

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, December 29, 1943)

MRS. J. D. MASON, 63, DIES TUESDAY OF PNEUMONIA

Funeral Thursday P.M. At Maple Grove For Well Known Wabash Tp. Lady

Mrs. Alda A. Mason, 63, wife of John D. Mason, well known Wabash township lady, passed away at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Mason farm home two miles south and three miles east of Berne, death having been caused by pneumonia and heart complications. Mrs. Mason had been ill for three weeks, having first contracted the flu which later developed into pneumonia.

The deceased was a native of North Carolina, a daughter of Francis and Jane Haynes-Wood, having been born on March 5, 1880. On January 5, 1899, she was united in marriage to Mr. Mason, in North Carolina. Mr. Mason also was a native of that state, but had come to this community and had procured his farm. After their marriage, Mr. Mason brought his bride here and the couple has resided on their present farm ever since, rearing a family of six children, one of whom has preceded in death.

Surviving besides the sorrowing husband are the following children: Rebecca, wife of Marcus Luginbill, east of Berne; Edgar F. Mason, of Springfield, Ohio, who a few weeks ago received an honorable discharge from the army; Theodore E., west of Linn Grove, John H. of Berne and Mrs. Frances M. Biery of Chesterfield, Indiana. There are also several grandchildren. A daughter Alda May died unexpectedly in 1926.

A brother, Henry H. Wood, in North Carolina, survives and four brothers and three sisters preceded her.

The deceased was a member of the Maple Grove Church of Christ where funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, preceded by a short service in the home. Rev. Clarence Marchant will officiate, with Rev. A. N. Schockney of Portland assisting. Burial will be in M.R.E. cemetery.

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(Handwritten date is cut off, but does look like handwritten is "Joyce Ann also survive")

William Howard Parr, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. (Dick) Parr, east of town, was instantly killed in an automobile accident on Christmas evening at 7 o'clock, at Las Vegas, Nevada, according to word received by his parents here early Sunday morning. Particulars of the fatal accident are not known, except that Mr. Parr had been employed as a driver for the Blue Cab company in Las Vegas, and that a cab he was driving and an automobile collided.

The message of the fatal accident was the first information that the family had had of the unfortunate young man for some months. He had been home the last time on Christmas eve a year ago.

In a telephone conversation on Monday evening, between the local mortician, Jerome Yager, and a Las Vegas mortician, an inquest of the body had been held on Monday after which it was planned to ship the body here for burial. The body was to leave Las

Vegas Tuesday evening and will probably not arrive here before Thursday night or Friday.

The deceased was born in Blue Creek township on August 8, 1915, on the farm where the parents are residing along road 118, east of Berne. He had resided in this community most of his life.

The news of the tragedy is a severe blow to his family, especially his mother who is convalescing from a severe operation recently, having been critically ill for many weeks.

Surviving are the parents and ten brothers and sisters: Marcus, Dorothy, wife of Jess Brewster, Ruth, wife of Vilas Luginbill, and Bert, all of the community east of town; Helen, wife of Noble Reynolds of Decatur, Martha, wife of Daniel Price of Bluffton, Jim, east of town and Orel, Mary and Sam at home.

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## BIRTHS

A baby boy, Roman E., was born on Christmas Day to Enos and Maryann Hilty Girod at their home near Monroe.

Menno P. and Rosina L. Schwartz Steury are the parents of a baby girl, Nancy Jean, born at their home on December 23.

Announcements were received here of the birth of a baby boy, Harry Allen, to Roger and Genevieve Light Meshberger, on Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day a son, named Steven Kent, was born to Gene and Doris Laisure Hike at the hospital in Decatur.

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