

*Adams County Historical Museum*

*1939-1940 Scrapbook, Image 79-80*

*Transcribed by Karin King*

(Handwritten date: Monday, August 12, 1940)

10 YEARS AGO

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gerber came here yesterday afternoon to visit with Rev. Gerber's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Oberli for a few days. The Gerbers came here from Los Angeles where Rev. Gerber attended a conference to which he was a delegate and are stopping here on their way home to Spain. Mrs. Oberli had not seen her brother for twenty years.

Rev. William Egle received a call to a church in Nebraska which he had served at a previous period. His daughter, Miss Helen, has resigned her position at the Amos Hirschy office and will be succeeded by Miss Elfrieda Habegger.

20 YEARS AGO

The Misses Mahala Biberstein, Martha Ehram, Lillie Kaufman, Dessie Meyers, and Evelyn Macy went to Niagara Falls on Monday. Miss Mahala will also attend to millinery business at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, on her way home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Barkman will leave here next Wednesday for New York from where they start their ocean journey on Saturday, August 7. They will sail for Liverpool, England, after which they go to Belgian Congo, in Africa. This is the second trip which the Barkman's make to Africa as missionaries. They expect to be gone for five years and this time they leave their two-year-old son, Samuel, with his grandparents, as the climate in Africa is too severe for the children of the missionaries.

Ermin D. Bixler, who graduated last spring from the Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology received his degree in doctor of optometry, and is now licensed by the Indiana State Board in optometry to practice optometry as a registered optometrist.

30 YEARS AGO

Rev. J. L. Kliewer and wife returned Thursday evening from their Eastern trip. He preached again at the Mennonite church Sunday morning. A business meeting of the members has been called again for next Monday to act on his resignation.

Wesley Neuenschwander and Hiram Sprunger, with their lady friends, Misses Helena Hirschy and Rufine Liechty, started Saturday evening on a trip to see the great sights at Niagara Falls.

Lawrence Yager, his wife and his mother of this place, and Mrs. J. C. Moran and daughter Margaret of Decatur composed an automobile party Saturday evening that went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Zimmerman at Butler where they spent Sunday.

40 YEARS AGO

Arthur, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sprunger, fell off the porch steps, Monday morning, and broke his right arm at the elbow. The little fellow was sitting on the third or fourth step on the porch facing Jefferson street, and becoming unbalanced, fell, his weight undoubtedly falling on his right arm.

The members of the Reformed church have deemed it necessary to build a parsonage located nearer to the church building than the one occupied now. Rev. E. Vernholt, C. Stengel and Fred Eichenberger were appointed to serve on the committee to superintend the building of the same. Emil Badertscher, and the Misses Katie Braun and Daisy Hunsicker were appointed collectors. The fund for the new parsonage will be established by subscribing for shares, each share calling for a contribution of five cents a month each until the required amount is received.

Albert Hocker has returned from Fort Wayne. His hemorrhage of the lungs has not been overcome and his condition is not improved physically.

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(Handwritten date: Tuesday, August 20, 1940)

MOYER FUNERAL IS HELD TODAY

Private Services are Held Today for Former Decatur Man

Strictly private funeral services were held this afternoon at 4 o'clock for Max Moyer, 51, former Decatur junk yard operator, who took his own life Monday morning at Fort Wayne.

The services were held at the residence, 1714 Lake avenue, Fort Wayne, with Rabbi Irving A. Weingart officiating. Burial was made in the Orthodox Jewish cemetery on the Fort Wayne-Decatur road in Allen county.

Dr. A. P. Hattendorf, Allen county coroner, after completing his investigation of the case, returned a verdict of suicide.

Moyer used a .38 calibre revolver to shoot himself in the head. His body was found shortly afterwards by a customer, who stopped into the junk yard office to pay for some glass which he had picked out.

An employe, Angelina Nickrash, who was working in the room above sorting rags, heard the shot but thought that it was an auto backfiring.

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(Handwritten date: Friday, August 30, 1940)

## PHILIP SCHUG WILL TEACH AT NAPERVILLE

Philip Schug, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Schug of E. Water street, this place, who graduated from B. H. S. in '31 and from North Central College at Naperville in '39, recently signed a contract to serve on the North Central college faculty.

Mr. Schug who will be a second year student in the Evangelical Theological Seminary was a member of the winning debating team and was re-appointed to teach one-third full time in the Speech department at Naperville.

He was married to Miss Mary Cline of Geneva last fall.

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Announcement has been made of the wedding of Miss Ruth Baumgartner, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Baumgartner of Columbia street, to Raymen Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas Johnston of Wheaton, Ill. ...vows will be exchanged in a ceremony which will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Trinity Evangelical church. Both the bride-to-be and and groom, the latter employed here at the Dunbar Furniture factory, are very popular and have a host of relatives and friends.