

Adams County Scrapbook Transcriptions

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Edward Burkhalter Tells of Berne Industries in Radio Talk Monday

Thurs. March 12, 1936

Scan not readable..... WOWO Monday evening. Musical numbers were given by the boys' glee club, the girl's glee club and by the A Cappella choir, 90 students participating under the direction of Freeman Burkhalter. The following interesting address was delivered by Edward Burkhalter, a member of the Senior class.

"It is my privilege this evening to speak briefly concerning the community and school which we represent. Berne, a town in Adams County has a population of approximately 2000, most of which are of Swiss descent. Though it is small we are proud to be numbered among its residents. Due credit for Bern's growth and prosperity must be given its thriving industries. Berne has an unusual number and variety of factories for a town of its size. The list includes the Dunbar Manufacturing Company, Homer Manufacturing Company, and the Berne Furniture Company, (all makers of fine living room suites); The Berne Overall and Shirt Company and Berne Manufacturing Company, (makers of overalls andscan not readable..... Novelty Company (manufacturers of cedar chests and novelties) and the Berne Ice Cream Company. There are also two printing establishments which do a considerable volume of business in job printing in addition to the publishing of bi and tri weekly newspapers. Altogether there are approximately 700 people employed in Berne's industries. The success of these industries has brought about a rather rare situation for a small town, that of scarcity in housing facilities.

We must not forget a more important phase of our community life, that of its spiritual progress. Religious influences have always been a dominant factor in our community. For many years there have been four churches in Berne and recently another has been organized. People from the surrounding community as well as residents attend these churches and it is a known fact that the total church attendance is greater than the population of Berne

Although the enrollment of our high school is only 150 and that of the grades 300, we are proud of our school. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Webb, our superintendent, Miss Hirschy, our principal, and the teachers, high standards and an unusually broad curriculum have been established.

Berne has been known for many years for its' interest and love for good music. So music naturally has an important place in our curriculum. During the present school year vocal and instrumental classes, a band and an A Cappella choir were organized in addition to the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs, the orchestras and the rest of our established music instruction. Literary activities are also considered important in our school. As a part of the department we have two literary societies called the "Alphas" and the "Arenas" which have been in existence for 31 years. Every pupil in high school belongs to one of these groups. During the year, several programs are given by each society. To instill a spirit of wholesome rivalry, the participants are graded on their performances and a silver cup awarded to the winner. These societies have aided much in developing musical and literary talent that might otherwise have remained dormant.

Another strong division of our school curriculum is the physical education department. Basket ball, baseball and intra-mural sports are given the most attention. This year as well as in the past the Berne Bears had quite a successful season. In spite of injuries and sickness they won 19-20 scheduled games. All in all, we are proud of our school and community for they mean much to us."

GENEVIEVE LINN BECOMES BRIDE

Weds Harold Windmiller of Linn Grove Thursday Night

Bluffton, March 9, 1936 – Miss Genevieve Linn, local beauty operator, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.T.

Linn, near Linn Grove, became the bride of Harold Windmiller, son of Henry E. Windmiller near Linn Grove... scan cut off.

CLARA METTLER BRIDE SUNDAY

Monday, March 16, 1936

Local Young Lady Becomes Wife of Hiram Nussbaum

Miss Clara B. Mettler became the bride of Hiram Nussbaum in a quiet but impressive ceremony Sunday afternoon at 4:o'clock at the Mennonite parsonage. Rev. C.H. Suckau officiated at the double ring ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Arley Sprunger attended the couple, Mrs. Sprunger being a sister of the bride. For the occasion the bride wore a navy blue gown, with blue accessories. The bridesmaid also was dressed in blue.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. And Mrs. David Mettler and has been employed at the Berne Manufacturing company as a seamstress. She is favorably known throughout Berne and community. Mr. Nussbaum is a son of Mrs. Ellen Nussbaum and is a well known carpenter. This is his second marriage, his first wife dying several years ago. His first wife was Esther Mettler. The couple will be at home with the bride's parents for the present.

A two course wedding dinner was served last evening to the newlyweds and members of the immediate families, at the home of the bride's parents.

March 23, 1936

Joel Mazelin, Rusus Mazelin and Noah Falb Sunday attended the funeral of Daniel Falb, who died Wed. in Wayne county, Ohio.

Thursday November 5, 1936

SHOOT SEVERAL DUCKS

Paul Shoemaker, Philip Nussbaum and Chester Schwartz enjoyed duck hunting at Lake Webster, Monday. The three men bagged more than 25 ducks and coots and report that ducks are plentiful in the lake region.

