

January 8, 1970

Logansport Pharos Tribune and Press

Slaughter Continues

Indiana's 1970 traffic fatality toll stood today at 17 compared with 10 a year ago.

Two persons were killed Wednesday evening at a Monon Railroad crossing east of Oolitic on a Lawrence County road when their pickup truck was struck by a train.

The dead were identified as William E. Baxter, 39, and Ruth Demaree, 30, both of Bedford. Authorities reported the truck, driven by Baxter, was backed on the track into the path of the train.

January 20, 1970

Anderson Herald

Train Slices School Bus

Indianapolis—A Washington Township school bus was sliced in two Monday by a Monon Railroad freight train on the far north side of Indianapolis. The driver, Albert Moss, Indianapolis, was hospitalized in "satisfactory condition" at Methodist Hospital. No children were in the bus.

January 30, 1970

Anderson Herald

New Albany Wreck Blocks Six Streets

New Albany, Ind.—Most of the downtown area here was split in half Thursday afternoon for about 40 minutes when a Monon Railroad freight train stalled and blocked traffic in at least six main streets.

A broken air hose was blamed for the blockage which divided the two principal business segments of New Albany.

Repairs were made and the train left the area. There were no injuries and no damage was reported.

April 9, 1970

Logansport Pharos Tribune and Press

Obit

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Stewart Funeral Home for William Helfrich, 81, Monon, who died Tuesday at Naperville, Ill. Burial will be in Bedford Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after noon Thursday and Masonic rites will be at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Born in Pulaski county Oct. 16, 1888, he married Minnie Fay Gordon, who died on April 7, 1955.

A retired Monon Railroad Engineer, he was a member of the Baptist Church and Bradford Lodge 592, F and A.M.

Survivors are a daughter and three sons; Mrs. Harry Carbon, Naperville, Ill.; Gordon, New Mexico: Ronald, South Bend; Stanley, Las Cruces, New Mexico; a brother and two sisters; George, Indianapolis; Mrs. Cathilla Burroughs, Monon; Mrs. Alberta Hatton, Miami, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

April 28, 1970

Anderson Herald

Flashier Light Ordered

Indianapolis—The Indiana Appellate Court Monday ordered the installation by the Monon Railroad of a flasher signal at its 91st St. crossing in northern Marion County. The signal has been sought for several years by the community, known as Sherwood Forest.

May 13, 1970

Winona Daily News

Obit

William John Steffenhagen, 78, Lake City, died unexpectedly at his home Tuesday afternoon.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffenhagen, he was born July 24, 1891, at Chicago. He married Lydia Mirow at Forest Park, Ill. The couple lived there, where he retired as freight clerk with the Monon Railroad, until 1957 when they moved to Lake City, Minn. She died in 1962. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the church choirs.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Henry R. (Helen) Miller, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Ray (Lauda) Steffenhagen, Lake City; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one brother, Fred Steffenhagen, Illinois, and one sister, Mrs. Walter (Alma) Grosse, Maywood, Ill. One brother has died.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church, the Rev. Ralph A. Goede officiating, with burial in the church cemetery.

Friends may call at Anderson Funeral Chapel after 1 p.m. Thursday until 12 noon Friday, then at the church from 1 p.m.

September 18, 1970

Vidette Messenger

Monon Merger Okayed

Washington—The Interstate Commerce Commission today gave the go-ahead for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to acquire the all-Indiana Monon Railroad.

It was the first time in more than a year that the ICC had approved a railroad merger.

With the acquisition, the L&N, will be a \$1.9 billion company operating over 6,340 miles of track in 13 states, the ICC said in announcing its unanimous decision.

The two railroads have told the ICC that the merger will allow them to save \$2.6 million a year in operating costs after the first five years. Net income for the L&N was \$28 million last year, and for the Monon net income was \$1.6 million.

The Monon operates in Indiana between Chicago and Louisville, Ky.

The acquisition will be effected by the exchange, on a one-for-one basis, of 727,467 shares of Monon common stock for a new issue of L&N \$2.10 cumulative, convertible preferred.

