeral arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 17.

## Geo. Schnaare, 67, Dies; Services At St. Paul's Church

*Jan. 18*  
George W. Schnaare, 67, of 20 South Fourteenth street, died at 4:45 yesterday afternoon at St. Elizabeth's Hospital after an illness of nine months.

Schnaare formerly was a clay worker and was formerly also employed by the East St. Louis and Suburban Railway Company. He last worked at the Orbon foundry.

He was born in Prairie du Long township, June 5, 1880, a son of the late Henry and Elizabeth (Maurer) Schnaare, both of whom were born in Prairie du Long township. He married Bertha E. Gramlich here, March 4, 1909.

He is survived by his wife and three brothers and two sisters, William Schnaare, of 3106 West Main street; Mrs. Caroline Lahruyere, of Modoc; Robert Schnaare, of Westhaven, Belleville; Albert Schnaare, of Alton, and Mrs. Katherine Weegels, of Quincy.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Gustave; a sister, Mrs. Emma Inman, and another sister in infancy.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and until 11 a. m. Saturday when the body will be taken to St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church for funeral services at 1:30 that afternoon.

Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Schnaare was member of St. Paul's church and the Mens Aid Brotherhood of that church. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Legion of the Moose.

He was also a member of the Brick and Clay Workers Local 116; the Molders Local 182 and the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees Local.

## **Mrs. Kate Schroeder Dies After Illness; Last Rites Tomorrow**

*+ Sat. Sept. 4*  
Mrs. Kate Schroeder, 71, of South Seventy-fourth street, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Saturday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon after an illness of four months.

The funeral will be tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Gaerdner funeral home with burial in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate.

Born on June 12, 1877, in Stookey township, she was the daughter of John and Ann Cooper Daniels. She married Nick Schroe-

der in West Virginia on April 22, 1899, and he died in 1918.

Surviving are a son, Jack Young of St. Louis, a daughter, Ethel Sullivan, of North Seventy-eighth street, and five grandchildren. Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

## **Mrs. Schroeder Dies in Hospital; Ill for 4 Months**

*+ Sat. Sept. 4*  
Mrs. Kate Schroeder, 71, of South 74th Street, died at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon in St. Elizabeth's Hospital following an illness of four months.

Mrs. Schroeder was born in Stookey Township June 12, 1877, and was a daughter of the late John and Anna Daniels, nee Cooper, both natives of England. She married Nick Schroeder in West Virginia and he died in 1918.

Surviving are two children: Jack Young of St. Louis and Ethel, wife of Richard Sullivan, 158 North 78th Street; and five grandchildren. Two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.



## MOTORCYCLE RIDER DIES OF AUTO INJURIES

*Arthur C. Schultz*  
Arthur Charles Schultz, 22-year-old brewery worker and veteran of World War II, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 11:30 o'clock this morning of injuries suffered a week ago in a motorcycle accident at Main and 40th Streets. His death was the second traffic fatality of the year in Belleville, the same number as on this date a year ago.

Schultz suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and a injured left leg when the motorcycle he was driving crashed into an auto driven by Leonard Burg, 40, of R. R. 1, Centerville Station. Albert Staub, 18, of 2014 East Main Street a passenger on the motorcycle suffered a back injury and lacerations about the knee. Burg reported to police after the accident that he had been driving west on Main Street, stopped at the in-



ARTHUR C. SCHULTZ

tersection and was making a left turn into the North Bell Line when the motorcycle hit his vehicle in the rear.

An employee of the Griggs-Western Brewery Company, Schultz was a member of the Belleville Navy Club, the Egyptian Motor Cycle Club, and of the Brewery Workers Union. Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane has ordered an inquest at the Pete Gaerdner Funeral Home. Burg has been ordered to furnish bond for his appearance at the inquest.

Born in Belleville February 19, 1926, Schultz was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Schultz, nee Jessie Stupnicka, 214 South 13th Street. His father was a native of Belleville; his mother a native of Germany.

Surviving besides his parents is a sister, Jean, wife of Edward Lebr, 215 South 13th Street. A sister preceded him in death.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.

## Orlando Schwaab Dies At Hospital Following Illness Of One Year

*Thurs 2-9-48*  
Orlando (Butch) Schwaab, 211 South ~~Thirty-seventh~~ street, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital here at 8:10 a. m. today from a complication of diseases after an illness of one year.

Schwaab was born in Oakville, Mo., Feb. 16, 1908, a son of William J. and Anna Koch Schwaab, and was married to Agnes Bussen, Feb. 5, 1930, at Waterloo. She survives with one son, Kenneth, and a daughter, Celestine, both at home. One sister preceded in death.

Schwaab was last employed as a stationary engineer at Griesedieck-Western Brewery. He was a member of Brewery Workers Local Union No. 21 of Belleville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday from the Gaerdner funeral home to Mt. Carmel cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, officiating.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 p. m. Friday.

## MRS. SEIBEL DIES IN OREGON WHILE ON TRIP

Mrs. Emma Seibel, 63, of 308 South Charles Street, died suddenly at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon near Eugene, Ore., while she and her husband, Oscar Seibel, retired automobile dealer, were on a motor trip of the Pacific Coast.

Mrs. Seibel was stricken Friday afternoon according to word received by her sister-in-law, Mrs. George A. Kloess Sr., 2016 West A Street. The body will be forwarded to Belleville for burial. It is due to arrive at St. Louis early Wednesday afternoon and will be brought to Gundlach and Company Funeral Home. Other arrangements are incomplete.

Mr. and Mrs. Seibel left Belleville September 4 for a four-week tour of the West Coast. They went as far north as Seattle and were driving toward San Diego when Mrs. Seibel was stricken.

The deceased was born in Belleville on June 6, 1883, and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Niebrugge, nee Mary Sycer. She married Mr. Seibel in Belleville on October 4, 1910. Mr. Seibel retired about ten years ago as the Nash dealer here and now is a salesman for the Hori. Manufacturing Company of Fort Dodge, Ia., makers of farm machinery.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four nephews: Arthur Thomas, 1630 Forest Avenue, Herbert Thomas, 11 Indiana Avenue, Clarence Thomas, 1713 East B Street, and Erwin Thomas R. R. 1, Belleville. Three children died in infancy.

She was a life-long member of St. Paul's Episcopal and Reformed Church and the parish's Circle B Guild.



## **Anna Seiffertt, 79, Dies; Final Rites Saturday**

*+ Buried Jan. 29*  
Mrs. Anna B. Seiffertt, 79, former resident of North First street, died at 3:30 a. m. today at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where she was a patient for five months.

