

County official dies

John L. LeMaster Jr., 50, superintendent of the Jay County Home on RR 4, Portland, died unexpectedly early this morning at the Jay County Hospital after a brief illness.

He was appointed as superintendent of the county home in November of 1971 by the Jay County commissions. LeMaster and his wife, Helen, assumed their duties as superintendent and matron of the county home on Jan. 1, 1972.

LeMaster had been employed by the Indiana State Highway Department.

He was born May 24, 1922 in Madison Township, Jay County, the son of John L. and Dortha (Delauter) LeMaster. On Oct 22, 1911, he was married to Helen Pease, who survives.

LeMaster was graduated from Madison Township High School in 1940. He was a member of the Salamoniam Christian Church where he served as a deacon.

Surviving besides his wife are one daughter, Mrs. William (Kay) Addington, RR 6, Portland; five sons, Leland and Terry LeMaster, RR 6, Portland; Douglas and Larry LeMaster, Salamoniam, and Gary LeMaster, Redkey; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Lemaster Sr., Salamoniam; three sisters, Mrs. Gail (Jerry) Stoner, Troy, Ohio; Mrs. Ralph (Ardis) Bickel, Anderson and Mrs. Phillip (Ann) Monger, Hagerstown; one brother, William A. LeMaster, RR 6, Portland, and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services are set for Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home with Don Potter, minister of the Salamoniam Christian Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Salamoniam Cemetery.

Callers will be received at the funeral home after 1 p.m. on Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the Hemophiliac Search Inc., 60 E 42nd St., N.Y., N. Y., 10017.