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PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING HERE SUNDAY P.M.

Miss Prudence Habegger is Bride of Harvey Birky

WILL LIVE ON FARM THIS SUMMER

On Sunday afternoon, May 3, at two o'clock, Miss Prudence Habegger and Harvey Birky were united in marriage at the First Mennonite Church, by the Rev. Mr. C. H. Suckau, pastor.

The service was opened by a medley of hymns played by Miss Ruth Liechty, organist. This was followed by a German duet, "Freund der Seelan, Braeutigam" sung by Mrs. Herman Fox and Homer Habegger. Miss Elda Flueckiger followed with a violin solo. While Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was played, the bride, accompanied by Miss Velma Sprunger, came in from the southeast entrance of the church, and the bridegroom, preceded by Rev. Suckau and accompanied by Russell Ward, entered from the north door.

During the ceremony the organist played "Liebestraum" softly, and at the close, Mrs. Herman Fox sang "My Heart's Prayer" - a hymn of prayer to God for wisdom and guidance. (snip)

...wore and ankle length dress of yellow mousseline de soie, and carried a bouquet of Johanna Hill roses. Both had white footwear with accessories to match. The groom and the best man were dressed in oxford gray.

Mrs. Birky is the daughter of Mrs. Benjamin Habegger of Berne. She is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. For several years Mrs. Birky had been employed at the Berne Mfg. Co. Mr. Birky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Birky of Foosland, Ill., where he formerly assisted his father in farming but for some time he has been engaged in the Dry Cleaning and Tailoring business. He is a graduate of the Fisher High School, Fisher, Ill. He attended College at Goshen, Indiana, and for the past two years has been a student at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

A reception will be given in their honor at the home of the groom's parents, Saturday evening, June 6th.

Out of town guests were Russell Ward of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; David Schulert of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Zehr, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Birky and daughter, Martha, of Foos (cut off)

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ELTA WELTY IS BRIDE ON SATURDAY P.M.

Clinton Habegger Weds Apple Creek, Ohio Young Woman

COUPLE TO RESIDE HERE

In a pretty ceremony solemnized Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Clinton Habegger, well-known local man, claimed Miss Elta Anna Welty in marriage. The wedding was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Welty, near Apple Creek, Ohio. The bride is a sister of Arvine Welty of this place and is well and favorably known here.

The Rev. A. R. Keiser, of Dalton, Ohio, pastor of the Salem Mennonite church, officiated at the single ring ceremony. The couple were unattended, but several members of the immediate families witnessed the wedding.

The vows were received in front of an arch made of orange blossoms. The Welty home was decorated with spring flowers, including lilies and roses, and presented a very attractive appearance.

Music was furnished by Milo, Arlie, Marcella and Mrs. Sylvan Habegger. Milo, Arlie and Marcella sang a vocal number, "I Love You Truly." Mrs. Sylvan Habegger played the wedding march from Lohengrin.

Mrs. Habegger was pretty in a gown of white organza, floor length. Her footwear and hat were of white and she wore a corsage of gardenias.

The bride has been employed in her home community near Apple Creek and has a large number of friends.

Mr. Habegger, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Habegger, is employed in the cutting room of the Dunbar Furniture factory.

The couple will be at home at 524 High street.

A wedding dinner was served at noon Saturday at the home of the bride's parents. A beautiful three-tiered wedding cake was a feature of the dinner.

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Mr. and Mrs. David S. Habegger and family visited at Peru Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Renigar of Greensburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Yoder and son Robert and C. C. Yoder.

Miss Caroline Nussbaum of Fort Wayne visited her sister, Miss Martha Nussbaum over the weekend.

Mrs. Anna Amstutz and Mr. and Mrs. Menno S. Habegger, and family visited relatives in Ohio Memorial Day.

Elmer Inniger, Sam and Jacob Habegger, Mrs. Anna Amstutz and Miss Mary Wheat left early today for an extended trip through the Eastern states.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schneck and daughter Janice Irene of Fort Wayne were the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stager.

