

## Obituary

Nellie May, daughter of J. P. and Mary A. Rominger, was born near Chambersburg, Ind., April 19, 1872. Departed this life Jan. 26, 1929, at St. Anthony Hospital, Louisville, Ky., aged 56 years, 9 months and 7 days. She was united in marriage to Elsworth Sparks, Dec. 5, 1897. To this union two sons were born, one dying in infancy, Clyde having preceeded her in death March 5, 1922. She was converted Jan. 14, 1894, at home and was a member of the Ames Chapel M. E. Church. She loved the church and attended every service possible. Her life was Spirit filled and was worthy of imitation. She was also a member of the W. F. M. S. attending regularly. She lived every day true to her Master. When visiting with the neighbors she loved to talk of Jesus and her heavenly home. It could be said of Nellie, "She eateth not the bread of idleness." She leaves to mourn her departure a devoted husband, one sister, Mrs. Lillie Lashbrooks, of Paoli, Ind., two brothers, Charley and Everett Rominger, of near West Baden and Alonzo Sparks who made his home with them and many other relatives and friends. She will be missed in the home and Church and Missionary Circle.

To husband and loved ones left behind put your trust in Jesus. He doeth all things well and we will understand it better by and by.

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning  
at the bar  
When I put out to sea;  
But such a tide as moving seems  
asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out  
the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark;  
And may there be no sadness  
of farewell  
When I embark;  
For tho' from out our bourne of  
time and place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to  
face  
When I have crossed the bar.

Funeral services and burial were had at Ames Church Monday afternoon, Rev. Montgomery, pastor of the West Baden Circuit being in charge, assisted by Rev. R. O. LaHue, pastor of the Paoli M. E. Church.

We want to thank Bro. Montgomery and Bro. LaHue, and all the neighbors and friends and for the beautiful floral offerings, and all that assisted us in any way in the loss of our loved companion and sister  
Elsworth Sparks,  
Mrs. Lon Lashbrooks,  
Charlie Rominger  
Everette Rominger

—Courtesy of  
Mrs. Delmar (Gaithel Rominger) Friedman  
West Baden Springs, Indiana



**Some interesting facts about the first Trustees of Ames Chapel Church.**

**Benjamin R. Smith.** 1831-1894. Buried at Ames  
**Mary A. Smith.** 1826-1895. Buried at Ames  
Benjamin R. married 1st Elizabeth Charles, May 17, 1852; 2nd Mary Ann Charles, Sept. 9, 1855. 1 child of Benjamin R. and Elizabeth is buried at Smith-Charles graveyard. 5 children of Benjamin R. and Mary A. are buried at Smith-Charles graveyard. (This graveyard is on the Russell Lewis place.) Benjamin R. was a son of Nicholas & Catharine Smith. (from p. 49, Abstract of Orange Co. Wills) DAR.

**William Charles.** 1820-1893. Buried at Ames. Civil War.

**Caroline Charles.** 1833-1910. Buried at Ames. William Charles married Caroline E. Faucett, Dec. 3, 1857.

From: "Trigg Co. Ky." a new book at State Library and records of Livingston Co., Ky.:

**Azor Charles** 1796-1871

**Rachel Cobb** 1796-1855.

Their Children: William B., 1820 (M. Caroline Faucett); Wilson, 1822-1853; Samuel, 1824-1853; Mary Ann, 1826-1895 (M. Benjamin Smith); Elizabeth, 1828 (M. Benjamin Smith); Maradith, 1830; John, 1832; Seth, 1834; Joseph, 1836-1862.

**James P. Campbell**

**Adlai Campbell,** 1776-1848. (This couple came from N. Carolina in 1811.) Catherine Porter Campbell, 1774-1853. Buried at Ames. (Moved there?? Cemetery not started.)

Their son, Maxwell, 1805-1860, married Dec. 1827 to Sarah Field, 1812-1890. Both buried at Ames.

Their son, James P. Campbell. Nov. 10, 1835-March 23, 1913. Married 1st Priscilla Giles on Jan. 5, 1859. Priscilla, 1839-1902; 2nd Margaret Springer on July 26, 1903. Margaret, 1847-1913. All 3 are buried at Ames.

**John Millis**

**John Millis,** 1845-1928. Buried at Bloomington. Married 1867 to Maria Bruner, 1845-1920, buried at Bloomington.

Maria Bruner was a sister of Jane Ham, widow of Moses Ham. They were daughters of Alfred Bruner, a pioneer Methodist.

John Millis was a son of Enoch Millis, 1823-1878 and Lydia Hill Faucett, 1824-1906. This couple was divorced. Enoch was killed in Kansas. Lydia is buried at Ames. Enoch was a son of Nicholas, 1794-1870, buried at Millis graveyard, and Eleanor Maris, 1802-1835.

Nichosan was a son of Edward 2nd and Hester Ann Spooner. Edward 2nd, 1772-1857. They were pioneers in Indiana Territory in 1811. Edward 2nd was son of Edward 1st and Mary Nicholson, who lived (and stayed) in Orange Co., North Carolina.

— Courtesy of Mrs. A (Pearl) Wilson, Paoli

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**Leroy D. Stone, 1827-1901.**

**Mahala J. Durham,** 1835-1916. Both buried at Ames. Married Jan. 7, 1856. They lived in Montgomery County at that time. (See sketch in *Orange County History*, p. 282.)

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**James S. Porter**

**James Porter,** who died in 1848, had sons, Thomas B. and James S., and David; daughter Mary Hix (sometimes Hicks). This James 1772-1848, buried at Springer graveyard.

**James S. Porter,** 1825-1884. Buried at Ames. **Elizabeth J. Patton,** 1827-1912. Married Oct. 14, 1847. She had consent of J. P. Campbell.

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**Hiram G. Robbins**

**Hiram G. Robbins,** 1842-1908. Buried at Ames. (I do not find data on him or his wife.)

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From *Springs Valley Herald*, Feb. 1941.

