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Feb 9, 1934

An all day quilting was held at the home of Mrs. Anna Amstutz yesterday. The women present were Mrs. Emanuel Habegger, Mrs. John Hin     lang, Mrs. William Spurgeon, and Mrs. William Nussbaum.

Fri., Feb. 9, 1934

Miss Marcella Neuenschwander was operated on yesterday at Decatur for appendicitis. Miss Ruth Stuckey, r. N., is the special nurse on the case and Miss Neuenschwander is getting along as well as can be expected.

A special violin choir composed of 15 fifteen members and directed by Russel N. Miller of Portland will give a twenty minute concert next Sunday evening at the local Evangelical church. The Misses Sarabelle Lehman and Esther Brenneman are members of the choir.

Mrs. Rosa Wahli and son Junior Burry moved into the second story of the Wittwer building yesterday. They had lived in the Mrs. Edwin Hellwer home until the recent death of Mrs. Heller. The lower part of the building is occupied by John F. Mazelin's restaurant.

Mrs. Amos Reusser submitted to a major operation at the Decatur hospital yesterday. Last night she was quite restful and she is getting along as well as can be expected. Rachel Burkhalter R.N. is her special nurse. Marcella Beer is helping with the housework at the Reusser home during Mrs. Reusser's absence.

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Simon Schwartz who was at work again Tuesday and Wednesday after being ill with influenza suffered a backset and was confined to his home yesterday and today.

#### SOMON SCHWARTZ RECOVERING

Monday, Feb. 12, 1934

Simon M. Schwartz, editor and advertising manager of The Berne Review, who suffered from an attack of influenza last week but came back on Tuesday and Wednesday suffered a relapse and is again confined to his home. However, he is reported to be improving rapidly and expects to be on duty again sometime this week.

#### MRS. SPRUNGER DIES IN OHIO

Mrs. Albert Sprunger, 33 to be buried on Friday

Thurs. Feb. 15, 1934

Mrs. Albert P. Sprunger aged 33 died at 1:50 o'clock Wednesday morning at their home in Van Wert, Ohio. Mrs. Sprunger was formerly Miss Selma Roth and her husband is a son of Simon Sprunger of Berne. She had ailed with complications for some time.

Mrs. Sprunger was born on August 8, 1900, bringing her age to 33 years, 6 months and 6 days. She was married to Mr. Sprunger May 8, 1924.

Surviving are the husband and two children, violet 8, and Donald S. the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Roth both survive also the following brothers and sisters: Frances and Glen at home, Mrs. Emma Mankey, John, David and Albert all of near Decatur and Fred of Fort Wayne. One sister, Martha, and a brother, Henry, preceded her.

Mrs. Sprunger was a faithful member of the Van Wert Evangelical church. The funeral will be held Wed at 12 o'clock central standard time at the home and at 1 o'clock at the Pleasant Dale church, 3 miles      and 4 and one-half miles west of Decatur.

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Mrs. Geraldine Von Gunten expected to leave for Fort Wayne on \_\_\_\_\_ ay. She will take up nurse's \_\_\_\_\_ ing at the Lutheran Hospital.

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#### SLAYING OF WABASH MINISTER IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN BERNE

Thurs. Feb. 8, 1934

#### PHOTO

Gaylord V. Saunders

Not only was the slaying of Rev. Gaylord V. Saunders, former Wabash pastor, one of the strangest cases of murder in the history of Indiana, but the crime is of special interest here. Rev. Saunders, until a few months ago, was pastor of the M.E. Church at Wabash, and officiated in the wedding of Everett Sheets of Decatur and Mrs. Florence Schindler of this place in what is said to have been the last wedding he performed. That was in August. He quit the ministry to take a course in undertaking and embalming at Indianapolis.

Indiana has been rocked time and again by murders, but his one, for sheer cold bloodedness, is said to surpass most recent crimes of this kind. His widow, according to her own confession, hired Joseph T. Mathers, aged 19 of Indianapolis to kill Saunders for ten dollars. Mrs. Saunders claims that her husband acted queerly, had made an attempt in January to commit suicide and that she was afraid to live with him any longer.

The three persons held for the crime are the slain pastor's wife, Naomi Saunders, aged 36, Theodore Mathers, aged 19, roommate of Saunders, and Masil Roe, aged 19 former classmate of Mathers.

#### HUBERT BRUECHY IS IMPROVED

Former Local Man in Better Condition, Relatives Here Learn.

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According to word received by relatives in this community, Hubert Bruechy, formerly of Berne, now at the Easthaven hospital at Richmond, is showing decided improvement over his condition several months ago when he first entered the hospital. He has improved to the extent that he is able to be at work consistently. Mrs. Bruechy, also an inmate of the institution, is said to be improved also. Mr. and Mrs. Bruechy lived for some time on North Jefferson Street here.

#### LOUISE LARWILL IS RECOVERING

Only Survivor of Ft. Wayne Suicide Pact Family Improved  
1934

Fort Wayne, Feb 15 – The last of the Larwills, Miss Louise, aged 27, only survivor of the death pact her family signed Tuesday, was resting easy at the Lutheran Hospital today and was apparently recovering from the effects of gas she breathed in an effort to end her life with her sister and parents.

Hospital attaches said the young woman spent a fairly restful night and that her condition was good.

Funeral arrangements for the other members of the Larwill family, Kenneth, the father; Mrs. Mary K., the mother, Miss Mary E., a daughter, whose death from natural causes late Monday night precipitated the family agreement to commit suicide, have not been completed.

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David C. Nussbaum of Monroe township who has been seriously ill with erysipelas is reported to be considerably improved.

Mr. and Mrs. David Schwartz,

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BERNE, INDIANA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1934

Mother of Former Famous Flying Ace is Guest =Speaker Here Monday.

PHOTO

Pictured here is Mrs. James F. Smith, of Fort Wayne, mother of the late Art Smith, former flying ace and one of the pioneers in aviation history. Mrs. Smith will be the guest of the Berne Chamber of Commerce at the regular February meeting next Monday evening above the Peoples Restaurant. The usual banquet will be served at 6:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Smith will present several reels and speak of her son's adventures in aviation, showing a large number of scenes of her trip to foreign lands before his death while flying the air mail several years ago.

The husband of Mrs. Smith has a large number of relatives here. He is a close relative to the John P. Nussbaum family, and also has many relatives among the Mazelins in this community. Mrs. Smith and her husband, now almost totally blind, have visited here many times.

It is expected that the pictures and lecture by Mrs. Smith will be very interesting. Many here remember when Art, her son, started building his first airplane and how after many months and years of struggling he became one of the world's best known aviators. The family was poor and the parents mortgaged their home to provide money for Art's airplane, and later Mr. Smith's eyesight failed, but the parents had faith in their son and finally he was able to pay them back many times over for the money they paid for him. It is expected that Mrs. Smith will relate some of those stirring and trying moments of years ago, when the public thought Art was a fool for experimenting with aviation. Art was       ed one dark, stormy night in Ohio, while he lost his way while flying the regular Cleveland-Chicago airmail route.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith last March celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Because of ill health he will be unable to accompany his wife to Berne.

Mrs. Lela White Asks Divorce

Mon. Feb. 12, 1934

Former Berne Lady Seeks Divorce in Fort Wayne Court

Mrs. Lela White of Fort Wayne, formerly of this place has filed suit for divorce against her husband, Therman White, in superior court No. 2 at Fort Wayne last week. Mrs. White avers that the mental strife that exists between them makes living together an impossibility. She also states in her complaint that her husband is not a fit subject to care for their child, Agloria Sue, aged 3 and therefore asks for her custody.

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