

Adams County Historical Museum, 1937 Scrapbook

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JOSEPH ZEHR IS FOUND DEAD EARLY FRIDAY

President of Economy Printing Co., Found in Cow Stable

Joseph Zehr, aged 65, president of the Economy Printing Concern here, publishers of the Berne Review and a prominent Hartford township farmer, was found dead in the cow stable on his farm Friday morning at about 8:30 o'clock. His lifeless body, lying face down, was found by a neighbor and close friend of Mr. Zehr, William Vance. Mr. Vance had been hunting in the vicinity, and went over to the Zehr home to call on Mr. Zehr. When he failed to find him he investigated, and discovered the body.

Coroner Robert Zwick was called and he stated that death was caused by angina pectoris and was sudden. It is believed that Mr. Zehr had expired before he reached the floor as there was no evidence of suffering or struggling after his body fell.

Mr. Zehr had evidently been in good health and never complained. He was known far and wide and his sudden death comes as a shock to relative and friends.

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ZEHR RITES HELD SUNDAY

Many Attend Last Rites for Well - Known Hartford Township Man

Funeral services for Joseph Zehr, aged 65, who was found dead Friday morning, were held Sunday afternoon at the First Missionary church here, Rev. C.H. Wiederkehr officiating. The church was filled to capacity by relatives and friends who came to pay their last respects. The employees of the Economy Printing Co., of which firm the deceased was president, attended the rites in a body.

Rev. Wiederkehr based his sermon on the second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter one. Mr. Zehr's Bible was found on a table in his home, open at that particular place, indicating that he had been reading that chapter before death took him.

Music was furnished by a men's quartet composed of Clyde and Vincent Sprunger, and Carl and Homer Amstutz. They sang

"Rock of Ages," "Heaven is My Home" and "Resurrection Morning"

The pallbearers were Noah Schindler, Adam Bixler, Wesley Amstutz, Amos Krichhofer, William Vance and Menno Mertz. Burial was made in the M.R.E. cemetery.

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