

(Handwritten date: Friday, October 18, 1940)

BERNE NEWS

The Albert Augsburger farm of 60 acres, located in Jefferson township, southeast of Berne, was sold at public auction Wednesday and brought \$117 an acre, the highest price paid for land in this community in a long time. Jeff Liechty was the auctioneer and reports that bidding for the farm was brisk. John Bates, of Rockford, Ohio, bought the farm.

Arrangements have been completed for the Democratic rally here Saturday evening of this week. The speakers will be Frank Corbet of Fort Wayne, Democratic candidate for congress, and William Fitzgerald, attorney from North Vernon and candidate for judge of the state supreme court. Special music will be furnished by Walter Zuercher and the Inniger brothers. A large crowd is expected.

The Berne schools will be closed on October 24 and 25 for the annual teachers' conventions. Most of the local teachers will attend the Fort Wayne convention while others will go to Indianapolis.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the George Hedington home northeast of Berne for Leon Gerald, son of Carl and Dorothy Hoffman Hedington, who died following an illness of several weeks. The child was born May 25, 1940. The parents and a brother survive.

The junior class of the Berne high school will present the play, "Welcome Home Jimmy" at the Berne Auditorium Tuesday evening, Oct. 22 at 7:30 o'clock. The following are members of the cast: LaVerda Sprunger, Ardythe Luginbill, Berneta Liechty, Harold Nussbaum, Howard Baumgartner, Norbert Nyffeler, Pauline Girod, Raymond Mazelin and Lois Lehman.

Dr. A. W. Cordier, head of the history and political science department at Manchester College, will be the speaker at the October banquet and meeting of the Berne Chamber of Commerce, which will be held next Monday evening at the regular meeting place above the Swiss cafe.

A dedication service was held Wednesday evening at the Defenseless Mennonite Church west of Berne for the new church parsonage which was just recently completed in the west part of town, and which is now occupied by Rev. and Mrs. N. J. Schmucker. Open house will be held at the parsonage all day Saturday.

Mrs. Hannah Eley of this place has sold her residence on East Main street to Levi Amstutz. Mrs. Eley and her son, Dale, well known local baseball umpire, will move to Fort Wayne in the near future.

Rev. Ervin Launtz, formerly of this community, has returned to his home at Detroit following a two weeks' visit with relatives in this community.

Men between the ages of 21 and 35 registered here on Wednesday without exception, 358 registering at the two local places. The registration went off without a hitch, although the usual number of 'funny' or amusing incidents are reported, but most of these would not do for publication.

More than 50 women, members of the local Mennonite and Defenseless Mennonite churches, Thursday attended an all-day convention of the Indiana Mennonite societies held at Nappanee. The trip to Nappanee was made in two large buses. A large number of ladies of the local Missionary and West Missionary churches also attended a women's missionary convention held at Woodburn Thursday. Mrs. C. H. Weiderkehr, wife of the pastor of the Berne Missionary church had charge of the Woodburn meeting.

The sugar beet harvest is well under way in this community.

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MISS IRETA EGLY BRIDE OF EARL HARMON

Miss Ireta Egly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Egly, of Monroe, and Earl Harmon, son of Mrs. Mila Harmon of east of Decatur were united in marriage at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed church. Rev. H. H. Meckstroth received the double ring vows.

Mrs. Wilmer Harmon presented a musicale. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The church was decorated with autumn foliage and baskets of gladioluses and lighted with white tapers.

The bride wore white brocaded taffeta fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, small covered buttons down the back and a long train. The sleeves were leg-o'-mutton and her veil was fingertip length. She wore a triple strand of pearls, the gift of the groom, and carried a bouquet of lillies and white pompoms, tied with white satin ribbons and a shower of angel skin ribbons.

Miss Delores Egly attended her sister as matron of honor, wearing a rose taffeta dress, floor length. She wore a strand of pearls, a gift from the bride. A wine velvet ribbon in her hair and a colonial bouquet of yellow pompoms completed her costume.

Miss Esther Harmon, sister of the groom, attended as bridesmaid, wearing blue satin. Her dress was also floor length and she also wore a strand of pearls, a gift of the bride. She wore a wine colored hairbow and carried a bouquet of pink pompoms.

The bride's mother wore soldier blue and the groom's mother wore navy blue. Their corsages were of pink pompoms. Mrs. William Shoaf, grandmother of the bride, wore a corsage of pink pompoms.

William Joray was the groom's attendant, both wearing boutonnieres of white poms.

A six o'clock dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents with members of the bridal party, the immediate families, and a few friends of the guests.

The groom is a graduate of Decatur high school and is employed at the Soya company. The bride is a graduate of the Monroe high school. She attended Warner's beauty college and is now proprietor of the Vogue beauty salon in this city, where they will reside.

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...POLIO VICTIM

Child's Death First In Adams County of Infantile Paralysis

Adams county's first case of poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis, proved fatal Monday night when Richard Allen Rupert, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rupert of Monroe, died at his home.

It was the first case of the disease reported in the county, although all surrounding counties had reported numerous cases in the past few weeks.

The infant was stricken with influenza Sunday. He died Monday night at 9:15 o'clock. The attending physician attributed the death to anterior poliomyelitis.

The victim was born in Decatur, February 23, 1938. His parents moved to Monroe when he was but 10 days old and have resided there since.

Surviving, besides the parents, are two sisters, Pauline and Shirley Ann; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rupert, and the maternal grandfather, Brant Riley, all of Monroe.

PRIVATE FUNERAL

A short private funeral service was held this afternoon at the Ray cemetery in Monroe. The casket was not opened. The body was removed to the Lobenstein funeral home and then returned to the Rupert residence.

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OBITUARY

Little Richard Allen Rupert, son of Glenn and Wilda Rupert, was born Feb. 23, 1938, in Monroe, Indiana, and departed this short life October 14, 1940, at the age of 2 years, 8 months and 20 days at his home in Monroe.

He leaves the father and mother, two sisters, Pauline and Shirley Ann, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rupert of Monroe, Mr. Albert B. Riley of Mendon, Ohio, and a large host of relatives and friends.

Little Richard was always a happy little boy and will be greatly missed in home, town and community. Although every effort was taken to prolong his life here, we feel the Lord knows best and we say 'Thy will be done.'

No child is too little for Jesus to love,
His own word tells us so,
Of all the sweet things that dear Bible tells

This one is the sweetest we know.
No child is too little for Jesus to love,
Too little for Jesus to learn
No child is too little his dear love to know,
Too little that love to return.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely wish to thank all our friends and neighbors, the Krick-Tyndall Tile Co., and employees and all those who were so kind to us during our recent bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rupert and Family.

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