



Besançon Historical Society, the Chronicles ...

CONTINUED "THE SILENT CITIES"

This is the conclusion of the feature story from Issue 39, entitled "The Silent Cities" ... that featured the cemeteries of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The research was done by Jane Morow, and copied from the Ft. Wayne News of May 26, 1900.

It explains the founding of all the cemeteries in the Ft. Wayne area. Jane submitted it to Allen County's Genealogical Society also. She has transcribed it exactly as it was in the paper, errors and all. It is a well written piece, in the manner of the day.

LINDENWOOD:

Lindenwood is not the cemetery of any one religious denomination. Its gates are open to the public generally - - people of all religious faiths, and those having no religious faith at all— sinners and saints, Christians and infidels, not matter what their race or nationality may be. Its arms are as widespread as the constitution of the nation of which we live. Its directors are at present: S. B Bond, J. H. Bass, O. P. Morgan, J. D. Bond and George H. Wilson. The president of the association is O. P. Morgan and the sec-

retary and treasurer Charles W. Wilding.

The crematory, situated somewhere near the center of the cemetery, contains the ashes of fifteen dead. It is a handsome stone building, with furnaces and all other needed appliances for incineration and many chambers for the reception of the dead. This method of preserving the remains of loved ones is growing in favor with many, although it will be a long, long time before people in general can be weaned from the old fashioned custom of giving the bodies interment to the Mother

Earth. President Morgan tells the News that water mains are now being laid through the cemetery. A six inch pipe leads from the entrance gate along one of the main driveways to the west side, and four inch pipes branch from there to all parts of the ground. Hydrants being placed at different locations, and facilities furnished for watering graves and grass in every section of the cemetery as to prevent damage from freezing.

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THE VISTORS, THE PARTIES, THE NEWS ...

We are so fortunate in this day of the Internet to access the newspapers of a hundred years ago, while sitting at our desks, in our own home, at our leisure.

Jane Morow has done a wonderful job finding and copying all this information!! It is with great interest we read the comings and goings of the folks in Besan-

con, Zulu, Monroeville, and elsewhere, but, mostly it is just that ... a lot of coming and going to one another's homes! *Continued on page 9*

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

One of our lifetime members **Georges Jeanney** died January 22, 2009. He lived in France and was excited to find Besançon, Indiana. He wrote a book on the French people who migrated to the United States. We hope to publish this soon in English.

I'd like to share some of my experiences answering queries. Most queries come from e-mail because the internet is so handy. By having our website named Besançon draws people that recognize the French town. I try to keep a record of the people I correspond with but there are a few gaps in my record keeping. Of course, the majority of people asking questions are from out of state. Such as California, Washington, Hawaii, upper peninsula of Michigan, Pennsylvania and one Fort Wayne native who was stationed in German and wanting information on his French line.

The easiest answers are always the names that are in the archives. The research has already been done and all I need to do is some copying. Some queries ask a definite question or date. I always assume the person asking has researched the internet so I don't bother to look there. There have been some names that are not connected to Besançon and then I head for the Library. The Allen County Public Library is a very favorite spot of mine. I'm always learning something new. Like learning to work the new microfilm readers and printers, finding new books added to the collection, checking websites that are free at the library but not at home. The Allen County genealogical website keeps adding new items. It is wise to check this one out. The Besançon site has been updated in 2008 with more information on pastors, parishioners who were veterans and their registrations, and the French American Society members.

Sometimes I have no answers, but just by replying to the e-mail, people are appreciative that research has been done. If the names are not in this area, they can rule out Allen County and concentrate on another area. I have researched names that are not connected to Besançon. If there is any record at the library, I am always glad to pass it on.

A few people visit the archives themselves if they live close or they use their vacation to travel. The archives are opened by special appointment for anyone whether they live close or not. One gentleman who wrote was searching for heirs but I was unable to help him since the family had moved from this area. There are only a couple of queries that were "wacky." One query asked "what Besançon was?", because the person was writing about the French in America.

Not only do people look for records, they also inquire about pictures. The Besançon archives holds over 1100 pictures of people, homesteads, animals, towns and scenes. I have made pictures from negatives and from the photo itself. Photos have been downloaded on my computer and sent by e-mail. Anyone who has a lap top computer can use it at the archives to download pictures. The cost of the picture is lower since they have their own equipment. I did have a request for a tombstone picture. I took several and the east side of the church was in the background. There have been requests for pictures of towns and the inter-urban also.

