

(Handwritten date: Monday, August 16, 1943)

HARVEY L. SIPE, 58, PROMINENT FARMER DIES TODAY

Former Blue Creek Trustee Dies After Operation; Rites Wed. P.M.

Harvey L. Sipe, 58, well known farmer of Blue Creek township and former trustee of that township, died this morning at 1:45 o'clock at the Adams County Memorial hospital where last Tuesday he underwent an appendectomy. Because of a diabetic condition he was regarded as a poor operative risk, however, there was no alternative when a week ago this evening he was seized with an acute attack of appendicitis. He was apparently progressing alright, but the presence of the diabetic condition constantly threatened his recovery and early this morning he passed away in a diabetic coma.

The community was greatly shocked today with the report of his passing, as he had been prominent in the activities of the community and was well known. Mr. Sipe served as trustee of Blue Creek township for two terms, starting in 1922 and terminating in 1930. He was a successful farmer, having lived on the same farm throughout his entire married life, the home being located eight miles east and one mile north of Berne.

Mr. Sipe was a son of Andrew and Catherine Fallen-Sipe, and was born on December 28, 1885, in Blue Creek township, having lived his entire life in that township. He was married at Decatur on January 31, 1905 to Miss Mary M. Kelley, who survives with the following children: Earl and Lester of Blue Creek township, Miss Marjorie of Fort Wayne and Robert at home. There are also five grandchildren.

His parents and his only brother, William Sipe, preceded him.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Mt. Hope Church of the Nazarene, preceded by a short service at the home. Rev. W. F. Johnson will officiate and will be assisted by Rev. Harold S. Priddy. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope cemetery.

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ANNOUNCE WARD-HABEGGER TROTH

Engagement of Miss Elvira Ward, Decatur, and Glenn Habegger Told

Mrs. Amanda E. Ward, of Decatur, announces the engagement of her eldest daughter, Miss Elvira, to Radioman Third Class Glenn Habegger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Habegger, of this place.

A graduate of Berne high school, Mr. Habegger was employed at the Berne Furniture company before entering U. S. Navy. He is at present on convoy duty.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Monmouth high school and later attended Olivet Nazarene college, at Kankakee, Illinois. She is now employed at the General (cut off)

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AGED FARMER IS VICTIM OF HIT AND RUN DRIVER

Joseph A. Schwartz, 77, Escapes Serious Injury; Expect Arrest Today

Bishop Joseph A. Schwartz, 77, well known leader of the Amish people of this community and farmer, and his son Menno, narrowly escaped serious if not fatal injuries Monday afternoon when

their horse-drawn rig was hit from the rear by a hit-and-run truck driver, whose identity has not been definitely ascertained.

Mr. Schwartz, who was returning from town to his home on road 27 several miles north of town, was struck a short distance north of the Noah Moser home. He was violently hurled from his light wagon and thrown onto the berm at the side of the highway. A small, two-wheeled trailer which he was pulling behind the wagon, was shattered when the hit-and-skip driver hit it and also broke down two wheels on the rig to which the horse was hitched. Mr. Schwartz's light driving horse was frightened and attempted to run away, but Menno, who managed to stay on the rig, grabbed the reins and held the animal.

The younger Mr. Schwartz got a fleeting glance of the driver and took him to be a Mexican. Another farmer in the area met the same truck a few moments later and said that he had to clear the highway completely because the truck was weaving over the full width of the road as if the driver might have been under the influence of alcohol.

Sheriff Leo Gillig was reported on a hot clue today and had expected to take the guilty driver in custody at noon or early afternoon, however at press time no arrest had been reported.

The elder Mr. Schwartz was bleeding from the back of his head and was quite badly scratched up from the fall and his shirt was torn to fragments on his back. No internal injuries have developed and no ill effects are expected to remain from the episode.

Approaching the accident from the north was another car, driven by a lady whose name was not learned. She too was forced off the pavement to miss the hit-run driver. She stopped and took Mr. Schwartz to his home.

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Elmer and Naomi Stucky Liechty are the proud parents of an 8 1/2-pound baby girl named Judy Kaye, since this morning. This is the third child in the family and the first daughter. The mother and child are being cared for at the home of Mrs. Lillian Moser.

A boy was born this morning to Daniel and Verna Ethel Kizer Beeler of Geneva. The infant has been named Daniel Lee.

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