

Monday, March 20, 1939

Funeral for S. B. Hirschy Here Tuesday

84-Year-Old Local Man Dies Saturday from Pneumonia; Former Teacher

Samuel B. Hirschy, aged 84, well-known local retired farmer and school teacher, died at 5 o'clock Saturday evening at the Elmer Winteregg home at 566 Baltimore St., in the northwest part of Berne. Mrs. Winteregg is a daughter of Mr. Hirschy.

The funeral will be Tuesday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock at the Winteregg home and at 1:30 o'clock at the Mennonite Church, Dr. C. H. Suckau officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

Mr. Hirschy died from pneumonia, following an illness of three weeks. He became ill with a cold and this turned into influenza and later into pneumonia. His advanced age made it doubly hard for him to fight off the disease and his condition was serious several days before he died.

Mr. Hirschy was well and widely known. He was always greatly interested along scientific lines and devoted considerable time to studying new inventions and discoveries.

Mr. Hirschy was a school teacher for 16 terms. He taught in Hartford Township and in other schools in Adams County. Later he moved to Blue Creek Township where he farmed for many years. One year ago he sold his farm and moved to Berne, staying with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Winteregg and family.

The deceased was born in Hartford Township, April 28, 1854, a son of Ludwig and Magdalena Bergholder Hirschy. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and on April 24, 1881 was united in marriage to Miss Christina Luginbill. The marriage was solemnized at the local Mennonite Church.

Surviving are the widow, and the following children: Wm. Hirschy, east of Berne; Mrs. Elmer (Dora) Winteregg, Berne; Mrs. Alfred (Barbara) Habegger, Busby, Montana; Gilbert Hirschy of near Decatur, and Mrs. Mabel Johnston of Decatur.

One brother survives, Solomon Hirschy, Oak Forest, Australia, who teaches in a mission school. The following half-sisters and half-brothers survive: Mrs. Lena Klopfenstein, Howe, Ind.; Mrs. Susan Klopfenstein, Bluffton, Ind.; Abe and George Hirschy, Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Rebecca Musser of Berne.

The following children proceeded: Mrs. Lucinda Leightner, Mrs. Helen Neuenschwander and Pearl Hirschy. Brothers and sisters who proceeded were Philip, Anna, Lydia, Peter, Jonathan, Jonas and Katie.

Mr. Hirschy was baptized by the late Rev. Henry Egle of the Defenseless Mennonite Church. He was always considerate of others when in need or distress. Mr. Hirschy lived above petty things and had his thoughts anchored on God and the Eternal.

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New Arrival

Word has been received here of the birth of a baby girl, Pauline Faye on Sunday, March 19, to Leonard and Ernestine Lehman Bixler of Dalton, Ohio. The baby weighed 9 and on-fourth pounds. The mother formerly lived in this community and the new arrival is a grandchild of Otto Lehman of near here.

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Meningitis Proves Fatal

Emery Call, 31, Husband of Esther Morningstar Dies

Emery Logan Call, aged 31, of Decatur Rural Route 4, died at 8:30 o'clock Sunday evening at the Adams County Hospital. Death was caused by spinal meningitis.

The young man was born Feb. 15, 1908, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Call. He was married to Esther Morningstar of near Geneva.

Surviving are the wife, five children, the parents, and several brothers and sisters.

The funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence with burial in the Shady Cemetery near Craigville.

Monday, March 27, 1939

Couple Wedded Year Ago

Announcement has been made of the secret marriage on March 18, 1938 of Miss Virginia Patrick of Decatur and Lester Diehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Diehl of Route 4 Bluffton.

The ceremony was performed at Auburn. Both are employed at the Cloverleaf Creamery at Decatur.

Wednesday, November 29, 1939

Fred Stauffer Taken by Death

Prominent Farmer Dies Tuesday at Home in Monroe Township

Fred Stauffer, 78, prominent Monroe Township farmer, died at 4:55 pm Tuesday at his home two miles east and four miles north of Berne. He had been ill the past three weeks of bronchial pneumonia.

He was born in Switzerland April 19, 1861, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Stauffer. He came to this country when a small lad and had lived in Adams County for 55 years.

He married Rebecca Duer February 9, 1897. He was a member of the Reformed Church.

Surviving are the widow and the following children: Mrs. Louise Meyers, Mrs. Royantha Ross, Henry and Gottlieb Stauffer, all of Decatur; Mrs. Caroline Hawkins of Nappanee, Noah Stuafter of Chestnut, Ill., Mrs. Eleanor DeArmond, Mrs. Bertha Van Camp, Mrs. Frieda DeArmond and James S. Stauffer, all of Fort Wayne; and Amos at home. Twenty-seven grandchildren also survive. Four brothers and four sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at the home Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and at 2 pm at the Cross Reformed Church in Berne. Rev. C. A. Schmid officiating. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery at Berne.

Friday, November 24, 1939

Funeral Rites are Held Today

Suicide Victim is Buried this Afternoon in Berne Cemetery

Funeral services for Adam Bieberstine of Hartford Township, who died Wednesday noon of self-inflicted bullet wounds, were held this afternoon.

A short service at the home preceded a service at the West Missionary Church, four miles west of Berne. Burial was made in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

Coroner J. Jerome Yager of Berne stated today that his verdict in the death would be suicide with a .32 caliber rifle as the death weapon.

He stated that the first bullet, probably fired as Biberstine was sitting up in bed, passed through his body and lodged in a window sill nearby. The second shot also passed through his body, burying itself in the mattress.

Neither shot entered his abdomen, as was first reported, Coroner Yager stated. The first bullet missed his left lung and the second pierced it, he stated.

The suicide was attributed to despondency over ill health.

Thursday, March 23, 1939

Everett and Florence Sheets of Decatur are the parents of a baby boy born Tuesday at Adams County Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds twelve and one-half ounces (cut off)

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