(This farm passed out of hands of Smith family in 1957. Bought by Russell Lewis.)



**MRS. A. C. SMITH POSSES  
INTERESTING DEED MADE IN 1818**

Mrs. A. C. Smith of this city has in her possession an interesting deed signed by President James Monroe in 1818 for the farm which she now owns located three miles east of French Lick. The deed, issued to Joel Charles at the General Land office at Vincennes, was one of the many land parcels sold by the United States in the territory northwest of the Ohio and above the mouth of the Kentucky river. The deed, printed on parchment, is still in a good state of preservation.

Joel Charles, who was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Smith's late husband, Azor C. Smith, was the first settler in French Lick Township after the French, and he entered the land above mentioned on November 11, 1811. This farm was later owned by his son, Azor Charles, then by Azor Charles, son-in-law, Benjamin R. Smith and his sons. Thus having been after the War of 1812, Joel Charles lived with his large family in a fort in French Lick, located where the French Lick Hotel now stands, and where a company of troops was stationed.

He was the first Justice of Peace in Southwest Township, now French Lick and Jackson Townships, in Orange County, Indiana Territory. His son, William Charles, was murdered by the Indians in 1813 near the French Lick Fort where he, his wife and one child lived with his father.

This Joel Charles was the great-great-great-grandfather of James R. McCampbell and the great-great-great-grandfather of David Dillinger of this city.

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— Courtesy of  
Mrs. Andrew (Pearl) Wilson  
Paoli, Indiana

From: **Cemetery Record of Orange Co. 1947.**  
By DAR's.

**Henry H. Underwood, 1864-1888.** Buried at Ames.  
(from Marriage Record Index, Orange County)  
Henry Underwood—Nancy McCracken. Marr. 25 Jan 1838. (??? dates do not fit. One is in error, maybe wrong Henry)

**Calvin Sparks, 1833-1892.** Member of Co. B. 24 Reg. Ind. Vol. (Civil War). Eleanor, wife of Calvin, 1830-1896.

Calvin Sparks—Ellen A. Morris. Marr. 5 Dec. 1852. Both buried at Ames.

Campbell, Mariah, 1839-1850

Campbell, Mariah J., 1879-1897 (Do not find Maria 1861-1879)

**Harris, Notley, 1858-1915.** Stone erected by West Baden Lodge #657 IOOF.

**Lambdin, Lucy A., 1849-1936.**

Lambdin, Nathan P., 1837-1925.

Nathan P. Lambdin—Lucy A. Charles. Marr. Dec. 8, 1887.

**Stackhouse, John A., 1859-1940.**

Stackhouse, Lucy E., 1865-1932.

John A. Stackhouse—Lucy E. Pipher. Marr. Sept. 10, 1885.

**Underwood, Thomas J., 1845-1932.** Co. B., 24 Reg. Ind. Vol. GAR 334.

Underwood, Mary A., wife of Thomas J., 1847-1936.

Thomas J. Underwood—Mary A. Wolfington. Jan. 14, 1869.

**Sparks, Nellie M., 1872-1929** (wife of Elsworth)  
Sparks, Clyde B., 1905-1922 (their son)

**Charles, George A., 1858-1924**

Charles, Ellen,

Charles, George A.—Ellen Dalton. Marr. 2 Dec. 1880.

**??Willie Charles, 1860-1940**

Lizzie Charles, wife of Willie, 1869-1913 (This may not be William A.)

From **The Paoli Republican**, Thursday, Jan. 16, 1941 (condensed 20 years later).

Funeral services for **Enos C. Kirk**, aged 84, were conducted Wednesday afternoon from Ames Chapel by Rev. James Austin. Mr. Kirk succumbed to a paralytic stroke at his home in West Baden Monday.



From **The Paoli Republican**, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1960. Obituary.

Thus characterizes the beauty and sweetness of this wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. (The top has been cut off the clipping).

#### **Sallie Underwood Kirk**

the daughter of William C. and Sallie Matherly Underwood was born April 20, 1889 in Orange County, Indiana. On Dec. 27, 1907 she was united in marriage to Ralph Kirk. The Lord blessed their marriage with four children, William Clyde of Indianapolis, Alberta Pinnick of Linton, Clarence R. of Indianapolis, and Ruth Irene Duncan of Orlando, Florida.

Sallie was a member of the Ames Chapel Methodist Church, a firm believer in God, the Bible and the old fashioned religious way of life. She was a devoted mother and companion, whose presence shall be more than missed. Floods of precious memories of the many qualities and outstanding things that made her a love and cherished person could be told of her, but time and space will not permit.

Her passing was a great shock to the family and friends, when on Feb. 13, 1960, around the hour of 1 p.m., she quietly slipped from this world of heartache, worry and pain to a better land of which Jesus went to prepare for His own.

Left to await the day of the glorious reunion on Heaven's shore is her husband and children, one sister, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends.

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—Courtesy of  
Mrs. Andrew (Pearl) Wilson  
Paoli, Indiana

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From **Paoli News**, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1960

Final rites are being held Thursday p.m. in Ritter Chapel at French Lick for Mrs. **Sarah B. Kirk**, widow of Enos Kirk. Mrs. Kirk, 86, died Tuesday p.m. at the Gorge Nursing Home where she had been a patient for about a year. Rev. H. L. Blasdell is conducting services with burial in Ames Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirk, the former Sarah Ballard, had spent all of her life in Orange County. She made her

home with a daughter, Mrs. W. R. Dixon, east of West Baden before entering the nursing home.

Surviving with the daughter are two other daughters, Miss Ellen Kirk, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Violet Trinkle, Orleans; two sons, Leo Kirk, Forest Park, Illinois, and Harry Kirk, Hagerstown; a step-son, Ralph Kirk of Paoli; four step-daughters, Miss Glenn Kirk, Indianapolis; Mrs. Mary Charles, Paoli; Mrs. Gertrude McClellan, Ridgefield, Washington; and Mrs. Ruth Luth, Kearney, Nebraska; three sisters, Mrs. Amanda Ballard, French Lick; Mrs. Ada Herley, Gary; and Mrs. Stella Harmon, Phoenix, Arizona; and four grandchildren.

