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**Last Rites For
Mrs. Walker, 67,
Held Monday**

Funeral services for Mrs. Irena B. Walker who died early Saturday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clara Creekmur, were held Monday afternoon at 10 o'clock from the Church of God (Holiness) church south of Clarence with the Rev. J. T. McClanahan officiating. Interment was made in the Knox City cemetery.

Mrs. Walker was born north of Clarence on Dec. 21, 1889, the daughter of the late Rosie Betts and Albert A. Hill. She was married to Frank Carmean on March 3, 1907, and to them were born three children, Wilbur Carmean of Burlington, Iowa; Mrs. Gladys Pulse of Monmouth, Ill.; and Mrs. Alice Runquist of Danville, Iowa. Mr. Carmean passed away July 2, 1940. On Oct. 28, 1942 she was married to Henry Walker of Stronghurst, Ill. He preceded her on Jan. 6, 1954.

Surviving besides her children are three sisters, Mrs. Robert Creekmur of Clarence, Mrs. Joe Knapp of Chariton, Iowa, and Mrs. Sam Rennaker of Mercedes, Texas; a brother, Charles Hall of Kelso, Wash.; a half brother, Johnson Hall of Clarence, eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

She was a member of the Christian church at Stronghurst, Ill., but since coming to Clarence about a year ago she had been affiliated with the Church of God south of Clarence.

Arrangements were by the Greenings. The body rested in the Creekmur home until the hour of services.

**James E. Morris, 75,
Former Local Man,
Dies at Cheyenne**

James E. Morris, 75, a former resident of this community, died at his home in Cheyenne, Wyo., on Sunday, Feb. 17.

He was first married to Lula Ratliff who preceded him 21 years ago. He later remarried and is survived by his widow, Alpha, of the home.

Other survivors include a stepdaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Sekyra of Denver, Colo.; three nieces, Mrs. Roy Tinberg of Champaign, Ill.; Mrs. Lottie Barr of Clarence and Mrs. Zoma Mayne of Billings, Mont.; three nephews, Harold Hutton, W. H. Hutton and Alson Hutton of Clarence; three step grandchildren and other relatives.

Mr. Morris, who had been a resident of Cheyenne for 47 years, operated the first ice plant there and had been under sheriff for 15 years. He was the last of his family.

Last rites were held on Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. from the Schrader Chapel at Cheyenne with the Rev. Fred C. Clark officiating. Interment was made in Lakeview cemetery.

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**Mrs. J. S. Watkins,
Prominent
Resident, Succumbs**

Cora Knupp Watkins was born December 24, 1869 in Stiles, Davis County, Iowa. Her father was the Reverend Samuel Knupp, a Methodist minister and circuit rider in the early days of the Methodist Church in Southern Iowa and Northern Missouri. Her mother was Nancy Catherine Foshee. The father was a pastor in a number of communities in Northeastern Missouri, Lancaster, Glenwood, Carrollton, Clarence, Unionville and Kahoka.

Cora Knupp grew up in the atmosphere of the early Methodist Church in such communities. When the family moved to Clarence, where she attended the public schools, she met James Sigler Watkins. After completing the public schools in Clarence she attended a Methodist college at Glasgow, Missouri. Mr. Watkins attended the State Normal School at Kirksville, upon completion of the Clarence public schools. He received a diploma and teacher's certificate from the Normal School and taught school at Lentner. Later Mr. Watkins became owner and editor of one of the early newspapers in Clarence, "The Clarence Republican."

The Knupp family moved to the neighborhood of Lancaster and Glenwood, Missouri. Cora Knupp became a teacher in the school at Glenwood. One of her first grade pupils in the Glenwood school was Tom K. Smith, now Chairman of the Board of the Boatman's Bank in St. Louis.

Cora Knupp and James Sigler Watkins were married in Unionville, April 27, 1892. Two children were born of this union, Ralph Knupp Watkins and Catherine Ruth Watkins (now Mrs. Lawrence Breedlove). Soon after the birth of the daughter, Mr. Watkins became a railway postal clerk, working on through trains of the Burlington, but maintaining the family residence in Clarence. Mr. Watkins served as a railway mail clerk until his retirement when he became a householder.

Cora Knupp Watkins, having been reared in a minister's family, became an ardent church worker. Before her marriage she was an active assistant to her father in his pastoral duties. She also had a great interest in church music. Upon returning to Clarence after her marriage she became church organist and director of the choir. She was at the same time a faithful teacher in the Sunday School. Most of her earlier church service was rendered in the original Methodist Church in Clarence. This church was on the corner where the present Clarence High School now stands. This church was often called "the brick church" as it was, for a long time, the only brick church building in Clarence.

After the union of the Methodist churches, Mrs. Watkins taught a women's Sunday School class in the present church. She continued as a teacher and leader of this class as long as her health permitted. The Delta Alpha Class continues its organization and many of its members will remember Mrs. Watkins for her services.

Cora Watkins will be thought of by many members of the Clarence community as a mother and church woman. Her influence will last long after her generation has passed.

After the death of Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Watkins made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Breedlove. The devotion of mother and daughter is well known by friends in Clarence.

On the twenty-eighth of September of this year, Mrs. Watkins fell and broke a hip. Since then she has been in the Boone County Hospital of Columbia. She had made promising recovery from the hip injury when she died suddenly from other causes on November 30.

Mrs. Watkins is survived by one sister, Mrs. B. B. Tatman of Scarsdale, New York; her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Watkins of Columbia; and the daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Breedlove of Clarence.

