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TEACHER DIES SUDDENLY

(Photo: Andrew C. Cook) Mr. Cook, a graduate of the Berne high school, died at his home in Geneva Wednesday evening.

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ANDREW COOK DIES SUDDENLY LAST EVENING

Prominent Geneva Teacher Dies From Heart Attack

Andrew C. Cook, aged 39, prominent and well-known teacher, died suddenly at about 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at his home on the west edge of Geneva. Death was caused by a heart attack, according to the local physician who attended him. Mr. Cook's death was entirely unexpected and came to a great shock to his many friends and especially to faculty members and students of the Geneva schools.

Mr. Cook had been ailing since January with nephritis. He complained of rheumatism several months ago, and complications developed. However, he taught school until last Friday and his condition was not believed to be immediately serious. Wednesday afternoon he came to a local doctor's office and then went home after 4 o'clock. He was sitting on a couch when he was suddenly seized with the attack and he died almost immediately. His small son was visiting at the home of a neighbor and by the time the lad arrived at home his father was dead.

Mr. Cook was well known in Berne. He was born in Wabash twp., Aug. 26, 1899, a son of John and Jennie Engle Cook. He graduated from the Berne high school and later attended Ball State Teachers College at Muncie where he received his A.B. degree. He taught school the last 16 years. He taught in Blue Creek twp. before going to Wabash twp. For the past 10 years he taught in the Geneva schools. The first eight of these years he taught the eighth grade and Industrial Arts in high school, and the last two years he was a full-time high school teacher.

Mr. Cook was regarded in Geneva as an outstanding citizen, and was active in many affairs. He was a member of the K. of P. Lodge and the Methodist church. Mr. Cook was also a World War veteran, being in the service four months.

Mr. Cook married in August of 1928 to Gladys Marshall Byers. Surviving are the widow, one son, Robert, aged 10, the parents of Wabash twp., one brother, Ernest Cook, of Colingo, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. Dan (Lena) Teeter of east of Berne. One sister, Edna, preceded.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Geneva M.E. church following a short service at the home. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery near Geneva.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Real Estate and Personal Property

2 Farms - 295 Acres in All

By order of the Adams County Circuit Court, the undersigned administrator of the estate of the late Adam Biberstein will sell the personal property as listed below, and on the same day the heirs of the late Adam Biberstein will sell the real estate listed below at public auction, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: Farm, No. 1, known as the Adam Biberstein farm, is located 2 miles west and 3/4 mile south of Berne, in Hartford township. All the personal property of both farms will be sold on this farm. Farm No. 2, known as the old Romey farm, is located 3 miles west and 1 1/2 miles south, just north of the Jimtown Bridge.

FARM NO. 1 - This farm consists of 200 acres of good, fertile soil, practically all under cultivation. This farm is well tiled and has good fences. An excellent farm in every way.

Good brick house, 8 rooms, with hot water furnace, soft water in house, and basement under entire house. Summer kitchen with three rooms.

Large barn, 40 x 68, with corn crib, driveway and inside well and windbreak; granary and corn crib combined; poultry house and other excellent outbuildings.

FARM NO. 2 - This farm, known as the old Romey farm, consists of 95 acres. This is one of the most fertile farms in this community, all under cultivation. Excellent river bottom soil and will raise any crop grown in this territory. Well drained.

8-room house with basement under entire house. Brick summer house with 2 rooms.

Barn, 100 x 40, with new roof. An excellent barn. Granary, corn crib and hog house combined. Good poultry house, good wood shed. Good well and cistern.

Electricity is available on both farms. Buildings on both farms are in excellent shape. These farms must be seen to be appreciated. For further information, see J. A. Michaud, at Berne.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

13 HEAD OF HORSES - Strawberry roan horse, 7 years old; strawberry roan horse, 3 years old; strawberry roan horse, 4 years old; gray mare, 8 years old; sorrel horse, 4 years old; sorrel horse, 5 years old; two black horses, 3 years old; black mare, 11 years old; white horse, 9 years old; sorrel gelding, 1 year old; sorrel mare colt, 1 year old; bay gelding, 1 year old. These horses are all exceptionally good work horses and are all class A animals of the highest grade.

27 HEAD OF CATTLE - Red cow, 5 years old; red cow, 4 years old; red and white cow, 8 years old; red cow, 3 years old; dark roan cow, 5 years old; white face roan cow, 3 years old; big red cow, 6 years old; roan cow, 7 years old; Holstein cow, 6 years old. These cows are all good animals and are pasture bred. Red heifer, 1 year old; red heifer, 8 months old; black heifer, 8 months old; red and white heifer, 8 months old; red heifer, 8 months old; Ayrshire heifer, 8 months old; blue roan heifer, 8 months old; black spotted heifer; black heifer, 4 months old; red bull, 2 years old; red bull, 8 months old; roan bull, 8 months old; black bull, 8 months old; red bull, 8 months old; white bull, 8 months old; dark red bull, 4 months old; red bull, 3 months old; veal calf, 6 weeks old. All of these cattle are of good grade, both as to quality and size.

HOGS - Sows with 11 pigs by side; 30 fall pigs; 1 male hog.

POULTRY - 50 mixed hens.

