

(Handwritten date: Friday, November 29, 1940)

DEATH CLAIMS ESIAS DAILEY

Prominent St. Mary's Township Farmer Dies This Morning

Esias W. Dailey, 77, prominent farmer and land owner of Adams county, died at his home in St. Mary's township, northeast of Bobo, at 10:45 o'clock this morning, following a several weeks' illness of pneumonia and complications.

Mr. Dailey was a native resident of this county. He was born June 27, 1863 in the same house in which he died. He was the son of James T. and Mary Johnson Dailey, who were numbered among the early pioneers of this community.

Long prominent in the business and agricultural life of Adams county, Mr. Dailey at one time served as a director of the Old Adams County bank. He was recognized as one of the most successful farmers in the county and his farm of more than 350 acres is one of the better ones in St. Mary's township.

Following his grade school education, Mr. Dailey enrolled in the National Normal school at Lebanon and for a number of years taught school in Van Wert and Adams counties.

In March of 1903, Mr. Dailey was married to Miss Laura Brunner, who died February 28, 1914. No children were born to the union.

Mr. Dailey was a member of the Mt. Tabor Methodist church and of the F. and A. M. Lodge in this city.

Surviving are a twin brother, James Dailey of St. Mary's township; two sisters, Mrs. Edgar Moses, also of St. Mary's township and Mrs. Mary Jones of Wren, Ohio. The latter is 94 years of age.

The body will be returned from the Cowan funeral home in Van Wert, Ohio, to the Dailey residence Saturday evening. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 1:30 (CST) from the Mt. Tabor church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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PAUL SMITH IS KILLED BY AUTO

Small Son of Former Decatur Residents Killed at Van Wert

Paul Richard Smith, two and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of Van Wert, Ohio, former residents of Decatur, was killed last evening when struck by an auto near his home.

The lad was struck as he darted across the street to his home after visiting at a neighbor's house. The lad died of a crushed chest and internal injuries while enroute to the Van Wert hospital in an ambulance.

The car was driven by Zack Hartman, 20, of Van Wert. He was absolved of blame in the accident.

This was the first Christmas that the boy had been old enough to really understand the spirit of the occasion and an elaborate celebration had been planned especially for him. A Christmas tree with his presents around it had already been arranged.

The lad is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Frosch of Union township and of Jack Smith of this city. He was the only child in the family.

Funeral services are to be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock (central standard time) at the Lutheran church in Van Wert and burial will be in that city.

The body was taken to the Vore-Knoll funeral home in Van Wert and is to be returned to the Smith residence, 802 Cable street, sometime today.

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(Photo: Elmer Nussbaum) Chosen as the outstanding boy in 4-H Club work in Indiana, Elmer Nussbaum, of four miles north of Berne, has been awarded a trip to the national 4-H Club camp in Washington, D. C., next August, as the representative of this state, it was announced by Z. M. Smith, state 4-H Club leader. Nussbaum has been active in the club work for 10 years. Last year, with LeRoy Schwartz, also of this county, he won the Adams County, district and state 4-H Club demonstration in both dairying and general classifications with a milk-cooling outfit. They also competed in the national contest in San Francisco.

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TRANSOCEAN PHONE CALL MADE HERE

Charles F. Ehinger, manager of the Citizens' Telephone company, reported that the first transoceanic call in the history of the company was placed last night. The name of the sender was withheld.

The call was placed to Zurich, Switzerland, and within 22 minutes after the call had been placed, the party had been reached and the conversation started. The conversation lasted four minutes - one minute overtime. The rate to Zurich is \$19.70 for three minutes.

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FINDS HIS SISTER

Howard Gause, Adams county man, recently held a reunion with his sister, Mrs. Lucy Stickler [sic], of Cleveland, believed drowned in the 1913 flood. Mrs. Stickler was then living at Pittsburgh and had been reported missing. Recently Gause heard that his sister was still living and easily contacted her, after believing her dead for 27 years.

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BIRTHS

Irvin and Margaret Jane Steiner Schindler are the parents of a baby girl, Dana, born Wednesday afternoon.

Jonas S. is the name of the baby boy, born Thursday to Samuel C. and Emma Graber Schwartz, of Wabash Township.

Amos M. and Rachel Amstutz Schwartz are the parents of a baby boy, Robert Lee, born Thursday.

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Owing to impaired health Miss Marie Miller, daughter of David Miller, who formerly was employed at the Equity Meat Market has been obliged to enter Healthwin Hospital, at South Bend. Friends wishing to communicate with her should address her there, Ward A Room 109.

Mrs. Jonas Sprunger is reported somewhat improved, although her condition is still serious.

Mrs. Amos Schwartz, of north of town, who has been ill for a few weeks, is somewhat improved.

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BIRTHS

Alice Joan is the name of the baby girl, born Friday to Otis and Frances Meyer Sprunger.

Jonas C. and Lovina Schwartz Neuenschwander are the parents of a baby boy, Peter L., born Dec. 7.

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