

**Suffers Attack On Way Home From
Trip Canada On Annual Fishing Vacation**

Walter J. Krick, 54, superintendent of Decatur public schools since 1934 died suddenly at 9:30 o'clock this morning in a hospital at Cadillac, Mich. He had been in Canada on a fishing trip, and became ill at the camp. The group including Roy Mumma, Sim Burk and Tom Burk, left camp, Thursday and started to Decatur. Mr. Krick's condition became worse and at Cadillac he was taken to the hospital, where he died shortly after being admitted.

The four local men had left Decatur last Sunday and expected to remain at the Canadian camp until Saturday.

Walter Jennings Krick was born in Decatur November 14, 1896. He was a son of Henry and Sarah C. Mangold Krick. The father was a founder of the Krick-Tyndall Tile Co. Educated in the Decatur schools, Krick received his A. B. degree from Purdue University in 1920. He received his Master's degree from Columbia University in 1927, and in 1928 received a diploma from the Columbia University Teacher College.

He taught in Monroe High School from 1921 to 1923 and during the 1923-4 school term he served as principal of Chester Center High School in Wells County.

In 1924 Krick came to Decatur High School and served as principal from 1924 to 1930. He left Decatur and was principal at Van Wert, Ohio high school from 1930 to 1934, returning to Decatur in 1934 to become superintendent of the Decatur Public Schools, succeeding the late Martin F. Worthman.

Mr. Krick was a member of National Education Association, Indiana State School Superintendents Association, Indiana Superintendents Club, Decatur Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine at Fort Wayne and the Decatur Knights of Pythias and Lions Clubs. He also was a member of the budget committee of the Decatur Community fund, and a member of the Decatur chapter, citizens historical society.

Mr. Krick was an active member of the First Methodist Church of Decatur and served in many capacities in the church and Sunday school, including the superintendent's post, church trustee and numerous committees. He was long interested in youth activities in the community and attended almost every high school athletic event.

Months ago when the senior class of D.H.S. planned the annual edition of 'Ravelings', the high school year book, and unknown to Mr. Krick at that time, space was reserved for a full-page picture of their beloved superintendent. Ravelings was issued today with the picture of Mr. Krick.

In 1929 Mr. Krick married Cecile Andrews Moser, who survives. Three daughters also survive They are Mrs. Patsy Mann, Misses Nancy and Sarah Krick.. Three brothers survive. The are George M. Krick, Frank Krick and Virgil M. Krick, all of Decatur. Two sisters, Mrs. D. E. Butler, Fort Wayne, and Miss Agnes Krick, Detroit, Mich., are also living.

The body will be brought to the Zwick Funeral Home in Decatur, but funeral arrangements had not been completed at a late hour today.

During Mr. Kricks superintendency, the present junior-senior high school was established. Under his supervision the Decatur Schools advanced, not only in enrollment, but academically. Many of the outstanding features in Decatur modern high school building came from suggestions made by Mr. Krick to the architect.