

Thurs., June 22, 1939

Death Takes 90-Year-Old Monroe Woman

Mrs. Jesteen Hocker to be Buried in M.R.E. Cemetery Saturday

Mrs. Jesteen Hocker, aged 90, prominent and well known Monroe woman, died at 4:15 Wednesday afternoon at her home in that town. Mrs. Hocker was one of the oldest and best known woman in Monroe. She had been ill four days, suffering with complications and infirmities. She spent her entire life in Adams County, the last 82 years in Monroe. The deceased was born in French twp, Feb 17, 1849, a daughter of Fred and Mary Sunier. She was married to Joseph Hocker in early life. He preceded.

Surviving are the following children: John Hocker of Monroe, formerly of this place; Charles, Decatur; Mrs. R.B. McKeen, Fort Wayne, Rev H.H. Hocker, Covina, Calif; and O.O. Hocker, Monroe druggist.

Three sisters and two brothers survive.

The funeral will be at 10:00 Saturday morning at the home in Monroe, the Rev. Vernon Riley of Monroe officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery west of Berne.

Mon. May 29, 1939

Mildred Haffner, H. Allspaw Wed

Local Young couple Married May 20 in Kentucky

Miss Mildred Haffner, daughter of Mr. Howard Haffner of west of Bryant and Harold Allspaw son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Allspaw of Berne, were married at Covington, Kentucky, by Rev. John Fulton, pastor of the Methodist church on May 20th 1939.

Sat. May 20, 1939

Former Judge David E. Smith Taken by Death

Former Judge of Adams Circuit Court Dies This Morning

David E. Smith, 71, a former resident of Decatur and judge of the Adams circuit court from 1913 to 1919, prominent in legal and Masonic lodge circles for many years died at

2:00 this morning at his home, 709 Kinnaird Avenue, Fort Wayne, following a heart ailment.

The direct cause of death was attributed to thrombosis of the heart.

Word of his death was received here by Mrs. John S. Peterson, a sister-in-law, and by intimate friends of the jurist.

Besides serving as judge of the Adams circuit court, Judge Smith was also elected to two terms as prosecuting attorney of the 26th judicial circuit. He had been a member of the Indiana bar since 1892, beginning the practice of law in this city. Following his study of law at Indiana University, he furthered his studies as a student in the offices of Van Vorhees and Judge William Spencer of Indianapolis.

His reputation as a jurist and attorney spread over Northern Indiana and near the close of his terms judge he was urged to become the Democratic candidate for congress in the old eighth district. He announced his candidacy and later withdrew his name.

Judge Smith was born in Mercer County, Ohio, December 20, 1867, a son of James H. Smith, who moved to Decatur from Montezuma in 1868, and was employed at the old Shackley wheel works.

On March 27, 1897, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Ethel Hale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hale. The death of Mrs. Smith occurred in 1936.

Judge Smith is survived by six children, namely Byard H., an attorney of Chicago; Mrs. Ramona Smith Triplet, Dorothy M., Gretchen, a teacher in the Ft. Wayne schools, Richard and Robert Smith of Ft. Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00, Monday afternoon from the Klaehn Funeral home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

Mon., June 5, 1939

Married at Orrville

Miss Bertha Falb and Ivan Hochstetter of Orrville, Ohio, were married on Saturday afternoon. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Reuben Habegger of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Habegger and son attended the wedding.

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