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FORMER ADAMS COUNTY MAN DIES IN CRASH

Charlie Schladenhauffen, 25, Killed in Crash Near Kendallville

Charlie Schladenhauffen, 25, a native of Adams county, was killed almost instantly at 12:45 o'clock Wednesday morning in an automobile-truck collision on state highway 3 near LaOtto, in Noble county.

Schladenhauffen, service manager for the International Harvester branch office at Kendallville, was returning to his home near that city, after attending a company meeting in Fort Wayne Tuesday night.

Schladenhauffen's car sideswiped the rear end of a large truck en route south and the former Adams county man was believed killed instantly. He sustained a skull fracture, a broken left arm, and other severe head injuries.

He was accompanied by Bob Stoller, also of the Kendallville branch office, who suffered a broken leg and other serious injuries. Stoller was taken to the hospital at Kendallville.

Schladenhauffen had been employed by the International Harvester company for approximately three years, and worked at the Decatur branch for about one year, leaving Decatur for Kendallville in November, 1937.

The accident victim was born in Adams county May 20, 1913, the son of Emil and Lilly Fisley-Schladenhauffen. The parents reside in Kirkland twp., one-half mile south of the Kirkland high school.

He married Audrey Chronister of Bobo, March 26, 1938, in a ceremony performed at Livingston, Ky.

Surviving are the widow; the parents and the following brothers and sisters: Amos of New Haven, Esther, Samuel, Mrs. Eugene Stults, ??, Warren and Harold, all of Decatur rural route ??.

Funeral services will be held at the Christian Apostolic church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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DEATH CLAIMS SEDORAH ELZEY

Well Known Decatur Woman Dies at Home Early This Morning

Mrs. Sedorah Ball-Elzey, 81, prominent pioneer Adams county resident and widow of the late William Elzey, died this morning at 1:04 o'clock at her home on Marshall street. Death was attributed to complications, following an illness of four weeks.

The deceased was born in Root township November 7, 1857, the daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Troxell-Ball. She was married to William Elzey in April 1877.

The couple moved to the home on Marshall street in this city 21 years ago. Her husband preceded her in death in February, 1937.

Surviving are a son, Harvey Elzey, of this city; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Two daughters, Mrs. Ada McFarland and Miss Etta Mae Elzey, four brothers and three sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the S. E. Black funeral home and 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church, of which she was a member. Rev. R. W. Graham will officiate. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

The body has been removed to the Black funeral home and may be viewed there after 7 o'clock this evening until time for the funeral.

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OTTO COFFIN FORMER LOCAL BARBER DIES

Funeral Held Wednesday for Former Berne Man Who Dies at Martinsville

Otto Coffin, aged 55, former Berne barber, died Sunday evening at Martinsville, where he had been living since he left Berne in 1929, according to word received here. Mr. Coffin will be remembered by many local people, as he lived in Berne for about four years.

He came to Berne in 1925 and opened his own shop, but soon afterwards he became associated with Werner Lehman, and later with Marcus Lehman and Cyrus Liechty also assisted in operating the Big Four Barber Shop. The shop was then located where Ralph Liechty is now operating Ghandi's Grill. In 1929 Mr. Coffin returned to Martinsville and operated a shop there until four months ago when ill health forced him to retire. He had been sickly for a long time, suffering from dropsey, heart disease and various other complications.

Surviving are the widow, formerly Mable James, six sons and three daughters.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at the Christian church at Russiaville, Indiana. Marcus Lehman of this place attended the rites.