Obituaries of Cooper Countians
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Issue of the Sedalia Democrat
For John J. Potter
Submitted by Bill Scroggin

John J. Potter Services

Funeral services for John J. Potter, 75 years old, who died at the Bothwell Hospital Tuesday morning, will be held at the East Sedalia Baptist Church at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Walter P. Arnold, pastor, will officiate.


Mr. Potter was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and Post 16 of the American Legion will be in charge of the military services at the grave.

Interment will be the Potter family lot in the Lamine Baptist Church cemetery.

The body is at the Ewing Funeral Home.

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Issue of the Boonville Daily News
Maimie nee' Knack Stretz
Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Mrs. Herman Stretz Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Herman Stretz died at her home, 808 East Morgan Street at 6:50 a.m. today. While she had not been well, death was unexpected.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. Wednesday at SS Peter and Paul Catholic. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The rosary will be recited at the Goodman and Boller Funeral Home at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

She is survived by one son, Harold Stretz, Boonville, a daughter, Miss Rosemary Stretz of the home, and five grandchildren.

She was born in Boonville May 24, 1886, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Knack and spent her entire life here. She was married to Herman Stretz Nov. 21, 1905. Mr. Stretz died July 15, 1945.

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Issue of the The Higbee News
J. W. Winn
Submitted by Charles A. Leach

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR DR. J. W. WINN TODAY IN BOONVILLE

Funeral services for D. J. W. Winn, former Higbee and Yates physician, will be held at two o'clock this afternoon from the Goodman and Boller Funeral Home, in Boonville, rev. J. M. Wilcoxin, of Fayette, will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery, in Boonville.

Dr. Winn, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Winn, was born in Howard County August 10, 1871. He was married to Miss Ida Mae Cubbage, who preceded him in death.

Dr. Winn was widely known, having practiced his profession for over 50 years in the Yates and Higbee community.

He is survived by a son, Dr. G. W. Winn, of Boonville, and a brother, John B. Winn, of Duncan, Oklahoma. Three grandchildren, also nieces and nephews survive."
Mrs. Mary Barnert Dies Unexpectedly

Mrs. Mary Anna Back Barnert, aged 85, died unexpectedly at her home at 1122 South Third St., yesterday at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Barnert was born in Boonville, July 20, 1867, the daughter of Anton and Wilhelmina Back. She was married to Dominicus Barnert, Sept. 6, 1882, at Boonville. Mr. Barnert preceded her in death July 20, 1937. She is survived by two daughters; Mrs. John Brustman of the home, Mrs. Anna McGuire of Phoenix, Ariz.; four sons, Carl and Edgar of Boonville, Merle of Kansas City, and Jerome of Tacoma, Wash. Five grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews also survive. She lived in Boonville all of her life and was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic church. She was a member of the Altar society, Royal Neighbors and Woodmen.

Services, in charge of the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home, will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, at SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery here. The rosary will be recited at the funeral home at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Woolery Funeral Rites Tomorrow

PILOT GROVE—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Sue Woolery will be conducted at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, of which she was a member, at 2 p.m. tomorrow. The Rev. Carl Opp, pastor of the church, will conduct the rites. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be A. G. Olson, George Richardson, Francis Bock, Roy Schlotzhauer, Stanley Schlotzhauer and Oscar Stegner.

Mrs. Woolery is survived by her husband, Joe Woolery, of the home; a son, Joe Woolery, Jr., also of the home; three grandchildren, Mrs. Betty Jo Mollett, Jack Woolery and Joyce Faye Woolery, all of Cody, Wyo; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Woolery died suddenly at the home here Sunday.

Mrs. Woolery was born in Pilot Grove Dec. 21, 1874, the daughter of Jasper and Margaret Connolly, and was married in Pilot Grove to Joseph Woolery, Oct. 6, 1901. Hays and Painter have charge of funeral arrangements.

William Crosswhite

William Crosswhite, 80, died at his home at Prairie Home Monday morning. Services were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Eighmy of Prairie Home yesterday afternoon at Pisgah Baptist Church. Burial was in Pisgah Christian cemetery.

