

Thurs. March 30, 1939

### New Arrival

Robert Dewane is the name of the baby boy born to Robert and Erma Carver Burkhalter or Wabash.

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Mon. April 10, 1939

Miss Verena Sprunger is Bride Sunday

Lovely Easter Wedding Is Solemnized at Mennonite Church

Lovely in every detail were the arrangements for the prettily arranged Easter wedding at which Miss Verena Elizabeth Sprunger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Sprunger and Gordon Thomas Sprunger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram S. Sprunger were united in marriage at 3:00 yesterday afternoon at the First Mennonite church here. The double ring ceremony was performed by Dr. C.H. Suckau before the altar of the church which was attractively arranged with quantities of ferns potted lilies, blue hydrangea and candelabra.

Attending the couple were their close friends, Miss Pauline Lehman as maid of honor and Howard Nussbaum as best man. Ushers were the bride's three brothers, Willard, Marion and Sherwood Sprunger, and Weldon Neuenschwander. Two small cousins of the groom, Lena Louise Nussbaum and Millard Moser assisted as flower girl and ring bearer respectively.

Mrs. Sprunger has been employed in the office of the Dunbar Furniture Manufacturing Co. since her graduation from Berne High School in 1933, and Mr. Sprunger is also employed by the same firm, engaged as pattern-maker. He attended the first two years of high school in Berne, and completed his last two years at Monroe from which he graduated in 1933. The newly wedded couple will be at home after April 16 at 424 Clark ST. where a furnished apartment awaits them. Both will continue their present occupation.

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Decatur, Indiana, Saturday, December 2, 1939

Berne Woman Names Killer

PHOTOS of Mrs. Sam Schindler and Jerry Mangano

Mrs. Sam Schindler, of Berne, Friday identified Jerry Mangano, 22-year-old Chicago Italian, as the ruthless killer of Anthony Michaud, fruit market and filling station attendant, at Berne August 28. Mrs. Schindler, only witness to the holdup-slaying, identified Mangano at Chicago, where the lad is held as the alleged killer of Harry Francois, Chicago policeman, a few weeks ago.

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Dec 7, 1939

## Adams County Native Kills Wife and Self

### Elijah Nidlinger Kills Bride of Two Months This Morning

Elijah H. Nidlinger, 75, former resident and native of Adams county, shot and killed his bride of two months and then took his own life at his Warsaw home early this morning.

Nidlinger, a former Union township farmer, who had lived since his birth on the farm near the Root township line until about 20 years ago was said to have been despondent over marital difficulties with his bride.

A note addressed to a son, Roy Nidlinger, who lives at Monroe, south of this city, said that "I had a very lonesome life living alone (his first wife died May 30, 1933) but now it is not worth living. I want my son Roy to look after settling up my estate and Asa Leckrone, of Warsaw, as attorney, as he is familiar with my business." The note was found in the house.

The body of his wife, Mathilda Hani-Nidlinger, was found on the front porch, riddled with four bullets. She was clad in a nightgown. Nidlinger's body lay on the bed fully clad except for shoes, a bullet in his head and one in his heart.

Police believed that he had brooded all night and sometime before 7:00 am this morning sat on the bed, fired the four shots into his wife, as she lay sleeping and then turned the .22 caliber revolver on him. The second shot into his heart killed him. The authorities believed that Mrs. Nidlinger, although fatally wounded, took the gun from his hand, placed it on the dresser and struggled to the porch for help. Her body was found there.

The deceased was born near here December, 1864. Surviving besides the son, Roy are a daughter, Mrs. James Sprague and a sister, Mrs. John D. Stults, Decatur.

Funeral services have not been arranged. The bodies were taken to the Landis and Hietman funeral home in Warsaw. It was reported that the Nidlingers had quarreled frequently since their marriage.

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Fri., Dec 8, 1939

### Nidlinger Funeral Service Saturday

Double funeral services will be held at the Landis funeral home in Warsaw Saturday morning at 9:30 for Mr. and Mrs. Elijah H. Nidlinger, who were found shot to death in their home Thursday morning.

The body of Mr. Nidlinger, who was a native of Adams county and well known in this community, will be brought to the Decatur cemetery for burial. Sunday afternoon, another service will be held for Mrs. Nidlinger and burial will be in Oakwood cemetery at Warsaw.

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Thurs. April 6, 1939

## Preston Zehr Has Easter Egg 30 Years Old

Preston Zehr, foreman at the Economy Printing Concern, owns an Easter egg given to him on Easter Day, in 1909, 30 years ago. The egg was given to him by his aunt Mrs. Katie Augsburg. The egg was hard boiled, colored and has Mr. Zehr's full name and the date, 1909, inscribed on it.

Mr. Zehr displayed the egg today. It is still in fine form of preservation and has had a lot of interest.

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