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Elmer E. Stout Dies
After Long Illness

Elmer E. Stout, 96, a Perryville resident, died after an extended illness Monday at 7:15 a.m. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Iva Bryan of near Geneva. A retired farmer and storekeeper, he had lived with the Bryans for several years. Born in Peru, he lived in the Perryville area many years, operating the Perryville store for 20 years.

Survivors are Mrs. Bryan; two grandsons, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Stout was a member of the Union Chapel Methodist church in Hartford township, where services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, the Rev. George Snyder of Bourbon officiating. The Rev. Riley Case will assist. Burial will be in Alberson cemetery. The body was at the Hardy and Hardy funeral home in Geneva. Friends may call at the Bryan home until time of the services.

Teachers Out
On Strike At
Seven Schools

GARY, Ind. (UPI) — Teachers went on strike at seven Calumet Twp. public schools today and pickets paraded in protest against personnel and salary policies proposed by the area school board. Supt. Earl J. Schuur warned the strikers could be revoked for their failure to report for classroom duty. The pickets marched at the entrances to a high school, a junior high school and five grade school buildings where a total of about 5,000 pupils are enrolled. The pupils returned to classes this morning after an Easter vacation. Schuur said classes would be held on schedule despite the fact that all except 15 or 16 of the 151 classroom teachers in the system were believed to be among the strikers. The striking teachers are members of the Calumet Township Teachers Federation, an organization aligned with the AFL-CIO. Non-striking teachers and principals planned in advance of the walkout to conduct classes in the event of a strike. The strikers complained that the school board refused to hear their grievances concerning board policies and rules. Teachers were dissatisfied over procedures in signing contracts, assignment of extra duties without additional pay, and establishment of "uneven" work loads. Indiana State Police, apparently watching the strike for any signs of disorderliness, said the picketing was peaceful during the first few hours of the walkout. The schools involved are Calumet Twp. High, Calumet Twp. Junior High, Longfellow, Ross, Hosford Park, Black Oak and Devault elementary schools.

Mrs. Lydia Mertz
Dies This Morning

Mrs. Lydia Mertz, 87, formerly of near Berne, died at 9:25 a. m. of diabetes at the Clark nursing home in Bluffton, where she resided for the past three years. She was born in Hartford township, August 8, 1871, and was a member of the Evangelical Menonite church, west of Berne. Before entering the nursing home, Mrs. Mertz made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Amos Neuhauser, of Bluffton. Surviving in addition to Mrs. Neuhauser, are another daughter, Mrs. Menno Augsburger, of Gout, one, Berne; two sons, Ivan, of Bluffton and John, of Richmond. One sister, Mrs. John Schlabach, of Kenton, O., also survives. The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Evangelical Menonite church, with burial in the church cemetery. The Rev. E. G. Steiner will officiate. Friends may call at the Yager funeral home in Berne after 12 o'clock noon Wednesday until 11 a. m. Thursday when the body will be removed to the church.

March Closes Out
With Mild Weather

United Press International

A once fearsome March took it on the lam Tuesday, stealing away under overcast skies that nearly ringed the nation and clouded most ports of embarkation. Scattered showers over the Pacific Northwest, the Great Lakes area, southern New England, the middle Atlantic states and Florida were only mild reminders of record blizzards, floods and unseasonal snow that beset much of the country during March. Elsewhere the air was warm and skies were fair to partly cloudy, with temperatures ranging mostly from 40 to 65 degrees. An early morning fog that settled Monday over the Chicago area and Indiana was blamed for at least eight traffic deaths. In the Freeport-McConnell area in northwestern Illinois, added light rains bogged down only slightly the cleanup operations from the flooding by the Pecatonica River, which crested last weekend nearly four feet above flood stage. A disturbance moving northward along the Atlantic Coast triggered rain from Virginia to southern New England. Most of the precipitation was light except around Nantucket, Mass., where more than an inch of rain fell in a six-hour period Monday night. Throughout most of the country, temperatures were on the rise. In the Dakotas, however, residents awoke up today to chill 30s and low 40s compared to 50 degree readings Monday morning. It was slightly warmer along the eastern slopes of the Rockies and from Arkansas and Missouri northward and northeastward into Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. Thick fog in the Detroit area Monday delayed for about an hour a plane carrying Defense Secretary Neil McElroy to a speaking date. It was 54 degrees early Tuesday in Vandalia, Ill., as against 37 degrees Monday. At South Bend, Ind., the warming trend showed a 12-degree rise overnight, from 35 on Monday to 47 Tuesday. Macon, Ga., welcomed a 20 degree spurt, reporting 59 degrees Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Robert Fortner
Reported Quite Ill

Mrs. Robert Fortner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McConnell of Decatur, is quite ill in the St. Joseph hospital in Fort Wayne, where she is being treated for ptomaine poisoning and complications. She became ill Monday morning, but the sickness is not believed to have been caused by food.

Geneva Youth To
Active Army Duty

An Adams county youth, Robert G. Hofstetter, Geneva, will begin six months active duty training at Fort Leonard Wood, April 12. Major General Theodore S. Riggs, commanding general, VI U.S. Army corps, announced here today. Hofstetter is a member of Battery B, 424th Howitzer Battalion, Army reserve. After completing his tour of duty, the reservist will return home to fulfill his military obligation by serving with the Army reserve unit in Decatur.

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Notices Are Posted
Of Special Election

A total of 33 notices of the special city election April 14 to decide whether Decatur will continue distributing electricity or sell its public utility to Indiana-Michigan, were posted Monday, three in each precinct. Township trustee Robert Gay of Washington township, stated that he posted 30 of the notices, three in each of the ten precincts in his part of the city. Root township trustee Omer Merriman posted three in Decatur-Root township. The location of each official notice is included on the sworn statement that the notices are posted.

