

## DEATHS DURING THE PAST WEEK

### LIEUT. COM. HARRY BUCKMAN

Funeral services for Lieut. Com. Harry Buckman were held Wednesday, Sept. 20, in Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Lieut. Buckman fatally shot himself through the temple in Pensacola, Fla., where he was stationed after serving the past two years as a naval surgeon in the Pacific area.

It is thought that the act was prompted by a mental depression following his prolonged services on Tulagi and Tarawa Islands, where so many of his comrades were killed.

He is survived by his widow, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Loren Buckman, of Ft. Madison, formerly of Shelbyville, two sisters and four uncles, Eugene and Clarence Buckman, of Lakenan, W. P. Buckman of St. Louis and John Buckman of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Buckman and Mr. and Mrs. John Buckman attended funeral services.

### PEARL D. WILSON

Funeral services for Pearl D. Wilson, 58, were held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Shiloh Baptist church, north of Bethel, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Wilson, formerly of Shelbyville, was found dead Monday afternoon of last week in a room at the Waverly Hotel in Shelbyville. According to Coroner E. P. Thompson, he had apparently taken poison.

On Saturday Mr. Wilson had registered in the hotel having recently returned from Pasadena, Calif. When he did not appear at the noon hour the hotel staff was not aroused but when he did not by the middle of the afternoon they investigated. The coroner deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Until the death of his mother, Mrs. Phoebe Wilson, a year ago, he had

### JOHN MATTHEWS DEAD

1944

Word was received Monday of the death of John Matthews, who passed away Monday morning, July 9, at 5:00 o'clock, at a hospital at Temple, Texas, where he had been taken about a week previous to his death.

Mr. Matthews, son of the late Mrs. Abner H. Clark, was born on a farm south of Clarence. Several years ago he was married to Ada M. Allen. She preceded him in death in 1929. About five years ago he was married to Alice O'Hare, who survives. He leaves two step-sisters, Mrs. I. M. Minick and Miss Mattie Clark of Clarence, two step-brothers, W. F. Clark of Clarence and S. W. Clark of Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. Matthews has lived at Galveston for about 30 years where he has been employed by the Santa Fe railroad. At the time of his death he was telegraph manager of the South Division.

His body will arrive here Thursday afternoon on train number 4. Interment will be at the Maplewood cemetery.

made his home in Shelbyville with her. He had recently visited his brother, L. A. Wilson, at Pasadena.

He was born north of Bethel Oct. 28, 1885. Surviving besides the brother in California, are two nieces. A brother, Christy, was killed in World War I.

### MRS. WILLIAM H. BORING

Mrs. Wm. Boring, 55, of Edina, committed suicide Thursday afternoon of last week by drinking a mixture of lye.

### CHARLES ELLSBERRY

1944

Funeral services for Charles Ellsberry, who passed away Tuesday at Audrain hospital in Mexico, were held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at Union church, south of Clarence, with Rev. Floyd W. Rigg, Methodist pastor officiating. Burial was in the Union cemetery.

Son of Jessie and Mary Ellsberry, he was born at Madison August 2, 1865, being 79 years, five months and seven days at the time of his death.

He was first married to Miss Alta Brown, who passed away 27 years ago. Three children were born to this union, C. D. Ellsberry of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. James Orr of Vandalia and Chester, who passed away in 1924.

In 1926 he was married to Mrs. Mary Roberts who survives. Seven grandsons, three of whom are serving in the armed forces overseas, three great grandsons, one sister, Mrs. Susan Grugin, of Mexico, and several nieces and nephews survive.

Mr. Ellsberry farmed in the vicinity south of Clarence for many years before moving to Mexico.

### MRS. CHESTER DURBIN

Feb. 1944

Funeral services for Mrs. Chester Durbin were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Maud, conducted by Rev. J. B. Weldon of Holiday and pastor of the Maud church. Burial was at Maud.

Mrs. Durbin passed away Saturday morning at 4:50 o'clock at her home in Maud after being in ill health for several months.

As Lela Susie Phillips, the daughter of John and Edith Phillips, she was born June 2, 1900 at Maud and her entire life had been spent in that community. On September 28, 1921 she was married to Chester Durbin.

Mrs. Durbin was a member of the Christian church and affiliated with the Rebekah lodge and the Maud Grange.

Besides her husband she is survived by an only son, Chester Durbin, Jr., of the home. Her mother passed away eight months ago and an only brother, Ben Phillips, died in 1929.

### MRS. I. N. SWITZER

Mrs. Lydia Ruth Switzer passed away at her home east of Jacksonville Jan. 4, 1944 at the age of 52. She had been in ill health for the past four years.

She was the daughter of C. Robert and Sarah Elizabeth Wine. She was married to Isaac Newton Switzer May 31, 1915 and to this union two sons were born, Harold, Ph. 1/c, who is somewhere in South Pacific, and Robert, Ph. 1/c, stationed at Berkeley, Calif.

Besides her husband and sons she is survived by a daughter-in-law, one brother, Roy Wine, of Moberly, one sister, Mrs. Hanger Tispe, of Woodlawn. One sister, Mrs. Roy Elsie, passed away several years ago.

She was converted and joined the Christian church at Fairview young in life.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Kring Allen at Fairview and burial was beside her father and mother in the adjoining cemetery.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Locust Hill Christian church near Edina. Rev. J. L. Shoemaker of Shelbyville, officiated.

