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Gertrude Decker, Prominent Local Leader, Is Dead

Miss Gertrude Decker, daughter of the founder of the Jacob E. Decker and Sons packing plant, and for many years active in the civic and social progress of Mason City, died at a local hospital about 1:55 p. m. Saturday, following an illness of about a month. She was taken ill shortly before Christmas.

Funeral services will be held at the First Methodist church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Doctor Marvin B. Kober, pastor, officiating.

Surviving Miss Decker are her mother, Mrs. Jacob E. Decker, a sister, Mrs. E. R. Dunlop, a brother, Jay E. Decker, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Miss Decker had been a lifelong resident of Mason City and had been active in many clubs and organizations, among the most recent activity having been her interest in the Mason City Art Center. She was also a leader in the Y. W. C. A. and the Methodist church.