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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. AMSTUTZ

Aged Woman Is Found Dead In Bed At Home Of Son Today

Mrs. Katherine Neuenschwander Amstutz, 88, widow of the late Jacob Amstutz, was found dead in bed this morning. She made her home with a son, Jacob J. Amstutz, southeast of Berne.

Mrs. Amstutz had been ill three days but was apparently in fair health when she retired Monday night. The attending physician and county coroner stated that the immediate cause of her death was a heart attack, which was aggravated by the extreme heat.

Mrs. Amstutz was born in Switzerland on April 5, 1852, a daughter of Christian and Katherine Neuenschwander. She was married to Jacob A. Schwartz in Switzerland in 1875 and came to the United States in 1876, moving to this community.

Surviving are the following children: Jacob J. Amstutz, Wabash township; Mrs. Emanuel Habegger and Christ Amstutz, Berne, route 2; David Amstutz, Geneva, route 2; two brothers, Peter Neuenschwander, Wabash township and Jacob Neuenschwander of Elida, Ohio, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Nuesbaum of Wayne county, Ohio. Three children, two brothers, three sisters and her husband preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 9 o'clock at the Jacob J. Amstutz home and burial will be in the Neuenschwander cemetery northwest of Berne.

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BERNE NEWS

By S. M. Schwartz

Supt. E. M. Webb reports that plans are being completed for the re-opening of school here. The Berne schools will re-open on Sept. 3, the day after Labor day. One new teacher, Lakie Glendening, of Geneva, will be on the faculty.

Mrs. Fred Fennig of Hartford township, southwest of Berne, has an odd but interesting hobby. She collects pitchers of all kinds. She now has at least one pitcher from each of 45 states in the Union, and from Mexico and Canada. She has so far been

unable to get pitchers from Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska. She has some pitchers that are more than 100 years old and some are very valuable. She has refused nice sums of money for some of her pitchers.

Harley E. Johnson of east of Berne was arrested by state policeman Earl Warnock on a charge of reckless driving. He was arraigned before C. H. Muselman, Berne justice of the peace, where he pleaded guilty. He was fined \$1 and costs amounting to \$9.75.

Howard Nussbaum of Monroe township was at Detroit Monday and returned with a new chassis on which will be mounted a school hack body. Nussbaum will drive the hack in Monroe township.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Schwartz, daughters Ella and Bertha and Miss Elma Steury are spending the week at Bear Lake, near Frankfort, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Menas Graber and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Mazelin and Miss Barbara Habegger are spending the week at Hamilton lake.

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FUNERAL SET FOR VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Ves Baker, Decatur, Fatally Injured in Crash Near Portland

DECATUR, Ind., July 29 - Funeral services for Ves Baker, 54, a Fort Wayne News Sentinel motor route carrier, killed in an auto accident in Jay County about 4 p.m. Saturday, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, east of here, and at 2:30 o'clock at the First U.B. Church in this city. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

Baker was injured when the automobile he was driving collided with a car operated by Granville Warnock, Jay County, eight and one-half miles south of Portland on U.S. Highway No. 27. At first it was believed Baker suffered only a fracture of the leg, but it developed that he had received internal injuries which caused his death at the Jay County Hospital. Warnock turned onto Road No. 27 from a side road.

Employed on the route for the last six years, Mr. Baker was born in Adams County. He married Zella Hunter January 15, 1905. Survivors are the widow, two children, S. Harold and Raymond Baker, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Ira and Raymond Baker, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Reffey, of Decatur; and one grandchildren.

Mr. Baker was a barber in this city for 11 years. Previously to that, he had engaged in farming and had operated a milk route.

The body was taken from the Black Funeral Home to the residence, of Decatur Rural Route No. 3, Sunday night.