SELLS TWO GRADE MARE COLTS FOR \$450

Mon. March 23, 1936

Jacob Graber, farmer of northwest of town, Friday sold two grade Belgian mare colts for the staggering sum of \$450. One of the colts was one year old last September and the other one will be a year old next month. The animals were sold to George McCalla, a farmer of near Ypsilanti, Michigan. Mr. McCalla plans to take the colts to his farm. The name of Mr. Beer's stallion is Brands Virgil.

The colts are both out of the C.C. Beer stallion and are beautiful young mares. Mr. Graber had not planned to sell the animals but when the Michigan buyer called at his place and wanted to know how much he wanted for the two colts Mr. Graber finally told him \$450. Without hesitation, the colts chang-
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DEATH TAKES SAM SOLDNER

Mon. March 9, 1936

Prominent Retired Farmer Dies Here Friday Morning

Samuel Soldner, age 80, highly respected retired farmer of Lehman street passed away at his home at 7:20 Friday morning following several months of failing health and after suffering a stroke at his home last Saturday evening. The direct cause of death was myocarditis.

Mr. Soldner was born on the old Soldner homestead in Wabash township, three miles southwest of Berne, the son of John and Maria Stauffer Soldner.

On November 16, 1878 he was united in marriage with Sarah Gilliom by the late Rev. S. F. Sprunger.

After being employed for a period of three years in the Hirschy elevator here and as a clerk in the Marrow store and spending one year in Missouri and three years on the farm owned by his father, Mr. and Mrs. Soldner settled on a farm four miles southeast of Berne. They resided on that farm from 1885 until December 12, 1913. On this farm they reared their family of six children and then retired and moved to Berne in the fall of 1913.

Mr. Soldner had both his legs broken in April 1919 when he was run down by a field roller while assisting Isaac Lehman at the Lehman Park after which he remained a cripple.

Surviving are the widow, six children, Rufus O., Berne; Mrs. Della Neuhauser, Berne; Nora, at home; Dr. Tilman H. of Berne; Wildas H., of Van Wert, Ohio; and Rev Grover T. Soldner of Goshen. He is also survived by two brothers, David of northwest of Berne, and Jonas Fresno, Cal., and one sister, Mrs. Barbara P. Lehman of this place. Twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive. Preceding him were two brothers Peter and John J., and one sister, Mrs. William Baumgartner and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 1:00 at the home and at 1:30 at the Mennonite church of which he was a lifelong member. Rev. C.H. Suckau officiated and burial was made in the M.R. E. cemetery.

ROSA UHRICK DIES TUESDAY

Mrs. Frank Uhrick Dies at Adams county Hospital

March 12, 1936

Decatur, Mrs. Rosa H. Uhrick, 62, lifelong resident of Decatur and vicinity, died Tuesday at 5 pm at the Adams county memorial hospital where she had been a patient for the past week. Death was due to complications. Mrs. Uhrick had been ill the past four weeks and Saturday underwent an operation. The deceased was born July 13, 1873 in Adams county, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Diehl. Her entire life was spent in Decatur and Adams county. She was a member of the United Brethren church. Mrs. Uhrick is survived by her husband, Frank, and the following sons and daughter, Mrs. Ralph Shady, Mrs. Mary Staley, Mr. Richard Myers, Luzerne Ernest Paul, and Mrs. Roy Kusmann of Decatur. A daughter died in infancy. A sister, Mrs. J.O. Brown and a brother, Amos Hetrick of Craigville and seven grandchildren also survive. Her first husband John Johnson preceded her in death in November 1895.

AMISH FAMILIES MOVING TO NEW HOMES IN INDIANA

Hutchinson, Kans., March 1936

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An exodus of Amish families are moving to farming sec... Iowa and Indiana because an oil field has sprung up to Their tranquil tradition Farming methods is occurring Yoder, small Reno county...

The Amish are a German religious sect, whose members refused to become adapted to cars, tractors or other modern conveniences preferring to dress in the garb of their ancestors and by horse and buggy. Married men grow beardsthe hook and eye replaces On garments of men and women.

Thursday, April 1936

Levi Nussbaum, who has lived in this community for about ... years, left Tuesday morning to his former home in St., Idaho. Mr. Nussbaum of Berne about seven years help care for his parents, Mrs. John P. Nussbaum, deceased.

John Winteregg, elderly man is reported quite seriously ill at his home.

Edith Habegger, daughter and Mrs. Joseph P. Habegger was able to return to school at Today after an attack of ?...citis which confined her at home for several days.

The Bierie and Yager ambulance was used today to take Mrs. Halfen from her old home to Home on the Noah Winteregg farm west of town. Mrs. Halfen has been staying with the John J. Hilt... family on the Adam Biberstine farm. She fractured her hip several months ago.