

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1945)

CAPT. TED SCHINDLER

The community's sympathies go out to the John W. Schindler family, who this week were officially notified that their son, Capt. Ted K. Schindler had been killed in action last February 28th. While only meager hope had been held for Capt. Schindler's safety, there was still that faint hope that "perhaps" he might be reported live.

It was ironical that the message informing Mrs. Schindler of her son's death should have arrived here while the family had traveled to Camp Atterbury to welcome home a third son, who only last week was honorably discharged from the air corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Schindler knew the anxieties of war as perhaps few people of this community knew them. They had three sons and all three had enlisted in the air corps. Their sons were on both the European and Pacific fronts. During the days of war, there was that continual apprehension that struck all parents of service men and women, that perhaps the "ill news might be forthcoming."

Those of us were not required to give sons or daughters to the armed services will never realize the great sacrifices that really were made in our behalf.

Capt. Ted Schindler had rendered outstanding services in the army. He had only shortly before his death been promoted to the rank of a captain, which was a tribute to his ability as a pilot. He had successfully completed 29 missions over enemy territory. He was so near that goal that most pilots hoped for of having completed his 35 missions. Fate had decreed otherwise and his tragedy is symbolical of life. Some fail early to attain their goals, others are denied that pleasure when within striking distance, while many others are privileged to achieve their missions.

Those who knew Ted Schindler best, liked him most. Although of a reserved and quiet disposition, his personality and congeniality won many friends for him. He had attained many successes in his short career.

Capt. Schindler's death should remind all of us that we who are the recipients of the fruits of peace, should so live that in future years other fine young men like Ted Schindler will not be required to sacrifice their precious lives because we at home did not know how to live with our fellowmen.

(KK note: Ted is buried Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Lemay, Missouri)

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DIES AT AGE OF 85

Mrs. Rhoda Downing, 85, widow of the late James Downing, died at her home in Polingtown at midnight Monday night. Three sons survive. The body was taken to the Wells and Hardy Funeral Home at Geneva. The funeral will be Friday at 2 p.m. with burial at Pennville.

(Karin King note: Rhoda is buried at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Pennville, Indiana)

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MISS CHRISTINA STEINER DIES AT HER HOME HERE

Funeral Here Saturday For 74-Year-Old Local Woman

Miss Christine Steiner, 74, a lifelong resident of Berne and community, died at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning at her home just east of the corporation line on Road 118. Death was caused by heart disease. She had been ill since the middle of last June and gradually grew weaker the past several weeks. She had lived at the present home the last 46 years, ever since moving from the farm northwest of Berne.

The deceased was born in French township, Adams county, on Christmas Day, December 25, 1870, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Liechty Steiner. She was never married. Miss Steiner was employed at the Nussbaum Novelty Company and the Globe Hatchery for many years.

Surviving are the following brothers and sisters: John Steiner, Berne; Jacob Steiner, French township; Mrs. Eli (Rebecca) Riesen, Berne; Miss Mary Steiner, Berne and Mrs. Dan (Anna) Stauffer, Berne. Three brothers and a sister preceded, Samuel, Frederick, one in infancy and Sarah.

Miss Steiner was a member of the Mennonite church. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday at the church, following a short service at the home. The Rev. Olin A. Krehbiel will officiate. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery. The body was taken to the home Thursday evening from the Yager mortuary.

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A. A. HABEGGER DIES FOLLOWING 10-DAY ILLNESS

Funeral Sunday For Prominent Retired Businessman and Farmer

Abraham A. Habegger, 66, well known local retired business man and farmer, died at 4:00 o'clock this morning at the Adams county Memorial hospital following an illness of ten days. Mr. Habegger had submitted to a major operation for gall stones Sunday night and his condition had been critical since then, although he had seemed somewhat improved yesterday.

Mr. Habegger, who had been in failing health for several years, became ill with the flu about ten days ago. Last Sunday he began to suffer intense pain and he was taken to the county hospital where an operation was performed that night.

Mr. Habegger was a lifelong resident of this community. He was a farmer before accepting a position as clerk with the Berne Hardware Company where he was employed for 13 years. Later he moved his family to the Chris Balsiger farm, just east of town, returning to Berne seven years ago. He and his family now reside at 405 Clark street.

WITH GLOBE HATCHERY

Mr. Habegger was also connected with the Globe Hatchery for six or seven years, until his health failed. He was widely known throughout the community.

The deceased was born in Monroe township, September 21, 1879, a son of Abraham M. and Lena Moser Habegger. He was married to Selma Luginbill on April 14, 1903 in Berne.

Surviving are the widow and the following children: Dr. Myron L. Habegger, Mrs. Carl (Neola) Luginbill, Mrs. Edgar (Inez) Lehman, Mrs. Earl (Corrine) Lehman, and Miss Dorcas Habegger, all of Berne, and Mrs. E. Lawrence (Mildred) Carman, of Cleveland, Ohio. Eight grandchildren survive and the following brothers and sister: Jacob A., Peter A., and Menno B. Habegger, all of Berne; Eli A. Habegger of near Geneva, Robert A. of Decatur and Mrs. Benhart Lehman of Berne. One son died in infancy. One brother, Samuel Habegger, and a sister, Mrs. Adam Neuenschwander, also preceded.

Mr. Habegger was a member of the Mennonite church. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church, following a short service at the home. Rev. Olin Krehbiel will officiate and burial will be in the MRE cemetery.

The body will be taken to the residence this evening from the Yager mortuary here.

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