

Saturday, January 1, 1944

Mrs. Lillie Fosnaugh Dies This Morning
Funeral Services Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Lillie Fosnaugh, 50, wife of George Fosnaugh, well-known Washington Township farmer, died early this morning at the Adams County Memorial Hospital after an extended illness of nephritis. She had been ill for the past 10 years.

Mrs. Fosnaugh was born in Hartford Township, August 8, 1893, a daughter of Rufus and Minnie Schapp-Kreps. She was married May 5, 1915 and lived her entire life in this county.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her father, who lives at Bluffton, three sons, Arthur of near Monroe; Frederick of Linn Grove and Tech. Cpl. James Fosnaugh of Camp Atterbury, Ind.; and three daughters, Mrs. Weldon Stucky of Monroe; Betty and Norma, at home. One brother is deceased. Three grandchildren also survive.

Her death was the first to be recorded in this city in the New Year.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home, four miles southeast of Decatur on the county farm road and at 2 o'clock from the Evangelical Church in Linn Grove, of which she was a member, with Rev. Oscar Fleshes officiating. Burial will be in the Linn Grove Cemetery.

The body will be moved from the Zwick Funeral Home to the Fosnaugh farm home Sunday afternoon, where it may be viewed.

Thursday, April 19, 1943

Adams County Youth Killed in Air Crash
Carl D. Baumgartner is Killed in Kansas

Carl David Baumgartner, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baumgartner, of Kirkland Township, was killed in the crash of a United States Army bomber near Pratt, Kansas, Wednesday, according to a telegram received by the parents early this morning.

Baumgartner, a private, first class, was a radio operator on the bomber.

He enlisted in the air force in April, 1942, and was inducted into the Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, May 15 of last year. He had been in service in the Panama Canal, Mexico and California and was only recently transferred to the Army air base at Pratt. He was home on furlough about four weeks ago.

Although no details were contained in the telegram received by the parents, it is believed that Baumgartner was not killed instantly. The word, from Col. J. W. Hammond, commander of the air base at Pratt, stated that the crash occurred at 10:00 am Wednesday, but the telegram announcing Baumgartner's death was timed at 10:05 pm last night.

The air tragedy victim was born in this county, December 4, 1919, the son of Joe and Viola Baumgartner. He graduated from Kirkland High School, where he starred on the basketball team, having captained the squad in his senior year.

Surviving besides the parents are five brothers (cut off) Baumgartner, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Acker of this city, stationed with the U.S. Army at Camp Beal, Calif.; Roy of Decatur; Linn, of Preble, Russell of Peterson and Don Baumgartner, at home; and three sisters: Mrs. Esther Yager of near Fort Wayne; Mrs. Alice Smith of Adams County and Mrs. Anna McKean of near Monroe. Mrs. Smith's husband, Otto Smith, Jr., was killed in an airplane crash near Berne a few years ago.

The body will be returned to the Yager Funeral Home at Berne, although no word had been received this afternoon as to time of arrival.

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