

(Handwritten: Monday, May 21, 1934)

Miss Willodean Ellenberger is the new clerk at the Berne Hardware since this morning.

(Handwritten: May 31, 1934)

Mr. and Mrs. Wildas Liechty and son Nolan Edward will occupy the property formerly occupied by the late Mrs. J. A. Sprunger.

(Handwritten: Thursday, May 31, 1934)

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Schwartz and daughter, Bertha, and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Habegger were business visitors at Fort Wayne Tuesday.

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DEATH TAKES AMOS HIRSCHY ON WEDNESDAY

Prominent Local Business Man Dies At His Home Here

FUNERAL IS ON FRIDAY P.M.

The people of Berne and community were greatly shocked early Wednesday morning to hear of the death of Amos Hirschy, aged 63, prominent local business man. Mr. Hirschy died at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home on Van Buren street. Death was caused by double lobar pneumonia and heart disease.

The death of Mr. Hirschy came very unexpected. Last winter he suffered from the flu and came back to work in a weakened condition. He kept on going, however, until last week when the doctor ordered him to bed to take a complete rest. Sunday, pneumonia developed and his condition rapidly became worse. Tuesday, his condition became alarming, and a nurse, Miss Ruth Stuckey, was summoned to his bedside. Despite medical attention he failed rapidly and at midnight Tuesday it was evident that the end was not far away. He remained conscious until near the end.

Mr. Hirschy was engaged for many years in the real estate and insurance business. His office was located on South Jefferson street. He was a former member of the Town Board and at one time was engaged in the banking business.

He was born on a farm in Wabash township, one mile south of Berne, September 25, 1870, the son of Philip and Maria Richer Hirschy. Mr. Hirschy was reared on the farm but when he was yet a small child he had an illness which left him physically handicapped for the life of a farmer, and consequently his education was directed accordingly.

Following his education in the common schools and the high school in Ceylon, he attended Tri-State College at Angola where he completed his business studies in 1890. For a short time he was in the eastern states but soon returned to his birthplace.

Mr. Hirschy for two years was assistant postmaster to Harve Haruff of Berne and then entered the Bank of Berne, where he remained for eleven years, being promoted to the position of teller. While in the bank he began writing insurance and in 1901 he resigned. J. D. Winteregg and Mr. Hirschy formed a partnership in the insurance and real estate business, and in 1905 they took a suite of offices in the new bank building. The partnership was dissolved in 1912 and since that time he has been in business for himself. He was a (cut off)

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Anna and Edna Liechty, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Liechty of Monroe twp., are ill with the measles.

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Mr. and Mrs. Amos M. Schwartz, daughter Pauline, and Mrs. Joel M. Schwartz were business visitors in Fort Wayne Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wagner and family of Montpelier spent Saturday in this community, visiting friends and relatives.

Elmer Graber recently had the misfortune of stepping on a piece of rusty wire which penetrated his right foot. Infection set in but Elmer is making a rapid recovery now.

Mrs. H. O. Jones left here by train late Thursday afternoon for Elk City, Oklahoma, to visit with her mother who is reported to be seriously ill. Elk City is approximately 1,100 miles from here and Mrs. Jones expected to arrive there early Saturday morning.

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MOTHER OF MRS. JONES IS DEAD

Mrs. W. H. Winn Dies Today in Oklahoma; Mother of Mrs. H. O. Jones

Dr. Harry O. Jones of Berne received word today of the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Winn of Elk City.

(Handwritten: Monday, May 28, 1934)

MARRIED FRIDAY

Henry Schwartz, son of Joe J. Schwartz, and Miss Barbara Hilty, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Hilty, both of this community, were married last Friday. The wedding was postponed from Thursday because of the funeral of Mrs. Jacob Eicher. Many relatives and friends from a distance attended the wedding.

(Handwritten: Monday, May 14, 1934)

NOAH AMSTUTZ IS SENTENCED

Former Berne Young Man Sentenced to Four Months in Jail

Noah Amstutz, of Decatur, formerly of Berne, was found guilty on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and was sentenced to spend four months in the Adams county jail. The jury which heard Amstutz's case in the Adams County circuit court, received the case Friday evening and deliberated four hours before returning a verdict of guilty.

Amstutz is a native of this community, but tried to pass as Norman Amstutz instead of Noah Amstutz, after being arrested on the charge several weeks ago. When he took the witness stand he gave his name as Norman Amstutz. He was sentenced to the state reformatory several years ago at Kendallville on a bad check charge.

The case opened before Judge Hubert M. DeVoss and a jury Thursday morning, with the first day devoted to obtaining a jury and opening arguments by attorneys for the state and defense.

Testimony was presented Friday with the minor girl, now an inmate of the Indiana girls' school, as chief witness for the prosecution. After considerable difficulty, the prosecution obtained testimony from the girl which substantiated the state's allegations.

Amstutz, taking the stand on his own behalf, admitted the charges preferred by the state. He said he was willing to marry the girl, but a license was refused them at Fort Wayne.

The girl, when arrested several weeks ago by Sheriff Burl Johnson, admitted numerous acts of delinquency. She had been on probation to the Adams County probation officer for some time prior to her arrest.

Members of the jury are Walter Conrad, John Bollenbacher, Roy Durbach, Leonard Baumgartner, William Strickler, August Schlickman, John H. Peters, Austen McMichaels, Francis M. Stults, Harve Clark, John H. Helm, Henry Brown.

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