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### Ada M. Harrell

Ada Maude Harrell, 78, of 1714 South Quincy, died Thursday afternoon at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

She was born Aug. 6, 1908, in Sedalia, daughter of Walker and Pearl Maddox Carver. On May 26, 1927, she married Clarence R. Harrell, who died Nov. 9, 1981.

Mrs. Harrell was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, the Hospital Auxiliary, AARP Chapter No. 2821 and New Hope Jolly Elders.

Survivors include three sons, Melvin (Bud) Harrell, DeSoto, Mo; Gerald Harrell, Sedalia; Robert Harrell, Clinton; five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Heckart-Gillespie Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Bruce Campbell officiating.

Pallbearers will be James E. Anderson, Earl Bremer, Lester Harrell, Wilbur Rayl, Marion Schmidt and Dan Smith.

✓ Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 tonight at the funeral home.

The family suggests contributions to the church.

### Catherine M. Westermier

Catherine M. Westermier, 85, formerly of Sedalia, died Wednesday at Grossmont Hospital, San Diego.

She was born Feb. 14, 1901, in Pierce City, Mo., daughter of David and Josephine Belten. She married Henry L. West, who died July 7, 1935.

Survivors include a son, Charles M. Westermier, San Diego; four brothers, Ramond Belten, Sedalia; George Belten and Tony Belten, both of Pierce City; David Belten, Shell Knob, Mo.; four sisters, Agnes Moriarty, Sedalia; Margrete Morarity, Windsor; Josephine Cummings, Centralia, Mo.; Pauline Wordehoff, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Joe F. Nassal officiating.

Pallbearers will be Raymond Belten, George Belten, Tony Belten, David Belten and Joe Westermier.

The rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the McLaughlin Funeral Chapel. Visitation will follow.

### Virginia W. McNeil

Virginia Wilkerson McNeil, 71, of 1617 West Seventh, died Thursday morning at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

She was born Jan. 19, 1915, daughter of George Rapeen and Susan Herndoh Thomson-Wilkerson. In August 1945, in Hugheville, she married James E. McNeil, who died Jan. 3, 1965.

Mrs. McNeil graduated from Smith-Cotton High School and Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo., where she was chosen Queen of the May. She was past president of AAUW, Chapter B.B. and P.E.O., Calvary Episcopal Women, St. Margaret's Guild, the American Field Service chapter, Helen G. Steele Music Club and Sorosis. She had been a member of the United Fund Board and was treasurer of the Melita Day Nursery. She was a member of the Sedalia Country Club and was a board member of the Heard Memorial Club House. Mrs. McNeil had been honored in the city of Sedalia for her civic activities.

She is survived by cousins.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McLaughlin's Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Donald G. Wilson officiating.

Pallbearers will be W.H. Bunn, John B. Ellison Jr., Gregory D. Stewart, E.G. Kehde, Robert S. Gardner and Ed Hurley.

Honorary pallbearers will be J.O. Latimer, William A. Schien, K.U. Love Sr., George T. Lockett, Dan Robinson and Robert M. Zink.

✓ Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

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### Charles E. Johnson

Charles E. Johnson, 66, formerly of Sedalia, died Sunday at Veterans Hospital, Leavenworth, Kan.

He was born Sept. 20, 1920, in Sedalia, son of Edward and Nora Ellen Mayfield Johnson. He was married to Virginia Paxton, who died earlier.

Mr. Johnson was raised and educated in Sedalia. He was an Army veteran and a former member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sedalia.

Survivors include two sisters, Ethel Keele and Elsie Cole, both of Sedalia; and a brother, Marion Johnson, Sedalia.

Funeral services were Thursday in Leavenworth.

✓ Burial was in Leavenworth Cemetery.

### City sanitation worker found dead this morning

A city sanitation worker was found dead this morning in the seat of a garbage truck.

City sanitation workers found the body of Raymond E. Hays, 57, of 1016 East Seventh, slumped over in the seat of a garbage truck about 5:40 this morning at the city barn at Third and Montgomery.

County Coroner Fred Biggs pronounced Hays dead at the scene at 6:20 a.m. Biggs said Hays died of a heart attack. He said he could not estimate the time of Hays' death, but he said Hays usually arrived at work about 5:40.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah, of the home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Ewing Funeral Home.

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