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### HEADING CUT OFF-NOT DATED

Mr. Sprunger is very active in the Mennonite church. He has served in the capacity of Sunday School Superintendent of the Mennonite Sunday School for eight years.

Mr. Sprunger was born in Berne on November 11, 1899, the son of Benjamin and Susan Burkhalter Sprunger.

He attended the Berne grade schools and graduated from Berne High School in 1917.

After graduation he farmed for a while and also worked at the Berne Witness Company.

He then attended Bluffton College for two years and for two summers attended Stout Institute in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He completed his B.S. degree in Ball State Teachers' College in 1930. He majored in Mathematics and Industrial Arts.

In the fall of 1920 he accepted the position as instructor in the Monroe High School. He taught here for one year.

In the fall of 1921 he started teaching in the Berne Schools, and has been teaching here since.

He was married to Miss Viola Schlatter of Leo, Ind, on August 7, 1927. They have one son, Kenyon Lee, who is three years old.

Mr. Sprunger's hobbies are to do amateur photography, to collect stamps and to go fishing occasionally. (PHOTO PROVIDED)

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Thursday October 22, 1936

### REV. SUNDERMANN CLAIMS BRIDE

The marriage of the Rev. M.W. Sundermann, former pastor of the First Evangelical church at Decatur, and Mrs. Bertha Hersh was solemnized Monday afternoon at Van Wert, Ohio, with Rev. J.O. Mosier receiving the vows.

The couple is taking a week's motor trip after which they will be at home at 673 Walnut Street, Celina, Ohio. Rev. Sundermann is now pastor of the Bethel Evangelical church in that city.

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Thursday, October 22, 1936

NEW ARRIVALS - A daughter, Carol Ann, was born to LaDoyt and Agnes Habegger McCrory this morning.

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Thursday, October 15, 1936

## TWO "BELLING" PARTIES ARE HELD TUESDAY NIGHT

Two old-fashioned "belling" parties or charivaris were held Tuesday evening. One was for Mr. and Mrs. Chris Eicher, who were married last Sunday and the other for Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Habegger, who were married recently. A large crowd, comprised mostly of employees of the Nussbaum Novelty Company here, gathered at the Habegger home north of the tile (illegible) and the couple was then taken for a ride to Decatur.

At the belling for Mr. and Mrs. Eicher, a large blast of dynamite was set off, the country being rocked for miles around. This belling was held at the Eicher home west of Decatur. No damage was done.

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Thursday, October 15, 1936

## LEO NUSSBAUM IS PRESIDENT

### Adams County Older Youth Group Names Officers Recently

A meeting of the Older Youth Group was held at the hall above the Model Hatchery at Monroe, Wednesday evening, October 7.

The subject for discussion was "Personality and Self-Analysis." Some very interesting discussions were held and each person present was given a chart for self-analysis.

During the business meeting it was decided to hold a meeting every month at the Monroe hall. These meetings are to be held the second Tuesday of every month.

The following officers were elected: President, Leo Nussbaum; vice-president, Gerhart Schwartz; secretary, Lois Mann; treasurer, Pollyanna Lehman; song and yell leader, LeRoy Schwartz; news reporter, Juanita Lehman.

The topic for the discussion at the next meeting is "Table Etiquette" and a very interesting program is being planned for this meeting. Anyone between the ages of 15 and 30 years is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

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The two Sunday School classes of the Defenseless Mennonite church taught by Rev. and Mrs. J.P. Barkman, united in giving the Barkmans a miscellaneous shower at the Noah Stauffer home on

Tuesday evening. Rev. and Mrs. Barkman left for New York this morning and will sail the twentieth of October for their mission...(cut off)

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Thursday, October 22, 1936

NOAH GRABER, MOSE SCHMITT BIDS ACCEPTED; HOUSE, GROCERY DO NOT SELL

Bids which were received for the sale of buildings on the site where the new post office is to be built, were opened Wednesday evening. Just two of the buildings were sold. Noah Graber purchased the barn. His bid for the building being accepted, and Mose Schmitt's bid for the wood house was also accepted.

The Walter Stucky residence and the O.K. Grocery building were not sold. It is assumed that the bids for these two buildings were too low, and accordingly the buildings were not sold.

It was announced today that all the buildings have to be removed from the site 30 days after the abstract is completed and signed. It is indicated that by the middle of next month the buildings will have to be removed.

It was not announced today what steps will be taken to sell the house and grocery building.

Louis Habegger, proprietor of the O.K. Grocery and Lunch is looking around for a new location for the store, but at noon today had not made any deal.