There is one man from Washington State that still corresponds. I helped him with the Beugnot family. He is still actively researching and I was able to help him on one of his other lines connected to the Beugnots. He has sent death, marriage and birth certificates. He has mailed many pictures. The archives now has a large file on this family due to him.

By answering queries, most people will send in their family history for the archives. So all gain in this process. And I feel rewarded by being able to help them research their family.

Barbara ...

Friends of Besançon ...**Georges Jeanney, Obituary, Died January 22, 2009**

Georges Jeanney, 81 years old, was a captain of industry. He died following a health problem. Georges Jeanney, as a young graduate of the College of Commerce in Paris in 1949 created a construction company of machine tools in Besançon. When he finished his military service in Casablanca, he decided to search for opportunities and performs various commercial activities until 1957. That year, he returns to Besançon with his young wife, Monique Chanard now deceased, and founded with his stepfather, a firm of resale of equipment and machine tools. The family expands with two girls.

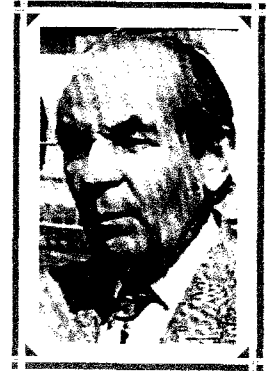
The economy is booming, the industry is growing in 1962. Product arrived as sheet coils, forcing the <coils> cutters acquire equipment unwinding, straightening and planeing, three types of equipment that will foster the development of the Dimeco Company employing nearly 300 employees with its various subsidiaries. Georges Jeanney tirelessly dedicated to his business, he travels around Europe and then the United States and Japan in search of the best equipment. He founded the new factory in Pirey and sought the right employees to develop a range of powerful machines.

In Economic Life and Sports

Georges Jeanney also participated actively in the economic life of the region at the center of young leaders, then the CCI of the Doubs. He also joined the Employers' Union of Doubs of which he was president from 1999 to 2002. Even earlier, he created in 1972 with some industrialists the exhibition of the microtechniques Micronora president of which he was until 1991. Mr. Jeanney has also invested much of his time into sports life, water sports club and then club business of Besançon Basket County he really got it going. Georges Jeanney did not do things by halves. Curious, tireless traveler, he recently was invited to go through, in a book, 50 years in the life of his company in his regional environment and social development. He in knowing how to assure the positioning of his company in the context of globalization. Love has helped. Three years ago, he met Maryse Galéazzi, his second wife, which gives him a new zest for life. Together they traveled the seas, free as air. His wife now has a lot of grief.

The funeral of Georges Jeanney will be celebrated on Monday, January 27th, at 10 h 30, in the church of the Sacred Heart. Our condolences to the family.

GEORGES JENNEY
1928 - 2009



Our thanks to Don Lomont for translating the obituary from a French newspaper. George Jeanney was a good friend who by chance found Besançon, Indiana in 1997 when on business in Chicago. He had heard of a little town in Indiana by that name, and wanted to see for himself if it existed. Renting a car and driving across the state he was welcomed by Agnes Hart, the principal at St. Louis Academy; he didn't know what he would find that day but later he said he found friends! A great correspondence sprung up, and when members of the historical society visited France in 2000, Mr. Jeanney welcomed them.

Mr. Jeanney wanted to write a book about all the people who migrated to America, he did much research at Allen county library, and became good friends with many of the members of the historical society. Last year Mick, Jane and Bart Lomont visited Besançon, France to help launch the book Mr. Jeanney had published.

