

Missionary Dies at 48

Miss Elinor Briggs Served in Mexico

Vermontville — Funeral services for Miss Elinor Briggs, 48, of Vermontville R1, former teacher and missionary, who died Monday at Nashville convalescent home, will be held at 3:30 Thursday at Ainger Bible school near here. Burial will be in Kalamo cemetery.

A native of this area and a graduate of Vermontville High school, Olivet college and the University of Michigan, Miss Briggs taught at Vermontville High school from 1930 to 1936. She also taught at Birch Run, Columbiaville and Corunna before entering missionary work.

Went to Mexico in 1946. She studied at Moody Bible institute of Chicago and Wickliffe camp at Norman, Okla., before leaving for Mexico in 1946. She was there five years, translating parts of the Bible into the language of the Zapoteco Indians, before returning briefly to the United States. She later went back to Mexico but poor health forced her retirement in 1954.

Surviving are her father, Irvin Briggs of Shayton rd., six miles southeast of Vermontville, and a sister, Mrs. Hadley Abernathy of Evanston, Ill.

The body is at the Pray funeral home at Charlotte.

MISSIONARY DIES

Had Worked with Indians

Was Making Bible Translation

(Special to The State Journal)

NASHVILLE, March 21 — A Vermontville woman missionary who worked on a translated Bible for a Mexican Indian tribe, almost to the day of her death, died Monday evening at a convalescent home here.

She was Miss Elinor Briggs, 48, who had completed seven volumes of the Bible in the tongue of the Capoteco tribe.

She had become seriously ill three weeks ago, but continued her work.

Born in Vermontville township, Miss Briggs graduated from the school there in 1924, received her A. B. degree from Olivet college in 1928, and her master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1949.

She taught in Vermontville high school from 1930 to 1936, then, successively, at Birch Run, Columbiaville and Corunna. It was while teaching in Corunna that she decided to become a missionary. She completed preparatory work at Moody Bible institute, Chicago, in 1946.

Once with the Capoteco tribe, which has no written language, she was able to work out an alphabet and begin her translation of the Bible.

Surviving are the father, Irvin Briggs of Shayton rd., six miles southeast of Vermontville, and a

sister, Mrs. Hadley Abernathy, Evanston, Ill.

Services will be held Thursday at 3:30 p. m. at Ainger Bible church near Vermontville. Burial will be in Kalamo cemetery.

Olivet Concert

CHARLOTTE, March 21 — Mrs. Estella K. Upright, 75, of Benton township, died Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Gibson, 1835 Stirling ave., Lansing, where she was visiting. Mrs. Upright had been in ill health for several months. Born July 31, 1880, in Benton township, the daughter of Orrin J. and Charlotte (Woolfitt) Kingman and had been a resident of Benton township her entire life. Mrs. Upright was a life member of the Pottsville Eastern Star lodge, a member of West Benton church and the West Benton W. S. C. S. Her husband, George Upright, died Dec. 21, 1939. Surviving are the daughter, a son, Floyd, Lansing, and six grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Thursday from the Pray funeral home. Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery.

George Whittinger

CHARLOTTE, March 21 — George Edward Whittinger, 78, died at midnight Monday at the residence, 740 Forest st. He was born Jan. 16, 1878, in Story county, Iowa, the son of William and Ester Whittinger and had been a resident of Charlotte for the past 20 years. Mr. Whittinger was a retired carpenter. On Feb. 19, 1901, he was married to Isobell Cochran. Surviving are the widow; six sons, Wayne and Leonard, Flint; Roy, George and Elwood, Charlotte, and Orland, San Francisco, Cal.; four daughters, Mrs. Lettie Axtell, Flint; Mrs. Lucille Templeton and Mrs. Leota Peterson, Lansing, and Mrs. Edna Filbert, Charlotte. Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Friday from the Pray funeral home. Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery.

Elinor V. Briggs

CHARLOTTE, March 21 — Miss Elinor V. Briggs, 48, of R. 2, Vermontville, died Monday following a year's illness. She was born June 1, 1907, in Kalamo township, the daughter of R. Irvin and Zoe Briggs. Miss Briggs was a missionary to Mexico for nine years, retiring a year ago. Surviving are the father, Kalamo township, and a sister, Mrs. Helen Abernathy, Evanston, Ill. The body will be at the Pray funeral home until Thursday when it will be taken to the Ainger Bible church for services at 3:30 p. m. Burial will be in Kalamo cemetery.

Lyon.—Merritt D., born June 28, 1870, died October 13, 1956, at Hoytville, Michigan. He leaves his wife, seven children, thirteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. He was a friend of the church, a kind husband and father, a good friend and neighbor. Funeral conducted by the writer, assisted by the pastor, Kenneth Brady, from the Hoytville church. Interment in Mulliken Cemetery.

H. O. Tefft.

CHARLOTTE — Services for Harry G. Fernsler, 74, who died Thursday at his Charlotte home, will be held at 10:30 Monday at the Pray funeral home here. Burial will be in Gresham cemetery.

3d ward	2,549		
4th ward	1,114		
5th ward	2,154		
Total	80,810		
WAYNE COUNTY:			
Brownstown	6,048		
Canlon	2,111		
Dearborn	11,087		
Dearborn	18,571		
Grosse Pointe	888		
Huron			
Livonia			
Monguagon			
Nankin			
Northville			
Plymouth			
Redford			
Romulus			