

Wed., May 31, 1939

Milton Hower is found Dead this Morning

Prominent Decatur Resident is found Dead of Heart Attack

Milton E. Hower, 67, prominent Decatur resident and former businessman, died suddenly this morning at his home on First street. Death was attributed to coronary thrombosis.

He was found dead in bed about 1:30 o'clock. Death came as a distinct shock to the members of the family and friends, many of whom did not know he had been ailing. Mr. Hower was one of the city's most active civic and school leaders, having served for six years as a member of the city board of education, taught in the rural and city schools and serving as principal at the West Ward School a number of years.

For 35 years, he operated the Hower grocery at Monroe and Seventh streets. At the time of his death he was employed as an investigator in the auto license bureau of the state.

Life-Long Resident

He was a life-long resident of the county. He was born here December 31, 1871 the son of Adam and Barbara Steele-Hower. On November 9, 1904, he was married to Maud Scott, who survives.

Surviving also are the following children: Miss Marcella Hower of Indianapolis, Mrs. William H. Bundy of Menominee, Wisconsin; Mrs. Marton Feasel and Mrs. Carl D. Gerber of this city; the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Lewis Shilling of near Decatur, Mrs. Cora V. Beery of Clarkson, Washington; Charles W. Hoer of Nashville, Tennessee; and Alva Hower of Posey ille. A son, Frech, two brothers and a sister preceded him in death. Six grandchildren also survive. Funeral services will be held at the home at 1:30 pm Friday and at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church, Rev. R.W. Graham officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

Mon., Aug 28, 1939

Sylvia McClain Taken By Death

Berne woman Dies Sunday Night after Four Weeks' Illness

Mrs. Sylvia McClain, 75, widow of the late Newton McClain, died at her home in Berne Sunday night at 1:30 pm. Death was caused by paralysis and complications following a four weeks' illness.

She was born in Monroe Township June 20, 1864, the daughter of T.P. and Lydia Potterfield-Harris. She married Newton McClain, May 1, 1884, and he died February 14, 1935.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Melba Moser, Lowell, Wis.; Mrs. Eva Tumblson, Monroe township; Mrs. Rufus Huser, Wabash township; Powell McClain, Monroe township and Mrs. Wilbas Rawley, Berne. Two brothers and one sister survive. Funeral services will be held at the Berne Evangelical church at 2:00, Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be in the M.R. E. cemetery at Berne.