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DR. AMOS REUSSER PASSES AWAY

Dies After Brief Illness At His Home In Berne

Dr. Amos Reusser, Berne's veteran family doctor, well known and well beloved physician, passed away on July 9, at 1:00 A.M. He went to his eternal reward at the age of 82 years, still actively engaged in his wide-spread practice.

Dr. Reusser will be missed by many who over a long period of years had become accustomed to call on him when in need of physical help. His practice was county-wide. He was not only well known in Berne, but also throughout Adams county.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, July 13. It was widely attended and was a testimony of the esteem enjoyed by Dr. Reusser throughout the community. Rev. Olin Krehbiel officiated, assisted by Revs. A. M. Clauser and John Sprunger. Rev. Clauser, especially, being a friend of the Reusser family for more than fifty years, spoke comforting words to the remaining widow, the children and the only brother, Henry M. Reusser. Rev. Krehbiel, in a very able manner, spoke from Luke 5:31 and 32, "And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Rev. Krehbiel stated that these were the words of a physician, Luke, about the Heavenly Physician. In connection with this text, he very ably portrayed the life of Dr. Amos Reusser, how loyally and unselfishly over all these years of more than half a century, he helped those that were sick.

Dr. Reusser, Adams county's oldest practicing physician, both in age and from the point of service, had not been well for only a short time. About one week before his death he complained to his family of being quite tired. He suffered a light heart attack on the night of Sunday, July 6, with a number of other attacks the following night. On Tuesday evening, feeling somewhat better, he left his bed to go to the office to wait on an ailing (cut off)

...sponded at once, and after treating the doctor, he rested more comfortably. However, when the time was on hand, Dr. Amos Reusser quietly slipped away to awake in a better world.

PRACTICED SINCE 1897

One of the most prominent citizens of the community, Dr. Reusser had practiced medicine here since March of 1897.

His medical career dated back to the horse and buggy days and often he braved heavy rain or bitter cold and deep snow to minister to a sick person, frequently traveling many miles by horse and buggy. As the automobiles came into use, he was able to speed up his out-of-office service and his name had become almost legendary throughout the community. Despite his advanced years he still had a wide following and was kept busy in his office and in making home and hospital calls.

WON RARE HONORS

Dr. Reusser won many rare honors during his long career as a doctor. In Sept. of 1948 he was named "Family Doctor of the Year" by the Southern and Pan-American Homeopathic Congress, and he went east to accept the distinguishing service award which was presented to him. He delivered a total of 4,316 babies during his practicing career. This is more babies than were delivered by any other doctor in this area and one of the highest totals in the state. The last baby he delivered was Thomas Stevens, son of Chester and Mary Moser Stevens, of Monroe Route 1, on June 30 of this year. The mother of the child is one of the Moser triplets delivered by Dr. Reusser.

AILED EARLIER

Dr. Reusser received wide newspaper publicity during his years. He was written up in Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and other newspapers. A number of years ago he had a serious siege of illness and for some time little hope was held for his recovery. But he not only recovered but went back to his practice and had been at it ever since.

TRAVELED MUCH

Dr. Reusser, though devoting 55 years of his life to helping (cut off)

... meopathic Association from New York to the Bahamas, Cuba, West Indies and the Canal Zone. In 1937 Dr. Reusser made a trip to Alaska. They also visited Mexico and many places of interest in the United States.

Dr. Reusser did not do surgery work of any consequence in recent years. He and Dr. Rayl of Decatur teamed up where operations were necessary and the two elderly physicians worked together considerably. Dr. Reusser attended Angola State Normal and the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College where he received his training. Throughout the years he kept up with latest developments and discoveries in the medical field and was known as an excellent and trustworthy family physician.

Dr. Reusser taught school before entering the medical profession. He taught at District No. 8 school in Monroe township for several years. He served on the Berne school board for 12 years. He was local health officer for several years and active in civic, community and business circles. He was a member of the Berne Chamber of Commerce and the First Mennonite church. He was also greatly interested in agriculture and owned some fine acreage in the community.

Dr. Reusser was very interested in politics and in current events. He was well read and kept posted on state, national and international happenings. He was a staunch Republican but never sought political office. As late as Monday he was interested in the Republican national convention which was being held in Chicago.

LIFE-LONG RESIDENT

Dr. Reusser was a life-long resident of this community. He was born in Monroe township December 21, 1869, the son of Jacob and Katherine Sprunger Reusser. He grew up in the community and on Sept. 6, 1896, was married to Clara Bixler. They were married while he was in his last year at the Chicago Medical College and they resided in Chicago until his graduation. Their marriage vows were received at the First Mennonite church by the late Rev. S. F. Sprunger. The couple observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1946.

Surviving Dr. Reusser are the widow; five daughters, Mrs. C. T. (Frances) Michaud, Berne; Mrs. Helen Hoffman, widow of Howard Hoffman,, New Paltz, New York, but who has been spending the summer here; Mrs. Robert (Laura) Krick, Decatur; Mrs. Harmon (Josephine) Bagley and Mrs. Sherman (Rebecca) Stucky, both of Berne; fifteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a brother, Henry M. Reusser, Berne, local government weather observer.

The parents and the following brother and sisters preceded in death: William, Mrs. (cut off)