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RITES FRIDAY FOR KOREAN WAR VETERAN

Final rites for Cpl. John J. Thieme, 28, a Fort Wayne soldier killed in Korea, will be conducted 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Rodenbeck Funeral Home. The body will be returned to Fort Wayne Thursday.

The Rev. Willard Zinke will officiate at the services, and burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park where the American Legion will hold military rites. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Corporal Thieme, the husband of Mrs. Charlotte Thieme, 1618 E. Wayne St., was killed in Korean fighting Feb. 13, 1951, in an engagement near Saemai, South Korea, in which his unit cleared a Chinese roadblock. Before the announcement of his death, he was reported as missing.

A veteran of six years' previous service in the Army Medical Corps, Corporal Thieme was recalled to active duty in August, 1950, as a member of the Army Reserve. He was sent to Korea in December of that year and was serving with the Second Infantry Division's 38th Regiment when killed.

Before induction into the service for World War II on Dec. 12, 1942, the army corporal was employed by the Wayne Pump Co. Later he was employed by the Peter Eckrich & Sons. Attending Central High School in Fort Wayne, he was also a member of the Salem Evangelical Reformed Church.

Survivors besides the widow are the father, Carl S. Thieme; three sisters, Mrs. Alice Korn, Mrs. Margaret Polston and Mrs. Louise Horstman of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Carl and Donald of Fort Wayne and Ferdinand of McKeesport, Pa.

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REV. GRIEST, FOUNDER OF CHURCH DIES

The Rev. William A. Griest, 80, who founded the Simpson Methodist Church, 2501 S. Harrison St., in 1910, died Monday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert D. Lahr, in Lafayette. He had been ill six months.

Reverend Griest also founded the Normal City Methodist Church in Muncie and the Fourth Ave. Church in Terre Haute. He was pastor in Anderson, Pendleton, Logansport, Brazil, Indiana Harbor, Rensselaer, Knox and Rominey. He retired in 1937.

He began his ministry as a professor at Taylor University in Upland in 1895 and entered the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church in 1896.

PASTOR IN 1907

Before coming to Fort Wayne Reverend Griest served as pastor in Pendleton in 1907, '08 and '09. In 1910 he began the building campaign for the Simpson Methodist Church in Fort Wayne which was dedicated Feb. 11, 1912, with a membership of 300.

Remaining here as pastor of the Simpson Church until 1914, he went to the Market Street Methodist Church in Logansport where he served as pastor in 1915 and 1916. He was transferred out of the North Indiana Conference in 1920.

Reverend Griest founded the Normal City Church in Muncie in 1900 and remained there through 1902. This church is now known as the College Avenue Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

(Karin King note: Rev. Griest is buried in Twin City Cemetery, Pennville, Indiana)

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FORMER COUNTY TEACHER IS DEAD

John Falk, Teacher and Decatur Druggist, Dies At Peru

John S. Falk, 87, former Decatur druggist, died at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning at Duke's hospital in Peru, following an illness of two years of complications.

Mr. Falk taught in the Adams county schools for several years and then entered the drug business in Decatur in the Smith, Yager and Falk drug store, now the Smith drug store. Selling out his interest in the Decatur store, he moved to Peru in 1931, where he was associated with a son, Daniel Falk, in the drug business.

He was born in Decatur Sept. 23, 1865, a son of Joel and Mary Swartz Falk, and was married more than 60 years ago to Cora Dailey, who preceded him in death in 1916. He was later married to Rose Leyse, who also preceded him in death.

Mr. Falk was a member of (cut off)

Surviving are two sons, Daniel Falk of Peru and Robert D. Falk of Vermillion, S. D.; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Zoll of Portsmouth, Va.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren (cut off)

(Karin King note: John is buried in Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Indiana)

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FUNERAL TODAY FOR WIFE OF JONAS SOLDNER Former Local School Teacher, Telephone Operator Dies

Sara Sprunger Soldner, 85, wife of Jonas Soldner, of Fresno, California, died at 11:30 a.m. Friday, January 2, according to word received here by relatives. Mrs. Soldner is a former local school teacher and telephone operator and is known by many of the residents of this community.

Mrs. Soldner, who had been frail for many years, fractured a hip and arm in September of 1950 and had failed since. Her death was attributed to complications.

Mrs. Soldner was born a mile south of Berne, where George Dynes now resides, January 15, 1867, the daughter of C. P. and Elizabeth Sprunger Sprunger. She taught school in this community in the early nineties.

