

Monday, November 29, 1943

Death Claims Mrs. Jacob E. Sprunger Sunday Evening
Well Known Farm Lady Dies after Year's Illness; Rites Wed. P.M.

Mrs. Maria Magdalena Sprunger, 50, wife of Jacob E. Sprunger, died at 6:35 o'clock Sunday evening at her home three miles west of town in French Township, following a year's illness with carcinoma. Mrs. Sprunger, who was well known in the community, had been bedfast since September and a number of weeks ago underwent a major operation. Her suffering at times was very severe.

The deceased was a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Christian N. (Catherine Stucky) Stucky and was born at Morton, Tessonville County, Illinois on October 4, 1893 and has lived in this community for the past 29 years. She was married to Mr. Sprunger on December 9, 1914 in a ceremony at the Defenseless Mennonite Church west of Berne. The family has been residing on a farm just east of the church for many years.

Surviving are the husband and five children: Verena, wife of Paul Rupp of Fort Wayne; Agnes, wife of William L. Habegger of this place; Pfc. Ivan somewhere in India with the United States Army; and the Misses Darlene and Marieda at home; her aged parents residing on West Water Street and the following brothers and sisters: Peter and Ezra near Flanagan, Illinois; Menno, a local merchant, Mrs. Clinton Dubach west of town and Mrs. Ernest Sommer northeast of town. Two sisters, Clara and Christina, died in infancy.

The body will be returned to the home this evening from the Yager Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Defenseless Mennonite Church of which she was a member. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Rev. N. J. Schmucker will officiate.

December 1, 1943

David Yoder, 75, French Tp. Farmer Dies Tuesday P.M.
Funeral Services to Be Held for French Tp. Native Friday Afternoon

David Yoder, 75, well known French Township farmer, passed away at his home five and a half miles northwest of Berne Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock after an extended illness caused by a kidney ailment. Mr. Yoder has been in poor health since last June and had been bedfast the past two weeks.

The deceased was born in French Township, two miles west and two miles north of here and spent his entire life in that community. He was the son of Christian and Elizabeth Moser Yoder and was born on March 12, 1868. He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Luginbill on February 27, 1907, who preceded him in death six years ago last July.

Mr. Yoder was a farmer all his life and for the past 29 years has been living on his present farm which was previously owned by his father-in-law.

Surviving are two children, Pfc. Ervin Yoder, stationed at Camp Stoneman, California, but at present home on furlough, and Miss Goldie Yoder at home, also a granddaughter Arlene Sue. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Jonas of Wauseon, Ohio; Mrs. Lydia Roth of Fort

Wayne; Joseph K. of Linn Grove; Samuel of southwest of Berne; Mrs. Mary Fox west of town and Miss Clara Yoder of this place.

A brother Amos preceded him a few weeks ago and a brother and half-sister in infancy.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Defenseless Mennonite Church west of town, of which he was a member. Rev. N. J. Schmucker will officiate and burial will be in the church cemetery.

Monday, September 27, 1943

John B. Corson, 95, Dies Sunday Night
Funeral Tuesday P.M. for Aged Retired Farmer of Near Monroe

John B. Corson, 95, one of the oldest persons of this area, died Sunday night at 11:30 o'clock at the home of his step-daughter, Mrs. Merle Essex, two miles west and a half mile north of Monroe. Death was due to old age and complications. He was a retired farmer and had lived in this county 62 years.

The deceased was a son of Abraham and Dian Corson and was born in Flat County, Ohio on December 30, 1847. He had been married four times. Five sons were born to his first union among whom one son Ross Corson of Valparaiso, survives. The following step-children also survive: Mrs. Martin Thrush of St. John, Ohio, Mrs. Hattie Nelson of Decatur, Mrs. Fred Watkins, Mrs. Frank Coppess, Mrs. Cora Martz and Mrs. Essex, all of Monroe, Mrs. Albert Dick of Kirkland Township and Eli Andrews of Decatur.

Four sons, seven brothers and three sisters preceded him.

The body was taken to the Lobenstein Mortuary in Monroe and will be returned to the Essex home this evening, where funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Ray Cemetery west of Monroe. Rev. Roy Gibson of the St. Mary's, Ohio Friends Church will officiate with Rev. Laurence Middaugh of the Winchester U. B. Church assisting.

BIRTH

Friday, July 9, 1943

Melvin is the name of the baby boy born on July 4, to Joseph and Mary Schwartz Hilty of northwest of Berne.

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