

(Handwritten date: Friday, April 11, 1952)

W. H. CREIGHTON DIES AT WARSAW; FUNERAL SATURDAY

WARSAW - William H. Creighton, 84, well known resident of the Atwood community, died Wednesday at the McDonald Hospital where he had been a medical patient for the past two months. Mr. Creighton was a retired farmer.

Surviving relatives include four sons, Hobart and Russell, both of Warsaw, and Charles and Kermit, Atwood; two daughters, Mrs. Homer Byrer, Warsaw, and Mrs. Leonard Eiler, Atwood; one brother, 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. His wife, three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Atwood Evangelical United Brethren church, of which he was a member. The Rev. O. W. Haynes, pastor of the church, will officiate and burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery [Kosciusko County, IN]. The Bilby-McHatten Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Friends may call from 11 a.m. Friday until 11:30 a.m. Sat. (cut off)

INJURIES IN FALL FATAL TO ARCHIE LONG, 61

Local Man Dies In Veterans Hospital in Ft. Wayne; Rites Saturday

Archie Long, 61, well-known local man and a resident of Berne for many years, died at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Veteran's Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Dec. 23. Mr. Long died from complications resulting from a fall on the ice on Dec. 22.

The local man was on his way home after being uptown when he slipped on the ice and fell. The mishap occurred near the Trinity EUB church. He suffered a broken pelvic bone. He was admitted to the Adams County Memorial hospital and transferred to the Veteran's Hospital the following day. He became seriously ill soon afterwards, had high temperature and slipped into a coma.

An autopsy was held on the body Thursday at Fort Wayne. Death was attributed to bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. Long was a lineman with the Citizen's Telephone Company for many years, retiring from this work in 1931. He was employed by the General Electric Company during the war. He had not been well for several years.

Mr. Long was a veteran of the World War I. He was a member of Berne Legion Post 468 and formerly a member of Adams Post at Decatur.

The deceased was born in Adams county July 22, 1890. He was married to Lulu Burgens of Marion on May 7, 1921. She survives, also a step-daughter, Mrs. Mary McCollum of Camp Roberts, California, and one step-grandchild.

The body is at the Yager Funeral Home where friends may call until time of the funeral which is 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Rites will be held at the local EUB church which he attended. The Rev. Karl Tauber will officiate. The casket will not be opened in the church. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

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MELCHI RETIRES FROM POLICE FORCE

DECATUR, Jan. 4 - Sephus Melchi, veteran Decatur policeman, with a record of more than 41 years as a law enforcement officer, retired from the force this week, just a few days before he will celebrate his eightieth birthday anniversary January 16.

The veteran officer, born in Van Wert County, O., came to Decatur when 16 years of age and was employed as a barber here until his appointment as a city patrolman in 1911. He served two terms as Adams County sheriff, from 1919 through 1922, after which he returned to the city force. For many years, he served as chief of police.

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MENNO BASINGER DIES ON TUESDAY Funeral Thursday For Columbus Grove, Ohio Farmer

Menno Basinger, 78, retired farmer of three miles east of Columbus Grove, Ohio, died at 3:20 a.m. Tuesday at the Lima Memorial hospital, Lima, Ohio, following a long illness. He had been in the hospital several weeks.

Mr. Basinger was well known in this community and visited here frequently as long as his health permitted. He had been in failing health for several years. Mr. Basinger had a number of relatives in this community.

He is survived by a son, Millard, and a daughter, Melita, both at home. A brother, Amos Basinger, survives and two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The wife, the former Elizabeth Neuenschwander, is deceased. (Handwritten: "She died Nov. 22, 1950").

The funeral will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the Ebenezer Mennonite church, near Bluffton, with burial in the church cemetery. (Handwritten: "A brother, Calvin, and a sister Mar (Cut off)

(Karin King note: Menno is buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, Bluffton, Allen County, Ohio)

(Handwritten date: Monday, Jan. 14, 1952)

MRS. ARTHUR NEUENSCHWANDER FUNERAL TODAY Young Mother, 26, Died Late Friday at Clinic Hospital

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. today at the West Missionary Church for Mrs. Darlene Sprunger Neuenschwander, 26, wife of Rev. Arthur Neuenschwander, of Mapleton, Illinois, formerly of this community. The Rev. Oscar Eicher officiated at the rites, assisted by C. J. Gerig of Fort Wayne and Rev. E. G. Steiner, pastor of the Evangelical Mennonite Church. Burial was in the Evangelical Mennonite cemetery.

Mrs. Neuenschwander died at 4:00 p.m. at the Clinic hospital in Bluffton. She was ill one month. The immediate cause of death was given as uremic poisoning. She was in ill health a few years ago and submitted to surgery. She recovered and was in good health until a month ago when she became ill and was brought to the Clinic where she again submitted to surgery. She had been critically ill for two weeks before her death.

Mrs. Neuenschwander was born in Hartford township, the daughter of Jacob E. and Mary Stucky Sprunger. She graduated from the Hartford high school and was married to Arthur B. Neuenschwander on May 24, 1945, at the West Missionary church. Rev. Neuenschwander first

pastored at the Christian Union church near Fayette, Ohio. From there they moved to Fort Wayne while he finished his training at the Fort Wayne Bible College. Later they lived in Berne while Rev. Neuenschwander was engaged in evangelistic work and he also served as pastor of the Apple Grove church near Geneva. In September of 1949 they moved to Mapleton, Illinois where Rev. Neuenschwander is pastor of the LaMarsh Baptist church.

Surviving are the husband, a daughter Peggy Elaine, 6; a son, Phil Michael, 2; the father, Jacob E. Sprunger of Berne; a brother, Ivan C. Sprunger, Berne route 1 and three sisters, Mrs. Verena Rupp, wife of Rev. Paul Rupp of Groveland, Illinois; Mrs. William L. (Agnes) Habegger, Berne and Mrs. Ellis (Mereda) Neuenschwander, Berne, route 1.

The mother preceded in death in November of 1943.

Mrs. Neuenschwander was a member of the West Missionary church.

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