(Handwritten date:  Monday, Oct. 7, 1935)

RICH FUNERAL HELD

   Funeral services for Eli Rich, aged 45, who died early Thursday near Grabill, were held Sunday afternoon at the Monroe M. E. church, with burial in the Decatur cemetery.  Mr. Rich was a native of Monroe township, a son of the late Peter Rich.  Surviving are the wife, one son and two brothers, Joseph and Ed Rich, both of Monroe.

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BIBERSTINE RITES SUNDAY

Catherine Biberstine Dies Here Following Long Illness

   Catherine Biberstine, 78, intimately known as Kate, passed to her reward at 5:25 o'clock Thursday evening at the David Dubach home on North Jefferson street.  She had been under the care of Mrs. David Dubach, a nurse, for the past ten weeks.  She had been in ailing health for the past year.  However, her condition did not become serious until ten weeks ago Wednesday.  Death was caused by cancer and complications.

   The last rites were held at 1:45 at the home and at 2:00 o'clock at the Evangelical church, Sunday afternoon, in charge of Rev. M. O. Herman, pastor of the church of which she was a faithful member.  He was assisted by Rev. Noah Smucker, pastor of the Defenseless Mennonite church, west of Berne.  Burial was made in the M.R.E. cemetery.

   Catherine Biberstine was born January 7, 1857 in French township, the daughter of Abraham and Catherine Klopfenstine Biberstine.  Her parents were born in Switzerland and passed away many years ago.

   The deceased was a resident of this county throughout her life and has lived at her home on 265 North Jefferson street for about 20 years.

   Surviving are one son, Edward, at home, and three brothers, Noah, of Fort Wayne, Peter of Monroe and Abraham of French township.

   Preceding her were three sisters, Mrs. Dan Yoder, Mrs. Joe Rich and one in infancy; and four brothers, Jacob, John, David and Christian.

   A large host of relatives and friends also survive.

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2 DROWNINGS CANCEL GOSHEN CLUB CONCERT

Tragedy in Elkhart River Takes Lives of Two Students

LOCAL PEOPLE ATTEND FUNERAL

   The concert scheduled to be given at the Mennonite church here yesterday afternoon by the Goshen College chorus was cancelled on account of a tragedy Saturday afternoon at Goshen, when two college students were drowned.  The sermon to have been preached at the church Sunday morning by Rev. Gustav Enns of Goshen College was also cancelled.  Several people from Bluffton and other distant places who did not know that the concert had been cancelled drove to Berne Sunday afternoon.

   Victims of the tragedy were Harold Burkholder, 20, of Kitchener, Ont., and Helen Hertzler, 19, of Hesston, Kansas.  The tragedy occurred Saturday evening when a canoe in which they were riding with another couple upset in a power race running off the Elkhart river.  One of the boys hit a pipe in the canal which caused the canoe to capsize.

   Miss Fern Miller, 21, of Millersburg, O., and Edward Gerber, 22, Sugar Creek, O., also students at the college, swam to shore.  Miss Hertzler died an hour after she had been rushed to a hospital.  Her body was recovered from the stream by police who were called to the scene.

   Burkholder's body was recovered sometime after midnight, Saturday night.  Authorities said a verdict would be withheld until the survivors sufficiently recovered from the shock to relate a coherent account of how the accident occurred.

   Neither of the victims was a member of the college chorus but young Burkholder was a member of the men's glee club.

   Miss Hertzler has a sister who is also attending Goshen college and as she was gone Saturday, she did not learn of the tragedy until just after her return.

   The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at Goshen and the bodies are being returned to their homes.  Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Suckau, Mr. and Mrs. Menno Burkhalter and daughter Frances attended the funeral.

   Both of the victims were in Berne during January to hear Dr. Harry Rimmer speak at the Mennonite church.  They were not related to any local people.

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