

[Brondstetter, Wallace W.]

INQUEST SET IN DEATH OF FIVE
Dr. Haberer Investigating Accident at Mapledale
FUNERAL SERVICES FOR VICTIMS SET
Three Women and Two Men Employees at Air Field

Dr. Herman J. Haberer, Utica coroner, is making plans for an inquest in the death of five Rome Army Air Field employees, killed when their automobile was struck by a locomotive at the Mapledale Crossing near Mapledale at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Coroner Haberer says the inquest will be held as soon as the railroad crew is available. In addition to the railroad employees there is at least one other witness who was near the scene who is to be questioned.

Those killed were Wallace W. Brondstetter, 55, Cold Brook, car owner and driver; Earl R. Irwin, 70, Cold Brook, father of 12 children; Miss Jean E. Jones, 18, Cold Brook; Mrs. Laura R. Failing, 26, Cold Brook, whose husband is in the service, and Miss Alma V. Wood, 18, R.D. 1, Poland.

The car was carried three-quarters of a mile on the cowcatcher of the locomotive.

Brondstetter was born in the Town of Ohio, Dec. 10, 1889, son of Philip and the late Carrie Bullock Brondstetter.

He married Hazel Hart in February, 1916, in Barneveld. He had lived in Cold Brook for six years. He attended the Universalist Church and was a member of Newport Lodge, F. & A.M., and Morehouse Lake Club.

Besides his wife, he leaves his father; a son, Lt. Wallace Brondstetter, jr., in France; a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Polisse, Schenectady; two brothers, George, Herkimer, and Earl, Cold Brook; and four sisters, Mrs. Floyd Edick, Little Falls; Mrs. Walter Dingman, Ilion; Mrs. Charles Schofield, Cold Brook, and Mrs. Charles Grey, Oriskany Falls.

Funeral services will be conducted in the home at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, and in the Newport Masonic Temple at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Poland.

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