

(Handwritten date: Friday, December 26, 1941)

## WED CHRISTMAS EVE

(Photo of Mrs. Arthur Francis Byrnes)

Miss Anna Louise Schug, popular Berne young woman and a teacher in the Monroe High School, and Arthur Francis Byrnes, of New York City, were united in marriage Christmas Eve, December 24, at 8 o'clock in a pretty ceremony performed at the home of the bride's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Millikan at Decatur. The bride is a daughter of E. J. Schug of Berne and Mrs. Esther Schug of Fort Wayne. She is a graduate of the Berne High School and North Central College and has been teaching at Monroe for two years.

Mr. Byrnes is assistant professor of physical education at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass. Both of the couple will continue teaching for the present season after which they will reside in the East.

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## CALVIN GERBER DIES SUDDENLY

Retired Wells County Farmer Dies Late Thursday Afternoon

Calvin J. Gerber, 63, well known retired farmer living two miles east of Bluffton, died suddenly late Thursday afternoon. He suffered a heart attack while in this city on business and died enroute home.

He is survived by the widow, Sarah; a granddaughter, Mrs. Rod?? Paxson; a sister, Mrs. Fannie Trout of Berne, and four brothers, Edward Gerber of Berne, Abe of Saskatchewan, Canada, and Paul and Fred of Los Angeles.

Funeral services will be held at ? a.m. (CDT) Saturday at the Vera Cruz Evangelical and Reformed church, Rev. H. H. Meckstroth officiating. Burial will be in the Elm Grove cemetery at Bluffton.

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## 15 SELECTEES ENTER SERVICE

Fifteen Adams County Young Men Leave For Army Service

A scene, new here since July 10, was re-enacted in Decatur this morning as 15 Adams county stalwarts left by ABC bus for Fort Benjamin Harrison.

The 15 went to the army camp where they were to undergo examinations that decide whether or not they will be enrolled in the giant defense army of the United States.

From the score or more of mothers, fathers and sweethearts, that gathered around draft board headquarters in the library building an hour before departure time, the crowd swelled to probably 200 before the bus left.

The scene was not unlike those that have been staged here at various intervals since last November, when the first Adams county trainees left.

Many a relative or sweetheart turned their attention to some unimportant attraction in an effort to hide tear-stained cheeks from the eyes of the boy who was going away. The lads chatted informally in little groups here and there as they awaited the arrival of the bus.

A pair of overall-clad youngsters, presumably nephews of the one of the draftees, afforded the crowd with one of its lighter moments when they climbed atop the library steps. There they perched precariously until rescued by their father.

The draftees congenially consented to pose in a group for a newspaper photographer and almost simultaneously half a dozen candid cameras sprang into action.

A father slipped his son a dollar bill with a request to "telephone us as soon as you get straightened around." One of the overall-clad youngsters refused to bestow a kiss upon the brow of a draftee, with a "Naw, I kissed him once." A draftee, who apparently had the biggest delegation there to "see him off" was the last to board the bus, delaying its departure a little before he could complete a barrage of farewell handshakes. Two trainees, who evidently had no relatives there, gazed unconcernedly about until the bus arrived. A sweetheart was the recipient of the most ardent embrace discerned just before "he" climbed aboard the bus.

At precisely 9:20 the ABC bus pulled up in front of the library and Daniel Edward McAfee, who had been chosen as leader of the group, "checked" them in.

Amid a maze of waving hands the bus left. Momentarily, the crowd stood, gazing after the departing bus and then quickly dispersed to return to homes and jobs. Nose-blowing and eye-daubing immediately became fashionable - now that the lads were out of sight.

The scene was adjudged one of the most stirring of the nearly a score staged here under similar circumstances.

Should any of the group fail to pass the rigid army examination, they will be rejected and sent back home. If successful, they will start training at Fort Benjamin Harrison and likely be sent to some other camp in a week or two.

McAfee, the leader, was the only one of the 15 leaving as a volunteer. Should all 15 be inducted, Adams county will have 149 men in service.

Ralp E. Roop and O. N. Smith (cut off)

The 15 who left were: McAfee, Reuben Jacob Ringger, John Henry Johnson, Gordon John Fox, Charles Edgar Baker, Philip Gee Greene, Xystus Charles Meyer, Forest Arden Kenworthy, Virgil Jessie Uhrick, Mark David Colchin, John Lynn Grile, James (cut off)

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### LENA ZUERCHER IS DEAD IN OHIO

Word has been received here of the death of Lena Zuercher, of near Apple Creek, Ohio. She died Wednesday evening. Her age was about 77.

