

Interesting 1932 Happenings Gathered from the Review Files

Below are listed some interesting happenings taken from the Review files of 1932:

Jan. 4—Miss Dessie Amstutz weds Harold R. Imhoff at Mennonite church here New Year's Day; Vilas Habegger weds Miss Ocie Miller; Fred Dubach suffers stroke; Three new county officials, Werling, Wechter, Striker take office; Dr. D. D. Jones gives annual health report; Mennonite church holds annual meeting; Bears swamped by Ossian and Petroleum.

Jan. 7—Fred Dubach died; Mr. and Mrs. David Schindler celebrate sixtieth wedding anniversary; Local banks re-organize; John L. Amstutz, father of Frank Amstutz of this place, dies at Kidron, Ohio; Chris Balsiger re-elected president of the Town Council; 1931 Berne fire loss reported to be only \$195; Bears lost to Commodores, 21-17.

Jan 11—Joseph Everett given life sentence for murder of Doras Werling; Frank Nussbaum weds Miss Cora Lehman; Mrs. E. W. Busche of Monroe township wins title of "Master Farm Homemaker"; Jefferson beats Berne 22-19.

Jan. 14—Prison doors close on Joseph Everett at Michigan City; Andrew Sprunger succeeds Cliff Steiner's assistant fire chief; 240 chicks burn to death at home of Mrs. Anna Amutz; Jesse Yaney dies at county jail; four Hartford township young men and one Wells county man arrested for theft; Paul Burkhalter who had escaped from asylum at Richmond, found in Michigan; Price of eggs drops to 10 cents per dozen; Ernest Stengel named commander of Adams Post, American Legion, succeeding the late Rev. Ferntheil.

Jan. 18—Union meetings opened Sunday afternoon; Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of northwest of Berne dead; Fred Eichenberger named to succeed the late Wm. Baumgartner as a member of the county council; Lester Nussbaum faces charge of issuing fraudulent check; John Felty seriously ill; Bears lost to Montpelier and Petroleum.

Jan. 21—Mrs. Mary Burkett dies; T. A. Gottschalk elected president of Chamber of Commerce; Peter Nussbaum died at home here; Sixty head of sheep drowned in St. Mary's township; Roy Lewis of Wabash township barely able to crawl to safety as fire destroys barn.

Jan. 25—Miss Verena L. Habegger died; William L. Keller dies at Monroe; New jury members drawn; Mrs. Forest Balsiger hurt in auto accident; Semester and 6 weeks' report of Berne schools made; Bears lost to Roanoke, 39-36.

Jan. 28—Mrs. Elizabeth Lehman, 87, Berne's oldest woman, died; Mrs. R. H. White of Preble shot on road 27 near here.

Feb. 1—Monmouth wins Adams county basket ball tourney here, beating Kirkland in final game; Mrs. Judith Lehman hurt when hit by car; C. H. Muselman announces candidacy for representative; January was warmest on record.

Feb. 4—Orval Haruff, native of Berne dies at Decatur; Mrs. Katherine Moser, formerly of Berne dies at Ft. Wayne; John Lehman suffers stroke; Mr. and Mrs. John P. Nussbaum celebrate 66th wedding anniversary; Jerry Liechty re-named president of Farm Bureau.

Feb. 8—Mrs. Jacob P. Neuenschwander of Wabash township died; B. A. C. win local independent net tourney; Elmer Wayne Steiner, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Steiner died.

Feb. 11—February heat wave sends mercury to 70; Mrs. Enos Sprunger died in Ohio.

Feb. 15—Orval Ault and Miss Marie Bieberstein married; Reformed C. E. observes 25th anniversary; Dale Ellenberger weds Mildred Isnogle; Bears beat Decatur Commodores, 36-27.

Feb. 18—Mrs. Ida Mae Kaehr died at Burr Oak, Michigan; Ira Barton, former Blackford county sheriff gets 21 years in state prison for aiding robbers in looting banks.

Feb. 22—Fred Blum named president of Farmers' Institute; T. A. Cottschalk announces candidacy for Congress; George Ray dies near Pleasant Mills; Bears lose to Kirkland, 33-16.

Feb. 25—Roy Martz and two companions confess looting Monroe school building; Emma Barkalow of Monroe township died; Albert A. Yordy, former Berne man, died at Detroit; Mrs. Margaret Everhart, 73, dies at Monroe.

