

(Handwritten date: Saturday, March 23, 1940)

YOUNG ADAMS COUNTY GIRL IS VICTIM OF TRAGEDY IN FRONT OF PARENTS' HOME  
FRIDAY  
FUNERAL TUESDAY

Tragedy marred a planned Easter celebration at the Joseph Koors home, two miles south of the city about 6:30 o'clock last night, when Agnes Marie Koors, 19-year-old daughter of the Adams county residents, was instantly killed in front of the Koors home on federal road 27.

Death was attributed to a skull fracture. She also suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and other injuries.

Miss Koors, formerly employed at the Newberry five and ten-cent store in this city, was returning from Fort Wayne, where she recently was employed at the Grand Leader department store.

She alighted from an ABC bus in front of the Koors home. Starting to cross from the west side of highway 27 to the east side on which the Koors home is located, Miss Koors stepped from behind the bus into the path of an auto driven by G. T. Jubb, 47, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

She was struck by the left front fender of the heavy late model car, and thrown up part way on the hood. Her body was carried 231 feet before being tossed aside, Sheriff Ed Miller, who investigated the accident, reported.

The driver of the bus, Donald C. Todd, of this city, told Sheriff Miller that he witnessed the accident in the rear vision mirror of his vehicle. He said that he warned Miss Koors to "be careful of the cars," as she alighted from the bus. After stopping the car, Jubb and Todd went to her side. Jubb then went to the Koors home to summon an ambulance. She was taken to the Adams county memorial hospital, where a physician pronounced her dead. It is believed, however, that death was instantaneous.

County Coroner J. Jerome Yager of Berne was summoned. Coroner Yager and Sheriff Miller continued their investigation of the accident this morning.

After making his report of the accident at the county jail, Jubb was released to return to his Kalamazoo home. Coroner Yager is expected to return his verdict within a few days.

COULDN'T SEE

"I couldn't see what was happening," Jubb told Sheriff Miller and Daily Democrat representatives. "The lights from the bus blinded me and I was slowing up. I supposed that the bus was just stopping to pick up or discharge a passenger. I did not think anyone had alighted as yet. The next thing I knew, a shadow loomed in front of the car and I thought I hit something. I started applying the brakes."

Sheriff Miller stated that tracks disclosed that the girl's body was carried 231 feet, that the vehicle traveled 91 feet before the brakes were applied from the point of impact and that it moved 140 feet after they had been applied, according to tire tracks.

The left front side of the Jubb car was damaged.

FUNERAL SERVICES TUESDAY

Funeral services for the victim will be held Tuesday morning at the St. Mary's Catholic church at 9 o'clock, with Rev. Joseph J. Seimetz officiating.

The deceased was born in Tipton, December 31, 1920, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Koors. She was a member of the St. Mary's church, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia, the St. Agnes Sodality and the Catholic Youth Organization. (cut off)

...a sister, Elizabeth, all at home.

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## MONROE COLUMN

Harley Ehram of Peru, spent the weekend here with his son, Rex, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ehram, his parents.

Clyde Fugate, of Bronson, Michigan, called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Fugate over the weekend. His father has been seriously ill for many months.

Dick Haggard has been purchased Albert Hullinger's house and Mr. Hullinger has purchased the Graham property now occupied by Phillip Nussbaum and family.

The local Methodist Ladies' Choir sang for the Friday night meeting of the Salem Methodist Church who is holding an evangelistic campaign the past two weeks with their pastor, Rev. Johnson, bringing the messages.

Mrs. John Haggard of near Monroe who has been seriously ill for some time has been very low the past few days.

Max Bahner has accepted a position with Remington Rand, Ind., Fort Wayne

J. J. Longenberger who celebrated his eighty-first birthday anniversary received a beautifully decorated cake from his son, Rollie, of Fort Wayne, in honor of the occasion.

Ruth Reeder, home economics teacher, in the Monroe school, spent the week-end at the home of her parents near Matthews, Indiana.

Mrs. Erwin Stucky and Ruth Schwartz motored to Montpelier Wednesday afternoon to call on friends.

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## DOUBLE SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION

Mr. and Mrs. Amos A. Liechty, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Liechty on Sunday celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary, which had occurred Saturday, January 27.

The latter's home was beautifully decorated in silver, white and pink. A short program was given by the children of the honored couples, which was enjoyed by all present.

Corsages and boutonnieres were presented to the honored couples by their daughters, Mrs. Ira Gerber and Miss Anna Liechty. Refreshments of three-tier cake, stenciled ice cream, wafers, and coffee were served to about forty guests present. Roses were given as favors.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Amos A. Liechty and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Liechty and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Liechty, Mr. and Mrs. Osia Van Gunten, Mrs. E. W. Lehman, Mrs. Noah Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gerber, Grover C. Moser, Sr., Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Suckau. Invited

guests unable to attend were: Miss Caroline Nussbaum, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., E. W. Lehman, of Lakeville, Ohio, Mrs. Gover Moser, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Levi Lehman.

The honored couples received many beautiful and useful gifts.

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Benwell Jones, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Jones, was brought to his home Wednesday, from the Adams County Memorial hospital, where he recently underwent an operation.

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### NIECE OF LOCAL WOMAN CLAIMED 13-Month-Old Daughter of Virgil Lines Dies

Word was received here of the death of Lena Marie Lines, 13-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lines of 4403 Warsaw street at Fort Wayne. The baby's mother is a sister of Mrs. Carl Burley here.

Death was caused from bronchial pneumonia and took place at the Fort Wayne Methodist hospital at 5:00 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Surviving are the parents and a brother and sister [sic], Byron and Forman, and the grandmothers, Mrs. Lena Hirschy and Mrs. H. ? Nikola.

The final rites will be held at the home at 9:15 a.m. Thursday and at 9:30 at the Fort Wayne South Side Nazarene church. The Rev. Paul Updike will officiate.

Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery west of Berne.

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