

(Handwritten date: Thursday, May 11, 1939)

SENIOR CLASS WILL

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

WE THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1939, of the city of Berne, state of Indiana, being of sound mind and memory, do make, and publish, and declare this our last will and testament, in manner and form as follows:

ARTICLE I

To the Junior Class we bequeath our superb diplomacy in tackling all the difficult problems that are bound to arise in the Senior year.

To the Sophomore Class we bequeath a portion of our experience as they enter into the fields of upper-classmen.

To the Freshmen we bequeath our uncanny ability to lead the teachers on. Of a certainty they will have smooth and easy sailing if they accept their heritage.

ARTICLE II

We, Gretchen Sprunger and Jean Habegger, bequeath our nickname of "sin twisters" to Patsy Sprunger and Vera Nussbaum.

I, Orlando Sprunger, will my bashfulness to Jimmy Goodin.

I, Bette Stauffer, will by homeliness to Ardu Gene Sprunger.

I, Huck Hilty, bequeath the jokes I crack to Deryll Sprunger.

I, Juanita Sprunger, will the Alpha presidency to anyone who is fortunate enough to get it.

I, Roger Augsburg, will my driving ability to Kenyon Nussbaum.

I, Edna Lehman, bequeath my ability to argue with Mr. Erne to Emma Jane Liechty.

I, Emerson Lehman, bequeath my simplemindedness to anyone who is dumber than I am.

I, Kathryn Ellenberger, will by jitterbug nature to Monie Neuenschwander.

I, Laura Liechty, bequeath my happy go lucky attitude to Betty Hirschy.

I, Gorman McKean, bequeath my ability to whistle to Jim Sprunger.

I, Mary Alyce Winteregg, bequeath my ability to sew to Norma Liechty.

I, Irene Beer, bequeath the heartthrob of my soul to any high school girl who can get him.

I, Irene Dro, bequeath my flirting ability to Lucille Sprunger.

I, James Baumgartner, bequeath my ability to get to school on time to Bozo Liechty.

I, Kathryn Mazelin, bequeath my temper to Gyneth Schindler.

I, Red LeFever, will my ability to chew gum on the sly to Fuzzy Burdg.

I, Casey Jones, bequeath my drum majorship to anyone who can strut like Ben Blue.

I, Mike Sprunger, will my curly hair to Arvian Habegger.

I, Eileen Stuckey, bequeath my (cut off)

I, Maxine Stucky, bequeath my ability to see things to Julia Schmid.

I, Eugene Sprunger, bequeath my deep, full, mellow bass voice to Harold Nussbaum.

I, Louise Sprunger, bequeath the editorship of the Budget to anyone who is capable of thinking.

I, Esther Gero, bequeath my pleasing personality to all my friends.

I, Emerson Moser, bequeath my height to Jacob Musser.

I, Christine Neuhauser, will my superb efficiency to fiddle playing to Christeen Winteregg.

I, Thelma Liechty, will my quietness to Kathleen Beer.

I, Evelyn Liechty, will my height (cut off)

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LOCAL MAN MARRIES MISS DOLORES OMLOR

Joyce Ellenberger Weds Decatur Girl Tuesday Evening

The wedding of Miss Dolores Omlor of Decatur and Joyce Ellenberger of Berne was solemnized Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the parsonage of the St. Mary's Catholic church at Decatur. The attendants were Miss Willodean Ellenberger, sister of the groom, and Charles Omlor, Jr., brother of the bride.

Following the nuptials, a wedding dinner was served at the Rice hotel to members of the immediate family and two guests, Miss Ruth Stuckey and Miss Leona Forwk [sic] of Fort Wayne.

The bride wore a dubonnet dress with white coat and white accessories. She wore a cherry black hat and a corsage of lavender orchids. Her attendant wore a navy blue ensemble trimmed in light green and a corsage of Reuben lilies. The men were attired in oxford grey suits with gardenia boutonnieres.

After the dinner the couple left on a trip through the southern states and upon their return will reside in Decatur for several weeks before moving to Berne.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Omlor of Decatur. She graduated from the nurses' training school at St. Vincent's hospital, Indianapolis, and for the past five years has been employed as a nurse at the Adams County Memorial hospital.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Ellenberger of Berne and is co-partner of the Balsiger & Ellenberger filling station and automobile firm here.

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, December 27, 1939)

DONNA JABERG HAS 10th ANNIVERSARY

Miss Donna Jaberg celebrated her 10th birthday anniversary with a party Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock. The guests included the girl's of Donna's 5A class.

Games and contests were enjoyed, after which refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The guest of honor received many pretty gifts.

Present were Anna Marie Steury, Martha Sheets, Virginia Rash, Sally Baumgartner, Coleen Edgell, Helen Baughman, Eleanor Rosselot, Mary Habegger, Joan Bowman, and Letha Bieberich of Fort Wayne.

