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### FAREWELL GATHERING

A group of neighbors and friends met at the Rudolph Steury home last Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Steiner and family and Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendricks, who will soon move from their present homes. A pot-luck-supper was enjoyed by about sixty-five people. The evening was spent in a social manner, and Chris Zuercher and son Walter favored the group with accordion music.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schug and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Habegger and family, Mrs. Phillip Nussbaum and children, Mrs. William Schug and daughter, Naomi, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schug and daughter Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Striker, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Habegger, Dan Striker and son Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Graber and daughter Irene, Milo, Martin and Dan Habegger, Viola Habegger, Curtis Mast, Elmer Graber, David Nussbaum, Jacob and Menno Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins and children, Dale Hawkins, Menno Sprunger, Glen Beitler, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Steury, Mrs. Rudolph Steury, Chris Zuercher and son Walter, and the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Steiner and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendricks.

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### TWO YOUNG WOMEN BADLY HURT SUNDAY

Mrs. Eleanor Cook, Mrs. Glen Brewster Hurt in Auto Mishap

Mrs. Eleanor Cook, aged 23, widow of Chester Cook, and Mrs. Glen Brewster, aged 21, both of Ceylon, are confined to the Adams county hospital at Decatur, suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident at 10 o'clock Sunday night.

Mrs. Cook is in a serious condition and may die as a result of the accident. She suffered a brain concussion, a possible fractured skull, a broken nose, and other severe injuries. She suffered a bad cut on one leg, the flesh being torn from the bone for a distance of several inches laying the knee cap bare, the leg being cut almost entirely around. She also suffered a cut on her other leg, and severe body bruises.

Mrs. Brewster suffered a broken nose, a bad cut on her head extending from one jaw bone clear down around her chin and up the other jaw bone. She also suffered bruises and other cuts.

Brewster, driver of the cut, escaped with minor injuries.

The accident happened on Ohio state road 49, just east of Willshire. The road connects Willshire and Wren. The three people were on their way home, when the car driven by Brewster hit a bridge banister. The machine had just passed a railroad, and beyond the railroad there is a rise in the road. Passing over this rise, the car swerved and crashed into the bridge with a great impact.

A local doctor was summoned and the two young women were removed to the hospital. The car was practically demolished.

Mrs. Cook was still in a semi-conscious condition at the Adams county hospital this afternoon. She was unconscious when admitted to the hospital. Her condition was described as fair. Mrs. Brewster was said to be getting along fairly well.

The car, which had the front end badly wrecked, was towed to Christy's garage.

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(Handwritten date: Thursday, November 4, 1937)

## WM. LEFEVER ARRESTED IN UNUSUAL CASE

### Pleads Not Guilty to Charge of Strewing Nails and Tacks on Street

William LeFever, well known Berne resident, was arrested Wednesday evening by Marshal Dave Dubach as the outgrowth or result of a rather unusual case here. LeFever is charged with having strewn nails or tacks on the street around his residence, causing the tires on numerous cars parked or driven past his home, to become flat.

LeFever was brought before C. H. Muselman, local Justice of the Peace, where he pleaded not guilty. He was released under bond of \$25, signed by himself and his wife, Blanche LeFever. The date for the trial has not been set.

#### TWO FILE AFFIDAVIT

The affidavit for LeFever's arrest was signed by Ernest Cupp and Herbert Derickson, both employees of the Nussbaum Novelty Co. The warrant alleges that LeFever on or about the second day of November, 1937, maliciously and mischievously caused to be injured their property to-wit: their automobiles and the automobiles of other persons, by strewing nails upon the public highway or near the public highway, thus causing said nails to penetrate the tires of automobiles, and further thus ruining rubber tubes within said tires, and that he is guilty of malicious trespass."

According to Marshal Dubach and others, the street around LeFever's home, just southwest of the Nussbaum Novelty Co., was literally covered with small nails and tacks. Numerous motorists, who had their cars parked there, or drove past, had their tires damaged by the nails, and many automobile drivers had to have their tires and tubes repaired. Some auto owners reported that they took as high as 25 tacks out of one tire. Local garages and filling stations were kept busy in repairing tires and tubes.

Suspicion was directed to LeFever immediately as he is alleged to have complained many times about cars being parked around his house or premises. When arraigned before Squire Muselman, LeFever said, "I don't know a thing about it."

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## MRS. COOK TAKEN HOME

Mrs. Eleanor Cook, of Ceylon, who was seriously hurt several weeks ago in an automobile wreck, was removed to her home Sunday in the Geneva ambulance. Her condition is slightly improved.

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## MARRIED SUNDAY

Miss Kathryn Chew, of Geneva, was married to Hebert Cain, of Pontiac, Michigan, at Geneva, Sunday. The couple will live at Pontiac where Cain is a factory employee.

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## SERIOUSLY ILL

Hiram Sprunger, who with Mrs. Sprunger and son Gordon live at the David F. Lehman home northwest of Berne, is reported seriously ill. He has been bedfast for several weeks. Mr. Sprunger has been ailing for several years.

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(Handwritten date: Monday, November 1, 1937)

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Friday afternoon from three-thirty to five-thirty o'clock, Mrs. M. Webb gave a party in honor of the eighth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Margaret Adelle.

After the playing of various games and contests, the little guests were ushered into the candle-lighted dining room and seated around the long table which had previously been kept from view. Orange and black crepe paper, black baby ribbon, Halloween-decorated cake, honeysuckle sprays, candles and individual appointments in color gave a festive Halloween setting for the two-course lunch which was served at five o'clock. The menu consisted of apple and orange jello salad topped with black jelly beans, tiny open-faced cracker sandwiches, potato chips, ice cream and angel food cake. Small cellophane bags filled with candies and peanuts were given as favors.

The following little guests participated in the celebration: Willa Mae Moser, Pauline Michaud, Arlene Habegger, Elaine Gilliom, Arlene Schwartz, Julia Ann Sprunger, Colvin McWhirter, Barbara Ann Yoder, Alice Lehman, Bernadine Amstutz, Colleen Schindler, Mona Sue Lantz, Alverda Steiner and the guest of honor.

Margaret Adelle received many nice gifts from her little friends who had helped to make the occasion memorable for her.

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