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Thursday, 27 May 1937

Clyde Sprunger visited in Decatur yesterday afternoon and evening. He called on Miss Anna Lehman, R. N., who underwent an operation on Tuesday.

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NATIVE SON HONORED

John J. Augsburger Admitted To Bar of U. S. Supreme Court

Friends and relatives in this community were highly pleased to learn that John J. Augsburger, son of the late Jacob D. Augsburger, appeared before the Supreme Court of the United States, where he received the salute of the Court from the Hon. Chief Justice Charles Evan Hughes and was sworn in before the Court as a whole, which entitles him to appear before the body as counsellor and attorney at law.

At 12 o'clock noon, Monday, May 17, the nine judges came into the new Supreme Court Building and gave numerous decisions and at 1:30 P. M. they heard the motions for admission to the court. There were 41 attorneys admitted and sworn in including Mr. Augsburger, in an impressive ceremony.

Witnessing this highest honor bestowed by the Highest Tribunal of this country were his wife Mrs. Augsburger, two daughters ___ and Phyllis and Mrs. J. D. Augsburger of near Geneva.

Mr. Augsburger was born in Berne, educated in Linn Grove grammar school and was a member of the first graduating class from the new consolidated Hartford ___ High School in 1918.

In 1919, he started his first government position as Railway mail clerk traveling between Pittsburg and Chicago. Then followed ___ years of service in a fiduciary capacity with the National Cash Register Co., Dayton, O. During this time he completed a 4-year law course at the University of Dayton receiving his LL. B. Degree in 1929 and admitted to the Ohio State Bar, and on Aug. 6, 1929 was admitted to the Supreme Court of Ohio. In 1930 he was admitted to the Federal Circuit Court at Dayton and in 1931 to the Federal Court of Appeals at Cincinnati and practiced law at Dayton, several years.

Beginning July 1, 1931, he became identified as an investigator in the Department of Justice and since he identified himself with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, where he holds the position of Personnel Investigator in the Alcohol Tax Unit, covering Ohio and Michigan, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio.

Monday, 7 June 1937

DECATUR WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Curtis Baxter Dies Suddenly At Her Home This Morning

Mrs. Clara Pauline Reynolds-Baxter, 34, died unexpectedly at her home on Mercer avenue this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Adams County Coroner Robert Zwick placed the cause of death as a blood clot.

Mrs. Baxter had been in ill health for several years, but her condition was not considered serious.

She had spent her entire life in Decatur. She was born here August 3, 1902, the daughter of Girt and Clara Reynolds, both of whom are deceased.

She is survived by the husband, Curtis Baxter and two children, Robert James, 15, and Kathryn Louise, 10. Other survivors are the step-mother, Mrs. Charles Massonee, of this city, two half-sisters, Mrs. Bernard Braun, of the Homesteads, and Mrs. Waldo Eckrote, of Mercer avenue, and a half-brother, Noble Reynolds.

She was a member of the Church of God.

Funeral services will be held at the home Thursday at 1:30 p. m. and at the church at 2 p. m. The Rev. Glen Marshall, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Maplewood cemetery.

The body will be removed from the Black Funeral home Tuesday afternoon and may be viewed at the home after 7 o'clock Tuesday evening until the time of the funeral.

Thursday, 1 July 1937

RELATIVES OF LOCAL PEOPLE IN STRICKEN COMMUNITY

Several relatives of local people live in the community around Napanee, stricken recently by a windstorm. Scores of buildings were destroyed and crops were ruined by the wind, hail and extensive rainfall. The greatest damage was in the Amish community. John Schwartz, son of Joseph A. Schwartz of north of Berne, lives in this community. Quite a few Burkholders, with relatives around here, also live in that community.

Monday, 30 August 1937

Bernard T. Terveer Fatally Injured In Automobile-Truck Collision Near City Sunday

Prominent Decatur Man Is Killed In Crash On Old River Road Sunday Morning

Photo: Wreck Victim

Bernard T. Terveer, prominent Decatur man, was fatally injured Sunday morning when his auto collided with a truck, two and one-half miles north of Decatur on the old River road.

SCHAFFER EMPLOYEE

Bernard T. Terveer, 47, a member of one of Decatur's most prominent pioneer families, was fatally injured in an automobile-truck collision Sunday morning, the latest victim of Adams county's rapidly mounting traffic accidents.

The sudden death of Mr. Terveer, father of seven children came as a distinct shock to a host of relatives, friends and business associates.

The victim had left his home early Sunday morning for a short automobile ride, a custom which he had long practiced, before attending services at the St. Mary's Catholic church.

Heading back to Decatur on the old River road about 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Terveer met a milk truck, driven by Max Kreps, 22, who lives southwest of Decatur.

The car and truck met nearly head-on, causing almost instant death to Mr. Terveer. Robert Zwick, Adams county coroner, gave the principal cause of death as shock. The victim suffered a fractured left wrist, a badly bruised right arm, bruises and cuts about the chest and abdomen, and possibly one or two fractured ribs. The accident victim also lost considerable blood.

Mr. Terveer was brought to the Adams county memorial hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Death was practically instantaneous, physicians said.

Auto Demolished

The entire left side and rear end of the auto were practically demolished. The left door of the Chevrolet coach was impaled on the bed of the truck.

After the collision, the milk truck overturned. Kreps, driver of the truck, escaped with only minor cuts and bruises. The truck was badly damaged.

Coroner Zwick stated he would return a verdict of accidental death.

Veteran Employee

Mr. Terveer had been employed as bookkeeper and accountant at the Schaffer Wholesale Hardware company for 23 years and was one of the company's most valued employees.

Mr. Terveer, after graduating from the St. Joseph's school, accepted a position in the Old Adams County Bank. He also served as deputy under Charles Yager in the county treasurer's office.

Native of Decatur

The accident victim was born in Decatur January 2, 1890, the son of Bernard J. and Mary Terveer. He married Miss Frances m. Deininger January 9, 1919.

A faithful member of the St. Mary's Catholic church, Mr. Terveer was a member of the Holy Name Society and the local council of the Knights of Columbus.

Seven children surviving, all living at home are: Mary Martha, John Bernard, David, Thomas, Kathleen, Philip and Carolyn.

Five sisters surviving the: Mrs. Anna Voglewede, Mrs. Minni Holthouse and Miss Mayme Terveer, all living in Decatur; [rest cut off]

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