

Monday, August 10, 1942

Samuel Siegrist Dies Here Today at Age of 89
Rites Wednesday for Retired Farmer and Wagon Maker

Samuel Siegrist, 89, prominent retired farmer and wagon maker died at his home at 318 East Main Street at 6:25 o'clock this morning following an illness of several weeks. Mr. Siegrist was one of Berne's oldest citizens and was widely known. Death was caused by heart disease, according to the attending physician. He had been bedfast for the past several weeks and seriously ill the last week.

Mr. Siegrist was a native of Canton Bern, Switzerland, where he was born on April 10, 1853. He came to this country in April of 1873, when he was a young man of 20. The family first settled at Sandusky, Ohio, then moved to Fort Wayne and later to Vera Cruz. At Vera Cruz, Mr. Siegrist manufactured wagons, a trade he continued for several years.

Mr. Siegrist was married to Elizabeth Bischoff, also a native of Switzerland on November 11, 1880. They were married at Vera Cruz by the late Rev. George Roederer, father of Rev. I. G. Roederer, former local pastor. The couple celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on November 11, 1940. Mrs. Siegrist, who was born March 27, 1862, survives, together with a daughter, Mrs. Gerhart Steiner of Berne.

One niece resides in Switzerland. Eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive. The parents and five children preceded. The children were Albert, Mrs. Nettie Miller, Gottfried, Samuel and Frank.

Mr. Siegrist was a member of the Mennonite Church. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the church, following a short service at the home. Rev. N. J. Schmucker will officiate, assisted by Rev. George G. Holston. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

September 26, 1942

Merriman-Everett Wedding Last June

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Everett of Hudson, Indiana announce the marriage of their daughter Dora, to Arthur Merriman, son of Mrs. L. W. Merriman of 222 South Fourth.

The wedding occurred June 16th at the First Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne. Both Mr. and Mrs. Merriman are employees of the General Electric here.

Wednesday, August 5, 1942

Miss Druscilla Burkhead is Bride
Former Monroe Township Teacher is Bride of Louis Hartman

Miss Druscilla Burkhead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren C. Burkhead of Monroe and Louis Hartman, of Monroe, son of Mrs. John Hartman of Oelrichs, South Dakota, were married in a quiet but impressive ceremony at Gas City on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock with only immediate family and a few friends present to witness the nuptials.

Rev. R. H. Hart, pastor of the Gas City Methodist Church, and formerly pastor of the Monroe Methodist Church, officiated with a double ring service, at his home. His daughter, Miss Virginia Hart, presided at the piano. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Virginia Burkhead.

Mrs. Hartman formerly taught the lower four grades at District No. 8 School in Monroe Township, and during the past school term was teacher of grades 4 and 5 at the public school of Boon Grove. She is a graduate of Monroe High School and received her B. A. Degree from Ball State College at Muncie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman will be at home in Fort Wayne, where Mr. Hartman is employed at Bowser's, following a wedding journey including Niagara Falls, N.Y.

October 2, 1942

BIRTH

A baby boy was born to Mrs. Edgar Habegger, formerly Savilla Roth on Thursday, October 1. The baby was named Alvin Edison. Mr. Habegger died of a kidney ailment in July. The mother and baby are being cared for at the home by Mrs. Lillie Fox.

Friday, October 2, 1942

Couple Married Here to Observe 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gehrig of near Woodburn will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with a basket dinner for relatives and open house for friends from 2 until 5 o'clock at their home. Special honor will be given them at the Woodburn Missionary Church at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

The couple were married near Berne. They have no children. Mrs. Gehrig was the former Miss Emma Wetter.

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