Mr. Crosswhite leaves his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Lon Vaughn of Wooldridge; a son, Paul Crosswhite of Prairie Home; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Crosswhite was born on November 19, 1873, near Bunceton, a son of John and Jemima Hurt Crosswhite. He farmed south of Prairie until about eight years ago when he moved to Prairie Home. He was a member of the Pisgah Christian Church.
H. F. (Petey) Back Dies Unexpectedly

Henry Frank (Petey) Back, formerly of Boonville, but who has been living in Leavenworth, Kans., died at Wadsworth Veterans Hospital at 7 p.m. yesterday. He had been a patient there suffering from a heart condition for about a month, but death was unexpected. Funeral services will be conducted at the Goodman and Boller Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Monday. The Rev. E. F. Abele, pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, will conduct the rites. There will be military services at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

The body will lie in state at Wadsworth Hospital this afternoon. Mr. Back was employed there for a number of years. He was a veteran of World War I. He is survived by his widow; one son, H. F. Back, Jr., Leavenworth; two step-children, John Marvin Potter and Mrs. Errett Estes, Kansas City; three sisters, Mrs. O. B. Kline, Mrs. M. L. Cauthon, sr., and Mrs. Otto Schmalfeldt, all of Boonville; and two nephews. Mr. Back was born in Boonville Nov. 7, 1897, the son of Anton and Louise Back. He was married to Mrs. Mabel Simms Potter May 4, 1922.

John J. Potter Dies At Clifton City

John J. Potter, 84, Clifton City, died at his home yesterday after an illness of ten years. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Clifton City Methodist Church with the Rev. E. W. Bartley, Sedalia, officiating.

The body will be moved from the Hays-Painter chapel, Pilot Grove, to the family home in Clifton City this afternoon. Pallbearers will be Ollie Harlan, Sam Harlan, Floyd Potter, Higdon Potter, Oliver Bridges, and Lee Caton. Burial will be in the Pilot Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Potter was born at Clifton City, November 28, 1872. His parents were Abraham and Sara Potter. He was married to Jenny Phillips in 1915 and she died April 10, 1940. He was married to Ola Boyd at Leaton, Mo. October 15, 1947.

Mr. Potter was a member of the Clifton City Methodist Church. He is survived by his widow of the home; a brother, Granville Potter, Sedalia; four sisters, Mrs. Flora Harlan, Sedalia, Mrs. Eva Richards, Pensacola, Fla., Mrs. Ethel Griffin, Sedalia, and Mrs. Brooksie Huffine, Sedalia.

Mrs. Brustman Dies At Age 72

Mrs. John J. Brustman, 72, died at 9 p.m. yesterday at the Boonville Nursing home following a long illness. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the B. W. Thacher Funeral home with the Rev. Glenn A. Irons officiating. Cremation will follow the services. Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 a.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Brustman was born in Boonville, May 29, 1894, the daughter of Dominicus and Mary Anna Back Barnert. She was married to John J. Brustman in 1918 in Waukegan, Ill. The couple lived in Chicago for a number of years, returning to Boonville 18 years ago. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Barnert is
survived by four brothers: Carl Barnert of Boonville; Edgar of Chandler, Ariz.; Merle of Kansas City, and Jerome of Tacoma, Wash; one sister, Mrs. H. S. McGuire of Phoenix, Ariz.; two nephews and two nieces. Mrs. Brustman was a member of the Rosicrucian fellowship. Mrs. Brustman had asked that donations in her memory be made to the polio foundation.

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Obituary of Lilly Doyle Woolery
Submitted by Francis Smith

Mrs. Woolery, 80, Dies Saturday

Bunceton-- Mrs. Lilly Doyle Woolery, 80, formerly of Bunceton, died Saturday at the General hospital in Kansas City after having been in ill health for sometime. Mrs. Woolery made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Schmidt, Kansas City, after leaving Bunceton several years ago. She is survivied by two daughters Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. F. A. Case, Independence, Mo., one son, Thomas Woolery, Kansas City, one sister, Mrs. Lou Barton, Vandalia, Mo., eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 pm Tuesday at the Bunceton Baptist church, of which Mrs. Woolery was a member. The Rev. M. A. Salser, Bunceton, will officiate. Burial will be at the Bunceton Masonic cemetery. Pallbearers will be Snode Morris, Clyde Nelson, Ed Langkop, Truman Nelson, Will Shirley, and Riley Edwards.

06 Jun 1958
Anna Josephine nee’ Schuster Potter

Mrs. Potter Dies, Rites Saturday

Mrs. W. A. Potter, 70, a lifelong Boonville resident, died at 4 p.m. Thursday after an illness of six weeks. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. The rosary will be recited at 8 tonight at the B. W. Thacher Funeral home. Mrs. Potter was born in Boonville, Jan. 12, 1888, the daughter of Joseph and Sophia Stretz Schuster. She was married to W. A. Potter, Nov. 17, 1917 at SS Peter and Paul's church. Survivors include her husband; one son, W. J. Potter of Boonville; three sisters, Mrs. Charles Sena, Mrs. Albert Hoff and Miss Minnie Schuster, all of Boonville; three brothers, Leo Schuster of Tipton, Wilber and Francis Schuster, both of Boonville; and three grandchildren. Two sisters preceded her in death. Mrs. Potter was a lifelong member of SS Peter and Paul's church and was a graduate of the church school. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, the Altar society and the St. Joseph hospital auxiliary. Burial will be at Walnut Grove cemetery.

