Meade J. Barnett Killed in Fall

A 65-year-old Defiance resident, formerly of Fulton county, was instantly killed at 1:30 P. M. on Monday, August 11, while helping to erect a storeroom in Stonerstown.

Meade J. Barnett, a retired coal miner, was fatally injured when he was struck back of the right ear by a heavy wooden girder after the scalfolding on which he was working collapsed.

Another worker, Clifton Bowser, of Stonerstown, owner of the property, escaped a similar fate when he fell ten feet to the ground after the scaffolding broke. He suffered a painful

sprain of his left shoulder.

Bowser is engaged in building a storeroom at his home in Stoners-town. Barnett, a veteran carpenter, and James Patterson of Coalmont were assisting with the work.

Barnett and Bowser were standing on the scaffold about ten feet above the ground. They were placing the 18-foot center girder in position when the accident occurred. The girder was a bit short and in trying change its position, Barnett accidentally pulled the 4x8 piece of wood off the top sill. The girder crashed down on the scaffold and broke the 2x4's being used as a platform. Both Bowser and Barnett were thrown to the ground, but one of the 18-foot: 4x8's followed Barnett down and struck him.

He suffered a compound fracture of the skull and a puncture wound of the right ear which bled profusely. According to Bowser, Barnett died instantly.

Patterson was standing on the frame of the building and was not involved in the accident. Bedford County Coroner Vernon Geisel was called to investigate the mishap.

Meade Jonathan Barnett was born on April 27, 1887, in Enid, Fulton county, the son of Jonathan and Harriet (Foote) Barnett. He married Ora Mae Truax on October 12, 1912.

retiring in May, 1951. He also work-- 40 _ ed as a part-time compenter. He was NO a member of the Methodist Church. web - 00 Surviving are his wife and ninc c children: Fred Barnett of Defiance, Lester Barnett of Coalmont, M-Sgt. C 00 00 c Ralph Barnett with the Air Force in C - Texas, Mrs. Grace Ange of Fairfax, 10 9 Va., Miss Viola Barnett, Mrs. Wolet C 17 9 c c Zelonis and Mrs. Hilda Auricchio, all of Washington, D. C., C Mrs. C Reed of Washington, who is enroute c c to Alaska, and Lee Jonathan Barnett = 0 = co c at home. Two brothers, Howard Barc e nett of Waterfall and Bruce Barnett 9 9 C of Coalmont, and one sister, Nelli-C Ramsey, of Todd, also survive. Three 24 25 brothers and one sister are deceased. Funeral services were held in Sax-c' ton on August 14, with the Rev. Jos-C e eph Wagner officiating. Interment 6 62 was made in the United Brethren C Cemetery at Enid. C 5 5 w S cn 5 5 5 5 5 5 cn S cm cn S 5 5 2:0 5 5 C cn cn S cn 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 cn w CT w 5 5 5 cn co 5 5 a S

He was a coal miner by occupation,