Chris Inniger, Menno Nussbaum, Martin Habegger and Simon and Eli Schwartz visited the Jasper-Pulaski state game preserve and other places of interest in northwestern Indiana on Memorial Day.

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JACOB MOSER DIES IN FALL FROM HAY WAGON

Tragic Happening Occurs Late Monday; Suffers Broken Neck

FUNERAL HELD THIS AFTERNOON

A well-known farmer of this community, Jacob F. Moser, age 58, met a tragic death late Monday afternoon. He fell from a hay wagon and suffered a broken neck. Death was instant. The accident happened on the farm of a neighbor, Peter Mosser, at about 3:30 o'clock, several miles southwest of Berne.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home and at 2 o'clock at the West Missionary church, Rev. Alfred Clauser of Ft. Wayne, former pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in the MRE Cemetery.

Moser was riding on a load of hay with his son Harry, and daughter Dorothy, in the hay field. Just exactly how the fatal fall took place could not be explained by either of the children. They had barely started loading the hay on the hay ladder when Mr. Moser accidentally touched the daughter's feet with the prongs of the fork while placing some hay. When Mr. Moser inquired whether it hurt and she replied that it had not, the team of horses which had a habit of stopping when someone talked, halted and in some manner threw him off the load. Very little hay had been taken on the wagon with the loader, it was explained, but the manner in which he fell, on his head, caused sudden death. His son Harry stated that his father was dead when he reached him.

An ambulance and a physician were called immediately, however, but the man was dead.

Jacob Moser and Peter Mosser had agreed to exchange work, the former to make hay and the latter to plow corn, recently. The deceased had completed the work with the side delivery rake and had taken the team back to the barn. When his son and daughter were ready to return to the field, their father asked whether he should go along to help them with the work. When they replied in the affirmative, they left the barn and began their work. Shortly afterwards came the fatal fall.

Mr. Moser was the son of Peter F. and Elizabeth Wulliman Moser and was born in French township, May 4, 1878. His first wife died many years ago and on May 18, 1919, he was married to Lillian Mertz.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lillian Mertz Moser; two sons, Harry of Hartford township and Franklin of near Linn Grove from the first marriage; two daughters, Dorothy and Edwinna from the second marriage at home; six brothers, Edward of Warsaw, Albert of Ligonier, David of Woodburn, Peter, Joel and Noah Moser of Monroe township; two sisters, Mrs. Aldine Fox of French township and Mrs. Dan Huser of Syracuse, Kansas. Four grandchildren also survive.

One daughter, Verena, from the first marriage died and one child, Helen May, from the second mar- (cut off)

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BIXLER RITES ARE HELD HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Abraham Bixler, 86, Dies Here Early Tuesday Morning

Abraham Bixler, aged 86, well-known retired farmer and for the past several months a resident of Berne, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Burke, on east Water street, at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Burke had been in failing health for some time and became bedfast five days before his death.

Mr. Bixler was born in Switzerland, September 6, 1849. He came to this country when a small lad and on August 21, 1875 was married to Barbara Nussbaum, who preceded him in death. He had made his home with the Burke family for the last 13 years. The family lived on farms in this community for many years and Mr. Bixler was widely known.

The Bixler family lived in Wabash township southeast of Berne for some time, then west of Berne and also at one time north of town where the Sylvan Sprunger family now lives.

Surviving are the following eight children: Mrs. John Burke, Berne; John Bixler, Geneva; Jacob, Hesperia, Michigan; Judith Bixler, Ft. Wayne; Adam, Berne; Ben, Geneva; William, South Bend and Mrs. Henry Moser, who with her husband, is engaged in missionary work in Africa. A brother, Sol Bixler of Geneva and one sister, Mrs. Mary Kiener, of Bluffton, Ohio, also survive.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 1:45 o'clock at the Burke home and at 2 o'clock at the Mennonite church, Rev. C. H. Suckau officiating. Burial was in the MRE Cemetery.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Eileen Jeanette is the name of a baby daughter born to Victor and Lillian Neuenschwander Bagley of Ft. Wayne, Sunday, July 5.

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Miss Rosella Inniger, of Dayton, Ohio, spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Inniger.

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