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**James E. McNeil
(Sedalia)**

James E. McNeil, 50, 1617 West Seventh, died at his home at 11:20 p.m. Sunday.

He was born Oct. 26, 1914, in Sedalia, the son of the late Dr. Charles A. and Anna Decker McNeil.

He was a member of the Calvary Episcopal Church. He was educated in the Sedalia Public Schools and graduated from Washington University.

He served with the Army in Europe during World War II, was president of the Sedalia Lions Club at the time of his death, was a member of the VFW, and was actively engaged over a number of years in the promotion of the Lions Eye Tissue Bank, which is located at the University of Missouri Medical Center.

He was interested in youth work especially the Girl Scouts of which he was advisor and financial chairman of District 9 in the Heart of Missouri Girl Scout Council and the Little League baseball teams. For a number of years he was a member of the United Fund board and held the office of treasurer for several years.

Surviving are: his wife, Virginia, of the home; two aunts, Mrs. Floyd Rowland, Stover, and Mrs. Julius Nletzert, Chicago, Ill.; and one uncle, Earl Decker, Syracuse.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the McLaughlin Chapel with the Rev. William E. Lusk, pastor of Calvary Episcopal Church, officiating.

Mrs. James Atkinson will be organist.

Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

The body is at the McLaughlin Chapel.

**John Richard Palmer
(Sedalia)**

John Richard Palmer, 66, 1401 South Garfield, died at 5:50 p.m. Thursday at St. Bernards Hospital in Jonesboro, Ark., following a car accident near that city on Dec. 29.

He was born at Orrick, Mo., Aug. 28, 1898, the son of Hugh W. and Emma Jane Youngblood Palmer.

On Nov. 16, 1935, he was married to Zola Cross, who survives.

He was a member of American Legion, Masonic Order and the First Christian Church. He was a retired sales representative for the Birmingham and Prosser Paper Company.

Surviving besides his wife of the home are: three brothers, H. W. Palmer, Kansas City, O. F. Palmer, Olathe, Kan., and Dr. F. E. Palmer, Sterling, Colo.; and two sisters, Mrs. James Scott, Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Gilbert Walters, Missouri City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Stine-McClure Chapel in Kansas City, with the Rev. Harry Purviance, pastor of the First Christian Church, Sedalia, officiating.

Organ selections will be played.

Pallbearers will be Victor L. Jarvis, William L. Grammer, John S. Leavey, Leslie C. Spurks, John A. Kline, and Emmett Scanlon, Jr.

Burial will be in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City.

The body is at the Stine-McClure Funeral Home, Kansas City.

**Lester B. Stansbery
(Sedalia)**

Lester B. Stansbery, 67, Sedalia, died Thursday at the Veteran's Hospital in Kansas City.

Born in 1897, he was the son of Isaac and Julia Franklin Stansbery.

He was married to Mayme Hill, who preceded him in death many years ago. Ten years ago he was married to Gustie Kreisler, who preceded him in death, August 1964.

He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are: two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Jenkins, Topeka, Kan., and Mrs. Hazel Gayette, Ottawa, Kan.; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Maude Shipler, 2115 East Ninth; one brother, Roy Stansbery, Kansas City; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at the McLaughlin Chapel, with the Rev. Harry Purviance, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating.

**Mrs. Nellie Mahnken
(Smithton)**

Mrs. Nellie Mae Mahnken, 73, Smithton, died at Bothwell Hospital Saturday night, where she had been a patient the past two weeks.

She was born at Smithton, Sept. 20, 1891, the daughter of the late George F. and Josephine Cronon Meyer. She lived most of her life in Smithton, except four years when she lived in San Antonio, Tex.

On June 16, 1920, she was married in San Antonio, Tex., to George Mahnker.

She was a member of the Smithton Methodist Church.

Surviving are: her husband, George, of the home; one son, Gerald G. Mahnken, St. Louis; and one sister, Mrs. J. Theodore Thomas, 116 West Seventh.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mrs. Irene D. Stephenson of LaMonte, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Neumeyer Funeral Home, Smithton, with the Rev. L. V. Hubbard, pastor of Smithton Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Shelby Kahrs, soloist, will sing "The Lord is My Shepherd," accompanied by Miss Laura Kruse.

Pallbearers will be David Mahnker, Donald Mahnken, L. D. Hoehns, Elroy Lemke, Cecil Smith and Robert McCandless.

Burial will be in the Smithton Cemetery.

The body is at the Neumeyer Funeral Home, Smithton.