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PTDC0001

Colorful cover of scrapbook. Dated January 1936 – June 1937

PTDC0002

Handwritten: Labanah E. Myers husband of Barbara E. Myers is in this book in the front part.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Mon. Jan 13, 1936

(Photo)

Dr. Walter Wilson

Supt. E.M. Webb of the Berne schools received a letter from Dr. Walter Wilson of Kansas city, Mo., this afternoon, stating that he will accept the invitation to deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the Berne high school next May. Dr. Wilson con- (paper torn) _____ series of Young People's _____ at the Mennonite church last summer and made a fine impression. The Senior class voted unanimously to have him as the speaker.

The Berne Review has just published 5,000 copies of a new book written by Dr. Wilson, entitled "Strange Short Stories by the Doctor."

LIMBERLOST MAY BE PARK 1937

Land Immortalized by Mrs. Gene Stratton Porter May Become National Park

Rome city, Feb 18 – the Limberlost, famed nature sanctuary immortalized in the writings of Gene Stratton Porter, the Hoosier writer, may soon be converted into a national park.

August Willig, president of the Cottagers' Association at Sylvan Lake, near here, where the Limberlost begins, said plans for the project will be studied by William Goodall of Omaha, assistant recreational director of the national park service, now en route here.

The territory around Geneva, where Mrs. Porter lived when she wrote most of her swamp stories, has also been considered for a long time as a possible site for a state or national park.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL HERE

Thurs. Jan 16, 1936

Last Rites for Beer Children Held Tuesday Afternoon

The Cross Reformed church was too small to admit all those who desired to attend the funeral service for Robert and Carolyn Beer Tuesday afternoon. The church was filled to capacity and quite a number were turned away. The two children, son and daughter respectively of Mr. and Mrs. Ermin Beer died of pneumonia.

Rev. C. A. Schmid, who conducted the funeral, was assisted by Rev. M.O. Herman of the Evangelical church.

Special music was furnished by a quartet from the personnel of the Berne Manufacturing company where Mr. Beer is employed as a cutter. C.T. Habegger, Omer Neuenschwander, August Nagel and Carl Luginbill sang "Some Day We'll Understand" and "Content by J.A. Parker.

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Fri. Dec 27, 1935

(Team Photo)

The Berne Bears

It will be Fort Wayne with three teams against Berne with one team in the blind basketball tournament to be staged at the South Side High Gym here Saturday afternoon and evening. Yet the fine records of the lone Berne five, the Bears, both last season and this campaign, have installed the Ernemen as the favorite in the meet. Berne has won 18 of its last 19 games, the lone setback being a loss to Shelbyville in the second round of the State Tournament last March. Four of the five regulars of the regional championship team of last season and four reserves are back this season in which the Bears have not suffered a setback while handling several strong opponents reverse by _____. _____ (Fold in paper) as depicted above from left to right, is as follows: Front row: Habegger, Neuenschwander, Felber, Dro, Winteregg, Steiner, Parrish; back row: Coach Judson Erne, J. Beitler, Burkhalter, W. Sprunger Baumgartner, C. Beitler, C. Sprunger, Liechty, Lehman and Manager Riesen.

Thurs. Mar. 5, 1936

Mrs. Rose Beer, the Misses Velma Liechty and Luetta Sprunger Herman Cook of Ceylon and Elmer Inniger visited a large cedar chest factory at Swanton, O., yesterday.

FT. WAYNE, INDIANA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1936

Killer's Debt Is Paid

(Photos)

Richard Loeb (left) and James Day.

Richard Loeb, who with Nathan Leopold killed 14 year old Bobby Franks in Chicago in 1924 for a "thrill" has paid his debt to society. He is dead. _____ (unreadable) private bathroom in the Illinois State Prison. Day's charges that he was driven to desperation by Loeb's continued degenerate proposals will probably bring a thorough investigation.

NEW ARRIVALS

Thurs. Jan. 30, 1936

Cecil E. and Ethel Mae Hunt Smitley of Jefferson township are the parents of a daughter born today. David P. and Catherine Amstutz Neuenschwander are the parents of a son, Vilas D., born Tuesday night.

