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AFTER ADAMS COUNTY CRASH

Funeral Is Planned For Mrs. C. W. Teeple; Three Are Hurt

DECATUR, Ind., Jan. 11 - Funeral services for Mrs. Charles W. Teeple, ?, of Decatur, who died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Adams County Memorial Hospital of injuries suffered in an auto collision three miles east of here, will be held at 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the Zwick Funeral Home here and at 2 p.m. at the Methodist church. Mrs. Teeple suffered a skull fracture and did not regain consciousness.

The accident occurred when the car driven by Mrs. Teeple collided with an auto driven by William E. Funk, of Kentland. Dick Fairchild, 16, an occupant of the Teeple car, suffered a fractured left arm and is in the hospital here. Funk suffered numerous cuts and bruises and also is still confined to the hospital. Harry Brewer, ??, of Delphi, who was riding in Funk's car, suffered minor cuts on the head and was dismissed after treatment at the hospital.

Mrs. Teeple is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Chapman, New Haven Rural Route No. 2; the husband, two children, Mary Jane, 9, and Betty Lou, 2; two brothers, Kenneth and Ward, both at home; two sisters, Mrs. Goldie Gorman, 3346 Piqua and Miss Kathryn Chapman, East Berry street, both of Fort Wayne. She was born in Woodburn.

Mrs. Teeple was under contract with The News - Sentinel to deliver papers in the rural territory. The body was removed to the Zwick Funeral Home in this city. County authorities have begun an investigation into the mishap.

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ADAMS COUNTY MAN IS KILLED SUNDAY NIGHT

Henry Gallmeier is Fatally Injured When Struck By Auto

A traffic fatality marred the end of the year 1939 in Adams county last night as Henry Galmeier, 78, prominent Preble township resident, died at 8:45 o'clock in the Adams county memorial hospital of injuries suffered less than two hours before when he was struck by a car.

Mr. Gallmeier was struck by an auto driven by Ed Wait, 24, of this city, as he was crossing federal road 27, seven miles north of the city, shortly after 7 p.m.

He had just stepped from a car driven by his son-in-law, Lawrence Bultemeier, on the west side of the highway and started across to the St. John's church to attend New Year's Eve services as he was struck.

A group of residents of that community, standing in the service station, operated by Rudy Meyer, witnessed the accident.

Gallmeier was thrown to the pavement. Witnesses carried him into the service station and summoned an ambulance. He was brought to the hospital in the Zwick & Son ambulance by Robert Freeby.

Two physicians were summoned and administered treatment, but he died after being in the hospital little more than an hour.

Mr. Gallmeier suffered a skull fracture, internal injuries, a compound fracture of the right leg at the ankle and a fractured left leg.

OFFICERS INVESTIGATE

Officer Russel Prior of the Indiana state police and Sheriff Ed Miller were called to the scene and investigated the accident.

Young Wait told him that he was driving about 45 miles per hour as he approached the place where the accident occurred and that as soon as he saw Mr. Gallmeier he reduced the speed of his car. He estimated that he was driving about 20 miles per hour when his car struck the victim.

After making his report, young Wait was released to return to his home on Madison street here. County Coroner J. Jerome Yager of Berne was notified and was to open his investigation today.

LIFE-LONG RESIDENT

The victim was a life-long resident of Preble township. He was born in that township April 15, 1861, the son of Conrad and Christina Kraft-Gallmeier.

He was married to Wilhelmina Kleine August 25, 1897. He was a member of the St. John's Lutheran church and had been actively engaged in farming during his entire life.

Surviving besides the widow, are a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Bultemeier, and a sister, Mrs. Wilhelmina Fuhrman of Preble township. Four brothers and two sisters are deceased. Seven grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock at the home and 2 o'clock at the church with the Rev. A. R. Treulzsch officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The body will be returned to the residence this afternoon from the Zwick funeral home and may be viewed there after 3 o'clock until time for the funeral.

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Large crowds are attending the revival meetings at the First Missionary church. Rev. Edison Habegger, of Chicago, is the speaker. He is a native of this place and a graduate of the Fort Wayne Bible school.

Verna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Nussbaum, fell recently while ice skating and suffered a bad gash above her eye, which required several stitches to close.

Chris Litweiler, Monroe township living north of Berne, cut through the joint in his left thumb, with an ax. He suffers considerable pain.

Peter F. Mazelin of Berne has been ill for some time with bronchial pneumonia and complications. He is reported improved.

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