

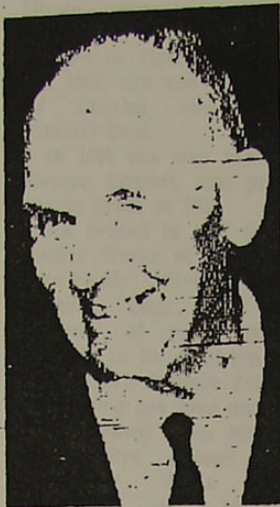
# Ross Dwiggins, Band Leader, Dies Tuesday

Ross Dwiggins, 69 for many years' director of the Kokomo Band died at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the St. Joseph Memorial Hospital. He had been ill of cancer for two years.

His residence was at 711 N. Courtland Ave.

Before he began directing bands which played concerts in Kokomo parks over a long period of years. Dwiggins played in movie theater orchestras here. Besides directing the Kokomo band, which was known as the American Legion Band, he directed a similar organization in Lafayette.

One of his favorite engagements was the Bluffton Street Fair, to which he had taken bands for 40 years. The first Bluffton fair to which he took a band was in 1926. He was playing trumpet in a vaudeville



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theater in Chicago when he was invited to appear with one of

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several bands at the fair that year.

Dwiggins recalled that Jack Benny was playing his violin in the same theater orchestra at the time. Musicians were required to play six shows a day with the exception of Sunday, when they played for only five.

Last September the Bluffton Street Fair Association presented a plaque to Dwiggins for his devotion to that festival. While his declining health prevented him from parading with his band last fall, he appeared and played at each of the eight free acts performed daily on the fair's midway.

He was a charter member of the Indiana State Legion Band, and had been director of that band. He also taught musical instruments, mainly the trumpet, to many boys in the Kokomo area. His music studio was at Mygrants Music Inc.

Dwiggins' brother, Glenn, a Kokomo insurance man, also played with bands at the Bluffton fair, the first time in 1929.

Dwiggins was born April 9, 1887, in Kokomo to Jack and Mary Lavina (Hankins) Dwiggins. 4 Apr 1967 p. 2

He was a member of the Moose Lodge and the American Legion and a life member of Local 141 AFM. He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving in addition to the widow; the former Marjorie Shufflebotham, are a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Jacqueline) Andrews of Tell City; a son, Ross S. Dwiggins, a teacher at Kokomo High School; a brother, Glenn; three sisters, Mrs. Everett (Inez) Cottner, Mrs. Edmund (Iris) Walwright, and Mrs. Dorothy Spencer, all of Kokomo, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Peacock Funeral Home with the Rev. E. E. Kuntzman officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Wednesday. The American Legion will conduct rites at the graveside.

Pallbearers will be John Marshall, James Marshall, James Beck, Dale Rodkey, Donald Clymer and Robert Johnson.