

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, April 2, 1941)

### FATHER OF LADOYT McCRORY DIES

Funeral For Well Known Retired Grain Dealer is Friday

John S. McCrory, 81, well known retired hay and grain dealer of Decatur and father of John LaDoyt McCrory of this place, died at his home at 612 Patterson street, at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Death was attributed to pneumonia after an illness of about one week.

Mr. McCrory, who at one time operated an elevator in Decatur retired from active business a number of years ago. He would have celebrated his 82nd birthday on May 18.

With the exception of a few years at Van Wert he was a lifelong resident of this county. He was a member of the United Brethren church.

The decedent was married first to Mary Tindall and several years after her decease he married Jennie Baker, who survives with the following children: Mrs. W. P. Robinson of Decatur, Mrs. J. C. Rieder of Joplin, Mo., John LaDoyt of Berne, and Mrs. Paul Rowlands of Pasadena, California. One son, Ralph, preceded. One brother, Charles, of Ohio City, Ohio, survives.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at Gillig & Doan funeral home in Decatur with the Rev. G. T. Rosselot, pastor of the U. B. church, officiating. Burial will be in the Van Wert cemetery.

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### MRS. S. STAUFFER DIES THIS A.M.

Funeral For Former Berne Woman Is Wednesday

Mrs. Sophia Stauffer, 82, wife of Christian M. Stauffer, deceased, died at her home at 1821 1/2 Antoinette Street in Fort Wayne this morning at 2:00 o'clock following an illness of about two (cut off)

...deceased.

The following children survive: Mrs. Amos Steiner, Portland; Mrs. Mike Moser, Berne; Mrs. Hulda Steiner, Hometown; John, Christine and Christian of Fort Wayne; Mrs. William Zurcher, Monroe; Emanuel of Jackson, Ky.; Rev. Joshua of Evansville; Mrs. Vernon Riley, Arlington and Mrs. Lester Sommer of Columbia City. Three children preceded. Two brothers, Peter Bailey of Berne and David Bailey of Lansing are living.

Funeral services beginning at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning at the Harvester Missionary church will be preceded by a house service at 9:30 o'clock with burial in the M.R.E. cemetery west of Berne. Rev M. E. Ramseyer will officiate at the service.

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### MRS. E. J. SCHUG SUES FOR DIVORCE

Plaintiff Plans To Live In Decatur Pending Action

Suit for divorce was filed last Saturday morning in the Adams Circuit Court by Mrs. Charlotte Schug against Everett J. Schug. Attorney C. H. Muselman presented the suit in behalf of Mrs. Schug. Among the principal allegations of the plaintiff are cruel treatment by the defendant; that he has taken issue with her constantly on account and because of her religious beliefs; that he has

continually criticized her housekeeping and cooking and care of the children; and that he cared more for his two daughters than for her and her children.

The couple were married June 20, 1936, are the parents of two sons, Otto and Peter, and they had lived together as husband and wife until March 11, 1941. Mrs. Schug has already moved to Decatur where she expects to reside during the pendency of the action, while Mr. Schug and his daughters, Anna Louise and Isabel, will continue to live in the family home at 523 High street. Mrs. Schug was formerly Miss Charlotte Skowronski of Thorp, Wilsconsin, but for quite a number of years previous to her marriage had lived in Chicago where she was employed.

It is reported that Mr. Schug will not contest the suit.

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## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry D. Habegger, Berne to Marjorie Litwiller (handwritten: will be married on April 13, 1941)

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## DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Jessie Mast, 2832 South Hanna street, against Bert Mast, charging he drinks intoxicating liquor to excess, struck her violently, cursed her and abused her until it became impossible for her to live with him; plaintiff asks \$2,000 alimony  
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(Handwritten date: Friday, March 28, 1941)

## AUTO WRECK FATAL

(Photo: Miss Pearl Green)

## YOUNG WOMAN IS FATALLY HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Miss Pearl Green, of 1224 Barthold Street, Dies After Road 27 Mishap

Injuries suffered in an auto accident about 2:30 p.m. Thursday on U. S. Road No. 27, about five miles north of Decatur, were fatal to Miss Pearl Green, 24, 1224 Barthold Street, at the Adams County Memorial Hospital at Decatur at 7:20 p.m. Thursday.

Coroner Jerome Yeager, at Berne, said the young woman suffered a skull fracture, a fracture of the right leg, bruises about the head, and shock.

Miss Green was riding in an auto operated by Mrs. Walter Fruechtenicht, 31, 3942 Arlington Avenue. Mrs. Fruechtenicht was driving north. Both were injured, Mrs. Fruechtenicht suffered a broken left arm and cuts and bruises. She was moved from the Adams Memorial Hospital to the Lutheran Hospital here.

Deputy Sheriff Leo Gillig, of Adams County, who investigated the mishap, said that smoke from grass burning along the highway obscured Miss Fruechtenicht's vision. He said that the grass fire

apparently had been started when a passing motorist tossed a lighted smoke from the (cut off) Sheriff Gillig said that Mrs. Fruechtenicht could not see and when her car swerved off the pavement, it hit the rear of the truck. The rear of the auto swung around back on the pavement. An auto operated by Mrs. Merle Hunter, Michigan City, who also was blinded by the smoke, struck the disabled Fruechtenicht machine. Mrs. Hunter suffered only minor abrasions and continued on her journey.

Frank Heiman Jr. of Decatur, one of the highway commission employees, aided in taking Miss Green from the car. Both injured women were taken to the hospital in the Zwick ambulance from Decatur. Heiman was injured slightly when the Hunter auto hit him as he started to the aid of the two women.

The body of Miss Green was brought to the Klaehn & Sons funeral home here.

Surviving Miss Green are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Green; three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Von Gunten, Decatur, and Ellen and Grace Green, at home; a brother, Paul Green, at home; and her grandmothers, Mrs. Pauline Habig and Mrs. May Green, both of this city. (Handwritten: Mrs. Bessie is the wife of Harvey Von Gunten of Decatur)

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(Handwritten date: Saturday, March 29, 1941)

## BERNE NEWS

Several from Berne attended the funeral of Enos Sprunger, 63, held at Mansfield, Ohio, Thursday. Mr. Sprunger, a native of this community, died at the home of his son, Arlo, Tuesday, near Mansfield. He had been ill for several years and suffered a stroke a year ago. Three children, two brothers and a sister survive.

Jacob Neuhauser, prominent local farmer, who has been ill with cancer for some time, is reported very weak. He has not taken any nourishment for several weeks.

**Adams County Historical Museum**  
**1940-1941a Scrapbook, image 54**  
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