

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, March 27, 1940)

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Katherine M. and Jacob M. Schwartz, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schwartz, who lost their lives Sunday night in an auto-buggy crash north of Berne were buried this morning in the Amish cemetery near their home amid all the ceremonial rites symbolic of the Amish faith.

The road for a mile north and south of the Schwartz and Aaron Zook home, two miles east of road 27, was blocked by the scores of autos and rigs, carrying those who attended the services.

Amish from Davis county near Elkhart and Allen county came to the Schwartz home this morning to attend the services. A handful of Adams county residents attending their first Amish funeral swelled the number.

The bodies were kept at the Schwartz home where Joseph A. Schwartz Amish bishop, conducted the service in high German, while another preacher of the religious sect preached the sermon at the Zook home. Both homes were filled to capacity. The Amish have no church here.

In accordance with Amish custom, they conducted their own funeral services, requiring the services of a Berne undertaker only to embalm. The children lay in hand made, plain, wooden caskets, stained to a darker color. The caskets were not lined but a pillow lay beneath their heads.

After two hour services, a wagon carrying the caskets headed the funeral cortege to the Amish cemetery, located east of federal road 27, north of Berne. In burying the pair, wooden rough boxes, also hand made, were used.

All of the Amish were garbed in their habitual costume, fastened by hooks and eyes instead of buttons. The men wore black, flat brimmed hats with black flowing coats and capes. The women wore dark dresses and capes similar to those used for everyday wear.

VERDICT WITHHELD

J. Jerome Yager, of Berne, Adams county coroner, stated this morning that he was withholding his verdict until he could conduct a more thorough investigation. Harry Roth, 19, driver of the car involved in the crash, is at liberty under \$500 bond after pleading not guilty to a reckless homicide charge.

A survey disclosed that the last fatal accident in the county involving a buggy occurred north of Berne on October 24, 1931. Raymond Ross Benner, of Fort Wayne, driver of the auto lost his life in that accident. There have been a number of accidents since that time involving rigs, which did not result in a fatality.

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NEUENSCHWANDER ...CHURCH EVENT
Easter Wedding Occurs at Mennonite Church

Miss Ida Neuenschwander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Neuenschwander, became the bride of David V. Graber, Sr., son of Mrs. Victor Graber, Sr., in a ceremony which took place on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the First Mennonite church.

The altar was banked with ferns and the greenery interspersed with baskets of gladioli and snapdragons and potted Easter lilies. Three candelabrae held lighted white tapers.

Dr. C. H. Suckau, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends. The double ring service was used.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Miss Ruth Liechty at the organ, and vocalists, Miss Lorraine and Edward Burkhalter and Florence Habegger. Miss Liechty played a fifteen minute recital followed by the following selections in vocal numbers: "I Love You Truly" by Edward and Lorraine Burkhalter; "O Promise Me" by Florence Habegger and Lorraine Burkhalter and "Because" by Edward Burkhalter. The bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" was played for the processional just after the candles were lit and Mendelssohn's wedding march was used for the recessional.

The ushers were Kenneth Neuenschwander, James Von Gunten, cousins of the bride, Lew Hartman and Max Bahner, the latter two of Monroe.

Miss Vera Neuenschwander, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a sheer pink dress trimmed in blue with the shoulders shirred. With it she wore a locket which was her gift from the bride, and she carried a bouquet of Token roses.

The bride entered with her father by whom she was given in marriage. Her gown was of white satin with a long train and closed in the back with buttons from the neck to the waist. Her fingertip veil was trimmed all around with lace. She carried a bouquet of gardenia, freezia, white and blue grape hyacinth. She wore a two-strand necklace of pearls which was her gift from the groom.

Mr. Graber had as his best man, Elmer Graber, who is his nephew. The bridegroom wore a gardenia boutonniere, and the best man a Token rose boutonniere. The ushers' boutonniere's were made of white carnations. Both mothers wore white corsages.

Immediately following the wedding a reception was given at the home of the bride in honor of members of the wedding party and out of town guests. The Misses Iola and Barbara Von Gunten served as waitresses after the bride cut the first piece of the wedding cake with the help of the bridegroom. The three-tiered wedding cake was decorated with blue bells and pink ribbons, and the ice cream stenciled with pink (cut off)

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PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned administratrix of the estate of Pearl King, deceased, will sell at Public Auction at the late residence of the decedent, 1 1/2 miles South of Willshire, Ohio, on the state line.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1940

Beginning at 12:00 Noon

LIVESTOCK: 6 head of Dairy Cows; 33 head of Shropshire Ewes; lamb in April; 1 Pure Bred Shropshire Ram; 3 Brood Sows; 34 Fall Pigs.

GRAIN & HAY: 800 Bushel of Corn; 20 Ton of Baled Hay; Timothy; Alfalfa and Clover.

IMPLEMENTS: Moline Fertilizer Grain Drill; Deering Binder 8 ft; Manure Spreader; Spring Tooth Harrow; Walking Plow; Riding Cultivator; Mower; Tedder; Garden Plows; Hog Fountain; Ladders; Roll of Hog Fence; Corn Sheller; 2 Pump Jacks; 1 Electric Motor; Fence Stretcher; Round Brooder House; Lawn Mower; Electric Brooder Stove.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Hot Point electric range with kitchen heater to match, used 18 months; Heatrola heating stove, new firepot; 3 hole burner kerosene stove; Home Comfort kitchen range; Kitchen cabinet, table and chairs; Oak dining room suite; 3 piece mohair living room suite; Philco radio; Deer head; Hall tree; Singer electric sweeper, new; 2 ivory bedroom suites; Brass bed; DeLavel cream separator No. 12; Maytag washing machine; Fruit cupboards; 3 Axminster rugs 6x8; 2 rugs 11x12, and many articles too numerous to mention.

AUTOMOBILE: 1937 Plymouth 4 door sedan, driven 12,000 miles (Handwritten note: Eli bought the car for \$400.00, it had 12,705 miles on it at day of sale)

TERMS: cash

Iva D. King, Administratrix

Roy S. Johnson - Auctioneer

Melvin Shivley - Clerk

Thane Spahr - Attorney

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BIRTHS

Carl L. and Dorcas Byerly Mann of Tocsin are the parents of a baby boy, Patrick Carval, born Saturday at the Adams County Memorial hospital.

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PETER D. ROTH, 84, DIES SUNDAY A.M.

Funeral for Retired Farmer and Thresher is Tuesday P.M.

Peter D. Roth, 84, retired thresher and Blue Creek township farmer, died Sunday morning at 12:15 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Beer of near town.

The decedent had been seriously ill for six weeks and was bedfast since May. Death was caused from senility and complications.

He was born March 28, 1885 [sic], the son of Christian and Mary Hirschy Roth. He was married to Elizabeth Wittwer. She preceded him passing away 14 years ago.

He was a member of the Defenseless Mennonite church.

Surviving are two sons, Noah Roth of Decatur and Menno of Monroe; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Liechty and Mrs. Emma Beer of near Berne and Mrs. Sarah Augsburg of Highwood, Calif. An adopted son, Joe Beary, lives at Fort Wayne. Three sons, Henry, David and Amos, preceded.

One brother, John, of Arizona survives. Brothers and sisters preceding were Jacob, Mrs. George Zehr, Mrs. Peter Rich, Mrs. Rosa Klopfenstein. Two sisters died in infancy.

Fifteen grandchildren survive.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Defenseless Mennonite church following a brief service at the Beer home at 1:15. The Rev. N. J. Schmucker, pastor of the church, will officiate with Rev. Vernon Riley assisting. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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