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Thursday, October 15, 1936

FORMER BERNE YOUTH DIES

Reno Neukom, 28, Dies from Lockjaw at Auburn Wednesday

Reno Neukom, aged about 28, of Auburn, former Berne young man, died Wednesday afternoon at the Souder hospital at Auburn, according to word received here by Mr. and Mrs. Menno Wittwer. Death was caused by lockjaw, developing from an infected foot. His condition was critical since last Monday when he was removed to the hospital.

The youth was born in Berne, a son of Chris and Rosa Wittwer Neukom. He moved with his parents to Auburn several years ago. He was a nephew of Menno, Sam and William Wittwer of this place.

The youth is survived by his wife, two children and several other relatives, besides his parents

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Church of God at Auburn.

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Thursday, October 22, 1936

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The talk has been going around town that I have been fired at the Nussbaum Novelty Company. I, Don Sweeney, wish to state that this is an absolute untruth and if the rumors, meant to slander me and blemish my name, are not stopped immediately, we will settle the matter some other place than ... (cut off)

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Thursday, October 15, 1936

### Marriage Licenses

Marjorie C. Elchert and Louis Herbert, clay grinder, Tiffin, Ohio.

Emma E. Thompson, Decatur and Berlin V. Gause, truck driver, Washington twp.

Lucy Graber, factory employee, Berne and Sylvan D. Habegger, farmer, Monroe.

Ethel Fox, 522 North Second street, and Clarence Albert, machinist, Cincinnati.

Beatrice Vining, beauty operator and Woodrow Rogers, farmer, Rockford.

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Thursday, October 15, 1936

J. JEROME YAGER-Funeral Director-REPUBLICAN-Candidate for-CORONER of Adams County-Your vote is hereby solicited will be greatly appreciated-THANKS!-"You All Know This Candidate"-Pol Adv (PHOTO PROVIDED)

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Thursday, October 15, 1936

### JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

#### Grade 8 - General Science

In science we are studying about time, belts, latitude, longitude, and things relating to them. We have also studied the different seasons and the difference between (?) time and standard time.

Many years ago when people went west, they had to set their watches back one minute for every thirteen miles. If they went east they had to set their watches ahead one minute for every thirteen miles. This type of time is called ... (cut off)

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### ADAMS COUNTY'S ACCIDENTAL DEATH TOLL IS HIGH; ROAD 27 CLAIMS 7

The death of Fred Schultz, Fort Wayne policeman, in an auto accident last Monday brings the accidental death toll in Adams County to a tragic figure of nine for the year thus far.

Of this number eight lost their lives in traffic accidents. All were men. Six of the men were over 40 years of age and three of these were over 60.

Federal road 27 exacted the greatest toll, taking the lives of seven of these men. One died when he was caught in factory machinery.

Not content with this wholesale destruction, the grim reaper snuffed out the lives of five county residents, who were out of its boundaries at the time. Two of these were women and one a child.

All but one of these deaths resulted from auto accidents. That death resulted from drowning.

The nine persons, who lost their lives in the county, the date and place of the accident are:

February 26, Walter Hettler, 62, and Orville Tinkham, 57, both of Blue Creek twp., killed on road 27 at junction of 124, near Monroe.

April 27, W.L. Gunder, 64, Decatur, killed on road 27 near Geneva.

June 8, Otis O. Fletcher, 28, Frankfort, killed on road 27, south of Decatur.

September 26, Obed Gilliom, 29, French township, died September 26, accident on September 3 on road 27 near Berne.

October 6, Hosa Newcomer, 65, Geneva, killed on road 27, near Geneva.

November 3, Eldon Habegger, 26, Blue Creek twp., killed at the Central Soya Co. in machinery.

December 5, John W. Durbin, 49, Decatur, killed on road 527 in Pleasant Mills.

December 7, Fred Schultz, 42, Fort Wayne, killed on road 27, south of Decatur.

The residents of the county, who were killed out of the county are:

March 28, Herman Myers, 33, Decatur, killed in Indianapolis.

April 15, Alice Brown, 22, Decatur, killed near Wren, O.

July 15, Joan Locher, 6, Blue Creek twp. Drowned in Willshire, O., stone quarry.

July 25, Mrs. David Whitacre, 41, Jefferson twp., killed at Huntington.

October 24, Don Thompson, 22, Decatur, killed in Fort Wayne.

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Monday, October 26, 1936

PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING HERE SUNDAY P.M.