She leaves three granddaughters, Mrs. Ray C. Baechle (Ruth Watkins) of Webster Groves; Mrs. Robert A. Mosenfelder (Clara Watkins) of Escanaba, Michigan; and Mrs. Joe J. Hanan (Julia Watkins) of Etna, New York. There are ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 2, at 2:00 p.m. at the Center Street Methodist Church here in Clarence. Rev. Arthur Hampton, church pastor, officiated. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery. The Greening Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Former Resident,
Reede L. Taylor, 1960
Dies of Heart Attack**

Reede Louis Taylor, 62, formerly of Clarence, died of a heart attack at 1:45 p.m. last Thursday at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. He lived at 1569 Linden in Memphis, and was credit department auditor with Esso Standard Oil Co.

Mr. Taylor was born in Clarence and went to Memphis, Tennessee, in 1920. He had been employed by Esso for 39 years. He was a member of the Esso Booster Club and secretary of the company's insurance group. A member of Union Avenue Methodist Church in Memphis, Mr. Taylor had served on the official board of the church for 35 years. He was secretary of the church school and was com-

munion steward. He was a member of the church's Men's Club. A member of the Boy Scout Troop 7 Committee, Mr. Taylor had served as institutional director of the Boy Scouts of Memphis.

He was a member of the Park Avenue Masonic Order and was Past Patron of Order of the Eastern Star in Memphis.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Audrey Bostwick Taylor; a son, Reede Louis Taylor, Jr. of the same address; and three brothers, Dr. Perry P. Taylor of Carrollton, Mo., Frank Taylor of Denver, Colo., and William Taylor of Washington.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the National Funeral Home in Memphis with Rev. William B. Potts officiating. Burial was in Forest Hill.

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**J. T. Van Houten,
Retired Farmer,
Died Yesterday**

J. T. (Jim) VanHouten, 79, well known retired farmer of near Anabel, died at his home Wednesday morning at 9:45 after an extended illness.

Mr. VanHouten was born near Clarence on Aug. 28, 1876, the son of the late John and Elizabeth Hürrlinger VanHouten. He was married to Miss Sadie Clark on Dec. 27, 1899. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Methodist church.

Survivors include the widow, a daughter, Mrs. Willie (Mildred) Mitts of near Anabel; a son, N. F. VanHouten of Moberly; a brother, Ralph N. VanHouten of Clarence; a sister, Mrs. Clara Fischer of Meriden, Kans.; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. His parents and two sisters preceded him.

The body was taken to the family home Thursday to await last rites which will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Mt. Zion church conducted by the Rev. Adair. Committal prayers will be read and interment made in the church cemetery.

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Young, Father Dies

Relatives here have received word of the sudden death last week of Ted R. Willhelm of Los Angeles, Calif., husband of the former LaTrelle Dehner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Dehner, then of Clarence.

Death came suddenly while Mr. Willhelm was on duty at his regular work. Besides the widow, two young daughters survive.

After the death of Mr. Dehner, Mrs. Dehner and children removed to California, where LaTrelle was married and the home established.

A. J. Sherwood 1964

Arthur J. Sherwood, 79-year-old co-owner of the Bagby-Sherwood Drug Store in Moberly, died at 10:15 o'clock Saturday night, Feb. 8, in Community Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient for two days.

Mr. Sherwood was born in Woodstock, Canada, on Nov. 8, 1884, a son of the late John and Mary Sherwood. He was a resident of Moberly for 30 years and a druggist for 53 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and of Clarence Lodge 662, AF and AM, having received his 50-year pin.

After attending elementary and high school at Clarence, he attended Brownie Institute of Pharmacy at Brunswick, graduating in 1911. He returned to Clarence and worked here for seven years.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles, Harry and Walter Sherwood, and two sisters, Mrs. Newt Hodgkin and Mrs. E. J. Jacobs.

Surviving are four nephews, Harry Sherwood of Cairo, Victor Hodgkin of Clarence, Otto Clawson of Beaufort, North Carolina, Kenneth L. Sherwood of Kansas City; two nieces, Mrs. Pete Hunter of Kansas City and Mrs. Darrell Hürrlinger of Macon.

The body laid in state at the Million and Greer Funeral Home, where services were held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, Feb. 11, in the Chapel by Dr. Joseph P. Grant, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

**Mrs. G. B. Smith, 82,
Hunnell Resident,
Fatally Burned**

Mrs. Emma LaRue Smith, 82, of Hunnewell, was burned to death about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at her home. The accident is reported to have occurred when her clothing caught fire while she was lighting her kitchen stove.

Her husband, the Rev. George B. Smith, was in the yard of their home when he discovered the blaze. He ran to get water to extinguish the flames and when he returned to the house, found his wife collapsed on the porch. He was unable to extinguish the flames in time to prevent her death.

Mrs. Smith was born near Palmyra. She was married to Rev. Smith in the home of her mother, April 29, 1891. The couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last April. She located in Hunnewell 48 years ago and lived here at different times when her husband, who was pastor of the Methodist church circuit, was serving the local Methodist church. Since his retirement, they had made their home there.

Surviving besides her husband are three sons, Paul of Quincy, Ray of Springfield, Mo., and Jesse of Mt. Dora, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Quinn of Hannibal and Mrs. Della Steinmetz of Quincy; one brother, Fred LaRue of Quincy, nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 o'clock from the Hunnewell Methodist church with the pastor, Rev. Ellis Turner officiating, assisted by Rev. D. J. VanDevender, district superintendent. Interment was made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.