

Saturday, May 23, 1942

## Frank Burns Dies Suddenly Friday Former Decatur Man Dies in California

Frank C. Burns, 64, former Decatur merchant and a member of a pioneer family here, died yesterday at his home in Los Angeles.

A message was received by Mrs. E. G. Coverdale and Jack Teeple of this city. The messages did not state the cause of death, except to state that it was sudden. Mr. and Mrs. Burns moved from Decatur in 1919. He was a pioneer merchant of the city, and operated a harness and buggy store. For many years he was manager of a sales division of the United States Tire Company in Los Angeles.

The deceased was born in Decatur, February 11, 1882. He was married to Miss Daisy Ellis of this city.

Besides the widow, one daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Smith, of Los Angeles, survives.

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Monday, May 25, 1942

## Details Received of Burns' Death

A letter from J. O. Sellemeyer, Los Angeles, California, gives the following information concerning the death of Frank Burns, former well known Decatur man, who died Friday afternoon.

He and Mrs. Burns and another couple were fishing in a good sized, flat bottom boat in Balboa Bay, about 200 feet from shore. Frank stood up and then slumped over the side of the boat into the water. Mr. Foss, the other man in the boat, grabbed him by the shirt before he sank and pulled him back into the boat. A heavy tide was where it would have drifted. No question but what it was a heart attack. A life guard worked on him quite a while, but not a drop of water was in his lung.

Mr. Foss said he was not in the water long enough for the water to have any effect on him. Funeral services Monday.

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