

ROOP FUNERAL RITES THURSDAY

Burns Fatal to Decatur Restaurateur

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Decatur, Jan. 14 - Funeral services for Lawrence Roop, 39, local restaurant proprietor who died late Monday night of burns suffered at his home last Friday, will be held at the home at 2 p.m. Thursday and at 2:30 o'clock at the First United Brethren church. Burial in Decatur cemetery.

Roop sustained first, second and third degree burns on the upper part of his body when his clothing became ignited in some manner undetermined as he was alone at the time.

He was born in Dixon, O., May 2, 1901, and had lived in Decatur for the past 22 years. He is survived by the widow, formerly Evelyn Butcher; one daughter, Barbara Elaine, at home; three brothers, Orville Roop of Decatur and Charles and Harley of near Decatur; one sister, Mrs. R. A. Imel of Decatur; two half-brothers, William and John Smith, and a half-sister, Mrs. Herman Hoffman, all of Decatur.