She was born near Nashville in Washington county, Aug. 2, 1868, a daughter of John and Barbara (Roller) Hermann, both natives of Germany.

She married August Seiffertt at Nashville, Aug. 4, 1888, and he died Feb. 2, 1937.

She is survived by five daughters and three sons, Sophia, wife of Gus Herzig, of 206a Harrison street; Margaret, wife of Fred Glauert, of 918 McClintock avenue; Katherine, wife of Julius Bachman, of 313 South Second street; Mabel, wife of Ben Rumer, of 112 East Adams street; Frieda, wife of Raymond Drummond, of Richmond Heights, Mo.; Walter, of 512 Wabash avenue; Carl, of 524 Gilbert street, and Roland, of 1716 LaSalle street.

She is also survived by 24 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Kate Kiefer, of 1029 Forest avenue. Two sons and a daughter preceded in death.

The body is at the Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## LEO SOUTHERN DIES WHILE EATING DINNER

*Leo Skeets Southern*  
Leo "Skeets" Southern, 52-year-old retired coal miner and clerk, collapsed and died at 7:30 o'clock last night while eating dinner at the Capitol Grill, a restaurant at 24 Public Square. He made his home with Assistant Supervisor and Mrs. Roland C. Stoltz, 1001 East B Street.

Mr. Southern was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the Renner-Geminn ambulance where he was pronounced dead. Later the body was taken to the Pete Gaerdner funeral home where Coroner Dr. C. C. Kane will conduct an inquiry. Death apparently was due to heart disease. Friends said he had been under the care of an East St. Louis physician.

Paul Seibert, a close friend, was eating dinner with Mr. Southern when he was stricken. He told investigating officers that the former miner and clerk collapsed during the middle of the meal. He had not complained of being ill prior to the attack.

Mr. Southern was born in Lebanon on October 7, 1895, a son of the late John and Nellie Southern, nee Poole. His mother was born in Nashville; his father in Lebanon. He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving is an uncle, George Poole of Lebanon.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page eleven.

## Ben Spears, 59, Dies; Managed Rendering Firm

Ben Spears, 59, an employe at the Dairy Queen, 4130 West Main street, owned by St. Clair Township Supervisor Joseph W. Pfeiffer, died at 8:20 last night at the Pfeiffer residence, South Belt Highway, west of South Illinois street, where he made his home.

Spears worked at the Dairy Queen until three weeks ago when he entered St. Elizabeth's Hospital because of a heart condition. His condition apparently improved, he was returned to the Pfeiffer home yesterday afternoon. Last night he complained of weakness and died shortly afterwards.

Spears came from Peoria to Belleville six years ago to manage the Belleville Rendering Company and he held the position until last year when he retired from that job because of his health and then started to work for Supervisor Pfeiffer.

Spears was the justice of the peace for St. Clair township and was a member of the St. Clair County Peace Officers Club. He was born at Lowell, Ohio Dec. 4, 1888.

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

Masonic funeral services will be held at two o'clock Monday afternoon at the Gaerdner chapel. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

Spears was a member of the Masonic lodge at Peoria and was also a member of the Shrine, Consistory and High Twelve.

## Ben Spears, 45; Justice of Peace in St. Clair, Dies

Ben Spears, 45-year-old ice cream stand employe, died unexpectedly at 8:25 o'clock last night at the home of St. Clair Township Supervisor Joseph Pfeiffer, South Belt Lane, where he made his home. A patient in St. Elizabeth's Hospital for two weeks, Mr. Spears was dismissed yesterday to his home.

Born in Lowell, O., on December 4, 1888, he had lived in this area for some time. He was elected in 1945 as a justice of the peace of St. Clair Township.

Mr. Spears was a member of the Peoria Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Consistory, Shrine, High Twelve Club, and County Peace Officers Club.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page eleven.

Married  
Verna Cranner  
Oct 9, 1907  
at Belleville, Ill.  
in add. of Mrs. Spears  
1. daughter  
Mrs. M. L. Schultz  
2. 2 sons  
Robert & W. M. Spears  
4 sisters:  
Mrs. John A. Galt  
" J. J. Halloran  
" Alva Warkles  
" & H. Kuehl



## H. E. SPITZNASS COLLAPSES, DIES IN YARD

Herman E. Spitznass, 63-year-old prominent retired farmer, collapsed and died suddenly, apparently of a heart attack, at 7:30 o'clock this morning in the yard of his home on the Freeburg Road, three and one-half miles south of Belleville. He had been under the care of a physician for some time.

Mr. Spitznass retired from active farming some time ago and sold his property and built a new home on a small tract of the original farm. With his wife and a brother and sister, Mr. Spitznass planned to move into the home within a short time.

Born in Freeburg Township on February 21, 1885, Mr. Spitznass was a son of the late Herman and Mary Spitznass, nee Finck. His mother was born in Turkey Hill; his father in Germany.

Surviving are his wife, the former Minnie Stolle whom he married in Belleville on March 5, 1916; two brothers, Theodore, who resided with him, and Otto Spitznass, a farmer residing on the Jefferson Road; and three sisters, Miss Hilda Spitznass, who also resided with him, Mrs. Lulu Neutzel, 813 East A Street, and Mrs. Emma Feder, St. Louis.

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

The funeral will be Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Burial will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

## Mrs. Mabel Stein Dies in Hospital At the Age of 74

*+ Wed. Mar. 31*  
Mrs. Mabel Stein, nee Creed, 74, of 500 South 22nd Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 1:05 o'clock this afternoon.

She was born at Channerville, Ill., on March 25, 1874, and married William Stein in Belleville on May 5, 1931.

Surviving besides her husband is a brother, Walter Creed, Kansas City, Mo. Two sisters preceded her in death.

*Lloyd Pierson*  
For partial funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 13.

## Mrs. Mabel Stein Funeral Saturday

The funeral of Mrs. Mabel Stein, 74, of 500 South Twenty-second street, will be held tomorrow afternoon with services at two o'clock at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home.

Rev. B. J. Koehler, of St. Paul's church, will officiate. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

The pallbearers will be William Duncan, Harold Nast, Gus Tuross, Herman Weber and James Louth.

Mrs. Stein, who died Wednesday, is survived by her husband, William Stein; a brother, Walter Creed, of Kansas City, Mo., and a nephew, Lloyd Pierson, of Independence, Mo.

