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Thursday, 31 December 1936

Interesting Events of 1936 Taken Out off the Berne Review Files

Jan. 2 – Fire loss in Berne in 1935 only \$212; financial report of town of Berne given; many hear Dr. Philpott at Union meetings here; Mennonite church holds annual business meeting; Francis M. Mundhank dies; Mrs. Otto Baker dies east of Berne; name of Linn Grove Missionary church changed to West Missionary church; Chris Balsiger, who has been bedfast for some time, suffered a crushed vertebra in fall from tree, X-ray pictures show.

Jan. 6 – Daniel Stucky dies here; Logan Baumgartner weds Fayola Pickett; 36 births here in 1935, and 20 deaths, report shows; Lena Amstutz weds Carl Norr; Alice Mathys is bride of Earl Buckingham; Supreme court holds AAA farm program unconstitutional; Phil Sauer heads county commissioners; Union meetings enter final week; Mrs. Francis Mundhank dies, 3 days after death of husband; Rev. C. H. Wiederkehr accepts call to become pastor of Missionary church here.

Jan. 9 – Missionary church names 1936 officials; 50 sparkplugs stolen at Nussbaum Garage; Berne town board makes 1936 appointments; Dick Heller quits as secretary to M. Clifford Townsend; First Bank of Berne holds annual meeting.

Jan. 13 – Two children in Ermin Beer family, Carolyn and Bobbie, died from pneumonia; Berne Bears defeat Portland here, 64-26; Adams county corn show to be at Monroe; Esther A. Schug asks divorce from Everett Schug; Union meetings close here.

Jan 16. – Bruno Richard Hauptmann granted 30-day reprieve; Mrs. Robert Riesen badly burned when she spilled scalding water; Lawrence Gonle of I. S. C. to address Berne C. of C.; conservation club to be formed here; Bears defeat Alexandria, 36-26.

Jan. 20 – Alice Amstutz, aged 7, dies suddenly here; E. A. Luginbill home damaged by fire; Robert Dro suffers severe ankle injury in basket ball game here and is lost to team for several weeks; Bears defeat Central Catholic of Ft. Wayne, 36-8; premium list for farmers' institute here is announced; Mrs. James Elberson dies at Decatur; Gerald V. Marshall, pilot of the ill-fated American Airline plane which crashed in Arkansas, former Adams county young man; zero weather, icy pavements grip county.

Jan. 23 – Mercury plunges to 20 degrees below zero; roads blocked by huge snow drifts and fierce blizzards rage; many school children forced to stay in school buildings because of blocked roads; Chamber of Commerce elects new officers; Miss Elizabeth Leye, Monroe school teacher, found in car, nearly frozen; ex-service men of this community to receive \$75,000 in bonus.

Jan. 27 – Mrs. C. C. Neuenschwander dies here; Wesley and Clifton Amstutz buy Eichenberger bakery here; mercury plunges to 10 below zero, for fifth consecutive day registering below zero; Cora

Miller dies at Monroe; jury panels for Feb. term of court are named; program for farmers' institute here announced; Bears beat South Side here, 26-25; Cong. Farley offers help to sufferers of cold weather; A. W. Lash, father of Mrs. Arnold Simon, suffers frozen feet and hands.

Jan. 30 – Mercury again sinks to 5 below; Marion Moser hangs self in Goshen jail; Howard Parr weds Miss Catherine Stuber.

Feb. 3 – Bears beat Celina 58-26, and Warren, 22-16; relief from cold felt here; Harry Lehman elected president of Berne Farmers' Institute; Iris Lehman in auto accident near Huntington; Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Habegger in auto wreck in Montana.

Feb. 6 – Charles F. Nyffeler dies; Auditorium stockholders reorganize for 1936; Jacob Baumgartner of French township dies; Andrew W. Lash, father of Mrs. Arnold Simon, dies; cold weather returns as mercury slips to 1 below; Mrs. Fred Reppert dies at Vera Cruz; Mrs. C. W. R. Schwartz hurt in automobile mishap; Miss Margaret Schwartz is bride of Jonas Graber.