MISSION of The Besançon Historical Society**ARTICLE II - SECTION 2:**

The mission of the Besançon Historical Society of East Allen County is to preserve, interpret, and foster a deeper understanding of the history, heritage, and culture of the rural community know as Besançon, Indiana, generally located in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and which has as its central focus, Saint Louis Catholic Church
Established: 1994

"YESTER YEAR ... copied and submitted by Jane Morow



FAMILY REUNION

JOURNAL GAZETTE .. JAN. 2, 1905 ... A family reunion was held yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Clutter, 1002 Columbia avenue. Those who sat down to the splendid dinner prepared were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sordelet and Mr. and Mrs. John Sordelet, of Dawkins; Mr. and Mrs. William Rorick, of Gar Creek; Edward Sordelet, of Churubusco, Mr. and Mrs. John Bickel, of New Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Haines, Miss Frances Rachle, of Garrett; Mr. Clarence Sordelet, of Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sordelet, Leonard and Alfareta Yoquelet, Sadie Dorman, Luceta Rorick, Alice Douglas, and Charles Zent.

AUGUST PEPE RESIGNS

Ft. Wayne News ... April 24, 1915 ... August Pepe, for forty years prominent in Allen county road improvement service, has resigned. Of late he has been a deputy to Road Superintendent Tonkel, having charge of the Lincoln highway east of Ft. Wayne. His advanced age, 76 years, makes it impossible for Mr. Pepe to give the work the attention it needs and he asked that a younger man be named. Charles Frene, of Jefferson township, was named to take his place.

COUNTY PARTY

Ft. Wayne Sentinel June 27, 1917 ... Nine young people motored to the home of Miss Esther Jacquay at New Haven, on Tuesday evening and enjoyed a wienie bake. Later in the evening there was music for dancing and after that supper was served. Participating in this good time were Alma Huhn, Veronica and Erin Koester, Francis Switzler, Catherine Burdick and Arthur Koehl, Frank Jacquay, Will Koester, Henry Voors, Roscoe Moore and Frank Hirst, of Greenville, Ohio.

Sues for Loss of Finger

Ft. Wayne News, June 30, 1914 ... Peter Ladig has begun suit against the Berghoff Brewing association to recover damages in the sum of \$1,000 for personal injuries. The complaint alleges negligence on the part of the defendant company, causing the loss of a finger to the plaintiff.

It is set out that the plaintiff was employed by the Berghoff company as a driver for one of the beer wagons. The company promised, he alleges, to fix the wagons, and especially to put a center piece in the wagon he was driving. This center piece was to prevent the kegs from coming too close together. The center piece was not put and the plaintiff got his finger between two kegs and had the member crushed off. For this he wants \$1,000.

HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Weekly Sentinel, November 8, 1905 ... The home of Mrs. C. F. Bardey in Jackson township with its contents, was wholly destroyed about noon Thursday by fire. Mrs. Bardey lives about a mile and half southeast of Dawkins' and had a very well improved farm. A number of men have been engaged for several days in driving a well near the house, and power for the work was supplied from a traction engine. It seems certain that a spark from this engine alighting on the roof was the cause of the fire.

The men were busily engaged at work and the women were preparing the noonday meal when the blaze started and it had gained great headway before it was discovered. All attempts to control the fire were futile and in a few moments the entire structure was enveloped in flames. Only a few articles of furniture were carried from the house. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, and there was no insurance on the building or the contents.

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A new feature in the burial arrangements, Mr. Morgan says, will also be introduced at Lindenwood. Eight neat and attractive uniforms for the men working at the cemetery have been purchased. When a funeral arrives at the grave, four of these uniformed men will relieve the regular pall-bearers, carry the body from the hearse and lower it into the grave. Experience men like these handling the casket at the grave will make the burials more system like and prevent any possible accident.

The president says that as far as possible all the graves will be leveled nearly to the ground, and sodded, and as an effort made to rid the cemetery of hedges, which obstruct entrances to lots and mar the beauty of the cemetery.

Hebrew Section of Lindenwood. The Achduth Veshalom congregation were given a tract of four acres of land off the west side of Lindenwood for their burial purposes. To reach it they traverse the width of Lindenwood and cross over the twin lakes. They have a beautiful location and are handsomely improving it. Although separated from it and giving them exclusive burying grounds, it seems like a part of Lindenwood, and indeed in many respects it is, being under the same rules and the same general care. They have several hundred dead buried there, and their monuments are, as a rule, of the finest style in material and workmanship. Among the most costly are the Rothchilds, Lauferty, Becker, Well, Trauerman, Fisher, Stiefel, Freilburger, Heilbronner, Graff, Apelbaum, Falk, Levy, Rosenthal monuments.