## Mrs. Henry Stein Dies in Her Home After Brief Illness

*Set Jan 17*  
Mrs. Mathilda C. Stein, 75, of Woodland Court, died at the home of her son, Ernst R. Stein, at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon following a brief illness. She had resided at her son's home for some years.

Mrs. Stein was born in High Prairie August 13, 1872, and was a daughter of the late George R. and Sarah C. Tate, nee Smith. Her father was born in High Prairie and her mother in Smithton Township. She married Henry Stein in Belleville in December, 1903, and he died in April, 1925.

Besides her son here, she leaves another son, Russel, of Kansas City; two grandchildren, Sherry Anne and Richard Stein, and three sisters: Mrs. Nathan O. Phillips of Smithton; Mrs. Ernst Weidmann of 624 West Avenue and Mrs. Eugene Eckert of near Mascoutah. A brother, John Tate, and a sister, Miss Hallie Tate, preceded her death.

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



## Andrew Stolberg Is Found Dead in His Home Here

Andrew Stolberg, 88-year-old life-long resident of this area, was found dead at his home, 518 East D Street, shortly before noon today. In failing health for some time, Mr. Stolberg apparently had been dead about four hours when found.

Born on Stolberg's Hill, south of Belleville, March 31, 1860, Mr. Stolberg was a son of the late John M., and Elizabeth Stolberg, nee Kramer, both natives of Germany, and married Annie C. Heberer in Freeburg on December 3, 1889. His wife died on July 13, 1939.

Surviving are two daughters, Misses Hilda M. and Erna E. Stolberg, and a brother, Henry Stolberg, Sweet Springs, Mo. Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

He formerly worked for the old Herzler-Henninger Machine Works and later for the U. S. Smelting Furnace Company.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after four o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Arrangements for the funeral will be completed later.

## STOVE FOUNDRY OFFICER DIES

*F. Stone. July 12*  
Edgar L. Stonewater, 39-year-old retired iron molder of 608 South Virginia Avenue, died at 8:30 o'clock last night at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, where he had been a patient the last two and one-half weeks. He had been in failing health four months.

A vice-president of the old Richland Stove Company and an officer of the Original Enamel Range Company, Mr. Stonewater was a member of Local 182, Iron Molders Union, and of the Elks Lodge.

Born in St. Louis September 4, 1888, he was a son of the late Frederick and Margaret Stonewater, nee Weshler, and married Frances Gansmann June 14, 1912.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, Norman Stonewater, 623 Garden Boulevard, and Kenneth Stonewater, 705 East D Street; two sisters, Mrs. Amelia Mabe, 608 South Virginia Avenue, and Mrs. Eleanora Klock, 3415 West Main Street, and four grandchildren.

He was born on Sept. 4, 1888 in St. Louis, the son of Frederick and Margaret Weshler Stonewater. He married Frances Gassman on July 15, 1912, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Norman, of 623 Garden boulevard; Kenneth, of 705 East D street; two sisters, Mrs. A Mabe, of 608 South Virginia avenue, Mrs. Eleanor Klock, of 3415 West Main street and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home, with Rev. B. J. Kochler officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla cemetery. The body may be viewed after 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home.

## Joseph Streck, 57, Dies After Illness; Funeral Rites Friday

*+ Buried July 6*  
Joseph H. Streck, 57, of 500 East C street, died at 2:30 this morning at St. Elizabeth's hospital. A brother of Clarence and Adolph Streck, owners of Streck Brothers Packing Company, he had been ill for a year with death caused by a heart condition.

Streck was born on August 7, 1890, in Belleville, the son of William and Wilhelmina Jerger Streck. He married Mary Dwyer on Dec. 6, 1911, who survives. His parents both preceded him in death.

The deceased had been employed as an iron molder in the Orbon Stove Foundry until he was forced to retire under doctor's orders. He then worked part time in the Streck Brothers Packing plant. He was also a member of Molder's Local No. 182.

Besides Mrs. Streck, the following survive: Two daughters, Mary, wife of John Klimczewski, of 610 North Douglas avenue; and Ethelmae, wife of Louis Schwinn, of 500 East C street; two brothers, Clarence, of 3315 West Main street; Adolph, of 220 South Virginia avenue; two sisters, Linda, wife of Adolph Meidinger, of 1105 LaSalle street; and Marguerite, wife of the late Waldo Geiskler, of 224 South Pennsylvania avenue. Five grandchildren, Richard, Gloria, Michael and Janice Mercurio and Kay Ellen Schwinn also survive.

Two sisters, Mary Streck and Mrs. Martha Schneider and a brother Ernst, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Renner-Geminn funeral home, with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The body may be viewed after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.



## Carol Jean Stroh, Away For Health, Dies Of Asthma

Died Sun. 12-26-1948

Mrs. Carol Jean Stroh, 23 years old, wife of John Robert J. Stroh, a postal clerk, of 420 Park avenue, died at the Good Samaritan hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., at 7:55 last night.

Mrs. Stroh left Belleville five weeks ago for her health. She had been suffering from asthma.

Her husband talked to her by phone yesterday and she apparently was in good spirits until late yesterday afternoon when she took a turn for the worse.

She was the daughter of Roy Christman, interior decorator, and Mrs. Edith Dew Christman. She was born in Belleville, May 27, 1925 and graduated from Belleville Township High school.

She had been employed for two years at the Scott Air Force Base, having married Robert Stroh in Belleville, July 20, 1946. Her husband and son, Robert J., Jr., had planned moving to Arizona if the climate would benefit Mrs. Stroh.

Besides her parents, husband

and son, she is survived by a brother, Roy Dew Christman.

According to Mrs. Christman, her daughter flew to Arizona, suffering from asthma, five weeks ago. She developed a coughing spell a few days ago and entered the hospital there. Her death came very suddenly. Doctors in Phoenix will hold a post-mortem to determine the cause of death.

The body will arrive here tomorrow morning. The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Burial Park.

Friends may call at the Gundlach funeral home after six o'clock tomorrow evening.

## Mrs. Carol Stroh Dies in Phoenix; Funeral Here

Mrs. Carol Jean Stroh, 23-year-old mother of a small son died of asthma at 7:55 o'clock last night at Phoenix, Ariz. A resident of 420 Park Avenue, Mrs. Stroh had gone to Arizona for her health five weeks ago.

She was born in Belleville May 27, 1925, a daughter of Roy and Edith Christman, nee Dew, both natives of Belleville. Her mother resides at 420 Park Avenue; her father at 1111 Patterson Court.

