

(Handwritten date: Friday, January 19, 1940)

JERRY MANGANO IS SENTENCED TO DIE FEB. 23

Alleged Berne Slayer Sentenced to Die in Chicago For Slaying

(Handwritten note: He got a reprieve til April 19)

CHICAGO, Jan. 19 - Jerry Mangano, 22, was sentenced today by criminal court judge John Sharbaro to die in the electric chair Feb. 23 for the slaying last Nov. 20 of policeman Harry Francois. He was convicted Jan. 12.

Mangano appeared dejected as he heard the sentence. County jail attendants said he had been on a three-meal hunger strike before appearing for sentence.

Meantime, Joseph Russano, an amateur boxer, was on trial in criminal court as one of two alleged accomplices of Mangano in the slaying.

Francois was shot and killed as he interrupted three men who were robbing a couple in a parked car.

Italo Bengani, third member of the gang, has pleaded guilty and will be sentenced following Russano's trial.

NAMED BERNE KILLER

Mangano, named above to die Feb. 23, has been positively identified as the slayer of Anthony Michaud, Berne service station and fruit market attendant, at Berne last August.

Identification of Mangano was made by Mrs. Sam Schindler, of Berne, who pointed out Mangano as the Michaud slayer in a Chicago court room last December 1. Mr. and Mrs. Schindler live above the service station where Michaud was employed.

Mrs. Schindler was the only person in Berne to obtain a (cut off)

....and enter an auto containing another man. She did not obtain a view of Mangano's accomplice.

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TO BE WED IN FEBRUARY

Friends and relatives of Miss Wilma Branstetter, daughter of C. A. Branstetter of this place, received announcement Thursday of her approaching marriage to Chester Daniel Gaede. The wedding will take place Monday, 5:30 p.m., February 12, in the Wee Kirk O' the Heather at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif. Miss Branstetter lives at Oxnard, Calif., and the groom-to-be at Glendale.

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BERNE GIRL TO BE MAY QUEEN

Betty Schindler Honored by Election at Manchester College

BERNE, Ind., March 9 - Miss Betty Schindler, senior at Manchester college, has been elected May Queen, according to word received here.

Miss Schindler is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Schindler, of Berne, and was graduated from the Berne High School with the class of 1936. Her maid of honor will be Miss Mary Stone of Wabash. Miss Schindler is a slender brunette. In college she majors in music with a minor in home economics. She has been active in many affairs on the college campus.

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SETTLE CLAIMS FOR FATALITIES

Judge Sustains Petitions In Deaths of Young Amish Couple

Petitions by the administratrix in the estate of Jacob and Catharine Schwartz, young Amish brother and sister, killed last month in an auto-buggy crash, to settle claims for their wrongful deaths were sustained in circuit court yesterday by Judge J. Fred Fructe.

Ruby Bogardus, as administratrix of the estate of the two, had filed a petition asking for authority to accept a settlement of \$350 in the death of boy and \$100 in the death of the girl.

The claims had been made against Harry Roth, of Monroe, driver of the car, which allegedly struck the buggy carrying the pair.

The court sustained a petition filed by minor heirs asking that a distribution of the money be made without the intervention of a guard- (Cut off)

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