The ICC said the total par value of the transaction will be \$26 million.

The merger will give the L&N two parallel routes into Chicago, its present Evansville, Ind., to Chicago trackage and the Monon's Louisville, Ky., to Chicago trackage.

December 15, 1970

Daily Herald

Obit

Don. H. Dietrich, 79, Arlington Heights, formerly of Lafayette, Ind., died Friday in Maple Hill Nursing Home, Long Grove.

Mr. Dietrich retired in 1959 as assistant superintendent for the Monon Railroad in Lafayette, Ind. He was a veteran of World War II in the Transportation Corp., retiring as major; a member of Lafayette Elks Club; a 50 year member of Lafayette Masonic Lodge, No. 123; and a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Lafayette, Ind.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Haire Funeral Home, Arlington Heights.

Graveside services will be held at noon Friday in Grand View Cemetery, West Lafayette, Ind. The Rev. James F. Morin of Trinity Methodist Church will officiate.

Preceded in death by his wife, Margaret J., survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Peg (James F.) Hendricks of Arlington Heights and Mrs. Harry Layson of Media, Pa.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Glenna Dietrich of Tucson, Ariz.

Family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity.

January 10, 1971

Kokomo Tribune

Mother, Daughter Die After Accident Near Lafayette

A Tippecanoe County woman and her small daughter died Saturday after their car was struck by a train.

State police said Linda U. Bowers, 25, Lafayette, drove into the path of a Monon Railroad freight train on a rural crossing about five miles north of Lafayette.

Mrs. Bowers and her daughter, Teresa, 3, were thrown from the car. Mrs. Bowers died at the scene; Teresa died later at a Lafayette Hospital.

January 23, 1971

Vidette Messenger

‘Intermediate Points’ Urged In ‘Railpax’ Plan

Indianapolis—The Indiana Public Service Commission said Friday the Transportation Department should designate “intermediate points” which the proposed “Railpax” public passenger train corporation must serve.

“Unless such points are specified a number of major cities could be left without passenger train service by decision of the corporation—including Denver, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Birmingham and others,” the commission said.

The National Association of Railroad Passengers has also proposed federal designation of “intermediate points.” The original recommendations by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe specified major routes without listing many intermediate stops along the way.

The commission also warned that the lack of a provision for paying mail revenues to Railpax “could endanger the financial status of the new corporation or require a larger infusion of federal funds.”

Mail contracts have been a traditional way for the government to subsidize passenger trains. The commission said the federal law which created Railpax may permit the railroads to keep the money from mail contracts.

The commission also recommended that Volpe require railroads to give passenger trains the right-of-way over freight trains, reversing a trend in the last two decades which has given freight trains the right-of-way.

The commission also said passenger stations on routes not immediately used by Railpax might be abandoned under the proposal. It asked that all passenger stations now operating in Indiana be preserved for possible future use.

The commission made the following recommendations for routes through Indiana;
Detroit-St. Louis—from Detroit to Toledo via the Baltimore & Ohio; from Toledo through Fort Wayne and Peru, Ind., to Springfield, Ill., via the Norfolk & Western, and from Springfield to St. Louis via the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio.

New York-Chicago—the commission recommended two routes; the old Pennsylvania Railroad route from New York through Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne, Ind., and the old New York Central route via Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo and Elkhart, Ind. It recommended discontinuing Penn Central’s present route around the Great Lakes through Canada.

Chicago-Cincinnati—Retain the present James Whitcomb Riley train but route it via the Penn Central through Valparaiso and Gary to Wanatah, Ind., then to Lafayette via the Monon Railroad, then via Indianapolis to Cincinnati, on the present route. This would add Valparaiso and Gary to the major cities the train now serves.

Chicago-Cincinnati, alternate route—the commission recommended the Penn Central's present trains through Crown Point, Winamac, Logansport, Kokomo, Anderson, New Castle and Richmond, all in Indiana, be preserved. But it recommended the James Whitcomb Riley route take precedence if only on Chicago-Cincinnati train is to be operated.

