

## 1936 Scrapbook, image 135

Monday (no date given)

Elizabeth Speheger, Now 104 Years of Age, Still Up and Going

Speheger, who has ...[most of beginning of article illegible]

There were born to them five children, all living, Lena, married to Edward Myers, now 80 years of age, and living in Kansas; Benjamin, 76, and John, 67, both living near Craigville, Indiana; Mary Baller, 73, at Craigville, with whom this [line illegible] cottage there. Elizabeth, 67, married to William Kipfer, of French township, Adams county, Ind.

John, the father, passed away in 1915. The little old wife sadly thinks of his passing as a young man of only 86.

This little old mother and all these children are well and hearty. Sickness has never been on their calendar. The mother in all her long life has had no serious illness except, four years ago, when she was at the century mark, she fell and hurt her hip. But she recovered nicely, and now walks about the house, a little carefully, mind you, for the experience of her fall [more illegible].

...of the German language - the little old lady, you know, speaks only German, understands some English but very very little - had difficulty as she sees it, and her mind [illegible] alert and active, to some extent her church and her friends. A [illegible] until now with 105 years at hand [line illegible] without any pain of any kind, she does not feel her age, it is as if she was sitting ninety years of age - yet when she moves that is another matter for 105 years take their toll.

She has her memories. She has no regrets. Life has been good to her. She has a beautiful faith. She is content. She says in her [illegible] German "Gott hat mich gut behandeit und ich bin jetzt bereit abruscheiden." God has been good to me and I am willing to go now.

What a wonderful life. A dear, little, old mother who fought the good fight. The story of a farmer's wife in the wilderness unfolding into the days of today, patiently, kindly, lovingly living a life of service for fivescore years and five.

It is to any thoughtful person an imagination gloriously satisfying.

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Monday, 4 January 1937

FARM SALE IS BIG

The Starr farm [illegible] of Poneto and many people attended [cut off]

Through death several years ago.

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#### LAD SUFFERS EYE INJURY

[First line illegible] suffered a severe injury to his left eye last week one day. The youngster jabbed a table fork into his left eye, puncturing two holes in the iris of the eye.

He was taken to a specialist at the Ft. Wayne Lutheran hospital where an operation was performed on the eye. The iris of the eye prolapsed and this had to be removed. The lad is still able to see with the eye but it is feared the sight may be impaired later on.

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#### NEW ARRIVALS

A New Year's Day son was born to Thurman and Aldine Josephine Bunner Bebout of near Decatur. Martin J. and Mary Windmiller Graber are the proud parents of a son born Thursday night.

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