

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1943)

## RETIRED FARMER DIES SUDDENLY

Ferdinand Stauffer, 77, Passes Away, Ill One Week

Ferdinand Stauffer, 77, retired farmer, died at 3:20 Tuesday morning at the Adams County Memorial Hospital, in Decatur. His death was attributed to complications and followed an illness of one week.

Mr. Stauffer spent his active years in agricultural pursuits on a farm five miles north of Berne on Federal Road 27, until he, with Mrs. Stauffer, retired and moved to Berne 12 years ago and resided in the home formerly known as the Amos Snyder home on East Van Buren Street, now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zurcher.

Born on May 10, 1866 at Egge- (cut off)

...him in death on August 17, 1942. There were no children born to this union.

Since the death of his wife, Mr. Stauffer made his home with a niece, Mrs. Alfred Hanni in Decatur.

Four brothers, Alfred, Alexander, Louis and John, and two sisters, Maria and Rosalie in Switzerland (cut off)

...service will be in charge of Rev. N. J. Schmucker, pastor of the Defenseless Mennonite Church in the absence of the church pastor, Rev. C. A. Schmid, and burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Von Gunten and children Nancy and David of Culver were in this community for the week-end, visiting at the home of Mrs. Von Gunten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Sprunger, of north of Berne. On Friday, the Von Gunten family will move from Culver to Fort Wayne in their property at 4718 Arlington.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eli M. Schwartz and son Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. Menno D. Nussbaum and daughter, Dovanna, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Stepler and daughter Sandra and Miss Ella Schwartz were Sunday evening supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gilpin and daughter of near Portland.

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## BIRTH

Dan L. and Maryann C. Yoder Schwartz are the parents of a baby boy born at the hospital in Decatur on Saturday.

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## AMOS YODER RITES AT DECATUR TODAY

## Native of This Community Dies Late Wednesday; Relatives Here

Amos Yoder, 61, a native of this community, died at his home in Decatur late Wednesday afternoon following an extended illness. Mr. Yoder was a veteran employee of the General Electric company in that city, but has been ill since June. Prior to that he had been in failing health the past several years, and became seriously ill in June.

Before entering the employ of the General Electric company he operated a grocery and meat market in Decatur.

He was born in the Berne community on December 27, 1881, the son of Christian and Elizabeth Moser-Yoder. He was married to Mary Fanchion Rice on June 3, 1909. Since their marriage the (cut)... Yoder, both of near Berne and Jonas Yoder of Wauseon, O.

He was a member of the First Methodist church in Decatur.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home at 215 North Fifth street, with Dr. M. O. Lester officiating. Burial was made in the Decatur cemetery.

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## DOUBLE WEDDING FOR ASCHLIMAN TWINS

### Ida Ringger and Luella Steffen To Be Brides of Brothers This Week

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriages of Miss Ida Ringger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ringger, to Pvt. Robert Aschliman and Miss Luella Steffen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Steffen, to Pvt. Harold J. Aschliman. The Aschliman brothers are twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Aschliman and both are stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill, with the United States Army. The families reside in the Vera Cruz community.

The double wedding will take place this week in Illinois. A definite date and place have not been announced.

As soon after the wedding as the brothers are granted furloughs, the couples will return home, and a reception will be held at the Aschliman home.

The bride-elects are employed at Lewistown, Ill., near Camp Ellis, and plan to continue to reside there.

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## PHYLLIS ZEHR MARRIED TO LT. STOGDILL

### Local Girl Marries Bluffton Officer in Marine Corps

Miss Phyllis Jane Zehr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zehr, was married yesterday to William James Stogdill, Lieutenant United States Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stogdill of Bluffton. The candlelight ceremony was performed at the First Missionary Church by Rev. C. H. Wiederkehr.

The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, white baskets of flowers and candelabra, by Mr. Emil Nagel, well known local florist.

A fifteen minute musicale preceded the ceremony. Mrs. Gady Schindler Chrisman of Berne, played the adagio movement from "Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven and Schubert's "Ave Maria." Mrs. Laverne Sprunger beautifully sang, "I Love You Truly" and "At Dawning." Schubert's

"Serenade" was played while the bridal party came in and the entrance of the bride was noted by the playing of the Wedding March from Lohengrin by Wagner. "Holy Spirit Breath of Love" was played for the vows, and Mendelssohn's wedding march from "Midsummer Night's Dream" was played for the recessional.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a bridal ivory faille taffeta gown, made with a long torso, shirred bodice, sweetheart neckline and a long train. Her veil was fingertip length with a wreath of orange blossoms, In her colonial bouquet were a white orchid, sweetheart roses and white roses and Swansonia.

Following the ceremony a reception for 125 guests was held at the bride's home. All white appointments were used on the table which was centered with a four-tier wedding cake, decorated with pink roses. Mrs. John DeVoss of Decatur, a cousin of the bride, served as hostess, and was assisted by Miss Gyneth Schindler, student of Manchester College, and Miss Henrietta Bixler, classmate of the bride. Miss Marjorie Macklin, cousin of the bride and student at Ball State Teacher's College played xylophone music during the reception.

Later in the evening the couple left for a short wedding trip. For traveling, Mrs. Stogdill chose a royal velvet blue dress with black accessories and an orchid corsage. They will reside at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Mrs. Stogdill was graduated from Berne high school and attended Ball State Teacher's College for two years, where she was vice-president of the Omega Sigma Chi sorority, treasurer of the Girl's Club, a member of the Student Religious Council, a member of the Ball State College orchestra and of the Muncie Symphony orchestra.

Lt. Stogdill was a graduate from the Bluffton high school and from Indiana University with a B. S. degree in Medicine. He was a member of the Kappa Sig (cut off)

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