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From: **Paoli News**, May 8, 1975

**Ralph Kirk**, 88, caretaker at Ames Chapel Cemetery for 45 years, died early Thursday at his home on route three. He was a farmer and former custodian in the French Lick school system.

He was a member of Ames Chapel United Methodist Church.

A native of Orange County, he was born July 10, 1886, a son of Enos and Nancy Walker Kirk. He was married in 1907 to Sally Underwood who preceded him in death in 1960.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Duncan of Milton Kentucky, and Mrs. Alberta Pinnick of Linton; a brother, Clarence Kirk of Indianapolis; three half-sisters, Mrs. William Dixon and Miss Ellen Kirk of West Baden and Mrs. Violet Trinkle of Orleans; two half-brothers, Leo Kirk of Park Forest, Illinois, and Harry B. Kirk of French Lick; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral servies will be Sunday at 2: from Dillman-Ellis, conducted by Rev. Claude Wilson. Burial will be in Ames Chapel Cemetery. The body will be at the funeral home after 4:30 p.m. Saturday.



From **Progress-Examiner**, Oct. 1976

**Lawrence E. Love** was born Feb. 3, 1889 to William and Margaret Matherly Love and passed quietly away from this life Oct. 21, 1876 at the age of 87.

He was married to Bernice Wilson, May 20, 1916, who preceded him in death Jan. 16, 1968.

To this union 3 children were born. They are William Lawrence, Orleans; Marjorie Tolbert, West Baden; Roy Don, Fulton, Missouri.

... Those of his family preceding him in death were 3 brothers, Herschel, Harry and Burrell, and one sister, Sally. Also one son-in-law, Merle Tolbert.

Those remaining to mourn his passing with his children are 7 grandchildren: Rheta Love Terrell, Donna Love Crews, John William Love, Linda Tolbert Purlee, July Tolbert, Brett Love, Mark Love and 7 great-grandchildren and two daughters-in-law, Edith Love, Orleans and Carolyn Love, Fulton, Missouri, and one sister, Annis Alexander of Decatur, Illinois.

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From: **Cemetery Record of Orange Co. 1947**, by DAR. Bethel IOOF Cemetery.

**Ham, Willet A., 1862-1935.**

Willet A. Ham—Sarah Halbert, married Sept. 3, 1885 (from County marriage records).

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From: **Cemetery Record of Orange Co. 1947**, By DAR's.

**Henry H. Underwood, 1864-1888.** Buried at Ames.

(From Marr. Rec. Index, Orange Co.)

Henry Underwood—Nancy McCracken, Marr. 25 Jan. 1838.

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From **Paoli News**, Thursday, March 27, 1969

**Mrs. Mary E. Fitzpatrick**, 85, died early Wednesday at Orange County Hospital where she had been a patient for five days. She was transferred from Gorge Nursing Home where she had resided for two years.

She was a life-long resident of Ames Chapel community and a member of the Methodist Church there. She was the widow of Joe Fitzpatrick who died in 1962. Surviving are a

daughter, Mrs. Mary Jo Miller, and a son, Joe Fitzpatrick; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. (These were step children).

Funeral services will be Friday at 2: from Ritter funeral home, conducted by Rev. Glenn McGuire. Burial will be in the chapel cemetery.

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From **Paoli News**, Thursday, Nov. 30, 1961

**Joe Fitzpatrick, Sr.**, died Thursday morning at his home west of Paoli where he had been confined with a heart condition. Mr. Fitzpatrick had marked his 82nd birthday on Nov. 20.

Final rites will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Ames Chapel Church of which he was a member. Services will be conducted by Rev. Herbert Mathers and Rev. Lloyd Wright. Ritter funeral directors are in charge of arrangements and burial in the church cemetery.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was a retired farmer. He was a member of Redman lodge.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Joe Fitzpatrick Jr. of Paoli and Ned of Chicago; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Miller of Gary; two brothers, Guy Fitzpatrick of Edwardsport and Jim Fitzpatrick of Bloomfield; and three grandchildren.

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From **Paoli News**, Thursday, May 6, 1965

Former Orange countian, **Ned Fitzpatrick**, 54, died Wednesday night at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Heinz, Illinois. Mr. Fitzpatrick had been injured in an automobile accident Feb. 28 in the Chicago area and had never regained consciousness. He was under care at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago until Wednesday. His death came eight hours after his transfer to the V.A. hospital.

A native of Bloomfield, he had moved to Orange County when a small boy. His home was in Chicago. Arrangements for final rites are pending.

He is survived by his step-mother, Mrs. Joe Fitzpatrick Sr., a brother, Joe, and a sister, Mrs. Gene Miller.



From **Paoli Republican or News?**, Thursday, April 27, 1950

A marriage of 71½ years was broken Tuesday by the death of **E. R. Lashbrook**, 92. He would have celebrated his 93rd birthday May 3 ... funeral by Ellis funeral directors from Ames Chapel Methodist Church where he was a member for more than 50 years. He had taught Sunday school class there for 53 years and was before his class on Sunday prior to his illness.

When the church burned in 1913, he was serving as trustee and he with other trustees, friends and members built the present Ames Chapel. He took an active part in the church dedication May 17, 1914.

The body is to lie in state from noon. Rites are in charge of Rev. Carnet Lewis and burial is in the chapel cemetery.

Mr. Lashbrook was married in Sept. 1878 to Rebecca Cave who with 4 of their 5 children survives. One son, Emmett, preceded him in death. Surviving are Mrs. Paul Lindley, Mrs. William Armstrong, & Miss Blanche Lashbrook, and Ted Lashbrook, Westfield.

