

(Handwritten date: Wed., Dec. 12, 1945)

## MRS. HALBERSTADT DIES MONDAY NIGHT 81-Year-Old Woman Dies At James Halberstadt Home

Mrs. Anne Hazen Halberstadt, 81, died at the home of her son (crease). Mrs. Halberstadt was the widow of the late Frank P. Halberstadt.

She was born in Greensburg, November 19, 1864, a daughter of James and Adeline Davis-Hazen. Her father was a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars. A sister, Mrs. Mary Andrews of Storm Lake, Iowa and a brother, John Hazen, Sherwood, Mich., survive.

Mrs. Halberstadt was married January 8, 1881 to Frank Halberstadt at Seymour, Ill. Surviving are four sons, James F., of Pleasant Mills; Glenn of Detroit, Mich.; A. F. of Union City and Jesse, of Colon, Mich., and a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Baad, of Colon, Mich. There also are nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Halberstadt lived at Colon, Mich., following the death of her husband in 1940 until last June, when she came to reside with her son at Pleasant Mills.

The body was removed to the Gillig & Doan funeral home in Decatur, and was taken to Colon, Mich., Tuesday afternoon, where funeral services will be held at the Conklin funeral home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Colon cemetery.

(Karin King note: buried Lakeside Cemetery, Colon, St. Joseph Co., MI)

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(Handwritten date: Monday, Dec. 31, 1945)

## ABE SCHNEPP, 74, DIES ON SUNDAY PROMINENT RETIRED FARMER DIES SUNDAY; RITES WEDNESDAY

Abe Schnepf, 74, a retired farmer, died Sunday afternoon at his home in Washington township, three miles northeast of Monroe. He had been ill for one year, suffering from complications. He was bedfast on a week. Schnepf was the father-in-law of Mrs. Dwight Schnepf, formerly Belva Huser of this place. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia which followed a siege of the flu.

Schnepf was a native of Van Wert County, Ohio, but had lived in Adams county for many years and was widely known.

Surviving are the wife, formerly Emma McGill; three sons, Dwight, at home, and Ralph and John, Decatur; two daughters, Mrs. Oren Schlitz and Mrs. Russell Kryder, Fort Wayne. Ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive.

The body, which was taken to the Zwick Funeral Home at Decatur, will be returned to the residence and may be viewed after 7:00 this evening. The funeral will be conducted Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the home and at 2:00 o'clock in St. Paul's church. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

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## PLEASANT MILLS MAN KILLED IN HIGHWAY MISHAP

### ...Into Path of Truck

Thomas "Mutt" Halberstadt, 37, of Pleasant Mills, was hurt fatally at 6:00 a.m. this morning when he was crushed under the wheels of a large truck. The somewhat freak accident happened at the intersection of highway 30 and the Minnich Road near New Haven. Halberstadt was well known by many local people and was a brother of James Halberstadt who married Willodean Ellenberger of this community.

Halberstadt was riding in a car driven by True "Tabby" Andrews of Decatur Route 1. Andrews is foreman for the C. and C. Construction Company at Defiance, Ohio and Halberstadt was employed by Mr. Andrews. The two men were enroute to Defiance at the time of the accident.

According to Andrews, they were traveling on the Minnich road which runs off from U. S. highway 27 northwest of Decatur, towards New Haven. When they came to the intersection of highway 30 near New Haven, Andrews stopped at the intersection. He said it was very foggy at the time. He said no traffic was in sight and he started across the intersection. As he approached the middle of the intersection the large truck, headed east on 30, came into view. Halberstadt, apparently thinking the truck would hit their car, opened the door of Andrews' machine and jumped out.

Mr. Andrews told the Witness today that Halberstadt apparently slipped or fell on the slippery pavement and the big truck ran over him, apparently crushing him. Meanwhile Andrews proceeded across the intersection without mishap, getting across before the truck arrived on the spot.

Parking his car along the road, Andrews ran back to the intersection and assisted Halberstadt to his feet. He said the injured man could still talk but blood was coming out of his mouth, ears and nose. He assisted him to the side of the pavement and ran to a nearby home to summon an ambulance. Halberstadt was taken to a Fort Wayne hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The truck was driven by Charles Murphy of Fort Wayne. He was driving (missing)... He told state troopers from the Baer Field post that he believes the right wheels on the truck ran over Halberstadt.