Chicago-Detroit—from Chicago via the old New York Central tracks through Gary and South Bend to Elkhart; from Elkhart to Kalamazoo, Mich. Via Penn Central, and then to Detroit.

St. Louis-Washington, DC—the commission recommended the present Indianapolis-Columbus-Pittsburgh route in preference to the southern route through Cincinnati. It recommended a feeder service be established between Columbus and Cincinnati.

Chicago-Miami—the commission recommended the Monon railroad from Chicago to Louisville, Ky., bypassing Indianapolis, and then south via Louisville & Nashville. It also recommended preserving the L&N route which now serves Evansville, Ind. The present Penn Central route through Indianapolis to Louisville and the Penn Central route to Cincinnati were listed as secondary choices.

January 24, 1971

Anderson Herald

State Traffic Toll Reaches 112, 50 Above Same Time Last Year (Excerpt)

The death Saturday of Patricia Lehman, 16, of Francesville in a Winamac hospital brought the toll of a Friday night car train collision to two. Steve Gudeman, 15, Francesville, was killed outright when the car and a Monon Railroad freight train collided on a rural crossing near Francesville in Pulaski County. Two other persons were hospitalized.

May 18, 1971

Vidette Messenger

Won't Cross Picket Lines

Rail operations throughout Indiana were shut down for the second straight day today as railroaders refused to cross picket lines of the striking Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen.

In Indianapolis, 35 union members virtually shut down the vast Penn Central operation which includes the Avon yards and the Beach Grove repair shops.

A Penn Central spokesman said about 2,400 of the railroad's Indianapolis workers were off the job Monday.

Facilities were shut down at Penn Central's Robert Young freight yard at Elkhart and at the Baltimore & Ohio freight yards at Garrett.

About 150 Monon Railroad employees were idled at Lafayette, while pickets marched at the Milwaukee, The Louisville & Nashville and Penn Central facilities at Terre Haute.

The Chicago, South Shore & South Bend Railroad, which provides commuter service between South Bend and Chicago, was not affected immediately because no members of the signalmen's union work for the line.

June 9, 1971

Corbin Times

Seaboard Takes Control Of L&N

Richmond, Va.—The Seaboard Coast Line Railroad has announced that its effort to acquire outright ownership of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad has succeeded.

In an announcement Tuesday, the company said it reached its goal of obtaining at least 80 percent of the L&N's stock in an exchange offer that originally expired late Monday.

However, the announcement said the stock-trade deadline is being extended to June 22 for the remaining L&N shareholders.

The firm owned 33 percent of the L&N prior to announcing its intentions to acquire additional holdings in the Louisville based railroad.

The exchange offer provides for 2.45 shares of Seaboard stock for each share of L&N stock.

The offer was to be made good only if it were accepted by enough L&N shareholders to increase Seaboard's ownership of the Louisville based railroad to at least 80 percent.

With 80 percent control Seaboard will be able to include the L&N in consolidated federal income tax returns. That means among other things, that Seaboard won't have to pay such taxes on the millions of dollars a year it will receive in dividends from the L&N.

In addition, the stock trade itself will be tax free under the 80 percent provision.

Since the exchange offer was announced Dec. 17, the price of L&N stock has soared from \$68.62 to \$144.50. By comparison 2.45 shares of Seaboard was worth \$146.39 when the market closed yesterday.

Yesterday's brief announcement by W. Thomas Rice, chairman and chief executive officer of the Seaboard railroad, didn't say how much L&N stock was acquired before the original deadline.

Seaboard said earlier, however, that it would have to obtain no less than 1,398,056 shares—not counting its original 33 percent ownership—to reach the 80 percent goal.

Based on yesterday's closing price, former L&N shareholders will receive Seaboard stock worth at least \$83.5 million.

Seaboard inherited the 33 percent interest in the L&N from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, which it absorbed by merger in 1967.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ruled that the 33 percent ownership, acquired by the Atlantic Coast Line some 70 years ago, amounted to effective control of the L&N. Thus, Seaboard's move for outright ownership was handled routinely by the federal government.