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For Zeke F. Ross
Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Zeke F. Ross

Zeke F. Ross, 81, lifelong resident of the Beaman community, died at the Bothwell Hospital at 7:25 a.m. Thursday. He had been a patient at the hospital for the past 16 days. Mr. Ross was born Feb. 12, 1877, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Ross. He lived all of his life in Pettis County in the Beaman community, engaging in farming.
He was married in 1900 to Miss Mollie Wadley. They were parents of nine children. One son, Oliver Ross, died in 1918 and Mrs. Ross died September 4, 1940.

Mr. Ross was married at Sedalia December 25, 1942, to Miss Mamie Necessary, Smithton, who survives. Also surviving are five daughters and three sons by his first marriage, Mrs. R. S. Shull, Mrs. Brancie Hummer, Mrs. Homer Amos, all of LaPorte, Ind.; Mrs. Mary Hopkins, Ridgeville, Ind.; Mrs. Earl Lash, Harrisonville, Mo.; Zeke Ross, Cold Water, Ohio; John Ross, of La Monte, and George Ross, 109 Dundee, Sedalia; one sister, Mrs. Ellie Harper, Kirksville. Thirty-eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be at the Ewing Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Saturday. The Rev. Harry Hansen, pastor of the East Boonville Street Mission, will officiate. The body is at the Ewing Funeral Home.

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Carl Aloysus Barnert

Death Wednesday to Carl Barnert

Carl A. Barnert, age 70, died at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at S. S. Peter and Paul's church. The Rosary will be recited Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the B. W. Thacher Funeral home.

Mr. Barnert was born in Boonville, December 8, 1888, the son of Dominicus and Mary Back Barnert. On November 3, 1910 he was united in marriage to Louise Koenig at Slater, Mo. In addition to his wife of the home, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Anna McGuire, of Tucson, Ariz.; three brothers, Edgar of Phoenix, Ariz., Jerome of Tacoma, Wash., and Merle of Kansas City, Mo. One sister, Minnie Brustman, preceded him in death. He also leaves several nieces and nephews. Except for the years from 1915 to 1937, when he resided in St. Louis and Kansas City, his entire life was spent in Boonville. He was employed by the Peters Shoe Company for approximately 53 years acting as their sales representative in the south half of Missouri. For about 10 years he was owner of the Boonville Shoe Store.

Mr. Barnert was a member of SS Peter & Paul's Catholic church, the Knights of Columbus, Lions club and PTA.

Interment will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Thacher Funeral Home until time for services.

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Bessie née Woolery Read

MRS READ DIES, RITES TUESDAY

Pilot Grove - Mrs. Bessie Woolery Read, of Mt. Nebo died Sunday in Fulton.

Mrs. Read was born November 10, 1881, near Mt. Nebo, the daughter of Thomas F. and Elizabeth Wilks Woolery. She was married to Finis C. Read, Nov. 29, 1905. He preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Christian Church.

Surviving her are one son, Chatham Read, of Pilot Grove, one brother, Downing O. Woolery of Littleton, Colo.; two half sisters, Mrs. Ferrell Case, Independence; and Mrs. R.C. Schmidt of Kansas City; one half-brother, Thomas Taylor Woolery, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Mt Nebo Church, with burial in the Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Noel Cole, harry Eichelberger, Jim Phillips, Horace Cole, Edgar Quint and Russell Rapp.
MRS. TAVENNER DIES AT CLINTON

Pleasant Green - Mrs. Malinda Tavenner, 81, of Pleasant Green died Thursday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Meryl Kruse at Clinton following a lingering illness.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Pleasant Green Methodist Church, which she was a member. The Rev. E.L. Rathert will officiate with burial in the Pleasant Green Cemetery.

Mrs. Tavenner, a long time resident of Pleasant Grove, was born here June 10, 1878, a daughter of Taylor and Eliza Berry Woolery. She was married in Sedalia May 23, 1906 to James G. Tavenner, who survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Kruse; two sons, John Tavenner of Independence and Taylor Tavenner of Houston, Tex., two brothers, W.B. Woolery and James Woolery, both of Pleasant Green, Miss Belle Woolery of Sedalia and Mrs. Emma Mitzel of Kansas City, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Pallbearers at the rites will be Virgil Wolfe, Woodrow Wylde, Earl Bergman, Lee Decker, Wes Stephens and Louis Kempf.

The body will be in state at the Hays and Painter Funeral Home, Pilot Grove, until time for services.