

## 1936 Scrapbook, image 099

(Handwritten: Thursday, July 23, 1936)

### AUTOMOBILE IS DEMOLISHED IN BAD CRASH Mrs. D. D. Schwartz and Daughter Suffer Minor Injuries

Four people escaped serious injury in an automobile collision shortly before 6 o'clock Wednesday evening at the crossroad just west of the C. C. Beer school house, 3 miles north and one mile west of Berne. A Terraplane coach owned by Dan D. Schwartz did not fare so well however, and was practically demolished. The car was driven by Mrs. Schwartz, who was accompanied by 3 children. The other car, a Plymouth roadster, was driven by Mrs. Ora Neuenschwander of northeast of Berne.

Mrs. Schwartz was driving south, and Mrs. Neuenschwander was going east. The two drivers failed to see each other in time to stop and the car driven by Mrs. Neuenschwander hit the Schwartz car with considerable force. The car was hit on the right rear fender, and the impact turned the car over and hurled it against the fence on the southeast corner of the crossroad.

One of the Schwartz children, Anna Rosina, aged 4, was thrown out through the window. When the car finally stopped Mrs. Schwartz noticed that the girl was missing. She was found just back of the car, where she had landed. Anna suffered a cut above her lips and other minor injuries. Mrs. Schwartz suffered cuts and bruises on her knees and arm, and was badly bruised all over. The other two children, Melvin and David, escaped injury.

Mrs. Neuenschwander escaped with minor bruises, and the car she was driving received only minor damages.

The Terreplance [sic] which had less than 2000 miles on it had been purchased by Schwartz a few weeks ago and was used to deliver milk here. The body was practically demolished, the top crushed in and the frame twisted. The machine was towed to the Meyer Brothers Garage here. It had not been decided today if it would be repaired or not. Insurance will cover part of the loss.

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(Handwritten: Monday, August 3, 1936)

### AWARD PRIZES HERE THURSDAY Cooking School Held at Auditorium; Many Attend

A large crowd attended the cooking school at the Berne Auditorium Thursday afternoon. The school was sponsored by Christy's Garage, Norge dealers.

Nine prizes, ranging up to forty dollars, were awarded. The winners of the prizes are as follows: 1st, Miss Elma Steury; 2nd, Miss Ruth Baumgartner; 3rd, Marie Schwartz; 4th, Mrs. Wilfred Habegger; 5th, Floradelle Amstutz; 6th, Mrs. Everitt Lehman; 7th, Mrs. Jesse Dyson; 8th, Mrs. Joseph D. Schwartz; 9th, Mrs. Dan H. Habegger.

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### ...OF MRS. SPEHEGER'S 104th BIRTHDAY

Bluffton, Aug. 3 -- Mrs. Elizabeth Speheger, the oldest person in Wells county, and probably in Northeastern Indiana, observed her 104th birthday anniversary.

In her honor a family gathering and dinner was held Saturday at the home of her son, Benjamin F. Speheger, east of Bluffton.

Due to the destruction of a family Bible in a fire, the record of the exact birth date of Mrs. Speheger was lost, but the family is sure as to the year, and the day of her birth is known to have been during the latter part of July

Despite her advanced years, Mrs. Speheger is reported to be alert, physically and mentally.

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#### MARIE HILTY BRIDE OF REV. WILSON BIXLER Ceremony at 4 O'clock This Afternoon at John Hily [sic] Home

Miss Marie Hilty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hilty of East Franklin street, became the bride of Rev. Wilson Bixler, in a ceremony solemnized at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. C. A. Schmid, pastor of the Cross Reformed church, officiated. Several relatives attended the wedding.

Miss Hilty is a graduate of the Berne high school and of Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio. She has been engaged in the teaching profession for several years and has taught at Canton, Ohio, the last several years.

Rev. Bixler is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bixler of North Jefferson street. He studied for the ministry at Mission House College, Plymouth, Wisconsin, where he graduated. He was ordained as a minister several weeks ago. He has a Reformed charge at Neillsville, Wisconsin, where the couple will be at home. Rev. and Mrs. Bixler will leave tonight or Friday for Neillsville, it is understood.

The young couple are well and favorably known here and have a host of friends.

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#### YOUNG COUPLE WED SUNDAY Miss Mary Girod is Bride of William Schwartz, Young Farmer

Miss Mary Girod, daughter of Sam Girod of east of Berne, Sunday became the bride of William Schwartz. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's brother, Peter Girod, southeast of town.

