

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, March 14, 1951)

EDDIE J. FRICKE, CO-OP LEADER SUCCUMBS JAN. 31

Eddie J. Fricke, manager.....day of his death.

Known and universally liked throughout Indiana farm circles, Mr. Fricke was born on April 10, 1892, at St. John's Mich., the son of Frederick and Leah (Buerge) Fricke. He came to Monroe, Ind., where he was associated with the sugar beet industry. In 1928, shortly after the founding of the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, he joined that organization as general fieldman. He was instrumental in helping to organize many county co-ops in Indiana.

In 1934, when the co-op formed its building, steel and coal department, Mr. Fricke was placed at its head. His friendly personality and aggressive salesmanship were largely responsible for that de- (cut off)....largest in the organization, with (cut off)....in the co-op's production of lumber at Pine Bluff and Benton, Ark., where the trees are cut scientifically on the co-op's timber holdings and sawn in the co-op's own mills.

An eloquent speaker and an enthusiastic Christian, Mr. Fricke (cut off) ...North Methodist of Indianapolis, and had served as lay leader of the Indiana conference as well as (cut off)...Indianapolis, Dayton, O., and Fort Wayne, respectively. five daughters, Mrs. Neva Bell, Mrs. Mabel Hohlt, and Patricia, Indianapolis, (cut off)....grandchildren.

(Karin King note: Eddie Fricke is buried in MRE Cemetery, Berne, Adams County, IN)

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(Handwritten date: Friday, February 5, 1951)

Mrs. Ralph Hawkins and infant daughter, Pamela Sue, were dismissed Sunday from the Adams County Memorial hospital. They live in Decatur.

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(Handwritten date: Friday, November 24, 1950)

WIFE OF MENNO BASINGER DIES

Well Known Woman Dies At Home in Ohio; Rites Saturday

Mrs. Elizabeth Basinger, ??, wife of Menno Basinger of near Columbus Grove, Ohio, died at her home at 9:35 a.m. Wednesday .....was the daughter of ?? and Maria Anne Habegger. She was born November 28, 1867, in Allen County, Ohio. She would have reached her 83rd birthday next Tuesday. The Basinger family visited in this community frequently and she was widely known here.

Surviving are the husband and one daughter, Melita, a step-son, Millard, and two step-grandsons.

The funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. (cut off)

(Karin King note: buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, Bluffton, Allen County, OH)

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DIES SUDDENLY LATE TUESDAY

Prominent Berne Businessman and Civic Leader Dies

Lawrence L. Yager, 67, one of Berne's business and civic leaders, died suddenly at 4:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon of a heart attack at Pine Lake, west of Berne.

Mr. Yager was seated on the porch of a cottage owned by his son, J. Jerome Yager, when stricken. He died instantly of a coronary occlusion. Death came as a severe shock to his family and friends, as he had not been ill.

The Yager family had gathered at the lake cottage to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Yager.

Mr. Yager was president of the Yager Furniture, Inc., furniture dealer and morticians, and president of the Berne Furniture Co. He was instrumental in founding the latter company and also the Dunbar Furniture Co. He was a charter member of the Berne Auditorium.

He first entered business in Berne in 1910 with Eli C. Bierie and was one of the ??? had served as president of the Berne town board, and as town clerk ??

Mr. Yager was a highly active (cut)

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Luther and Jerome, both associated in business with their father; six grandchildren; one brother, Marcus Yager of West Unity, O., and two sisters, Mrs. Rose Moran of Indianapolis and Mrs. J. R. Zimmerman of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Cross Evangelical and Reformed church, the Rev. C. A. Schmidt officiating. (cut off)

(Karin King note: buried at MRE Cemetery, Berne, Adams County, IN)

**Adams County Historical Museum**

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