Miss Lola Hawbaker is Bride of Clyde Gould

In a pretty fall wedding solemnized at the Cross Reformed church here Sunday afternoon 3 o'clock, Miss Lola Lucille Hawbaker, of southwest of Berne became the bride of Clyde H. Gould, of Monroe. A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the wedding. The Rev. Calvin Schmid, pastor of the Reformed church, officiated at the single ring ceremony.

Miss Eleanore Dro, a close friend of the bride, and Walter Hawbaker, brother of the bride, attended the couple.

The church was decorated with green ferns, yellow chrysanthemums and white tapers.

Miss Catherine Mettler played the Lohengrin wedding march as the bridal party marched up to the altar, and played a number of appropriate selections before and during ceremony, and the wedding march from Mendelssohn after the ceremony. Mrs. Jerome Yager played a violin selection, "Liebestraum" accompanied at the piano by Miss Mettler, and Miss Violet Reppert sang two vocal solos, "At Dawning" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride appeared in a gown of crushed grape velvet, floor length, and black footwear. She carried a bouquet of gardenias. Miss Dro, her attendant, wore a dress of rust velvet, brown footwear and carried a bouquet of Talisman roses.

The groom wore the conventional blue suit, with a gardenia boutonniere. The best man wore a dark suit.

Jerome Hawbaker, brother of the bride, and Percy Gould, brother of the groom, served as ushers.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawbaker of southwest of Berne. She is a graduate of the Geneva high school and attended Earlham College one year.

Mr. Gould is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gould of Monroe. He attended the Monroe high school and is employed....(cut off)

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Monday, October 26, 1936

MRS. JACOB ABNET DIES

Well Known Woman, 84 Years of Age, Dies at C. Abnet Home

Mrs. Rebecca J. Abnet, aged 84, widow of the late Jacob Abnet, died at the home of a son, Charles C. Abnet, trustee of Jefferson township, several miles southeast of Berne, at 11:30 o'clock Sunday forenoon. Death was caused by infirmities of old age and complications. She had been bedfast for one week, but had been ailing for more than two years.

Mrs. Abnet was a resident of Adams county for 75 years, and was one of the best known women in the south part of the county.

She was born in Virginia, Dec. 4, 1851, bringing her age to 84 years, 10 months, and 21 days. She was a daughter of John and Ann Robertson Barr, her father being a native of Scotland, and her mother being born in Germany. She came to this community when a small child, and on Feb. 29, 1872, was united in marriage to Jacob Abnet, who proceeded several years ago. She had lived with her children since the death of Mr. Abnet.

Surviving are the following children: Charles C. Abnet, Jefferson twp.; Frank, Kalamazoo; Mrs. Mary Estella Huser, Ft. Wayne; Mrs. Bessie A. Ledogarm, New York City; one foster-son, Edward Wheeler, Fairbanks, Chicago. Two sons and four daughters proceeded.

Two brothers, James Barr and Robert Barr, both of Geneva, survive, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah LaMoreux, Rockford, Ohio. One-half brother survives, Charles Barr, of Geneva.

Mrs. Abnet was a member of the Church of Christ. The funeral will be Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 at the Charles Abnet home, and at 2 o'clock at the Maple Grove Church of Christ, Rev. Wayne Piety officiating. Burial will be in the Crawford cemetery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Drake, Clavis and Ethel Hunt of Hesperia, Mich., motored to this city yesterday to get Mrs. Verena Inniger, who has been visiting relatives here for the past two weeks. They returned to...(cut off)

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Monday, December 14, 1936

#### FACTORY PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE

A group of employees of the Ber Manufacturing Company enjoyed social gathering at the home of Miss Angela Michaud last Friday evening. The time was spent playing games and contests and prizes were awarded (?) several guests. A pot-luck luncheon was served (?) candlelight. The entertaining (?) were cleverly decorated in (?) with the yuletide season.

Guests included Anna Wullin(?), Florence Schindler, Mrs. J(?) Tucker, Eleanore Dro, Barb Martin, Wilma Inniger, Nora S(?), Barbara Burry, Selma (?), Surilda Riesen, Mrs. Herbert (?), Nell Luginbill, Elaine Baumgart(?), Gladys Moser, Marcella Mich(?), Elvira Lehman and the host Miss Michaud.

A Christmas gift exchange (?) also enjoyed during the course (?) the evening.

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Monday, December 14, 1936

#### ENJOY BASKET DINNER

A group of relatives met (?) cafeteria style dinner Sunday (?) in the basement of the A.C. (?) north of town, in honor of Verena Inniger, of Hesperia, (?) who returned to her home (?) following a two weeks' visit (?) relatives in this community.

