

### Former Mayor Dies Thursday

Former Decatur Mayor George M. Krick, 85, died at 4:45 p.m. Thursday in St. Rita's hospital, Lima, O., following an illness of three days. He had lived in Lima, O., since his retirement in 1949.

The former Decatur mayor was born Feb. 16, 1879 in Decatur, the son of Henry and Sarah Mangold-Krick. His father was in the brick and tile business, and he worked with him, eventually becoming president of the Krick-Tyndall Tile Co. in the 1920's.

### Long Term Mayor

He was married to the former Mary Kleinhenz on June 26, 1906 by the Rev. H. Theodore Wilkin. He served as a Democrat on the Decatur city council from 1922-25, and in the latter year defeated Avon Burk for mayor, 1,261 to 1,160. He was reelected in 1929 over Burk, 1,325 to 1,037.

The legislature gave him an extra in 1934, and he served nine years as mayor, longer than any other Decatur. Ed Miller was his chief of police, and Jack Friedt his fire chief. Catherine Kaufman and Mrs. Alice Christen served as clerk, and city councilmen during the eight-year period included Fred Linn, Joseph Hunter, O. L. Vance, A. R. Ashbaucher, George Appleman and Herman Gillig. His treasurers were Luella M. Magley and Mrs. Ada Martin.

### Retired in 1949

His wife, Mary, died in 1948, and he retired to Lima, O., in 1949. They lived at 323 Line street in Decatur. He is a former member of the Decatur Rotary club, and was a member of the St. Rose Catholic church and Holy name Society at Lima, O., and the Elks lodge of Decatur.

Mr. Krick was recovering from a minor injury, and was in the best of spirits when he suddenly lapsed into a coma Tuesday and was taken immediately to St. Rita's hospital. He was living with his son and family until his injury.

Survivors include his brother, Virgil (Pete) Krick, of Decatur; two sisters, Miss Agnes Krick, of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Dallas Butler, of Fort Wayne; one son, Arthur William, of Lima, O., and two grandchildren. One brother, Walter Krick, former Decatur school superintendent, preceded him in death.

### Services Here Monday

Friends may call at the Cant-well-Sweet Mortuary in Lima, O., after 8 p.m. Saturday, and until 10 p.m. Sunday.

Funeral services will be held at the St. Mary's Catholic church in Decatur at 10 a.m. Monday, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Catholic cemetery.

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