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DEATH CLAIMS (missing)

Veteran Hardware Merchant Dies After Extended Illness

Henry Knapp, 78, prominent resident and veteran Decatur hardware merchant, died Wednesday night at 11:45 o'clock at his home, 414 North Third street.

Death was attributed to progressive muscular atrophy. He had been ill since July, but had been in failing health for sometime previous.

Mr. Knapp was born in Root township June 22, 1861, the son of William and Sophia Knapp. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church. March 27, 1885, he was married to Katy Frankenstein, who survives.

He first started his business career while a young man, opening a livery service on Second street with his brother, Fred, and Dan Beery. In 1890 he entered the hardware business, being employed by the firm of Ellsworth & Meyers.

In 1898 he opened a hardware store at 140 West Monroe street, where he had operated the store until the time of his death. In 1915 he formed a partnership with his son, Charles, and the firm became known as Henry Knapp & Son.

Surviving, besides the widow, are the following children: Charles, co-owner of the hardware store; Mrs. T. E. Miller of Fort Wayne; Mrs. A. R. Ashbaucher of Decatur and Harry Knapp, local service station proprietor. One daughter, Mrs. Glen Cowan, is deceased.

A brother, William, of Root township, and two sisters, Mrs. Liza Bucher of Root township and Mrs. Martha Baker of Fort Wayne, also survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the residence and at 2 o'clock at the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church with Rev. Charles M. Prugh officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

The body will be returned to the residence from the Zwick funeral home Friday morning and may be viewed after noon Friday until time for the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapp marked their golden wedding anniversary in 1934. The daughter, Mrs. Miller, will be unable to attend the services because she recently underwent an operation at a Fort Wayne hospital.

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ROTH FUNERAL RITES FRIDAY

Funeral Services Will Be Held Friday For Mrs. Chris Roth

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon for Mrs. Chris Roth, 78, who died Tuesday at her home west of Geneva of complications and infirmities.

She was born in Wabash township, February 13, 1861, and married Chris Roth June 20, 1886. Mr. Roth has been seriously ill since Christmas.

Surviving besides the husband are four sons: Joseph of Fort Wayne; Henry of Rice, Va.; Simon of Williams, Minn., and Chester, of Geneva; five daughters, Samilda at home, Mrs. Adline Mertz of Geneva, Mrs. Clara Templin of Hamilton, Mrs. Elma Amstutz of Berne, and Mrs. Savilla Habegger of Bluffton; two brothers, John and Sol Stucky, both of near Geneva; one half brother, Dr. Noah Zehr of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Fox of Berne and Mrs. Sarah Stockwell of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services will be held at 1:15 p.m. Friday at the home and at 2 o'clock at the West Missionary church.

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MARION K. SPRUNGER WEDS PEORIA GIRL

A wedding of interest here is that of Marion Kliewer Sprunger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sprunger, to Miss Eulale Gentry, which was solemnized yesterday. Mr. Sprunger has been employed by Allied Mills at Peoria, Ill. for several years on their experimental farm, and the bride, whose parental home is about 70 miles north of Peoria, has been employed in a restaurant at Peoria for many years in a clerical capacity.

Mr. Sprunger, more intimately known here as "Teddy", is a graduate of Berne High School with the class of 1930.

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Mrs. Hilbert Hockemeyer was Miss Marie Berning prior to her marriage to Mr. Hockemeyer on February 4. She is the daughter of Mrs. Emilie Berning, of the Bostick road, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hockemeyer, of Monroeville. The young couple now are at home to their friends near Decatur.

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JOHN F. MAZELIN TO OPEN SHOE REPAIR SHOP AT LINN GROVE

John F. Mazelin, well-known resident here, announces that he will open a shoe repair and harness shop at Linn Grove shortly. Mr. Mazelin operated a cobbler shop here from 1906 to 1923. More recently he was a clerk in Happy's Place and for the past several months he was employed in the Amstutz Bakery.

Mr. Mazelin will open his shoe repair and harness shop in the office portion of the old grist mill building at Linn Grove and will make definite announcement when he will be open to the public within a few days.

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