For a number of years Mrs. Soldner was night telephone operator here. She was married to Jonas Soldner in August of 1935. The marriage occurred in California and she had resided there since.

Surviving are the husband and a number of nieces and nephews. Brothers and sisters who preceded her in death were D. C. Sprunger, J. F. Sprunger, James Sprunger and Mrs. J. A. Sprunger.

Mrs. Soldner was a member of the Mennonite church at Reed?ey, California. The funeral was held this afternoon at a funeral home in Fresno and burial was there. Mrs. Soldner was formerly a member of the First Mennonite church here and was active in the work of the Sunday school and the Missionary Society.

A. A. Lehman today submitted the names of the following 54 members of a little girl's class that Mrs. Soldner taught in the Mennonite Sunday school in 1891. (Mr. Lehman, at the same time, was the teacher of the small boys' class, numbering 49):

Emma Gilliom, Elma Gilliom, Milka Sprunger, Emma Liechty, Lillie, Agnes, Amalia, Albertina, Ottilia, Levina, Celina, Cora, Della, Meta, Anna, Alwina and Zilla Sprunger, Ada, Hanna and Emma Neuenschwander, Rosa and Esther Kuntz, Bertha Stauffer, Henrietta Welty, Salome and Clara Schug.

Alina Habegger, Emilie Zuercher, Salma Augsburg, Aldine and Mathilda Lehman, Cora Schug, Carolina Burkhalter, Rosina ??, Levina and Emma Nussbaum, Rosa and Marian Beer, Laura Bixler, Emilie Schneck, Helena, Martha and Magdalene ??, Amanda and Rhoda Liechty, Mary Yoss, Sarah Baumgartner, Cora and Mathilda Luginbill, Mathilda Soldner, Lillie Aeschbacher, Anna Zuercher, Emma Loser and Mary Moser.

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ROBERT GERBER, SR., DIES HERE SUNDAY MORNING
Funeral Tuesday Afternoon For Retired Wabash Tp. Farmer

Robert Gerber, Sr., 76, prominent retired farmer, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at the Karl Scare residence at 705 North Behring Street. Death was attributed to complications. He had been ill since September and bedfast for three weeks. He spent some time in the Adams County Memorial hospital recently and on his release was brought to the home of his daughter here, Mrs. Scare.

Mr. Gerber was a farmer four miles southeast of Berne for many years. He was born May 1, 1876, in the Canton of Bern, Switzerland, and came to America soon after his marriage to Louise Mathys in Switzerland. The couple were married Sept. 26, 1903, and came to this community in 1910. His wife preceded in death.

Surviving are the following children: Dr. Otto Gerber, Massillon, Ohio; Robert, Jr., on the home place in Wabash township; Mrs. Waldo (Bertha) Stauffer and Mrs. Karl (Ella) Scare, Berne; Mrs. Woodrow (Lillie) Stalder, Madison, Wisconsin; Rev. John A. Gerber, Sheboygan, Wisconsin and Mrs. Daniel (Martha) Jones, Ohio City, Ohio. There are 23 grandchildren, a sister, Martha Kohler, and a brother, Fritz Gerber, both of Switzerland. A son, Herman, was killed in Japan during World War II and a grandchild, Barbara Jean Jones, is deceased, also his twin brother, Arnold.

Mr. Gerber was a member of the Cross Evangelical and Reformed church, where services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, the Rev. C. A. Schmid officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery. The body is at the Yager Funeral Home where friends may call until the time of the funeral.

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CLARENCE LINKER OF CRAIGVILLE DIES

BLUFFTON, Jan. 5 - Clarence Edward Linker, 60, of Craigville, died at 5 a.m. Saturday at his home of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was a shoe repairman and was a member of the Bluffton Moose Lodge. Survivors include: one sister, Mrs. Amelia Spenn, of Waynedale, and two brothers, Andy Linker, 126 W. Main St., Fort Wayne and Lewis Linker, Sidney, O.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. today at the Jahn Funeral Home, with the Rev. R. S. Workman officiating.

(Karin King note: According to IN death records, Clarence is buried at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton, Indiana)

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BODY BEING RETURNED

The body of Cpl. Max L. Myers, infantryman, is being returned to Decatur, according to word received by his parents, (cut off)

(Karin King note: Max is buried in Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Indiana)