Aside from the tax benefits, Seaboard has said that its increased ownership of the L&N will lead to "closer service coordination...and more effective solicitation of traffic" by the two railroads.

A L&N spokesman has said that additional cooperation probably will stem from the fact that Seaboard will receive a larger share of any profits it gains for the L&N.

The L&N's 15 member board of directors, including five members who serve in the same capacity with Seaboard, encouraged their stockholders to accept Seaboard's offer.

There has been speculation that the move will lead to a formal merger, with the L&N headquarters being moved to Seaboard's center of operations in Jacksonville, Fla.

But Seaboard has said that L&N is expected to continue as a separate company under its present management. L&N President William H. Kendall has added that neither merger nor relocation is anticipated.

At any rate, the stock switch tightens one of the largest and most prosperous “end-to-end” railroad combinations in the nation.

Seaboard is concentrated in six coastal states from Virginia to Alabama. The adjoining L&N crosses 13 states from Illinois to the Gulf of Mexico.

Seaboard has more than 9,000 miles of railroad, and the L&N has some 6,000 miles. The system will get a second line from Chicago when Indiana’s little Monon Railroad is formally merged into the L&N.

The Seaboard and the L&N jointly lease the smaller Clinchfield and Georgia railroads.

June 29, 1971

Logansport Pharos Tribune and Press

Obit

Rites for Joseph Stewart Price, 83, life resident of the Monon community, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Stewart Funeral Home. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Monticello. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Tuesday.

His death Monday occurred at Home Hospital, Lafayette. He had been ill for six weeks.

Born in Monticello Dec. 11, 1887, he was the son of Joseph S. and Maria Stout Price. His marriage in 1906 was to Maude Luse, who preceded him in death.

A retired special agent with the Monon Railroad, he was a member of the Monticello United Methodist Church.

Survivors are a son, Joseph Stewart Price Jr., Lafayette; two daughters; Mrs. Dorothy Sissons, Star City, Ark.; Mrs. Kathryn Burnau, Monon; seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

July 1, 1971

Kokomo Tribune

140 Pound Man Pushes Car Off Tracks To Save Women

Indianapolis—A 140-pound railroad worker single handedly pushed an 1,800 pound car off the Monon Railroad tracks here Wednesday, saving the lives of two women.

Jim Hughes, who was working on the tracks, noticed the women stalled in a Volkswagen on a crossing in the path of a train.

“They just sat there and locked their arms around themselves and never made an attempt to get out of the car,” he said.

Hughes said he was “a little nervous after it was over.”

The driver “said something, but all I could make out was ‘thank you, thank you,’” he said.

The women got the car started after the train passed and drove away.

Nobody got their names.

July 23, 1971

Kokomo Tribune

Monon Stock Holders Can Make Exchange

Jacksonville, Fla.—Owners of Monon Railroad stock will be able to exchange it indirectly for Seaboard Coast Line stock if the Monon-Louisville & Nashville merger goes through.

Under terms of the proposed merger, the L&N will issue 772,467 shares of \$2.10 cumulative convertible preferred stock, series A, to Monon stockholders.

W. Thomas Rice, chairman and chief executive officer of the Seaboard Coast Line, said Thursday that it will offer 0.816 shares of Seaboard Coast Line Industries, Inc. common stock for each share of L&N stock issued in exchange for Monon stock.

The L&N-Monon merger, scheduled Sunday, will give L&N a new main line across Indiana between Louisville and Chicago. From Monon, the town from which the railroad got its name, a 60-mile segment extends to Michigan City, and a 95-mile line runs to Indianapolis. Short branches extend to Midland and French Lick.

“We are pleased to expand our operations in Indiana,” said L&N President William H. Kendall. “With the Monon as part of our railroad, we will have an opportunity to give better service to cities in the Hoosier state as well as to provide the L&N with a second route to Chicago.”

Merger of the two roads was first proposed Sept. 28, 1968, in a petition to the Interstate Commerce Commission. A number of protest hearings were held in the first half of 1969. The commission granted approval for the merger last Sept. 20.

