

Friday, December 31, 1943

Rites for Howard Parr To Be Held Monday P.M.

Remains Arrive from Nevada This PM; Draft Status Cleared by Board

The body of William Howard Parr, 28, who was fatally injured in an auto accident at 7 o'clock on Christmas evening at Las Vegas, Nevada, arrived at Ft. Wayne this afternoon and was brought to the Yager Mortuary here and will be taken to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Parr east of Berne this evening. Accompanying the body here was Mrs. Parr.

Funeral services will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bethel Brethren Church with Rev. W. F. Johnson conducting the service and Rev. W. H. Schaffer assisting. A short house service will precede the memorial at the church. Burial will be in the Willard Cemetery more commonly known as Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Parr, whose whereabouts had not been known by members of his family here for some months, prior to his fatal accident, particulars of which have not been learned and Mrs. Parr could not be interviewed at press time.

In justice to the unfortunate members on the Adams County Selective Service Board today requested that a statement be made regarding Mr. Parr's status with that board to set the public aright on conflicting reports concerning draft delinquency. Mr. Parr, the board stated, was delinquent only in one item, that of not having supplied a forwarding address. The board stated that that is not considered a serious violation and that there are many others in a similar status. Mr. Parr had not been called for induction and was therefore not delinquent in the sense that he had avoided induction. He had not been called to report and was listed delinquent only with reference to address.

There have also been continuing rumors regarding the circumstances of the tragedy, none of which bear credence. The local morticians are the only persons here who have any information to report of the tragedy and all that was learned is that it was an accident.

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