

## 1936 Scrapbook, image 119

Thursday, December 17, 1936

### HOUSE MOVED

The Wittwer house on West Main street, formerly occupied by the Walter Stucky family, was moved this week to its new location in the Nussbaum addition. The house had to be moved to make way for the new Berne Post Office.

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Miss Frieda Inniger left Tues. for Peoria, Illinois, to spend several days with her sister, Miss Rosella Inniger, who is employed in that city.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. R. Schwartz and Mrs. George Braun are planning to attend the capping service at the Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, this evening. Among student nurses to receive caps are the Misses Roberta Braun and Ruth Schwartz of this city.

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C. H. Muselman, Comm., for J. D. R. Schwartz et ux to Reuben L. Habegger, in-lot 346 in Berne for \$1.

Reuben L. Habegger to J. D. R. Schwartz et us, in -lot 346 in Berne for \$1.

Jacob D. R. Schwartz to Barbara T. Habegger, 80 acres in Monroe twp. for \$1.

Barbara L. Habegger to Jacob D. R. Schwartz, [continued text cut off]

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### WM. WENDEL DIES IN FALL FROM TREE FRI.

#### Son of Philip Wendel of This Place in Tragic Accident

William Wendel, aged 55, of Jefferson township, son of Philip Wendel of East Water street here, was fatally injured at about 10:30 o'clock Friday forenoon on the A. H. Woodward farm along the Ohio-Indiana line, southeast of Berne. Mr. Wendel lived 6 miles east and a short distance south of Berne.

He suffered a fractured skull, concussion of the brain and other injuries when he fell from a tree. He died about 15 minutes afterwards.

Wendel and his sons, Herbert and Archie, were cutting down trees near the house of the Woodward farm. One tree, which had been nearly sawed off at the bottom, lodged against another tree. Wendel took an axe and climbed up the tree which they were sawing down. He chopped off a limb which had caught on another tree, and this action caused the tree to fall.

Wendel fell to the ground, a distance of about 35 feet, landing on the back of his head. He was picked up and rushed home and a Geneva doctor was called, but he died soon afterwards without regaining consciousness.

It is said that Mr. Wendel was warned by his sons not to climb up the tree, but he took the chance.

Mr. Wendel was born in Mercer County, O., Sept. 26, 1881, a son of Philip and Marguerite Emrick Wendel. He was married to Tena Baker, who survives, together with the following children: Dorsey Wendel, Uniondale; Vilas Wendel, Frankfort; Herbert and Archie Wendel, both at home; Mrs. Elizabeth Linn, Chattanooga, and Mrs. Wilma Young, Salem.

The following brothers and sisters survive: John Wendel, Jefferson township; Jacob Wendel, Fort Wayne; Lewis Wendel, Chattanooga; Mrs. John Dailey, Jefferson township, and Mrs. Mary Cable, east of Chattanooga.

The father, Philip Wendel survives here, also the step-mother, Mrs. Philip Wendel, and one half-brother, Leslie Wendel of this place.

One son, and two sisters preceded, also his mother.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Bethel Brethren church east of Berne, Rev. Frank Johnson officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Philip Wendel, the dead man's father has not been informed of his son's death. The aged Mr. Wendel is in ill health.

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EMIL FRANZ, 67, DIES SUNDAY P. M. AT MIDDLEBURY  
Former Berne Official to Be Buried Wednesday - Well Known Here

Emil Franz, age 67, brother of Dr. Ernest Franz and Mrs. Peter E. Habegger of this place, and a former well known Berne man, died at his home at Middlebury at 9:00 o'clock last evening. He had been very severely ill since mid-summer. Death was caused by dropsy and complications.

The deceased man was an attorney, real estate and insurance man at Middlebury where he moved with his family from Berne in 1911.

Mr. Franz was born at Affeltrangen, Canton Thurgau, Switzerland, March 29, 1869, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Schaad Franz. He came to Berne as a young man and was an attorney here for many years. He served as fire chief of the Berne Volunteer Fire department for many years and also as a town marshal from 1894 to 1897. He organized the fire department at Middlebury about 25 years ago and served as its chief for many years.

His marriage to Miss Katie Lehman was an event of September 22, 1895. Four daughters and a son were born to the union.

Surviving are the widow and the following children: Mrs. Bertha Hasson, Middlebury; Mrs. Rose Smoker, New Paris; Daniel, cashier of the bank at Middlebury; Mrs. Elma Shaw of Burr Oak, Mich., and Viola at home.

