

ANOTHER DIES OF POLIO

Adams County Man, 27 Succumbs Here

Robert H Berning, 27, of RR1, Decatur, Preble Township, died of poliomyelitis at 10:15 am Friday in St Joseph's Hospital, where he had been a patient since Wednesday afternoon. His death brings to four the number of polio fatalities in Fort Wayne this year. Berning became ill last weekend, his illness was diagnosed as bulbar polio. Since its organization a year and a half ago, Berning had been manager of the Adams County Artificial Breeders' Association. He was a lifelong resident of Adams County. His death brings to three the number of fatalities in Adams County and he was the eighth victim of the disease this year. Surviving are the wife, Mrs Erma Shankster Berning, whom he married last February 19 in Fort Wayne; his parents, Mr and Mrs Charles Berning, Preble Township, Adams County; a brother Ralph, Root Township, Adams County and a sister, Miss Jane Berning who resides with her parents. Funeral services will be conducted in Decatur at 2 pm Sunday in the Zwick Funeral Home, Decatur and at 2:30 o'clock in St John's Lutheran Church on US Highway 27 with the Rev Martin H Behling, pastor; the Rev Paul Dannenfeldt, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne and the Rev Fred H Heidbrink, pastor of Emmaus Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 pm today.

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