

(Handwritten date: Monday, Dec. 3, 1945)

## BLUE CREEK TP. FARMER KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE Clarence Case, 55, Dies Saturday Night In Front Of Home

Clarence Case, 55, Blue Creek township farmer living several miles northeast of Berne, was instantly killed at 8:00 o'clock Saturday evening when struck by a car driven by Ensign Robert E. Baer, 21, of Kenosha, Wisconsin. The accident happened on state road 33 in front of Mr. Case's home.

Mr. Case, walking across the highway as cars approached from both directions, apparently saw only one car nearing him and stepped back directly into the path of the Baer vehicle. The farmer suffered a crushed skull, fractured pelvis and fractures of both legs, being mangled badly.

Leo Gillig, Adams county sheriff, and Robert Zwick, county coroner, investigated. Coroner Zwick absolved the Navy man from all blame and indicated he would return a verdict of accidental death. Baer was enroute from West Virginia, where he had visited relatives, to Evanston, Ill.

Surviving are the wife, Jessie; a son, Oren, of Lima, Ohio; three sisters, Mrs. Earl Moser, Wren; Mrs. Walter Leath, Lima and Mrs. Opal Sargeant, San Bernardino, Calif.; four brothers, J. W. Case, Lima; Albert and John, both of Waynesfield, Ohio, and Isaac, Defiance.

The body was taken to the Black funeral home at Decatur, where funeral services will be held at 2:00 Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Willshire cemetery.

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## WM. SPANNUTH DIES AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

William Spannuth, 78, of Decatur route, died Thursday afternoon at the Adams county memorial hospital after a two months illness of complications. He was born in Ohio February 26, 1867, the son of Henry and Margaret Spannuth. He had never married and was the last surviving member of the family.

(Karin King note: Indiana Death Cert says William is buried at Honduras Cemetery, Decatur, Indiana)

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## WIFE OF FRANK LARUE SUCCUMBS SUDDENLY TUES. Funeral Friday For Sister of Rev. Frank Johnson

Mrs. Rosa Johnson LaRue, 73, wife of Frank LaRue of Geneva, died suddenly at 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at her home (cut off)

She was in usual health however, when she suddenly suffered a cerebral hemorrhage yesterday and died before medical assistance could be called.

Mrs. LaRue was born east of Berne on the farm where her brother, Rev. Frank Johnson, now resides August 19, 1872, a daughter of James and Christine Beyers Johnson. She was married to Frank LaRue on October 15, 1893. They have lived in Geneva for many years.

Surviving are the husband, a daughter Dorothy LaRue, at home, Geneva correspondent for the Berne Witness, and one brother, Rev. Frank Johnson, of east of Berne. A daughter, five sisters and two brothers preceded.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at (cut off)

(Karin King note: Buried at Westlawn Cemetery, Geneva, Indiana)

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#### JOSEPH W. SYPHERS DIES AT ANTWERP

Funeral Today For Native Of This Community; Relatives Here

Word has been received here of the death of Joseph W. Syphers, of Antwerp, Ohio, who died in that city last Saturday. He was 87 years old. Mr. Syphers was well known here and was the son of Adam and Millie Syphers, long time residents Berne. He was born in Blue Creek township, at Salem, on Dec. 14, 1857. Death was caused by a stroke and infirmities.

Mr. Syphers had been retired for the last 15 years. He was formerly in the grain business and operated elevators at Winchester and Woodburn, Indiana and Antwerp, Ohio.

Surviving are two sons, a daughter and a sister. The sons are Earl and Paul Syphers, both of Cleveland, Ohio and the daughter is Mrs. Mary Eley of Antwerp. The surviving sister is Mrs. Mattie S. Neff, of St. Louis.

A brother and sister preceded him, the sister being Lavina Syphers Harris, the wife of the late B. P. Harris who was the father of Mrs. Tone Michaud and Mrs. Charles Braun of Berne and Mrs. Thor Nielson of San Diego, California.

The funeral was held this afternoon at the Schilb Funeral Home at Antwerp, but burial in that city.

(Karin King note: Joseph is buried in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio)

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#### MRS. THELKA THIEME DIES

Decatur, Dec. 3 - Mrs.[sic] Thelka Thieme died Saturday night at her home in Union Township, several miles northeast of here, after a two-day illness of pneumonia. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the residence and 2 o'clock in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Rev. E. W. Allwardt officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. She is survived by seven children [sic - should be siblings], Lester, Hilbert, Edmund, Reuben, Gretchen, Maxine and Merlin.