Those present were Mrs. (?) Inniger, and Mr. and Mrs (?) Drake and children of Hesperia; (?) and Mrs. David Liechty and (?) north of Fort Wayne; Mr. and (?) Abe Inniger and family; Mrs. (?) Amstutz and family; Mr. and (?) Rufus Inniger and family; (?) Inniger; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Inniger; Mrs. Catherine Inniger and family; Mr. and Mrs. J.L. In(?) and family; Mr. and Mrs. J(?) L. Liechty and family; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Liechty; Mr. and (?) Dan H. Habegger and family; (?) and Mrs. Sylvan Habegger; (?) and Mrs. David L. Habegger (?) family; Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan N(?)baum and family; Adam Nussb(?) and daughters Leah and Elda (?) son Tilman, and Miss Eliza(?) Neuenschwander.

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Pinochle and bunco were played and prizes in pinochle were won by Miss Frances Reidy and Miss Ruth Stuckey and bunco. Miss Mayme Terveer and Mrs. Clarence Strickler.

A lovely luncheon was served at the close of the games. Fall flowers and Halloween appointments were carried out in the decorations and luncheon.

Miss Florence Lichtensteiger and Miss Margaret Daniels will be hostesses for the meeting next month.

Those present were the Mesdames Clarence Strckler, Vernon Aurand, William Bowers and H.B. DeVor and the Missess Margaret Daniels, Ruth Stuckey, Elva Anspaugh, Leona Wulliman, Florence Lichtensteiger, Mary Jane Colchin, Beulah Barclay, Eloise Noll, Geraldine Steele, Frances Reidy, Elizabeth Pittman and Mayme Terveer.

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Monday, October 12, 1936

RELATIVE DIES IN ALLEN CO.

John V. Delegrange, 33, Is Victim of Short Illness

John V. Delegrange, aged 33, of near Grabill, died Friday night at the Fort Wayne Lutheran hospital, following a short illness. Death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Delegrange was a nephew of Mrs. Elizabeth Graber of north of Berne and had many other relatives in the community. He had been an assistant section foreman on the Wabash railroad for the last ten years.

Surviving are the widow, Rose Steury Delegrange, two daughters, Verna and Phyllis, the step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Graber, all of near Grabill, a brother, a sister, two half-brothers and two half-sisters.

The funeral was held this forenoon at the residence and at the Conservative church southeast of Grabill.



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Monday, November 16, 1936

LOCAL EDITOR AT BUTLER U.

S.M. Schwartz, editor of the Berne Review, last Friday and Saturday was one of the many newspaper men of the state attending the Journalism Short Course sponsored by Butler University and the Indiana Weekly Press Association. The sessions were held at the Arthur Jordan Memorial Hall, Indianapolis, proving very valuable.

Authorities of national reputation spoke on the following subjects: "Effects of Radio on Journalism"; "Tips on Increasing Circulation"; "Shop Layout"; "Souvenir and Special Editions"; "Legislation and Taxes"; "Legal Advertising."

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Fort Wayne, Ind, Oct 12-Word was received here Sunday that Oscar Foellinger, president and general manager of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel Publishing Company, died of a heart attack last Thursday while on a hunting trip in the Canadian woods in British, Columbia. He was 51 years old.

Mr. Foellinger had gone into the Canadian woods with Robert H. Klaehn of Fort Wayne.

Sixty Miles in Woods

They left Dome Creek, British Columbia, last week and proceeded into the woods by boat for sixty miles and then continued the trip on foot. After Mr. Foellinger was stricken, Klaehn and their guide had to make the trip back to Dome Creek before word could be sent here. They reached Dome Creek Saturday night.

Mr. Foellinger was business manager of the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette from 1905 to 1910 and in 1912 he became business manager of the News-Sentinel. He later became president and general manager of the News-Sentinel.

He was active in Republican politics for many years, serving as a delegate from Allen County to the last Republican national convention.

Survivors are the widow and two daughters.

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Monday, October 12, 1936

LARGE CROWD SEES PARADE

Many People in Town for Colt Show; Merchants Report Good Trade

One of the outstanding features of the colt show here Saturday was the parade in the afternoon. Nearly 100 colts were paraded through town, led by the Berne high school band, directed by Freeman

Burkhalter. Local streets were lined with people who came from far and near to attend the annual colt show. After the brief rain in the forenoon, the weather was fairly decent the rest of the day and a large crowd came to town.

The colt show was sponsored by the Berne Chamber of Commerce, of which C.H. Muselman is president.

Local merchants report that business was good Saturday, the best Saturday in several weeks.

