

Thurs, June 8, 1939

Rev. Alva Barr Killed When Struck by Car

Pleasant Mills and Salem Pastor Fatally Hurt Tuesday Evening.

Tragedy marred the Harper Day banquet at the village of Pleasant Mills Tuesday night as the Rev. Alva Barr, 45, genial pastor of the Pleasant Mills and Salem M.E. churches, died in the Adams county Memorial Hospital at 10:45 a little more than three hours after he had been struck by an auto as he was leaving the celebration.

The Rev. Barr died of a fractured skull, a fractured left arm and a badly crushed and mangled left leg, sustained when he was struck and thrown up against the windshield of an auto driven by Lawrence Wick, 21, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Chattanooga.

Rev. Barr, pastor of the Pleasant Mills church for the past three years had invoked divine blessing upon the crowd gathered in the new school structure at Pleasant Mills and left the building to enter his car when the accident occurred.

He had intended to drive to Swayzee, where his wife was visiting to return her to their Pleasant Mills home.

Wick told newspapermen and authorities that he drove through the village en route south t the ? of about 40 miles per hour and did not see the pastor in time to avoid striking him.

Born Near Marion

Rev. Barr, who in these three years at the Pleasant Mills and Salem pastorates had become endeared to the members of his congregations and others, who knew him, was born near Marion, June 24, 1893, the son of Henry W. and Nora Bar.

He married Gladys Page December 22, 1917. Shortly after his marriage, he enlisted in the US army with the 40th machine gun battalion, Company A.

Funeral Friday

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1:00 at the Salem M.E. church, four miles south and one mile west of Pleasant Mills, a church in Rev. Barr's circuit.

Dr. Fremont Fribley, of Ft. Wayne, district will officiate at the service. The body will be taken to the IOOF cemetery at Marion for burial. Short services and military burial will be held at the cemetery at 4 pm.

Dr. Fribley, the Rev. R.W. Graham, pastor of the First Methodist church in Decatur and the Rev. R.F. Hart of Monroe aided in making the arrangements.

Arrive After Crash

Mrs. Barr and children, Esther and Eugene, arrived home late Tuesday night from Swayzee after being notified of the accident. The son, James, was in Pleasant Mills at the time.

Thurs. May 4, 1939

Paul Hoffman Wed on April 2

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hoffman of near here received announcement of the wedding of their son Paul to Miss Nellie Waller of Lexington Nebraska. The wedding took place April 2 at the First Presbyterian church of Lexington at 3:00.

Thurs. June 1, 1939

Helen Maller Bride Tuesday

Well-known Adams County Girl Is Bride of Clifford Heyerly

Miss Helen Mae Maller and Clifford Heyerly were united in marriage at 10:00 Tuesday morning at the parsonage of the First Evangelical and Reformed church at Bluffton, with Rev. Matthew Worthman receiving the vows in the single ring ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maller, of Adams County, and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heyerly east of Bluffton.

Attendants of the couple were Miss Bernice Heyerly, sister of the groom, and Malvin Maller, brother of the bride.

A dress of navy blue with lace at the neck and sleeves was worn by the bride, and with it she wore a navy hat trimmed in white, navy shoes, and carried a blue and white beaded purse. Her corsage, of pink roses and sweet peas, was tied with white ribbon. Miss Heyerly's dress was of blue crepe trimmed in old rose, and she wore accessories in white. She wore a corsage the same as the bride's.

The bride is an employee of the Culver manufacturing company, in Bluffton. The groom is employed at a bakery in Ossian, where the couple has a newly furnished home.

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