The truck driver told Andrews later that he knew he had driven over something but did not know what until after the gruesome accident. He said he saw an ob- (cut off)...position, unable to get out of the truck's path.

The truck then jack-knifed and an automobile following the car crashed into the truck and additional cars, six in all, piled into the wreckage. Several persons were hurt, several seriously. Some were from New Haven and Monroeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Halberstadt have "Mutt's Service" in Pleasant Mills for a number of years. Halberstadt spent his entire life in the Pleasant Mills community and graduated from the Pleasant Mills high school.

Halberstadt was born December 8, 1914. He was a star basket ball player at Pleasant Mills high school and named to the all-county team in 1933. He served in World War II, enlisting in June of 1943. He was a deep sea welder and diver and participated in the New Guinea invasion where he was wounded. He was discharged in 1944.

He was married to the former Pauline Carver. She survives, also a daughter Joan, and a son Rex, both at home; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Halberstadt Sr., of Pleasant Mills; a brother, James Halberstadt, Jr., of Pleasant Mills; two sisters, Mrs. Virgil (Ruth) Neuenschwander of Madina, Ohio and Mrs. Edward Melching, Pleasant Mills.

The grandfather, Rev. Thomas E. Ploughe, Scircleville, Indiana, also survives.

The body is at Zwick funeral home in Decatur. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

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#### ROSINA HIRSCHY FUNERAL HELD THIS MORNING 93-Year-Old Local Woman Dies Saturday After Short Illness

Funeral services were held this morning at 10:00 o'clock at the West Missionary church for Miss Rosina Hirschy, 93, who died Saturday morning at 6:00 o'clock at her home on Baltimore street in Berne. The Rev. Oscar Eicher, pastor of the church, officiated, and burial was in the M.R.E. cemetery.

Miss Hirschy resided with her brother, Chris Hirschy, 97, who is Berne's oldest citizen, and her niece, Miss Rose Hirschy. She had been ailing since last Monday. Death was caused by infirmities and complications. She had been feeble for quite some time. Miss Hirschy (cut off)...spent considerable time during her younger years in doing housework for others and attending to sick people.

She was born three miles west of Berne September 10, 1852, the daughter of John and Barbara Stauffer Hirschy.

A brother and two sisters survive, Chris Hirschy, Mrs. Noah Schindler and Mrs. Salome (cut off)

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(Handwritten date: Monday, June 30, 1952)

#### EVA MAY CRAIG BREAKS ARM, DIES IN OHIO HOSPITAL

Funeral services were held Sunday for Miss Eva May Craig, 60, a resident of Berne for 20 years and a former proofreader (cut off)

(KK note: buried in Ashland County, Ohio)

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## AMOS AUGSBURGER FUNERAL IN OHIO

Native Of This Vicinity Dies Near Elida; Two Brothers Here

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Salem Mennonite Church near Elida, Ohio, for Amos Augsburg, 76, a native of French township, who died at his home near Elida Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Several from here attended the funeral. He was a member of the Mennonite church. Rev. Menno Troyer officiated at the rites, assisted by Rev. Andrew Brenneman, both of Elida. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Augsburger had ailed for several months with complications, suffering from dropsy and heart disease. His condition became serious a week ago but he was bedfast only about four days. His brothers from this community, John C. and Moses Augsburg and his nephew, Menno Augsburg, left here Saturday morning to visit him after a message was received that he was very ill. He died before they arrived, however.

The deceased was born in French township, Adams county, Indiana, August 14, 1869, a son of Rev. Christian and Barbara Liechty Augsburg. He was married to Elizabeth Shank on December 19, 1893. He moved to Ohio when he was 21 years old, residing first in Wayne county and then moving to a farm in Allen county where he now resided.

Surviving are the widow, a son Raymond of Lima, and a daughter, Mrs. Nelson Beck of Archbold; three brothers, Moses and John C. of this community and Rev. Daniel Augsburg of Elida, and a sister, Mrs. Fanny Hales, also of Elida. Six grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren also survive.

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We wish to express our thanks and deepest appreciation to all of the many friends, relatives and neighbors in who in any way lent a helping hand during the illness and death of our father, Peter M. Neuenschwander. We also wish to thank you for sympathy expressed, sympathy cards and prayers.

Elizabeth, Abe and Anna Neuenschwander

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