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Dec. 5 - Berne business places to close for Father-Son banquet; Olen Marsh figures in hold-up at Muncie; Death takes G. W. Studebaker; Roy Ellenberger, 9, dies; two poolrooms to open here; dairy school to be held at Monroe; insane man kills two and commits suicide at Bran, Ohio; Roy Bobo, former Adams county man kills divorced wife at Marion; names of 77 students appear on honor roll of Berne schools.

Dec. 8 - Charles Hirschy is arrested in Hartford township is arrested in Hartford township after being drunk and frightening neighbors; Jacob C. Huser dies in Ohio; widening of road 118 is mammoth job; John Fiechter barn burned and much livestock perishes in blaze; Mennonite church barn to be removed; heavy rains send river near flood stage; influenza is spreading in Berne; valuables stolen from Mrs. J. C. Schug apartment.

Dec. 12 - John Eicher place raided and he and Charles Hirschy are sentenced to penal farm; Bears defeat Jefferson 30-18; 300 attend Father-Son banquet and hear Dr. Dearing's speech.

Dec. 15 - School town of Berne awarded \$1170.00 in suit against Wabash township; Mrs. Abraham Sprunger dies in Ohio; John McClain breaks hip; Theodore W. Baker died; Decatur Moose home to be dedicated; Evangelical church elects officers; sale of license plates starts at Gottschalk Supply Company; thousands attend Democratic victory barbecue at Bluffton.

Dec. 19 - Cold wave sends temperature to 10 below zero; Rudolph Kaeser dies; Bears defeat Kirkland; Edward Gerber of near Craigville seriously injured in collision; epidemic of influenza is spreading; Union meetings announced to start Jan. 1.

Dec. 22 - Bryce Bauserman accepts position with First Bank of Berne; needy families of Berne to get baskets for Christmas cheer; Russel Bergman killed at Portland; Berne Farmer's Institute to be held Jan. 24; Mennonite church barn sold to Benhart Nussbaum and David O. Liechty.

Dec. 29 - Due to illness of wife of Dr. Harry Rimmer, Union meetings are postponed until Jan. 8; Christmas was observed here; several couples married; Marsh store at Muncie looted three times; Berne merchants to give prized to 1933's first newly-weds; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gilliom celebrate 60th wedding anniversary; Miss Martha Sprunger, 48, dies; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Aeshleman of Linn Grove celebrate Golden Wedding anniversary; transients who spent Christmas here write letter of appreciation; stores here to close on Thursday nights during January and February.

Tuesday, 2 January 1934

Interesting Happenings of 1933 Gathered from the Review Files

Jan. 2 – Levi A. Sprunger named president of First Bank of Berne, succeeding the late J. F. Lehman; Floyd Yaney west of Berne dies suddenly; Dennis Striker named president of Board of County Commissioners; Dr. D. D. Jones gives annual health report, showing 26 births and 22 deaths in Berne during 1932; Mennonite, Missionary, West Missionary churches hold annual business meetings; Fire loss in Berne in 1932 was \$300; Ralph Wheeler, 18, of Wabash township dies; Joe Wolpert dies at Decatur.

Jan. 5 – Ex-president Calvin Coolidge dies suddenly; Albert Runyon dies in Oklahoma; Dick Heller named clerk of the Indiana senate; D. W. Allspaw dies; lower light rate promised Berne by Indiana Service Corp.

Jan. 9 – Paul V. McNutt takes office as governor of Indiana; Chamber of Commerce officers for 1933 named; Union meetings open here with Dr. Rimmer as speaker; John J. Brown of the state highway department dies suddenly.

Jan. 12 – Dore Parr, former Berne man, loses eye in Kentucky oil fields; Victor Stuckey named president of Northeastern Indiana Hay and Grain Dealers' Association; Nick Jenney is very ill; Joseph Long convicted by Federal Grand Jury.

