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GRANDMA ELIZABETH SPEHEGER NOW OLDEST WOMAN IN INDIANA

With the death in Miami County of Mrs. Elizabeth Barmheisel, 103, reputedly the oldest woman in the state, that distinction now falls to Mrs. Elizabeth Speheger, is the claim of many of her relatives. Mrs. Speheger lives with a son, J. C. Speheger, several miles northwest of Berne, and she will celebrate her 102nd birthday in July, if she lives until that time.

Mrs. Speheger is well known here and has several relatives in Berne and community. She is a native of Switzerland and came to this community many years ago. Family records were lost in a fire some years ago and Mrs. Speheger is not positive of the exact day of the month she was born.

Grandma Speheger, as she is commonly known, is unable to speak English but can speak German and Swiss quite fluently. When interviewed by a person speaking English only, an interpreter who can speak both the English and German language is needed.

She is still in fair health and is up and around the home and still assists in the garden work and other jobs around the house. She is, however, getting a little weaker every year, but still seems to enjoy life.

Unless some other woman in Indiana can prove that she is more than 102 years old, Mrs. Speheger will probably be known as the state's oldest woman.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

(Photo) Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tettman, prominent Decatur residents, who recently observed their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Tettman held open house and had a family dinner on the date of their anniversary.

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