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Monday, December 14, 1936

#### JIM FRENCHY RECEIVES FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT

Jim Frenchy, well known local figure stopped in long enough today to inform us that he has already received a Christmas present, and considering that Christmas is almost two weeks away, he expects the best Christmas season in many...(cut off)

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Monday, December 14, 1936

Emanuel J. Liechty, 87, pioneer of this community, died suddenly from a heart attack at his home at the north edge of Berne Thursday afternoon at about 3:45 o'clock. He had returned to the house from doing some chores at the barn when he complained to Mrs. Liechty that he was not feeling well. He died soon after from a heart attack.

Mr. Liechty was the last survivor of the group of men that built the first store in Berne. The others were Jacob and Chris Reusser and Solomon Wittwer. The building was a roughly built shack of upright boards, 20x50 feet and served as a "general store" and the counters were made of boards laid on store boxes.

Emanuel Liechty was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, August 13, 1849, the son of Jacob P. and Marie Tschumi Liechty. At the age of five years he immigrated to America with his parents, the ocean voyage taking more than 40 days. They first settled in Wayne County, Ohio, but soon came to Adams County, into this community. He helped to clear the farm known as the Frank Behling farm and others in this vicinity. For a time he operated a cheese factory west of Berne but began carpentry some time later.

Upon his marriage to Anna Sprunger, daughter of Peter N. and Anna Moser Sprunger, July 17, 1875, he took up farming and was until retirement 20 years ago one of the progressive farmers of this community. They were married in the home of Rev. S.F. Sprunger.

They began to farm on a 160-acre farm about three miles northeast of Berne. In 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Liechty moved to Berne and Mr. Liechty followed his former occupation as a carpenter. However,

they soon returned to the farm and lived there until 1917 when he retired and moved near town into a modern new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Liechty celebrated both the Golden wedding and Diamond wedding anniversaries.

Up until about a year ago death never darkened the home nor took any of the life partners of any of their children.

Surviving are the widow and the following children; Calvin R., Manasse, Mrs. Alfred Sprunger, Robert U., Mrs. H.A. Sprunger, David O., all of Berne or near Berne and Reuben E. Liechty of Montpelier. One son, Menno S., died about a year ago.

One brother, Peter Liechty of north of Berne, and one sister, Mrs. Ulrich Sprunger of this place also survive. Brothers and sisters who have preceded are Sam, Jacob, Joel, Mrs. David C. Lehman and Christian.

There are 43 grandchildren, an adopted grandchild and 23 great-grandchildren...(cut off)

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Friday, April 23 (??cut off)

#### ELLENBERGER-SCHENCK WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Announcement was made of (cut off) wedding of Miss Amy Schenck and Merle Ellenberger at a party (cut off) pretty appointments at the home (cut off) Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schenck Thursday evening. Mrs. C.O. Cor(cut off) of Decatur and Miss Helen Sche(cut off) were hostesses for the affair.

Games were enjoyed and at the close of the evening small tables were laid with linens and centered with bowls of sweet peas. Cle(cut off) nut cups with tulips attached were used as favors. Several announcements were placed in the center of the tulips. Miss Violet Norberg was the first to discover the announcement bearing the message "Merle and Amy June 21, 1936."

Mrs. Ellenberger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schenck route 6, Decatur. She attended (cut off) State Teachers' college and (cut off) graduated from Yankton College, Yankton, South Dakota. She has been employed as a teacher in (cut off) Kirkland high school.

Mr. Ellenberger is the son of (cut off) Della Ellenberger Miller of Decatur. He attended Indiana University and was formerly manager of (cut off) Morris 5 and 10 Cent store in (cut off) city. He was a member of (cut off) Lions club and of the Chamber (cut off) Commerce while in Decatur. At present he is manager of the Morris 5 and 10 Cent Store, recently opened in Jackson, Ohio.

Mrs. Ellenberger will leave in (cut off) weeks for Jackson, where they will reside.

Guests included Mrs. Ellenberger, Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Sprunger, Mr. and Mrs. Hansel Foley and son, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Leyse, Miss Rosamo(cut off) Gould. Mrs. Geneva Melhon,

Leonard Hewitt, Miss Violet Nordberg, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schenck, Mrs. Net(cut off) Syphers and John Schenck.

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Monday, May 24 (??cut off)

## NEW ARRIVALS

Eldon Lynn is the name of a baby son born to Mrs. Eldon (cut off) last Wednesday. The boy is named after his father, who was killed accidentally in the sugarbeet factory in Decatur (cut off) months ago.

