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RUTH EICHER BRIDE IN HOME WEDDING SUNDAY

Weds Francis P. Moser in Single Ring Ceremony At Eicher Home

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock occurred the wedding of Miss Ruth Eicher to Francis P. Moser. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eicher, living just north of the tile mill. Mr. Moser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Moser, of Bluffton, Ohio.

Sunday was also the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Eicher, the bride's parents.

Rev. C. H. Suckau officiated at the single ring ceremony. The couple was unattended, but members of the immediate families and a few close friends witnessed the wedding.

The vows were received in front of an altar of ferns and wedding bells. The house was decorated in a fitting and appropriate manner for the occasion.

Mrs. Menno P. Eicher played the Lohengrin and Mendelssohn wedding marches. She also played "Because" and was accompanied on the violins by the Misses Dorothy and Evelyn Liechty.

The bride was charming in a dark green suit, fashioned in tunic style, with green shoes. She wore a corsage of talisman roses.

Mr. Moser wore a dark suit.

The bride attended the Berne high school and has now been doing housework at home. She is well known throughout this community.

Mr. Moser has been farming at the Eicher home and the couple will reside on the Eicher farm.

A wedding supper was served Sunday evening at the bride's home.

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BROTHER OF MRS. D. D. SCHWARTZ DIES

Fort Wayne, Dec. 3 -- Funeral rites for Hugo A. (Jack) Bleich, aged 39, who died unexpectedly of heart trouble Saturday at 11:15 p.m. at his home, 2934 Alexander Avenue, were held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the residence and at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. A. C. Sholz officiating. Burial was in Concordia Cemetery.

Mr. Bleich was a passenger fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Surviving are the widow, Della; the mother, Mrs. Bertha Bleich, of this city; three brothers, Ernest of Ashland, Mass.; Oscar of Milwaukee and Albert of this city, and four sisters, Mrs. David D. Schwartz, Mrs. Charles Klenke, Mrs. Joseph Kline and Miss Adelle Bleich, all of this city.

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MANAGER OF BERNE WITNESS DIES TUESDAY

Fred Rohrer, Aged 68, Dies at Home Here; Native of Switzerland

Fred Rohrer, aged 68, founder and manager of the Berne Witness Company, died at his home on North Jefferson street, shortly before 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, following an illness of about ten days. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, which set in about 24 hours before his death. He had suffered for some time from Bright's disease and arthritis.

Mr. Rohrer suffered considerably during the last stages of his sickness, but passed away peacefully.

FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Mennonite church, with Rev. C. H. Suckau officiating. Burial was in the M.R.E. Cemetery. The body lay in state at the church from 1 to 2 o'clock this afternoon. Members of the Berne Chamber of Commerce attended the funeral in a body.

Mr. Rohrer was widely known throughout this community and was for many years one of the leaders of this town. He had been in ill health for many years, but was able to be at his office most of the time. Several months ago he was confined to his home for several days when he suffered from high blood pressure, but he recovered. He was at the office the last time Friday morning, November 20. He became bedfast in the afternoon of that day and his condition was pronounced serious two days later. He gradually weakened until the end.

Mr. Rohrer was born near the city of Bern, Switzerland, December 9, 1867, the second in a family of 14 children. His parents, John Christian and Rosina Danz Rohrer, moved in 1883 with the family to America, settling first in Wayne county, O. Mr. Rohrer was 16 years old at the time and two years later the family moved here.

Upon locating in Berne, Mr. Rohrer clerked in a local store for a few years and then entered the Tri-State Normal College at Angola. He was graduated with honors in 1896.

It was during his last year in college that he began to learn the printer's trade as an apprentice with the Steuben Republican.

Mr. Rohrer returned to Berne on July 31, 1896 and purchased a job printing plant, made a few additions, including a Washington hand press, and on September 3, 1896, appeared the first newspaper printed in Berne.

During the first four years, Mr. Rohrer was alone in the business, but in November, 1900, he formed a partnership with three other men, retaining half interest.

Mr. Rohrer, from October, 1928 to 1932, held the office of postmaster here and was not acting manager during that period.

He was leader of the anti-saloon forces of clearing the town of its saloons in the notable campaign of 1903, which went on for four years. During that time his (cut) ... "Saloon Fight in Berne", which went through three editions in English and one in German. The book had more than a national circulation. The story of his memorable fight has been printed in many newspaper and religious periodical in the country.

Mr. Rohrer was a leader in many civic projects. He was named Trustee of the Anti-Saloon league of the state, served as secretary of the large Mennonite denomination for many years, named manager of the community auditorium and chairman of the board of directors of the Peoples State bank, and many other organizations, social and religious activities.

Mr. Rohrer was married November 16, 1893 to Miss Emma Reusser. They had a family of five children: Ira D., the older son, president-manager of the John Wilding Paper company of Fort Wayne; Paul, who assembled and built an airplane, and who, after four successful flights, on Thanksgiving day, 1916 - 20 years ago Monday - was killed in attempting to make a landing. Ruth A. was the third child and she is the wife of Orten Wulliman, an employe of the Berne Witness. Miss Margaret H., at home, was long an employe of the firm as stenographer and bookkeeper until ill

health prevented. Evangeline, the youngest, is the wife of David Emblar, Jr., both graduates of the Westminster choir school.

Surviving besides the wife and children is a sister, Lizzie, of Fort Wayne. All other brothers and sisters preceded, his brother, Robert, of Tennessee, dying last May.

There are five grandchildren who survive, Eleanor and Marjorie, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rohrer; Hilda, Mary and Robert Lewis, children of Mr. and Mrs. Orten Wulliman of this place.

Adding to the story-book life of Fred Rohrer, is the fact that in 1920 he was bedfast for nine months. A contrivance was made so he could still "push the pencil," figure jobs and make estimates. He had telephone connections to his bed and answered long distance calls.

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Eli Graber slipped on a bale of hay at his home north of town spraining his left angle [sic] and tearing some ligaments.

D. D. Lehman motored to Indianapolis yesterday to get a load of batteries and radios for the local Serv-U's store.

Mrs. Joseph P. Habegger, sons Harvey and William, and Mrs. David S. Habegger, were visitors at Fort Wayne today.

(Handwritten: Friday, November 27, 1936)

Mr. and Mrs. Victor C. Graber and Mrs. Elizabeth Graber entertained Thursday evening with a turkey dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Graber, Mr. and Mrs. David J. Graber and children, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Graber and children, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Graber, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Graber and family of near Poneto and Mrs. Anna Steury.

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