

*Mon. Oct 5 1934*  
**Wrecked Ford, Spilled Molasses,  
Town in Darkness, No Phone Service  
Painful Injuries All Result of Mishap**

(By Adolph Liechty

A 1933 Ford V-8 sedan, belonging to Adolph Liechty of near here, was very badly wrecked last Saturday evening at 6:10 when it left the road a mile north of Salamoni, knocked off an electric light post, rolled over a few times and finally came to rest on its top.

Mr. Liechty, who was driving, was accompanied by his friend Miss Margaret Sprunger, Arlo Lehman and Waldo Liechty. They were returning from Salamoni where they had gotten 11 gallons of molasses belonging to Waldo Liechty and were expecting to be back in Berne in time for the Sunday School Banquet.

They were traveling at a fairly rapid rate of speed and since there were no road markings and the road had a dark surface they did not realize that they had come to a right angle turn until they were within a hundred feet of it. The driver applied the brakes but the wheels skidded and did not slow the car down sufficiently to make the turn. The car left the road and

broke the brace pole of the electric line, which in turn broke the main pole near the top allowing the electric lines to fall down across the telephone lines and cause a short circuit. The car turned over a few times and came to rest on its top, spilling the occupants, the seats and the molasses.

Hasty inquiry found everybody quite alive with the exception of Arlo Lehman who had fainted and was literally floating in three inches of molasses. Adolph, it was discovered, had deserted his friend and joined the boys in the back compartment.

The next thing seemed to be to get out in the quickest way possible and to this end Waldo kicked out one of the windows and crawled through. He was then able to open the front door and release Miss Sprunger and with the aid of the nearby neighbors, who hurried to the scene, were able to get Mr. Lehman out of the smeary mess.

Dr. Jones was called and Arlo was carried to a nearby farm house

on one of the car blankets. Here he was laid on the kitchen floor and his molasses saturated clothes were taken off and some of the sticky substance was washed from his body. Doctor Jones announced that he could find no broken bones and presently a Portland ambulance arrived and Arlo was taken to the office of local physicians where he spent the night. Waldo Liechty rode with the ambulance and upon his arrival in Berne notified A. J. Moser and Company who went after the wreck. Miss Sprunger and Adolph Liechty returned with the wreck later in the evening.

Telephone lines were out of order and the electricity was shut off at Fort Recovery because of the accident but Indiana Service Corporation men fixed their lines late that night.

Mr. Liechty carried full coverage on his automobile which was almost ruined, but the insurance adjuster had not arrived this noon and he did not know what he was going to do about the "sweet mess."

Arlo Lehman who suffered the worst, is still confined to his bed and finds it very difficult to move as he is sore and bruised all over and complains especially of his back. Miss Sprunger had a hip twisted and minor bruises while Waldo Liechty had one sore arm. Adolph received only minor cuts and bruises. Mr. Lehman was at first feared to be seriously injured, but regained consciousness later.

# PERL STEINER CLAIMS BRIDE

*Thurs. Oct 25, 1934*

## Former Local Young Man Weds Pigeon, Mich., Girl

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Perl L. Steiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Steiner of northeast of Berne was married to Miss Sadie Wilburn, Saturday, October 13, it has been learned. Rev. S. J. Miller received the vows at Pigeon, Mich.

The bride wore a gown of white satin with silver trimming and was attended by Miss Agnes Shetler.

The groom is well known here. He was formerly employed at the Berne Furniture Company and for the past three years has been manager of the High Grade Hatchery, at Pigeon, Mich., a branch of the Neuhauser company.

The couple are visiting and spending a short vacation here at the groom's parents and will be at home at Pigeon, Mich., Nov. 1.