

Monday, December 6, 1943

Lem Neal, 59, of Geneva Dies Saturday

Prominent Geneva Man Victim of Heart Attack; Funeral Tuesday P.M.

Lemuel L. Neal, 59, well-known Geneva man, passed away at his home on South Main Street at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, from a heart ailment. Death occurred after Mr. Neal had eaten his supper and had sat down to read. He had been employed at the Equity Grain Elevator at Geneva and suffered his first heart attack while at work six weeks ago. During Thanksgiving week, he suffered his second attack while at work at the elevator. On both occasions, he had to be taken home to convalesce. Last Thursday, while at home, he suffered a third serious attack, from which he never fully rallied, although on Saturday he seemed considerably improved.

Mr. Neal was a son of Daniel M. and Kitty Ann Gale-Neal and was born in Blackford County on April 27, 1884. He was married to Miss Eva Conner in 1905.

They moved to Geneva in 1911, where he has been active in various interests. He was a staunch Republican and for eleven years was a member of the Geneva Town Board of Trustees. He also served as fire chief for a number of years. He was a member of the Geneva Methodist Church and of the Modern Woodman's Lodge.

Surviving with the widow are five children: Daniel of Chicago; Waldo of Geneva; Mrs. Edward Deitsch of Decatur, Mrs. William Meyers of Geneva and Joe of Fort Wayne. Two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Sanders of Battle Creek and Mrs. Joy Kinsom (cut off).

Friday, December 17, 1943

Joel Schaffter, 86, Dies This A.M.

Funeral Sunday P.M. for Hartford Township Farmer; Dies at Hospital

Joel Schaffter, 86, died this morning at the Adams County Memorial Hospital following a severe stroke of apoplexy which occurred on Saturday, December 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Moser in Willshire, Ohio, where he had been staying lately.

He was a son of Henry and Marian Burghalter-Schaffter and was born on October 23, 1857 in Wayne County, Ohio. His parents came to this county when he was five months old and he has lived here ever since, residing on a farm in Hartford Township until May 1941, when he was no longer able to care for himself. Since that time, he has been

cared for in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawbaker, Mr. and Mrs. William Schenbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Moser. He was never married.

Surviving are two sisters: Mrs. Caroline Hawbaker, 82, living in this community with her children and Mrs. Lydia Kauffman, 81, northwest of Geneva. Preceding were his parents and two brothers, William and Amos and two sisters, Mrs. Katie Huggel and Mary in infancy.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. C. A. Schmid Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Yager Funeral Home. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery. The body may be viewed at the funeral home until Saturday noon.

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