

# Burial Rites Slated for Church Leader

Special to the Free Press

VICKSBURG—Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Rupert Funeral Home for Dr. Roy V. Starr, 64, district superintendent of the Nazarene Church in Illinois.

Dr. Starr was killed Sunday in East St. Louis, Ill., in an automobile accident.

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DR. STARR for 23 years was district superintendent for Michigan. During this time he organized more than 100 churches. Formerly he was a pastor in Lansing.

Survivors include his wife, Louise, three daughters, three sisters and five brothers.

Dr. G. B. Williams, general superintendent of the Nazarene Church, of Kansas City, Mo., will conduct the service.

## LEONARD VAN BUREN

Sunfield—Leonard VanBuren, 82, lifelong local resident, died at his home Monday after a long illness. He was born June 4, 1868, in Clarendon, Calhoun County, the eldest of a family of 11 children. He was married Sept. 23, 1898, to Miss Margaret E. Gray of Woodbury and they observed their golden wedding anniversary last year. Beside the widow, he is survived by a son, Floyd, and two grandchildren, Norma and Kenneth VanBuren, of Sunfield; two brothers, Thomas of Arizona and Lewis of Sunfield; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Merrifield, of Greenville, Mrs. Lida Hager and Mrs. Josephine Smith, both of Sunfield, and nieces and nephews. Services were held Thursday at 2 p. m. from the Mapes funeral home, Rev. Alfred Custer officiating. Burial was in Sunfield cemetery.

**CAROLINE**  
Mrs. Ruth Bennett  
(Special to The State Journal)  
CHARLOTTE, April 1—Mrs. Ruth Bennett, 67, died Friday at the residence, 432 Washington ave., Olivet, following a 15-year illness. She was the wife of Warren Bennett, and had been an Olivet resident 17 years. Surviving are the husband, four sons, Wayne and Donald of Olivet, Russell of Charlotte, and Phillip of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; four daughters, Mrs. Lena Lynd, Vermontville, Mrs. Esther Jullierat, Albion; Mrs. Margaret Myers of Olivet and Mrs. Elizabeth Grinage of Wayland, and two sisters, Mrs. Iva Hill of Charlotte and Miss Aura Hallenbeck of Pontiac. Mrs. Bennett was born Aug. 25, 1862, at Hoytville, the daughter of Charles and Alice Hallenbeck. Services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Pray funeral home, with Rev. Richard Hunter officiating. Burial will be in Vermontville cemetery.

# Orin Tubbs Dies Friday

Orin Benjamin Tubbs was born September 20, 1875 in Castleton township, Barry Co., the son of Elbert and Alice Tubbs. At the age of 12 years he with the rest of the family moved to the village of Vermontville where they engaged in farming for many years.

On April 25, 1900 he was united in marriage to Anna Randall who preceded him in death June 23, 1945.

He passed away in a Lansing hospital March 24, 1950 following an operation at the age of 74 years, 6 month and 4 days.

He was a member of the Methodist church but had been worshipping at the Congregational church since becoming a custodian there.

He will be missed by his neighbors and friends for his happy outlook on life and his willingness to help others.

He leaves to mourn his death, a daughter, Mrs. Ava Kroger of Vermontville, two sons Laurence of Vermontville and Paul of Battle Creek, two daughter-in-laws, Freida and Thelma Tubbs, eight grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Harold Fuller of Detroit, besides a host of Neighbors and friends. One sister, Mrs. Lena Warner preceded him in death many years ago.

Services were held Monday afternoon at the Congregational church at 2:00 o'clock conducted by Rev. Nagle assisted by Rev. Whiteman. Mrs. Patty Foote and Mrs. Gloria Cranson sang "No Night There" and "Able With Me".

The following men served as bearers, Fred Warner, Roy Claflin, Joe Faust, Arthur Barningham, Ernest Offley and Roy Weeks.

The many lovely floral tributes showed the love and esteem in which he was held by his relatives and friends. Interment was in the family lot at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Those attending the funeral from away were; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martens, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Milfred Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Luce and Mr. Ben Shetenhelm from Lake City; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Claflin, Eaton Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warner, Nashville; Mr. Earl Randall, Mr. Elon Randall, Harvey, Ann, Jim, Nancy, Bill and Jane, Athens; Mr. and Mrs. Vern Rishel and Bobby, Kalamazoo, Mrs. Walter Nidy, Fulton; Mrs. Greta Simmons, Vicksburg; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooley, Battle Creek.

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