



JOHN M. BOWER.

ids, and 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. A son, Merton, who died seven years ago, was widely known as an auctioneer. Mr. Bower's first wife, Rachel, died in 1932 and his second wife, Cora, died in May of 1948.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Tuesday at United Brethren church. Burial will be in Lakeside cemetery.

John Mate

John C. Mate, 55, one of Charlotte's first men to enlist for World War I, and a brother of Pete Mate of this city, died Monday night at his home in Battle Creek. He had been under a doctor's care for a heart condition. For 20 years he was manager of Montgomery Ward's furniture department in Battle Creek and had worked Monday. Previously he spent 11 years with the Klingman Furniture company of Grand Rapids.

Born March 1, 1897, Mr. Mate was a son of John and Eliza (Crawley) Mate. He was a member of Charlotte Lodge No. 120, F. & A. M. and of the V.F.W. post in Battle Creek. Surviving are the wife, Gertrude, a daughter, Mrs. Harry (Barbara) Porter of White Lake; two grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Sophia Dolby of Hastings, Mrs. Laura Dell of Charlotte, Mrs. Charles Woolworth of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Bessie Warner of Kalamazoo, and three brothers, Theron L. Mate of Charlotte, D. A. Mate of Grand Rapids, and Melvin O. Mate of Mt. Morris. Services were held Thursday forenoon at the Hebble funeral home in Battle Creek.

Mrs. Orley Lenon Killed as Train Hits Her Car

Mrs. Flossie E. Lenon, 69, was killed about 3:30 Friday afternoon when her car was struck by a Grand Trunk passenger train on the Vermontville highway crossing at the edge of the village of Potterville. Apparently she drove onto the crossing without noticing the approaching train. The demolished car was carried 210 feet down the track and Mrs. Lenon's decapitated body was found 260 feet from the crossing. M. Donald Burkhead, Eaton county coroner, said she died instantly.

Mrs. Lenon was on her way to the home of a daughter at Grand Ledge and after spending the night, had planned to bring one of her grandsons back to spend his spring school vacation with her. She was driving alone in her car at the time of the fatal accident.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Otto funeral home in Nashville, with the Rev. Howard McDonald, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in Delta Center cemetery in Eaton county.

Mrs. Lenon was born May 14, 1882, at Fostoria, Ohio, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Iler) Baisel. She had been a resident of Maple Grove township the last 20 years, having moved here from Bellevue. Her husband, Orey Lenon, died Jan. 13, 1948. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Oscar (Ivah) Cornell of Holt, Mrs. Martin (Violet) Nash of Grand Ledge and Mrs. Elzona (Lucille) Bannister of Battle Creek; a son, Karl Wirt of Bath; a sister, Mrs. Daisy Bentley of Millett; four brothers, Floyd and Murr Baisel of Millett and Fay and Dee Baisel of Charlotte; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

FRANK BECK DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Frank O. Beck 77, a resident of Vermontville township for the past 72 years died at his home on North Main street Monday night after a long illness.

Mr. Beck was born in Freemont, Ohio, February 5, 1875 the son of Joseph and Catherine Gerswindt Beck.

Surviving besides the wife, Marlon is one daughter, (Irma) Mrs. George Root of Grand Ledge, one brother, Clare of Indianapolis, Ind., three grandchildren and one great grand child.

Funeral services were conducted from the Congregational church Thursday at 2:30 with Rev. D. D. Nagle officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.