

(Handwritten date: Friday, Sept. 24, 1943)

SELLS FARM

E. H. Habegger has sold his 80-acre farm west of town, known as the old Robert Schwartz farm to Herman Stevenson of near Ossian, who plans to move onto the place and operate the land. The Fred Fennig family is at present occupying the house on the farm and have until March 1 to find another residence.

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ELDA AMSTUTZ IS SAFE AT MANILLA, BROTHER HEARS State Department Finds Berne Lady Missionary, Happy, Well in Service

Miss Elda Amstutz, local lady who has been serving as a missionary in India, representing the First Missionary church here, has not been interned because of the war, as many here so long have feared, but has lived as a missionary on the outskirts of Manila, according to a letter received by The Witness today from her brother, Rev. Menno N. Amstutz, of Royal Oak, Michigan.

Quoting Rev. Amstutz's letter:

"Nearly two years ago, we made inquiry from the Department of State about our sister, Elda, who was left at Manila while enroute to India. Under date Dec. 3, 1943, the following word was sent to us.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, Dec. 3, 1943

"The M. S. **Gripsholm** has recently arrived at New York from Mormuago, Portuguese India, where the second exchange of American and Japanese nationals took place. The Department's representatives aboard the **Gripsholm** made a special effort during the return voyage to obtain from the persons repatriated information concerning American nationals remaining in the Far East. The information received with respect to the person named below in whose welfare you have expressed an interest is furnished in the belief that you will wish to have it even though it has been received from unofficial sources.

"Elda Amstutz has not been interned at all. She has lived with missionaries on the outskirts of Manila. For the past eight or ten months she has been teaching a Sunday School class and playing the piano for church services. She has kept well and happy throughout the period of occupation.'

"We are regular readers of the Witness and appreciate to have the news from the 'Home Town.'

"Best wishes for a joyous Christmas season!"

"Respectfully, M. N. Amstutz"

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WIDOW OF REV. J. L. CONRAD WEDS IN EAST

A belated announcement has been made here of the marriage of Mrs. Elsie Bautz Conrad and Edward Richard Winkelman, both of Buffalo, New York. The bride is well remembered here as the widow of the late Rev. J. L. Conrad, former pastor of the Cross Evangelical and Reformed church here. Mr. Winkelman is a Buffalo business man. Their wedding took place on October 7.

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