Word has been received here (cut off) the birth of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Steury, of Lansing, Mich. The girl, named Ann Joy was born May (cut off)

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Monday, October 5, 1936

Miss Celeste Lehman Is Bride of Melvin Liechty

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was that of Miss Celeste Della Lehman and Melvin E. Liechty, which was solemnized at the local Mennonite church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Edward Lehman, of Dunkirk, a cousin of the bride, officiated at the double ring ceremony. Both of the newly-weds are well and favorable grown throughout the community.

A number of guests, relatives and friends attended the wedding. Miss Vera Schwartz served as maid-of-honor, and the Misses Ida Sommer and Martha Gerber attended as bridesmaids. Warren Lehman attended the groom as best man. Vernon Sommer and John Gerber were ushers.

The vows were received in front of an alter decorated with fernery and flowers. Mrs. M.M. Baumgartner played the wedding march, and preceding the ceremony Clyde Sprunger sand "Because," and Miss Esther Burke sang "At Dawning." Mr. Sprunger and Miss Burke also sand a duet, "I Love You Truly."

The bride was pretty in a gown of white satin, with a long train and fingertip veil. Her foot wear was white. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and baby's breath. Miss Schwartz, the maid-of-honor wore a dress of pink net over satin, with a pink picture hat and pink footwear. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and blue love flowers.

The two bridesmaids wore floor-length gowns of yellow and blue organdie, and carried bouquets of chrysanthemums.

Both the groom and the best man wore dark blue suits.

Immediately following the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where cake and ice cream was served to the members of the immediate families, the bridal party, the Harmony Ten and several others.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lehman of west of Berne. She graduated from the Berne high school with the class of 1933, and is employed as a saleslady at the Berne Hardware Company.

Mr. Liechty is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Liechty of north of Berne and is employed with his father as a carpenter. He graduated from the Monroe high school with the class of 1934.

The couple will be at home in an apartment in the Haecker property on Lehman street.

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Thursday, October 8, 1936

Hosa Newcomer, 70, Uncle of Local Woman, Killed Tuesday

Accidental Death

Coroner G.L. Perry of Portland, today returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of Hosa Newcomer, who was killed Tuesday in an accident south of Geneva. The truck driver, Mack Matosky, has been released from jail.

Coroner Perry of Jay county will return a verdict in a few days regarding the death of Hosa Newcomer, 70, an uncle of Mrs. Floyd Ellenberger of this place, who was killed a short distance south of Geneva Tuesday afternoon. It has been established that Newcomer died in Jay county, which under a recent law makes it a case for Jay county authorities to handle.

Robert Freeby, deputy Adams county coroner late Wednesday declined jurisdiction in the case, stating that evidence shows that Newcomer died in Jay county while being taken home following the accident. In this case, Dr. G.L. Perry, Jay county coroner must return a verdict.

Newcomer was fatally hurt when a truck driven by Mack Matosky, 21, of Dayton, Ohio, crashed into the rear of a buggy Newcomer was driving. Matosky was taken into custody immediately after the accident by Burl Johnson and Sheriff Dallas Brown. He was arraigned before Mayer Holthouse at Decatur Wednesday and he plead guilty to driving a vehicle without a chauffeur's license. He was fined \$1 and costs.

Matosky's partner, Tal Peiffer, who was with Matosky at the time of the accident, was permitted to continue on to Michigan for a load of fruit. Any further action against Matosky will depend on the verdict to be returned by the Jay county coroner.

#### Died Enroute Home

Hosa Newcomer, the victim in the crash, died on the way home from the office of a Geneva physician. His home was located in Jay county near the Adams county line.

Matosky told Sheriff Dallas Brown that he had had but little or no sleep since last Wednesday, driving almost constantly since that time.

From the story gathered from the men in the truck and the passerby, who arrived on the scene shortly after the crash, a plausible account of how the accident occurred was pieced together by Sheriff Brown and state police.

The deceased was traveling north on highway 27, when struck from the rear by the big truck at a point, three-fourth of a mile south of Geneva. The horse and buggy were dragged by the truck for a distance of 85 feet, before being thrown to the ditch on the right.

The horse was killed instantly and the buggy almost completely demolished.

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Monday, October 12, 1936

ANOTHER LIFE LOST ON ROAD 27 NEAR HERE

Union City Man Killed Instantly in Crash Near Geneva

Another tragedy on Federal highway 27 claimed one more life over the week-end. James Leahy, aged 32, of Union City, was instantly killed soon after 11 o'clock Saturday forenoon when the auto in which he was riding turned over near the Jay-Adams county line, south of Geneva. The accident occurred in Jay county, just a short distance south of the place where Hosa Newcomer was killed last Tuesday.

