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Thursday, August 20, 1936

C.H. MUSELMAN IS ENJOYING VISIT TO HIS FORMER HOME IN GERMANY

C.H. Muselman, manager of the Economy Printing Concern, who is in Germany, is enjoying a very nice trip. He has visited at the former home of Emil Nagel and at the homes of other people who are known here. Mr. Muselman will sail from Hamburg next Monday on his return trip home. Following are a few paragraphs from a recent letter received here from Mr. Muselman:

Wuerzburg, August 3-Last Thursday morning my brother Gustav and his wife Lina and I drove to Walchenfeld in a rented car. Naturally I had to do the driving as they could not. During the Olympic Games the German government is very good to the visitors and permits them to drive by virtue of their driver's license from their home country and also their passport. We started at 7 o'clock and drove through Schweinfurt, Haszfurt, Hofheim and arrived at Walchenfeld at 9 o'clock.

My grandmother who used to live here died ten years ago, however my Aunt Lena and Cousin Sophie were very much surprised and treated us royally. We stayed until after the 3 o'clock "Kaffee" and then went on through Aub, where we once lived for some time, visited a short while with David Horsch's at Sternberg. Then went on through Koenigshofen and on to Aubstadt and came to my Cousin Frieda Muselmann's home where we stayed overnight. She was the daughter of my Uncle Heinrich Heer who recently died in California. Uncle Heinrich was one of the three brothers of my mother who lived in California. Cousin Frieda's husband died two years ago but she has a nice farm and other business which seems to be doing very well for her and her son and three daughters. Here we had more cats of which there seems to be no end here in Germany and it is good too. In the morning we visited with my father's cousin and her daughter with whom she lives. They seem to be very rich and it took us an hour to see all of the large dwelling house, the barns, granaries and the fine live stock. The crops look wonderful here, but the weather is so wet, raining almost every day, that there is danger of the wheat and rye going to waste because of being unable to harvest it.

After dinner with Cousin Frieda again we started on and went through Muennerstadt where the world renowned bath resort, Kissingen, is located. We viewed the wonderful scenery, and the extraordinary beautiful gardens about the resort, took a little boat ride on the Saale, wrote a few postal cards and then went on back to Wuerzburg. Arrived there safe on Friday evening.

Beginning of last week I bought a motorwheel equipped with a little Sachs motor. So in the morning I expect to ride over into Baden and Wuerttemberg, then south into the Black Forest to hunt up Rev. Tropf's aunts and on down to the Bodensee and perhaps into Switzerland, then back by way of Muenchen where close by I want to find and visit with Michel Horsch and also Cousin Ernestine Hesselbacher. Then through Nuernberg and back to Wuerzburg. I hope I can make this in eight days. After that I will make a similar trip northward with Berlin as the goal.

August 10-Saturday night I was at Ober-Ammergau all night. Asked the landlady to call me at 6:00 o'clock and at 7:00 o'clock after a good breakfast of two kinds of bread, butter and jelly and coffee I went to a Catholic church. It was a silent mass, not a word spoken. I could spend the time in prayer in my own way. The room for one night and breakfast cost only 2 marks which was exceptionally low priced. At 9 o'clock I started away on the motorwheel, riding to Cloister Ettach, Oberan, Garmish, Partenkirchen and then on to Muenchen. The road from Garmish to Muenchen is

one of Hitler's new auto roads and I could make wonderful time. Wide smooth pavement, avoiding the small towns as much as possible. Reached Muenchen at 12 o'clock and after dinner...(cut off)

Soon was given the needed information and reached the large estate at about 4:30. He did not know me anymore but received me in a very friendly way and recalled his visit with us very vividly. There were some visitors which he called together and introduced me in the large garden "laube." Then we sat down and sang hymns, one for my welcome. Had to go and get my handkerchief to dry the tears. Had a fine supper and a pleasant evening together and after a late worship, retired. This morning spent my time in the large garden, going through the immense barns, the private power plant, the endless rows of hog compartments, buildings for housing the horses and cows. Will start for Nuernberg after dinner to visit with Johann Riedel, formerly of Berne. Then tomorrow back to Wuerzburg. Am glad to get back there for traveling by motorcycle takes good nerves. The weather has not been very warm. Had to buy gloves to keep warm and put on two shirts and a sweater in order not to freeze when riding, besides a water-tight ...(cut off)

Monday, August 24, 1936

PRETTY HOME WEDDING SUNDAY

Miss Esther Baumgartner Is Bride of Lester Gerber

In a lovely ceremony performed at the bride's home, Miss Esther Baumgartner became the wife of Lester Gerber at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The wedding was solemnized on the front porch of the Mrs. Mollie Baumgartner home northwest of Berne. Rev. C.H. Suckau, pastor of the Mennonite church here, officiated at the single ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Habegger are spending this week at Tri Lakes.