Miss Zuercher, who was never married, had many relatives in Berne and community. She stayed in the A. J. Moser home here for several months while Mrs. Moser was recovering from a broken hip a year or two ago. Mrs. Moser is a cousin of the deceased.

The funeral will be held Sunday. Several from here are planning to attend.

Three nieces and a nephew are the only close survivors. One brother and one sister are deceased.

[Buried Kidron Mennonite Church Cemetery, Kidron, Wayne Co., Ohio]

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(Handwritten date: Wednesday, August 27, 1941)

### AMOS REINHARD TAKES BRIDE SUN.

In a pretty ceremony performed at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Miss Martha Schweitzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schweitzer, of Grabill, became the bride of Amos Reinhard, son of Mrs. Daniel Reinhard of Vera Cruz. The ceremony was solemnized in the Christian Apostolic church at Leo by Rev. Elias Dotterer.

The couple was attended by John Gilliom of French township and by Miss Mary Schweitzer of Grabill, a sister to the bride.

The bride is employed at the General Electric company in Fort Wayne and Mr. Reinhard is employed with the Central Dairy in the same city.

The couple will reside in Fort Wayne.

The groom is a brother of Ulrich and Ephraim Reinhard of this place.

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(Handwritten date: Saturday, May 3, 1941)

### 39 MEN LISTED IN CLASS 1-A

#### Draft Board Announces Men Available For Year's Training

A total of 39 men are on the class 1-A list of the Adams county draft board, it was disclosed today by Miss Doris Nelson, draft board clerk.

Above these 39 names are four more, previously announced, who will be sent to selective service training May 13 as replacements for those rejected in the last group.

The 39 men carry the numbers as high as 1,180. A total of 112 men are now in training, excluding the four replacements. It is possible that about four or five more men, whose classifications are now under consideration by the board, will be placed in class 1-A, Miss Nelson stated.

Based on these figures, in the first 2,000 who received questionnaires, 155 were given 1-A qualifications or less than eight out of every 100.

Since the net quota for the county, as estimated by the state selective service headquarters sometime ago, was set at 185 - it is considered likely that Adams county will be called upon to furnish about 69 more men before the end of June.

Following is the list of men who are now in class 1-A, those available for instant duty. The list includes the four replacements and does not include the four or five whose qualifications are still under consideration by the board. The names are preceded by the order numbers:

1191-V - Anthony Albert Bonfiglio

1053-V - Ronald Marion Byer

263 - Robert Lee Meshberger

504 - Glen Gerald Woodruff

633 - Willard Steiner

687 - Max Duane Grandlinard

812 - Ralph Lee Rutledge

857 - Frank Seymour

867 - Harold Oliver Painter

874 - Gerhard Martin Haugk

875 - Leroy Clayton Biberstein

881 - Leroyed [sic] Lawrence Stetler

883 - Lester Mazelin

908 - Raymond Edward Fields

910 - Frank Louis Kaylor

912 - Frederick Ivan Douglas

915 - Alfred Louis Marhenke

922 - Clarence Franklin Morgan

923 - Morris J. LaFollette

930 - Roman Milo Sprunger

941 - Willie Henry Cook

950 - Robert C. Marhenke

951 - Eli Walter Habegger

1007 - Harry Suman, Jr.

1014 - Laures Henry Meyer

1027 - Homer Franklin Dearmond

1042 - Carl Henry Kipfer

1047 - Elmo Julius Lengerich

1049 - Calvin Lehman, Jr.

1063 - Harold H. Stauffer

- 1065 - Carl Gust Bieberich
- 1068 - Morton Atwood Railing
- 1075 - Reuben Jacob Ringger
- 1094 - Glen Orlando Stauffer
- 1095 - Robert Dailey Frisinger
- 1101 - John Henry Johnson
- 1122 - Ralph Frederick Levy
- 1136 - Bernard Gregory Staub
- 1142 - Arnold Erxleben
- 1148 - Charles Edgar Baker
- 1152 - Philip Gee Greene
- 1169 - Virgil Jessie Uhrick
- 1180 - Harold Rhynard

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