

## **Unnamed newspaper, dated Monday, April 16, 1934**

### **DEATH TAKES WIFE OF DOCTOR ERNEST FRANZ**

Prominent Local Woman Dies At Home Here Saturday Night

### **FUNERAL TO BE TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Mrs. Leah Franz, aged 68, wife of Dr. Ernest Franz of this place, died at 11:45 o'clock Saturday evening, April 14, at her home on West Main street here. Death was caused by hypertrophy of the heart and complications. Mrs. Franz had ailed for several years and had been confined to her bed for eleven weeks. Her condition was critical at times but she seemed improved until just a few days ago when she suffered a relapse. She was very prominent here and her death is mourned by many.

Mrs. Franz was a Sunday School teacher for several years before her marriage and took an active part in church affairs, being a faithful member of the local Mennonite church for many years. She proved a great aid to her husband during his many years as a doctor and physician.

Mrs. Franz, formerly Leah Neuenschwander, was born on the Herman Lehman farm on December 31, 1865, daughter of Christian and Anna Lehman Neuenschwander, both natives of Switzerland, bringing her age to 68 years, 3 months and 14 days. On Mar. 9, 1890, she was married to Dr. Ernest Franz in a ceremony performed by the late Rev. S.F. Sprunger at the local Mennonite church. She lived in this community all her life and resided on West Main street for many years.

Surviving are the husband and the following children: Franklin of Monmouth; Ernestine at home; Mrs. W.A. Howe, Bluffton, O.; Gerhart Westfield, N.J.; Mrs. F.D. Whitesell, Chicago; Mrs. W.E. Geiser, Dover, O.; Mrs. C.R. MacDonald, Chicago, and Mrs. W.H. Kreibill of California. Nine grandchildren survive. Two brothers and two sisters survive. They are C.C. and D.C. Neuenschwander, Mrs. J.F. Lehman, and Mrs. Verena Schneck, all of Berne. Several brothers and sisters one ...