Surviving besides her parents are her husband, Robert J. Stroh whom she married here on July 20, 1946; her son, Robert J. Stroh Jr., at home, and a brother, Roy Dew Christman, 420 Park Avenue.

The body is being returned here by air for burial. Funeral arrangements are in the obituary column on page 13.

## Mrs. Tecklenburg Dies; Widow of Former Fireman

*+ Mon. Apr. 12*  
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Tecklenburg, 77-year-old widow of a former city fireman, died in her home, 624 East Garfield Street, at 4 o'clock this morning. She had been in failing health for five years.

Mrs. Tecklenburg was born in Smithton on September 5, 1870, a daughter of the late Joseph V., and Philippina Schaedel, nee Schoenborn, both natives of Germany, and married Henry M. Tecklenburg in Shiloh Valley Township on July 27, 1888. Her husband, a veteran member of the Belleville Fire Department died on September 29, 1941.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Malinda L. Erlinger, 624 East Garfield Street, and Mrs. Gertrude E. Gehlauf, Union, Mo., six grandchildren, Ruth, Malinda, Dorothy and George Gehlauf Jr., all of Union, Mo., Fred Erlinger and Bernice, wife of Cecil Fleming both of Belleville, and two great grandchildren, Betty Ann Erlinger, and Cecil E. Fleming.

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

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 13.

### **Mrs. Tetzlaff, 63, Dies; Was Wife Of Former Constable**

*File 18-48*  
Mrs. Henrietta File Tetzlaff, 63, of 603 North Illinois street, died at 4 a. m., today at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where she was a patient since last Saturday. Mrs. Tetzlaff was ill three years.

Mrs. Tetzlaff, a native of Germany, was the wife of Former Constable Adolph Tetzlaff, an employe at the Griesedieck-Western Brewery Company.

Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Homer Tetzlaff, at home, and two brothers and two sisters, Val Reinhardt, of 503 Centerville avenue; Phillip Reinhardt, of Richmond, Calif.; Mrs. Mary Ransdale, of Madison, and Mrs. Anna Baban, of Route 50, near O'Fallon.

Mrs. Tetzlaff was a member of the Royal Neighbors for 34 years.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight.

Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

### **Mrs. Tetzlaff, 65, Dies in Hospital**

Mrs. Henrietta File Tetzlaff, 65, of 603 North Illinois Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 4 o'clock this morning following a three-year illness. She had been a medical patient in the hospital since Saturday.

Mrs. Tetzlaff was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America. Surviving are her husband, Adolph, and a son, Homer.

For partial funeral arrangements see the obituary column

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## **Louise Thebus Dies At Home After Illness**

Died Sun. ~~Oct.~~ Oct. 24, '48

Miss Louise H. Thebus, 72, of 422 West Main street, died at her home at 11 o'clock yesterday morning after a lingering illness.

Born in Belleville, May 2, 1876, she was a daughter of the late August and Eleanore (Wamser) Thebus.

She was a member of the Daughters of Naomi, of St. Paul's church.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Bertha Eckhardt, of 422 West Main street, and a brother, Arthur Thebus of St. Louis. Five brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

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

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## ENOCH TRAVIS IS DEAD AT 90

Enoch Travis, 90-year-old retired coal miner, died at his home, 4217 Erna Street, at 4:30 o'clock SATURDAY afternoon. He had been ill for a month and seriously sick for three weeks.

Mr. Travis, a member of Local No. 4, Progressive Miners' Workmen of America, was born



ENOCH TRAVIS

in England, February 28, 1838, and was a son of the late John and Ann Travis, nee Shupe, both natives of England. He married Elizabeth Lawton in Belleville, February 28, 1861, and the couple celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary three months ago.

He is survived by his 80-year-old wife and five children: Della, wife of Ransom Harmon of California; Myrtle, wife of Arthur Smith, 105 Brackett St.; J. Swanson; Enoch Travis Jr., at home; and Elizabeth, wife of George Mertz, 124 South 74th Street. He also leaves five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Two brothers and five sisters preceded him in death.

The last member of the John Travis family, he was preceded in death by two sisters and five brothers. Nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Pete Goedner funeral home. Rev. H. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Travis was a member of Progressive Miners Local No. 4.

## JOHN TRIEB, GROCER, DIES

*+ Mon Oct 18-48*  
John Trieb, 77-year-old retired grocer of 503 East Main Street, died at 6:05 o'clock this morning at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Although in poor health for some time, Mr. Trieb was not seriously ill until he suffered a stroke yesterday at his home and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Born in Mascoutah April 14, 1871, he was a son of the late Phillip H., and Anna Trieb nee Wisloefel, and married Elma Dillmann in Belleville on September 25, 1899. His wife died on January 31, 1935. Mr. Trieb had operated a grocery at the Main Street address for many years.

Surviving are three children, Wilmer H. Trieb, 20 South 29th Street, Hugo Trieb, 221 Voss Place, and Elma, wife of Ellsworth Chapman, St. Louis, and eight grandchildren. A daughter, Florence, and a brother, George preceded him in death.

For funeral arrangements see the obituary column on page 11.

*see above report.*  
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# **HENRY VIEHMAN, 73, DIES; FORMER FAIR SECRETARY**

*Adv. Press 1-48*  
**Active Until Heart Attack Thursday; Funeral Tuesday Morning.**  
*Adv. Press 1-48*

Henry Viehman, 73, who for about 25 years served as secretary of the old St. Clair County Fair Association, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

Viehman, residing at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huffing, Washhaven place, Smithton road, suffered a heart attack there about 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon after he had worked in the yard in the morning.

His condition grew worse yesterday and he was taken to the hospital at 12:30 p. m.

Viehman's last work was of a public relations type for the Griesedieck - Western Brewery Company, where in previous years he worked in the office for about 10 years.

He was a deputy county recorder from 1900 to 1904 and was the chief clerk of St. Clair county's first jury commission which was inducted into office in 1939.

For 13 years Viehman was a claims adjuster, working for the old East St. Louis & Suburban Railway Company and the East St. Louis Light and Power Company. He was also associated with his father in the cigar manufacturing business.

While with the St. Clair County Fair Association, Viehman was a registered judge for harness racing.

A native and life-long resident of Belleville, Viehman was born Dec. 2, 1874, a son of Henry and Louise Viehman. His father was a native of Germany while the mother was born in Switzerland. He married Barbara Fischer here 56 years ago and she died about eight years ago. He formerly lived at 924 East Main street.

Surviving are a son, Russell Viehman, of 4600 Park drive, here, a commercial artist with offices in St. Louis, and a daughter, Clarice, wife of Carl Huffing, owner and manager of the Veichert bakery.

