

Adams County Historical Museum - 1939 Scrapbook

Mon. March 6, 1939

Reinhard Funeral Here This Afternoon

Herman Reinhard, 32, Dies Unexpectedly Here Early Friday

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Mennonite church for Herman Reinhardt, age 32, well-known local young man, who died at his home in the southwest part of Berne, at 7:30 o'clock Friday morning. The funeral was in charge of Rev. C.H. Suckau and burial was made in the M.R. E. cemetery. A short service was held at the home preceding the church service.

The death of Mr. Reinhard was almost entirely unexpected and came as a great shock to his relatives and many friends. His death is attributed to influenza and complications and was the first death in Berne during the present flu epidemic. Mr. Reinhard became ill early last week but his condition was not thought to be serious. Later streptococci pneumonia developed and his condition became serious. The germ is believed to have entered the blood stream and his condition soon became critical. A nurse Rachel Burkhalter, was summoned to his bedside, but the best medical attention was futile. His condition became critical Thursday night but when death came it was totally unexpected and outside his own family few people even knew of his illness.

Mr. Reinhard was well and favorably known. He was employed at a local furniture factory.

The deceased was a native of French township where he was born to Adolph and Lydia Meyer Reinhard, on March 11, 1907. He would have reached his 32nd birthday on Saturday, March 11th. On Oct. 22, 1933, he was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Liechty of this place, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Liechty. The young sorrowing widow survives with two small sons, Keith, aged 4 years, and Kenneth, aged 10 months.

Surviving also are the following brothers and sisters: Arnold of Ft. Wayne; Mrs. Albert Nussbaum and Mrs. Harry Lehman of near Berne in Monroe township; Misses Ruth and Alice at Chicago and Miss Mary, a student at Ball state at Muncie. The father and a step mother also survive, besides a host of relatives. His mother preceded him 13 years ago. The deceased was a member of the Mennonite church.

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