In early life he engaged in the sawmill and timber business in Orange and Dubois counties and continued this occupation until he moved to his present farm in 1897. There he farmed and also had a road building and stone quarry business in which he was active until his death. In 1900 he was elected sheriff of Orange County on the Republican ticket and was re-elected in 1902 by virtue of the efficiency of his first term. He remained active and energetic in political life of the county and was a familiar figure in the offices of the courthouse. Here his alertness and interest in all public questions made "Uncle Dick" the center of many conversational circles.

He was a member of a long-lived pioneer Orange County family. He is the 7th deceased in a family of 10 children born to Hiram and Priscilla Kirby Lashbrook, whose ages at death have ranged from 76 to 96. Surviving are James C. Lashbrook, Mrs. Susan Breeden, and Mrs. Hester Wininger, all in their 80's. Preceding him in death were Mrs. Margaret Kirby, Mrs. Sarah Dixon, Mrs. Ella Lashbrook, Wesley, Leroy and Will Lashbrook.

From **Paoli News**, Thursday, Oct. 21, 1965

**Mrs. Irvin Langley**, 63, died Tuesday evening at 7:30 at her home west of Paoli following a long illness of cancer. She was born May 24, 1902, a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. M. Spurlock of West Prestonburg, Kentucky. The parents and one brother preceded her in death.

She was a member of Ames Chapel Methodist Church where services will be held Friday morning at 10:30. The body will be brought to the church to lie in state from 9:30 a.m. by Ritter's Funeral Home. Rev. William Whipple will conduct services with Rev. Howard Wardrip assisting. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Besides the husband, Irvin Langley, she is survived by two brothers, R. L. Spurlock and Richard Spurlock, both of Prestonburg, Ky., and one sister, Mrs. Mabel S. Fannin of Findlay, Ohio. Mrs. Fannin has been staying in her sister's home for the past nine weeks helping to care for her. Mrs. Langley is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

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## OBITUARY

On Feb. 7 in the year 1864 there came into the home of Stephen and Nancy Witsman **Wells**, a son, **Charles G. (Grant)**. He grew to manhood on his father's farm north of Paoli. On Jan. 11, 1891 he was married to Sarah Bell Campbell. To this union was born one son, Luther. He being so fond of children, took into his home Rosa Pointer, now the wife of Fred Dillinger of Kokomo, when she was a small child, rearing her as his own daughter.

Besides the widow, son and daughter, he leaves two grandchildren, Charles and Mary; also three foster grandchildren, Mrs. Anna Bell Percy, Manford and Patty Lou Dillinger. He is survived by one brother, Alva Wells, two sisters, Mrs. Addie Lucas and Mrs. Hattie Springer, all of Paoli, and one half sister, Mrs. Sarah Jane Scott of Casey Creek, Kentucky.

When all that loving hands could do was done, granting every wish he asked for, he left us on Sept. 28, (1935), aged 71 years, 7 months and 21 days.

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From a Paoli paper. OBITUARY

... **Sarah Belle Lane**, daughter of James Perry and Priscilla Jane Campbell, was born Aug. 16, 1870, near West Baden. She was saved and united with the church in early girlhood.

She was united in marriage to Charles G. Wells on Jan. 11, 1891. To this union was born one son, Luther. She took into her home Rosa Pointer, who became the wife of Fred Dillinger and now resides in Kokomo, Indiana. After the death of Mrs. Wells, she spent a few years in Ohio.

She was united in marriage on Sept. 21, 1946 to Perry C. Lane of West Baden. Mr. Lane passed away just seven weeks ago on May 5, 1951.

She had gone to Ohio for a visit in the homes of her son and granddaughter when she became seriously ill. The best medical and nursing care proved unable to prolong her life when at the age of 80 years, 10 months, and 5 days, death called her to her heavenly home in the early morning hours of June 21.

She leaves to mourn her departure the son, Luther, and wife of Dayton, Ohio, two grandchildren, Charles Wells of Clarksville, Indiana, and Mrs. Ralph Stitsworth of Jamestown, Ohio; 3 great-grandchildren, the foster daughter and family of Kokomo, Indiana, two step-daughters, and two brothers, George Campbell of West Baden and James Campbell of Lafayette.

From **Paoli Republican**, Thursday, Dec. 5, 1946  
(Condensed 20 years later)

**Charles Pipher**, 79, died Wednesday of last week at his home in Paoli. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Ames Chapel. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery.

From **Paoli Republican**, Wednesday, May 3, 1942  
(Condensed 20 years later)

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon for **Mrs. Charles Pipher**, aged 71, who succumbed to a long illness at her home in west Paoli Sunday. Rites were held at Ames Chapel. Burial was made in the Ames cemetery.

From **Paoli Republican**, Thursday, Feb. 12, 1942  
(Condensed 20 years later)

Funeral services are being conducted Thursday afternoon for **Alonzo Sparks**, aged 82. Mr. Sparks died Tuesday evening at the home of his brother, Elsworth, near Prospect. Rites are being conducted from Ames Chapel with interment made in the nearby cemetery.

From a Paoli newspaper, Oct. 30, 1958

Funeral services for **Elsworth Sparks** are being held Thursday at Schmutzler funeral home in French Lick. Burial is in Ames Chapel Cemetery. Mr. Sparks, 92, died Monday night at the Gorge nursing home. Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Sparks.

From a Paoli newspaper, Oct. 28, 1958  
(Same except:)

An invalid for many years, Mr. Sparks was taken to the nursing home Sept. 22, after suffering a paralytic stroke.

He was a native of Orange County, born Sept. 16, 1866. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Felknor Sparks.

From **Paoli Republican**, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1967

**Jesse Wilson**, 81, retired carpenter, died Monday enroute from his Route 1, West Baden home to Orange County Hospital. Final rites will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 in Ritter Funeral Home with burial at Ames Chapel Cemetery. Rev. Glenn McGuire and Rev. William Whipple will officiate at the services. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sadie Lashbrook Wilson and a sister, Mrs. Martha Pipher of Orleans. He also leaves nieces and nephews.