Thursday, August 27, 1936

Mrs. Harold A. Brown of Springfield, Illinois, arrived Friday to spend a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David F. Lehman northwest of Berne. Her husband will join her in two weeks. In honor of Mrs. Brown, members of the Lehman family gathered at the Lehman home Sunday evening for a pot-luck supper. The families attending were Mr. and Mrs. Hiram F. Sprunger and son Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Lehman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Nussbaum and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Sprunger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Moser and family, and Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. David Dubach are moving into their new home on North Jefferson street, today. Mr. and Mrs. Roxie Kessler are moving into the home formerly occupied by Dubach's.

Mr. and Mrs. Orten Wulliman and family have moved into their new home in the north part of town.

Thursday, September 3, 1936

ERNEST DRO DIES TUESDAY AT HOME HERE

Well Known Printer Dies After 3-Week Illness; Funeral Friday

Ernest Dro, aged 52, widely known printer, and former manager of the Berne Witness Company, died at his home on West Main street at 2 (?) o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Dro was at present secretary-treasurer of the Berne Witness company.

Mr. Dro, who had been in failing health for several years became seriously ill while at work three weeks ago. He suffered a heart attack and (?) general breakdown, and was confined to his bed since. He was in a coma since last Sunday. His condition (?) critical several days last week, (?) Wednesday and Thursday he showed improvement; only to grow (?) weaker on Saturday and since then his death was just a matter of time.

The cause of death was given as acute bacterial endocarditis. A (?) in the heart moved into the brain (?), causing encephalitis and (?) paralysis.

Surviving are his widow, two (?) daughters, Barbara Martha (?) and Mary Ellen Dro, His mother, (?) Emil Dro, two brothers, Ervin (?) Berne, Emil of California and (?) sisters, Mrs. Thomas Benton, (?) and Mrs. Lena Hall of Aurora (?)

Mr. Dro was born in (?) Switzerland, November 27, 1883 (?) son of Emil and Pauline Gerber (?) He came to this country with his parents while a lad and after some (?) work, at the age of 16 (?) himself as a printer. He (?) a printer throughout his life, (?) very proficient and later (?) stockholder and affiliated as an (?)

He became secretary-treasurer of the firm in 1912 and continued (?) office as a director until his (?). He was named manager of the (?) when Fred Rohrer was appointed (?) master in 1928 and served until (?), 1931.

He was a member of the (?) formed church and served as (?) chorister for over 30 years (?) ducted many choirs in special (?). He attended Moody Bible (?) at Chicago about twenty (?) ago studying Bible and music.

His first wife, Metta (?) whom he married on May (?) passed away February 10, (?) the influenza epidemic.

On May 19, 1922, at (?) he was married to Miss (?) by the bride's father (?) Kattman, a former Berne (?) survives to mourn his death.

No children were born to (?) but they took and reared (?) Martha Speicher, daughter (?) Speicher when her mother (?) sever years later took (?) home from an orphanage. (?) "daddy" to both of them.

Preceding him beside his (?)are his father, two brothers (?) and Sam.

The funeral will be (?) morning at 10 o'clock at (?) Reformed church following (?) service at the home at (?) Rev. C.A. Schmid will (?) burial will be in the M....(cut off)

Thursday, September 10, 1936

SURPRISE LESTER R. HABEGGER

Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Habegger entertained in honor of their son, Lester R. last Friday evening. About forty guests met at the Habegger home and completely surprised Lester, whose tenth birthday anniversary occurred Friday. He received some nice gifts. Ice cream, cake and pop corn were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John H. Habegger and family, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Habegger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Habegger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Noah D. Schwartz

and son Palmer, the Misses Rosina and Lydia Nussbaum, Edwin Amstutz, Mrs. Jacob Habegger and daughter Barbara.

Wednesday, September 9, 1936

Mr. and Mrs. Amos M. Schwartz and daughter Pauline, Mrs. Joseph P. Habegger and the Misses Ella M. Schwartz, and Sara Mazelin attended the Indiana State Fair at Indianapolis, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Inniger, Jacob L. Inniger and the Missess Mary and Wilma Inniger attended the Indiana State Fair on Labor Day. (NOTE...TYPED NAME IS CROSSED OFF AND "JACOB L." IS HANDWRITTEN OVER MARKING)

Thursday, September 10, 1936

Eli M. Schwartz, Dan Habegger, Leo Nussbaum, Mary L. Schwartz and Huldah and Estella Steury are attending the Indiana State Fair at Indianapolis today.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Steury and family of Danville, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Joel P. Steury of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Steury of Lansing, Mich., spent Sunday and Labor Day with the Menno P. Steury family and other relatives north of Berne.

Monday, September 28, 1936

Sherman and Rebecca Reusser Stucky are the proud parents of a son, Steven Paul, born Friday morning. Mother and babe are being cared for at the David Dubach home. (NOTE...HANDWRITTEN AT THE END OF ARTICLE: "HE WAS BORN ON JERRY'S 7TH BIRTHDAY)

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