The Concordia Cemetery. In convenience and easiness of approach, the Concordia cemetery, the burying grounds of the Lutherans, is most favorably located. It is in the eastern limits of the city, between the Maumee road and Washington street, and contains about sixteen acres of land, high and dry and thoroughly drained. There is an entrance gate from either road, or the electric cars run to its Washington street entrance. It was purchased in 1830, and is used by all the Lutheran congregations in the city belonging to the Missouri Synod, being under the control of the following board of directors from the different churches:

Zion Congregation: S. H. Sheuman, Fredrick Miller, William Miller.

St. Paul: Gottlieb Muehlenbruck, Henry Dicke, Fred W. Gallmeier.

Emmanuel: C. A. Kampe, Fredrick Pieper, August Freese.

Trinity: Frederick Brinkreider, Charles Pape, Charles Auman.

The officers of the board are : President; William Miller, Secretary, Gottlich Muehlenbruck, Treasurer, C. A. Kampe.

A wide graveled driveway runs across the cemetery from the entrance gate on Washington street to the one on Maumee road, and similarly graveled streets give access to all parts of the grounds, making them, with their numerous evergreen bordered lots and mammoth shade trees, an ideal city of the dead.

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The Concordia College, a Lutheran institution of learning, is located just west of the cemetery, separated from it by a newly constructed street, and with its broad acres and its buildings, attract the attention of all passers to the possessions which the Lutherans have in that part of the city for the education of their youth and the care of their dead.

William Meizen, the superintendent who has been in charge of the cemetery for twenty years, tells the News there are nearly 5,000 graves at the Concordia. There were 2,000 when he entered upon his duties, and he has looked after the interment of about 3,000 bodies since then. The first to receive its original burial there (for many were removed from the other cemeteries), was that of a child of Henry Kleinmiller, which took place shortly after the cemetery was opened.

Surviving friends have not forgotten to pay proper tribute to the memory of their loved ones at the Concordia. Evidence of it are seen everywhere in the beautiful monuments that have been erected. The most costly are those that stand on the lots of William Moellering, August Baker, Charles Pape, Gottlieb Steup, Mrs. Balse, Gottlieb Ortt and others, ranging in price, probably from \$1600 to \$725.

One grave which attracted the attention of the News reporter was that of Rev. Jesse Hoover. It is located near the Washington street gate on one of the most prominent and beautiful spots in the burial grounds. No monument marks the grave where his remains were laid, only an ordinary old fashioned marble slab, showing the defacement which years have wrought. And yet the man whose bones lie buried there was the pioneer preacher of Lutheranism in Fort Wayne, yes, more the pioneer preacher of Lutheranism in Indiana. On that warm worn, weather beaten marble slab is this inscription:

REV. JESSE HOOVER Died May 24, 1838 Aged 28 years

Organizer of the First German Evangelical Congregation In Fort Wayne, Ind. In the Year 1836.

He was its faithful Pastor until GOD called him home.

When Rev. Hoover came here, Fort Wayne was but a village of 500 inhabitants. The church he started with sixty-five members, was the first Lutheran congregation organized in Indiana. Although no costly marble marks his grave, he has an enduring monument, not made of stone, in the German's love and in the history of the Lutherans.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY The earlier history of the Catholic burying grounds is given above. Their present cemetery is located on a tract of land of 120 acres, about two miles east of the city on the Maysville road. Forty acres of it are now used for cemetery purposes and much of the balance is in meadows or under cultivation, ready however, to be converted into burying grounds when occasion requires.

When purchased in 1875 it was forest lands, and many of the trees were left standing, giving the grounds all the shade necessary and adding to their attractiveness. Graveled roads leave from the entrance gate to every part, it has its own water works, a green house where thirsty beds of flowers are cultivated,

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And the construction of a lake covering a couple acres is in progress, some three hundred feet from the entrance, in the midst of a delightful grove, is the superintendent's home, a comfortable and roomy brick house.

The cemetery is owned, controlled and for the use of the Catholic congregations of the city, being under the management of board of directors, which consist of the following persons from the different churches: John B. Beuss, Edward Gilmartin, John B. Lassus, George Jacoby, Henry Bergoff, and Louis Fox. Mr. Reuss is president, and Mr. Fox, secretary. The treasurer of the association is John Mohr, Jr.

