

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, March 13, 1940)

OBITUARY

In Memory of Oscar Lee Vance

"He is not dead. Such souls
forever live
In boundless measure of the
love they give."

On the evening of March 5th, 1940, the soul of our friend and brother, Oscar Lee Vance, peacefully slipped away to see its Maker, bringing to a close a life filled with noble deeds, inspiring thoughts and unselfish services for this fellow man.

For two score years Mr. Vance had been a faithful member of this church and church-school, never hesitating nor declining to do his full part in carrying on the work. He was a regular attendant at the church services, a member of the board of stewards, and of important church committees. In the church school he was ever active; his thorough knowledge of the Bible and history, his ability as a teacher, and his faith in God, made him always a welcomed teacher before any class. He was a charter member of the Co-Workers class, and served many years as one of the teachers, and was so serving at the time of his death. He also organized, taught and carried on by himself for a number of years a teachers training course which was attended by Christian workers from all churches.

At a time when his services are seemingly most needed, he is called away; but it is "God's will not ours be done," however.

"This is the state of man; today he puts forth
The tender leaves of hope, tomorrow blossoms,
And bears his blushing honors thick upon him,
And the third day comes - he falls!"

And so Mr. Vance has fallen into a sleep only to be awakened in that house not made with hands, eternally in the Heavens, leaving as our remembrance of him, the record of a well spent life, unspotted before the world.

To his devoted wife, his daughter, his grandson and to his other relatives and host of friends, the Co-Workers class of the First Methodist church of Decatur, extends as words of comfort, the assurance of the Master as we have heard the words quoted by Mr. Vance, and being the assurance which we know frequently comforted him:

"Let not your heart be troubled,
Ye believe in God, believe also
in me."

"Come unto me, all ye that are
heavy laden and I will give ye
rest."

Read, approved and unanimously adopted by the Co-Workers class, at the regular Sunday morning services, this 10th day of March, 1940.

W. A. Fonner, president.

Attest: Giles V. Porter, secretary.

(Handwritten date: Friday, March 8, 1940)

VANCE FUNERAL RITES HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services were held this afternoon for Oscar L. Vance, prominent Decatur merchant, who died Tuesday night at his home in this city. Services were held at the home and at the First Methodist church with Rev. R. W. Graham, church pastor, officiating. Burial was made in the Decatur cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were French Quinn, John H. Tyndall, George Flanders, C. D. Lewton, Henry Schulte, and Fred V. Mills. Active pallbearers were George Thoms, M. A. Frisinger, Cal E. Peterson, Leo Kirsch, Wendell Macklin and A. D. Suttles.

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(Photo) Miss Betty Schindler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Schindler, of Berne, has been selected as May Queen at Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind. Miss Schindler will reign over the May Day celebration to be held May 3. She is a senior at the college and has been active in activities on the Manchester college.

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, March 6, 1940)

CLOTHIER DIES

(Photo) O. L. Vance, prominent Decatur resident, senior member of the Vance & Linn clothing firm, died Tuesday evening at his home in this city after a brief illness.

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, March 20, 1940)

BAUMANN-BROWN NUPTIALS ANNOUNCED

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Maxine Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon D. Brown of Bluffton, and John Baumann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baumann, of this city. The wedding was solemnized at Newport, Kentucky on February 10.

The announcement was made Saturday evening at a party given at the home of Miss Rosie Schmoll in Bluffton. Miss Schmoll and Wally Kunkel of Peru attended the couple. The ceremony took place at the Baptist parsonage in Newport.

The bride was a graduate of Bluffton high school in 1938. The groom graduated from the Decatur high school in 1934.

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