

(Handwritten date: Monday, March 29, 1943)

FLOYD RUPERT CHILD PNEUMONIA VICTIM
Bring Body Here From Swayzee For Funeral At Maple Grove Sunday

Nicola Louise, thirteen-month-old daughter of Floyd and Vera Baumgartner-Rupert of Swayzee, and formerly of this community, died Friday evening at 7 o'clock at a Marion hospital of double pneumonia. The child was a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Baumgartner east of Berne and of Mr. and Mrs. William Rupert of near Monroe.

The tot suffered a cold and developed pneumonia several days later. She was removed to a Marion hospital a week ago this morning when her condition became critical, where she died.

Surviving are the parents, and a sister, Darlene, aged 9 years, and the 4 grandparents.

The body was brought to the William Rupert home Saturday evening where it was held until Sunday afternoon, when funeral services were held at 1:30 o'clock there and at 2 o'clock at the Maple Grove Church of Christ a half mile east of the Baumgartner home. Services were conducted by Rev. Curtis Wilson of Swayzee. Burial was made in the Ray cemetery west of Monroe.

(Handwritten date: Thursday, Oct. 28, 1943)

CHARLES BAHNER OF MONROE IS KILLED BY TRAIN
Prominent Monroe Barber Victim As Auto Is Crushed

Police officials and the county coroner's office are investigating the death of Charles E. Bahner, 68, veteran Monroe barber and prominent Adams county Democrat, killed shortly before 4 p.m. Wednesday when his auto was struck by a southbound Pennsylvania passenger train.

Bahner was believed instantly killed when he is reported to have driven his slowly moving auto directly into the path of the train at the Washington street crossing in Monroe, which is also state road 124.

Although the train was also traveling at a slow rate of speed, preparatory to stopping at the Monroe station, Bahner was thrown about 75 feet from the point of impact and his auto pushed along the tracks for about 300 feet.

He suffered a triple skull fracture, one of which was a basal fracture, and directly responsible for his death; a compound fracture of the right leg, a fractured left elbow and lacerations.

One witness - Cecil Hammond of Heflin, Mo., a pipeline worker - said that he saw the Bahner auto approaching the crossing and that he believed the vehicle was coming to a stop. It suddenly moved onto the tracks, as if the driver became confused at the last minute, he said. The flasher signals were working, he told officer J. C. Mendenhall of the Indiana state police, who, with sheriff Leo Gillig and coroner Robert Zwick, are investigating.

Glen Stucky, a son-in-law, who is employed as the Monroe station agent of the railroad, looked up from his duties to see the train approaching with the auto being pushed on the cow-catcher. A second glance showed the victim's body lying several feet away.

It was reported that the victim was enroute west out of Monroe toward his victory garden and truck patch. The Bahner auto was almost totally demolished.

BORN IN PENNSYLVANIA

The deceased was born in Pennsylvania, but had resided in Monroe for the past 38 years. He had barbered there during all that time.

Mr. Bahner was active in Democratic politics in Monroe and Adams county since moving to this community and had served as precinct committeeman for a number of years.

One son, Paul, now a sergeant in the army at Los Angeles, Calif., served as Monroe town clerk and assistant postmaster for a number of years.

Surviving beside the widow, Daisy, are two sons, Sgt. Paul and Sgt. Max C. Bahner, in North Africa; two daughters, Mrs. Ferd Smith, Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Glen Stucky, Monroe; one grandson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church in Monroe, with Rev. Julius Pfeiffer officiating. Burial will be in the Ray cemetery, west of Monroe. The body was taken to the Lobenstein funeral home in Monroe.

(Handwritten date: Monday, November 15, 1943)

SPRUNGER-MAGEE WEDDING SUNDAY
Miss Florence Patricia Sprunger Bride of Lt. C. S. Magee

Impressive with military dignity, was the wedding at 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, of Miss Florence Patricia Sprunger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley R. Sprunger, of 806 N. Sprunger street, and First Lieutenant Claybourne Soule Magee, son of Mrs. C. S. Magee of Nixon, Texas, which took place at Wright Field Chapel, Dayton, Ohio. First Lieutenant Magee is stationed at Wright Field where he is in charge of Special Services, while the bride is employed in government work in the Air Service Command at Patterson Field, near Dayton, Ohio.

Chaplain Carmichel, A. C. First Lieutenant of the Wright Field Chapel solemnized the single ring ceremony in the presence of the family, relatives, friends and the military personnel of Wright Field numbering about one hundred and twenty-five persons.

Baskets of chrysanthemums in fall colors were placed before the altar and two five-branched candelabra stood on either side.

The organist, Private Arvie Recore, of Wright Field, presented a program of nuptial selections including "Kashmirian Love Song" and "Evening Star" from Wagner's Tannhausser and played (cut off)

...before the vows were spoken.

The bride, given in marriage by her father was striking in a gown of ivory satin made Princess style with covered buttons from the neckline to the waist. The fitted skirt fell into a train and the long fitted sleeves formed points over the hand. Her fingertip veil was caught in a full tiara of orange blossoms. She wore her mother's diamond lavalier and carried light lavender orchids in her bouquet surrounded by white roses and button pompom mums, in cascade arrangement.

Miss Louise Sprunger, only sister of the bride, attended as maid of honor. She chose a gown of azure blue taffeta fashioned on the same lines as the bride with the exception of the fitted sleeves ending below the elbow. The material of her dress was repeated in the basket weave of her julep cap over which a veil in matching color fell to the shoulders. She wore a pearl necklace which was her gift from the bride and carried a hand bouquet of Listra Hibbard roses. The gowns and head dresses of the bride and maid of honor were both hand tailored by the two sisters.

First Lieutenant R. D. Smith of Wright Field attended the bridegroom as best man and First Lieutenant R. J. Kruse and First Lieutenant W. W. Belew, both of Special Services at Wright Field ushered.

The bride's mother chose a drab covert suit with accessories of black. She wore a corsage of orchids a shade of lavender darker than the brides.

The new Mrs. Magee was grad- (cut off)

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1943)

JOHN ZWEIACHER'S TO OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING

Invitations have been received here for a celebration and dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Zweiachar's golden wedding anniversary, which will be held at the First Mennonite church at Geary, Oklahoma, on Sunday noon, November 7. The Zweiachar family formerly resided in this community but have lived in Oklahoma for nearly thirty years. Mrs. Zweiachar was formerly Miss Emma Lehman of this place and is a sister to Mrs. Amos Burkhalter and Mrs. Isaac Lehman. Friends and relatives in this community are invited to send letters or cards of congratulations.

(Handwritten date: Monday, June 21, 1943)

MRS. W. P. HENDRICKS, 76, SUFFERS STROKE SUNDAY

Mrs. William P. Hendricks, 76, suffered a paralytic stroke on Sunday morning at her home on Behring street and was found by a boy delivering milk to her home. She received the stroke while outside her house while tying up a rose bush. She was admitted to the Adams County Memorial hospital where her condition is said to be fair. She is fully conscious but her right side is paralyzed.

(Handwritten date: Friday, 1943)

DILLINGER'S FATHER DIES

Indianapolis, Nov. 5 - John Wilson Dillinger, 79, father of John Dillinger, the public enemy No. 1 of the 1930's, died Wednesday in Methodist hospital. He was born at Acton but had lived on a farm at Mooresville many years. Funeral services were held today at the Maywood home of his daughter, Mrs. Audrey Hancock, and burial will be here. Also surviving are Mrs. Doris Hockman and Miss Frances Dillinger, both of Mooresville, daughters, and Hubert Dillinger of Indianapolis, a son.

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