Jan. 16 – Nick Jenney dies at county hospital; Ed Liechty weds Miss Olive Winteregg; Dale McMillen buys Decatur sugar plant; premium list for Berne Farmers' Institute is announced; Alvin Kennel's car stolen and burned; Peter Liechty of north of town is very sick; Jefferson wins second team tourney.

Jan. 19 – Court orders dredging of Wabash river; Wm. Rupert and sons again win title of Adams county corn kings; Heavy storm puts Berne in dark.

Jan. 23 – Union meetings close here; Mrs. John S. Moser, 78, dies; Marvin Lehman weds Glenna Duff; Mr. and Mrs. John Lehman celebrate Golden Wedding anniversary; Egg price drops to 10 cents per dozen; Adam Bailey of near Monroe dies from blood poisoning; Miss Bertha Sprunger weds Rev. John Kaufman.

Jan. 27 – Mrs. Rosina Dubach, 86, dies; Hugo Steiner reported missing; Calvin Teeter dies; Leon Neuenschwander named president of Berne Farmers' Institute; James Adams, Bryant, fatally injured when hit by train; Miss Leah Schwartz weds Amos Graber.

Jan. 30 – Sam Meshberger dies from blood poisoning; lower water rates secured for Berne residents; Jefferson Warriors win county high school net tourney played at Auditorium; Harl Hollingsworth critically ill; Walter Meyer weds Miss Nola Banter.

Feb. 2 – Death takes Harl Hollingsworth; Noble Lobsiger weds Dorothy Felty; Hugo Steiner located at Cleveland; Announcement is made that Decatur sugar mill will again operate.

Feb. 6 - Dr. Frank Lose dies at Decatur; Mrs. David Soldner, 76, dies; Chester Nelson, Geneva, named to succeed Harl Hollingsworth as state motor policeman; August Schlickman of Kirkland township indicted by grand jury for selling mortgaged property; Bears lose to St. Mary's of Huntington, 36-19.

Feb. 9 - Harve Lawson home in Blue Creek township burns to ground; Mercury drops to 10 below zero; Mrs. Amos Huser dies suddenly; Heavy wind damages David J. Schwartz home; Lobagola, African bushman, arrested and placed in county jail; Martin Stucky of Monroe buys Willshire hatchery; announce names of rural high school graduates; Fort Wayne reports 14 below zero.

Feb. 13 - Berne schools get \$814.09 in semi-annual distribution of county school fund; Mrs. Martha Miller of Wabash township dies; Bears beat Monroeville, 24-11 at Monroeville.

Feb. 16 - Gunman's bullets miss President Roosevelt at Miami but Mayor Cermak of Chicago is critically wounded; Eda Wyss weds Don Sweeney; 9th annual Farmers' banquet held at Monmouth.

Feb. 20 - Martha Depp dies; Sherman Stucky succeeds Martha Depp at Post Office; Daniel Erwin dies at Decatur; Robert Lehman weds Marcella Moser; new trial in Wabash dredge case is over-ruled; Bears defeat Concordia Academy, 36-10.

Feb. 23 - Jerry Liechty re-named president of Adams County Farm Bureau; Chris Balsiger buys Julius Reichert farm east of Berne; Indiana State Legislature passes gross income tax bill.

Feb. 27 - Ralph Roop named Adams county highway supervisor, Chris Eicher, John Habegger and others released; Mrs. Peter Gilliom dies; Dick Heller named secretary to Lieut. Governor Townsend; drawing for Bluffton sectional made.

March 2 - Senator Walsh dies suddenly; Dr. Myron Habegger to locate in Berne; First Bank of Berne issues moratorium; Glen Rupert weds Miss Wilda Riley; Daniel Habegger of this place reported missing; Louise Marie Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hartman dies; Miss Allabelle Marshall weds Amos Stauffer; John Moore, Hartford City slayer electrocuted at Michigan City; Guy Sears of Redkey, Chet Nelson of Geneva discharged from state motor police force.