He is also survived by two grandchildren and three brothers and three sisters, Hugo, Herman and Adolph Viehman, Mrs. Anna Arves, Mrs. Emma Mueller and

## **Dies At 73**



—Advocate Staff Photo  
**Henry Viehman, 73, former secretary of the St. Clair County Fair Association, who died yesterday after suffering a heart attack Thursday. Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning.**

## **Viehman Funeral Tomorrow Morning**

Funeral services for Henry Viehman, 73, who served as secretary of the St. Clair County Fair Association for 25 years, will be held at ten o'clock tomorrow morning at the Gundlach funeral home.

Rev. R. J. Koshier will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Waldo Mueller, Edward Viehman, Jack Rhein, Les Wagner, Les Harwig and Skip Viehman.

Viehman died Friday afternoon at St. Elizabeth's hospital after he had suffered a heart attack the previous afternoon at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huffing, Washhaven place, Smithton road, with whom he lived.

Mrs. Elsie Rhein, all of Belleville.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Gundlach chapel. Rev. R. J. Koshier will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## AUGUST VIEHMANN, 84, WELL-KNOWN CARPENTER, DIES

He Was Last Surviving  
Charter Member of Car-  
penters Local 433.

August Viehmann, the only surviving charter member of the Carpenters Union, Local 433, here, died last night at his home, 513 North Illinois street.

Viehmann, who learned how to handle a saw and hammer as a boy of 14 in Southern Germany, retired as a regular carpenter in 1902 after being in the craft more than fifty years, but he continued to do minor carpenter jobs until last summer.

In spite of his advanced years, Viehmann was active until last Friday when he was stricken with a heart stroke.

Viehmann was one of the fourteen pioneer union carpenters here who received the still existing Local 433 charter from the American Federation of Labor on May 11, 1909, and he was the longest-lived when the local celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the organization in 1939. He was the local's first treasurer.

He was a charter member of two other organizations here, the Hermann Lodge No. 286 of the German American Bazar, which was formed in 1887, and the Men's Aid Society of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, which was organized in the early 1900s. Viehmann was secretary for 25 years of the Hermann Lodge, a German benevolent organization.

As a carpenter here he worked first for Charles Huchert, one of the early building contractors here who had his headquarters at the site of the present Huch Brothers contracting firm at South Church and East Washington streets.

## Carpenter Dies



—Advertise Photo  
August Viehmann, 84, last surviving charter member of the Carpenters Union Local 433, which was formed here 50 years ago, died last night at his home, 513 North Illinois street.

He also worked here for the Huch Brothers and Tautel and Kiehn contracting firms. He was also a carpenter at Chicago and Peoria.

In his younger days, Viehmann related at the golden jubilee dinner of the Carpenters Local 433, that he worked ten hours a day, six days a week, for 22 1/2 cents an hour, including overtime and night work, and had to call for his pay on Sunday mornings.

He was born at Niederhachingen, Wessan, Nassau, Germany, Jan.

8, 1854, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Viehmann and came to the United States in 1881.

Viehmann returned to Germany in 1912 to visit his sisters and brothers.

He married Caroline Engel here, Nov. 20, 1883, and she died Dec. 31, 1914.

Viehmann is survived by two sons and five daughters. George, of 404 West Lincoln street; Henry C., of East St. Louis; Miss Maudie, of 513 North Illinois street; Mary, wife of Edward Voegtle, of 517 North Illinois street; Anna, wife of Fred Flood, of Cliffside, N. J.; Lena, wife of Michael Lenz, of St. Louis, and Elizabeth, wife of Fletcher Simon, of East St. Louis. He was preceded in death by a son, August, and nine grandchildren survive. Two brothers and two sisters preceded in death.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after 8 o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Rev. R. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## William Vollrath Dies At Hospital; Was 75 Years Old

William A. Vollrath, 75, of 1005 East B street, retired mail carrier, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at 11:45 today following a year's illness because of heart trouble.

Born in Belleville Feb. 23, 1873, he married the former Augusta Wenzel. She survives.

Vollrath was an active athlete in his younger days. He was a semi-pro baseball player, performing for the old Western Brewery baseball club and the Belleville Maroons.

He was a member of the Clerk Junior Social Club and the Parigan Hunting and Fishing Club.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Augusta Beineke, of North Jackson street, and six nephews and nieces.

Friends may call at the Renner-Geminn funeral home after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.



Vollrath



## Mrs. Vosholler Funeral to Be Held Thursday

Funeral arrangements were completed today for Mrs. Loretta Vosholler, 56, of 307 Kretschmer Avenue, who died in her home at 1:15 p. m. yesterday following a lingering illness. Complete arrangements are listed in the obituary column on page 11.

Mrs. Vosholler was born in St. Louis January 26, 1892, a daughter of the late John and Emma Reyburn, nee Kidd. Her mother was born in Benton; her father in Bonne Terre, Mo.

Surviving are her husband, George Vosholler whom she married here on October 19, 1940; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Bruns, St. Louis; and two nieces and three nephews, Elmer, Arthur, Nancy, Kenneth, and Janice Bruns, all of St. Louis. A brother, Vernie L. Reyburn, preceded her in death.

Pallbearers at the funeral Thursday will be Elmer and Arthur Bruns, Stephan Allan, Clyde Hobart, Alois Vosholler, and Edward Studnicka.

## Loretta Vosholler, 56, Dies At Home

Mrs. Loretta Vosholler, 56, of 307 Kretschmer avenue, died at her home at 1:15 this afternoon.

Born in St. Louis, Jan. 26, 1892, she married George Vosholler, who survives. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Bruns, of St. Louis.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Friends may call at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Died Mon. Oct. 25, 1948

## **Christ Voss, 83, Dies; Final Rites Monday Afternoon**

*Fri. Feb. 13*  
Christ Voss, 83, retired coal miner, who lived in the rear of 2004 Roosevelt avenue, died at 1:25 a. m., today at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where he was a patient for a week. He was ill about two weeks.

Voss was born at Ashley, Ill., Dec. 7, 1864, a son of Charles and Dora (Benke) Voss, both natives of Germany.

Voss, who was never married, is survived by a sister, Mrs. Minnie Gutwein, of 2000 Roosevelt avenue. Four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tomorrow night and where the funeral services will be held at two o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## **Mrs. C. W. Wagner Dies At Her Home After Short Illness**

*Feb. 18*  
Mrs. Caroline Helen Wagner, 72, of 1310 North Charles street, widow of the late William Wagner, died at 11:30 last night at her home. She had been ill for three weeks.