There are now in the cemetery nearly 5,000 graves. Superintendent Thomas Butler does not think this represents the number of people buried there, for in the various removals of the old to the new cemeteries many of the bodies were so destroyed by time and decay and scattered that identification was impossible, and the bones of a large number were buried together, so that the figures given above would be materially increased.

The first funeral procession to enter the cemetery and the first body to receive original interment was that of Mrs. Rose Rawley, wife of A. Rawley. She died, as a small stone at the head of her grave indicates, on the 10th of November, 1875, age 25 years, 9 months, 20 days.

There are many handsome monuments ranging from \$2,000, \$1500, and down. Among them are those of P. S. O'Rourke, Bernard O'Connor, Rev. Father O'Leary, and Henry Baker, and the Colerick, Filcer and Cary, Ryan, Weber, Monning, and Trentmann monuments.

One monument before which visitors pause to study the inscription with interest is that of John B. Richardsvill, the principal chief of the tribe of Miami Indians, who in early times infested this region of the country. He was here about the year 1700, and died in August, 1841. His monument, as a white marble, over five foot in height, bears the defacing marks of age, and stand on the Godfrey lot, on which is placed another monument of another Indian chief, James Godfrey, who died on July 24th, 1894, at the age of 84 years.

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN. The cemetery of St. John Evangelical Lutheran congregation, which belongs to the Ohio Synod, is located about a mile from the city, just off the Bluffton road. The congregation first buried their dead at the old Broadway cemetery, and then in one of their own in the northwestern part of the city. About twenty years ago, they purchased their present grounds, which they have improved and fitted up handsomely. They have forty acres in all, twenty of which are now in use. The soil is sandy and the land rolling and forest trees are scattered over it. A broad, graveled driveway, with maple shade trees along either side, runs from the entrance gate through the grounds.

The cemetery is under the control of a trustee, who is elected by the trustees of the church. Henry Stelhorn is the trustee, and George Raber is the superintendent. His home, a comfortable and roomy frame house, is on the grounds.

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Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette, April 23, 1917 ...

Submitted by Gene Yoquelet

PIONEER FRENCH CITIZEN CALLED

John Baptiste Corneille, aged 79 years and 8 months, a well-known French citizen, who has resided in Ft. Wayne for nearly three quarters of a century, died at 12:00 Sunday noon at St. Joseph's hospital. Death was due to dropsied complications from which he had suffered for the past seven months.

A strange coincidence in the death of the pioneer is this, that he passed away in the same room at the hospital in which occurred the demise of **Rev. Augustine Adam**, Saturday, March 31. The two were warm personal friends and in 1861 Mr. Corneille had served Father Adam as acolyte when the latter was pastor of the old St. Vincent's church, Academie, Ind.

Born in the village of St. Jaun, department Doubs, France, August 18, 1837, John Baptiste Corneille at the age of five years, accompanied his parents who emigrated to America, crossing the Atlantic on the sailboat "Albany" sixty days being consumed in the voyage. The little party reached Toledo and embarked for Ft. Wayne on the first canal boat that made the trip between Toledo and Ft. Wayne, landing at what is now the site of the Clark Fruit company. Land was purchased in St. Joe township. It was virgin timber land and as soon as he was old enough to swing an axe, young Corneille did his part in clearing the land for cultivation. In 1882 he entered the dry goods establishment of **Abbot & Co.**, located on East Columbia street and was successively associated with **Griff & Co.**, **Shard & Corneille**, **Root & Co.**, (now **Rurode's**), and **The Boston Store**. In later life Mr. Corneille devoted his time to notary public work and as French correspondent. In 1865 he joined the

Alert Hook and Ladder company and for many years rendered faithful service in this pioneer, volunteer organization of fire fighters.

In 1863 Mr. Corneille was united in marriage to **Miss Rosalie Mathie**, who preceded him in death six years ago. To this union thirteen children were born, seven surviving. They are **Mrs. Joseph Chavane**, **Mrs. Gustave Lindemann**, **Mrs. Edward Graffe**, **Mrs. Al Papa**, **Mrs. Charles Dodane**, **Charles L. Corneille** of this city and **Mrs. W. F. Bohling** of Pontiac, Ill. Seventeen grandchildren, and four great grandchildren also survive.

