

## DEATH IS SHOCK

Phillip L. Macklin is Fatally Stricken at 2:25 p.m. Today in Sudden Attack

The sudden death of Postmaster Phillip L. Macklin, 55, at 2:25 o'clock this afternoon at his home, ?? North First street of heart ailment, came as a shock to this community.

Mr. Macklin suffered from heart trouble for several years, but was able to attend to his official duties uninterrupted. Since Monday of this week, he had been confined to his home and it was until a short time before his death that his condition was reported serious. Members of his family were called to his bedside. The direct cause of his death was angina pectoris.

Employees at the Decatur postoffice informed the Daily Democrat that Mr. Macklin's condition was regarded serious and that the children had been called home. A few minutes later his death was announced.

Mr. Macklin was conscious of his heart ailment, having suffered from a severe attack a few years ago at his garage. He took particular care of himself, conserved his strength as much as possible, did not over exercise or subject his system to over exertion by climbing stairs or doing those things which a man of his active qualities would otherwise do easily.

One of the best known men in Adams county, a former county surveyor and for years active in Democratic politics, Mr. Macklin took office as Decatur postmaster, February 7, 1936. He was recommended for the appointment by Representative James I. Farley.

The heart ailment did not in the least interfere with Mr. Macklin's close supervision and personal contact at the postoffice. He performed his official duties meticulously and it was a well known fact about town that he was the first of the postal employees to report for work in the morning. His daily habit was to be at the office at six o'clock and was on the job when the carriers started out.

The deceased was born June 2, 1882, the son of Phillip A. N. and Mary Macklin, pioneer residents of Wabash township. When a boy, he attended rural schools in that township and attended church at the Methodist-Protestant church near Bryant, known as the Macklin church.

Later he attended Valparaiso normal college and Valparaiso university. For four years after leaving college, Mr. Macklin taught in the county schools of Wabash township.

He was married in early life to Lola Jackson. From 1905 to 1913 he was engaged in the clothing business in Decatur with the firm of Vance, Hite and Macklin. In 1913 he was elected county surveyor and served two two-year terms in that office.

Between 1917 and 1927 he was engaged in the contracting business building roads and bridges. From 1926 until the time of his appointment as postmaster, Mr. Macklin was in the garage business in this city.

### APPOINTED POSTMASTER IN 1935

On February 7, 1935 he was appointed postmaster of the Decatur post office, receiving the appointment upon the recommendation of Congressman James I. Farley. After his appointment as postmaster the garage was managed by two elder sons, Wendell and Richard. The garage, known as the Phillip L. Macklin Garage, is located on Madison street here.

Surviving the deceased, besides the widow, are four sons, Wendell, WPA supervisor, of this city; Mrs. Ralph Tyndall, wife of the Bluffton clothier; Robert Macklin, of Evansville; Betty, also of this city; Mrs. Chalmer DeBolt of the Homesteads; Richard, manager of the local garage and David, at home. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Trot, of Lagrange; Mark and Haskell, both of Chicago; Mrs. A. R. Graham, of Bourbon; Mrs. Arthur Zehr of Berne, and Mrs. Bert Fifer, of near Bryant, Jay county. One granddaughter, Joyce Ann Tyndall, of Bluffton, also survives.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge and of the B. P. O. Elks of this city.

Funeral services had not been completed at a late hour this afternoon.