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BIRTHS 1934

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Stucky of Warren, a son Robert Dean, Sunday, March 4. Mother and son are getting along fine at the Wells county hospital at Bluffton.

A son, Harry Vernon, was born to Godfred and Laura McFarren Smith of Monroe township, Tuesday, March 6.

Born to Homer and Mrtha Ehram Niederhouser a daughter, Mary Louise, on Sunday, Mar. 4, Miss Margaret Saurer, R.N., of Columbus, O., is caring for Mrs. Niederhouser and infant daughter.

Howard and Florence Nussbaum Von Cuntzen are the proud parents of a girl, Ann Arlene, since Sunday, March 4. They are being cared for at the Wm Nussbaum home in Monroe Township.

A son was born to Menno and Me Stauffer Sprunger today, March 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Eckrote of Linn Grove received word that they were the grandparents of Donald Jr., a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald "punk" Eckrote, of Long Beach, Cal. The baby was born February 16.

YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED SUNDAY Berne, Indiana, Monday, March 5, 1934

Miss Florine Augsburger is Bride of Millard Sprunger

Sunday noon at 12 o'clock occurred the wedding of Miss Florine Augsburger to Millard Sprunger, both well known young people of this community. The wedding was solemnized at the parsonage of the local Mennonite church, Rev. C.H. Suckau officiating. Miss Violet Augsburger, the bride's sister, and Orlando Lehman attended the couple.

The bride was attired in a gown of navy blue rough crepe, with accessories to match. The groom wore dark blue.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Augsburger of Hartford twp. She has been employed in the Berne Witness print shop for more than five years.

The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sprunger of north of Berne. He is employed as an upholsterer at the Dunbar Furniture Co. Both of the newlyweds expect to continue their employment for the time being.

The couple will live with the groom's parents for the present.

Mon. Mar. 5, 1934

Mr. and Mrs. James DeVries and daughter Marilyn of Zeeland, Mich., arrived here this afternoon and will take up light housekeeping at the Newton McClain home. Mr. DeVries is the new linotype operator at the Economy Printing Concern and has been employed there since about two weeks ago.

Mrs. Amos Reusser was brought from the Adams County Memorial Hospital to her home here on Saturday and

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USUAL STORIES CIRCULATE AFTER DILLINGER'S ESCAPE TUESDAY, MARCH 6

It was about 10 o'clock or soon thereafter Saturday forenoon when word first reached Berne of the escape of John Dillinger, famous outlaw, who broke out of the Crown Point jail. Soon after the news of his escape had been broadcast over the radio, the usual rumors and stories started floating around.

One motorist who came through Berne was sure that the Ford V-8 Dillinger was said to be driving had passed him on road 27 between here and Decatur. The car was headed south, according to the report. At about the same time Fort Wayne police received word that Dillinger was speeding east through Fort Wayne over the Lincoln Highway, evidently bound for Lima, Ohio, to release his pals, Makley, the Linn Grove robber Clark and Pierpont.

Saturday evening the report was floating around in Berne that Dillinger had already reached Lima, freed his pals and that the four of them were headed southwest for Mexico.

Every machine with a resemblance to the car the "bad man" was driving was carefully scanned by the public and many motorists throughout three states, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois were sure they saw the machine, resulting in the usual number of phone calls to police headquarters in various towns and cities.

Dillinger, according to a reliable report, sang "The Last Roundup" as the car bearing him to freedom sped out of Crown Point.

DAN HABEGGER IS OPERATED Thurs. Mar 8, 1934

Local Youth Undergoes Serious Operation at Hospital Today

Daniel Habegger, 16, son of Mrs. Caroline Habegger of East Main St., and a Junior in the Berne high school, underwent a serious operation this morning at the Adams County Memorial Hospital at Decatur. The operation which was for obstruction of the bowels was performed by local doctors. They report that Daniel stood the operation well and unless unforeseen complications develop, he is expected to recover.

The obstruction was caused by adhesions from a former operation, the doctors said today. Recently while playing at the Auditorium Daniel suddenly was stricken with intense pain and since then his condition has not been so good. Last night he suddenly became worse and was removed to the hospital early this morning.

Two Portland Men Captured at Toledo as Dillinger Suspects Mon. Mar. 12, 1934

Excitement of the Dillinger escape recently culminated in a genuine wild west thrill for two of Portland's young business men, says the Jay County Citizen.

True Buckmaster of the Buckmaster and son insurance agency and A.A. Curry, distributor of Gulf Products, were enroute from Portland to Toledo on a business trip when they heard that the gangster was headed toward Lima. When they reached that city they decided to drive by the Lima jail where three of the Dillinger gang are imprisoned to see the military preparations authorities were making to present either an escape or a delivery of their dangerous prisoners.

