

Charles BARKER

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Charles Barker, postmaster and merchant at Grange Corner had the good fortune last Thursday to aid in capturing some youthful horse thieves, dividing with others, who assisted him, a reward of \$75. It seems that four boys - one Harry Smith, age 13 or 14 two by the name of Sowers, age 8 and 10 and another whose name our informant did not remember~ took a horse and buggy about 9 o'clock Tuesday night in Danville, Ill and disappeared. The owner offered the above reward and Thursday morning, Mr. Barker received a card describing the outfit. In a short time he observed the horse and buggy being drive cast past his store. He informed others and the boys were arrested. The lads had spent the preceding night with young Smith's Aunt, Mrs. George Prouse, not far from Grange Corner. She gave them some eggs and other things to take to her sister for a present, not suspecting anything was wrong, but these they sold using the proceeds for spending money. Later in the day the owner of the outfit and the sheriff of Vermillion Co, Ill. appeared on the scene; paid the reward and with the boys and their booty returned to Danville. Charles Lewis, John Teagarten, Dan and Henry Catterson shared the \$75 equally with Barker, considering the morning's work well paid for. Donald "Jerry" Barker, 60, of rural Brownstown, died at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, 1980, in Fayette County Hospital, Vandalia. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday in Kaskaskia Church of the Brethren, rural Beecher City, with the Rev. Ausby Swinger officiating. Burial will be in the church Cemetery. Claggett Funeral home Brownstown, was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Barker was born Sept. 26, 1920, in Lovington, son of William and Mayme Lawson Barker. He was a custodian at Brownstown high School and a veteran of World War II. He married Ruby Childress on May 6, 1941, in Rockford. Surviving are his wife; sons, Danny of Flomaton, Ala.: and Kenneth of Waco, Tex.; brother, Forrest of Brownstown; Shirley Roles, Ethel roles and Mary Brannan, all of Decatur; Madge Clymer of Mooresville, Ind.; and seven grandchildren.