September 30, 1971

Logansport Pharos Tribune and Press

Highway Toll Hits 1,139 (Excerpt)

Anna E. Lush, 35, Dyer, and her daughter, Diane, 7, were killed Wednesday afternoon in the collision of their car and a Monon Railroad train at an unmarked Lake County crossing south of Dyer. Her two sons, Billy, 12, and Michael, 9, were injured seriously.

January 14, 1972

Logansport Pharos Tribune and Press

Obit

William Isbell, 80, of Fort Myers, Fla., a former Monticello resident, died at 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers.

Born in Indiana July 18, 1891, he was the son of William and Mary Murphy Isbell. A retired electrical inspector with the Monon Railroad, he had lived in the Monticello area for several years, moving to Fort Myers 10 years ago.

A member of the Christian Church in Monticello and the Masonic Lodge at Roachdale, he had received a 50 year pin from the Masonic lodge.

He was married March 25, 1913, to Alma Wolf, who preceded him in death July 28, 1961.

Survivors include a daughter Mrs. Lamar Rose of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; a son, William E., of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Miller Funeral Home in Monticello, the Rev. M.A. Madsen officiating. Burial will be in the Yeoman Cemetery. Masonic rites will be conducted at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. Monday.

March 27, 1972

Logansport Pharos Tribune and Press

Obit

Lawrence A. (Abe) Clawson, 72, of Radnor, died at 4:30 a.m. Sunday at Home Hospital, Lafayette. He expired one month after the death of his wife.

In ill health for five years, he had been admitted to the hospital on Thursday.

Born in Rensselaer Feb. 3, 1900, he was the son of John Wesley and Melvina Heness Clawson. On May 13, 1926, he married Dorothy Mae Ruffner. Her death occurred Feb. 25, 1972.

He had worked for 26 years as a maintenance employee of the Monon Railroad. He was a member of Hopewell North Presbyterian Church.

Survivors are on son and five daughters; Larry Clawson, Bringhurst; Mrs. Julia Parrett, Flora; Mrs. Betty Lauderdale, Radnor; Mrs. Wilma Jo Lantz, Camden; Mrs. Patricia Matthews, Bringhurst; Mrs. Janet Everett, Delphi. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Three brothers and two sisters survive; Eldo Clawson, Nappanee; Mahlon and Elber, both of Radnor; Mrs. Zelda Wiles, Flora; Mrs. Margaret Kirk, Anderson.

Friends may call at Leiter-Reinke Funeral Home Monday from 3 until 5 and from 7 until 9 p.m. Services there will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday. The Rev. William Pennock Jr. will officiate and burial will be in Zion Cemetery.

April 10, 1972

Logansport Pharos Tribune and Press

Obit

Charles L. Beasey, 88, of Logansport, who had been living at Sherwood Nursing Home in Peru died at 9:35 a.m. Sunday at Dukes Hospital, Peru. He had been ill ten years.

A retired carman for the Monon Railroad, he was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Carmen of America, Lafayette.

Born April 25, 1884, at Idaville, he was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Truax Beasey. His marriage in 1907 was to Johanna Adamsky, who died in 1952.

Survivors are three daughters; Mrs. Lydia Hunt, Twelve Mile; Mrs. Charlotte Belcher, Lafayette; Mrs. Carl Hartisch, Peru; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren.

Friends may call after noon Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Rites will be there at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Donald Abdon officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

May 13, 1974

Vidette Messenger

From the Around This Area section

Otis—An Otis area woman died Sunday afternoon several hours after the car she was driving was struck by a train at a rural crossing about a quarter of a mile from her home, LaPorte County Police reported.

Genevieve Cook, 56, died at St. Anthony Hospital, Michigan City, at 1:30 p.m. of multiple injuries suffered in the accident at 10:18 a.m. at the L&N crossing on County Road 100N (Beatty Corner Road). The L&N Railroad is the former Monon Railroad.

LaPorte County Police said the woman apparently didn't see the train as she approached the crossing. Conductor Charles Metcalf of Lafayette told police the train was traveling at 25 miles per hour as it approached the crossing with its whistle sounding. He saw the car, but was unable to stop the train in time to avoid a collision. The woman was alone in the car, police said.

