

Thursday, June 8, 1933

CRASH KILLS FOUR IN FAMILY

Eli Reynolds and Three Children Die When Train Hits Auto

Mother and Seventeen Months Old Daughter in Charlotte Hospital

Four members of the family of Eli Reynolds, 42-year-old Chester township farmer, were killed and two others were injured severely Saturday night when a Michigan Central passenger train crashed into their automobile at Chester Station, six miles east of here.

Mr. Reynolds and two daughters, Dorothy, 16, and Esther May, 3, were killed outright. A son, Harold, 14, died while being taken to Charlotte.

Two in Hospital 145

Mrs. Reynolds, 36, and a daughter, Betty Jane, 17 months old, are in Community hospital, Charlotte. The mother suffered a fracture of the left leg and lacerations on arms and body. Betty Jane's right arm and left leg were fractured and her face was lacerated.

The family which resided two and one-half miles north and one-half mile west of Chester Station, was on their way to Charlotte when the accident occurred. The train, No. 102, en route to Grand Rapids, was brought to a stop after the accident. The crossing is unguarded by lights or signals. A building is said to obscure the view to motorists.

Coroner Albert Cheney announced Sunday an inquest would be held Thursday. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday at the Cheney chapel in Charlotte. Burial was at Maple Hill cemetery in Charlotte.

The funeral of the four victims of the accident at Chester Station was held Wednesday at 2:30 in Charlotte at the Cheney funeral home. Rev. Fern Wheeler officiated and Rev. Kenyon of the Gresham church offered prayer. The father, two daughters and one son were laid to rest in Maple Hill cemetery, Charlotte.

In a telephone conversation with his mother recently Neil McLaughlin said that he would be graduating on Monday, June 19th. He was fortunate to get out of all his examinations this semester but all dental students will be taking the "state board" examinations next week. Neil is planning on opening his dental office here as soon as he can get his equipment and office in readiness.

A fine six pound baby girl, Yvonne June, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Faust, Sunday, June 4. Grandma Faust is the nurse in charge.

Walter Barningram came home last night from Ann Arbor for the summer. The law students are on before the others because they took less vacation days during the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hallenbeck and Dorothy Rose attended Baccalaureate at Olivet Sunday morning. Mrs. H. and daughter were present at all the Commencement exercises. Mrs. Scott, wife of Rev. E. A. Scott, former M. E. pastor, recently underwent a major operation at Palmer Memorial Hospital, Boston, but has returned to her Mass. home and is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Priddy (Carolyn Hatfield) are the parents of a little daughter, born Monday, June 5th. Mrs. Claude Hatfield and Mrs. Eli Chatfield are at the Priddy home in Pottersville looking after mother and baby.

Rev. Samuel Oliver and Mrs. Oliver of Muskegon were Friday evening callers at Walter Davis'. They were driving to Jackson for the night and the next day would attend Rev. Oliver's class reunion at Olivet.

Mrs. Fred Kroger and the Misses Ethel Powers, Alene Hickey, and Mae Miller motored to Union City Saturday for a luncheon and afternoon party at the home of Mrs. Muriel Burns, where twenty-four of her Lansing teacher friends had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Loveland have been doing some papering at the Mrs. Anna Renth house opposite the Echo office, but we have not learned that it has been rented. Mr. Loveland has been doing some roof repairing on his store buildings and is tearing down the reframe structure at the back of the old Innes store.

Dr. McLaughlin and Mrs. M. Laughlin, who have been planning on attending the exposition in Chicago the last of June in company with the doctor's brother's family, Charlotte, and who were going to occupy the apartment of the doctor's nephew, Mr. Leighton M. Laughlin and family of Chicago while they were on a six week business and pleasure trip in the east, received word that the nephew expects to undergo a very serious operation at a hospital in Chicago soon so the family will not be leaving the city as planned. The M. Laughlins will probably postpone their visit to the exposition until this fall.

COMMENCEMENT

The graduation exercises of the 1933 Seniors will be held at the High School Auditorium, Friday evening, June 9, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Roy Noteware of the Department of Certification of Public Education is scheduled to give the address, and there will be other special numbers by the graduates themselves. The names of the seventeen seniors follow:

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| Robert Hadden | Laurence Gardner |
| Rose Offley | Doris Thompson |
| Ernest Perry | Keith Wellman |
| Mildred Inman | Louise Aldrich |
| Robert Hall | Myriand Fender |
| Alene Figg | Hildred Figg |
| Russel Innes | Carrol Benedict |
| Louis Mosier | Victor Nelson |

Dorothy Campbell

Because of financial conditions the Nashville public school teachers have not been hired for next year.

Rebuilding of a Bell telephone line between Grand Ledge and Portland have proven a costly repair job as nearly five tons of copper tool wire have been stolen.

Cecil Powers and family will move in a few days to the Dr. Snell farm south of town, recently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Asa Strait. Kenneth Powers is working for Mr. Strait.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sprague attended Olivet commencement. Their brother, Clare Sprague, one of the trustees of the College, has been visiting his brothers, Milton and Edgar and families.

Thursday, June 15, 1933

Rev. W. A. Briggs and Mrs. Briggs, Rev. T. W. Thompson and daughter Doris motored to Chicago Tuesday to attend the World's Fair. The former were planning this trip to their "home town" and invited Mr. Thompson and Doris to accompany them. They will visit Mrs. T.'s brother and family. The return trip will be made Friday.

William Boyles of Charlotte, aged 79, was hit by a trailer hitched behind a car, as he was walking home from his garden on Eaton Rapids road last Thursday. He was conscious and insisted he be taken to his home where he passed away Saturday night. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. His wife and four children survive: Emerson R. of Charlotte. Victor of Milwaukee, Mrs. Clark of Montana, and Miss Irene at home, also six brothers: Walter and James of Vermontville, Albert, Alfred and Geo. of Chester, and John of Oklahoma, and two sisters Mrs. Hattie Porter of Verwontville and Mrs. George Tice of near Grand Ledge.