March 6 - National bank holiday in effect; Mayor Cermak dies in Miami hospital from bullet wound intended for Pres. Roosevelt; Opal Reynolds weds Lewis Haines; Florence Graber bride of Lewellen Lehman; Bluffton wins sectional net tourney.

March 9 - Mrs. David Schwartz dies; Noah Rich, Gus Reynolds named new directors for Berne Equity Exchange Company.

March 13 - Severe earthquake hits California; Rev. Edison Habegger weds Miss Florence Thomas; fire does slight damage at Limberlost Hatchery north of town, the proprietor, Amos M. Schwartz being severely burned in one eye from acid from a fire extinguisher.

March 16 - Cyclone does heavy damage in north part of county, also adjoining counties; First Bank of Berne re-opens under class "B" rating; Former Berne residents, now in California write and tell about earthquake; Alphas win first basketball game from Arenas, 49-30.

March 20 – John Beeler dies; heart attack is fatal to Abe Spichiger; heavy rains send Wabash, Ohio rivers on rampage; Zangara dies in electric chair for murder of Mayor Cermak; Berne flooded by heavy rain; Harley Ehram of Monroe weds Julia Howard of Fort Wayne.

March 23 – Mrs. John Wolf severely scalded; Melvin Hirschy weds Miss Rose Fuhrer; Anna Lehman bride of Robert Haecker; Berne men heavy losers in fox theft at Grabill; Ralph Braun leaves for Norfolk, Va., for spring baseball training; Berne Equity adds grocery department to meat market.

March 27 – Howard Bluhm weds Miss Lois Zuercher; Barton Reese Pogue to be rural high school commencement speaker.

March 30 – Vance and Linn Store at Decatur robbed of \$4,000 merchandise; large Dodge truck hauling school supplies goes into ditch south of Berne; Berne Loan Association given state license to resume business; Merrill Tharp breaks arm; Mrs. Sam Neuenschwander dies near Dalton, Ohio.

April 3 – Mr. and Mrs. John T. Martz celebrate 65 wedding anniversary; Daniel Habegger, missing youth returns home; Mrs. Clara Gregory, formerly of Jefferson township, commits suicide at Portland.

April 6 – Dirigible Akron lost at sea, 73 men being drowned; Berne Manufacturing Co. announces plan to issue scrip; Noah Roth dies; Philip Huser weds Mrs. Cora Reinhart; 3.2 beer legalized in U.S.

April 10 – Program for Easter cantata by county schools is announced; Senior class presents “Shirt Sleeves;” Mrs. Arthur Lehman burned where liquid spills on foot; Good Friday program announced; Morris Wells dies at Geneva; “Hap” Schug buys Earl Patterson’s share in Dad’s Place.

April 13 – Farmers of community split into two factions in electric light rate fight; brooder house on Menno Schwartz farm burns, destroying 500 chicks; Mrs. C. P. Neuenschwander dies at Burr Oak, Michigan; Berne has lowest rate of tax delinquents in Indiana; Elizabeth Gottschalk seriously ill at Indianapolis; give programs for closing school activities.

April 17 – Appeal of Wabash river dredge case is approved; names of Seniors of Berne high school announced; Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Habegger celebrate Golden Wedding; Robert Carey, Hoosier race driver killed; Kenneth Kunkel of Bluffton named public works administrator; Berne school honor roll contains names of 93 students; Francis Basinger weds Minnie Sprunger; Edith Sprunger marries Lawrence Von Gunten; Reuben Amstutz marries Miss Rose Hiestand.

April 20 – Review announces community spelling match and will award two free trips to World’s Fair; John McClain, 91, passes away; local milk plant to be improved; Dad’s restaurant moved to new location in the Jenney block on South Jefferson street; Peoples State bank to make 10 percent distribution.

April 24 – Arenas again win annual music-literary contest from Alphas; Homer Gibson weds Miss Leona Depp; Rufus Liechty weds Miss Thelma Agler; Bishop James Cannon to speak here; Ruth Judd declared insane; Pennsylvania passenger train kills four people at Portland [rest cut off]

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