

Monday, March 13, 1939

Miss Bernieice Lehman Bride Here Sunday

Local Girl Marries Vilas Schertz of Grabill, at Local Parsonage

Miss Berniece Lehman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benhart Lehman of southwest of Berne, Sunday at 11:0 am became the bride of Vilas Schertz of Grabill. The wedding, a simple, but impressive ceremony was observed at the parsonage of the Mennonite Church here, Dr. C. H. Suckau officiating at the single ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Musser attended the couple.

For the occasion the bride wore a peach colored gown.

Both the groom and the best man wore grey suits.

The bride attended Geneva High School and has been doing house work at home. She is well and prominently known throughout this community.

Mr. Schertz was employed at the Wayne Novelty Company at Decatur until a month ago. He and his bride will live on a farm near Grabill.

Monday, May 22, 1939

Smith Funeral is Held Today

Last Rites are Held This Afternoon for David E. Smith

Masonic Lodge services for Judge David E. Smith of Fort Wayne, whose death occurred Saturday morning, were held this afternoon at the grave in the Decatur Cemetery.

Funeral services were conducted at the Klaehn Funeral Home in Fort Wayne and burial was in the local cemetery.

The Adams County Bar met this morning and passed resolutions of respect in the memory of Judge Smith, who was admitted to the Bar in 1882.

Active and honorary pall bearers were also named from among Decatur friends, judges and bar associates and lodge members, representing the Masonic and Knights of Pythias Lodges.

The local pall bearers, who also attended the funeral services in Fort Wayne follow:

Active pall bearers: Judge (cut off)

Honorary pall bearers: Judge J. Fred Franke, Judge C. L. Walters, John W. Tyndall, French Quinn, L. C. Helm, O. L. Vance, Herman Coutier, Earl B. Adams, Fred Heuer, James Hurst.

No date

Mrs. Schafer Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Chalmer C. Schafer Dies Monday Evening at Hospital

Mrs. Hallie Bortz Schafer, wife of Chalmer C. Schafer, founder of The Schafer Company of this city, died at 5:30 o'clock Monday evening at Kahler Hospital, Rochester, Michigan.

The body will be taken to Warsaw from Rochester. Funeral services will be held at the Robert Kelley Funeral Home in Warsaw. The date or time of the funeral had not been determined this afternoon. Burial will be in Leesburg, former home of Mrs. Schafer.

Mrs. Schafer was born in Leesburg, November 18, 1892, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bortz. Following her high school graduation, she attended DePauw University and Brenau College, Gainesville, Georgia. She taught school in Warsaw for a number of years.

She was married to Mr. Schafer on January 2, 1933. Her father died a number of years ago and her mother, Mrs. Nettie Bortz died last January at the Schafer home.

A talented and gracious woman, Mrs. Schafer was prominent in social and sorority circles. She was a past state president of Tri Kappa Sorority, past province president of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and was a member of the Alumnae organization of Alpha Chi Omega Society.

In Fort Wayne, where Mr. and Mrs. Schafer resided at 2313 Forest Park Boulevard, she was a member of the Fort Wayne Country Club, the Woman's Club and of the Tippecanoe Country Club.

Besides the husband, Mrs. Schafer is survived by two nephews, Earl and Charles Hill of San Antonio, Texas and Los Angeles, California respectively.

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