Mrs. Wagner is the daughter of the late Louis Wilber Wagner, born in Germany, and the late Caroline Remelius Wagner, born in Stookey township.

The deceased, who was a member of the Woman's Benefit Association, was born in Millstadt on March 15, 1876, and later married William Wagner, who died April 12, 1927.

Surviving are three daughters, Miss Pearl Wagner, 1310 North Charles street; Virginia, wife of Erwin Hamann, Affton, Mo.; Viola, wife of Dr. H. A. Brethauer, 1417 North Charles street; a son, Arthur Wagner, 3315 West A street; three sisters, Mrs. Ella Hoffman, 2007 West Main street; Mrs. Louis Waetz, of Millstadt; Mrs. Christ Weber, of O'Fallon, and one brother, Louis Maserang, of Millstadt. Also surviving are six grandchildren. Two brothers preceded her in death.

The body may be viewed after 6 o'clock this evening at the Gundlach funeral home. Funeral services will be held Monday at 1:30 in the afternoon with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Lester Weber, Malcolm Hoffman, William Maserang, Jr., Walter Wagner, Otto Lieb and Frank Wagner.



## **Mrs. Nora Walton, 73, Dies At Home; Funeral Wednesday**

**7-18-48**

Mrs. Nora Walton, 73, of 1009 South Charles street, died at her home at 4:10 yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Walton was born in Kentucky on July 25, 1874, the daughter of Gene and Elizabeth Cobb Colb, who preceded her in death. She married Sam Walton in 1890 in Kentucky, who died in 1912.

Surviving are the following: Three daughters, Hazel, wife of Sidney Ravitz, of 1009 South Charles; Aneva, wife of Arlington Cicerone, of Massachusetts; Ethel, wife of Robert McKay, of Crossett, Ark.; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Carvel Walton, of East St. Louis; 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A son Carvel, preceded her in death.

The funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home, with interment in Valhalla cemetery. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Friends may call after 6 oclock this evening.

## **Charles Wasem, 62, Well Known Resident, Dies**

Charles Wasem, 62, of 416 North Second street, well-known local resident, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Wasem was a seller of live-bait and minnows here. In 1914, when the city of Belleville observed its centennial celebration, Wasem left Canada where he was working, and with a team of oxen made a trip to Belleville partly by sleigh and wagon.

Born in Belleville, Jan. 17, 1886, he was the son of the late Henry and Annie Muerlot Wasem. His mother was born in Jasper county and his father in St. Clair county.

Wasem was well known in local baseball circles when he was a scorekeeper, years ago.

Surviving are two brothers, Henry Wasem, of DuQuoin; Jacob Wasem, of 10 East Monroe street; and a sister, Mrs. Emma Wheeler, of rural route 2, Freeburg.

Two sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

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

The funeral will be Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Gundlach funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## MISS ANNA WEBER, 76, DIES; TEACHER IN CITY 47 YEARS

Retired in 1936; Her  
Father Was Superin-  
tendent of Streets

*+ Rev. Feb. 15*

Miss Anna S. Weber, 76, who was a first-grade teacher in the Belleville public schools for 47 years, died at 5:15 a. m. yesterday at her home, 1828 West A street.

Miss Weber's health started to fail about three years ago, and she was seriously ill the last three weeks. *School for life*

She retired from the teaching profession twelve years ago when she was at the Henry Raab school, being one of the first teachers there. Previously she taught at the old Franklin school.

Miss Weber was born in Belleville, July 12, 1871, a daughter of John and Mary (Schall) Weber, both natives of Germany.

Her father, who lived at 1000 West Main street, was a tailor and in later years was city superintendent of streets and overseer of the poor here.

The last member of the Weber family, Miss Weber was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by a nephew, Willard J. Weber, of 505 Wabash avenue, and two nieces, Mrs. Olivia Campbell, of 111 Portland avenue, and Mrs. Mildred Shore, of Kansas City, Mo. Five grand-nephews and two grand-nieces also survive.

The body is at the Gundlach funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tonight.

Funeral services will be held at the Gundlach chapel at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

## MISS WEBER, TEACHER, DIES

Miss Anna S. Weber, 76-year-old retired school teacher, died at her home, 1828 West A Street, at 5:15 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of three months.

Miss Weber retired March 11, 1936, after teaching in the local school for 46 years. She began her career in 1896 and most of the time taught the first grade at the Henry Raab School. She was a graduate of the old Belleville High School.

The deceased was born in Belleville July 12, 1871, and was a daughter of the late John and Mary Weber, nee Schall, both natives of Germany. She is survived by a nephew, Willard J. Weber, 505 Wabash Avenue, and two nieces, Mrs. Olivia Campbell, 112 Portland Avenue, and Mrs. Mildred Shore, Kansas City, Mo. Five brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

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



# W. WEIDMANN DIES; SHOE FIRM FOUNDER

**Co-Organizer of Belleville Shoe  
Expires at Ripe Age of 91**

*1st Funeral Sept 12-1948*  
William Weidmann, 81 years old co-founder and secretary-treasurer of the Belleville Shoe Manufacturing Company, died at his home, 106 South Charles Street, at 12:15 o'clock yesterday morning. Death was due to infirmities. Mr. Weidmann had been ill since last May.

If he had lived 16 days longer, he would have observed his 92nd birthday anniversary. He was born in Belleville September



WILLIAM WEIDMANN

28, 1856, and was a son of the late Christopher and Margaretha Weidmann, nee Gundlach. His father was born in Kronberg, Germany, and his mother in Frankfurt, Germany.

He obtained his elementary and high school education in Belleville and then attended Wesleyan College, Warrenton, Mo. He was assistant postmaster of Belleville for several years under the late Postmaster John B. Hay and then became manager of the old Sucker State Drilling Company, located at Mascouish Avenue and Washington Street. He held this position for ten years.

## Has 300 Employees

In 1904, he and J. B. Reis, president of J. B. Reis Lumber Company, organized the Belleville Shoe Manufacturing Company, locating the plant at 605 East Main Street, the present site of the business. Mr. Reis has served as president of the firm and Mr. Weidmann as secretary-treasurer since the firm was organized.

## His Survivors

Surviving are two sons: William C. Weidmann, 1110 Olive Street, assistant secretary-treasurer of the company; and Walter E. Weidmann, 41 North Douglas Avenue, vice-president of the firm. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Margaret McMahon of St. Paul's Old Folks Home; and two brothers: Ernest Weidmann, 624 Forest Avenue, and Hugo Weidmann, Covington, La. A sister, Mrs. Andrew Heikner, and a brother, Adolph Weidmann, preceded him in death.

