

Friday, May 8, 1942

Ima Leona Lee Dies Thursday Evening Pneumonia is Fatal to Decatur Woman

Miss Ima Leona Lee, 39, daughter of Mrs. J. C. Lee, of this city, died last evening at 5 o'clock at the Richmond Hospital. Death was attributed to pneumonia, following an illness of one week.

Miss Lee was born in Decatur on September 4, 1902, the daughter of J. C. and Mary Loser-Lee. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters Lodge and of the First Evangelical Church.

The father preceded her in death about 10 years ago.

Surviving are the mother and two brothers, Herman Lee of Fort Wayne and Chalmer Lee at home.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Black Funeral Home, with Rev. George S. Lozier officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

The body may be viewed at the Black Funeral Home after 7 o'clock this evening.

Monday, May 4, 1942

Contingent Leaves for Army Service Large Crowd Sees Group Leave Today

One of the largest crowds ever assembled to witness the departure of a selective service contingent was on hand at the draft board headquarters on Third Street this morning to see the county's first selective service group in May leave for induction into the United States Army.

The group went to the armory at Toledo, Ohio. Those who pass the examination were to be inducted. Those who fail are to be returned. In the group were married men and reclassified men - and on the whole they were an older group than any previously sent from the county. Those who left:

Donald Marcus Walt, Richard Foreman, Walter Nicholas Heimann, Lester Lemoil Morningstar, Freeman Reynolds, Ernest Willis Striker, Jack Death, Edward Francis Voglewede, Florenz Thomas Leonard, George Willis Ray, Thomas William Haubold, Edward Louis Summers, William Clarence Merriman, Carl Richard Augsburg, Charles Floyd Aspy, Wayne Edward Peterson.

Louis Anthony Holthouse, Jr., Reuben Jacob Ringger, Ralph Frederick Levy, Raymond LeRoy Hakes, Carl Harry Egly, Rolland Dale Engle, Carl John Lichty, Russell Theodore Golliver, Charles Hill Junior, David Sylvester Haviland, Elmer Bultemeier, Burtis Moses, Barney Commodore Everett, and Lloyd Biberstein.

The departure was marked by several unusual incidents. A sweetheart of one of the men fainted while waiting for the bus to leave, but was quickly revived. One of the men, Edward "Eddie"

Voglewede, evidently overslept and arrived at headquarters just as the bus was ready to pull away. The group was large enough that the board decided to name two men in charge, instead of the customary one. Thomas Haubauld was named leader and Ernest Willis Striker, assistant. Two others who were to have entered service with the group were transferred to other boards for induction. Chester Brandyberry was transferred to Decatur, Illinois and Dwight Richard Miller of 1823 Weisser Park to Fort Wayne.

Rev. Carey R. Moser presented each of the men with Bibles and James K. Staley, representing the Legion, gave each man a booklet. Roy Mumma, of the local draft board, was in charge.

Monday, April 27, 1942

SMETHERS

Ms. Savilla Smethers, 26, of Harlan died at 1:20 am Saturday at Lutheran Hospital in childbirth. The infant son, Buddy Clair Smethers, also died.

Surviving are the husband, Arthur; a son, Tommy; the mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Trennis Yoder of near Harlan; five brothers, Christ Yoder of Kokomo, Andrew and Ernest of Harlan, Henry of Woodburn, and Trennis, Jr. of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Mrs. Rose Gingrich of Goshen, Mrs. Sylvia Halderbaum of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Sarah Kaufman of Grabill and Miss Mary Yoder of near Harlan.

The bodies were removed to the Oetting Funeral Home in Harlan and will be returned to the residence at 6 pm.

Burial in the Leo Cemetery.

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