

Boonville Daily News

8 Oct 1948

$\frac{1}{4}$

Mrs. Bertha Bruce Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Bertha H. Bruce, 60, died suddenly at her home west of Wooldridge at 6:45 p. m. yesterday. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of two sons who are in the United States Air Force. The body is at the Stegner Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bruce is survived by her husband, Clarence H. Bruce, to whom she was married Oct. 29, 1916; two sons, Capt. W. R. Bruce, USAF, stationed on Guam, and Cpl. Harry Newton Bruce, USAF, Keesler Field, Miss.; a sister, Mrs. John W. Bruce, San Diego; and a brother, Newton Good, Boonville.

She was born March 2, 1888, the daughter of William J. and Catherine Stone Good. Mrs. Bruce spent her entire life in Cooper County, attending the Cooper County schools. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

John A. Leach Dies In Illinois

OTTERVILLE — John Archie Leach, son of the late W. T. and Harriet Leach, died yesterday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock at the home of his niece, Mrs. Harry Speicher in Sheffield, Ill.

Mr. Leach was born Feb. 25, 1885, near Elston, Mo., one of six children. One sister, Mrs. Honford Brunk preceded him in death. Surviving are the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. May Varney, Sedalia, Mo., Mrs. Bessie Smith, and George Leach, Kansas City, Mo., and C. A. Leach of Otterville.

He is also survived by six nieces, two grandnieces, and four grand-nephews.

Mr. Leach received his education in the public schools of this state and was a graduate of Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, and the University of Missouri. He began teaching at the age of 17. He taught in the public schools of Missouri, Oklahoma, and Illinois. He was a member of the Farmington, Ill., High School faculty at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Otterville Baptist Church, a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, and also the Masonic Lodge in which he was a Knights Templar.

Funeral services will be held at the Otterville Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Sunday. The Rev. Clyde Pain-ton will conduct the rites.

Pallbearers will be L. C. Wilker-son, F. L. Cole, Thomas Nichols, Leo Smith, Asa Bishop, and William Bu-ford. Burial will be in the Odd Fel-lows Cemetery. ✓