Four grandchildren survive: Mrs. Charles F. Short Jr., Kennelworth, Ill.; Homer W. Weidmann, 28 Windsor Drive, and Miss Kathryn O. Weidmann, 41 North Douglas Avenue, children of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Weidmann; and Frederick W. Weidmann, Chicago, son of William C. Weidmann. He also has four great-grandchildren: Randy and Gary, children of Mr. and Mrs. Short, and Billy and Ronny, children of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Weidmann.

pallbearers for the funeral will be: Rudolph Pried, superintendent of the plant, and five foremen: Raymond Barnes, Hugo Distelmann, Wilfred Gadsby, Albert Hesse and Fred... Additional funeral...

The Belleville Shoe Manufacturing Company began with a crew of less than 50 workers but today it is one of Belleville's major industries and employs 300 men and women. During World War II it manufactured shoes for the armed forces and was one of the few Belleville companies to receive the Army-Navy E pecniant. The presentation was made June 23, 1945.

Mr. Weidmann was active in business until his health began to fail last spring. He was the last surviving member of Belleville's famed Company A of the National Guard and was a life-long member of the Liederkreis society.

The deceased married Caroline Leunig in Belleville September 9, 1880, and she died April 1, 1946.

**FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1948**

## **Miss Emily Weirbach, 70, Dies After Year's Illness; Rites Tuesday**

*+ Emily July 2*  
Miss Emily Christiana Weirbach, 70, of 1312 West Main street died at her residence at 5:45 this morning after a year's illness.

Miss Weirbach was born Dec. 9, 1877, in Belleville, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Van Billard Weirbach. Her parents, two sisters and three brothers preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister, Minnie Weirbach, living at 1312 West Main street; a nephew, L. H. Weissenborn, of St. Louis, and a niece, Mrs. Clarence Schwind, of Belleville.

The funeral will be Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the Renner-Geminn funeral home to Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. The body may be viewed after 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

## Otto Wenzel, 60, Molder, Dies; Final Rites Here Friday

*Final Rites 2-8-48*  
Otto Wenzel, 60, of 714 Wabash avenue, died at his home at 7 a. m. today after an illness of several months. He was a molder and was last employed at the Oakland foundry.

Wenzel was born at Alton, Dec. 16, 1887, a son of John and Catherine (Bracke) Wenzel. His father was born at Alton, his mother in Belleville. He married Lelah McBride here, Nov. 27, 1913.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, Quentin and Wayne, both at home. A son, Lorraine, preceded in death.

The body is at the Renner-Geminn funeral home where friends may call after six o'clock tomorrow night and where the funeral services will be held at three o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Wenzel was a member of Molders Local 182.

## Otto Wenzel, 60, Molder, Dies; Ill Several Months

Otto Wenzel, 60-year-old molder of 714 Wabash Avenue, died in his home at 7 o'clock this morning following several months' illness. He had last been employed at the Oakland Foundry Company.

Mr. Wenzel was born December 16, 1887, in Alton, a son of the late John and Catherine Bracke Wenzel. His mother was a native of Belleville; his father a native of Alton.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lelah McBride, whom he married in St. Paul's Church here November 27, 1913; two sons, Quentin and Wayne, both at home. A son, Lorraine Wenzel, preceded him in death.

He was a member of Local 182, International Iron Molders Union.



*John White, 31, widely known and popular retired baseball catcher, died unexpectedly at 2:20 yesterday afternoon at his home, 1717 West Main street. Death was apparently due to a heart stroke.*

White, who was a mine machinist, employed at the Clinton County Mine Company at Breese, did not ~~have any family~~ *have any family* ~~disposed~~ *disposed*.

After having had a nap early in the afternoon, he arose and complained of pains about his chest and left arm. He died in a short time while he was seated on a daynette and was being attended by his wife, Mrs. Christine White.

Mrs. White said that her husband was struck by a piece of machinery in an accident last week while he was working at the Clinton County Mine Company.

An inquest will be held at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home because of the possibility that the mine injury may have been a factor in the cause of White's death. It was stated at the office of Dr. C. C. Kane, St. Clair county coroner.

White ended his career as a baseball player in 1910 after being associated with the game for about 20 years. He was an idol of Belleville fans.

One of the most popular figures in the history of the sport here, White missed a big league career because an injury did not permit his arm to stand the strain of catching daily.

The injury abbreviated his minor league career to three years, but in his first season in organized baseball White had the distinction of catching the later great Dizzy Vance on the St. Joseph club in the Western League in 1914.

White was with the Moline Three-Eye League team in 1915 and had his last year in minor league baseball in the Michigan-Ontario league the following season.

He returned to Belleville and played ball here every season until his retirement in 1940. He performed with all of the outstanding clubs here during that time and was a charter player of the Stag team, which he led in hitting in the 1939 season. He managed the Stags in 1940.

He was honored by Belleville citizens with a "Johnny White Night" at the Stags Athletic Field Aug. 15, 1941. He received a complete hunting outfit from cap to boots, a 12-gauge, double-barreled automatic shotgun in a leather case that night as White was also an ardent hunter. He owned outstanding bird dogs.

White was a member of the St. Clair County Pointer and Setter Club and the Posey Fishing and Hunting Club.

White was a veteran of World War I and was overseas. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post here. He was also a member of the Progressive Miners of America.

His body is at the Gaerdner funeral home where friends may call after 6 o'clock tonight and where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Military rites will be conducted at the grave.

White was born at Flagler, Iowa, Jan. 8, 1897, a son of the late John R., and Jemina (Nesbit) White. His father was born in Belleville, his mother in St. Louis. He married Christine Hamant at Clayton, Mo., Dec. 6, 1921.

Besides his wife he is survived by two brothers and two sisters: Sam White, of 1911 West A street; Robert White, of 321 East B street; Mable, wife of Frank Sergeant, of 409 South Eleventh street, and Pearl, wife of John Macken, of 2019 West Main street.

## Edward Wolf Dies Suddenly While On Duty As Watchman

8-12-48

Edward W. Wolf, 64, of 610 East Garfield street, died suddenly about 1:30 this morning apparently from a heart attack while on duty as a night watchman at the Original Enamel Range Company, Lebanon avenue.