HAY AND GRAIN - 82 tons of hay, including 30 tons of alfalfa hay, balance clover, mixed and timothy hay; 1000 bushels of extra good corn; 1,050 bushels of good oats.

IMPLEMENTS - One Fordson tractor; new binder; used binder, with canvas; iron wagon and rack; new wagon; 2 gang plows; 2 walking plows; cultivator; corn planter; disc; hay tedder; trailer; wagon and rack; hay loader; tractor plow; mower; 2 grain drills; spring tooth harrow; box wagon; spike tooth harrow; end gate seeder; carriage; 2 sets of hay ropes, pulleys and cars; galvanized water tank; 13 bundles of roofing shingles; 2 rolls of barb wire; gas engine; brooder house; 3 iron kettles; mud boat; 20 cords of stove wood; pump jack; 4 sets of harness; 12 horse collars; one Ford automobile.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS - Heatrola heating stove; cook stove; dining table; davenport; 2 side boards; 4 beds; 2 dressers; 4 rocking chairs; 1 rug; 1 upholstered chair. Many items too numerous to mention.

TERMS - On Real Estate, one-third cash against the giving of purchaser's contract. Balance of purchase price on March 1, 1940, when possession, warranty deeds and abstracts, brought up to the present owner, will be given.

On personal property - CASH.

C. H. MUSELMAN, Administrator

ADAM BIBERSEIN HEIRS, Owners

J. A. Michaud, Roy Johnson, Amos Neuenschwander, Auctioneers.

E. W. Baumgartner, Clerk.

Lunch will be served by the Ladies' Aid of Union Chapel.

(Handwritten date: Monday, May 1, 1939)

NEARLY 1,000 PEOPLE ATTEND COOK FUNERAL

Nearly 1,000 people attended the Cook funeral of Andrew Cook, aged 39, prominent Geneva school teacher who died suddenly last Wednesday evening. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Geneva M.E. church, with burial in Riverside cemetery.

Pall bearers at the funeral were eight school teachers, all well acquainted with Mr. Cook. They were R. O. Hunt, principal of the Geneva high school; Harold Long and John Bauman, Geneva; Principal Russell Steiner and Coach Wayne Hinchman of Hartford; Edison Sprunger of Berne; Gerald Runyon of Tipton (cut off)

(Handwritten date: Monday, May 15, 1939)

HAZEL NUSSBAUM IS GRANTED DIVORCE

According to an item in a Columbus, Ohio newspaper, Hazel G. Nussbaum has been granted a divorce from Lester Nussbaum, of Berne. Mrs. Nussbaum is now living at Columbus. She was formerly Hazel Garber and was married to Mr. Nussbaum a number of years ago. They lived in Berne for some time.

The couple separated some time ago and the divorce suit followed.

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DEATH TAKES ENOCH SPRUNGER

Native of This Community Dies Suddenly at Orrville, Ohio

Enoch Sprunger, aged 62, a native of Berne, died unexpectedly at his home at Orrville, O., Monday night at about 8 o'clock, according to word received by his many relatives residing in Berne and community.

Death was attributed to heart trouble but he had not been seriously ill and worked as usual at wood preserving plant at Orrville. He complained a bit about a headache and sideache before he retired but read his Bible and studied his Sunday School lesson for next Sunday. He talked to his wife before he fell asleep but was dead when she retired.

The deceased was born in Berne on October 23, 1876, the son of Jacob and Anna Sprunger. He left Berne 34 years ago and was married to Edith Steiner at Sonnenberg.

Mr. Sprunger was deeply religious but possessed a jovial disposition and only last December attended the funeral of his sister, Mary J., here, who was fatally injured in an auto accident December 2?, near Bluffton.

The decedent was a faithful member of the American Mennonite church where services were conducted this afternoon.

Surviving are the widow, formerly Edith Steiner; the children, Mrs. Evalina Royer and Stanley Sprunger, both of Orrville; Willis Sprunger of Iowa, and Ralph, Lee and Arthur Sprunger of Orrville; and the brothers and sisters, Silas and Nathan Sprunger of Berne, Jacob Sprunger of Ft. Wayne, Mrs. P. P. Welt? of Pandora, O., Mrs. Selma La?nert, of near Bluffton, Cornelius of Orrville, Mrs. Levi Amstutz of Kidron, O., and Mrs. J. J. Felber of Bluffton.

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GEORGE BAILEY DIES SUNDAY

Well-Known Monroe Township Farmer Dies; Burial in M.R.E.

George Bailey, aged 78, well-known and prominent Monroe twp. farmer died at 5 o'clock Sunday evening at his home, a mile south and one-half mile east of Monroe. Mr. Bailey had been ill for four weeks, suffering from complications.

The deceased was born in Henry co., O., March 8, 1861, a son of John and Eva Bailey. He spent most of his life in this community, and lived on the farm where he died, for 42 years.

Surviving are the widow, Emma Bailey, and one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Elzey, of southeast of Monroe; one sister, Mrs. Sophia Stauffer of Fort Wayne, and two brothers, Peter Bailey of Fort Wayne and David Bailey of Lansing, Mich.

Mr. Bailey was a member of the German Reformed church. The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home, Rev. C. A. Schmid, pastor of the Cross Reformed church officiating, assisted by Rev. Vernon Riley, pastor of the Monroe Friends church. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

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