Earl Edwin Vickers Jan. 14, 1919 - January 3, 1977

Earl Edwin Vickers, 56, Monticello, was found dead in his garage on Saturday morning, Jan. 3, about 4 a.m., by his son James. He was apparently preparing to go ice fishing and was found near the garage door. The motor of the car was not running but it appeared he had been working on the car. Death appeared to be from natural causes but Deputy Coroner ordered an autopsy to determine exact cause of death.

He was born in Loves Park, Ill., on Jan. 14, 1919. The son of William Harrison Vickers and Effie Schneider Vickers, he attended West Wayne rural school, South Wayne. He was married on Oct. 11, 1941, in the East Wiota Lutheran Church to Lucille Broege. They farmed in the New Glarus-Monticello area until 1965 when they moved to Monticello. They operated Earl's Tap for several years and then he was employed by Varco-Pruden Co., Evansville, until 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille; his mother, Mrs. Effie Vickers, Browntown; four sons, Hubert and Robert, Brodhead; Wesley, Evansville; and James, at home; three daughter, Mrs. Roger (Donna) Stoll, Rt. 2, Belleville; Sandra and Bonnie, at home; two brothers, William H. Vickers, Jr., South Wayne, and Charles K. Vickers, Monticello; five sisters, Mrs. Harry (Phyllis) Hough, South Wayne, Mrs. Lawrence (Elaine) Martin, Juda, Mrs. Lawrence (LaRhaine) Rowe and Mrs. Willis (May) McKee, both of Warren, Ill.; and Mrs. Homer (Ellen) Smith, San Jose, Ill., and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and four brothers. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and sportsman.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m. at the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, with Rev. Charles G. Workman officiating. Internment was in Highland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were four nephews and two friends; Lawrence Martin, Jr., Lena, Ill; Gaylord McKee, Lawrence Rowe, Jr.; Warren, Ill.; Roger Vickers, South Wayne,. Jerold Berge, Belleville, and Leo Sarbacker, Jr., Brodhead.

Voegeli Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.