

(Handwritten date: Friday, March 1, 1940)

DECATUR'S OLDEST NUN DIES THURSDAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Sister M. Kostka, 92, a sister of the late John Schurger of this city, and a Catholic Sister of Providence for more than 70 years, died Thursday at the motherhouse, at St. Mary's of the Woods, near Terre Haute.

Death was attributed to infirmities. She had been a patient in the convent hospital for several months.

Sister Kostka was well known in Decatur. Her last visit here was in August, 1938, when St. Mary's parish celebrated its Centennial. Sister Kostka was an honored guest at the celebration and remained here for a several days visit with relatives and friends.

Her name before entering the convent was Miss Catherine Schurger. She and her sister were the first two Decatur young women to enter the convent, following the establishing of St. Mary's parish.

Sister Kostka was born in Seneca county, Ohio, August 29, 1847. Among the survivors are two nieces, Mrs. James Murphy, Sr., and Miss Tena Schurger of this city.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's of the Woods and burial will be there. Relatives from here including Miss Tena Schurger, John F. and Mark Schurger and Mrs. Frank Kurber of Delphos will attend the services.

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ADAMS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Dismissed Saturday: Mrs. Dorphus Schlickmann, Dierkes St.; Lemuel Cookerly, route 2, Bryant; Guy Koos, 738 Mercer Ave.; Mrs. Aaron Buechner and baby daughter, Catherine Louise, Rt. 2, Willshire, Ohio.

Admitted Saturday: Miss Lorine Fuelling, route 3; John Knavel, 1217 Patterson St.

Admitted Sunday: Mrs. Roland Poling, route 4.

Admitted Monday: Mrs. Frank C. Grotrian, route 2, Monroeville.

Miss Ruth Schwartz of the Adams county memorial hospital staff was dismissed to the home of her sister, Mrs. Paul Bahner in Monroe.

Albert M. Wibel of Detroit, called on his father, Albert Wibel of Tocsin who has been confined to the Adams county memorial hospital for the past three weeks.

Little Nancy Louise Fields, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Fields, has been dismissed from the hospital to the home of her par- (cut off)

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SAM REINHART TAKES OFFICE

Assumes Office of Superintendent of County Infirmary

Sam Reinhart today assumed the office of superintendent of the Adams county infirmary, succeeding Harvey La Fontaine, who retired after 19 years of service.

The Reinhart's moved into the infirmary yesterday. Mrs. Reinhart will be matron of the institution, a position formerly held by Mrs. LaFontaine.

The Reinharts have six children, four boys and two girls. The youngest child is four years old, while the eldest is 18. They will assist their parents in performing some of the numerous duties required in the management of the county farm and caring for the patients.

The children are Helen, Harry, Mabel, Ted, Max and Wayne.

Mr. Reinhart stated there were 47 inmates at the infirmary today. Funeral services for a patient who died Wednesday were held today, Mr. La Fontaine acting as one of the pall bearers.

The appointment of Mr. Reinhart was made last January, following Mr. La Fontaine's resignation which was tendered to the board of county commissioners in December. Mr. and Mrs. La Fontaine are moving to their farm east of Monroe.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schindler entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday, in honor of Carl Yoder, who celebrated his seventh birthday. Those present were his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Wilman Yoder, his brother Earl and sister, Carol.

Earl Lehman, who is employed at the Berne Hardware Co., is off duty due to influenza.

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ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. James Moses, of route 1, Decatur, are the parents of a baby boy born at the Adams county memorial hospital this morning at 8:22 o'clock. The baby who has been named Larry Gene (cut off)

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