Feb. 29—Samuel J. Martz dies; Mrs. C. O. Lehman badly hurt in an auto accident at Rochester, New York; Lyle Fennig of Geneva arrested for thefts; Bears drop final game of season, 14-12 to Monroeville.

March 3—Charles Lindbergh, Jr. kidnapped from home; Christian Meshberger, 88, dead; Roy Martz, Lyle Fennig sentenced to prison; Robert Dale Neuenschwander, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Neuenschwander died; Dr. Earl G. Coverdale of Decatur dies suddenly; Mrs. Adam Mast dies at Shipshewana.

March 7—Bluffton Tigers win sectional title, Berne losing to Kirkland in second round after defeating Chester Center; Ulrich Sprunger, 72, died suddenly; Earl Shepherd named to succeed O. A. Potter as Geneva postmaster.

March 14—Big Democratic rally held at Decatur; Frame house on William Stauffer farm northeast of Berne destroyed by fire; Mrs. Sam Egly died at Geneva; Berne Junior high team wins county tourney; Mrs. Reuben Schindler, three children badly hurt in automobile accident; Fred Amacher died at county infirmary; Names of 118 pupils appear on honor roll of Berne schools.

March 17—Abe Stucky dies suddenly at Linn Grove; Elizabeth Girod becomes bride of Joseph Eicher; 4 rural high schools, Hartford, Jefferson, Geneva and Monroe to graduate 49.

March 21—Dad Michaud, 90, passed away here; A. Siegrist dies at county infirmary; Miss Corinne Smith weds Walter Miller of Decatur.

March 24—Mrs. Peter Biery, 51, of Wabash township dies; Albert Christman of Linn Grove goes on shooting rampage at Bryant; Sheriff nabs three Mexicans in narcotic raids; Officials of Citizens Telephone Company announce phone rates will not be reduced, despite petition from farmers; Town Board decides to remodel Town Hall; William Penrod of Bluffton electrocuted in Adams county when he touched live wire; John T. Myers of Decatur suffers stroke; Dr. Reuser slightly hurt when his car and one driven by Henry Gilliom collide.

March 28—Good Friday and Easter were observed here; Miss Vera Baumgartner weds Floyd Rupert; Frank Miller of Monroe township dies; Eight killed in tornado in south.

March 31—Miss Dorothy Rutter named to succeed Miss Evelyn Goff as teacher in local high school; Teachers here all offered new contracts; Dr. H. O. Jones announces he is candidate for Congress on Republican ticket.

April 4—Arvilla Goff, sister of Miss Evelyn Goff of this place dies at Rockville; New jury members drawn; Mrs. Sam Minger dies; C. A. Neuschwander, 82, burned when oil explodes in furnace; Large list of candidates file on last day for primary; Earlham college choir sang at Evangelical church.

April 7—Jeff Liechty starts work in Peoples State Bank; William Emery kills self near Geneva; Supt. Striker gives March attendance report of Adams county rural schools.

April 11—Prof. J. Raymond Schutz named to address Berne Seniors at commencement exercises; Gasoline lantern explodes in William Smitley home but damage is light; Daniel A. Baumgartner fatally burned in fire that destroyed part of hatchery at North Manchester; Sugar mill at Decatur not to run.

April 14—J. F. Lehman named on County Board of Review; Mrs. Marcus Sprunger and daughter in auto accident; Lawrence Blum wins trip to Purdue by placing first in corn club.

April 18—Rev. Vernon Riley home in Monroe destroyed by fire; Ivan Heare in auto accident near Bluffton; Phil Schug dies suddenly; Mrs. Marion Shinn, sister of E. C. Bierie, dies at Linn Grove; Arenas win annual Alpha-Arena contest; William Butcher dies at Geneva.

April 21—Band concerts to be sponsored by Chamber of Commerce and band starts practice; William Werling dies at Preble; County Council cuts requests for appropriations.

April 25—Emily Zuercher dies at Irene Byron Sanitarium; Mrs. Hugo Steiner badly hurt in accident; Archie Headington, Harrison Miller badly hurt in collision; Elmer Rich fractures leg; Six die when car is struck by fast train near Fort Wayne; Officials for primary election announced.

April 28—Benjamin M. Smith, 58, passed away here; Daniel Henry Gerber dies here; Berne school enumeration report made; Plans announced by Berne Review to give returns of election; Clint Smith succeeds Mark Leveridge as Manager of Richardson

May 5—Primary election held, Hogg defeating Dr. Jones and Farley winning the Democratic nomination for Congress; Alfred Farrar, Democratic candidate for Congress hurt when he fell from car; Ralph Amstutz fractures leg; Miss Elizabeth Moser, 74, formerly of Berne, dies in Louisiana.

