John J. Fiechter, Jr.

By Heidi Sinn

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John J. Fiechter was born to John J. Sr. and Lena (Reinhard) Fiechter on January 26, 1890 in Adams County, IN. He was the fourth out of thirteen children. He was active in the Apostolic Christian Church of Bluffton. He married Lydia Ann Gerber, also a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, on February 8, 1914. They had 11 children Ervin, Irene, Velma, Dale, Mildred, Lillian, John Doyle, Marie, Doris, and Gerald. He worked as a farmer near Craigville, Indiana. He owned the homestead his father, John J. Fiechter Sr., had farmed, it's still there today. Their biggest barn burnt down when it was hit by lightning, and they built a new one using wood out of the woods behind their house. All of his children joined the church. Lydia died in 1971, he died on February 1, 1974. Their youngest son Gerald inherited the farm after his father's death.

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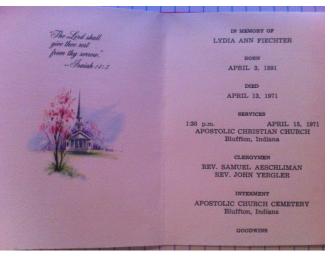
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## John Fiechter, Jr's school





## Wife of Carl Kipfer Dies

Mrs. Velma Kipfer, 57, wife of Carl Kipfer of Berne Route 1, died at 11:18 p.m. Sonday at Clinic Hospital. Death followed an illness of three months.

Born Dec. 10, 1918 in Wells County, she was a daughter of John J. and Lydia Gerber Fiechter, Her marriage to Mr. Kipfer took place July 14, 1946 in Wells County.

Mrs Kipfer, a lifelong resident of Wells and Adams Counties, was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Surviving, in addition to the husband, are a son, Ronald Lee of Peoria, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Allen (Beverly) Hodel of Lima, O., and Joleen Kay, at home, and one granddaughter.

Four brothers, Ervin Fiechter of Bluffton Route 4, Dale Fiechter of Ossian Route 2 and John and Gerald Fiechter both of Craigville Route 1, and six aisters, Mrs. Aaron (Irene) Reinhard of Craigville Route 1. Mrs. Herman (Marie) Drayer of Ossian Route 1, Mrs. Millard (Alice) Aschliman of Decatur Route 4, Mrs. William (Mildred) Neuenschwander and Mrs. Walter (Lillian) Bertsch, both of Bluffton Route 4, and Mrs. Charles (Doris) Neuenschwander of Morristown, also

Calling will be after 7 p.m. today at the Goodwin Memorial

The body will be taken at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday to the Apostolic Christian Church for servies at 1:30 p.m., ministers of the church officiating.

A preferred form of material is a contribution to the Children's Home at Leo or the Handicapped Home at Morton,



THE FIECHTER COUSINS
AT BLUE LAKE

(left to right )

Back row

Lula Fiechter, Alice Baumgartner?, Rosie Frauhiger, Nova Fiechter Cathleen Frauhiger, Irene Fiechter, Gladys Frauhiger, Beaulah Baumgartner, Melvin Fiechter, Homer Fiechter, Aldine Frauhiger, Walter Fiechter, Inez Frauhiger, Ora Frauhiger, Ervin Fiechter. Middle row:

Gladys Fiechter, Alice Fiechter, Earlene Frauhiger?(or is it Devona Fiechter?), Johnnie Barger, Herman Baumgartner?, Alvin Fiechter, Glen Fiechter, Raymond Baumgartner, Bill Frauhiger, Freida Baumgartner, Rose Baumgartner, Sylvan Frauhiger, Velma Fiechter(partially hidden), Lloyd Fiechter, Marie Fiechter, Milo Baumgartner.

Front Row:

Justine Fiechter, Herman Fiechter, Mildred Fiechter, Dale Fiechter, Carl Fiechter, Sharon Ginzel(with doll), Delila Frauhiger(back of Sharon), Doris Fiechter, Chester Baumgartner, Richard Fiechter, Bill Barger.

\*\*\*\* Does anyone know the girl left of Sharon Ginzel holding \*\*\*
\*\*\*\* her dress and the girl back of her that is hidden? \*\*\*