— Courtesy of  
Mrs. Andrew (Pearl) Wilson  
Paoli, Indiana



From **Paoli News**, Thursday, Sept. 30, 1976

Services are being conducted Thursday for **Mrs. Sadie Wilson**, 87, West Baden, R. 1, who died at Orange County Hospital Tuesday morning shortly after being admitted. Rev. Max Toliver is officiating at services from Brosmer-Drabing Funeral Home and burial is in Ames Chapel Cemetery.

She was a member of the Ames Chapel United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a half-brother, Hiram Lashbrooks of Indianapolis, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Luella Flick and Mrs. June Brown, both of French Lick.

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**Cecil Early Abel**, born Nov. 24, 1913, died May 31, 1979. Services from Ames Chapel Church, June 2, 1979 at 2 p.m. Final resting place: Ames Chapel Cemetery. Funeral conducted by Taber Funeral Home. (from folder given at funeral home).

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From **Paoli News**, Thursday, Oct. 16, 1969

**William Chastain**, 74, West Baden, retired farmer, died Tuesday night at Orange County Hospital where he had been a patient for 8 weeks.

He was a veteran of World War I and a member of Orange County W.W.I. Barracks and Ames Chapel Church.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 from Brosmer-Drabing Funeral Home with burial in Ames Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, the former Pearl Gillum; two sons, Clyde Chastain of Paoli, and Duane Chastain of West Baden; two daughters, Mrs. Marie Doan of Paoli and Mrs. Joyce Jones of Shoals; and 12 grandchildren.

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From **Paoli Republican**, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1960

**Edward E. Underwood**, 82, died Sunday afternoon in Orange County Hospital where he had been a patient since Wednesday. Mr. Underwood, a retired Orange County farmer, for many years operated a threshing machine throughout the country.

Final rites will be held Wednesday afternoon in the Ames Chapel Church conducted by Rev. Carnet Lewis, assisted by Rev. Lloyd Wright. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at Ritter Funeral Home in French Lick after Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Underwood is survived by his wife, Ethel, one son, Harold of West Baden, one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Condra of French Lick, two grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Joe Fitzpatrick, Sr.

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From **Paoli Republican**, Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1973  
(Not sure of this date)

Funeral services were conducted Sunday for **Mrs. Ethel Underwood**, who died early Friday at Medco Annex, French Lick. She had been a nursing home patient for three years.

Rev. Claude D. Wilson and Rev. Jack Fehrman conducted rites from Ritter Chapel. Burial followed in Ames Cemetery.

Mrs. Underwood was a life-long resident of the Ames Chapel community. She was the widow of Edward Underwood. She was a member of the Ames Chapel United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Condra, a son, Harold, West Baden, two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

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From **Paoli Republican**, Tuesday, April 15, 1975

Arrangements pending at Ritters for **Carrol L. Wininger**, 61, French Lick, who died early Tuesday morning at Orange County Hospital. Had been a patient there two weeks and suffered a severe heart attack during his hospitalization.

He was a member of Ames Chapel Methodist Church.

Surviving: wife, Opal; four daughters, Mrs. Ramona Orr, Mrs. Virginia Woolsey, French Lick, Mrs. Darlene Fouche, French Lick, and Mrs. Diane Nicholson, Indianapolis. Duwayne of Lexington, Kentucky; foster-sister, Mrs. Eulah Kerby, French Lick; and ten grandchildren.



## In Memoriam

In loving memory of our father  
on this, his birth date.

When one is honest, unselfish,  
kind

When unkind thoughts of others  
possess not one's mind;

When one shows love and concern  
for all that he would know,

When one would share these  
things with them, they could  
only grow;

When even night, a man would cut  
firewood to keep his family  
warm.

And rise to thank Him and enjoy  
the beauty of each morn.

When a man gives to his family all  
that he can,

When a man gives himself, then  
truly he's a man.

When one would help a neighbor  
all that he could,

When this is only one more proof  
of his infinite good;

When a man believes that faith in  
God gives meaning and purpose  
to human life

And that service to humanity is the  
best work of life,

When because a man believes the  
Bible, loves his church and  
trusts in God,

There is no earthly trial through  
which he cannot tread;

When a man appreciates little  
kindnesses for him done,

When he makes to others his  
appreciation known;

When a man is proud of his family  
and makes it known,

This is one more way his great  
love is shown.

When a man thanks God for his  
work, his family and life,

When he asks forgiveness for  
himself and his wife;

When he feels it is a privilege to  
take everything to God in  
prayer,

When he confesses to others of  
Divine Guidance being near;

When through a man's life he  
teaches, "It's the little things  
that count."

When he believes that God has  
never let him down - he's a man  
without a doubt.

When one man is all of these good  
things, and O, so many more,

We know that God will keep him,  
for beautiful things He has for  
him in store.

And as our Daddy is taken from  
us, and with God will always be,

A prayer that a part of his deepest  
goodness will remain a part of  
each of us through eternity;

—Poem written by Karen Darlene Wininger  
Fouche in loving memory and honor of Daddy  
on the day of his death.

—Read by Pastor Max Toliver during the funeral  
services at Ames Chapel United Methodist  
Church, April 17, 1975.

—Printed in memoriam on the birthdate of our  
beloved Daddy.

Truly the earth's greatest treasure  
lies in human personality.

The children of  
Lloyd Carrol Wininger

THE SPRINGS VALLEY HERALD.

FRENCH LICK, INDIANA.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1975

## OBITUARY

LLOYD CARROL WININGER

Lloyd Carrol Wininger, son of  
Oscar and Luzena Dixon Wininger,  
was born in French Lick, Indiana,  
on June 19, 1913.

He departed this life on April  
15, 1975 at the Orange County  
Hospital where he had been a  
patient for over two weeks,  
suffering from a severe heart  
attack. He had fought a good fight  
but passed away like a vapor, age  
61 years, nine months, and 27  
days.

The family in his early childhood  
moved to the farm in the Ames  
Chapel community where he grew  
to manhood. He united with the  
Ames Chapel United Methodist  
Church in 1939 and was a faithful  
member. He served as trustee of  
the church and special committee  
member, and taught the Men's  
Sunday School class for several  
years.

