

(Handwritten date: Monday, December 9, 1940)

AMPUTATION IS SCHEDULED TUESDAY

Arthur Neuenschwander, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Neuenschwander of French township, who suffered the loss of the fingers and thumb of his right hand in a corn shredder three weeks ago last Saturday, will have the remainder of his hand amputated at the Adams County Memorial hospital Tuesday. It had been the hope of his physician to save the palm of the injured hand, however the torn nerves have died, and it has become necessary to take off the remainder of the hand at the wrist. Arthur has, otherwise, been getting along nicely since the misfortune that befell him.

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MOVE TO BERNE

Mr. and Mrs. Benhard Lehman last Thursday moved to town into the dwelling they purchased some time ago from Amos Stauffer in the Nussbaum addition. The Lehman's have been living on the David Schertz farm in Wabash township. The Stauffers, a few days ago, moved into their new home along highway 27 in the south part of town.

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WM. BUCKMASTER CLAIMED BY DEATH

Funeral For Brother Of Geneva Woman Is Tuesday A.M.

William Vance Buckmaster, 75, died at 4:00 Saturday afternoon of heart disease at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marie Walsh, of the Reckewek road near Fort Wayne. He was formerly a resident of Celina, Ohio, and later of Jefferson township where he served as trustee. He was very well known here. He went to Fort Wayne four months ago.

Other survivors include four children, Mrs. Mabel Meyers of Valparaiso, Leland Buckmaster, Akron, O.; William Buckmaster, Uhrichsville, Ohio and Sidney Buckmaster of Goshen; two brothers, J. A. Buckmaster of Portland and Amos Buckmaster of Winchester; a sister, Mrs. J. L. Yaney of Geneva and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at the Methodist church in Geneva with Rev. Fawns officiating. Interment will be in Riverside cemetery at Geneva. The remains may be viewed until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday at Klaehn & Sons' funeral home, at which time they will be taken to Geneva.

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BIRTH

John and Mary Gehring Baumgartner of near Vera Cruz, are the parents of a baby boy, born last Sunday.

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EXPIRES SUNDAY (Photo: Peter Burkhalter)

PETER BURKHALTER AGED 90, PASSES AWAY LAST NIGHT

Final Rites For Highly Respected Man Are Thursday A.M.

Peter Burkhalter, aged 90, highly respected retired farmer, father and grandfather, passed away at his home Sunday night at 11:45 o'clock following a short illness. He was bedfast about a week and his death was attributed to arterio sclerosis and occurred at his home on Sprunger street.

Mr. Burkhalter enjoyed fairly good health up until his recent illness and still took an interest in the affairs of his fellowmen, read considerably, especially in the Bible, and kept in touch with the events of the world, missions and civil events.

A native of Sonceboz, Canton Berne, Switzerland, he came to this country with his parents and a group of devout Mennonites in the spring of 1852 and several months later - in August - from Wayne County, Ohio to French township, Adams county. He was born February 4, 1850, the son of Hans and Verena Habegger Burkhalter.

His marriage to Maria Lugibihl was an event of October 22, 1874 with the late Rev. S. F. Sprunger officiating at the ceremony which (cut off)
...Burkhalter passed away on May 2, 1936.

The decedent was the only living member of the original personnel of the Mennonite Sunday school which was founded here on May 3, 1874. He had the distinction of being the first assistant superintendent, the Rev. S. F. Sprunger serving as the leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkhalter started housekeeping on a farm one mile north of town on December 4, 1874, still owned by him and tenanted by Gordon Liechty. The 77-acre farm had only log buildings and he cleared the farm of most of the timber. Later he constructed modern buildings.

Children born to the union and surviving are Amos, Menno and Miss Rachel, all of Berne, Mrs. George (Lydia) Baumgartner and Mrs. Caroline Zook, both of Fort Wayne, Miss Martha, and Mrs. Herbert (Mary) Sprunger of Berne.

Preceding besides the parents and his wife were Sarah Ann, Susan, Lavina, Noah and Helena, the latter in infancy. Noah died while serving as a missionary in India, passing away in 1920, and Lavina was engaged in city mission work in Los Angeles, Calif., when she was stricken and passed away in November 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkhalter moved to their modern new home here on Sprunger street in the fall of 1921.

One half-sister, Mrs. Rachel Lehman, survives. Two brothers, David and Jacob, and five half-sisters, Elizabeth, Anna, Marianna, Sara and Katherine preceded.

There are 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren surviving.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home at 9:45 a.m. Thursday and at 10 o'clock at the Mennonite church of which he was a faithful member. Dr. C. H. Suckau, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial in the M.R.E. cemetery.

The body will be removed to Berne from the Yager mortuary this evening and relatives and friends are invited to view the remains.

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