

(Handwritten date: Monday, April 26, 1943)

#### SGT. D. L. CLARK GETS PURPLE HEART FOR GUADALCANAL INJURY

Sergeant Donovan L. Clark, son of Mrs. Michael Gregor, residing at 724 Lehman street, near Lehman Park, who is convalescing in Guadalcanal from shrapnel wounds received in action with the U. S. Marines, has been honored with the purple heart medal award, his mother has been informed through a recent letter from him. The purple heart is a medal awarded when earned, however Sgt. Clark is modest in his announcement to his mother, who kindly consented to the use of the interesting letter for publication. Dated April 5, it follows:

Dearest Mother -

Have been thinking of you constantly and am happy for your faith in my coming home. It is consoling and who knows, maybe prophetic?

I hope you didn't worry too much about that notice from the War Department or whatever department it was. Their officialdom and dignity causes them to dish out their dope in the literal and if a leg is blown off or merely punctured it's all one to them. Actually it was more of a miss than a hit.

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(Handwritten date: Monday, May 3, 1943)

#### ELMER D. HABEGGER STARTS PRE-MEDICAL

Elmer D. Habegger, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Habegger, left this morning for Goshen where he will enroll at Goshen college for a pre-medical course. Elmer graduated from Monroe high school last Wednesday and plans to carry right on through pre-medical and medical. At Monroe he had an average grade of 93, and was near the top of his class. He was 17 on March 1. His older brother, James, is a Junior in Northwestern University School of Medicine, at Evanston, and a sister, Maryann, is in nurses' training at Fort Wayne.

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Among those from this place who attended the funeral of Mrs. Stetler, mother of Mrs. Inez Neuenschwander in Bluffton, Ohio, were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lehman, Noah Neuenschwander, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Neuenschwander and daughter Miss Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Neuenschwander (cut off)

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(Handwritten date: Friday, May 7, 1943)

#### MRS. CORYDON RAYL RITES HELD TODAY

Former Louise Christener Dies At Decatur; Sister To Local Woman

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church in Decatur for Mrs. Corydon Rayl, 57, who died Tuesday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Cecil Franklin in Decatur. A house service was held at the family home near Decatur at 1:30 o'clock and burial was made in the Decatur cemetery.

The deceased was remembered here as Louise Christener, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Christener of northeast of here and was born on April 2, 1886.

Surviving are the husband, the following children: Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Albert Davidson of near Berne, Frank of Monroe, Thurman of the U. S. Army and Camp Perry, O., Richard of the U. S. Navy at Norfolk, Va., and Max at home; the following brothers and sisters: Gottlieb Christener of Richmond, Curtis of Sacramento,, Calif., Mrs. Lina Jacobs of this place, Ross, Ida, Fred and William of Monroe township, Mrs. William G. Purvis of Washington, D. C., Albert of Twining, Mich., Matilda of Fort Wayne, Mary of Battle Creek, Mich., and Mrs. H. W. Thompson, of Decatur.

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