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Local Young Woman Bride of Stephen M. Pierson Saturday P.M.

In a quiet ceremony witnessed only by the immediate families Miss Anna Liechty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Liechty north of Berne, became the bride of Stephen M. Pierson, son of Elmer Pierson of 308 East Rudisill Boulevard, Fort Wayne, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Redeemer Lutheran Church in that city. Rev. Edwin Kurth officiated at the single ring ceremony which was preceded by a musicale presented by A. R. Manske, organist.

Corp. Victor Pierson of Aberdeen, Md., served his brother as best man.

Immediately following the ceremony, the couple left for a wedding trip after which they will be at home at 2817 John Street in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Pierson is a graduate of the Monroe High School and is employed as instructor at the General Electric Company. The bridegroom received his A.B. and L.L.B. Degree from Indiana University. He is practicing law in Fort Wayne.

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Friday, December 24, 1943

Kathleen Beer is Bride in Utah

Local Girl Becomes Bride of Pvt. Ronald Affolder, Decatur Young Man

Mr. and Mrs. Ermin Beer on North Jefferson Street, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Kathleen Romaine to Private Ronald Affolder, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Affolder, of Decatur, which took place on Saturday evening at 9 o'clock at the home of a Presbyterian minister, Rev. Ryder, at Salt Lake City, Utah. The bridegroom is stationed with the United States Army at Kearns, Utah, near Salt Lake City, and is awaiting his transportation to an overseas destination.

Private and Mrs. Robert Schindler of Berne had planned to attend the couple, but Private Schindler was transferred before the bride's arrival. Mrs. Schindler who is a close friend of the bride attended as bridesmaid, and a buddy, Private Curtis Saxton of Mississippi, served as best man.

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Friday, April 9, 1943

Jonas Strahm, 79, Died Last Night

Retired Farmer Succumbs to Heart Ailment – Rites Sunday P.M.

Jonas Strahm, who would have been 80 years of age in two weeks from today, passed away five minutes before midnight at the Adams County Memorial Hospital last night. Death was attributed to a heart ailment with which he has been ailing for quite a number of years. Mr. Strahm was the father of Lewis Strahm and Mrs. Albert Rich of this community.

The deceased was a retired farmer and formerly resided in the Vera Cruz community. For the past eighteen years, since the death of his wife, he has been making his home with his children. Lately he has been staying with his daughter, Mrs. Jacob Haggard in Monroe.

Born in Wells County on April 23, 1863, he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Strahm, both deceased. His wife was Miss Adele Egly, before her marriage.

Surviving are the following children: Calvin Strahm of Bluffton, Melvin of Monroe, Mrs. Albert Rich of northwest of Berne, Sylvan of Decatur rural route six, Mrs. Jacob Haggard of Monroe, Lewis of Berne, Edwin of Fort Wayne and Leo of Monroe. A brother, Daniel of Craigville and a sister, Mrs. John Schwartz of Syracuse, New York also survive.

Three children and two sisters preceded him.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Jacob Haggard home at Monroe and 2:00 o'clock at the Defenseless Mennonite Church west of Berne, of which he was a member. Rev. N. J. Schmucker will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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Wednesday, June 2, 1943

Mrs. Samuel Leyse Dies This Morning  
Kirkland Township Resident is Dead

Mrs. Katherine Leyse, 71, died this morning at 3:15 o'clock at her home in Kirkland Township, following an illness of paralysis and complications from which she had suffered for the past three years.

The deceased was born June 1, 1872, in Allen County, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Schneider Oehler. She was married in Kirkland Township March 23, 1895 to Samuel Leyse, who survives.

Mrs. Leyse was a member of the Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren and a resident of Adams County for 68 years.

The following children survive,: Mrs. Ruth Gahman of New York City; Mrs. Nora Arnold, route 2, Decatur; Mrs. Mable Arnold, Fort Wayne; Miss Elizabeth Leyse, Sheppard Field, Texas; Ralph and John, both of route 4, Decatur; five grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Betty Stolte, Mrs. Margaret Stolte, Mrs. Lena Lehman and Mrs. Sophia Felt, all of Fort Wayne; John Oehler of Angola and Fred Oehler of Allen County.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Pleasant Dale Church in Kirkland Township with burial in the church cemetery. Rev. Russell Weller will have charge of the services. The body will be returned this evening from the Jahn Funeral Home in Bluffton to the residence one mile west and one half mile south of the Kirkland High School.

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