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January 25, 1937

### GENEVA HOME FLOODED BY RAIN

Geneva, Jan. 25 - On Friday morning, January 15, Tom Haviland, who resides in the last house on the north side of east Main street, had the unpleasant experience of putting his feet in cold water when he got out of bed. So it didn't take long to move out. A few other families in the country are reported to have found it necessary to vacate their homes temporarily.

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Thursday, March 18, 1937

### WIFE OF JEFF GERBER DIES IN FRENCH TP.

Funeral for Prominent Woman Friday at Christian Apostolic Church

Mrs. Elizabeth Gerber, aged 69, wife of Jeff Gerber, died at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home in French township, several miles northwest of Berne. Mrs. Gerber was well known in Berne and her husband is one of the best known farmers of Adams county. Mrs. Gerber had been in failing health for some time but did not become seriously ill until six weeks ago.

Mrs. Gerber was born in French township, July 10, 1867, a daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Gerber Baumgartner. Her marriage to Jeff Gerber took place on April 27, 1890.

Surviving are the husband and the following children: Mrs. J. J. Fiechter, of near Craigville; Mrs. Amos Steffen, Elkhart; J. E. Gerber, Bluffton; Aaron Gerber, Linn Grove; Samuel Gerber, Mrs. Amos Dubach, John and Melvin Gerber, all of Bluffton. Twenty-seven grandchildren also survive.

Samuel Baumgartner of Decatur is a surviving brother.

Mrs. Gerber was a member of the Christian Apostolic church. Funeral services will be held at 12 o'clock noon Friday at the home and at 1 o'clock at the Christian Apostolic church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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Monday, March 22, 1937

### WINTEREGG RITES SUNDAY

Mrs. Louisa Winteregg, 67, Dies Here Friday Morning

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Louisa Ann Winteregg, aged 67, widow of the late David D. Winteregg, prominent local woman who died at her home here Friday. Services were

held at 1:45 o'clock at the residence and at 2 o'clock at the Mennonite church, Rev. C. H. Suckau officiating. Interment was in the M. R. E. cemetery.

Mrs. Winteregg died at her home on West Water street at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning, after many weeks of suffering. She had been ailing for two years and was confined to her bed since September 25, when she suffered a broken leg. During her many weeks of illness, Mrs. Winteregg never complained. She weakened gradually the last two months and was hovering between life and death for several days previous to her death.

The Winteregg family for many years lived on a farm two and one-half miles north of Berne. Following the death of her husband, the family moved to Berne in 1925.

Mrs. Winteregg was born near Vera Cruz, January 28, 1870, the daughter of Abraham and Caroline Baumgartner. January 18, 1891, she was married to David D. Winteregg, Rev. S. F. Sprunger receiving the vows.

Children surviving are Elmer of Berne; Homer of Monroe; Cora, wife of Joel Neuenschwander of Wabash township; Elda wife of Noah Graber who made their home with Mrs. Winteregg; Leona Esther, wife of Eli Graber of Monroe township and a grandson Claren Neuenschwander who also made his home with his grandmother since the death of his mother, Bertha, wife of Amos Neuenschwander.

Two children preceded, Caroline, in infancy and Mrs. Amos Neuenschwander.

Brothers and sisters surviving are Mrs. C. C. (Josephine) Wittwer, Mrs. Levi (Matilda) Sprunger, Mrs. Ellen Nussbaum, Miss Emma Baumgartner, all of Berne, and Mrs. Noah (Caroline) Augsburger and Samuel Baumgartner of near Berne.

Two brothers, Noah and Albert and one sister Mrs. Peter (Ida) Nussbaum, preceded.

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Monday, March 29, 1937

EDITH LIECHTY TO BE BRIDE

To Wed John Gottschalk in April; Resigns Hospital Position

The approaching marriage of Miss Edith Liechty, formerly of Berne, to John Gottschalk, of Indianapolis and formerly of this place, has been announced. The wedding will be solemnized around the middle of April.

Miss Liechty is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Liechty of Decatur, former Berne residents. She is a graduate of the Berne high school. She has been night supervisor at Ball Memorial hospital at Muncie for some time and resigned her position recently.

Mr. Gottschalk is a son of Sen. And Mrs. T. A. Gottschalk. He is connected with the state conservation department at Indianapolis, where the couple will be at home.

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Thursday, April 1, 1937

\$1,000 Diamond Ring Lost in Barnyard Found and Returned to Owner

What would you think if you lost your \$1,000 diamond ring in the mud in the barnyard and found it again in the dark? So would we!

But it happened to a ring owned by J. J. Baumgartner of near Bluffton, well known here.

Mr. Baumgartner, proprietor of the Pure Bred Stock Farm of Bluffton, was a business caller at the Easthom Stock Farm, on the Rockford road, near Willshire, Ohio, last Saturday, where he bought a horse from Jack Easthom.

Mr. Baumgartner is the proud owner of a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masonic ring, with a diamond set in it as big as a pea, which he values at \$1,000, and which he always wears.

When he returned to his home in Bluffton, and was getting ready to retire for the night he missed his ring.

In consternation he realized his loss and in an attempt to get track of the ring, if possible, he called the Easthom home.

Not knowing of course, where the ring had been lost, the Easthoms began a search for it in their barn and barn lot where Mr. Baumgartner had been.

Flashlights were brought into [words cut off] all the searchers having lights except Mr. Calvin Easthom of [word cut off] who was visiting at the Easthom home.

The horses and cattled in the Easthom barns had been watered and Mr. Baumgartner left, but a chance on finding it in the barnyard was taken anyway, and there, believe it or not, in the reflected light of a flashlight carried by another, Calvin Easthom saw the sparkle of diamond in a clump of mud. The \$1,000 beauty had been found at [number cut off] o'clock at night by a 74-year-old man without a light!

All this occurred last Saturday afternoon and night. Mr. Baumgartner, who was almost sick with his loss, was notified by telephone and the ring has since been returned to him.

It is thought the ring was pried from Mr. Baumgartner's finger by his glove which he removed several times during the transaction with Mr. Easthom.

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Saturday, April 3, 1937

Fights Guardianship Move [Photo]

Sylvanus F. Bowser

Fighting efforts of four of his children to have a guardian appointed for him on the ground that he is not competent to care for his own affairs. Sylvanus Freehill Bowser, 83-year-old industrialist, spent all day Friday on the witness stand in Superior Court No. 2.

The aged inventor of the self-measuring pump, which made him world-famous, withstood the many hours of questioning by attorneys with unusual stamina and composure for his years, though he sometimes wept as he related of his early hardships in the course of a dramatic recital of his romantic business career.

Trial of the Bowser guardianship case is to be resumed at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning before Judge Harry W. Muller and a jury. The children, who are seeking appointment of a guardian for their father, are Harry M. Bowser, Mrs. Leland Johnson, Mrs. Verne Milligan and Mrs. Edward O'Rourke.

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