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BERNE NEWS

William Reusser, 75-year-old local man who recently recovered from a serious illness, fell on the ice this week and suffered a cracked shoulder blade. His condition is not believed serious at this time.

Anita Kennel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kennel and a pupil in the first grade here, suffered a bad arm fracture when she fell from a slide.

Miss Lizzie Rohrer, 74, of this place, had her right hand badly injured when she had it caught in a wringer. No bones were broken but the hand was badly bruised.

Jess Michaud, well known local auctioneer who has been seriously ill for some time, is reported to be somewhat improved.

Miss Rufine Habegger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Habegger of Monroe township, living near the Winchester church, and Howard Pharr, of near Dalton, Georgia, who spends a large part of his time in this community, were united in marriage at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. The vows were received at the parsonage of the First Missionary church here, the Rev. C. H. Weiderkehr officiating. The bride's sister, Irene, and Robert Presdorf attended the couple. (handwritten "on Feb. 28")

Oswin Sprunger, custodian of the Berne auditorium, was host at a banquet at the auditorium Tuesday evening for the players of the basketball teams in the independent net league here. Sixty-four players and officials were present. The other twenty individuals who had been invited were unable to be present. Baked ham and more of the same, featured the menu, served family style.

Mrs. Sherman Stucky of this place was badly burned about the face and hands when a small stove exploded. Her condition is not serious.

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SISTER KOSTKA DIES THURSDAY

Decatur's Oldest Nun Dies Thursday After Long Illness

Sister M. Kostka, 92, a sister of the late John Schurger of this city, and a Catholic Sister of Providence for more than 70 years, died Thursday at the motherhouse at St. Mary's of the Woods, near Terre Haute.

Death was attributed to infirmities. She had been a patient in the convent hospital for several months.

Sister Kostka was well known in Decatur. Her last visit here was in August, 1938, when St. Mary's parish celebrated its Centennial. Sister Kostka was an honored guest at the celebration and remained here for a several days visit with relatives and friends.

(Photo of Sister Kostka)

Sister M. Kostka, formerly Miss Catherine Schurger, of this city, died Thursday at the Sisters of Providence Motherhouse at St. Mary's of the Woods. She was 92 years old and joined the convent about 70 years ago.

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