

# DEATHS IN THE ERIE FAMILY



Edwin Sexton

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Edwin Sexton, 96, retired passenger conductor, died at his home on Henry street, Huntington, Ind., Sept. 8, after a year's illness. He came to Huntington in May, 1886, and joined the old Chicago & Atlantic (now Erie), retiring in 1916 at the age of 70.

Mr. Sexton began his railroad career in 1863 as errand boy in the general office of the Wabash Railroad in Toledo.

He joined the Order of Railway Conductors (Div. 103) at Indianapolis in 1885 and transferred his membership to Div. 120 at Huntington in 1889. He was a member of the Methodist church of Huntington and Huntington chapter of the Erie Railroad Veterans Association. He was given a medal as the oldest veteran at the association's twelfth annual outing at Conneaut Lake park in July, 1939.

Mr. Sexton was Huntington county's last veteran of the Civil War and last living member of James R. Slack Post, Grand Army of the Republic. The United Spanish War Veterans conducted military rites at the funeral and other organizations, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries, the Women's Relief Corps and others took part in the arrangements. Burial was in Mt. Hope cemetery.

He is survived by four nephews and a niece.

## Mrs. Mary A. Blocker

Mrs. Mary Adeline Blocker, 88, widow of E. S. Blocker, Marion division engineer, died Aug. 11. She is survived by two sons, Raymond V. Blocker, superintendent of motive power for the Erie, with headquarters at Cleveland, and Lloyd S. Blocker, Erie general foreman at Huntington, Ind. Funeral services were held at Huntington and also at Akron, O., where she was born in June, 1854. Burial was in Mount Peace cemetery, Akron.

## William B. Hoops

William B. Hoops, 69, retired employee of the Erie at Buffalo, where he lived at 90 Goodrich street, died Aug. 24 after a short illness. Born in Bremen, Germany, he came to Buffalo in 1891 and was employed in the Baggage department until his retirement in 1937. Mr. Hoops was a member of Transportation lodge 842, F. & A. M., the Consistory and Ismailia temple. His widow, Caroline Kaiser Hoops, and a brother, Adolf, of Black Creek, Mich., survive.

## Charles A. Johnson

Charles Alfred Johnson, 66, Erie engineer of Brockway, Pa., died of coronary thrombosis Aug. 12. He went on duty at 6:15 A. M. in usual health and died a few hours later in hospital at DuBois, Pa.



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Sydney S. Decker, Jr., retired assistant general land and tax agent, Cleveland, an account of whose death on Aug. 18 appeared last month

Mr. Johnson had been an efficient Erie employee for 39 years and was well liked by his fellow workers.

Surviving are his widow and eight grown children. The eldest daughter, Mrs. Thomas E. Mould, lives at 1355 East 111th street, Cleveland, and the third daughter, Mrs. Thomas E. Williams, at 1557 Bond street, Brockway.

## Jacob J. Ruegger

Jacob J. Ruegger, 71, retired Erie veteran, died at his home, 94 Orange street, Port Jervis, July 26, after a brief illness. For many years he was a locomotive fireman and engineer on the Delaware division, retiring six years ago. He is survived by his widow; a son, John, in the air corps at Sioux Falls, S. D., one stepdaughter, one brother and one sister.

## T. A. Goscinski

Thaddeus A. Goscinski, 45, Meadville division brakeman, died Aug. 26 in hospital at North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Ted, as he was known to his fellow workers, was born in Buffalo. He was educated in North Tonawanda High School and the Polish National Alliance College at Cambridge Springs, Pa. He en-

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tered Erie service in 1925 and at the time of his death was employed as brakeman on Trains 98 and 91 between Buffalo and Meadville.

During World War I Mr. Goscinski served with the Marine Corps. He was an ardent believer in the payroll deduction plan for U. S. War Bonds and was one of the first to sign for a \$100 bond each month.

He is survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter. Thaddeus, Jr. and Stanley are in the Navy, Henry and Dorothy live at home.

### George Rollo

George Rollo, 75, retired Erie painter, died last month at his home, 467 Graham avenue, Paterson, N. J. He was born in Scotland and had lived in this country for the past 54 years, retiring five years ago.

Mr. Rollo was a member of the Third Presbyterian church, Benevolent Lodge No. 45, F. & A. M., and the Erie Railroad Veterans Association.

He is survived by two sons, Archie and Robert Rollo, a daughter,

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ter, Mrs. Elizabeth David, and three grandchildren: George David of Paterson and Joseph and Ethel Rollo of Hawthorne.

### William Rose

William Rose, 71, retired Erie stationmaster, died in hospital at Jersey City, Aug. 29, from a heart ailment. He began as a gateman at Jersey City in 1898 and was stationmaster at Jersey City when he retired in 1937. He lived at 78 Beckwith place, Rutherford, N. J., and is survived by his widow, Bessie; a brother, Max, of Long Island, and a sister in Brooklyn.



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### H. W. Turner

Horace W. Turner, former Erie agent at Niagara Falls, died at Gainesville, Fla., July 29. He entered Erie service in 1899 and retired June 30 this year. He leaves a widow; one son, Horace, Jr., and two daughters, Dorothea and Jean.

### Harry P. Flynn

Harry P. Flynn, 49, Erie yard brakeman of nearly 30 years' service, died in hospital at Buffalo recently, following a long illness. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Thomas Aquinas Church; Post 121 of the American Legion; Post 3170 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Lodge 475, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Surviving are his widow, Nona; two sons, Harry and Donald; a daughter, Dorothy, two brothers and a sister.

Scores of high school graduating classes this year gave up their annual trip to the nation's capital. With the money these students had earned and saved for their long-anticipated Washington tour, they bought War Savings Bonds instead. What are you giving up to help win the war?