(Handwritten date: Thursday, April 27, 1939)

Miss Barbara L. Habegger, who underwent a major operation at the Decatur hospital Tuesday, is reported as getting along nicely.

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, May 17, 1939)

DEATH CLAIMS W. J. ARCHBOLD THIS MORNING Rites Friday for Former Manufacturer, Public Official

William J. Archbold, 74, former public official and prominent Decatur manufacturer, died this morning at 3:45 o'clock at his home, 318 North Tenth street.

Death was attributed to heart trouble, following an illness since December 23. He had been suffering intermittently since that time with hiccoughs.

In early life, the deceased played a prominent part in Democratic affairs of the city and county. He served as county treasurer during 1914 and 1915. After 1890 he served for 16 years as city treasurer.

He was born in Root township February 23, 1865 the son of Jeremiah and Lavina Archbold. In 1890 he came to Decatur where for 18 years he served as local agent for the Adams express company. During the latter years of his life he manufactured a number of disinfectants and soaps.

He was first married to Izorah Mann, who preceded him in death. Later he was married to Emilie Crist, former superintendent of the Adams county memorial hospital. She survives.

Surviving also are the following children, L. E. Archbold, Adams county agricultural agent; M. J. Archbold of LaGrange; Earl J. Archbold, of Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Esther Risley of West Allis, Wisconsin and Mrs. Kathryn Helm, of this city.

A brother, Zach Archbold of Washington township; two sisters, Mrs. Malinda Darwachter and Mrs. Julia Anspaugh, both of Decatur and seven grandchildren also survive.

The deceased was a member of one of the oldest families in the county and a direct descendant of Thomas P. Archbold, the county's only Revolutionary War soldier.

Funeral Friday

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence on North Tenth street and 2:30 o'clock at the First Methodist church, of which he was a member. The Rev. R. W. Graham, church pastor, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Maplewood cemetery.

The body may be viewed at the Zwick funeral home after 7 tonight until Thursday evening when it will be returned to the residence. It may be viewed there until time for the funeral.

(Handwritten date: Saturday, Dec. 16, 1939)

SEEK TRANSIENT AS AUTO THEFT

Elderly Transient is Wanted for Grand Larceny, Auto Theft

(Handwritten: The Ford was owned by David Schwartz) Sheriff Ed Miller and Deputy Leo Gillig were leading a search today for a white-haired transient, who gave the name of John Graham.

Graham is wanted by authorities for grand larceny and vehicle taking.

He is charged for stealing a topcoat, some money and a black '35 Chevrolet (crossed out and handwritten '37 Ford'), owned by Jacob L. Liechty of Berne. Liechty and his father-in-law, according to the story given the sheriff's department, picked up the transient last August and gave him a job.

Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock, they stated, they saw Graham leaving with the car. His description, and that of the auto, bearing license plates 477,814 Indiana, were broadcast over the state police radio system.

(Handwritten date: Monday, Dec. 18, 1939)

INTENSIFY SEARCH FOR AUTO THIEF

The sheriff's department, today, was intensifying its search for a transient, John Graham, who stole an auto, money and a topcoat from Jacob L. Liechty at Berne Friday evening. Sheriff Miller stated that the car stolen was a 1937 black Ford, instead of a 1935 Chevrolet, as was reported Saturday.

(Handwritten date: Monday, May 1, 1939)

FUNERAL FOR MRS. LEHMAN IS HERE TODAY

Mrs. Amos Lehman, 57, Dies Following Fracture of Hip

Funeral services were held at the Mennonite church at 2 o'clock this afternoon for Mrs. Viola Lehman, aged 57, wife of Amos Lehman of Monroe twp., who died Saturday morning at the Adams County Memorial hospital. Burial was made in the M.R.E. Cemetery. A short service was held at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wolf at Monroe, where the body was taken.

Mrs. Lehman died from complications according to the attending physician. She had been staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Baumgartner, in Berne, where she was being cared for. A few weeks ago, she suffered a broken hip while being assisted out of bed and following the mishap she was taken to the Adams county hospital. Her husband, Amos Lehman, is a son of the aged Peter Lehman, of this place, and a brother to Mrs. Eli Baumgartner. Mr. and Mrs. Lehman spent most of their married life in Monroe township and Berne.

The deceased was born in Kirkland township, November 22, 1881, the daughter of Joseph and Destamona Wolf. She was married to Mr. Lehman on March 14, 1918.

Surviving besides the husband and the mother are five sisters: Mrs. Orval Osterman of Vevay, Mrs. James H. Andrews, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Mrs. Chester Howard, all of Decatur, and Mrs. Frank Sandborn of Morenci, Mich.; four brothers, Charles and George of Ft. Wayne, Dale of Roanoke and Floyd of Detroit.

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