Feb. 10 – Bears defeat Emerson here, 41-37, but lose at Bluffton, 23-20; mercury sinks to 7 below; [some cut off here].

Feb. 13 – Architect's drawing of new proposed Geneva school is released; Berne Equity sends 4 trucks into coal mining region to get coal as there is a severe shortage here; John Bixler home in Hartford township burns to ground; Chris Steiner dies in Ohio.

Feb. 17 – Bears defeat Alexandria, 38-34; winners at county corn show announced; basket ball schedule for 1936-37 is announced; another cold wave is due here.

Feb. 20 – Arveda Wetter dies; Ralph Siniff, Linn Grove bank robber, asks clemency; Daniel Habegger weds Miss Pauline Tumbleson; Miss Palmyra Colpaert weds Arthur Lengrich; Geneva, Hartford, Monroe, Jefferson to graduate 94 high school students; 26 days of below zero weather already this winter; Mrs. Jane Nevil dies.

Feb. 24 – Bears defeat New Haven and Decatur; Mrs. Eunice Nichols dies; Mrs. Leslie Sprunger dies at Buffalo, N. Y., fear of flood increases here as Wabash rises; William Young dies in Blue Creek township; ask for CCC drainage camp in Adams county.

Feb. 27 – Eli Beer dies; Orville Tinkham, Walter Hettler die in crash west of Monroe; German Union services to be held here regularly; water starts to recede from canope lowlands; August Hendricks of Monroe arrested on extortion charge.

March 2 – Bears defeat Union City 39-25 to close season; Berne draws Kirkland in sectional at Bluffton; bandits stage bold daylight theft at Hoosier Grain Company at Bluffton; brooder house and 240 chicks at Jesse Wittwer home destroyed by fire; Mildred Hartman breaks leg while roller skating; state road No. 118 included on huge road improvement program.

March 5 – Paul Speicher very ill at Chicago; Mrs. Ulysses Stauffer dies here; sectional tourney opens tonight; Adams county is redistricted for election; Berne school to broadcast over WOWO.

March 9 – Union Center wins Bluffton tourney, Bears being defeated by Liberty Center 28-27 in second round; Mrs. Laura Beer-bower dies; Sam Soldner dies here; Dale Affolder weds Miss Catherine Garlinger; Genevieve Linn weds Harold Windmiller; Tony Hinkle to speak at C. of C. dinner here for Berne Bears; Marian Glendening, 6, dies at Geneva from scarlet fever.

Mar. 12 – J. L. Graber escapes injury as auto is hit by train at Decatur; Jacob D. Mazelin dies at hospital; Rosa Uhrick dies at county hospital; Melissa Long dies here; Emily Crist weds W. J. Archbold at Decatur; jury finds for Mrs. Minnie Aeschliman in \$1200 damage suit at Decatur.

Mar. 16 – Miss Perline Habegger, 26, dies here; Mrs. Sarah Jane Young dies in Blue Creek township; Clara Mettler bride of Hiram Nussbaum; Mrs. Frank Downs dies at Decatur; Berne school honor roll is given; John Briggs of Geneva dies.

Mar. 19 – Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowman injured in auto crash in Michigan; Wildas Liechty almost suffocated in saving brooder house from blaze; Mrs. Ira Wagoner dies at Monroe.

Mar. 23 – Eldon Balsiger injured when car crashes east of Berne; Albert Pontius dies at Geneva; [some cut off here].

Mar. 26 – Tony Hinkle, William Fox, Jr., of Indianapolis, speak at C. of C. meeting for Berne Bears; Dumont Wheeler of Wabash township dies from meningitis; Robert Haecker becomes manager of Nussbaum Novelty Company, succeeding Noah Steury; dust storm hits Berne.

Mar. 30 – Herman Myers, Decatur attorney, killed in traffic mishap at Indianapolis; Rev. J. L. Conrad dies at Irene Byron sanitarium; E. W. Baumgartner named on county welfare board; New Jersey court of Pardons ponders fate of Bruno Richard Hauptmann as day for execution nears; Mrs. W. C. Kirkland, mother of Mrs. Arlie Habegger, dies; James Kenney, member of Adams county council dies.