He was married to Ruthie Mae  
Brown on June 6, 1937, and to this  
union were born five children:  
Ramona, Carrol Duane, Virginia,  
Darlene and Diane. On June 28,  
1972, he was married to Mrs. Opal  
Smith. Her kindness and devotion  
were expressed during their short  
wedded life together.

He was a farmer but in later  
years he worked on construction.  
His quiet disposition and amiable  
character made friends with all  
with whom he was associated.  
Rich in his faith in God and the  
Lord Jesus, it seems that he well  
may have said, as did Paul:  
(Second Timothy 4:7,8) "I have  
fought a good fight, I have  
finished my course, I have kept the

faith; henceforth, there is laid up  
for me a crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous  
judge, shall give me at that day;  
and not to me only, but unto all  
them also that love His appear-  
ing."

May we all who have known him  
and associated with him, receive  
an inspiration to live better from  
his life which has been so rich in  
deeds of love, sympathy and  
kindness.

Left to mourn his passing are his  
wife, Opal; four daughters, Mrs.  
James Orr of West Baden, Mrs.  
Ronald Woolsey and Mrs. James  
Fouche of French Lick, and Mrs.  
Steven Nicholson of Indianapolis;

one son, Carrol Duane, of Lexing-  
ton, Kentucky; one foster sister,  
Mrs. Raymond Kerby of French  
Lick; 10 grandchildren, and sev-  
eral cousins and many friends.

"Whose love can equal the love of  
a father; whose devotion so loyal  
and true;

Who suffered so much with such  
joy for another, who works with  
such pleasure as father for you;  
You hail with delight the friend-  
ship of others, you revel in love  
of the goods that you've won.  
Yet where do you find a devotion  
like father's, unbroken, till  
death calls and life's work is  
done."

### Card Of Thanks

He would wish to thank each  
and every person who exhibited  
interest and concern with prayers,  
cards, visits and professional care  
during his hospitalization. Words  
cannot express our deepest feel-  
ings of appreciation and comfort  
due to the many prayers, cards,  
flowers, calls, visits, concern, and  
little kindnesses done during the  
time of his hospitalization and  
upon the passing of our dear loved  
one.

A special note of sincere appre-  
ciation to all those in the medical  
profession and ministerial field for  
their truly professional and human  
concern, care and prayer.

The wife and family of  
Lloyd Carrol Wininger

Courtesy of

Mrs. James (Karen D. Wininger) Fouche  
Bloomington, Indiana



## OBITUARIES

**Luzena Dixon Winger**, daughter of Alfred and Clorinda Pinnick Dixon, was born March 14, 1878 near West Baden Springs (Indiana) and departed this life November 12, 1962, age 84 years, 7 months, and 28 days.

She was married to Oscar Winger on August 16, 1910. Two children were born to this union, namely, Harold Ray who died in infancy and Lloyd Carrol.

The family later established a home in the Ames Chapel community and were blessed by a foster daughter, Mrs. Eulah Boyd Kerby, who came to live with the family at the age of nine years. She loved and cared for her as her own.

She united with the Church of Christ of Prospect in early life and remained a devoted member. She had great faith in God, trusting and believing that He would ever sustain and comfort in every trial.

Most of her lifetime was spent in Orange County, where during her younger life she taught school for ten years.

Her husband preceded her in death on January 1, 1962.

She was a mother of unassuming conduct who went about daily, ministering where she could as long as her health permitted ... not in a public way, but steadily doing, if comfort was needed she knew how to sympathize. Well can it be said of her, "She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not of the bread of idleness."

She leaves to mourn her departure, the son and wife, and foster daughter and her husband, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, a brother, William S. Dixon of West Baden Springs and a number of nieces and nephews.

### "Beautiful Hands"

Such beautiful, beautiful hands!

They're neither white nor small,  
And you, I know, would scarcely think  
That they were fair at all.

I've looked on hands whose form and hue  
A sculptor's dream might be,

Yet are these aged, wrinkled hands  
Most beautiful to me!

Such beautiful, beautiful hands!

Though heart were weary and sad,  
These patient hands kept toiling on  
That the children might be glad.

I almost weep as looking back

To childhood's distant day,  
I think how these hands rested not  
When mine were at their play.

But, oh, beyond this shadow land

Where all is bright and fair,  
I know full well those dear old hands  
Will palms of victory bear;

Where crystal streams, through endless years,  
Flow over golden sands,

And where the old are young again,  
I'll clasp my Mother's hands!

— Ellen M. Gates

## OBITUARIES

**Oscar Winger**, 80, passed away January 1, 1962, at the Orange County Hospital, Paoli, Indiana, after an illness of many years.

He was born in Orange County, near French Lick, Indiana, August 26, 1881, to John W. and Susan Shoaf Winger, but at the age of 13 months his mother died and he was left with kindly neighbors. His father then married Addie Wortinger who gave Oscar the love of a real mother.

As a result of his Christian training in the home and church, he began a Christian life by joining the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church in his early life where he left his membership. This loved one established good morals and standards by reading and discussing the Bible with his family as their devotions. Recently, he expressed his desire to be baptized by immersion in the First Baptist Church in West Baden, a church he had helped to build.

As a young man, Mr. Winger followed the carpenter's trade, then moved to a farm near Ames Chapel where he spent the latter half of his life.



On August 16, 1910, he married Luzena Dixon, and to this union two sons were born: Harold Ray, who died in infancy, and Lloyd Carrol, who with his family have lived with his parents and been associated with his father in farming until recently.

At the age of nine, little Eulah Boyd (Kerby) was welcomed into the Wininger home and became a loved member of the family. She brought many pleasant moments and happiness into the home and loved these parents and foster brothers as her own.

