

(Handwritten date: Monday, August 18, 1941)

SPRUNGER-GERBER NUPTIALS SUNDAY

Miss Winifred Sprunger and Leland Gerber Wed in Beautiful Ceremony

(PHOTO) Miss Winifred Sprunger of this place and Leland W. Gerber of Pandora, Ohio, were the principals in a lovely home wedding on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at her parental residence on W. Franklin street. Miss Sprunger chose white embroidered organdy for her bridal attire. The gown was fashioned with short sleeves, buttons down the back and a long train. She wore a finger-tip length veil caught to a tiara of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white roses. Her only jewelry was a three-strand necklace of pearls, her gift from the bridegroom.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sprunger of this place and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gerber of Pandora, Ohio.

Rev. Forrest Musser, pastor of the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, read the impressive service in the presence of the immediate families, friends and relatives.

Miss Marguerite Sprunger, the bride's only attendant, wore blue printed taffeta, made floor length, and styled with short sleeves. She carried a bouquet of Better Times roses and wore a two-strand necklace of pearls which was her gift from the bride. Vernon Gerber of Pandora, Ohio, served as best man. Both attendants are sister and brother to the bride and bridegroom respectively. Guests were received by Orlando Sprunger and Herman Hilty, the latter of Bluffton, O., brother and brother-in-law, respectively, of the bride.

Miss Ruth Liechty, pianist, presented two numbers, "My Rosary" and "To a Wild Rose" and Florence Habegger sang "Because". Vilas Gerber, of Pandora, Ohio, brother of the bridegroom, played a flute solo, "In a Monastery Garden" and Verna Baumgartner and Lorraine Burkhalter sang a duet, "At Dawning". Wagner's "Bridal March" from the opera "Lohengrin" was used for the march to the altar arrangement of ferns centered with a leafy arch. A basket of white and lavender (cut off)

A reception was held at the bride's home for the immediate families, friends and relatives who were Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gerber and daughter, Melvena, and sons, Vilas and Vernon of Pandora, O., Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hilty and daughters, Ann Elizabeth and Judy Rae of Bluffton, Ohio; Ruth Hilty of Pandora, Ohio; Irene Sprunger of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gerber and daughters Margery and Edith of Orrville, Ohio; Mrs. Mollie Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gilliom, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram A. Sprunger, and daughter Lucille, Erna Lehman, Frieda Lehman, Mrs. Milford Balsiger, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lehman, Howard Luginbill, Jean Bauserman, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Sprunger, Mr. and Mrs. Brice Habegger, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Welty.

The couple left for a short honeymoon through the eastern states, and after September 5, they will be at home at Bluffton, Ohio, where Mr. Gerber is engaged as a photographer. He graduated from Pandora, Ohio, high school. Mrs. Gerber is a graduate of Berne high school, and since then has been employed at The First Bank of Berne where she served as teller the past year.

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MERTZ REUNION

The annual Mertz reunion was held Sunday at Lehman Park, with a large basket dinner at the noon hour. During the afternoon, a short program was given. The new officers elected were Mrs. Lillian Moser, president; Mrs. Albert Amstutz, secretary and treasurer; and Carl Amstutz, committee member.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Mertz and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Mertz and family, Mrs. Lydia Mertz of Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Mertz and son Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Menno Mertz, and son Ferris, Miss Samilda Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moser and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Amstutz and son Earl of Geneva, Richard Amstutz of Fort Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mertz, Mr. and Mrs. Menno Augsburgers and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moser and sons, Mrs. Lillian Moser and daughters Dorothy, Edwinna, Betty, Ellenora and Grace, Mr. and Mrs. William Norr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Norr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Norr and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Neuenschwander and son Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Pyle, Herman Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Amstutz, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Amstutz and family of Berne; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stauffer and family, Emanuel Stauffer, Herman Norr of Fort Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Norr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norr, Miss Phillipine Levy, Miss Edna Meiss of Grabill, Mr. and Mrs. David Bertsch of Leo, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Decatur.

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SUFFERS HEAD INJURY

Jerome Ginter, who is employed on the Reuben Steury farm northeast of Berne, suffered a gash in his head and minor bruises in an automobile mishap Tuesday noon. He lost control of the car he was driving and it went into the ditch. The accident happened near the No. 5 school.

