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(Handwritten date: Sept. 17, 1936)

Jacob Schwartz, aged retired farmer living several miles southeast of Berne, died at 3 o'clock this afternoon following a lengthy illness. He was a member of the Old Amish faith. There are quite a large number of survivors.

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JACOB LIECHTY DIES AT HOME NORTH OF TOWN Prominent Retired Farmer Dies; Funeral Friday Morning

Jacob J. Liechty, aged 82, prominent retired farmer, died at his home one mile north of Berne, a short distance west of the No. 8 school house, at 11:15 o'clock Tuesday night. Mr. Liechty had been ill since last November. Several weeks ago he suffered a number of heart attacks and had been in a weak condition since. Improved for some time, his condition again became critical at the beginning of this week.

Mrs. Carl Luginbill, R. N., was at his bedside much of the time.

An autopsy, attended by several local physicians, was performed on the body Wednesday afternoon.

Jacob J. Liechty, son of Jacob P. Liechty and Mari Schumi Liechty was born June 22, 1854, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died September 15, 1936, bringing his age to 82 years, 2 months and 23 days.

Mr. Liechty had enjoyed good health through the greatest part of his life, until last November when he suffered an attack of bowel obstruction, from which he never fully recovered, gradually losing strength.

He was a prominent farmer in Monroe township for the last thirty-three years, living on the Jacob P. Habegger farm which he had purchased. Previous to this he lived on his father's farm in French township for thirteen years.

Mr. Liechty came to this country with his parents before he was a year old, making the very perilous journey in eighty-two days. They first located in Wayne County, Ohio and later moved to French township, Adams County, Indiana.

Mr. Liechty was for many years one of the outstanding horse breeders of this community and raised many fine horses.

He was baptized in the Mennonite Church, by the Rev. Christian Baumgartner, October 12th, 1873, in which church he was a faithful member until death.

February 16, 1884 he was united in holy wedlock to Regina Luginbill, at Bluffton, Ohio. To this union were born seven sons and four daughters, of whom the following are living: Mrs. Robert L. Sprunger, Hiram, Elmer, Oswald, Dennis, Clifton of Berne and community and Franklin of Liberty Center, Indiana. His wife and the following children preceded him in death: Amanda, Minnie, Elizabeth and Wilbur, a twin to Elmer.

Two brothers, Emanuel and Peter and one sister, Mrs. Ulrich Sprunger, survive. Three brothers and one sister preceded in death, Samuel, Christian, Joel and Mrs. Elizabeth Lehman.

Nineteen grandchildren survive and one preceded in death.

The funeral will be held at the Mennonite church at 10 o'clock Friday morning following a service at the home at 9:30 o'clock (cut off)

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Editor's note: Beginning today, the Review will publish a short sketch of each one of the Berne school teachers. The articles will appear weekly.

E. M. WEBB

E. M. Webb, who has served in the capacity of superintendent of the Berne schools since 1929, has proved himself a valuable asset to our community. He is vitally interested in all school activities, and also takes active part in civic and church organizations.

He is a member of the Berne Chamber of Commerce and is a regular attendant of the Trinity Evangelical Church. Supt. Webb is esteemed by all who know him and respected by all the school students.

Earl Webb was born on March 22, 1896, Macon County, Illinois, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Webb. His childhood and youth was spent in New London, Indiana, where he graduated from High School. He furthered his education at Earlham College where he received his A. B. degree. He was awarded his Master of Arts degree at Chicago University, and has worked one summer toward his Ph.D. degree.

Supt. Webb was principal of the high school at Hollingsburg, Ohio for one year; later he served as principal of the high school in his home town, New London, Indiana, for three years. He accepted the position as principal here in the Berne schools for one year, after which he served as principal of Monroe high school for three years. In 1929, Mr. Webb came from Monroe to Berne and has since filled the position as superintendent of the Berne schools.

He was married on June 23, 1923, and is the father of one child, Margaret Adele, who is a pupil in the second grade. Supt. Webb is a World War Veteran and saw service overseas.

Reading is Mr. Webb's favorite hobby.