A brother, Dr. Ernest Franz, and a sister, Mrs. Peter E. Habegger, both of this place, and a half-sister, Mrs. Jacque Westrich of West Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., survive. A brother, Otto, died a number of years ago, and one brother died in infancy.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church at Middlebury where he was a member, Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock following a brief service at the home.

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#### NEW ARRIVALS

A baby boy, named Harry James, was born Sunday to Benjamin and Naomia Schwartz Mazelin of Monroe township.

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#### BIRTHS

Lester and Amanda Keller Robinson of Wabash township are the parents of a son born Friday.

Herbert and Lillian Kauffman Burd are the parents of a daughter born Saturday morning.

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Monday, December 28, 1936

#### PEARL FRIEND BRIDE FRIDAY

Weds Paul Bickel, of Near Portland, at Reformed Church Here

Christmas evening, (Friday) at 6 o'clock occurred the wedding of Miss Pearl Friend to Mr. Paul Bickel, at the Reformed church here, with Rev. C. A. Schmid officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The couple was unattended. The marriage vows were received in front of two lighted Christmas trees.

The bride is a foster-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kneuss, north of Geneva and has been engaged in house work.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bickel of south of Portland and has been farming for his father at which place the young couple will reside at present.

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ANNA AMSTUTZ IS BRIDE

Weds Emanuel Miller, of Centerville, Michigan, Thursday

Miss Anna Amstutz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Amstutz of southeast of town became the bride last Thursday of Emanuel Miller, of Centerville, Michigan. There ceremony took place at the parsonage of the American Mennonite church at Fort Wayne, Rev. Newton Weber, pastor of the church officiating. The wedding was solemnized at 4:30 o'clock.

The couple was unattended.

The bride wore a gown of light navy crepe, with footwear to match. The groom wore a dark blue suit.

The bride has been doing housework the last several months at the E. W. Kover home at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller has been employed at Fort Wayne until recently. He recently purchased a farm near Centerville, Michigan, where the couple will be at home. The couple spent Christmas at the home of the bride's parents, and they left today for Michigan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Graber of Milford visited relatives in and near this city yesterday.

Victor Graber, Ervin Gerber and Claire Carber, the latter of near Salem, were callers in [remainder cut off].

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MARTIN-LUSK VOWS RECEIVED

Miss Esther Lusk Is Bride of Brice Martin on Christmas

Christmas day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon occurred the wedding of Miss Esther Mae Lusk, of 1017 Rivermet Avenue, Fort Wayne, formerly of this community, and daughter of Mrs. J. W. Lusk of this

place, to Brice G. Martin, of 419 Huffman street, Fort Wayne. Mr. Martin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Martin, of Decatur.

The marriage was solemnized at the Maple Grove Church of Christ, the pastor, Rev. S. W. Piety, of Bluffton, officiating at the double ring ceremony.

Miss Lenora Lusk, of Anderson, sister of the bride, and Ralph Martin, the groom's brother, attended the couple.

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LINN GROVE YOUTH WEDS

Miss Velma Spade of Peterson Is Bride of Leonard Liechty

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spade of Peterson announce the marriage of their daughter Velma, to Leonard Liechty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jowl Liechty of Linn Grove. The nuptials were solemnized on December 24 in Decatur, with the Rev. Judson Reynolds of the Methodist Episcopal church officiating. The double ring ceremony was performed. The couple was attended by Miss Fern Passwater and Mr. Ralph Spade, brother of the bride.

The bride was attired in a blue chiffon velvet dress of ankle length with a rhinestone clip at the neck. She wore silver sandals. She carried a shower bouquet of white mums. The bridesmaid wore a blue velvet dress similar to that of the bride, and carried a corsage of sweet peas.

Mrs. Liechty was graduated from the Kirkland high school and the groom attended Berne high school.

After January 15, the couple will make their home in Celina, Ohio, where the groom is employed.

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POST OFFICE MOVED

The Monroe Post Office was moved last Wednesday from its old location to the Monroe Bank building which Adolph Hanni, postmaster, purchased recently.

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Menno S. Habegger, who is a patient at the Adams county Memorial hospital at Decatur, following injuries received while at work here last Wednesday, is getting along fine and will be able to come home soon.

Thursday, January 14, 1937

Denies Banditry

Photo of Elver Foreman

**Adams County Historical Museum**

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