

(Handwritten date: Monday, October 11, 1943)

BEN FLUECKIGER AGE 70 DIES

Was Recovering Nicely From Appendectomy, Heart Ailment Fatal

Ben Flueckiger, living on East Main street, became suddenly ill Friday evening and passed away Sunday morning at 5:20 o'clock at the Adams Co. Memorial hospital. He was born in Switzerland, October 26, 1872, and died at October 10, at the age of seventy years, eleven months and fourteen days.

Mr. Flueckiger was a very well known retired farmer, having moved to Berne seven years ago from their home five miles southwest of Berne, known as the David Mettler farm. He came to this country in 1893 at the age of twenty-one. Shortly before that his brother Emil, deceased, also came to America while other members of the family followed later.

Last September 25 he became suddenly ill, so an emergency appendectomy was performed at once. He was making satisfactory progress and was recovering nicely when suddenly a fatal heart ailment developed Friday night. His strength failed rapidly, however he remained conscious up to the last moments. Members of his family were with him constantly from Friday night on.

He was married to Bertha Sprunger on March 2, 1902, at the Mennonite church in Berne. To this union were born four children: Mrs. Clyde Jones of Wren, Ohio, John of Portland, and Linda and Florine at home. Besides, there are living two brothers, Theophil of Dalton, O., and Adolph of Bernstadt, Ky., and one sister, Mrs. Louise Sommer of near Berne at present visiting with a daughter in California. One brother, Emil, and four sisters preceded him in death. The sisters were Mrs. Wm. Lehman of near Berne and three infant sisters in Switzerland. There are also six grandchildren and four step-grandchildren living.

Mr. Fleuckiger was very active ...last days.past three weeks he was the fireman at the Liechty Cannery.

The funeral will be Tuesday, October 12, at 2:00 p.m. at the Mennonite church with burial at the M.R.E. cemetery.

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AGNES MORAND WEDS LEONARD JOHNSTON

Local Girl Weds Wells County Young Man on Friday

In a quiet but impressive single ring service, Miss Agnes Morand, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morand became the bride of Leonard Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Johnston, of near Liberty Center, on Friday morning at the home of Rev. W. R. Schmelzer, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church in Bluffton.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fosnaugh of Berne, who were the only witnesses. Mrs. Fosnaugh is the bridegroom's sister.

For the occasion, the bride chose to wear a becoming afternoon frock of blue and white floral designed rayon crepe.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will make their home with the bridegroom's parents. He is engaged with a road construction company. The bride assisted her father as clerk in his fruit store on North Behring street.

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DETAILS OF MOXLEY-SPRUNGER WEDDING

The following details have been received in which Helen Moxley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoxley [sic] of Charleston, Missouri, became the bride of Flight Officer Richard W. Sprunger, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sprunger, in a ceremony which took place on Tuesday, October 5, at Alexandria, Louisiana, where the bridegroom is stationed with the United States Army Air Corps.

The ceremony was solemnized by the pastor of the First Methodist church in Alexandria, Louisiana taking place in his study with a double ring service. The couple was unattended and the pastor's secretary witnessed the event.

The bride wore a street length costume of poudre blue with accessories in brown, her hat being trimmed with a blue feather matching the dress. Prior to her marriage, she was employed by the Office of Price Administration as a member of her local rationing board and graduated from the Charleston high school in 1941. She resigned her position to reside with her husband while he is stationed in the country.

Flight Officer Sprunger received his silver wings in August from the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School at Frederick, Oklahoma, and is now a commanding officer of a B-17 plane. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps as a mechanic three years ago and served overseas in Panama for six months. While in Panama, a tropical eye infection developed causing him to be hospitalized nearly 8 months, most of the time in Panama. He graduated with the class of 1938 from Berne high school and attended Bluffton college.

(Handwritten date: Friday, October 8, 1943)

BURDGE RITES AT PORTLAND TODAY

Former Berne Barber Dies Wednesday; Father of Herbert Burdge

Funeral services were held at Portland this afternoon for Nate P. Burdge, 79, of West Walnut street in Portland and father to Herbert Burdge, assistant postmaster of this place. The elder Mr. Burdge, a native of this community and for many years a barber in Berne, died Wednesday morning at 9:12 o'clock at the Jay county hospital following a three weeks' illness. He had been admitted to the hospital on Thursday of last week.

Final rites were held for him at the Baird Funeral Chapel at 2 o'clock this afternoon with Rev. A. N. Schockney officiating. Burial was made in Green Park cemetery.

Mr. Burdge was born east of Berne on February 5, 1864, the son of Anthony and Sarah (Bodle) Burdge. He was married on April 10, 1893 to Miss Ida Mae Stowell of Portland, who survives. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last April. Much of their married life was spent in Portland, where their family was born.

For some time they resided here, where Mr. Burdge was engaged in barbering. He also served for a time as night watchman and also as squire. Approximately twenty years ago the couple moved back to Portland, where they have lived since.

He is survived by the widow and the following children: Howard of Indianapolis, Herbert of this place and Helen, wife of Rex Maitlen of Dayton, Ohio. There are also four grandchildren, Joe Bill Burnham of Portland, Richard Burdge in the U.S. military service, Jimmie and Barbara Jo Burdge of this

place. One great-grandchild, two brothers, Lon of Los Angeles and Ell of Canada and one sister, Mrs. Sam O'Connor of Hollywood, Calif., also survive.

He was a member of the West Walnut Church of Christ.

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MRS. REINHART FILES SECOND DIVORCE SUIT

Lisetta Reinhart has filed suit for divorce in Adams circuit court from Samuel Reinhart, former county infirmary superintendent. A similar suit was dismissed several days ago.

The new complaint charges cruel and inhuman treatment; that "the defendant cursed her and called her vile and indecent names; has been guilty of adultery on numerous occasions." It states that they were married on June 10, 1914 and separated September 30, 1943. It asks custody of three of nine children who are minors, previously granted by the court to the defendant, as well as \$3,000 alimony. Nathan C. Nelson is plaintiff's (cut off)

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DECATUR MAN, WELL KNOWN HERE, DIES

Father of Mrs. R. Meshberger, Died Saturday, Rites Today

Grady Alvin Light, 60, an employe of the Schafer V??sale company, died Saturday at 2 o'clock at his home in this ??

Death was attributed to complications, following a stroke of apoplexy suffered two days ago. He had been in ill health for the past two years.

Mr. Light was born in Putnam county, Ohio, August 24, 1883, the son of Amos and Mary ??den Light. He was married to Nina Swartz December 15, 1905.

The widow, ten children: Mrs. Iloe Burk, Mrs. Cosie Chase, Cleo Essex, Robert Light, Pauline Teeple, Mrs. R. E. ??, all of Decatur; Mrs. Gene?? Meshberger of Vancouver, W., Gerald, Beatrice and Donald at home; three brothers, Forrest of Marathon, N. Y., Verne of Waseon, O., and Ray of Fin?, O. survive. One sister is deceased.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home and 2:30 o'clock at the First U. B. church, of which he was a member. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

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BIRTH

A baby boy named Jerry was born early Tuesday morning to Samuel S. and Elizabeth Wickey Schwartz, at their home.

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