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DECATUR MAN SHOT SATURDAY

Cause of Shooting of Bill Whittenbarger Remains Mystery

The reason why or the identity of the person who shot William "Bill" Whittenbarger, age 33, in the calf of the left leg at about 11 o'clock Saturday night was still unsolved today.

Whittenbarger operates a radio and auto repair shop in the Shamp filling station, corner Seventh and Adams streets. He informed city and county officers that he had gone to the station to get some gas for a friend and two men in an automobile drove up to the station and one of them opened fire. The bullet struck him in the leg.

Neighbors state they saw two men in an auto drive up to the station. They also heard the shots and went outside to see. Mr. Whittenbarger was hobbling across the street and stated he was shot.

Sheriff Burl Johnson and Policemen Miller and Clark were called. A satisfactory account of the incident has not been given, local officers state and an investigation is being made of the case.

Whittenbarger is said to have remarked, "How do I know who shot me and what for." He was helped to the home of his sister, Mrs. Harrison Sudduth, corner (cut)...saw two men drive away in a car.

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DECATUR LADY DEATH'S VICTIM

Mrs. Mary Miller Omlor [sic] Died At Hospital Saturday Evening

Mrs. Mary Omlor Miller, 65, 215 North Fifth street, a lifelong resident of Decatur, died at the Adams County Memorial Hospital Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock following a three week's illness. Death was due to a bowel obstruction and complications.

Mrs. Miller had been quite ill for several weeks. She was removed to the local hospital Wednesday morning and underwent an operation Saturday morning.

She had been prominent in church and social activities. She was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church, the St. Mary's Society, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Ladies of Columbia and the third order of St. Francis.

Mrs. Miller was born in Decatur March 4, 1868. She was the daughter of Simeon and Anna Hain. Her first marriage was to Jacob Omlor, who preceded her in death, July 10, 1919. Ten children were born to this union. He second marriage was to Michael Miller, who died eight years ago.

Surviving are the children: Gertrude Colchin, Agnes Rumschlag, Edward Omlor, Lawrence Omlor, Eleanor Braun, Margaret Miller, Celesta Steigmeyer, Herman Omlor, Hubert Omlor and Frances Ulman.

A sister, Mrs. Tom Durkin, and a brother, Simeon Hain, also survive. Two sisters, two brothers and one step-brother are deceased.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the St. Mary's Catholic church with the Rev. Simeon Schmitt of Marion, a nephew of the deceased, officiating. Burial will be made in the St. Joseph cemetery. The Societies of the church will attend in a body.

The body was removed to the home, 215 North Fifth street, Sunday afternoon from the Yager Brothers Funeral Home.

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JAMES T. THARP, PORTLAND, DIES

PORTLAND, April 11 - James T. Tharp, 79, life-long resident of Jay county, better known as Uncle Jimmy Tharp, died Saturday morning at 8 o'clock following a three-years' illness.

Mr. Tharp served Christmas dinner to the needy children in Portland for approximately 10 years. Due to ill health three years ago he was unable to carry on this good (cut off)

(Karin King note: buried Reitenour Cemetery, Randolph County, Indiana)

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YOUNG WOMAN DIES SATURDAY AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Theodore Mason, Aged 26, Dies; Funeral Wednesday

Mrs. Grace Mason, aged 26, wife of Theodore E. Mason of west of Linn Grove, died at the Adams County Memorial hospital at Decatur, Saturday night at 9 o'clock. She had been ill since the birth of a still-born child last Tuesday and was taken to the hospital Saturday afternoon when her condition became critical. Death was caused by a ruptured bladder and peritonitis, according to the attending physician.

The deceased was born in Nottingham township, Wells county, September 12, 1911, a daughter of Reuben and Dora May Grandlienard Miller. She was married to Theo E. Mason several years ago. She lived in Berne for some time and was a member of the Old Salem Evangelical church where she was chorister for several years. She was a very talented young lady, being a good musician with a sweet personality. Her husband was formerly a mechanic for A. J. Moser & Co.

Surviving are the husband and the parents. She was an only child, and the young couple did not have any children. The funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at 2

o'clock at the Old Salem Church, Rev. G. G. Holston of Linn Grove officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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WM. AUMILLER DIES

William Aumiller, about 88, formerly of this community, inmate of the county infirmary for a number of years, died Saturday morning at 5:20 o'clock there. Death was attributed to a paralytic stroke, suffered Thursday noon. He never regained consciousness.

No surviving relatives are known. (Cut off)

(Karin King note: buried Crawford Cemetery, Berne, Indiana according to death certificate)

(No date showing)

Joseph, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewald Beitler, who was born Friday morning, died a few hours after birth. The child was buried (cut off)

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