Oscar leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Luzena Wininger; one son, Lloyd Carrol Wininger; his foster daughter, Eulah Kerby; one half-sister, Mrs. C. E. Shanks, Salem, Indiana; a half-brother, Lemuel, Guthrie, Oklahoma; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Wininger; a son-in-law,

Raymond Kerby; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and other close relatives. One half-brother, Raymond Wininger, preceeded him in death.

Oscar was greatly loved and respected by all who knew him. He worked hard all his life, but was ever willing to share what he had with all those around him, and though he will be missed by his loved ones, his rest is well deserved.

He will be greatly missed  
By all who loved and cared,  
He leaves his many structural arts  
To be admired and shared.

— Courtesy of  
Mrs. Ronald (Virginia Wininger) Woolsey  
French Lick, Indiana



**A MESSAGE TO FUTURE HISTORIANS  
OF EARLY ORANGE COUNTY METHODISM  
AND OF AMES CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



It is the author's hopes that somewhere, sometime, someone will find a copy of this work and continue where it if finished with the date of September 16, 1979. It may be that the copy will be old and yellowed with brittle pages. The author may be "resting with his ancestors" in Ames Cemetery, awaiting the Resurrection.

I would hope that the same respect will be given to the people in this book as the author has shown them. Many of the people the "old timers" told the author about when he was but a lad and many of them he remembered. This book has been the results of a labor of love and dedication. It took many hours of research, writing, re-writing, collecting, interviewing, much detailed doings and just plain, hard, tedious work to bring this book into a reality.

As this book was being put together, somehow the author did on occasion let his imagination run loose. He seemed to relive the experiences with the people; Peter Cartwright, on horseback and his horse's muscles straining as it climbed the northern banks of the Ohio River, on their way to preach the Gospel to the people living in the "wilderness of Indiana"; he listened in on the Class Meetings that later became Nelson Chapel, watched them roll logs and build their church; could see the stage coach as it rambled along the New Albany-Vincennes Road and could almost hear the rattling of the coach as it went by the little church. While on this fantasy, it was interesting to watch them unload the gold and secure it "safely" within the Inn and to watch as the guests sat themselves down to a simple, stable food ... to see the church divided (peacefully) so one group could establish another church on another main road of the day, the Hayesville-Paoli Road ... to see the representatives of Nelson Chapel and Smith Chapel select a building site for the new church ... to listen in on their discussion of what to name the consolidated church and to hear them talk with Moses Ham about securing some land for the church and a cemetery.

The author could almost relive the revival meetings ... he could see (with his imagination) a young teenage girl bowing at the altar in the new Ames Church, praying, crying and repenting of her sins ... the



light, the joy, the happiness that radiated from her face as the Spirit witnessed to her soul. So grateful for her life and her influence on her family that was passed on to the present generations listened to the music of the old pump organ, the singing of the people and the preaching of the Word. The author could nearly smell the smoke of a burning church building, frantically wanted to help rescue the contents, wishing he could extinguish the fire felt the people's hearts ache on that Spring morning the church burned nearly shedding tears with them rejoiced at the dedication of the new brick building. The author relived the past one hundred years, only to be suddenly jolted into the reality of the Twentieth Century.

Because of this writing experience he will never be the same. For you see, in a literal sense of the word, he is a part of those people they were his ancestors. He is one of the many products of that generation.

This brings home a heart searching truth. Will people one hundred years from 1979, if Jesus tarries that long before the Rapture, look back and read about our lives, how we conducted our business, how serious we took (or didn't take) our opportunities and responsibilities to God and His Church? Will they say of us, "Thank God for those people of God who lived back in the years of the 1970's. It is because of their faithfulness to God, His Word and His Church that I am a Christian today!"? It really causes one to search his soul!

Thank God for godly ancestors, true, but what they did is now history. It cannot be altered one iota. Today we are making history, that in years to come, will be said of us. However, we can in the process of history making, do it correctly. We can leave a heritage of godliness, holy living and Bible believing influence for the present generations that will influence the generations yet to come.

**MAY GOD HELP US TO DO IT!**

— The Author





## ABOUT "THE WILSONS"

Claude & Bessie

Claude Derrill Wilson, son of Raymond L. Wilson Sr. and Estelle I. Hickman Wilson, was born on the Peter Pope Farm, just across U.S. 150 from Ames Chapel Church on December 18th.

Dr. C. E. Boyd attended this occasion and was assisted by Mrs. Ralph (Sally) Underwood Kirk. He was the youngest new born baby that Harry Love had ever seen. Claude, the youngest of three boys, has two older brothers, Raymond L. Wilson Jr., and Robert H. Wilson.

Most of his early childhood and early manhood were spent in the vicinity of Ames Chapel. Here he received his early church and Sunday school training. It was in the Ames Church, on a cold, windy, winter evening in the mid-nineteen forties, as a backslidden, spirit-troubled youth, he bowed at an altar of prayer and "laid a cornerstone" of true determination to live for God. Luther Ragsdale of Orangeville knelt by him, put his arm around him and prayed with him. The evangelist was Rev. James Ratcliff from the Paoli Methodist Church and the pastor was Rev. Lester Sweeny. All through the many years since, a close, cordial working relationship has been maintained with the people of Ames and the former West Baden Charge. It is with these people he has his roots.

He attended his first year of school at Abbey Dell, where the entire eight grades were taught by one teacher. His first teacher was Raymond McIver. After graduating from West Baden Springs High School, he enrolled in Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, to study for the ministry.

Rev. Wilson has pastored for over twenty-eight years in southwestern Indiana and is an ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene, having pastored in West Baden, Montezuma, Vincennes Reel Avenue, St. Bernice, Paoli, and currently the Zion Church of the Nazarene, west of Bloomington on State Road 46.

He also attended Northwood Institute and is a graduate of I. V. Tech in Emergency Medical Commissions.

Currently he serves on the District Board of Orders and Relations and has served with the District World Missionary Society and Church School Boards. Presently, he is secretary for the Richland-Beanblossom Ministerial Association in Ellettsville.

