

Monday, May 1, 1939

## Death Takes Jacob Greider

Brother-in-Law of Moses and J. C. Augsburger Dies near Elida, Ohio

Jacob E. Greider, aged 72, well-known in this community, died at 6 o'clock Saturday morning (EST) at his home near Elida, Ohio. Mr. Greider had been ailing for about five months. He suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago and complications developed, finally causing his death.

Mr. Greider was the husband of the late Mary Augsburger, a sister to Moses and J. C. Augsburger of west of town. He visited in this community on numerous occasions.

Mr. Greider was a farmer and was born in Green County, O., August 3, 1866, a son of John and Anna Erb Greider. He spent most of his life in the vicinity of Elida. He was married to Mary L. Augsburger on December 25, 1894, the wedding taking place at the Rev. C. Augsburger home in French Township, Adams County. She preceded in death Feb. 21, 1936.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Diller who resides at the Greider home near Elida and Mrs. Salena Heading of near Elida. Two foster children survive, Clarence Augsburger of Delphos, O. (cut off). They are Mrs. Susan Stauffer of Dayton, O.; Mrs. Mary Clair of Medway, O., Mrs. W. S. Riley of Elida, O., and Ben Greider of Medway, O.

One son, Clarence Greider, four brothers, one sister and two grandchildren preceded, also the wife and the parents.

Mr. Greider was a member of the American Mennonite Church near Elida. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock (EST) at the church, the Rev. B. B. King officiating. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Several relatives from this community attended the rites.

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## Death Takes Benhard Sorg

Father of Men Opening New Store Here, Dies at Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne May 1 -

Funeral services for Benhard Sorg, 61, 817 W. DeWald St., who died late Friday night at St. Joseph's Hospital where he was admitted last Wednesday, will be held Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the residence and at 9 o'clock at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Rt. Rev. D. Lawrence Monahan officiating. Burial will be at Sheldon. The body was taken home Saturday evening from Mungovan & Sons Mortuary.

The deceased was a member of St. Patrick's Church. He was born in Pleasant Twp. and had resided here the last 32 years.

Survivors include the widow, Matilda Van Allen Sorg; three sons, Sylvester H. and Walter A. of Decatur, who are opening a new store in Berne and Melvin F. Sorg of Oakland, Cal.; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Steinacher and Mrs. Louis Wilkie of this city and Mrs. Frank Lahrman of Pleasant Twp.; six brothers, John, Anthony, Roman, and Andrew Sorg of this city, Lambert of Pleasant Twp. and Robert Sorg of Houston, Texas.

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Monday, April 10, 1939

Well Known Man is Dead

Frederick L. Sellemeyer, 86, Former Decatur Business Man Dies

Frederick L. Sellemeyer, 86, retired Decatur businessman, died Thursday night at his home here following a brief illness. He suffered a stroke Tuesday.

The deceased was a native of Adams County and had been associated with a lumber firm for many years until his retirement seven years ago. He had also been in the automobile business in Fort Wayne many years ago.

Surviving are one son, Albert; three daughters, Miss Della Sellemeyer, at home and Mrs. Fred Heuer and Mrs. O. L. Vance, both of this city and one brother, Herman of Decatur.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon and at 2:30 o'clock from Zion Reformed Church here. Burial was in Decatur Cemetery.

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Wednesday, December 27, 1939

Eugene Martz Rites Held This Morning

Funeral services were held this morning at the Mercer Methodist Church for Eugene Martz, 8, who died of obstruction of the bowels Christmas Day at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martz, north of Celina, Ohio. The body was taken to the M.R.E. Cemetery at Berne for burial.

The Martz Family lived in Berne until three years ago.

Surviving besides the parents are several brothers and sisters.

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Monday, April 24, 1939

85-Year-Old Local Woman Expires Today

Mrs. Anna Sprunger Dies; Funeral Wednesday at Mennonite Church

Mrs. Anna Sprunger, aged 85, widow of the late Stephen Sprunger, died at 3 o'clock this morning at her home on Van Buren Street. Death came after a long illness of old age and complications. She had been ailing since January and was bedfast the past two weeks. Mrs. Sprunger was one of the best known women of this community.

The deceased was born at Chippawa, Ohio, January 20, 1854, a daughter of Christian and Katherine Lehman Liechty. She was married to Stephen Sprunger on Oct. 31, 184. They lived in this community during most of their married life and Mrs. Sprunger resided in Berne for the last 27 years.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Helena Baderstscher, Pandora, Ohio; Mrs. Katherine Baderstrscher, Bluffton, Ohio; Jonathan Sprunger, Fort Wayne; Ezra Sprunger, Indianapolis; Miss Adina Sprunger, Berne; Miss Zilla Sprunger, Outwood, Kentucky; Tobias Sprunger, Fort Wayne; Hiram Sprunger who lives at the David F. Lehman home in Monroe Township, and Miss Elda Sprunger of Berne.

Three sisters survive, Mrs. Katie Beer and Mrs. John Winteregg, both of Berne and Mrs. Cleophas Neuenschwander, Pandora, Ohio. A half brother and two half-sisters survive; Noah Liechty, Mrs. Adam Bixler and Mrs. John Schumacher, all of Pandora, Ohio. Nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

The husband, the parents, a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Gerber, a son and daughter in infancy and a half-brother proceeded.

The body will be taken to the home late today from the Yager Funeral Home here and may be viewed after 7 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. Sprunger was a member of the Mennonite Church and the funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock at the home and at 2 o'clock at the church, Dr. C. H. Suckau officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

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