September 30, 1974

Vidette Messenger

Obit

Jesse E. Williams, 85, died at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso. Originally from Homewood, Ill., he lived in this area for 28 years.

Born Nov. 18, 1888, in Chicago, he was the son of John and Mary Williams. On Dec. 6, 1917, he married Lillian F. Burns, who died on Feb. 15, 1963.

He was employed at the US Post Office in Chicago and was also a fireman on the Monon Railroad for many years. For 25 years he was the owner and operator of Shady Lawn Florist in Chesterton.

Survivors include one son, Jesse B. of Chesterton; three daughters, Mrs. Charles Cara, of Chesterton, Mrs. Leonard Szymanski of Flossmoor, Ill., and Mrs. T.F. Yeh of Seal Beach, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. William Troller of Villa Park, Ill., and Mrs. Henry Miller of Juniper, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at the White Funeral Home with Elaine Hunter, Christian Science reader, officiating. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Chesterton Cemetery.

March 31, 1975

Logansport Pharos Tribune and Press

Obit

Charles B. Black, 66, died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at his home, following an extended illness.

Born in Abingdon, Va., April 17, 1908, he was the son of James A. and Mary Jane Blevins Black. He was married May 24, 1930, to Nancy M. Murray.

A retired brakeman for the Monon Railroad, he was a member of the Methodist Church in Virginia.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Mrs. Rex Leonard, Monticello; Mrs. Carl Newell, Royal Center; and Mrs. Ron Nelson; two sons, Elmer S., and Bobby Burnettville; one sister, Mrs. Mary Murray, Monticello; three brothers, O.C. and Bob, both of Bristol, Va. and Booker, Appalachia, Va.; 21 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. One daughter and nine brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the McCloskey-Hamilton-Gundrum Funeral Home, with the Rev. Willis Detwiler and the Rev. Phillip Kessler officiating. Burial will be in the Davis Cemetery, Burnettville.

Friends may call after 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

April 15, 1975

Kokomo Tribune

Monon Society (From the Letters From Readers section)

The Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society was incorporated on March 25 as a non-profit organization to collect and preserve information of historical, technical, and feature significance about the Monon Railroad, its predecessor line networks, and the Monon Subdivision of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. It also engages in research concerning the Monon railway enterprises exclusively for educational purposes and to maintain an association of enthusiasts of the enterprises.

The Society is seeking support from participating individuals and organizations interested in the Monon history and would accept their membership.

Contact me at (address given), Dan Kaegobein (address given) or Mike Rybackie (address given).

Dennis J. Wozniczka

August 1, 1975

Record Eagle

Obit

Ralph W. Brand, 81, Traverse City, died Thursday afternoon at Munson Medical Center after a long illness.

He was born Jan. 19, 1894 to Samuel and Louisa Brand in Edna Mill, Ind. In 1944 he married Velma Marie McCulloch in Richmond, Ind. He has resided in Traverse City since 1945.

In the US navy prior to World War II, he joined the Army during World War II. Brand was employed for Monon Railroad in Indianapolis, Ind. and was a building contractor later in the same area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and four sisters. Surviving are his wife, Velma of Traverse City; one sister, Katherine Sharpe of Lafayette, Ind., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Sunday at the Reynolds Funeral Home. Dr. Howard Towne officiating. Interment will be in Rest Haven Cemetery in Lafayette, Ind. Friends may call at the funeral home after 5 p.m., Saturday.

March 24, 1976

Vidette Messenger

From the Over A Cup Of Coffee section

Coffee has just been advised of the existence of the Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society, Inc. comprised of "enthused fans of the former Monon Railroad."

The society was incorporated a year ago and engages in the research and collection of information of historical and technical aspects of the Monon Railroad, its predecessor railway networks and the Monon Subdivision of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

Officers of the society include Don Kaegebein of Munster.

July 1, 1976

Logansport Pharos Tribune

Obit

Eldo O. Norman, 77, Monon, died at 9:05 a.m. Wednesday at Home Hospital, Lafayette. His death followed failing health of two years.