Baumgartner Rites
Held This Afternoon

George Baumgartner, 76, a native of Berne, died in his Fort Wayne home after being seriously ill for two years. A retired plasterer, he was born October 21, 1882, the son of Christian and Verena Gerber Baumgartner. January 1, 1911, he married Lydia Burkhalter of Berne. He moved to Fort Wayne 36 years ago. Surviving are his wife; one son, Gordon Baumgartner; two daughters, Miss Vera Baumgartner, at home, and Mrs. Adah Shank, a missionary in French equatorial Africa; one brother, Ed Baumgartner, Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held today in the First Missionary church in Fort Wayne, the Rev. Cornelius Vliet officiating. Burial was in the MRE cemetery at Berne.

Make Exhaustive Study
Of Highway AccidentsBy LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The average driver does not stop down at night. He should. That is one of the most significant findings reached by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads in a three-year study of highway accidents in all parts of the nation. The bureau analyzed 3,700,000 vehicle-miles of actual travel by 290,000 drivers over typical sections of main rural highways. It found that night and day speeds averaged about the same. But it also found that accident involvement rates at night were twice as high, on the average, as in daytime. At speeds of 70 miles an hour and higher, the night time rate was four times as great.

Age A Major Factor

There was some evidence that darkness, per se, is not the chief reason for higher accident rates at night. Fatigue, intoxication and other factors, apparently, contribute. It was found that fatal accident rates reached a sharp peak between 2 and 4 a.m., but were less than half as high between 9 and 11 p.m. — both periods of darkness. The study confirmed that the age of the driver has a major bearing on the accident rate. Drivers between 30 and 60 years of age had the lowest accident involvement rate. Those under 20 had the highest — 250 per cent higher than the average for all drivers. Drivers between the ages of 20 and 24, and those 65 and older had accident rates nearly double the average.

However, much young people may protest the finding, the study also showed that young drivers cannot handle higher speeds as well as more mature drivers. At speeds beyond 65 miles an hour the accident rate for drivers under 24 rises much more steeply than the average for older drivers.

Holiday Perils Real

The study pinpointed members of the armed forces as particularly reckless class of drivers on the whole. Servicemen in all age brackets had an accident rate twice as great as that of civilian drivers of comparable age. And what about the ancient male contention that women drivers are less trustworthy at the wheel than men? The bureau's statistics show that women had a daytime accident rate 18 per cent higher and a night time accident rate 38 per cent higher than men of the same age bracket.

But — if professional male chauffeurs (bus and truck drivers, chauffeurs, etc.) were eliminated, the accident rates for men and women drivers are approximately equal.

Are the widely-publicized perils of holiday travel real — or an invention of the newspapers? They are real. The study shows that it is approximately 25 per cent riskier, per vehicle-mile of travel, to venture onto the highways over a major holiday period. One-day midweek holidays produce a worst slaughter than those that occur on a week end. Christmas is the worst. New Year's, for some reason, has a relatively low accident rate as holidays go.

Alcohol Affects Driving The safety rogans which warn against drinking-and-driving were powerfully corroborated. The bureau reported that driving performances were affected by "even small amounts of alcohol."

Drivers who were found upon testing to have between 0.05 and 0.10 per cent alcohol in their blood had an accident involvement rate 50 per cent higher than those with no alcohol or less than 0.05 per cent (It takes about two highballs or two bottles of beer to produce a concentration of 0.05 per cent in the average adult.) Drivers with 0.15 per cent alcohol in their blood — the legal standard of intoxication in many states — had an accident rate 10 times as great as those with less than 0.05 per cent.

The bureau reported preliminary evidence that a wide variety of common drugs — including tranquilizers, antihistamines, barbiturates and even aspirin — may affect vision or alertness and increase the risk of accidents. Further research will be done on this factor.

(Another dispatch tomorrow will report on highway and vehicle factors in accidents.)

Ribbons Presented
To Archery Students

Conservation Officer Jack Hurst and Lester Mitchell, city light plant employee, shade the podium honors Saturday night at the Lumberlost archery and a conservation club's last meeting of the year. Club president Harold Nash presented ribbons and certificates to 23 members who competed in Saturday's tournament as the last part of their schooling in archery methods.

Hurst gave a talk on the local and state game and hunting and showed a film on the origin of "Smokey, the Bear," while Mitchell told of the rules and regulations governing archery and of insurance available for members.

Fred Bear provided additional films on "Bwana Bowman," and "Bowfishing Fun." The latter film dealt with fishing for carp in the northern lakes and rivers, while the former is the tale of an elephant hunt with bow and arrow in Africa.

The winners of the ribbons and certificates were 22 children and one adult. Cedric Tumbleton won the men's division as a first expert. The children winners were: Kathy Call, first expert; Von Call, first expert; David Snell, second man; Dave Bailey, second bowman; Mike Beery, second archer; Bob Noack, second archer; Jerry Fritz, first novice; Jim Anderson, Willshire, O., first expert; Larry Butler, first bowman; Dave Riehl, first archer; Thane Custer, first novice; Jerry Morningstar, first expert; Danny Strickler, second expert; Tom Drake, first bowman; Grah Bixler, second bowman; Tom Snell, first archer; Dick Noack, second archer; Ronald Kling, first novice; Penny Geimer, first expert; Nancy Mitchell, first bowman; and Rose Houk, first archer.

Fender Skirt Stolen
From Parked Auto

Winston Rawley, of 621 Winchester street, informed the city police department Monday of a theft occurrence that took place Saturday night at the north parking lot at the General Electric company.

Rawley stated to local law officers that a fender skirt, fitting only the left side, was removed from his auto Saturday between the hours of 3 p.m. and 12 midnight. The fender skirt was valued at \$14. City police are investigating.

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