Gerald N. Bixler

September 19, 1918 – April 16, 1975



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            Gerald N. Bixler, 56, of 221 South 10th St., auctioneer for the Montpelier (O.) Auto Auction for 23 years, died unexpectedly at 1:15 a.m. this morning at his home.  Death was attributed to a heart attack.

            He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Elks Lodge, FOP Lodge, and American Legion post 43 of Decatur.  Mr. Bixler was a licensed auctioneer in both Indiana and Ohio, and a graduate of the Reppert auction school.

            The well-known auctioneer was a veteran of World War 11 serving in the European Theatre.

            Born in Blue Creek township on September 19,1918, he was a son of Eli and Grace Rickner-Bixler, and was united in marriage on April 27, 1941 to Geraldine Ray.

         Survivors include the wife; two children, Mrs. Robert (Donna) Shraluka of Decatur; Gregory Bixler of route 2, Defiance, O.; four sisters, Miss Leota Bixler of route 6, Decatur; Mrs. Alton (Mildred) Corson of route 2, Syracuse; Mrs. Floyd (Martha) Yost of Belmont, Calif.; Mrs. Ralph (Faye) Harvery of Sidney, O.; two brothers, Leo Bixler of Fort Wayne; Raymond Bixler of route 1, Decatur; and four grandchildren.

            Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Zwick funeral home, with Rev. Wilson Bixler officiating.  Burial will be in the Tricker cemetery.  Friends may call at the funeral home after 12 noon on Thursday.

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