

(Title, date & beginning of this obit is missing, but it belongs to Nicholas Rich [1867-1935])

...The deceased was born in French township, Dec. 6, 1867, a son of Joseph and Anna Moser Rich. He was born on the old Joseph Rich homestead and at the time of his death was ? years, 5 months and 5 days old. He spent his entire life in this community. Most of his life was spent on the farm, and he was known as one of the leading farmers of Adams county. Mr. Rich was married to Elizabeth Bailey April 26, 1894.

#### INTERESTED IN BUSINESS

Mr. Rich was a stockholder of the Peoples State Bank here and a former director of the institution. He was also financially interested in other business activities. For two years in his early manhood days he was employed in Berne, clerking at the Allison and Simison store.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich had resided on their present farm for the past eleven years, but lived on another farm just across the road from their home, for a long time.

Surviving are the widow and two children, William and Mrs. Rufus (Ida) Nussbaum, both of northeast of Berne. Two brothers, John of Berne and David of Fort Wayne, and one sister, Mrs. Jonas Myers of Vera Cruz, survive.

His parents, one daughter, Mrs. Edna Beer, and the following brothers and sisters preceded him: Chris, Joseph, Peter, Jacob, Mrs. Barbara Stucky and Mrs. Anna Yoder.

Mr. Rich was a member of the Reformed church and was active in church work. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home and at 2 o'clock at the local Reformed church, Rev. C. W. H. Sauerwein, of Plymouth, formerly of Berne, and Rev. C. H. Suckau, officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

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(Handwritten date: Wednesday, May 22, 1935)

#### FRIEND FUNERAL RITES THURSDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Charles F. Friend of north of Decatur who died at her home on the Fonner Stock farm on federal road 27, Tuesday morning, will be held at the home at 4:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon with Rev. H. R. Carson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church officiating.

The body will be removed to the home of a son, Arthur Friend, seven miles southeast of Auburn where a short service will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, followed with a service at 2 o'clock at the Rehobeth Methodist Episcopal church, six miles southeast of Auburn. Burial will be made in the Roselawn cemetery at Auburn.

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(Handwritten: Died May 30, 1935)

#### (Photo): MATHIAS KIRSCH DEAD

Mathias Kirsch, for years one of Decatur's outstanding civic leaders, died Thursday afternoon after an extended illness. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon.

(Karin King note: Mathias is buried in Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Indiana)

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(Handwritten: Tuesday, April 30)

#### SHERIFF DIES

(Photo: Orv. C. Lantis)

Funeral services are to be held in the First Bluffton M. E. Church at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday for Orv. C. Lantis, Sheriff of Wells County, who died at his home Monday.

(Karin King note: Orv is buried in Fairview Cem., Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana)

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