

Adams County Historical Museum

1939-1940 Scrapbook, Image 64

Transcribed by Karin King

(Handwritten date: Friday, August 23, 1940)

BERNE NEWS

Mike Zehr, Sam Zehr, Edward Yancy and daughter Edna Yancy, Mary Zehr, and ??? Lehman, all of the Lowville, New York community, visited in this community the first part of the week. They stopped here on their return trip home after visiting in Kansas ("Iowa" written in parenthesis) and other states.

One of the busiest industries in this community these days is the Liechty cannery just north of the Berne tile mill. Rufus Liechty started the cannery three years ago and now employs quite a few people. Sweet corn, pickles, tomatoes and other truck crops are being canned now.

Mrs. John P. Mazelin of Berne has received word of the death of her father, Christian Kirchenbuhler, 7?, who lived in Unter den Linden, in Wurtemberg, Germany. Death occurred on June 12 but no details have been received.

Word has been received here of the marriage of Florence Soldner Patterson, of Pendleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Soldner, of near here, to Ruldolph Brauner, of Anderson. The couple will live at Anderson where Mr. Brauner is employed.

(Handwritten date: Saturday, July 20, 1940)

BERNE NEWS

One of the largest funerals held in this community recently was that of Evert O. Rich, 43 year old French township farmer, who was killed Monday when a team of horses hitched to a grain binder bolted, dragging Rich to his death. The funeral was held at the Defenseless Mennonite church, the main auditorium, the balcony, and the basement being filled. Burial was made in the M.R.E. cemetery instead of the Defenseless church cemetery as first announced. The true and exact version of how Rich met death will never be known, but it is believed that he was repairing something in front of the binder when the horses bolted. Unable to get out of the way, Rich became tangled up with part of his body underneath the platform and part doubled over the cutting bar on top of the platform. While death probably occurred within a few minutes, he no doubt suffered immensely for some time. Besides being badly cut and mutilated, his entire body was crushed and there were many fractures. His body was found by the youngest son, Maynard, age 11, who went to investigate when he failed to answer the call for dinner.

(Handwritten date: ?? 25, 1940)

...WEDS IRENAEUS GASE

...at 9 o'clock when when Miss Rose Mary Schurger, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Schurger, and a niece of Miss Christena Schurger, became the bride of Irenaeus Francis Gase, so of Mr. and Mrs. Philbert Gase of near Decatur.

Rev. Edward Roswog of South Bend, a cousin of the groom, received the double ring vows before an altar decorated with pink roses and white lillies. Baskets of flowers carried out the color motif of pink and white.

The nuptial high mass was sung by the girls choir, with Darwin Leitz as the organist. Miss Frances Ulman, cousin of the groom, and John F. Schurger, brother of the bride, were the attendants. The Nuptial March was played for the processional.

The bride wore a lovely gown of white satin crepe, fashioned princess style with buttons down the back and a sweetheart necklace with pearl trimmings and long sleeves ending in points at the wrists. The full skirt carried a long train. A long veil with train effect fell from the pearl cap which also had an over veil, shoulder length. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses, snapdragons... (crease)

...was held at the Schurger home west of the city. The serving table was centered with a five-tiered wedding cake and the entertaining rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers carrying on the earlier motif of pink and white.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Clem Gase and family of Findlay, Ohio; Edward L. Gase of Van Wert, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kurber and family and Mrs. Margaret Kurber of Delphos, O.; Mrs. Eva Starost of Fort Wayne; Mrs. George Allig and Miss Madeline Allig of Indianapolis; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morris and daughter, Mary Jane, of Midland, Mich.

After the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Gase left on a wedding trip of unannounced destination, after which they will be at home in Decatur.

The bride has been a stenographer in the offices of the Schurger ??? and affiliated with the Adams County National ??? and the Muncie Production credit association.

The groom is associated in business with the Mutschler Packing company.

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, August 14, 1940)

N. R. Steury will return Saturday from New York City where he has conducted business for the past two weeks.

Miss Jean Bright has begun her duties as attendant in the office of Dr. Joe Morris. Miss Annabelle Doan, former attendant, will leave September 9 for Fort Wayne where she will enter nurses training at the Methodist hospital.

Mrs. Calvin Steury and son, Steven, left today for Alexandria, where she will spend several days the guest of Miss Inis Allen.

J. G. Crum of Kirland township, visited in Decatur, Monday.

Mrs. Bertha Fuhrman of Eleventh street visited in Van Wert, Ohio, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Doan and family, Mrs. Calvin Steury and son, Steven, will spend the weekend at Crooked Lake.

(Handwritten date: Friday, July 5, 1940)

MAN HURT IN FALL...STILL UNCONSCIOUS

William Meyer, 35, son of Fr? Meyer of northwest of town, critically injured Wednesday morning when he fell from the hay mow, through a chute ?? the concrete floor of the barn at the Ed Stahly farm in Wabash township, is still in a critical condition and had not regained consciousness this afternoon.

Meyer had just started to work for Mr. Stahly the day preceding the accident.

It is believed that he slipped as he was about to descend down a ladder in the chute, and fell on the concrete. He suffered a fractured skull and numerous other injuries. Meyer was found on the barn floor by Chris Stahly after he failed to respond to a call. He was unconscious when he was found.

Mr. Meyer was admitted to the Adams County Memorial hospital after he had first been taken to the home of his father-in-law, Lendel Neal, at Geneva.

(Handwritten date: Saturday, August 17, 1940)

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Haeck of Berne are the parents of a baby boy, born at the Adams county memorial hospital this morning at 10:40 o'clock. The baby has been named. ("John Robert" in parenthesis)

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burke, route 1, Monroe, are the parents of a baby son, born this morning at the residence at seven-thirty o'clock. The baby weighed ? pounds. This is the second child and second son.