

(Handwritten date: Saturday, April 12, 1941)

## G. T. BURK IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Prominent Decatur Merchant Dies Today; Funeral Tuesday

George T. Burk, 84, prominent retired Decatur merchant, died this morning at 8:30 o'clock at his home, 228 South First street. Death was attributed to complications.

Mr. Burk was injured in an auto accident at Wadsworth, Ohio six years ago, and had been ailing since that time. He had been bedfast since February 1.

The deceased was active in general merchandise business at Colfax for 22 years, before coming to this city in 1906, when he purchased the Carroll elevator. He operated the elevator and was engaged in the grain business from that time until ill health forced him to retire.

He was a devout member of the First Christian church and a member of the Masonic lodge, of the Scottish rite consistory of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Burk was born in Dover, located in Boone county, on November 20, 1856, the son of Robert Simon and Nancy Bowman-Burk. He was married to Martha E. Dunbar on May 7, 1884.

Surviving, besides the widow are two sons, Avon and Sim Burk, of this city, who are also engaged in the grain business; three daughters, Mrs. Felix Holthouse of Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. Wayne E. Beavers of Mount Vernon, and Mrs. Harry Sutton of Newton Center, Massachusetts; a brother, Perry E. Burk of Terre Haute; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A son, two brothers and two sisters are deceased.

### FUNERAL TUESDAY

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the First Christian church, with Rev. Kenneth Timmons officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

The body has been taken to the Zwick funeral home and may be viewed there after 7 o'clock tonight until time for the services.

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## RITES ARE PLANNED FOR DECATUR SCHOOL TEACHER

DECATUR, Ind., April 2 - Funeral services for Miss Della E. Sellemeyer, 57, a teacher in and near Decatur since 1902, will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Zwick Funeral Home and at 2:30 p.m. at the Zion Reformed and Evangelical Church. Services at the funeral home will be private. The body may be viewed at the funeral home until after services there, when it will be removed to the church and lie in state until the second service. Burial in the Decatur cemetery.

Miss Sellemeyer taught in the rural schools of this county one year. The remainder of her teaching career was in the second grade in the South Ward School, the North Ward School and the Lincoln School in Decatur. She was a member of the Lincoln PTA, the Woman's Club, and the Eastern Star lodge. Born in Magley, she attended Decatur High School, Tri-State College at Angola and the Indiana University Extension Center at Winona Lake.

Survivors include a brother, Albert; two sisters, Mrs. Anna L. Vance and Mrs. Fred Heuer, all of Decatur, and two nieces and a grand-nephew.

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## EASTER EVE BRIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stalter, 831 Hugh street, announce the marriage of their only daughter, Dorothy, to Mr. Loren C. Gottschalk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Golda Gottschalk, of Berne. The ceremony is to take place at 5 o'clock this evening in the Reformed Evangelical Church near Bluffton. The couple will be unattended. The Rev. B. B. Meckstroth will officiate. The bride will be attired in a jacket dress of powder blue crepe, the jacket quilted over a plain fitted frock and her straw hat with plaited ribbon trim and her gloves will be of matching blue. Her footwear will carry two tones of blue and she will wear a corsage of pink tea roses.

An informal reception will follow at the Stalter home. Next week Mr. Gottschalk and his bride will leave on a trip to Florida on which Miss Stalter will wear a three-piece traveling outfit of navy blue.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Central High School and is employed in the production offices of the General Electric Company. She is a member of Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Psi Sorority. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Hartford High School.

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(Handwritten: Married Friday, March 21, 1941)

Miss Rhoda Baumgartner, daughter of Mrs. Amelia Baumgartner, and Ellis J. Hirschy, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hirschy of Honolulu, Hawaii, were united in marriage Friday evening at the parsonage of Rev. C. H. Suckau. The bride is employed at the Berne Overall and Shirt Company, and Mr. Hirschy is employed as a book binder at the Economy Printing Concern.

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(Handwritten date: Saturday, March 29, 1941)

## EICHER CHILD DIES FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Martha Eicher, nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Eicher, died Friday afternoon at the home east of Berne of pneumonia and complications. Surviving are the parents and the following brothers and sisters: Catherine, Jacob, John, Menno, Anna, Elizabeth, Mary, Amos, Salome, Rosie, Barbara and (cut off)