

(Handwritten date: Friday, November 30, 1945)

...JOSEPH SCHROCK

Details of Tragedy Wednesday Afternoon Given by Husband, Sheriff

Funeral services were held this for Mrs. Helen Schrock (cut) the family car southeast of Decatur. Services were held at the Schrock home, with Rev. David J. Graber and Rev. Enoch P. Habegger officiating. Burial was in the Mazelin cemetery two miles north and a half mile west of Berne.

The casket was not opened as Mrs. Schrock was virtually cre-(cut off)

According to the sheriff, Schrock and his wife had driven their car into the woods on the William Meyers farm southeast of Decatur where they have several hives of bees located. They parked the car in the woods and Schrock (cut) ...remained in the car to start the smoker, a device used to pacify the bees while working around them. Schrock said he...Schrock found his wife in the back seat...dense smoke...just a few flames at that time but when he opened the door of the car to rescue his wife, permitting air to enter the machine, Mrs. Schrock was ...and other supplies stacked in the back of the car. By the time he reached the other side of the car his wife had already collapsed. He tried to pull her out, reaching for her leg, but his gloves started to burn and the heat was so intense that he could not rescue her. The back of the car was at that time a roaring furnace, Schrock said. He then broke the glass in a window in a desperate attempt to pull her out but was unable to reach her. Realizing the awfulness of the tragedy and that his wife was beyond human aid, he made his way over to the Uhrick farm and the news of the tragedy spread from there. They notified the Dan Striker family, neighbors of the Schrocks, who notified relatives.

SCHROCK BURNED

Schrock was burned on his hands and his left cheek while trying to rescue his wife, but the (cut)

GAS CAN IN CAR

...gasoline to disinfect the bee hives, mixing the gasoline with the oil, according to the sheriff. The gasoline can had the spout uncovered, permitting the fumes to escape. The back end of the car was loaded with all kinds of bee supplies, including lumber to put under the bee stands, wax, burlap bags, and other material. (Cut)

Why Mrs. Habegger [sic] did not attempt to escape through the other door will never be known, the sheriff said, but it is probable that in the excitement and with the dense smoke perhaps blinding and almost suffocating her, she was unable to reach the door even if she tried. According to ...the machine with blazing gas. There is evidence that the blaze had gone inside the can because there was pressure from the inside which made the seams of the can bulge out, the sheriff said.

The Schrock car was practically (cut off)

Mrs. Schrock was born in this community Nov. 10, 1903, a daughter preceded a few years ago. Surviving...a sister, the step-mother...

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FATHER OF LOCAL MAN DIES

Johnston

Chastine Johnston, 67, of Pontiac, Michigan, father of Raymen Johnston, of this place, died suddenly at his home in Pontiac from a heart attack. Johnston lived alone and is believed to have died some

time Saturday. The funeral was held Tuesday at Pontiac. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston of Berne attended the rites.

The deceased was a native of northern Indiana but for many years had lived in Pontiac where he was employed in an automobile plant.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Ethel Johnston, the son, Raymen, of Berne, a daughter Mrs. Charles Mason of Philadelphia, and a sister. A son, Richard, was killed in action in Germany last March.

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...tin Zimmerman of this city has received word of the death of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hahn, aged 80 and 75, respectively, within a weeks' time last June at their home in Germany.

Mrs. Zimmerman received the word in a letter from Sgt. Eugene W. ?? of Adams County, who ...Berlin, where the Hahn's resided, and obtained the information from neighbors of the Decatur lady's parents.

Mrs. Zimmerman had had no direct word from her parents or sister, Miss Kaethe Hahn, since the start of the war but had received a letter last February through the International Red (cut off)

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...FROM EXPOSURE

Enoch Eady, 79, Found Beside R. R. Tracks After Leaving Home

DECATUR, Nov. 30 - The body of Enoch Eady (skip) by William Harrod, a hunter, Thursday afternoon, after city and state police and Boy Scouts had searched for the elderly man...found nearly two miles south of Decatur...the railroad tracks. Robert Zwick...coroner, said that exposure was responsible for death, which occurred, he estimated between 11 ?m. and noon yesterday. Mr. Eady....and burial will be in Decatur cemetery. The body has been taken to Black Funeral Home and may be viewed after 7 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Eady is survived by his wife, Nellie; three sons, J. K. Eady and Francis, Decatur, and Gerald, Fort Wayne; three daughters, Mrs. Jerome Coffee and Mrs. Niland Ochsenrider, both of Decatur, and Mrs. Nyle Redding, Waynedale, and one sister, Mrs. May Weimar, South Carolina.

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MOTHER OF MRS. GERALD HILTY DIES

Word was received here this morning of the death last night at 10:30 of Mrs. Charles Stratton of Bluffton, Ohio. She was the mother of Mrs. Gerald Hilty. (Handwritten here: 'Marvel') Also surviving are the husband, two other daughters and two sons. She had been ailing for some time and suffered (cut off)

(Handwritten date: Wed., Dec. 26, 1945)

WIDOW OF FRED STAUFFER DIES THIS MORNING

Funeral Here Saturday For Mrs. Lessie Rebecca Stauffer

Mrs. Lessie Rebecca Stauffer.....Memorial hospital. Death followed an operation for obstruction of the bowels. She had been ill for about three weeks. Mrs. Stauffer resided five and one half miles northeast of Berne.

Mrs. Stauffer was born February 4, 1876 on the farm where she had now resided. She was the daughter of John and Caroline (snip) ...catur; Gottlieb Stauffer, Decatur; Eleanor DeArmond, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Harold Van Camp, Fort Wayne; James W. Stauffer, Decatur; Mrs. Clarence DeArmond, at home, and Amos Stauffer, of Monroe. A son, Fred Stauffer, is deceased. (snip)...survive, also one brother and two sisters, James W. Duer, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Rozantha Watson, Albion, Mich., and Mrs. Gold (cut off)

...Cross Reformed church. The funeral will be held ?? morning at 10:30 ...officiating. Burial will be in the MRE cemetery. The body was brought to the Yager mortuary and will be taken to the home (cut off)

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DECATUR, May 22 - Herbert H. Ehinger, 58, died at 6:45 o'clock Friday evening of a heart attack at Veteran's Hospital, Little Rock, Ark., his brother, Leo Ehinger, 720 N. Third street, was advised.

A patient at the hospital for the past 20 years, Mr. Ehinger was walking over the grounds when seized by the attack. He was moved to the hospital and died within 15 minutes, hospital informants said.

(Karin King note: buried St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur, Indiana)

(Handwritten date: Wed., Jan. 3, 1950)

INFANT STILLBORN

Alvin S. and Caroline Schwartz Christner of Jefferson township are the parents of a stillborn baby girl, Amanda, born on New Year's Day. The child was buried in the afternoon in Bunker Hill cemetery southeast of Berne.