

Friday, February 27, 1942

Wife of Bryant Undertaker Dies

Mrs. Irvin G. Metzner Dies Suddenly on Thursday

Mrs. Julia (Stone) Metzner, aged 59, died suddenly at her home in Bryant at 5:45 o'clock Thursday morning. Death was due to a heart attack and was unexpected.

Mrs. Metzner was widely known throughout the community, having assisted her husband Irvin G. Metzner, in their funeral directing business for a number of years.

The deceased was a daughter of Ezekiel and Emily (Brinkerhoff) Stone and was born in Noble Township, November 7, 1882.

On September 3, 1904, she was married to Irvin G. Metzner, who survives with one son, Wendell Metzner of St. Louis; and one daughter, Ernestine, wife of T. B. Morrow of Richmond.

She is survived by the mother, Mrs. Emily Miller, of Ames, Iowa; two grandchildren, Julia Lee Morrow and Barbara Stone Metzner; three brothers, Dr. R. W. Stone of Chicago; Benjamin Stone of Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Dr. C. P. Stone of Palo Alto, California; four sisters, Mrs. Louisa Hough of Milwaukee; Mrs. Belva Teeter of Oakland, California; Mrs. Eva Burk of Wabash Township and Mrs. Elizabeth Nitcher of Ames, Iowa.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Bryant Lutheran Church. Rev. Walter C. Davis of Maywood, Illinois will officiate, assisted by Rev. Albert Keck of Richmond. Interment will be made in Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant.

Wednesday, June 3, 1942

J. Pritchard Amstutz Married on Tuesday

Announcement was received here today by relatives of J. Pritchard Amstutz of Royal Oak, Michigan to Miss Dorothy Dell Naylor of Buena Vista, Kentucky.

The wedding occurred Tuesday in Kentucky, where Mr. Amstutz has been attending college. The groom is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Menno N. Amstutz, formerly of this community and now of Royal Oak, Michigan.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Naylor of Beuna Vista, Ky.

Monday, May 4, 1942

John F. Hocker Funeral Here on Wednesday Prominent Monroe Man, Former Local Salesman, Dies

John F. Hocker, 70, widely known Monroe resident and a salesman for the A. J. Moser Company here for seven years died at 8:20 o'clock Sunday Morning at the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient for several weeks. He had been seriously ill for about four weeks. Mr. Hocker was one of the most widely known men in Adams County and spent much time in Berne and community.

Mr. Hocker underwent an operation at the hospital about two weeks ago. He had been suffering from gland trouble. Following the operation he was very weak and received several blood transfusions. A few days ago pneumonia set in and caused or hastened his death.

Mr. Hocker was born at Vera Cruz, in Wells County on August 18, 1871, a son of Joseph and Jestead Sunier Hocker. He was married to Rosa Ellzy at Monroe in 1892. The couple spent all of their married life in Monroe except one year when they lived at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hocker was a salesman at the A. J. Moser Company here from 1914 to 1921. He served on the board of directors of the company from 1917 to 1921. He and the late Ben Smith formerly operated a hardware store at Monroe and he was active in business otherwise. He spent many winters in Florida and summers in Michigan and had lived a retired life for some time. Mr. Hocker owned several farms in Adams County.

Surviving are the widow, a daughter, Mrs. R. J. Meyer of Monroe, three brothers and a sister. The brothers are Charles Hocker, Decatur; Rev. H. H. Hocker, Covina, Calif.; Otis Hocker of Monroe and the sister is Mrs. R. B. McKerman of Fort Wayne. A sister, Mrs. Mary Aldina Oliver is deceased.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the residence in Monroe and at 2:30 o'clock at the Monroe Methodist Church. Rev. R. F. Hart, pastor of the church and Rev. C. A. Schmid, pastor of the Cross Reformed Church here will officiate. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery west of Berne.

The body was brought to the Yager Mortuary here and will be returned to the home at Monroe this evening.

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