Leahy was riding with A.A. Allie, 27, of Union city, who was enroute to Elkhart. Allie told authorities, their automobile, a Ford V-8 coupe, started to skid on the wet pavement during a hard rain, and he could not right the careening car. It left the road and turned over several times.

Leahy's chest and skull were crushed, his head being badly mutilated.

State policeman B. Johnson investigated the accident. Vilas Schindler of Berne, and Chris Inniger of north of town, were among the first persons at the scene of the accident and saw the dead man.

The body was removed to the Metzner funeral home at Bryant, and was later taken to Union City.

Leahy is survived by his widow and three children. The driver of the car, Mr. Allie, escaped serious injury.

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Monday, December 14, 1936

D.D. Mazelin, who has been bed fast several days because of illness, has improved to the extent that he is able to be up and around.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Graber, Mrs. Victor Graber, Mrs. Amos M. Schwartz, Mrs. David S. Habegger and Miss Ella M. Schwartz, today attended the funeral of John Delegrange, 33 of Allen county, who died at the Lutheran hospital Friday night. The funeral was held near Grabill. The deceased was a nephew of Mrs. Elizabeth Graber. Adam Nussbaum, son Tilman and (cut off...)

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Thursday, October 8, 1936

(CUT OFF...)DECATUR IN CEREMONY AT HUNTINGTON

Saturday afternoon occurred the wedding of Miss Helen Striker of Geneva, to Herman Johnson, of Decatur. The wedding was performed at the parsonage of Rev. Rash at Huntington, former Geneva pastor. Rev. Rash is a former school mate of the bride.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Striker of Geneva, and is a niece of Dennis Striker of near here. She has been employed as a telephone operator at Geneva for seven years.

The groom is a son of Mrs. Roscoe Elzey of Decatur. He is employed at the Decatur plant of the General Electric works.

The couple will make their home at Decatur.

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Monday, October 8, 1936

JOHN BUCHER DIES MONDAY

Well-Known Retired Farmer Is Buried Today at M.R.E.

John Bucher, age 81, of East Franklin street who had been ailing due to infirmities for several weeks and who suffered a stroke of paralysis about September 1 died at 10:30 Monday evening. He formerly was a farmer of Jefferson township but moved to Berne 26 years ago.

The deceased was born at Huntington May 15, 1855, the son of Joe Bucher. His marriage to Rosa Wetter was an event of April 10, 1879. They celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 1929.

Surviving his wife are three children, Mrs. Mary Reed of Williston, N. Dak., Mrs. Frieda Teeter of Fort Wayne, and Charles of Elkhart. One daughter, Julia Hollingsworth of Michigan, preceded.

One brother, George, of Geneva, survives. Three brothers and three sisters preceded, Joseph, Fred, Jacob, Mrs. Katie Tremp, Mrs. Mary Ban-(cut off...)

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Monday, October 12, 1936

Surprise Party

A surprise party was held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Neuenschwander in Monroe township, northeast of Berne. The party was in honor of Mrs. Neuenschwander's birthday and also in honor of their first wedding anniversary. Mrs. Neuenschwander received several pretty and useful gifts.

Fried duck and cake was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Steury, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanni, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Schnepf, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bailer and sons Alvin and Ivan; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schnepf, Amos Frauhiger (cut off...)

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December 5, 1936

## AND FEEDS WHAT HE PRODUCES

By Verlo Butz

East of Geneva, a few miles from the Ohio-Indiana line, a lane runs from the gravel road to the Sol Mosser farmstead several hundred yards away. There is nothing noticeably spectacular about the modest layout as one approaches- that is, until after you have met the owners and have had a chat with the cordial, good-natured Sol. "Archie" Archbold, agricultural agent in Adams county, had boasted: "Mosser produces everything he feeds on the farm with the exception of salt," and a few weeks ago we were out to investigate the rumor. Well, he not only produces everything he feeds, but he feeds about everything he produces on the 120 acres at home and the 17 acres rented for cash. Such a program calls for clear thinking and careful management and here were both.

The farm enterprise primarily is dairy, and the two silos, one 8 feet in diameter and the other 10 feet in diameter and both 32 feet high, are filled and refilled each fall to furnish adequate roughage for the herd from pasture time to pasture time, when the milkers are kept in the barn except when taken out for water. With an average of 17 cows and more than 20 bulls and heifers on the place, Sol feels that his biggest problem is that of producing feed and carefully managing operations to have feed the year around. The pure-bred Jersey heifers and good bulls are sold as registered stock, while the poorer quality males are marketed as beef between the ages of four and eight months.

