

(Handwritten date: Tuesday, March 19, 1940)

PARTY ENJOYED SATURDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Muselman of Berne entertained the members of Mr. Muselman's Sunday School class of the First Missionary church, with a dinner and program held above the Ewiss Cafe Saturday evening. Ninety-nine people attended the event, which also marked the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Muselman. They were married twenty-five years ago Monday on March 18, 1915, but celebrated the anniversary with the Saturday evening dinner and program. The class presented Mr. and Mrs. Muselman with a beautiful set of silverware.

An excellent meal and an interesting and inspiring program featured the gathering. Rev. C. H. Weiderkehr, pastor of the Missionary church served as chairman. Miss Gyneth Schindler was in charge of group singing. This was followed by an accordion duet by Vera Lehman and Kathleen Inniger. Carolyn Muselman then played a violin solo, followed with a duet by Melvin and Clifford Sprunger.

Vilas Schindler, Sunday School superintendent at the Missionary church gave the history of the Sunday School class, which was started in 1917. Truman Gottschalk gave a cornet solo. Mr. Muselman then gave a short talk, in which he expressed his gratitude to the members of his class for their fine interest and support during the past. David L. Habegger was in charge of a German selection and Jacob L. Inniger followed with a short talk. Dorothy and Mildred Hirschy sang a duet which was followed by remarks and testimonies in charge of Rev. Weiderkehr. The program came to a close by a selection sung by three of the David Steury children, and the benediction.

Those who attended the event were Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Weiderkehr and family; Mr. and Mrs. David Habegger and family; Mr. and (cut off)... Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fennig and family; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hirschy and family; (cut off)

(Handwritten date: Monday, March 18, 1940)

FARMER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Chester McAfee Commits Suicide at Hartford Township Home

The lifeless body of Chester L. McAfee, 57, well-known Hartford township farmer, was found in the haymow of the McAfee barn early this morning, the top of his head shattered by a shotgun discharge.

Coroner J. Jerome Yager, who was summoned, said death was caused by suicide. He said financial reverses suffered by McAfee afforded the motive.

The body was found by Mrs. Artie McAfee, his wife, at 8 a.m. Coroner Yager stated that he had probably been dead 15 or 20 minutes before that time.

A shot from a .410 gauge shotgun had been fired into the center of his forehead by McAfee after he had crawled up into the haymow.

The deceased was born in Rockcreek township, Wells county, March 4, 1883, the son of Peter and Mary Conklin-McAfee. He was married in February, 1908.

He moved with his family to Hartford township about eight months ago. Surviving besides the widow, are a daughter, Mrs. Henry Harmon of Roanoke and a son, Daniel, at home; the following brothers and sisters, Cal of Bluffton, Burt of Roanoke, Mrs. Jennie High, Mrs. Edna Houtz, both of near Bluffton, and Mrs. Homer Harshman of Uniondale. One sister is deceased.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, and burial will be in the St. Paul cemetery, 10 miles west of Bluffton.

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, April 3, 1940)

DEATH CLAIMS BERNE WOMAN

Mrs. William Amstutz Dies Early This Morning At Home In Berne

Mrs. Bertha Amstutz, 53, wife of William Amstutz, died at 6 o'clock this morning at her home in Berne. She had been in critical condition following a stroke of paralysis eight days ago.

She was born near Berne, February 12, 1887, the daughter of Peter and Fanny Moser-Yoder. She married William Amstutz, June 17, 1923. No children were born to their union.

Surviving besides the husband are three brothers, Henry and Elmer Yoder of Berne, and Levi Yoder of Linn Grove, and one sister, Mrs. Lydia Steiner of Geneva.

Mrs. Amstutz was a member of the Defenseless Mennonite church.

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

(Handwritten date of Feb 1, 1940)

MRS. JOHN HAGGARD DIES NEAR MONROE

Funeral For Woman Claimed by Carcinoma is on Sunday

Mrs. Mollie Walker Haggard, 61, wife of John Haggard of southwest of Monroe passed away at 1:35 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Death was caused by carcinoma following an extended illness.

She was born April 22, 1878, in Wayne County, this state, the daughter of John and Mary Putthoff Walker. Her marriage to John Allen Haggard took place at Shepherd, Mich., on November 4, 1909.

Surviving with the husband are the following children: Dorothy and Francis, at home; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Adda Gilbert of Monroe; a step-son, Sam of Decatur. Six step-grandchildren survive as do her parents.

Brothers and sisters surviving are: Mrs. John Walker, Brecken Ridge, Mich.; Mrs. Mayme Crumcaugh, St. Louis, Mich.; Mrs. Tillie Hurst, Decatur; Mrs. Leona Stump of Decatur and Irene Walker of Shepherd, Mich. Two sisters preceded.

The deceased was a member of the Pleasant Valley church where funeral services will be conducted Sunday at 2:00 p.m. following a service at the home at 1:30. Officiating will be Rev. E. J. Mills and Rev. Grant Whiteneck. Burial will be in the Ray Cemetery.

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