Bessie, the daughter of Ralph E. and Maggie McFarland Brown, was born on April 8th at the family farm residence about one mile west of the Moore's Ridge Methodist Church. Dr. Hammonds (the father of Dr. Keith Hammonds) attended this occasion and was assisted by Bessie's grandmother, Mrs. Peter (Mary Line) Brown. Bessie has two older sisters, Mrs. Dovie Anderson, Mrs. Ethel Crowe; a brother, Homer Brown and a younger sister, Mrs. Gladys Prow.

Most of her early childhood was spent in the vicinity of Moore's Ridge Methodist Church where she received her early church and Sunday school training. Here, her Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Homer (Nora Pipher) Fisher, had great influence on her life and spiritual decisions.

It was in the Moore's Ridge Church, in the Spring of 1939, she bowed at an altar of prayer and "laid a cornerstone" of determination to live for God. Nora Fisher knelt by her and prayed with her. The evangelist was the pastor, Rev. Earl Denny. Through the many years since she has maintained a cordial, working relationship with the Moore's Ridge people. It is with these people she has her roots.

She attended her first year of school at Number 14 School, where the entire eight grades were taught by one teacher. Her first teacher was Mrs. Albert (Bell) Livengood. After graduating from French Lick High School, she entered employment with the French Lick State Bank as a bookkeeper. (The bank president was W. W. Cave). Now the Bank is The Springs Valley Bank and Trust Company. Here she was



employed until she married Claude Derrill Wilson and moved to their first pastorate on the banks of the Wabash in Montezuma, Indiana.

When the family moved from the farm in 1946 to French Lick, Bessie transferred her membership to the United Brethren Church there. Later the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church formed a denominational union. This church is now known as "The First United Methodist Church of French Lick."

It was in this church the Wilsons were married by Rev. Harold Frederick on August 6th, 1954. Rev. Harold Newby of Terre Haute was the best man, Mrs. Roy (Gladys Brown) Prow was maid of honor, Floyd Burton, Roy Prow and Glenn Parsons were ushers. Mrs. Richard (Doretha Brown) Walls of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Rex (Frances Eastridge) Drabing were the bridesmaids. Mrs. Jeanie (Crowe) Harrod was the flower girl. Mrs. Harold (Rosealee) Newby provided the music and Ms. Betty Gromer sang. Rev. Wilson sang to his bride the song, "I'll Be Loving You Always." Rev. Newby sang the wedding prayer song, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

They have two children, a daughter, Mrs. Danny (Marsha Lynn) Hickman of Paoli, and a son, Derrill Ray Wilson of Bloomington. Also, they are typically proud grandparents. a grandson, Matthew Dustin Hickman, born March 5, 1977 at the Orange County Hospital in Paoli, Indiana.

The Wilsons have a deep sense of appreciation for the influence that Ames Chapel Methodist Church and the Moore's Ridge Methodist Church had upon them in the early, formative years of their lives.





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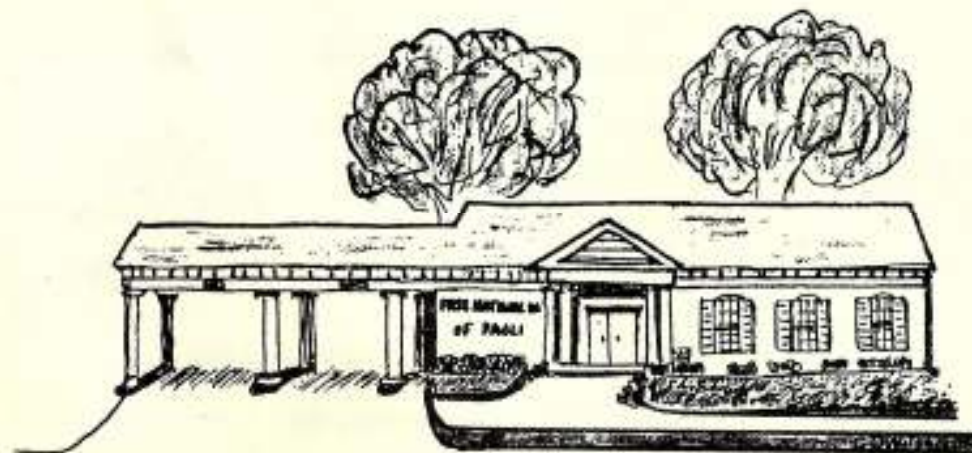
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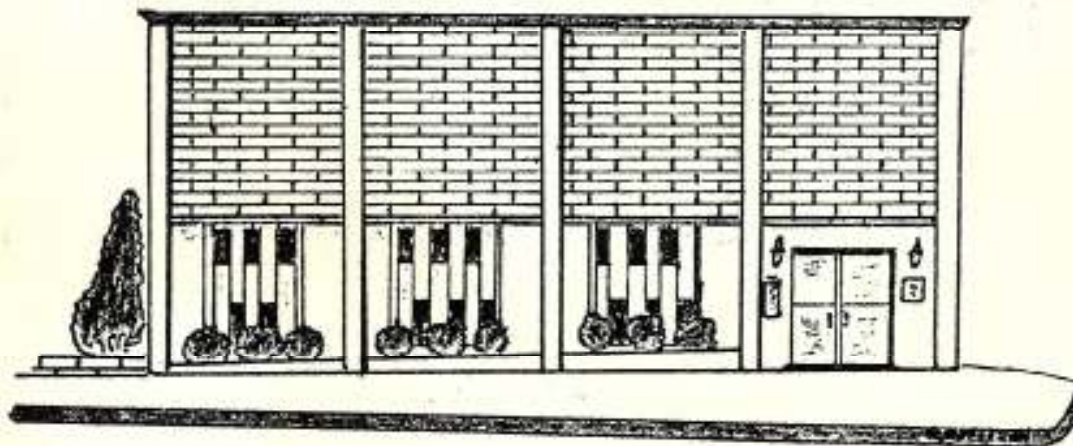
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An' peace an' joy is mighty skeerce—  
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