

(Handwritten date: Monday, June 30, 1952)

## ARTHUR DeARMOND IS WED RECENTLY

Announcement was made today of the marriage on June 19 of Arthur DeArmond, well known farmer of northeast of Berne, and Gale Holtzman, of Gas City. The couple were united in a service at Gas City.

Mr. DeArmond is well known here and is the father of James DeArmond of Berne. The couple are residing on the DeArmond farm on Monroe, route 1.

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Zion's Tidings; August 15, 1949

## OBITUARY OF GORDON D. AUGSBURGER

Gordon D. Augsburger, the son of Adam and Fannie Stucky Augsburger, was born in Hartford township on July 4, 1917, and spent his entire life in this community with the exception of the time served in the United States Army during World War II. As a young man he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, made his public profession of faith by being baptized and becoming a member of the Defenseless Mennonite church (now Evangelical Mennonite). He graduated from the Berne High School in 1935 and following graduation was employed here in Berne. From December, 1942, to January, 1946, he served in the armed forces as a Military Police and was overseas in England and France for two years. After his return from the service he became co-owner of The Habit, a men's wear store here with Ralph Beer, and he followed this occupation until his fatal illness.

His marriage to Miss Ruth Jean Strickler of near Decatur took place August 11, 1940, at Mebane, North Carolina. This union was blessed with one son, Alan Dean, now two and one-half years old.

Tuesday, July 5, Mr. Augsburger became ill and on the following Saturday his illness was diagnosed as polio, his condition becoming so serious that he was rushed to the Methodist Hospital at Fort Wayne, where he was placed into an iron lung. Friday, July 15, shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon he became very serious as his entire respiratory system was paralyzed and death relieved him of all suffering at 3:45 o'clock, bringing his age to thirty-two years and eleven days.

Those who survive Mr. Augsburger are his wife; his son, Alan; his mother, Mrs. Fannie Augsburger, of this place; one brother, Roger J. Augsburger, Berne; three half-sisters, Lucille (Mrs. Victor) Nussbaum, and Earlene (Mrs. Alfred) Clauser, both of Berne, and Dorothy (Mrs. Elmer) Price of Asheboro, North Carolina. His father preceded him in death last August.

Genesis 31:49: "May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent from one another." This verse has proved as a bond of security between Gordon and Jean from the time of entering the service of his country until the time of death.

Private services (cut off)

(Karin King note: Gordon is buried in MRE cemetery, Berne, Indiana)

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Zion's Tidings, May 15, 1949

MRS. JOHN X. MOSER, daughter of Abraham and Mary Moser Biberstein, was born June 8, 1881, in French Twp., near Berne, Ind. She passed away suddenly on April 30th at the Adams County Hospital, at the age of 67 years.

She was married to John X. Moser on Sept. 26, 1901, in Vera Cruz, Ind. Surviving are her husband and the following children: Vilas Moser, R. 3, Decatur; Mrs. Russell Myers, Berne; Freddie and Nelson, both at home. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Abraham Biberstein, Bluffton; Menno Biberstein, R. 1, Berne; Mike Biberstein, Decatur; Mrs. Noah Stauffer, R. 1, Berne; Mrs. Barbara Habegger, Decatur. Also nine grandchildren.

The following children preceded her in death: Mary, Abraham, Ezra and Ada. Also a brother, Seth Biberstein, and a sister, Ida. She was a member of the Evangelical Mennonite church for many years and will be greatly missed in the home, the church and the community.

(Karin King note: Sarah (Biberstein) Moser is buried Evangelical Mennonite Church Cemetery, Berne, Indiana)

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June 15, 1967

#### DEATH OF JOHN P. BARKMAN RETIRED CIM MISSIONARY

John Peter Barkman was born to Peter M. and Anna Gossen Barkman near Hillsboro, Kansas, January 27, 1881. He died May 14, 1967, having attained the age of 86 years, 3 months and 17 days. He was preceded in death by his wife, Matilda, seven months prior to his own death. He is survived by their only son Samuel James and family of Fresno, California. James visited with his father a few hours before his death in a nursing home in Fresno. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lloyd R. Pankratz, pastor of the Grace Church of Reedley, California on Wednesday, May 17.

Brother Barkman attended Kansas Teacher Institutes and taught in public schools for seven years. He graduated from Moody Bible Institute and took post graduate courses at Northwestern University earning the Master in music degree in piano.

He was united in marriage to Matilda Stucky of Berne, Indiana on June 14, 1914. They were accepted as missionaries of the Congo Inland Mission and entered their first term of service March 8, 1916, where they continued service interspersed by furloughs for nearly thirty years at Kalamba stations where many Africans still remember the capable school teacher and inspiring music director from Kumputu. Thank God for faithful missionaries John and Matilda Barkman and for taking them to their eternal home so closely together. Thank God for a faithful son and family who made their closing years happy ones.

(Karin King note: John is buried Belmont Memorial Park, Fresno, Fresno County, California)

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## OBITUARY

Harry Dale Habegger, son of Clarence and Naomi Liechty Habegger, was born in Bern [sic], Ind. March 6, 1921. He received his early schooling in the Berne Public Schools and was graduated from Monroe High School in 1940. He was united in marriage to Marjorie Litwiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Litwiller on April 13, 1941. Two children were born to this union.

Harry answered the call to serve his country in April of 1943. He July, 1944 he was sent overseas with the 120th General Hospital and served in New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. After his discharge in Nov. 1945, he returned to this community and was engaged in farming. In March 1949, he and his family moved to Wheaton, Illinois. In Sept. 1949 he enrolled in the Missionary Technical Course at the Moody Bible Institute. On May 23rd, at 5:20 p.m. Harry went to be with the Lord while pursuing this training. He was also a faithful member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie, Mary Jane, age 7, and Larry, age 5, of Wheaton, Ill.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Habegger; a brother, Otis, a sister, Sherry of this community; a brother, Arvian, pastor of the Crown Point Bible Church, Crown Point, Ind., and a host of other relatives.

Harry's life verse is Joshua 1:8-9 (Read). Funeral services were conducted by the Pastor Rev. N. J. Schmucker. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

(Karin King note: Harry is buried in Evangelical Mennonite Church Cem., Berne, IN)

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