

(Special to The State Journal)
Mrs. Zoah E. Bera

SUNFIELD, May 8—The body of Mrs. Warner Bera lies in the Mapes funeral home here until Saturday when it will be taken to Hastings for burial. She was a frequent visitor here at the home of a niece, Mrs. Harry Mapes. The former Zoah Davids was born June 3, 1873, in Portland township, Ionia county. In 1905 she married Mr. Davids who died in 1923. Death came to her Wednesday at the home of a stepson, Glen Bera of Hastings. She had been ill several months. She leaves two stepsons, Theo of Gun Lake and Vern of Battle Creek; a brother, Noble Davids, Mulliken, and three grandchildren, Rev. Leo Manning will officiate at rites at the Hastings Methodist church at 2 p. m. Saturday.

HAWKINS—Gordon R. Hawkins, aged 53, passed away early Monday morning at his home, 2500 Maplewood, SE. Surviving are his wife, Lauretta; a daughter, Mrs. Robert J. McCormick of Grand Rapids; a son, Lt. Gordon R. Hawkins, jr., United States army in Germany; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hawkins; a sister, Miss Alberta Hawkins of Cleveland, and a granddaughter, Julie McCormick. Mr. Hawkins was taken to the Metcalf Mortuary where Christian Science services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Interment, Woodlawn cemetery.

HASTINGS—Warren H. Barcher, 79, of Hastings, died Thursday in Leila hospital, Battle Creek. Services will be held at 2 Sunday at Leonard funeral home. Burial in Lakeside cemetery, Lake Odessa.

Laura Lea Green
VERMONTVILLE, July 4—Laura Lea Green, four-day-old infant daughter of seaman and Mrs. Donald Green, died in the naval hospital at Key West, Fla., Monday. Prayer services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. from the Ward funeral home at Vermontville. Rev. D. D. Nagle will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery. Surviving, in addition to the parents, are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reeve of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Green of Vermontville.

FRIDAY MARCH 18, 1954

FLOYD NESBET DIES MONDAY
Was Half Owner of
Hastings Livestock Sales Co.

James Floyd Nesbet, 60, prominent farmer and half owner of the Hastings Livestock Sales Co., died unexpectedly at 10:30 Monday morning.

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00, at the Nashville E. U. B. church, with the Rev. Corwin Siebighauser, pastor of the E. U. B. church, officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview cemetery.

Mr. Nesbet was born April 8, 1893, in Nashville, the son of Fred and Rilla (Turner) Nesbet, and spent his entire life in this community. Besides farming, he was a partner, first with Horace Powers and later with Earl McComb, in operating the Livestock Sales company at Hastings. He was a director of the Nashville Co-Operative Elevator association, a member of the Farm Bureau, Maple Leaf Grange, and Ivy Lodge No. 37, Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Nesbet is survived by his wife, June (Brumm); two daughters, Mrs.

Joe (Inez) Hickey of Vermontville and Mrs. Joe (Pauline) Dombak of Grand Rapids; a step-daughter, Mrs. Bruce (Jeanne) Long of Galesburg; a brother, Clarence K. Nesbet of Lakewood, Ohio, and 11 grandchildren.

Death Takes
Barry Sheriff

Heart Attack Is Fatal
to Leon Doster

Hastings—Sheriff Leon J. (Tiny) Doster, 51, of Barry county, died unexpectedly of a heart attack



DOSTER.

Sunday afternoon after returning from a hunting trip.

He died at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bessie Hughes, a mile and a half west of Prairieville.

Sheriff Doster had been out hunting with a son-in-law, Don Nevin, when

he became exhausted helping to put out a grass fire in the woods.

Doctor Is Called.

He was taken back by car to the home of Mrs. Hughes and Dr. Ray Finnie of Hastings was summoned from his nearby Wall lake cottage and was present when the sheriff died.

Doster, sheriff since Jan. 1, 1947, was seeking a third term on the Republican ticket in the November election.

Sheriff Doster was born in Prairieville Feb. 17, 1901 and had lived in Barry county all his life. He served four years as deputy at Delton and eight years as under sheriff before taking office in 1947.

Widely known and respected, Sheriff Doster was noted as an officer who concentrated on helping to keep people out of jail when he could.

Helped Youngsters.

He did a great deal of work among juveniles.

Sheriff Doster was a director of the Michigan Sheriffs association, and a member of Hastings Rotary club, IOOF, the Masons and Shrine.

Weighing approximately 300 pounds, he was believed to be Michigan's largest law-enforcement officer.