

(Handwritten date: Monday, March 10, 1941)

## WM. STEPLER, 65, DIES SUDDENLY

### Final Rites For Former Resident of County In Ohio Today

William Frederick Stepler of 110 South Adams Street, Mansfield, Ohio, a former resident of Bluffton and Decatur, Indiana, died very suddenly of a heart attack on Friday morning, March 7th. He had gone to a service station and as he was opening the door of his automobile he suddenly collapsed and died instantly. He was born on March 31st, 1876, near Bluffton, and spent the greater part of his life in that vicinity, first on a farm near Bluffton, then later as a carpenter in Decatur. In 1935 he moved to Mansfield, Ohio, where he was united in marriage on January the first, 1938?, to Miss Rose Schmitz of 201 South Adams street. While in Indiana he was a member of St. Luke's church...and also of the ?? Sunday School class.

Besides the widow, he is survived by one sister, Miss Sarah E. Stepler, of Mansfield, also a niece, Mrs. Mack Reece. Two sisters, Mrs. Emma Erhart of French township and Mrs. Jonas Hoffman, one brother Daniel Stepler of French township and nieces and nephews, all of Bluffton, Decatur and Monroe, also survive, besides a host of friends, both in the old home and his ?? city of Mansfield. Burial took place today, March 10, at 1:30 o'clock in the Mansfield cemetery, funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Paul ?? of St. John's church, also Rev. H. (cut off)

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## WELL-KNOWN COBBLER IN FT. WAYNE HOSPITAL

Menno Wittwer, owner and manager of the Wittwer Shoe Hospital here, who has been in poor health for several months, is a patient at the Lutheran hospital, Fort Wayne, since Wednesday, when he went to the Clinic. X-rays have been taken, but no definite word as to the cause of his illness has been given as yet.

Mrs. Bertha Bagley underwent an operation this morning at the Adams County Memorial hospital in Decatur. Her daughter, Mrs. Martha Beavers of Indianapolis, is taking care of her at the hospital.

Leroy Neuenschwander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Neuenschwander received a gash on the back of his left leg, above the knee, Thursday evening, which required five stitches and two clamps to close. The mishap occurred while playing basket ball in a barn.

Helen Ellenberger, daughter of Mrs. Fred Wechter of Newcastle, who has been ailing for some time, is seriously ill. Mrs. Wechter is a sister to the Misses Martha and Lena

Hossman.

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## STUCKEY HOME

Victor Stuckey, manager of the Berne Equity Exchange, was moved to his home here Saturday morning from the Adams County Memorial hospital, Decatur, where he was a patient following an emergency appendectomy. He is in good spirits and recovering nicely although grave concern was held for him after his appendix had burst.

**Adams County Historical Museum**

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