

Friday, August 7, 1942

Celebrate Golden Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Howard will mark their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, August 9 at their home near Craigville.

Mr. Howard will be 73 years of age on October 15. Mrs. Howard was 78 of age on June 11. A potluck dinner will be held at noon for members of the family and "open house" will be observed from 2 until 6 pm.

Those who are expected to attend the noon dinner are the children: Mr. and Mrs. Chester Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Lobsiger of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howard, Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, all of Fort Wayne; Harley Ehram of Monroe, and the grandchildren: William, Dean, Robert, Catherine, Romaine, Eddie and Chester Howard, of Fort Wayne; Pauline and Donald Lobsiger of Decatur, Rex Ehram of Monroe, Ivan Howard of Decatur and Mrs. Devonna Needham of LaPorte.

Friday, July 24, 1942

Julius Fox Dies Suddenly Late Wednesday

70-Year-Old Man Victim of Cerebral Hemorrhage; Rites Saturday

Julius Fox, 70, well-known French Township man died at 5:40 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Edwin Beer home in French Township, several miles northwest of Berne, two hours after being stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Fox had made his home with the Beer family for the past ten years. Mr. Beer is a nephew of the deceased.

Mr. Fox had been in usual good health and was helping thrash on the Beer farm. He is reported to have eaten a hearty dinner at noon and was stricken in the afternoon, shortly after three o'clock. He was a farm hand and laborer for many years and was never married.

The deceased was born in this community June 28, 1872, a son of John and Mary Schwartz Fox. He spent his entire life in Adams County.

Surviving are four brothers and two sisters, as follows: William Fox, Berne; Fred, Berne rural route; Edward, Bluffton rural route; Calvin, Richmond; Mrs. Sol Luginbill of east of town and Mrs. Enoch Yoder of Berne.

Five brothers and a sister are deceased - Jacob, John, Carl, Robert, Ferdinand and Mrs. Isaac Beer.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 9:00 o'clock at the Edwin Beer home and at 9:30 at the Cross Reformed Church here, Rev. C. A. Schmid officiating. Burial will be in the MRE Cemetery.

Monday, July 27, 1942

Fred Mathys Dies Suddenly of Heart Attack

Rites Here Tuesday for Prominent Farmer, Former Local Man

Frederick Mathys, 76, prominent Wabash Township farmer, and former Berne man, died suddenly at his home four and one half miles southeast of Berne at 6:50 o'clock Saturday evening. He was stricken while out in the yard and died in a short time. Death was caused by a heart attack, according to the attending physician.

Mr. Mathys had not been well for three years, but his death was unexpected. He was widely known throughout this community. Before moving on the farm, he operated a brick yard in the south part of Berne where he manufactured bricks. He was also employed on the county highways for some time.

The deceased was born in Switzerland, January 31, 1866, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mathys. He came to this country at the age of 23, or in 1889 and on October 28, 1893, he was married here to Lydia Klopfenstein. She survives, together with the following four sons, four daughters and two sisters: Clinton of near Geneva, Wilbur of Muncie, Vernon of near Bluffton, and Herman Mathys at home; four daughters, Mrs. Alfred Hanni of Decatur, Mrs. Harold Dubach of Wells County, Mrs. John Derrickson of Willard, Ohio and Mrs. Earl Buckingham of Geneva; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Messerli and Mrs. Marie Depping, both of Switzerland.

Twenty-four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

The parents, two daughters and a brother preceded.

Mr. Mathys was a member of the Cross Reformed Church where services will be held at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, following a short service at the home. Rev. C. A. Schmid will officiate and burial will be in the MRE Cemetery.

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