

Wednesday, April 22, 1942

## ARRIVALS

Lynda Lue is the name of the nine pound baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Ellenberger of Jackson, Ohio April 11. Mr. Ellenberger is the former manager of the Morris Store here.

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Saturday, March 21, 1942

## Former Local Woman is Taken by Death

Funeral services for Mrs. E. A. Vernon of Jackson, Michigan formerly of Decatur, will be held at 10 o'clock from the McCarty Funeral Home in Fortville, according to word received today by Mrs. E. W. Busche of Monroe.

Mrs. Vernon was the mother of Mrs. L. M. Busche of Lafayette. Her death occurred Friday following an extended illness.

She is survived by her husband and two daughters and four grandchildren.

The family lived here for several years, operating a milk line, then moved to a farm west of Decatur and later to Jackson.

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Wednesday, October 28, 1942

## Local Merchant Dies at County Hospital

### Decatur Merchant Dies Last Night

Samuel Brooks, 56, prominent Decatur Department Store Owner and manager, died last night at 9:15 o'clock at the Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Death was attributed to thrombosis of the heart, following an illness of about three months. He was admitted to the hospital six weeks ago.

Mr. Brooks had engaged in the clothing and department store business since a young man. He came to this city from Bluffton 18 years ago. Since that time he had owned and operated the Economy store.

Mr. Brooks was born in England June 23, 1886. He came to this country when a youth. He was of the Jewish faith and a member of the Achduth Vesholam Temple in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are the widow, Mary Smilack-Brooks, and two children, Irene and Bernard, both students at the Decatur Junior-Senior High School here. A family of brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

The body was taken last night from the local hospital to the Scheumann Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. It may be viewed at the funeral home after 4 o'clock this evening until time for the service Thursday morning.

Services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the funeral home. The body will be taken to South Bend for burial.

Graveside services will be held in South Bend at 2 pm Thursday.

Mr. Brook's birthplace was Cardiff south of England, and one of the communities which first became target of Nazi raids in this war.

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Friday, February 27, 1942

Reba McCollum Is Wed on Saturday

Miss Reba McCollum, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor McCollum, east of Geneva and Robert Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bailey of Bryant, were married at 8:30 Saturday evening at the Bryant M. E. Parsonage. Rev. C. D. Porter performed the single ring ceremony.

The bride attended Geneva Schools. The groom operates the Bob's Filling Station at Bryant where they will reside.

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