

(Handwritten date: Friday, April 26, 1940)

MARK GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

(Photo) Saturday will be the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Thieme, natives and residents of Union township, northwest of Decatur. The event is to be observed by a special church service, a dinner for the immediate family and an open house Sunday.

The church service will be held at the Bleeke Immanuel Lutheran church in Union township at 1:30 o'clock sun time, Sunday afternoon. This service, open to the public, is to be conducted by Rev. Harry Kruckeberg, of Striker, O., former neighbor of the Thieme family. Late in the afternoon the immediate family of the couple will meet at the Theodore Thieme home for a supper, which is to be followed by an open house for friends from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Although the parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Thieme were born in Germany, each was born in Union township. Mr. Thieme was born February 13, 1868, the son of Andrew and Christine Kruckeberg Thieme. Mrs. Thieme was born September 8, 1870, the daughter of Christ and Caroline Kruckeberg Schamerloh. Her name before her marriage was Miss Caroline Schamerloh.

As children Mr. and Mrs. Thieme were neighbors and friends, attending the parochial and township schools of Union township. They were both members of the Bleeke church.

The couple was the last to be married in the old Bleeke church, which stood near the site of the present building. The ceremony took place April 27, 1890, and was performed by the late Rev. William Schmidt, pastor of the church at that time.

After the marriage the couple lived for a few years with Mr. Thieme's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Studler in Union township. Later, Mr. Thieme purchased 40 acres of land in the township to which he has since added 40 more. For many years he farmed not only his own 80 acres, but the 80 acres of his foster parents.

Twenty years ago Mr. Thieme retired, and he and his wife moved to Decatur where they lived for five and a half years, however they preferred life on the home farm to that in the city and moved back to their Union township home. The farm is now operated by his sons.

Mr. Thieme has been active in church life, having served as trustee and at the present time is one of the elders of the Bleeke church.

Seven children were born to the couple, two of whom died in infancy. One son died at the age of 21 and had not married.

The four surviving children each have two children and are: Anton, whose sons' names are Gilbert and Elzey; Edwin, whose children's names are Melvin and Eileen; Mrs. Gertrude Grotrian, whose sons are Frederick and Arnold, and Mrs. Edna Grotrian, whose sons are Lester and Carlton. There are no great grandchildren.

Mr. Thieme's half-brother, August Thieme, and his wife, and his half-sister, Mrs. Clara Struempler, and her husband, all of Nebraska, are planning to attend the services and family gathering Sunday.

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HEART ATTACK PROVES FATAL

Amos R. Brandyberry Dies Suddenly at Home in Monroe

Amos R. Brandyberry, 78, died at his home in Monroe this morning at 2:30 o'clock. Death was caused by a sudden heart attack. Mr. Brandyberry had been in the best of health. He was an employe of the Decatur Casting company.

The deceased was a lifelong resident of Monroe and one of the pioneer members of the Friends

church in that community. He was born in Monroe township, May 14, 1861, a son of Abraham and Louisa Brandyberry.

His wife, Clinda Major-Brandyberry, survives, together with the following children: Floyd Brandyberry, Mrs. Otho Lobenstein, and Otis Brandyberry, all of Monroe; Mrs. Ethel Branch of Decatur and Mrs. Frank Hartnett of Scottville, Michigan. A sister, Mrs. Etta Heffner of Monroe and a brother, Rev. M. T. Brandyberry of Ontario, California also survive, together with eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Three sisters and two brothers are deceased.

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DEATH CLAIMS S. S. AUMILLER

Wabash Township Farmer Dies Shortly Before Noon Today

Samuel S. Aumiller, 74, died at his home in Wabash township this morning at 11:30 o'clock. He had been ill with Bright's disease for seven months. The immediate cause of death was given as pneumonia.

The deceased, who was a farmer during his entire life, was born in Willshire, Ohio, May 6, 1865, a son of Peter and Catherine Aumiller. He was married to Luella Galloway, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are the following children: William, of Fort Wayne; Roy, at home; Otto of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Lula Kissinger of Columbia City. Three sisters, all of Berne, route two, also survive. They are Mrs. Mollie Buckey, Mrs. Mary Galloway and Mrs. Anna Blowers. Besides his wife, a daughter, a son, four brothers, and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Yager funeral home in Berne. Rev. C. H. Suckau will officiate and burial will be in the Crawford cemetery southeast of Berne.

(Handwritten date: Saturday, April 6, 1940)

ADAMS COUNTY NATIVE DIES

Edward Moeschberger Dies Friday in French Township

Edward Moeschberger, 83, a retired farmer, died at his home in French township, three and one-half miles west and one-half mile north of Berne, Friday night at 8:10 o'clock. He suffered a stroke of paralysis Wednesday.

He was born in French township, August 6, 1856, the son of Christian and Anna Kohler-Moeschberger. He lived his entire life on the same farm. He married Anna Augsburg July 27, 1893.

Surviving besides the widow are the following children: Esther, Pearl and Dale Moeschberger, all at home; Elmer, of Red Lodge, Mont., Ezra of Wabash township, Raymond of Fort Wayne, Christ and Homer of French township, and Howard of Hartford township. One sister, Mrs. H. S. Michaud, lives in Decatur and a half-brother lives in Boulder, Colo.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the home and at 2 o'clock at the West Missionary church, Rev. C. J. Gerig, officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

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CALVIN BOAN DIES AT COUNTY INFIRMARY

Calvin Boan, 78, died late Tuesday at the Adams county infirmary. Death was attributed to complications. The deceased had been an inmate of the institution for the past 14 years.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Edna Burt of Fort Recovery, Ohio and two brothers, Harry and John, both of Oklahoma. The body was taken to the Yager funeral home in Berne.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Yager funeral home, and burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

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MRS. LORD IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Mother of Decatur Man Dies Last Night Near Fort Wayne

Mrs. Rosina Ann Lord, 60, mother of Solomon Lord of this city, died at 8:20 o'clock Tuesday night at her home in Allen county of complications resulting from an extended illness.

She was born in Berne August 16, 1878, the daughter of Solomon and Anna Burke-Neuenschwander. She and her husband Reuben left Decatur 18 years ago, moving to the present home south of Fort Wayne on Anthony boulevard, extended.

She was a member of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church of this city and of the Pocahontas lodge of Decatur.

Surviving besides the husband are two sons, Solomon of this city, and Lawrence of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Mrs. Estel Dull of St. Cloud, Fla.; two brothers, Solomon B., and Noah M. Neuenschwander, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mrs. Frank Grieser, route one, Monroeville; and four grandchildren.

The body was brought to the S. E. Black funeral home in this city. The Pocahontas lodge will conduct a service at the funeral home at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

The body will be returned to the home Thursday afternoon, where funeral services will be held at (cut off)

...cemetery in that city.

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