April 2 – Laban Fogle of near here dies; Joseph Fenstermaker dies at Geneva; plowing and sowing of oats starts; Isaac Robinson dies at Decatur; Cleveland colored quintette to sing at West Missionary church; explosion starts small fire above Economy Store here.

April 6 – Joel Baumgartner dies at Vera Cruz; C. M. Alford of Ohio killed by train south of Geneva; Miss Marie Biberstein is bride of Doyle Lytle; announce list of candidates who seek nomination for county office; many killed by tornadoes in south.

April 9 – David Bollinger dies north of here; James E. Habbeger named valedictorian of Monroe Senior class; Homer Arnold chosen head of Adams county soil conservation group; dogs kill 282 broilers for Wildas and Rufus Liechty.

April 13 – Mrs. Harold Agler dies; Miss Edith Sprunger and Lores Minger wed; Amos Steury weds Agnes Schwartz; Enos Beeler dies; Easter observed here; Erma Branstetter weds Raymond Miller; Lavon Mosser bride of Irvin Moore; Menno Girod weds Mary Schwartz; Roger Sprunger, Arley and Kenneth Sprunger and Elmer Biberstein injured in auto collision here; Fred Rohrer, L. L. Yager, Sam Nussbaum, named as trustees of Peoples State Bank.

April 16 – Sam Nussbaum car stolen, found at Huntington; box car burns on tracks here; Miss Alice Brown, 22, Decatur, killed in automobile wreck; David Dubach to build new home, Delbert Augsburgsburger weds Fern Lautzenheiser.

April 20 – Summer Bible school to open June 1; Mrs. Lillie B. Thomas, mother of Mrs. Guy Eley dies; first rural commencement held at Kirkland; Edward Kenney of Jefferson township named to county council; Ellis Butcher of Geneva dies; Howard Earl, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Habegger dies; Senior class presents play, “New Fires” at Auditorium; six weeks’ honor roll announced here; announce program for Berne school music festival.

April 23 – Louise Grossnickle, Ruth Armstrong resign as teachers here; C. G. Cole of Bluffton dies in auto crash; scarlet fever in county is checked.

April 27 – Frank Amstutz dies here; William Gunder, 64, of Geneva, dies in auto wreck on road 27 near Geneva; Henry Dehner farm home destroyed by fire; Berne high school commencement to be held May 25, with Dr. Walter Wilson as the speaker.

April 30 – Irvin Sprunger weds Norma Agler; Rev. Schmid to deliver baccalaureate sermon here; [rest cut off]

Wednesday, 3 February 1937

10 Years Ago

The Rader Evangelistic services were so well attended that an overflow meeting had to be held at the Reformed church...

A 9 ½ pound daughter was born (I think there was some misprinting here...)

Moser Brothers, the Swiss yodelers, will give another concert at the Auditorium...

Dr. Christina Kuntz who has been ill for some time is slowly improving.

20 Years Ago

A daughter Marjory was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baumgartner...An eleven pound daughter was born to Chris Balsiger, February 4...Otto Ryf returned to his home in California...Mercury has dropped to 9 below zero... [rest cut off]

Monday, 15 March 1937

DR. VON GUNTEN TO MOVE OFFICE

Will Move Into Room Just Vacated by Personality Hat Shoppe

Dr. Rufus Von Gunten, well known local osteopath, whose office is located on the second floor in the First Bank of Berne building, will move his office downstairs, into the room just vacated by the Personality Hat Shoppe, it has been announced. The room will be renovated and Dr. Von Gunten plans to move about April 1st.

Dr. Von Gunten has been an osteopath here for 21 years and has been located in the same office all this time.

Thursday, 11 March 1937

Victor C. Graber went to Lima, O., today to meet Joe Kalter of New York. The men will continue from there on a business trip for a week or ten days.

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