

(Handwritten date: Thursday, February 15, 1940)

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. HIRSCHY

Mrs. Christena Hirschy Dies Wednesday Night At Home In Berne

Mrs. Christena Hirschy, 80, widow of the late Samuel B. Hirschy, died Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Winteregg at Berne.

Death was attributed to complications. She first became ill Tuesday.

The deceased was born in Wabash township August 29, 1859, the daughter of Peter and Barbara Steiner Luginbill. She was married to Samuel B. Hirschy April 24, 1881.

The couple spent their entire married life in Blue Creek township with the exception of the last three years. The husband died last March.

Surviving are the following children: William of near Berne, Mrs. Winteregg of Berne, Mrs. Alfred Habegger of Busby, Montana, Gilbert of near Decatur, Mrs. Mabel Johnston of Detroit; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Stucky of Decatur, and Mrs. S. F. Sprunger, of Berne. Three daughters, four brothers and three sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock at the Winteregg home and 2 o'clock at the First Mennonite church of which she was a member. Rev. C. H. Suckau will officiate and burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

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MISS EDITH BEBOUT DIES TUESDAY NIGHT

Miss Edith Bebout, 21, of Van Wert, Ohio, and a former resident of Adams county, died last night shortly after witnessing the Golden Gloves fights at Fort Wayne. It is believed that the excitement proved too much for her heart.

Miss Bebout, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bebout, formerly lived east of Berne. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

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BEBOUT DEATH TO BE PROBED

Allen County Coroner Investigates Edith Bebout Death

The unexplained death of Miss Edith Bebout, 21, of Van Wert, Ohio, formerly of near Berne, who died Tuesday night in Fort Wayne after witnessing the Golden Glove bouts, is to be probed next Thursday by Coroner A. P. Hattendorf, of Allen county.

A report that she died of a heart attack, aggravated by the excitement of watching the prize fights, was not corroborated by the coroner and he said that an examination showed no anatomical cause of death.

The lady reported to a physician's office shortly after the fight, became violently ill and died within a few minutes. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Evangelical church in Van Wert.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bebout, two brothers, Donald and Gene, and five sisters, Mrs. Glendola Myers of Chattanooga, Ohio, Donna V., Joan, Patty and Mary, all at home.

She was employed as a clerk in the J. C. Penney store at Van Wert. The family moved to Van (cut off)

(Handwritten date: Saturday, February 3, 1940)

MISS MILDRED MILLER MARRIES PAUL GROSS

Miss Mildred Gertrude Miller, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Ed P. Miller of 313 South First street, became the bride of Paul Clarence Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gross of Bluffton, in an impressive ceremony solemnized this morning at ten o'clock in the St. Mary's Catholic church.

Rev. J. J. Seimetz received the single ring vows before an altar beautiful with white chrysanthemums and ferns. Sister M. Patricia played the processional which was Rouler's Rossini and the recessional which was Mendelssohn's. Darwin Leitz sang "Ava Maria."

The bride's attendant was her sister, Miss Rosemary Miller, while William Hertrick, of Tell City, uncle of the groom, served as the best man. Leo Ulman and Leo Hackman were ushers.

The bride wore a gown of ivory satin fashioned princess style with a train. Her Juliet cap, trimmed in ivory peals, ended in a long train. She carried a bridal bouquet of calla lilies and wore as her only adornment a locket which had been given to her mother on her wedding day.

Her attendant wore a gown of old rose moire taffeta with accessories to match. Her dress was fashioned with a square neck, puffed sleeves, a tight fitted waist and a full skirt. She carried a Colonial bouquet.

Dinner was served to thirty guests at the home of the bride's parents after the ceremony and in the afternoon a reception was held from two to four o'clock. The couple left for a wedding trip of unannounced destination. They will be at home in Bluffton after March 7.

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, January 24, 1940)

OBITUARY

On Aug. 9, 1851, there came to bless the home of Henry and Martha Earhart Heller of near Pittsburgh, Ohio, a son, whom his happy parents chose to call Jacob. He was one of a family of nine, all of whom have preceded him to the glory world. On Saturday morning, Jan. 20, 1940, the Lord, in His infinite wisdom said, "It is enough, come home thou good and faithful servant." Bro. Heller had prayed earnestly that he might be prepared and ready for his crossing to the other shore. He had reached the ripe age of 88 years, 5 months and 11 days.

His early life was spent on the farm near Pittsburgh, Ohio, and he received his education in the rural school near. While a young man in his late teens he united with the Church of the Brethren at Pittsburgh, and for more than seventy years he was loyal to his early profession.

In the spring of 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Elzey. To this union were born six children, Mr. Wm. H. Heller of Decatur, Mrs. Margaret Jones of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Martha Murphy of Monroeville, Mr. Orville Heller of Preble, Ind., Mrs. Pearl Brown of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Roy Heller of Decatur. All survive. A great sorrow came into his home when in 1889 the mother was called home.

In 1891, Bro. Heller was united in marriage to Mary Landis, who passed to her reward in 1911. On Oct. 20, 1915 he was married to Mrs. Sarah Grafmiller, who survives.

Soon after his first marriage he moved to a farm near Decatur, Ind. He was one of the charter members of the Pleasant Dale church. In the early days he served this church as trustee and deacon. He was active in the construction of the present church edifice. Forty-two years ago he was installed in the ministry. In this capacity he served faithfully during the rest of his active life, 17 years at Pleasant Dale and 25 at Portland besides preaching at other points, conducting Love Feasts, etc. He did much to help keep the Portland Church active during the days when they had no pastor. He was blind during the last five years of his life but he preached many sermons during his blindness. He never received pay for his preaching, first earning a livelihood for his family by farming and later by following the profession of tree surgeon.

Bro. Heller was always in inspiration to those among whom he worked. He always felt that it was his duty to lead folks to better ways of living. Within the years your servant has seen him giving pennies to children who did not have so that they might be able to give when the Sunday School collection was taken.

Besides his children and his companion, he leaves to mourn his passing, three stepsons, Harley Grafmiller of Fort Wayne, Oren Grafmiller of Sherwood, Michigan, Oliver Grafmiller of Floral ave.; 23 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. One grandchild, two great-grandchildren and one step-son are deceased. He will be greatly missed by his church and his community.

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