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*1939-1940 Scrapbook, Image 121-123*

*Transcribed by Karin King*

(Handwritten date: Monday, Sept. 16, 1940)

RELEASE MAHLON YODER FROM CUSTODY AFTER FATAL ACCIDENT

Centerville, Mich., Sept. 16 - Roy Hagen, 15, son of Charles Hagen, living here, was almost instantly killed late Friday, Sept. 6, when he was hit by an automobile...lives near Constantine. Yoder was held at the county jail pending investigation.

The boy was riding home on his bicycle after having attended an outdoor moving picture at Nottawa, and had just passed the Prairie River bridge on M-86 when Yoder's car came up behind him and struck him. The boy and his bicycle were carried 93 feet down the pavement and were then thrown into the ditch. The car traveled 234 feet before coming to a stop, officers said. Yoder admitted he was traveling 50 miles an hour when he hit the boy.

The boy was still alive when carried to the Bateman ambulance but died enroute to the Three Rivers hospital.

Note: Mahlon Yoder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Yoder, of east of Geneva. His sister, Bessie Yoder, visited him Monday and she states that when an investigation disclosed that the victim was riding his bicycle without lights and that Yoder had been blinded by the lights of an oncoming car he was released from custody.

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(Handwritten date: Friday, Sept. 13, 1940)

COACH GLENDENING TO CLAIM BRIDE IN PRETTY SERVICE

Candlelight Ceremony at Albion U.B. Church Tonight

In a pretty candlelight ceremony to be performed this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the United Brethren Church at Albion, Miss Wilma Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carey Davis of Albion, will become the bride of Mr. Lake Leon Glendening of Berne, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Glendening, of Geneva.

The couple will be attended by Miss Ilene Snapp of Columbia City and Mr. Lester Grile of Frankfort.

Preceding the nuptials in a thirty minute musicale, Mrs. Ella Glendening Grile, sister of the bridegroom, will sing "If I Had My Way," "Because," and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," accompanied by Miss June Coutts of Fort Wayne at the piano. Miss Coutts who

will play Liebestraum during the ceremony will also play a piano solo "O Promise (cut off)

The bride's attire is a street length dress of soldier blue with black accessories. The bridal bouquet is of white roses.

Immediately following the nuptials, a wedding reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Glendening is a graduate of Albion high school and International Business College of Fort Wayne and has been employed as secretary at the Trenton Garment Company in Kendallville.

Mr. Glendening was graduated from Geneva high school and Purdue University and during the past few years associated with the Albion high school as coach. He is a member of the Berne high school staff since the beginning of this fall as coach and History instructor.

The couple will be at home in an apartment in the Peoples State Bank building.

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(Handwritten date: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1940)

#### RAUDENBUSH-BAKER MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Raudenbush announce the marriage of their second daughter, Romaine, to Frank O. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker of Van Wert, Ohio. The ceremony was performed at five o'clock, September 14, by the Rev. W. S. Sullivan in the parsonage of the United Brethren church in Van Wert.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Baker, brother and sister-in-law of the groom, attended the couple. The bride wore a black tailored suit with matching accessories. Mrs. Baker wore a (cut off)

...Mr. and Mrs. Baker are at home in their newly furnished home at 608 E. Central avenue in Van Wert, where the former is associated in business with the Montgomery Ward store. The bride was employed in the law office of Ed A. Bosse in this city.

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#### ROBERT STENGEL, 15, DIES OF INJURIES RECEIVED IN FALL

Funeral for Victim of Polio Myelitis Saturday P.M.

The whole community mourns the passing of Robert James Stengel, 15, intimately known as "Bobby," who died last evening at 5:10 o'clock, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stengel on West Main street. He was their only child.

Death was caused by spinal inflammation which apparently was the result of injuries received in a fall on August 23. The youth fell a distance of about 12 feet from the barn loft at his parents home where he had a den. Details of the circumstances surrounding

the fall were never fully learned, but it is believed that "Bobby," who had entered a model airplane contest, was busy at his bench and perhaps hearing the voices of some of his playmates, rushed to the door which is flush with the floor, and fell out. He was found unconscious by some of his playmates, who called Mrs. Stengel. She, in turn, summoned a physician. "Bobby" was seriously injured including a concussion to the brain. He, however, improved to the extent that he wanted to go to school and attended on Tuesday, September 3. He became very ill and had to be taken to his home, his injuries being complicated by a cold and hay fever.

#### IS POLIO VICTIM

Following the attack suffered September 3, his condition became much worse and he became paralyzed in his lower extremities. Moreover, it became progressive, invading the whole trunk and the upper extremities, finally completely paralyzing the whole body. His attending physician called the county health officer into consultation as to whether he would place a quarantine. He carefully examined the patient and was in hopes, as was the attending physician, that "Bobby" would recover.

However as the disease progressed it resulted in Anterior Polio Myelitis, and according to the (cut off)

...ored by the Berne Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Mennonite church. From his early days he was an avid reader, and needless to say, was very popular with the boys and girls in his neighborhood and the town whose tear-stained faces are a tribute to the boy's generous heart and friendly smile.

Robert James Stengel was born in Berne, April 14, 1925, bringing his age to 15 years, four months and 28 days.

Everything known to medical science was done for the boy, and his parents and a special nurse were in constant vigilance.

Surviving are the parents, Ernest Stengel, local druggist, and Mrs. Olga E. Neuenschawnder Stengel and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stengel of this place and a host of relatives and intimate friends. He was the only grandson in the D. C. Neuenschwander family and the only one to propagate the Stengel family name.

Eight Boy Scouts of troop No. 68 will serve as pall bearers and other Boy Scouts will serve as flower carriers.

Pall bearers are Danny Eichenberger, James Bixler, James McCrory, Vaughn Schindler, Richard Tallman, Sylvan Zuercher, Norbert Nyffeler and James Goodin.

Members of the Sophomore class will be seated in a reserve (cut off)...bearers or flower carriers, will be seated in another reserve section.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Mennonite church with Dr. C. H. Suckau, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

The body was removed to the home on W. Main street from the Yager mortuary this afternoon.

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(Handwritten date: Saturday, Sept. 28, 1940)

## ADAMS COUNTY RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Albert Augsburger Dies at Home Southeast of Berne

(Handwritten: buried on her 7th wedding anniversary)

Mrs. Alvine (crossed out and handwritten: "Aldine") Augsburger, 52, well-known Jefferson township lady and wife of Albert Augsburger died this morning at 1:30 o'clock at her home southeast of Berne. Death followed an illness of three years and was attributed to carcinoma.

The deceased was born in Berne, February 22, 1888, the daughter of Chris and Josephine Baumgartner Wittwer. She was married to Albert Augsburger on September 30, 1933.

Surviving besides the husband are four step-children, Mrs. Gladys Yoder, Gordon and Delbert, of Berne, and Warren, at home; following brothers and sisters, Noah Wittwer of Fort Wayne, Ed and (cut off)...Otto of Fort Wayne, Amos, Lee and Adolph of Wells county, Jesse of Berne, Albert of Linn Grove and Miss Edna Wittwer of Berne.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the home and at 9:30 o'clock at the West Missionary church in Berne. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.