

Harry B. Mead

(1891 - 24 Dec 1949)

Mead, Harry B. On Saturday, December 24, 1949, at Casualty Hospital, Harry B. Mead, husband of the late Ella F. Mead, father of Mrs. Helen M. Longo, and Mrs. Margaret Bowman, brother of Mrs. John I. Scheidemen, stepfather of Mrs. Evelyn V. Johnson and Edward Reed. Prayers at Chambers' Funeral Home, 517 11th st. s.e. on Tuesday, December 27, at 8:30 a.m.; mass at St. Peter's Church at 9 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. [Evening Star, December 26, 1949, p. A-14]

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2 Dead, 1 Badly Burned in Rooming House Fire

Two persons were fatally burned and one other injured critically last night in a fire which swept a second floor room at 903 Seventh street S.E., a rooming house.

Mrs. Banche Boxwell, 44, of the Seventh street address, died shortly after 9 p.m. at Providence Hospital.

Harry B. Mead, 57, of the same address, died two hours later at Casualty Hospital. His widow, Mrs. Ella Mead, 63, was reported in critical condition at Casualty.

Police investigating the fire said a drinking party had been in progress in Meads' room where all three were found at the height of the fire.

Capt. Leo MacKay of No. 18 engine company, which responded to the alarm, said the fire apparently started when a small kerosene heating stove in the room was knocked over.

Three persons living on the first floor of the same house were arrested on drunk charges.

They are: Ralph T. Barrett, 47, his wife, Mrs. Sophie Barrett, 51, and Bernard Monroe Lawrence, 51.