WEDDING TAKES PLACE TODAY

Thurs. Feb 6, 1936

Miss Margaret Schwartz Is Bride of Jonas Graber

Shortly before noon today, Miss Margaret Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Schwartz of north of the tile mill became the bride of Jonas Graber. Mr. Graber is a son of Mrs. Chris Graber Neuenschwander and the wedding was solemnized at the Neuenschwander home one mile north of town, where Oswin Lehman lived until recently. Rev. Sam Hilty officiated at the wedding.

At noon a wedding dinner was served to the newlyweds and a large crowd of relatives and friends. The dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents. Several came from a distance to attend the wedding. The couple will live on a farm several miles east of Berne.

BERNE WOMAN AND MOTHER DIES

Thurs. Feb 6, 1936

Mrs. Fred Reppert, 87

Mrs. Louise Reppert, 87 died at 9:15 am Wednesday at her home in Vera Cruz of complications following an illness of one week. She was born in Preble township, Adams County, April 23, 1849, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sellemeyer. On Nov. 3, 186_ and was married to Fred Reppert who died December 31, 1928.

Surviving are seven children: Rudolph Schug, of Berne; Charles Walters and Mrs. Yager, both of Vera Cruz, John H. Fulk and Mrs. Jacob ____, both of Bluffton; Will Reppert of Monroe and Fred Reppert of Decatur. There are 25 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren surviving. Two brothers surviving are Herman and Fred Sell____ both of Decatur.

Ft. Wayne, Indiana Tuesday, January 28, 1936

Grave In Which Crash Victims Were Lowered Today

(Photo)

Scene in New Haven Cemetery Before Burial of McBride Family

A huge single grave 29 feet long and eight feet wide, blasted by dynamite from ground frozen three feet deep, became the final resting place of the McBride family, wiped out last Friday in the Grabill crossing crash, in Odd Fellows Cemetery at New Haven this afternoon.

Twelve bodies were lowered into the grave one an infant boy born at the scene of the accident , following services at the Gospel Tabernacle here.

Ten grave diggers worked until burial time today to finish the excavation. Nearly 40 pounds of explosive were used in the work.

Pictures of Bodies Lying in State is on Page 22.

Wed. Jan 29, 1936

“Finis” of Worst Crossing Tragedy in County's History

(Photo)

Scene In New Haven Cemetery as McBride Family Was Laid To Rest.

The last chapter in the tragic history of the Marion McBride family, victims of the Grabill crossing accident which ended the lives of the father, mother and 10 children Friday afternoon. Four thousand persons jammed the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple for the funeral, 10,000 _____ impossible for the relatives to reach the burial place. The casket of the father, draped with an American _____ . (Rest of story off scan)

Feb. 4, 1936

Jay County Agent

Edwin L. Richman

Edwin L. Richman was appointed Jay County agent to fill the vacancy created by the registration of __ Kimmell, who resigned to become the Allen County Agent.

RUFUS INNIGER PUTS BARREL INTO GOOD USE

Mon. Jan. 27, 1936

Rufus Inniger, young farmer north of town found a new way to combat the cold wave this week. His six-year-old daughter Arminda, attends district No. 4 of Monroe township, and when __ became blocked with snow, he was unable to use his automobile to bring his daughter home from school. After exercising his brain a little, Mr. Inniger rigged up a one-horse sled with a large barrel on it, and went for his daughter. He put her inside the barrel, sheltered from the winter wind and brought her home in cor_____.

Scene After Crossing Crash Which Wiped Out Family of 12

(Photo)

Battered Wreckage at Grabill Crossing Showing Mangled Bodies

A horrible warning to motorists of the danger of grade crossing accidents is this picture of the automobile in which a family of 12 was wiped out Friday afternoon at Grabill in a collision with a Wabash passenger train. Taken only a few minutes after a speeding locomotive sent a car, driven by Marion McBride Sr., and its occupants hurtling cruelly through the air _____ picture shows the bodies of victims before ambulances took them to Fort Wayne. The cross at the extreme _____ the covered bodies of Mrs. McBride's body is at the left and the bodies of two of the children are lying in between _____ mother.