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FRANK SPRUNGER IS BADLY HURT

Local Man Struck By Belt at Decatur Plant; Is In Hospital

Frank Sprunger of Berne, who is employed at the Central Soya Company at Decatur, was severely and painfully injured while at work Friday night. Sprunger operates a hammer mill in one of the buildings and while changing screens in the mill a belt struck him on the left side of the head. He was rendered unconscious and was taken to the Adams county hospital where he is said to be in severe pain.

The entire left side of his face was badly bruised and lacerated and his left eye severely injured. He is suffering hemorrhages in his eye and grave fears are held that he may lose his sight in that eye.

(Handwritten date: Monday September 29, 1941)

LOSES VISION

Frank Sprunger, of this place, who was hit on the left side of the face by a belt while at work at the Central Soya Company at Decatur recently, is losing the sight in his left eye, it was said today. Most of the vision is gone already and it is feared that it will disappear entirely. His condition is improved, otherwise, but he will have to remain at the hospital for at least another week.

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SISTER OF LOCAL WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. Lydia Smith, Sister of Mrs. E. H. Baumgartner Buried Today

Mrs. Lydia Smith, 68, died Saturday morning at 1:30 o'clock at the home on South Hackley street, Muncie. Death resulted from a stroke which occurred ten days ago.

The deceased was a daughter of William and Mary (Haley) Metzner, and was born northeast of Portland, in Bearcreek township, April 14, 1873.

On April 11, 1891, she was married to G. W. Smith, former Portland merchant, who preceded her in death, October 21, 1936.

She is survived by one son, Cover Smith, and one daughter, Mrs. Juanita Stewart, both of Muncie. She is also survived by one brother and three sisters, Irvin G. Metzner, of Bryant; Mrs. Amanda Axe, of northeast of Portland; Mrs. E. H. Baumgartner, of Berne, and Mrs. Laura Sanders of Yoder.

Mrs. Smith was an active member of the Muncie Friends church.

Funeral services were conducted from the Meeks chapel this afternoon. Rev. S. E. Saylor, pastor of the Friends church officiated. The body was placed in a crypt at the Elm Ridge cemetery, west of Muncie.

(Handwritten date: Tuesday, September 9, 1941)

15 CALLED TO ARMY SERVICE

15 Adams County Youths To Leave For Training September 19

Fifteen more draftees will leave Adams county on the morning of Friday, September 19 for Fort Benjamin Harrison to start selective service training.

The call for the 15 youths has been received by the county draft board and orders sent to the young men to report at that time.

They will leave by ABC bus from the draft board offices in the library building at 9:15 a.m. and have been ordered to report at 9 a.m.

The induction of the 15, if all are successful in passing the examination at camp, will bring the total inducted from Adams county to 149. This is the first group to be sent from Adams county since July 11, when 10 boys were called into service.

One of the youths, Daniel Edward McAfee, is a volunteer.

Following is a list of the youths with the order numbers preceding the names:

1235-V - Daniel Edward McAfee

1075 - Reuben Jacob Ringger

1101 - John Henry Johnson

1110 - Gordon John Fox

1148 - Charles Edgar Fox, Jr.

1152 - Philip Gee Greene

1153 - Xystus Charles Meyer

1162 - Forest Arden Kenworthy

1169 - Virgil Jesse Uhrick

1201 - Mark David Colchin

1226 - John Lynn Grile

1272 - James William Tutweller

1292 - John William McMillen

1322 - Merril Emory Johnson

1335 - James Lester Habegger

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PROMOTED TO CORPORAL

Leroy Rich, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rich of northeast of Berne, who is stationed at Camp Shelby, was recently promoted from the rank of a private to that of a corporal, according to word received here. Corporal Rich intends to start home from Camp Shelby on Sunday for his Christmas furlough.

(Handwritten date: Saturday, December 13, 1941)

BUTCHER QUILTS JUSTICE POST

Adams C. Butcher Resigns As Justice of Peace Here

Adam C. Butcher, local attorney, today tendered his resignation as justice of peace of Washington township to Clyde C. Troutner, a clerk of the Adams circuit court.

The resignation is to become effective on January 1, 1942, according to the original submitted by the county court.

Mr. Butcher was elected to the post without opposition in the fall election of 1940 along with W. ?. Little, also of Decatur. Mr. Little who has been ill for some time, has been conducting the business of his office at his home.

Since the law provides that the county may have two justices of the peace, the county commissioners are expected to name a successor to Mr. Butcher at a future meeting.

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