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L. E. Wagenknecht Services

Funeral services for Lawrence E. Wagenknecht, who died about noon Friday from a bullet wound, will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Smithton Methodist Church, the Rev. E. E. Dillon, a former pastor and the Rev. Ralph Emerson Hurd, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church, Sedalia, to officiate. Mr. and Mrs. Olen Monsees, Mrs. Sheldon Smith and Stanley Kahrs will sing "Beyond The Sunset," "Old Rugged Cross" and "Last Mile of the Way." Miss Laura Kruse will be at the organ.

Pallbearers will be Bernie Sharper, Wilbert Nolting, Elroy Viebrock, Glen Mertgen, Walter Merk and Clarence Schroeder.

Burial will be in Smithton Cemetery with ritualistic rites of the Masons.

The body, at the Parker-Moore Funeral Home in La Monte, will be taken to the family home in Smithton Saturday afternoon to remain until time for the services.

Mr. Wagenknecht, 50, was born Nov. 9, 1903, son of the late James R. and Sadie Boucher Wagenknecht and lived in and near Smithton all his life. He worked for the Railway Service and Supply Corporation for a period of 24 years, seven of which he had been plant superintendent.

He was married to Miss Gladys Hochns Oct. 6, 1927. She survives as do two children, Mrs. Frank Griffin, Palestine, Ill., James R. Wagenknecht of the home; two grandchildren, Nancy and Charlotte Griffin; four brothers, Byron, Sedalia; Russell, La Monte; Wilbur, Kansas City and Henry of Bonner Springs, Kan.

At an early age he joined the Stony Point Presbyterian Church and later placed his membership in the Smithton Methodist Church. He was past master of Pleasant Grove lodge No. 142, A.F. & A.M. Otterville; member of St. Omer Commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar, Sedalia; past patron of Otterville Chapter No. 331, OES, and was a member of the advisory board of Sedalia Council of the De Molay.