Now, after 20 years of careful breeding in his dairy enterprise, Sol proudly exhibits Emblem's Jolly Johanna, great grand-daughter of the foundation dam of the herd. This individual, 11 years old, has a record of which the Mosser family can well be proud, as Emblem's Jolly Johanna has seven daughters in the herd, and of this number five are giving milk at the present time. In addition, there are nine grand-daughters on the place. More than 100,000 pounds of milk and 5,000 pounds of butter fat have been produced by this aged animal. Her biggest year was as a six-year-old, when 856 pounds of butter fat were produced in 365 days with three milkings a day during the test period.

For 12 years, Sol has been a member of the Indiana Dairy Improvement Association, during which time he has known just what sort of a record each cow was making, and the present herd is the outgrowth of original foundation stock bought 20 years ago.



Majesty George of Indiana, a silver medal bull, and Pride Design Oxford, a gold medal bull, are both found in the Mosser stables. A silver medal bull is required to have six daughters producing over 400 pounds of butter fat a year, while the gold medal bull must have six daughters each of which produce more than 500 pounds of butter fat in 365 days.

Oats follows corn, and then clover or alfalfa in the three-year rotation. Soy beans are worked into the cropping system whenever possible, and occasionally wheat and rye are included in the rotation replacing some other grain. Part of the beans are threshed while the remainder are made for hay, soy beans being the only protein concentrates fed on the farm, and when fed to the dairy herd, prove highly satisfactory as a protein supplement.

As a general rule, calves come in October, November and December, thus providing the greatest milk production during the winter months. Yes, feed is higher and forage less plentiful than during the summer months, Sol knows that, but he feels that with the winter rise in milk price he receives the maximum from feeds fed. Too, labor during the winter months is much more plentiful than during the other seasons of the year, and the freshening of the herd in the early winter and late fall is a material aid in distributing labor more evenly through the year.

Milk is separated on the farm, and the skimmed product finds its way to the hog pens where two or three sows produce two litters a year. The pigs grown under sanitary conditions in clean pens and pastures, are fed corn in addition to the separated milk. Experiments on the farm have shown that the ration balances well, and that the milk contains adequate protein for the growing pigs. In 1930 and 1931, Sol won the H.P. Schmitt trophy ...(cut off)

...(cut off) time in the production of cows, milk, corn and hogs-with four girls and three boys in the family, there have been early-morning lunch baskets to fill for school, necks and ears to be washed, and pants to be patched. Three of the seven children are married, three are yet in school, and one son, Ardon, graduated in a short course at Purdue University and is now the official cow tester in Pulaski county. The family is proud of its connection with the Maple Grove Church of Christ, and is affiliated with the local Farm Bureau and Home Division organizations. For six years, Mr. Mosser has been director of the Adams County Co-operative Association.

Recent years have brought (cut off) program of general farm improvement, most noticeable in the (cut off) built barn and house, and the nicely painted buildings. Trees and shrubs about the house greatly add to the attractiveness of the farmstead, and the live stock maintained on the farm has insured continuous improvement of the land, until now that the productivity of the farm is very good, the buildings and equipment in (cut off) shape, and the stable filled with record-producing cows, the Mossers await the return of fruitful years of prosperity. (PHOTOS PROVIDED)

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Monday, October 26, 1936

Mr. and Mrs. William Wittwer entertained with a chicken dinner yesterday honoring Gerald Timmons, David Schwartz and David Gerig, the latter of Ft. Wayne, all of whose birthdays occurred

within the past week, and all three of them sons-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Wittwer. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. David Gerig and family of Ft. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. David Schwartz and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Timmons and daughters Polly and Gloria Sue.

Elmer Inniger, Jacob and Sam Habegger and Jacob Graber motored to Hesperia, Michigan, Saturday, to get Mrs. Jacob Graber and Mrs. Anna Amstutz who had visited Mrs. Verena Inniger since Wednesday. They all returned to this city last evening.

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Monday, March 9, 1937

CLAUSER

Marilyn Louise Clauser, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Clauser, 3318 Oliver Street, died of intestinal influenza at 2:20 a.m. today at a Fort Wayne hospital after a short illness. Surviving, besides the parents, are a sister, Colleen, and the grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. A.(?) Clauser and Mrs. J.C. Schugg, all of this city.

The body was taken to D.O. McComb & Sons' Funeral Home and will be removed to the home at 5 p.m. (cut off). The body will be taken to Berne Tuesday noon for funeral services Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Burial in the Berne M.R.E. Cemetery.

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