

(Handwritten date: Saturday, 1940)

ADAMS COUNTY COUPLE MARRIED NEAR BERNE

BERNE, Ind. - Dec. 28 - In one of the prettiest weddings of the season, Miss Elois Mae Amstutz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Amstutz, of Hartford Township, became the bride of Frank Leon Meshberger in a double ring ceremony at the Defenseless Mennonite Church west of Berne, on Sunday, December 22, at 4 p.m.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meshberger of Linn Grove, and is associated in business with his father at Meshberger Brothers Stone Co. at Linn Grove.

The vows were received by Rev. George Holston, of Linn Grove, with the Rev. N. J. Schmucker assisting. One hundred and twenty-five persons attended the reception which was held in Berne following the wedding.

Both of the newlyweds are graduates of the Hartford Township High School. They are on a wedding trip to Florida and on their return will live at Linn Grove.

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PETER BURKHALTER, 90, DIES AT HOME IN BERNE

BERNE, Ind., Dec. 23 - Peter Burkhalter, 90, prominent Berne resident and one of the oldest citizens in Adams County, died at his home here shortly before midnight Sunday after an illness of one week. He was a retired farmer and lived in Berne the last 20 years. As a young man, he cleared most of his farm from virgin timber.

He was born in Switzerland and came here when a boy. He and his wife, Mary Luginbill, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary a few years ago and she died soon afterwards.

Surviving are two sons, Menno and Amos, both of Berne, four (crossed out and handwritten 'five') daughters, Mrs. Caroline Zook and Mrs. George Baumgartner, both of Fort Wayne, Martha, a missionary in India, and Mrs. Herbert Sprunger of Berne. (Handwritten: '& Rachel of Berne')

The funeral will be held at the Mennonite church Thursday morning. Burial in the MRE Cemetery.

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MARRIED 50 YEARS

(Photo: Mr. and Mrs. Wilson H. Lee)

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson H. Lee, Decatur, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a special church service, luncheon for friends, and relatives at their home and open house Sunday afternoon and evening. They were married August 14, at a farm home east of Decatur, but will mark the occasion Sunday for the convenience of their friends. Mr. Lee has been engaged in the hardware business in this city for almost half a century and is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, where the memorial service will be held.

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HEART ATTACK CAUSES DEATH OF C. M. SLOAN

Funeral Director's Body To Arrive Here About Thursday From California

The body of C. M. Sloan, president of the C. M. Sloan & Sons, funeral directors here, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack Sunday at 2 a.m. at Long Beach, Calif., will leave Long Beach Tuesday and will arrive here likely on Thursday for funeral services and burial.

Mr. Sloan resided at 507 West Fourth Street. He appeared to be in good health until stricken. Death came before medical aid could arrive.

The deceased had been in the funeral directing business here during the last 18 years having come here from Cromwell where he was a mortician for 27 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan and a son, Richard, left Fort Wayne October 1 by automobile for California. Mr. Sloan attended a convention of the National Funeral Director's Association late in October in San Francisco. They planned to leave Long Beach Tuesday for Florida to spend the rest of the winter.

USHER AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

Mr. Sloan was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and had been an usher of the church more than 15 years. He was a member of the Lions Club, Ben Hur Court No. 15, Protected Home Circle and Junior Order of United American Mechanics No. 57 here, of the Indiana Funeral Directors' Association and the Knights of Pythias Lodge in Cromwell.

Surviving are the widow, Sadie; five sons, Russell, Ralph, Jonathan, and Richard, all of whom are members of the firm of C. M. Sloan & Sons located at 1327 Wells Street, and Chester, of Pontiac, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. Huston Carver, of this city, and a sister, Mrs. Vadie Morris, of Syracuse.

[Buried in Noble County, Indiana]

(Handwritten date: Friday, November 29, 1940)

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Miss Verna Gene Steiner was the hostess at a lovely birthday surprise, Thursday evening, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Steiner. The party was in honor of Miss Doris Sprunger, who celebrated her 16th birthday.

The evening was spent in playing games, after which the hostess served refreshments of angel food cake, fruit cocktail, wafers and hot chocolate. The guest of honor received many lovely gifts from her friends.

Those present were the Misses Doris Sprunger, Josephine Sprunger, Marjory Branch, Verna, Betty and Bernice Nussbaum, Anna Jane Schwartz, and the hostess, Verna Gene Steiner.

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