Wolf, who has been night watchman at the company for 20 years, went to work as usual last night in a taxicab. When it was time for the cab to pick him up and take him home at 5 o'clock this morning, the driver of the cab noticed the plant was still locked with Wolf missing, and notified relatives of the deceased. He was found by his son-in-law, Carl Hesse about 5:30 this morning.

A member of the Stovemounters Local No. 4, he was born in Belleville, March 15, 1884, the son of the late Joseph Wolf and Mary Schuessler Wolf, who is now Mrs. Mary Obert and resides at 608 East Garfield street.

He married the former Drucilla McKiernan in Edwardsville in 1907. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Viola, wife of Carl Hesse, 243 Kanaas avenue; Elsie, wife of Joseph Lonney, 610 East Garfield street; Edna Mae, wife of Thomas Baer, of Bellevue apartments, and five grandchildren. Two brothers, John and Michael, preceded him in death.

The deceased suffered a heart stroke in 1937 and has been ailing since that time.

The body is at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home and may be viewed after 8 o'clock this evening.

The funeral will be Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Gaerdner funeral home with services at St. Paul's Evangelical church. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery with Rev. Herman, assistant pastor at St. Paul's church officiating.

## John Woodcock, 64, Dies In Sanatorium After Long Illness

Died - ~~Monday~~ July 26th

John W. Woodcock, 64, of 309 West Washington street, died this morning at 2:45 in the Pleasant View Sanatorium after an illness of eight months.

He had been a member of the filling station, Local 1271, past president and treasurer of the Progressive miners of America, Local No. 4, the St. Clair Lodge 24, and are Belleville Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, 106. He was last employed in filling station work here.

Woodcock was born in England on March 2, 1884, the son of John and Mary Woodcock, who preceded him in death. In Belleville, on Sept. 29, 1923, he married Elizabeth Ritter Neutzling, who survives.

Also surviving are: a step-daughter, Mrs. Vera Touchette, East St. Louis; two sisters, Lily Winstanley, England, and Mary Dean, of England; and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 3 o'clock from the Gaerdner funeral home with Rev. B. J. Joehler officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the Gaerdner funeral home after 6 o'clock tonight.



Woodcock



## Mrs. Lena Wright, 78, Dies Here; She Was Found Frozen

*Jan. 30*  
Mrs. Lena Wright, 78, of 316 (rear) North Fifth street, who was found partly frozen at her home Wednesday afternoon, died at 2:02 this afternoon at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The body was taken to the Pete Gaerdner funeral home.

Mrs. Wright, a widow, who lived alone, was found lying on the floor of her home, her legs frozen and a bruise on the left shoulder.

City Health Officer Monroe G. Hodo, who made an investigation, stated that Mrs. Lena Wright apparently suffered a stroke and collapsed and had been lying helpless for some time, as the fire was out in the stove and water on the stove was frozen.

She was in a semi-conscious condition when found by two neighbors, Stanley Faulstich of 316 North Fifth street and William Wels of 322 North Fifth street.

Mrs. Wright was the second woman in this area found frozen this month. Mrs. Elizabeth Isler, 83, of Caseyville road, who was lying helpless on the kitchen floor of her home for more than fifteen hours, remains in a serious condition at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Mrs. Wright was a sister of George Keller, Otto Keller, Charles Keller and John Mensinger and the late Mrs. Clara Mensinger Fries, real estate dealer, who died recently.

## WIDOW DIES OF EXPOSURE

*Jan. 30*  
Mrs. Lena Wright, 77-year-old widow of 316 (rear) North Fifth Street, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 2:05 o'clock this afternoon from exposure suffered Tuesday night and Wednesday at her home where she lived alone.

Mrs. Wright was found semi-conscious on the floor of her home by neighbors who entered the house when she failed to make an appearance for some time. They told police later they had not seen light in the woman's quarters Tuesday night.

City Health Officer Monroe Hodo reported the woman's both legs had been frozen and her left shoulder injured when she fell after suffering a heart attack. He said she must have lain helpless for many hours before she was found because the fire in a nearby stove had gone out and water in a pan on the stove had frozen on the coldest day in three years when the mercury sank to 1 degree below zero.

Her body was removed to the Pete Gaerdner Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements.

## **Sophie Wright, 72, Former Resident Here, Dies In St. Louis**

*Died - Monday - July 26th*

Sophie Wright, 72, of St. Louis and formerly of Belleville, died at 8:45 this morning at the City Hospital in St. Louis after an extended illness.

Mrs. Wright was born in Belleville, Sept. 8, 1875, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Hoppe. She married William Wright, who survives, 43 years ago.

Also surviving are a son, Oswald, 1905 North Church street, a daughter Dorothy, wife of James Brown, of St. Louis; and two grandchildren. Three sisters preceded her in death.

The funeral will be Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home with Rev. B. J. Koehler officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Friends may call after 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.



## **Mrs. Young, Mother Of Local Resident, Dies In St. Louis**

Died Sat. 12-25-1948

Mrs. Frankie Young, 61, of 1334 Temple Place, St. Louis, whose daughter, Mildred Young, resides in Belleville, died in St. Louis at 3:30 Saturday afternoon after an extended illness.

Funeral services will be at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Pete Gaerdner funeral home. The body will then be taken to the Missouri Crematory.

Born in Sparta, March 16, 1887, she was the daughter of the late Sam and Julia McDonald Lewis. She married Jacob Young in Sparta 42 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Jacob and James, of St. Louis; two daughters, Mildred Young, of 810 Gass avenue; Mabel Bandy, of St. Louis; a sister, Mrs. Maude Wolf of Sparta; and three grandchildren.

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



## **Mrs. Martha Yung, 75, Dies; Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon**

*7 Jan 1948*  
Mrs. Martha Yung, 75, of 16 North Fourteenth street, died at her home at 11:50 Saturday night after an extended illness.

She was born here, Nov. 23, 1872, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Klein, both natives of Germany, and married Peter Yung here, Aug. 6, 1895.

Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Elmer J., of 427 South Thirteenth street; two grandsons, Harold P. Yung and Robert E. Yung; a brother, Frank Klein, of 212 North Sixth street, and a sister, Mrs. Josephine Herl, of 744 Union avenue.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Erma Hosbach, and two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Emma Herl, Mrs. Emelie Fernow, and Jacob Klein.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Pete Gaerdner funeral home. Rev. B. J. Koehler will officiate. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Mrs. Yung was a member of St. Paul's church.

The pallbearers will be Robert E. Yung, Harold P. Yung, Robert Mohr, Joseph Rickert, Kenneth Rickert and William Meyer.