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KNOW YOUR SCHOOL TEACHERS

MAYNARD HETRICK

Maynard Hetrick has been an instructor in the Berne High School for many years. He is highly respected by the school body and he is the possessor of many friends.

He was born in Wells county, Indiana, on July 1, 1904, the son of A. H. and Rose Abbott Hetrick. He attended school at Craigville until he was a Sophomore. He then entered Bulffton High School from which he was graduated.

In the fall after graduation, he entered Ball State Teacher's College where he received his B. S. degree in 1925.

In the fall of 1925, he came to Berne as Commercial Instructor and he has been teaching here since. He was married to Miss Mary Thomas on June 16, 1927. They have one daughter, Rosemary, who is seventeen months old.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is an attendant of the Trinity Evangelical Church.

Mr. Hetrick's hobbies are reading, fishing and hunting.

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WEDDING ANNOUNCED

The approaching marriage of Miss Lucy Graber, daughter of Peter Graber of northeast of Berne to Sylvan Habegger, was announced Sunday from the pulpit of the A. C. church north of town. The wedding will be an event of next Sunday afternoon. Mr. Habegger is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Habegger.

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A birthday surprise party was held Sunday afternoon for David Liechty living in Allen County, north of Fort Wayne. A basket dinner at noon was the main feature of the day. Those from this community who attended the party were Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Habegger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Liechty, Mr. and Mrs. David J. Mazelin, Mr. and Mrs. Noah D. Mazelin, Mrs. Catherine Inniger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Inniger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Inniger and the Misses Bertha Schwartz, Lucy Graber and Hulda Steury.

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LOCAL YOUTH CLAIMS BRIDE

Miss Madjeska Butcher is Bride of Glen Neuenschwander

Glen Neuenschwander, well-known local young man and Miss Madjeska Butcher of Geneva, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Smithville, Ohio, Methodist Episcopal church. The single ring ceremony was read by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Michael.

Virgil Amstutz of this place and Miss Majeska Ineichen were the attendants. Other witnesses included Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Berkey and baby daughter, Karen Rae, Mrs. Berkey being a sister to the groom.

The bride wore a brown tailored suit, a princess style coat, brown suede footwear, brown felt hat and a corsage fo red roses. Miss Ineichen wore a dress of green rough crepe, a green felt hat and green suede shoes. Her accessories were of gold.

Mr. Neuenschwander wore a dark blue suit and black footwear while his attendant wore a black double breasted suit and black footwear.

Immediately following the wedding, the couple was honored with a luncheon at the Berkey home, where ice cream and cake were served.

The couple then left on a wedding trip to Niagra Falls and other points of interest in the east, planning to be home about the middle of the week. Upon their return they will be at home with the bride's people in Geneva. Mr. Neuenschwander is engaged in carpentry with his father, Emanuel Neuenschwander.

The bride graduated from the Geneva high school last spring and the groom graduated from Berne high school in 1930.

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ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

Miss Bertha Schwartz entertained a number of friends at her home north of town last Friday night. The occasion also announced the coming wedding of Miss Lucy Graber to Sylvan Habegger which will occur on the eleventh of October. The announcement was made in a very clever way. The night telegraph operator called Miss Rose Beer to the telephone and gave her the following message, "Lucy and Sylvan, October 11."

Games and contests were played and prizes awarded to Mrs. Reuben Steury and Miss Luetta Sprunger. A luncheon of ice cream topped with caramel sauce and bananas, nuts and candy and angel food cake was served.

Guests included Luetta Sprunger, MaryAnn Stauffer, Rose and Ellen Beer, Martha Mazelin, Lucy Graber, Wilma Branstetter, Wilma Inniger, Mary Schwartz, Elma and Hulda Steury, Mrs. Gerald Liby, Esther Liechty, Rose Habegger, Mrs. Reuben Steury, Rufina Habegger, Viola Habegger, Ella Schwartz, Carmen Schwartz, and Frieda Inniger.

The hostess, Miss Bertha Schwartz, was assisted by the Misses Ella Schwartz and Hulda Steury.

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