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JOHN MARTZ, AGED 91, DIES HERE TUESDAY Berne's Third Oldest Person Dies From Pneumonia, at Home of Son

Berne's third oldest person, John T. Martz, aged 91, died at the home of his son, Hosea Martz, in the northeast part of town at 7:45 o'clock Tuesday evening. Death was caused by pneumonia, from which he had suffered for five days, and other complications. The torrid weather is also believed to have hastened his death. Mr. Martz was known for many years as the "medicine man".

He was born September 16, 1844, in Starke County, Ohio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Martz, and came to Berne 56 years ago. At first they made their home on what is known as the old Martz farm, one mile south and one mile east of Monroe.

After some years he began to carpenter, learning the trade at Decatur, particularly cabinetmaking. He also served as undertaker at Decatur for several years before moving to Monroe.

His marriage to Cynthia A. Hughes was an event of February 6, 1868 and then he operated a general merchandise in Monroe before moving to Missouri for a brief period.

They decided to move to Berne and he began to work for little Abe Sprunger and built the ware house building. He built many homes in Berne, including the one which he owned on E. Main street which he built by moonlight.

Sometime later he began to buy timber, ash, oak and elm for Andrew Gottschalk, Berne's pioneer druggist.

Surviving are Charles and Hosea of this place and Christian A. of Fort Wayne. Two sons and one daughter preceded in death.

Brothers and sisters surviving are George Martz of this place, Frank of Monroe, Mrs. Abe Hocker of Berne, and Mrs. Anna Hendricks of Monroe.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2:45 at the H. E. Martz home and at 3:00 at the Trinity Evangelical church with Rev. M. O. Herman, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

For many years he served as a trustee of the Trinity Evangelical church here and taught a Sunday School class for fourteen years.

In 1895 he became a salesman of medicine, traveling on foot. He often walked to Portland and back to Berne - a distance of over 33 miles - none the worse, all in the same day. He made like trips to other county seats and other cities and it was no uncommon thing to see him, as recently as three and four years ago, going down the highway with his little brown satchel containing medicines.

Mrs. Martz died April 27, 1933, only 21 days after they celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary with 'open house'. They celebrated both the golden wedding and the diamond wedding anniversaries in a (cut off)

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ELLENBERGER GOES TO OHIO Merlin Ellenberger to Leave Morris Store at Decatur

Decatur, Jan. 25 - Merlin Ellenberger, manager of the local Morris 5c to \$1 store, formerly of Berne, is to receive a promotion and transfer from the local store, it was announced by officials of the company.

Mr. Ellenberger, who has managed the local store for the past six years, will accept the managership of a newly constructed store at Jackson, Ohio. Jackson is located east of Cincinnati.

The change will be effective the middle of this week, Mr. Ellenberger stated. He will move to Jackson at that time. Mr. Ellenberger's mother and sister, Gladys Miller, will remain in this city at their home of Fifth street.

According to word received here, William Pettit, present floor manager of the Bluffton store, will assume the managership, succeeding Mr. Ellenberger. The new manager will arrive today.

Mr. Pettit, who is unmarried, will make his home in this city.

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KNOW YOUR SCHOOL TEACHERS

JUDSON ERNE

Judson Erne, who has been the Athletic Instructor in the Berne schools since 1931, is well-liked by the school body and is the possessor of many friends. Mr. Erne attained the honor of having his basket ball team enter the State Basket Ball Tournament in 1935, and there they made a fine showing. He has done much to help enlarge the school spirit, and by organizing Pep Sessions has created a more enthusiastic group of students.

Judson Erne was born on April 5, 1908, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Erne.

He attended grade school at Avilla, Indiana and San Antonio, Texas. He attended the first year of High School at San Antonio, then his parents moved to Berne, where his father was pastor of the local Evangelical church. He entered the Berne High School as a Sophomore and finished his High School course here in 1925.

After graduation, he worked two years in Snyder's Art Shop in Terre Haute.

He then entered North Central College, Naperville, Ill., and completed his course in three and one-half years, receiving his B.A. Degree in 1931.

Mr. Erne later took one summer post-graduate work at the Indiana State Normal School in Terre Haute, working on his Physical Education Master's degree.

In the fall of 1931, he accepted the position as Athletics and History Instructor in the Berne schools and has been teaching here since.

Mr. Erne was married on June 10, 1933 to Miss Marguerite Schiele of Elkton, Michigan.

He is active in civic functions. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Trinity Evangelical Church here in Berne.

Mr. Erne's hobbies are Athletics, Wood Working and Politics.

