

(Handwritten date: Monday, 1952)

NEPHEW OF LOCAL WOMAN DROWNS

John McFarren of Fort Wayne, Nephew of Mrs. Godfred Smith

Fort Wayne, June 30 - A 28-year-old construction worker was drowned when the car he was driving smashed through a guard rail and plunged into the St. Marys River at the Wells Street Bridge at 1:40 a.m. Sunday.

Police identified the victim as John McFarren, Jr. of 1114 Cass St. McFarren was alone in his car at the time of the accident.

John McFarren is a nephew of Mrs. Godfred Smith of Wabash township, Geneva route 2. His father is a brother of Mrs. Smith, who was formerly Laura McFarren.

Mrs. McFarren told Traffic Capt. Joseph Towns and Patrolmen James M. Birkenbuel and Robert Waldrop that her husband had gone to bed but got up about 45 minutes later and asked her to go with him to get a pack of cigarettes. She said she declined.

Investigating officers said McFarren was driving in a south-westerly direction on Cass Street when he apparently lost control of the vehicle. The car, a 1937 (too blurry & cut off)

...Police who examined the car reported all of its windows were closed except the right front ventilator. They said the machine was in second gear.

McFarren was employed as a foreman with the Wermuth, Inc., a construction firm.

SERVICES TUESDAY

The body was taken to the C. M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, where friends could call after 10 a.m. today. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the United Brethren church, Schilling Avenue and Third St., the Rev. G. Raymond Jewel officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Surviving are the wife, Geraldine; a son, John Patrick, at home; (cut off)

John McFarren is buried Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana)

(Handwritten date: missing; (accident happened in 1953)

FRED BROUGH, JR, 27, CHARLES ROSS, 17, DIE IN TRAGEDY ON LAKE NEAR CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

Gust of Wind Upsets Boat While Boys Are Fishing Northwest of Cadillac; Brough's Father Witnesses Tragedy; One Body Recovered

Two Ceylon young men, one well known in Berne, drowned late Tuesday afternoon at Oliver's Landing, in a lake just off the Manistee River at Mesick, Michigan, about 30 miles northwest of Cadillac.

The two are Fred Brough, Jr., 27, a returned war veteran who saw service in Korea, and Charles "Bud" Ross, 17. Brough is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brough, Sr., and Ross, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ross, all of Ceylon. The fathers of the two victims are employed at the Dunbar Furniture, (on vacation for two weeks) and Brough is a brother of Mrs. Muriel Brough-Bailey, who is employed in the Dunbar office.

Details of the tragedy are not complete. At noon today, as far as relatives in Ceylon learned, the bodies had not been found and some doubt is expressed if they will ever be found because the drownings occurred near the Hodenpyle dam and it is feared the bodies may have been swept over the dam.

According to word received from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brough, Sr., the two young men were fishing from a boat. Brough's father was fishing from another nearby and the elder Mr. Brough saw the accident. It is reported that a gust of wind upset the boat, throwing both of the young men into the water. The drownings are believed to have occurred in deep water. The elder Mr. Brough said both disappeared from sight immediately and neither one ever appeared on the surface. The fishing camp at Oliver's Landing is owned by Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Oliver and Mrs. Oliver is a sister of Mrs. Fred Brough, Sr.

Police and firemen started a search for the bodies soon after the tragedy occurred and the search was carried on until dark last evening. The search was resumed at daybreak today, but the bodies had not been located this forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brough, Sr. contacted Mrs. Leo Bailey, their daughter who lives at Ceylon, at 9:45 p.m. Tuesday, informing her of the tragedy. She notified other relatives and members of the Ross family. Mr. and Mrs. Ross and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Hamrick and Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey left during the night for the scene of the drownings.

Fred Brough, Jr. was employed at the Central Soya Company in Decatur. He was a graduate of the Geneva high school with the class of 1948. He spent 21 months in the service since the start of the Korean war and served in Korea for several months, never receiving a scratch. He returned from Korea last August and was discharged. Before he entered the service he was employed at the Dunbar firm and returned to his job here after his discharge, later went to International Harvester and then later to Central Soya.

The young man was born January 1, 1926, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, the son of Fred and Ethel Mae Welch Brough. He moved to Willshire, Ohio, with (continued on page Two - page 2 not present)

Charles Ross & Fred Brough, Jr. are both buried in Riverside Cemetery, Geneva, Adams County, Indiana)

BULLETIN (no date)

The body of Fred Brough, Jr., was found at 9:50 this morning. It was recovered by divers and taken to shore. The body of Charles Ross had not been found at that time and no report was made since that hour of the body having been located. If the Ross body is not found by this evening, the body of Brough will be returned here tonight.

According to a telephone conversation with Mrs. Leo Bailey at Bryant, members of the Brough family said a storm came up and the boat carrying the two young men upset or was capsized by high waves. The elder Mr. Brough was also on the lake in another boat but he was able to make his way to shore while the two young men, rowing hard in an attempt to reach safety, were unable to make it. The drowning occurred in a lake formed by a dam and just off the Manistee River.

(Handwritten date: Monday, Dec. 31, 1945)

...TOT DETERMINED

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Christian Apostolic church for Judy Ann Meyer, 9-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Meyer of southeast of Vera Cruz, who was electrocuted Thursday afternoon at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meyer when she touched a floor lamp.

According to the Wells county coroner, investigation of the floor lamp revealed that insulation on the electric cord at a point where it entered the metal base of the lamp had worn away, permitting the base to become charged with current, although the light bulb was not turned on at the time. The child is also said to have been standing on a hot air register, which is made of metal, when she touched the lamp, forming a perfect circuit.

Judith Meyer is buried at Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Vera Cruz, Wells County, Indiana

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, July 1, 1953; age 83)

WIFE OF C. E. STUCKEY DIES AT (cut off)

(handwritten: Caroline Christine Baker Stuckey)

Wife of C. E. Stuckey Dies At Home Here Today (continued from page 1)

...was married to C. E. Stuckey August 25, 1888 at Chattanooga, Ohio. The couple enjoyed more than 64 years of married life together. (Handwritten: Daughter of Jacob and Caroline Bollenbacker Baker)

Surviving in addition to the husband are the following husband. Rev. Walter J. Stuckey, Wabasha, Wisconsin; Homer C. Stuckey, Fort Wayne; Estella M. Stuckey, at home; Mrs. Calvin (Lulu) Sprunger, Berne; Mrs. Homer (Irene) Winteregg, Monroe; Leslie J. Stuckey, Berne; Mrs. Adolph (Ruth) Ferber, Fort Wayne and Carl E. Stuckey, Decatur. Seventeen grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren survive. The following brothers and sisters survive: Lewis, Jacob and Henry Baker, all of Chattanooga, Ohio; T. A. Baker, Celina, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Stuckey, Rockford, Ohio, R.R.; Mrs. Albert Germann, Celina, Ohio; Mrs. M. A. Linn, Celina, Ohio rural route and Mrs. Fredona Germann, Ohio City, Ohio.

Two sisters and one brother preceded in death.

Mrs. Stuckey was a member of the Cross Evangelical and Reformed church where services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, 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 after 7:00 p.m. today.

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, July 1, 1953)

Mrs. Wilhelmina Linnemeier, 82, lifelong resident of Preble township, died early Tuesday morning at her home in Preble (cut off)

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