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(Handwritten: Monday, Oct. 15, 1934)

Miss Metta Habegger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Habegger underwent an operation for the removal of her appendix at the Adams County Memorial Hospital Sunday.

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REUSSER RITES HELD SATURDAY

Many Pay Final Respects to Berne High School Senior

Funeral services for Berneta Reusser who died early Thursday morning were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Reformed church here. The place of the funeral was changed from the Evangelical to the Reformed church because of larger seating capacity. The church was full, many standing as hundreds from Berne and community paid their last respects to one of Berne's most popular young women who was stricken down at the age of 16 years. Rev. M. O. Herman and Rev. J. L. Conrad officiated at the services.

The pall bearers were Jerome Steiner, Robert Dro, Arnold Fleuckiger, Edward Lehman, Horace Stucky and Herman Habegger.

(Cut off)... and Gordon Bracker sang "Sometime We'll Understand," "Moment By Moment," and "There Is No Disappointment in Heaven."

Interment was made in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

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George Stanley Jones began his new duties, this morning, as salesman for the Dunbar Manufacturing Company.

Miss Vilas Schindler underwent a major operation at the Adams County Memorial Hospital.

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MISS BERNETA REUSSER DIES EARLY TODAY

Popular Local High School Senior Passes Away at Hospital

While hundreds of relatives, friends and schoolmates were hoping for her recovery, Berneta Elizabeth Reusser, 16, popular local young lady, died at the Adams Co. Memorial Hospital at Decatur at 1:55 o'clock this morning. Her death came as a distinct shock to her large group of friends and acquaintances.

Miss Reusser was well and active one week ago today. Last Thursday night she became ill and on Sunday her condition became alarming. Doctors advised an operation as the illness was diagnosed as appendicitis and the operation was performed last Sunday afternoon.

Death was caused by peritonitis, following an operation for the removal of a gangrenous appendix, her attending physician stated today. Her operation was a very difficult and complicated one, and it was feared she might not recover. Tuesday her condition improved slightly and hope was held for her recovery, but late Tuesday her temperature went up and she became more restless. It was then that the peritonitis set in and hastened her death.

The local doctors who performed the operation did everything known to medical science to save her life. Wednesday evening when it was apparent that a second operation to allow some of the peritonitis to drain was the only chance, a specialist was called from Fort Wayne and the operation was performed about midnight. She never rallied and passed peacefully away soon after. She was unconscious before the second operation was performed.

Miss Reusser, while suffering much at times never complained and seemed reconciled to the fact that she must die. Miss Ruth Stuckey, R. N. was at her bedside constantly. (Cut off)

Berneta Reusser was born in Berne on October 27, 1917, bringing her age to 16 years and 11 months. She was a daughter of Walter and Lillie Ehram Reusser. Berneta was a general favorite with everybody, loved by all who knew her, including friends, schoolmates and teachers. She was a Senior in the local high school this year and would have graduated in the spring. Besides being a young lady of charming manners and a very pleasant personality, she was a friend to everybody. In school she was one of the most popular and talented students and will be sorely missed by schoolmates and teachers. She took part in many school activities and was a member of the Budget staff.

During the past two summers she was employed (cut off)

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PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING TAKES PLACE SUNDAY

Miss Minda Flueckiger Is Bride of Gordon Liechty

Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, Miss Minda Flueckiger, popular young lady of this place became the bride of Gordon M. Liechty. The wedding was solemnized at the local Mennonite church, Rev. C. H. Suckau officiating. Miss Elda Flueckiger, the bride's sister, and Jerome Nussbaum attended the couple.

Preceding the ceremony, a short musical program was rendered, with Miss Ruth Liechty, the groom's sister, at the organ. She played, "Lead Us, O Father," by Hopkins. This was followed by a vocal duet, furnished by Curtis and Lillian Lehman of Fort Wayne. They sang, "O, Perfect Love." Miss Lillian Lehman then sang "Because." Lohengrin's wedding march was played as the processional and Mendelssohn's as the recessional. During the ceremony Miss Liechty played "Traumeri" by Schumann.

For the occasion the alter at the church was artistically decorated with leaves, ferns and flowers, in keeping with the autumn season.

The bride was pretty in a gown of heavy white satin, fashioned floor length with a short veil. The dress had a cowl neckline, puffed sleeves with a long tight cuff. Over the left shoulder was a spray of flowers made of white satin. She wore a strand of pearls, a gift from the groom. Her footwear was white, and she carried an arm bouquet of white roses.

The bridesmaid wore a gown of yellow crepe, fashioned floor length, and white footwear. She carried an arm bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums.

The groom appeared in a suit of oxford gray and the best man wore a blue suit.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Caroline A. Flueckiger of this place. She is a graduate of the South Side (cut off) ...at the Berne Manufacturing Co. She has a host of friends in town and community.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Liechty of north of town. He is a graduate of the Berne high school and is employed at the Berne Overall and Shirt Co.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. Refreshments of brick ice cream, angel food cake and coffee were served.

Following the reception the couple left on a honeymoon trip through Chicago. On their return they will be at home in the upstairs apartment of the Howard Gilliom home.

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