

Monday, April 24, 1939

Young Lad Dies Saturday

Daniel Neri, 2, Brother of "Pepper" Neri at Dubach Home, Dies

Daniel Neri, 2-year-old son of Gabino Neri, living on Berne route 2, east of Berne, and a brother to Rachael Neri, better known as "Pepper" who is being brought up at the David Dubach home here, died at 10 o'clock Saturday evening at the home of his father. Death was caused by double pneumonia which resulted from influenza. The child had been sick two months.

The lad was born May 8, 1936, a son of Gabino and Mary Solano and would have been three years old next month. The lad's mother died January 26, 1938.

Surviving are the father, two sisters, including Rachael of Berne, and Carmel at home and a brother, Louie, at home

The funeral will be at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Tiatira Mexican Church in Blue Creek Township with burial in the Ray Cemetery near Monroe.

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Monday, April 3, 1939

New Arrivals

Amos and Allabelle Marshall Stauffer are the parents of a boy, Jerry, born Sunday.

Harvey and Ruth Neuenschwander Lehman are the parents of a daughter, Alice Karen, born Thursday evening.

Sylvan and Ruth Rumble Bauman are the parents of a baby boy, Steven Randall, born Friday morning.

A stillborn baby, named Janette K. Rickford was born Thursday evening to Edison L. and Leona Brewster Rickford.

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Monday, November 20, 1939

Leah Lochner Claimed by Death

Grandmother and Aunt of Local People Dies on Sunday

Mrs. Leah Lochner, 71, aunt of Mrs. Grover Neuenschwander and grandmother of Miss Lucille Sprunger, residing with the Hiram A. Sprunger family here, died of a stroke of paralysis Sunday at 2:30 pm at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Kruezman of Preble Township. She had been ill for six weeks.

The decedent was born in Adams County on April 10, 1868, the daughter of Elrich and Elizabeth Steffen Neuenschwander. Her marriage to Samuel Lochner, who died October 12, 1926, took place at Decatur on May 12, 1888.

She was a member of the St. Luke's Evangelical Reformed Church in Kirkland Township.

Surviving are the daughter; one son, Ervin of near Decatur; four brothers, Pete, Fred, and Joel Neuenschwander of near Bluffton and Solomon Neuenschwander of Fort Wayne.

One daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Sprunger and three brothers preceded.

The body was removed to the Jahn Funeral Home at Bluffton and was to be returned to the daughter's home this evening.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 12:30 pm at the Magley Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church following a short service at the home with Rev. H. H. Meckstroth and Rev. David Grether officiating. Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery in Allen County.

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Wednesday, October 11, 1939

Death Claims Maria Balsiger Tuesday A.M.

Funeral for 87-year-old Highly Respected Woman Thursday P.M.

Mrs. Maria Balsiger, 87, highly respected mother of C. D. Balsiger, president of the Town Board, died at her home on West Water Street. Death came at 3:50 Tuesday morning following an illness of about twenty-nine years.

Mrs. Balsiger was bedfast for the past five weeks following a fall in which she sustained a fractured leg.

The decedent was the daughter of Christian and Maria Christener and was born in Munzige, Switzerland on Christmas Day, December 25, 1851. Her exact age at the time of her death was 87 years, nine months and 15 days.

Her marriage to Christian Balsiger took place in Switzerland on December 18, 1875. Her husband died October 25, 1899.

They came to the United States in 1882 and settled in the community of Bluffton and Pandora, Ohio. Following Mr. Balsiger's death, the family moved to Berne in 1903. She lived with her daughter Elizabeth at the home on Water Street for 36 years.

Surviving are the following children: Ernest and Chris of Berne, Albert of Forrest, Ohio, Mrs. Rufus (Mary) Soldner of Berne and Elizabeth at home. Two sons died in infancy. One sister, Lina survives and lives in Switzerland. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Five brothers and four sisters preceded.

Final rites will be held at the First Mennonite Church Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock following a brief service at the home at 1:15 pm. Dr. C. H. Suckau, pastor of the Mennonite Church will officiate.

Burial will be made in the M.R.E. Cemetery.