May 2—Fred Blum seriously injured when his truck and Dodge sedan crash, truck being destroyed by fire; Miss Louise Zuercher, 16, dies; Miss Mildred Habegger named valedictorian of 1932 graduating class of Berne high school; Independent baseball team organized.

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May 9—Sherman Schnepf of Jefferson township dies; Robert Feustel, president of Indiana Service Corporation dies; Dr. Daniel A. Poling to speak at Mennonite church; Berne High School Economics class visited several state institutions; Rev. I. G. Roederer and family move to Huntington, Rev. M. O. Herman and family of Huntington moving to Berne.

May 12—Barnett Circus in Berne; Ida Hirschy asks \$10,000 in damage suit; State Board allows appropriation to remodel Berne Town Hall; county school enumeration announced.

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May 16—Rev. A. R. Fledderjohann, Decatur pastor, killed by train at Hamlet, Ind.; Edith Bucher dies at Decatur; Township assessors finish work; program for Berne high school commencement announced; Lester Nussbaum weds Miss Hazel Garber of Columbus, Ohio; Merle Shoemaker sets pole vault record at regional track meet at Fort Wayne.

May 19—Old Adams County Bank at Decatur closes doors; Judge Dore B. Erwin of Decatur addressed Berne Chamber of Commerce; C. C. Wittwer of Monroe township dies; Fred Liby receives fractured skull in accident at Meshberger Stone Quarry; Chevrolet stolen from Horace Lehman recovered; Edward M. Burkhart of Blue Creek township expires; George Bobenmeyer of Jefferson township found dead in bed; Phil Sauer wins race for commissioner in recount of votes; Wm. Schamerloh of Decatur, former court bailiff, dead.

May 23—Mrs. Emanuel Sprunger, 70, died here; Miss Gladys Schindler weds Mearle Chrisman of Decatur; Frieda Lehman named president of Berne High School Alumni Association; Omer Huffman of Wabash township badly hurt when attacked by bull; Mildred Hirschy, Agne Neuenschwander win county Bibl

Memory and Story Telling contests

May 26—Berne band organizes for 1932, Marcus Lehman being named director; announce plans to build sewage disposal plant here; Commencement exercises for high school graduates held at Auditorium; Honor students, second semester report and last six weeks' report announced by Supt. E. M. Webb.

June 2—Lehman Park schedule for season announced; Bible school here opens, 404 enrolling on opening day; Miss Lucille Amstutz marries Henry Gilliom; Bill Bryan, Kirkland basketball coach accepts position at Roanoke high school; Financial report of Berne school given; Jacob Lengacher, brother to Mrs. Dan Mazelin of Monroe township, dies in Allen county.

June 6—Paul Kattman, former local young man, critically hurt in an accident near Merrill, Wis.; Leslie Sprunger marries Miss Osie Hiestan; summer heat wave arrives.

June 9—Paul Kattman dies from injuries; Agnes Franz marries Charles R. MacDonald of Elgin, Ill.; township trustees hold annual picnic at Lehman Park; Cleo Hartman awarded \$1150.00 in trial against Amos Neuhauser; Indiana G. O. P. favors referendum.

June 13—Daniel Fuhrer of Harford township dies; 305 Adams county eighth grade graduates receive diplomas at commencement held at Decatur; Two men escape injuries when Levi Yoder's sedan is struck by freight train here; Emma Biery marries Hu

DOLL WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED

5 Girls Awarded Prizes By Stengel And Craig Drug Store 1932

Winners in the doll contest conducted by Stengel and Craig Drug Store and concluded last Saturday when the prizes were awarded have been announced. The fifteen prize winners were as follows: 1st, Colleen Yoder; 2nd, Betty Lou Steiner; 3rd, Vernelle Habegger; 4th, Florine Steury; 5th, Imogene Lehman; 6th, Marjory Habegger; 7th, Bertaline Beer; 8th, Sarabelle Beer; 9th, Yvonne Reusser; 10th, Barbara Jean Conrad; 11th, Betty Hirschy; 12th, Miriam Sprunger; 13th, Bernadette Eley; 14th, Betty Lou Parr; 15th, Alice M. Huser.

Eighteen other girls who were entered in the contest but failed to win prizes received small dolls as consolation awards.