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## JOHN C. SPAHR DIES AT DECATUR

Veteran Employe of Erie R. R. Dies on Thursday

DECATUR, April 9 - John C. Spahr, 69, a veteran employe of the Erie railroad, died at 6:15 o'clock Thursday morning at his home, 107 South Seventh street, following an illness of five months of complications.

Mr. Spahr had been an employe of the Erie for 56 years until illness forced his retirement.

He was born in Ohio Dec. 14, 1884, a son of Joseph and Mary Spahr.

Mr. Spahr was a member of the Bethany Evangelical United Brethren church and the fathers' auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his wife, Edna; three daughters, Mrs. Evangeline M. Lee of Cuyahoga Falls, O.; Mrs. Mary A. Fennig and Mrs. Madeline R. Snell of Decatur; two sons, William J. Spahr of Fort Wayne, and John D. Spahr of West Lafayette; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Floyd Spahr of Lima, O., Von Spahr of Ohio City, O., and Riffle Spahr of Markle and one sister, Mrs. Wave Furry of Lima, O. One daughter, two brothers and two sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Bethany Evangelical United Brethren church, the Rev. Benj. G. Thomas officiating. Burial will be at Ohio City, O.

(John Spahr is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Ohio City, Van Wert County, Ohio)

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## HABEGGER-PHILLIPS WEDDING SAT.

Irene Habegger, Bride of Lorris W. Phillips in Ft. Wayne Ceremony

In a simple, but impressive double-ring ceremony, Irene Habegger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Habegger northwest of Berne, became the bride of Lorris W. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Culley L. Phillips, of Grabill, Saturday evening in the First Missionary church at Fort Wayne. Rev. Robert Strubbar, pastor of the church, officiated.

The vows were exchanged before the altar decorated with palms, pink and white peonies, red roses and two seven-branch candelabra.

A one-half-hour musicale preceded the ceremony. Lois Ringenberg sang, "Because" and Mildred Hirschy sang "I Love You Truly". Together they sang "Indian Love Call." Leon Yaggy, violinist, played "Adoration" accompanied by Phyllis Sprunger, organist, who also played "To A Wild Rose" and "Blest Be The Tie That Binds." ??? carried a white Bible with a white orchid and streamers arranged on it, and wore a strand of pearls which was her gift from the bridegroom.

Miss Helen Habegger as bridesmaid wore a gown of delicate light blue sheer marquisette over pale blue satin featuring a square neckline edged with ruffles. She carried a colonial bouquet of mixed flowers and also wore a strand of pearls which was her gift from the bride.

DeVon Phillips was his brother's best man. Neal Goldsmith and Truman Gottschalk served as ushers and Norma Phillips and Lois Campbell as usherettes.

The mothers wore deep rose carnations in their corsages.

A reception for 85 guests was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Eusey where Mrs. Phillips has been making her home during her employment at the General Electric in Fort Wayne. Ice cream, cake and orange ade were served by the Misses Marjorie Gottschalk and Rose Habegger, the Mesdames DeVon Phillips, Wilmer Lehman and Howard Pharr. Mrs. Fred Eusey presided at the refreshment table.

The couple left on a short honeymoon and on their return will make their home with the bridegroom's parents where he is engaged in dairy farming. For her journey, the bride wore a purple flowered dress with purple and brown accessories and wore the white orchid which she carried on her Bible.