(Karin King note: Thelka is buried in Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Decatur, Indiana)

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#### FATHER OF RAY DUFF EXPIRES

John M. Duff, 79, Dies At Chattanooga, Tuesday

James M. Duff, 79, of Chattanooga, O., father of Ray Duff, Jefferson twp. school teacher, died at his home at Chattanooga, Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock. Death was caused by gall stones and complications. He became seriously ill Sunday morning. He was a grocer and filling station operator and was well known here.

The deceased was a son of William Duff and was born near Columbus, O., March 5, 1857. Both his parents preceded many years ago.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Miss Emma Mason, six sons: Oley, Titusville, Fla.; Earl of Mims, Fla.; Finley and Ross, both of Buckley, Mich.; Jacob of Chattanooga and Ray of Jefferson Twp. Two daughters preceded. One brother, William, of Hartford City, survives, and three sisters: Mrs. Mary Bollinger, Mrs. Allie Smith and Mrs. Maude Baucher.

Funeral services were held this morning at the Chattanooga Methodist church at 10:30 EST with Rev. Clark officiating. Burial was in the Kessler cemetery near Chattanooga.

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Louis Dolch, age 26 years, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dolch of near Montpelier, at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Dolch had been ill for the past two weeks and death was due to complications.

He was born in Wells co., Jan. 27, 1909, a son of Henry and Katy Dolch. With his parents, he moved several years ago to Adams county and for some time resided in Kirkland twp., later moving to a farm near Geneva. Three weeks ago he moved with his parents to Chester twp., Wells county, two miles west and two miles north of Montpelier.

Surviving are the parents, four brothers and two sisters, all at home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the St. Luke's Reformed church at Vera Cruz, with Rev. H. H. Meckstroth in charge. Burial was made in the M.R.E. cemetery at Berne.

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## DECATUR MAN DIES

Othmar E. Smith, 42, member of the Smith Drug Company of Decatur until ill health forced his retirement 10 years ago died Monday morning after a long illness.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. B. J. Smith; the wife, formerly Ann Colchin; two daughters, Misses Kathleen and Marylyn; one brother, Elmo Smith, Decatur, and three sisters, Misses Estella and Virginia, at home, and Mrs. Carl J. Klepper of Huntington.

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

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## MRS. WICKEY DEATH'S VICTIM

Wife of David Wickey Dies After Short Illness

Mrs. Mary Wickey, aged 61, wife of David Wickey, a preacher of the Amish church, died at her home two miles north of town Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock. Death resulted from a hemorrhage

of the lungs. She had been in usual good health until Sunday. Sunday, she attended church and became ill in the evening and weakened rapidly after that because of loss of blood.

Miss Lena Hossman of this place had been at her bedside the last two days before her death.

Mrs. Wickey, formerly Mary Schwartz, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schwartz, and was born in this community Jan. 23, 1874. She had lived on the same farm since 1915.

Mrs. Wickey was the mother of 14 children, 12 of whom survive. Those living are: Mrs. Joseph L. Schwartz, Sam, Jacob, David D., Noah, August, Mrs. Noah S. Wengerd, Mrs. Peter Girod, Mrs. Chris Eicher, Rebecca, Catherine and John.

Brothers and sisters who survive are Sam P. Schwartz of Union City, Pa., John P., Jacob P., Mrs. C. J. Schwartz, Mrs. Noah Bascom, Mrs. Jacob F. Schwartz, all of this community; one half-brother, Peter P. Schwartz, of Sturgis, Mich., and two half-sisters, Mrs. Joseph Hilty and Mrs. Katie Paille, both of near Berne.

The following sisters preceded her: Mrs. Peter Eicher, Mrs. Sam Girod, Mrs. Jacob Eicher, and two brothers, one sister, and three half-sisters, whose names were not learned.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at the home two miles north of Berne at 1:00 o'clock. Burial will be made in the Schwartz (cut off)

(Karin King note: Mary is buried in the Schwartz Cemetery, Monroe, Indiana)

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#### BERNE WOMAN'S SISTER DIES

Mrs. Nina Zimmerman, Sister To Mrs. R. C. Patterson, Is Dead

Mrs. Nina Zimmerman, 46, wife of George Zimmerman, former Chief of the Hartford City fire department, died Monday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock at the family home in that city following an illness of the past nine months of cancer. She had been bedfast during that time, and had been in failing health for the past two years.

Mrs. Zimmerman was born in Bluffton, June 15, 1889, a daughter of Charles and Lola Bratton who survive.

Surviving besides the husband and parents is one son, Herman Zimmerman, Hartford City; two grandsons, two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Ratliff, wife of Charles Ratliff, Bluffton and Mrs. Grace Patterson, wife of Robert Patterson, Berne; and one brother, Le?? Bratton, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a member of the Women of the Moose lodge and the Nazarene church.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Christian (cut off)

(Karin King note: Nina is buried at Hartford City Cemetery, Hartford, Indiana)

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