As Bessie Mae McConnell, she was born March 4, 1889 in Knox county. She is survived by a daughter, Lucy Mae, of the home. Mr. Boring and two infant daughters preceded her in death.

### Obituary d. 1944

John Leslie Gibson, son of James and Sarah Gibson, was born February 11, 1880 near Lorrain, Ill. In early life he became a member of the Methodist Church, being an active member until his health failed. As a young man he moved to Quincy, Ill., where he was employed by the Irvin Paper Co. While there he attended the Grace Methodist Church where he taught a class of young people and sang in a male quartette many years.

Mr. Gibson started in business in Macon in 1919. On July 20, 1920, he was united in marriage to Lyda Long Dunn. They owned and operated the Macon Hatchery until 1941. Mr. Gibson was stricken with paralysis April 22, 1939 and again on April 22, 1943, and on July 25, 1944, from which he never rallied. He was confined to his bed the last ten weeks of his life but the end came quickly October 4. His wife did everything possible that loving hands could do to make him as comfortable as possible.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Pvt. Elmo E. Gibson, who is stationed in New Guinea, two sisters, Mrs. Fanny Rutledge of Lorrain, Ill., and Mrs. Daisy Johnson of Hamilton, Mo., and one brother, Richard of Lorrain, Ill.; five nieces three nephews and a host of friends.

Mr. Gibson served as a member of the Official Board of the Macon Methodist Church a number of years, sang in the Men's Chorus and taught a Sunday School class.

Eugene Tuggle, who lived in Palmyra until a few years ago, has been given a medical discharge from the marine corps. While at Palmyra he was a member of the school faculty and was the Palmyra football coach for eight years. He now lives with his mother, Mrs. Robena Tuggle, at Shelbyville. Mr. Tuggle is well known in Macon and has many friends here.

### MRS. ALBERT DAUGHERTY

1944

Mrs. Albert Daugherty passed away July 1, at a hospital in Corvallis, Oregon.

Funeral services were held at Keiney Funeral Home, Monday, July 3, with interment in the family plot at Kings Valley cemetery. Rev. C. E. Brickwedel of Philomath, officiated.

She was born August 20, 1890 near Shibley, Ill., the daughter of Wm. C. and Kate Robertson Pettet. She was married to Albert Daugherty here in 1909, and to this union six children were born, of which five survive, Albert S., of Philomath, Ore., Lawrence S., of the U. S. Army Air Force, William M., of the U. S. Army, Miriam, of Tacoma, Wash., and James, of Philomath. She is also survived by four brothers, a sister and three grandchildren.

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### GEORGE S. PURDY

1944

George S. Purdy, 96, passed away Sunday morning at his home northwest of Clarence.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Mt. Zion church, south of Redman, of which he was a member. Rev. Martin Cross of Atlanta officiated and interment was in the church cemetery.

He was born in Ohio, December 7, 1848, son of Peter H. and Sarah Z. Purdy. He was the oldest child of a family of nine boys and two girls. Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death, Joseph and Willie Purdy, and Mrs. Hattie Wood and Mrs. Gill Hopper.

Mr. Purdy came from Ohio with his parents in a covered wagon in the late sixties. He has lived in and around Clarence for about 80 years. He taught school in early manhood and a few of his pupils now live in this vicinity.

On December 27, 1876 he was married to Miss Rachel Wensel and in April, 1877 they moved to the farm where he passed away.

His wife preceded him in death in January, 1920. One son and a daughter also preceded him in death.

Mr. Purdy was a member of Mt. Zion church south of Redman, where he placed his membership soon after the church was built. Although in late years he was unable to take an active part.

Besides his daughter, Mrs. Sadie Phillips, with whom he made his home, he is survived by two sons, Clarence W. Purdy, of Clarence, and Chester A. Purdy of Hensdale, Ill. Five brothers survive, Limon, of Wheatridge, Colo., Frank and Jimmy of southwest of Clarence, Alfred of Macon, Albert of California and John of Moberly. Eighteen grandchildren, nieces and nephews survive also. Five grandsons are in service.

### JOHN FRANKLIN REYNOLDS

John Franklin Reynolds died away Saturday morning at McCormick hospital in Macon. Funeral services were held at 2:00 o'clock Monday afternoon from the church in Woodville. Rev. J. C. Clifton of Clifton Hill, officiated and interment was in the Woodville cemetery.

Son of Daniel and Minnie Reynolds, he was born in Macon county January 21, 1882. On October 26, 1902 he was married to Stella Ridings, who survives. This union ten children were born, three of whom died in infancy and one son, Raymond, passed away July 9, 1929 at the age of 21 years.

Mr. Reynolds united with the Baptist church when a young man. He has lived in Macon, Shelby, Monroe and Randolph counties. For the past four years he has lived at College Mound.

Besides his wife he is survived by four sons and two daughters, Elbert of southeast of Clarence, Roland of Clifton Hill, Lester of Emden, Eugene, who is serving with the armed forces thought to be in England, Mrs. Grace Low, of Chrisman, Ill., and Mrs. Alice Roebuck of Excelsior. Twelve grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Lettie Moore of Brunswick and Mrs. Betty Murphy of Kansas City, survive also. One brother, William Reynolds, preceded him in death 11 years ago.