

[Fairchild, Lee]

LEE FAIRCHILD, SALISBURY, DIES

**Salisbury Center**—Lee Fairchild, 60, postmaster and first fire chief of this village, died yesterday in his home. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow from the Salisbury Center Universalist Church.

The Rev. C. [Clinton] A. Moulton, retired pastor, and the Rev. Gale Bascombe, Dolgeville, will officiate. Members of the Dolgeville Masonic Lodge will conduct ritualistic services at the Salisbury Rural Cemetery.

Mr. Fairchild was born on March 24, 1892, in this village, a son of Edward C. and Ida Elliott Fairchild. A life resident, he was a member of the Universalist Church and the Dolgeville Masonic Lodge.

For the past 38 years he had been postmaster here. In 1937, when the local fire department was organized, he was chosen chief. His first wife, the former Pearl Barnes, died in 1944. On Sept. 4, 1948 he married the former Ola Mertz.

Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Mrs. Howard Vivyan, Clinton; Mrs. Mark J. Brown, Montgomery, Ala.; and Mrs. Al Simpson, Hawaii; a stepdaughter, Miss Erline Metz; two stepsons, Gerald Metz, Binghamton, and Elwood Metz, Salisbury Center; four grandchildren and several cousins.

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