

Deane C. Dedrick

Mrs. Deane C. Dedrick, 55, of 2505 South Kentucky, died at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday at Bothwell Hospital.

She was born Aug. 22, 1927, in Centertown, Mo., daughter of Cleo J. and Velma M. McKenna McNay. On Oct. 17, 1947, in Sedalia, she married Ralph E. Dedrick, who survives of the home.

Mrs. Dedrick had lived in Sedalia since 1946 and was employed at Bothwell Hospital as a nurses aid. She was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include four sons, Rene Dedrick and Marlin Dedrick, both of the home; Lenard Dedrick, Jamestown, Mo., and Gaylin Dedrick, Willits, Calif.; two brothers, Jim McNay, Barnett, and Jack McNay, Jamestown, Mo.; three sisters, Helen Miller, Eugene, Mo.; Celia Turner, state of California, and Velma Larimore, Jamestown, Mo.; her mother, Mrs. Velma McNay, Jamestown, Mo.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Heckart-Gillespie Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Dwight Bingham officiating.

Pallbearers will be Art Bethke, Bob Brown, Nelson Collins, Carl Franklin, C.W. (Red) Gordy and Richard Kasak.

Burial will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

The family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society.

Alta M. Cooper

WINDSOR — Alta M. Cooper, 63, died Wednesday evening at the Johnson County Memorial Hospital in Warrensburg.

She was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Windsor, daughter of Orlo E. and Anna Abington Meryfield. On Jan. 10, 1941, in Leeton, Mo., she married Arthur F. Cooper, who survives of the home.

Mrs. Cooper lived in Windsor her entire life and was employed as a telephone operator for the United Telephone Co. in Windsor for many years, later becoming a secretary for the Wilson Allen Corp., Windsor. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Windsor.

Other survivors include two brothers, Lloyd Meryfield and William A. Meryfield, both of Windsor; and two sisters, Helen Odneal and Louise Humphrey, both of Windsor.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Ralph Prosser officiating.

Burial will be in the Laurel Oak Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hadley Funeral Home here.

Mabel E. Brown

Mabel E. Brown, 82, of 2512 West 32nd, died at 5:30 a.m. Thursday at the Fairview Nursing Home.

She was born June 30, 1900, in Otterville, daughter of Riley and Frances (Fannie) Homan Edwards. On Jan. 5, 1924, in Otterville, she married John Cee Brown, who died in 1980.

Mrs. Brown was raised and educated in Otterville, moving to Sedalia in 1920. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and Sedalia Chapter No. 57 O.E.S.

Survivors include one son, John E. Brown, Route 3; two daughters, Martha Deck, 1914 South Sneed, and Catherine Smith, Lee's Summit; two brothers, Dueward Edwards and David Edwards, both of Route 3; three sisters, Georgie Walz, 1922 East 15th; Dorothy Rittman, Route 7, and Hazel Nelson, 2408 Albert Lee; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the McLaughlin Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Lawrence R. Stewart officiating.

Pallbearers will be Al Sorrell, Jim Gwiazdowski, Tom Brown, Gilbert Eck, Tim Smith and Joe Gwiazdowski.

Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests contributions to the First Baptist Church.

Wrangling begins over gas tax hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, seeking votes for its proposed gasoline tax increase, is trying to accommodate members of Congress who want to bend parts of the plan to protect pet projects.

The 5-cent-a-gallon hike in the federal gasoline tax has strong bipartisan support. But wrangling over the plan — aimed at financing \$5.5 billion worth of highway, bridge and mass transit repairs — is picking up with legislative action beginning today in the House Ways and Means Committee.

"A lot of heavyweights have a lot of parochial interests in this," said an aide to a congressional leader.

Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis said at congressional hearings this week that up to 13 states might be unable to pay the matching share — averaging 17 percent — required in federally-aided construction projects. That could make it impossible for those states to grant contracts for the repair work.

After learning of that, Rep. Barber B. Conable Jr., R-N.Y., the ranking Republican on the Ways and

would be moved, but a source close to the investigation said he was expected to be flown to Chicago by midday today. From there, he would be taken to suburban Wheaton to post bail on an unrelated marijuana charge.

Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner has said Masterson is not a prime suspect in the Tylenol case, but officials want to question him because he "made statements to various people that he was involved in the cyanide killings."

Fahner heads the task force investigating the fatal

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Nevada, Mo., to help MoPub line crews there restore power to large areas where power was disrupted by strong winds.

Mascarenaz cautioned that conditions appear right for more severe weather late Thursday.

Meanwhile, other tornadoes and damaging thunderstorms that swept across Missouri Wednesday night and early today have injured at least 20 people and damaged scores of houses and farm buildings, police said.

High winds and rain roared through Henry, Johnson and Saline counties, flooding some low-lying areas, city streets and basements. More than 2 inches of rain fell in 15 minutes in some areas of Saline County, the National Weather Service said.

Heavy rain and street flooding caused damage in some areas of the state. Warrensburg received more than 4½ inches of rain, while Boonville and Nevada received nearly 4 inches. More than 2 inches of rain fell in a short period in some areas.

Nine people were injured before dawn when a storm struck at Mountain Grove in south-central Missouri, where 25 to 30 homes were damaged or destroyed.

Police Chief Bert Hopkins said most of the damage was outside the city, where roofs were blown off houses and windows were blown out. Hopkins said no one spotted a tornado but noted that the storm struck during the early morning hours.

"It just kind of slipped in. Nobody expected it," Hopkins said.

Three more people were injured before dawn when the storm roared through a rural area of east-central Missouri between Japan and Bourbon near Sullivan.

Vernon Zelch, assistant police chief in Sullivan, said he saw a funnel hit a neighboring house occupied by the Vernon Rector family. Rector's wife and son were injured, as was a woman in a trailer that was destroyed near Japan, Mo.

At least eight other people were injured Wednesday night during storms in western Missouri near Ulrich and Nevada.

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