Mr. Schwartz is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schwartz living several miles northwest of Berne. He is a farmer. Both of the newly-weds are members of the Amish faith. The bride has been employed at the Menno Eicher home east of town where she did housework.

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#### NOAH AMSTUTZ IS ARRESTED FOR FORGERY Former Berne Man Nabbed at Columbia City; Suspected of Local Jobs

Noah Amstutz, former resident of Berne and community, was arrested Wednesday at Columbia City on a charge of forging checks. The arrest was made by Burl Johnson, state policeman and Dallas Brown, Adams county sheriff. Amstutz has been working at Columbia City for some time.

Amstutz used to work in Berne and formerly made his home in this community. From here he went to Ft. Wayne and has been working at odd jobs since. He has been in trouble several times and has spent time in state penal institutions.

Amstutz was lodged in the Adams county jail and will be arraigned soon. He is charged with forging a check at Decatur some time ago and is also suspected of passing bad checks in Berne during the past year. He will probably be grilled by a local policeman, it was indicated today.

When arrested, Amstutz gave his name as Norman Amstutz. It is said that he has been using that name to throw officers off the track.

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#### BABY WITH 9 LIVING GRANDPARENTS BORN TODAY

Carolyn Anna, infant daughter of Noah E. and Melvena Beer Hirschy, born at noon today, really has something to cry about. This little girl has nine living grandparents, and very few infants arrive that have such a large number of living grandparents. The child was born at the Hirschy home, northwest of Berne, and here is the list of the grandparents, who are almost as proud as the parents:

Mr. and Mrs. George Hirschy, grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Beer, grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hirschy, great-grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Zuercher, great-grandparents; and Isaac Beer, great-grandfather.

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Wilbur, Gladys and Leona Lehman, Mildred Zehr, and a Mr. Schweitzer of Croghan, New York, left here this afternoon for their home. They came several days ago and went from here to Goshen where they attended a conference. Sunday evening they were the dinner guests of Mrs. Rudolph Steury and family. They have several distant relatives in this community.

Miss Bertha Schwartz injured both legs Sunday afternoon when a bicycle she was riding skidded and threw her on some gravel. Both of her legs were severely cut by the stones.

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#### DEATH TAKES AMOS SMITH

Prominent Retired Farmer Dies at Home in Decatur

Decatur, July 27 - Amos Z. Smith, 63, retired farmer and lifelong resident of Adams county, died at his home on West Jefferson street Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock. Death was due to Parkinson's disease.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pleasant Mills and of the Gleaners' lodge.

He was born in Adams County on January 4, 1873, a son of Joseph and Catherine Smith. He was married to Mary V. Smith, who preceded him in death.

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#### DEATH TAKES HOFFMAN CHILD

Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoffman to be Buried Here

According to word received by the Dr. Amos Reusser family here, Helen Louise Hoffman, 3-weeks-old daughter of Howard and Helen Reusser Hoffman of New Paltz, New York, died at a Syracuse, N. Y. hospital. The message was received here last night and death is believe to have occurred early Sunday.

The child was born at the Syracuse hospital. Death was caused by pneumonia. The child had been under an oxygen tent the past several days.

Surviving are the parents and two brothers, Don and Josef, and the grandparents here, Dr. and Mrs. Amos Reusser.

The body of the child is being brought to Berne. Private funeral services will be held some time Tuesday at the Dr. Reusser home here with burial in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

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#### NEW ARRIVALS

Shirley Joan is the name of a daughter born to Lewis M. and Marcella Myers Williamson of near Decatur, Friday.

Elmer and Elizabeth Lehman Lehman are the parents of a son born Saturday night.

David and Edna Kneuss Moser of near Geneva are the parents of a daughter born this morning.

A daughter, Doris Jean, was born to Francis and Minnie Sprunger Basinger of Bluffton, Ohio, on August 7.

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Twin sons, Joseph and David were born to Earl and Lorena Lehman Wachtel of Lakeville, Ohio, Wednesday evening, but died shortly after birth. Joseph weighed three pounds and David weighed two pounds and fourteen ounces. Mrs. Edgar Lehman cared for Mrs. Wachtel for several days.

Sylvester and Justine Zerkle Everhart of Decatur are the parents of a daughter, Janet Kay, born yesterday.

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