

(Handwritten date: Saturday, June 15, 1940)

Miss Bernice Luginbill, prominent Berne young woman, will become the bride of Maynard Stucky in one of the outstanding early summer weddings. The marriage will take place Sunday afternoon, June 28, at the West Missionary church.

Miss Luginbill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Luginbill. She is a graduate of the Berne High School and is employed as secretary and stenographer in the offices of the Economy Printing Concern here and is also in charge of the Berne Auto License branch.

Mr. Stucky is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stucky, and is a graduate of the Hartford Township High School. He is employed at the Dunbar Furniture Company.

Following the wedding, the couple will take a short wedding trip and will be at home on their return in an apartment on West Main Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bluhm and daughter Doris Marie of Petoskey, Michigan were the guests yesterday and for dinner last evening of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Zerkel. The Bluhms, who lived on the former Bell View farm east of town, left Decatur twelve years ago. Mr. Bluhm spent several hours at the sale barn yesterday renewing old acquaintances.

(Handwritten date: Friday, December 6, 1940)

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Beer of Berne, route 1, are the parents of a baby daughter, born at the Adams county memorial hospital Thursday evening at 7:42 o'clock. The baby, who weighed six pounds and eight ounces, has been named Phyllis Elaine.

(Handwritten date: Monday, October 14, 1940)

...TAKES OWN LIFE

Adams County Native Commits Suicide at Home at Ossian

Chester C. Byerly, 33, a native of Adams county, committed suicide at his home in Ossian Sunday evening.

Byerly, who had operated a restaurant at Ossian for the past three years, left his place of business Sunday afternoon, telling his wife he was tired and was going home to rest. He failed to return and his wife and daughter operated the restaurant until about midnight.

Mrs. Byerly and daughter then returned to their home and after searching the residence, found Byerly's lifeless body in the basement. He had placed the barrel of a shotgun in his mouth and fired the gun, the discharge blowing away the lower part of his head.

None of the neighbors heard the report of the gun, and definite time of the shooting could not be fixed. Coroner Max Gitlin of Wells county returned a verdict of suicide.

Mrs. Byerly was unable to give any motive for his act, stating that her husband had been in good health and had not been depressed.

The suicide victim was born in Adams county January 2, 1907, the son of Daniel and Doris Husson-Byerly. He married Aleda Barger in Adams county in 1924. They moved to Ossian in 1930.

He was a member of the Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are the widow, four children: Joyce, aged 14, Dora Bell, Delmar and Boyd, all at home; four brothers, Dean Byerly, member of the Adams county council; Lloyd Byerly, near Decatur; Clinton and Ray Byerly, near Craigville; four sisters, Mrs. John Taylor, Pennville; Mrs. Carl Neuenschwander, and Mrs. William Schwartz, of Fort Wayne; and Mrs. Homer Arnold of near Decatur.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

(Handwritten date: Tuesday, October 15, 1940)

BYERLY FUNERAL RITES WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Chester C. Byerly, former Adams county man, whose death occurred Sunday night at his home in Ossian, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Ossian Methodist church. Rev. A. S. Elzey and Rev. W. L. Hall will officiate, and burial will be in the Ossian cemetery.

[Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian, Wells County, Indiana]

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(Photo) Albert Fruchte, well known foreman at the Decatur works of the General Electric company, died unexpectedly early this morning at the Adams county memorial hospital following an operation

ALBERT FRUCHTE DIES SUDDENLY

Veteran G. E. Foreman Dies This Morning After Operation

Albert Fruchte, 44, well known Decatur man and veteran G. E. employee, died this morning at 1:15 a.m. Death occurred suddenly following an appendix operation performed Friday.

Mr. Fruchte, at the time of his death, was serving as a foreman at the local General Electric plant, where he had been employed 18 years.

He was an active member of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church and was serving as a trustee of the church, a Sunday School teacher and a member of the choir.

Fraternally he was a 32nd degree Mason. The deceased was born in Preble township November 7, 1895, the son of Henry and Caroline Worthman-Fruchte. On July 31, 1922, he was married to Alma Kruetzman, who survives.

Surviving also are the mother, living in Preble township; five children, Donald, Margaret, Juanita, Herbert and Roger, all at home; a sister, Amanda Fruchte of near Decatur; two brothers, Franklin of near Decatur and Arthur of Fort Wayne; a half-sister, Mrs. M. F. Worthman of Decatur. A half-sister is deceased.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence, 327 North Tenth street, and 2:30 o'clock at the church, with Rev. C. M. Prugh, assisted by Rev. David Grether officiating. Burial will be in the Magley Evangelical and Reformed church cemetery.

The body will be returned to the residence from the Zwick funeral home this evening and may be viewed there after 7 p.m. until time for the services.

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