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## FUNERAL TODAY

Funeral services were held this afternoon for Virgil Wagner, Montpelier high school principal, who died late Monday afternoon at the Adams county memorial hospital. The rites were held at 2 o'clock at the Geneva M. E. Church.

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## Final Chapter Written in Career of Former Monroe Principal DIES AT HOSPITAL LATE MONDAY

Funeral services for Virgil Wagner, age 32, who died late Monday afternoon at the Adams County Memorial Hospital, were held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home of his parents east of Geneva, and at 2 o'clock at the Geneva M. E. Church. A very large crowd of relatives, friends and acquaintances attended the funeral. Burial was made in Riverside Cemetery. Rev. Robert Rasher of Huntington officiated. The funeral and burial was the final chapter in the career of one of the outstanding men of the community.

Pallbearers at the funeral were John Sawyer, Paul Wearly and Max Price of Montpelier, Walter Hawbaker and James Fravel of Geneva and Ernest Schwartz, Glen Stucky and Wilbur Fricke of Monroe.

Honorary pallbearers were Supt. Worthman and principal Brown of Decatur, county superintendent ? E. Striker, Supt. E. M. Webb of Berne, Supt. Morgan and Mr. Cline of Montpelier and Prof. Cushman and Prof. Lafolette of Ball State College. Boy Scouts of Geneva and Decatur acted as flower bearers.

The death of Mr. Wagner came as a great shock. He died at the hospital at 4:11 Monday afternoon. A blood transfusion made Monday afternoon failed to save his life. Twenty seven young men had volunteered to give of their blood and that of Hugh Campbell of Geneva was selected. Mr. Wagner underwent an operation for ulcers of the stomach last Thursday morning. Later pneumonia set in, and although he made a brave fight and was conscious most of the time, those around him suspected he was making a losing fight. He remained conscious until near the end and kept up a cheerful attitude.

Mr. Wagner's loss is severely felt here. Besides having many close personal friends in Berne, he was a member of the Berne Book club and visited here on numerous occasions. He was very active in Hi-Y work in Monroe and other places until he moved to Montpelier, where he had been principal of the Montpelier high school the past year. He was formerly principal at Monroe and leaves a host of friends all over the county.

The deceased was born in Blackford county, June 18, 1902, the only child of D. C. and Minnie Barns Wagner. He moved with his parents when a small boy. He was graduated from the Geneva high school in 1920. He then took a course at Indiana University to prepare to teach.

He taught for three years in Wabash township schools and one year in Jefferson township schools before entering the State University of Iowa for a year. He received his A. B. Degree from Ball State (cut off) ..1929 he received his Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. Returning to the county he acted as principal of the Monroe High School for four years. He had just completed his first year as principal of the Montpelier high school at the time of his death.

Mr. Wagner was doing graduate work at Indiana University when he was stricken ill. He was working on his Doctor's degree.

For the last several years, Mr. Wagner has been teaching in the history department at Ball State College during the summer semester.

Mr. Wagner was married to Miss Arveda Rumble, formerly of Adams County, on Nov. 29, 1924. She is a daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Daniel Rumble. Surviving are the widow and three children, Darrell, aged nine; Coleen, aged five and Rosalin, aged two. His parents, Mrs. And Mrs. D. C. Wagner, live four miles east of Geneva.

The deceased was a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Methodist (cut off)

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