Born July 4, 1898, in Jasper County, he was the son of Joseph and Maggie Comer Norman. He was married June 14, 1938, in Knox, to Ellen Nightingale, who survives.

A resident of Monon for 33 years, he came from Rensselaer. He was a retired employee of the Monon Railroad and retired janitor at the North White High School. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen Lodge in Rensselaer.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Eldo Dean, Monon; a daughter, Mrs. Suellen Querry, Riverside, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Harvey Warner, Rensselaer, and Mrs. Orran Gourley, Hendersonville, N.C.; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Querry-Ulbright Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Cress officiating. Burial will be at the Weston Cemetery, Rensselaer.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

June 26, 1977

Logansport Pharos Tribune

Obit

Philip Kline, 85, Monon, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at White County Memorial Hospital. Born Aug. 20, 1891, in North Grove, he was the son of Christian and Margaret Wagner Kline. He was married to Fern L. Rynearson, Oct. 19, 1912.

A retired car inspector of the Monon Railroad, he was a member of the Railway Carmen's Lodge, Lafayette, and the Retired Railroader's, Lafayette.

Surviving are two sons, Harry, Monon, and Robert, Indianapolis; and one brother, Clifford, Amboy; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be in Stewart Funeral Home Monday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Howard Cress officiating. Burial will be at the Bedford Cemetery.

Friends may call after 11 a.m. today.

October 27, 1977

Logansport Pharos Tribune

Obit

Arthur G. McBee, 89, Monticello, died at 1:55 a.m. Thursday at White County Memorial Hospital.

Death followed an extended illness.

Born Oct. 7, 1888, at Monon, he was the son of William Hamer and Barbara Ann Ragsdale McBee. He was married to Maude M. Fisher who survives.

A retired railroader with the Monon Railroad, McBee is also survived by two step-sons, Robert G. Fisher and William M. Fisher, both of Monticello, a sister, Mrs. LaVona Wasser, Batavia, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews. Four sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Miller-Voorhis Funeral Home, the Rev. Edwin H. Helm officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday.

May 11, 1978

Logansport Pharos Tribune

Obit

Funeral services for Oscar (Bob) Jones, 58, Monon, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Stewart Funeral Home.

He died of an apparent heart attack at 8:51 p.m. Tuesday at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer. He had been ill two years.

Born Nov. 14, 1919, at Monon, he was the son of Oscar and Laura Snyder Jones. He was married Feb. 10, 1940, at Monon, to Evelyn Dismore, who survives.

Jones was a retired switchman for the Monon Railroad and a member of the Monon Baptist Church. He retired after 30 years with the railroad in 1973.

Surviving with the wife are two daughters, Mrs. Judy Hunt, Monon, and Mrs. Trudy Cox, Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Ardath Leis, Indianapolis and Miss Betty Lou Jones, Speedway.

One brother preceded him in death.

The Rev. Terry Cook will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the Bedford Cemetery.

Friends may call after 5 p.m. Thursday.

June 8, 1978

Logansport Pharos Tribune

Obit

Charles Howard Britton, 82, Delphi, died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Delphi Nursing Home.

He had been ill two years.

Born March 15, 1896, in Medaryville, he was the son of Parris and Melinda Archer Britton. He was married Feb. 19, 1920, at Medaryville, to Bertha L. Norris, who survives.

A Delphi area resident since 1929, Britton was a retired Monon Railroad employee, retiring in 1952. From 1952 to 1955, he was a Delphi city policeman. Britton was a World War I veteran.

Surviving with the wife are five daughters, Mrs. Opal Bloor, Trafalgar; Mrs. Vera Gerbens, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. June Coghill, Delphi; Mrs. Lois Sprowel, Monticello; and Mrs. Maxine Mills, Lafayette; one son, Kenneth, Delphi; two brothers, Frank and Lester, both of Niles, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Four brothers, three sisters and one grandchild preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Thompson Funeral Home, the Rev. Ray Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Pittsburg Cemetery where military rites will take place. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.