The Portland men stopped at a filling station on the outskirts of the city and inquired the way to the county jail. The structure with its armed preparations presented an interesting scene and they drove around it several times.

Shortly after two a.m. Buckmaster was aroused from sleep by a terrific pounding on his hotel room door in Toledo. More than a score of uniformed police and detectives with drawn guns crashed into Buckmaster's room for the capture.

"Where's your pal Dillinger?" shouted the officer in command. Half asleep Buckmaster caught only the first part of the query - "Where's your pal?" but not the name, Dillinger.

"In the next room," he yawned.

Curry was dragged from his bed to face the muzzles of two machine guns, a battery of shot guns and numerous service revolvers manned by a hard-looking crew of police.

Two hours of third degree shivering in pajamas followed before the posse was convinced that Curry was not the noted desperado and Buckmaster not one of the famous gang.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens of route 7, Decatur are the parents of an eight and one half pound girl baby born Saturday afternoon, March 17. This is the first child in the family and has been named Mary Ann. Mrs. Owens before her marriage was Miss Erma Gage.

SUDDEN CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE Mon. Mar. 19, 1934

70 Degree Temperature Sat. Gives Way to Snow and Cold Wave

Following on the heels of two ideal early spring days Friday and Saturday, a cold wave from the northwest sent the mercury down to eight degrees above zero early this morning. Saturday the temperature reached 70 degrees, followed by the first thunder shower of the year during the evening. The rain continued for some time, changing to snow and by Sunday morning several inches of snow were on the ground. The rain, wind and lightning did considerable damage at Fort Wayne Saturday night.

Saturday many people here were spading their gardens, while farmers were getting ready for spring work, but the sudden drop in temperature changed the plans.

Spring is expected again, however, as the forecast is for fair and warmer.

Mon. Mar. 19, 1934

Miss Naomi L. Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Schwartz is reported suffering from appendicitis and will probably have to undergo an operation. Her brother, L. Reuben Schwartz underwent an operation for appendicitis recently and is still confined to his bed.

Mar. 19, 1934

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Sprunger moved from west of town to Geneva on Saturday.

BIRTH

Born to Noah E. and Mary Schwartz Schwartz a girl, this morning.

ELMER HIRSCHY CLAIMS BRIDE

Monroe Township Young Man Weds St. Mary's O. Girl

Elmer Hirschy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hirschy living a short distance west of the Winchester church several miles northwest of here, was married to Miss Esther Shelby, it was learned here today. The wedding took place at Winchester, Indiana, Saturday, March 10.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shelby of St. Mary's, O.

The groom is a farmer and the couple area t home on the Henry Hirschy farm.

Many of the relatives gathered at the Hirschy home, Sunday, March 11, in honor of the newlyweds.

MONROE MAN'S FATHER DIES AT HUNTSVILLE, O.

Word was received of the death of Richard Floyd 76, father of John Floyd of Monroe, which occurred Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the deceased's home in Huntsville, Ohio. Death was caused by cancer and followed an illness of one year.

The funeral was held this after- *Cut off – Column 3

SWALLOWS STRYCHNINE Thursday, Mar. 22, 1934

A fourteen-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs Christian C. Schwartz of five miles northeast of Berne, swallowed several tablets of strychnine Monday afternoon and was critically ill for several hours, but has recovered. A local physician was called who pumped the child's stomach. One of the older children had found the tablets in a medicine cabinet.

SPRING AND SNOW Thursday, Mar 22, 1934

Wednesday was the beginning of spring and an ideal day, but today a cold east wind brought snow flurries and considerable discomfort. The forecast is for cold today with rain or snow by Friday and slightly warmer.

Thursday, Mar 22, 1934

Mrs. Clifton Amstutz of this place underwent a major operation at the Adams County Memorial Hospital yesterday morning. Her condition is good and the operation proved to be a success.

Miss Naomi Schwartz of route 2, Berne, is a patient at the Adams County Memorial Hospital, at Decatur, where she underwent an operation yesterday morning.

Birthday Party Thurs. Mar. 22, 1934

The lady employees of the Nussbaum Novelty met at the home of Jacob L. Liechty on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in honor of Miss Anna Liechty's birthday.

They spent the evening making clothes line taffy, fudge and sea foam. Those present were the Misses Ruby Green, Velma Liechty, Martha Mazelin, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Liby, Mrs. Rose Beer and daughter Ellen, Emma Fogle, Luetta Sprunger, Mary Rhodes Mett Habegger Lucy Garber and the Jacob L. Liechty family.

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