The death of Mr. Corneille removes an interesting figure who distinctly belonged to the old school. Coming to Ft. Wayne in May, 1843, when the Indians were still in evidence he had seen the city grow from a collection of shambles to the metropolis of northern Indiana. He was a man of lofty character and kindly disposition and those that knew him will deeply regret his demise. For fifty-four years Mr. Corneille has resided at 209 East Superior street. Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Friends are requested to kindly omit flowers. The remains will be removed today to the home of a daughter, **Mrs. Gustave Lindermann**, 1428 Summit Street.

A BUILDING BOOMLET:

Ft. Wayne News: December 11, 1896 ... Spy Run avenue is on the boom just now. **Mr. J. B. Reuss** is building a palatial home on this thoroughfare, and two beautiful residences are to be built on Spy Run avenue next spring. These residences will be erected in **H. H. Bossler's** addition, near St. Mary's river and Superior street. **Delphis Martin** of Academie Station, will build a \$5,000 residence in this addition, and **Peter Bobay**, another farmer will soon erect a \$2,500 residence in the same addition.

Ft. Wayne News: 1904 ... **Dr. G. M. Leslie**, of Ft. Wayne, was in town Monday looking after the interests of the **J. H. Bass** farm, which was purchased by **J. W. Nail**. The farm contains about 480 acres and the consideration was in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

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There are 1.000 graves in the cemetery, and many of the lots handsome monuments have been erected.

There is no electric car reaching the grounds. The congregation believes the building of one would be a profitable investment, as it would also pass the Orphan's Home and the county infirmary.

OTHER CEMETERIES; Other cemeteries round and near the city are the burying grounds of the Indiana School for Feeble Minded, and the Parker, Notetine, Hatfield, Rudisill, Gillette, and Bullard cemeteries. #

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We try to pick and choose the bits and pieces that have the most news in the one or two sentences just so we have a flavor of the times and the ones we think would be of the most interest to you, dear reader ... Enjoy!!

Journal Gazette, of December 30, 1914: ZULU NEWS: **Arthur and Elmer Oberley** were engaged last week in the marketing of their corn to the Williams elevator. **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hammon** of near Dawkin's Station drove to Ft. Wayne in a bob-sled last Thursday to do their Christmas shopping.

... **Mr. Earl Pickett and Mr. Arthur Westenfeld**, of Ft. Wayne, arrived in this vicinity on an early car Christmas morning. The boys enjoyed being out in the zero weather and did some hunting in the fields and woods taking home with them in the evening a nice bag of game including several nice rabbits and quails. The boys are always successful in getting lots of game. ... **Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gremaux** assisted **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Voriol** to do their butchering Wednesday. ... **Arthur Lomont** is on the sick list. ... **Mrs. Sarah Girardot** and children enjoyed a sleigh ride to the home of **Mrs. Francis Girardot and Mr. and Mrs. John Girardot** and daughter, Christmas day.

Journal Gazette, Feb 15, 1915 ... Considerable excitement was caused Friday morning when telephone calls began to ring for help at the home of **Mrs. Sarah Girardot**, where a fire had broke out from some unknown origin in the upper story of the dwelling, in a very short time a large crowd of men had gathered on the scene and being unable to find out the severity of the fire on account of the dense smoke in the attic in order to make it safe began to move everything out of the house in due time then forming a bucket brigade and soon extinguished the flames but causing a terrible smoke and by that they had taken the safe side to save the household goods. ... Last Thursday evening at about 7:30 o'clock the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Ed Monnot** was the scene of quite an excitement when several neighbors and friends dropped in to help them whilst the hours away, coming with well filled baskets and to remind Mr. Monnot that he had reached his 46 milestone. The affair had been so well planned that not one member of the family was aware of what was going on until the crowd burst in on them. Those who enjoyed the hospitality were: **the Charles Martins' of Tillman Station, the Maynard VanHorns'/dght Vern, Charles Ternets', H. S. Coulardots', Frank Oberleys'/sons: Alton and Russell, Julian Gremaux', George Townsends', Edward Monnots'/dgts: Edna and Mildred.** The guests were pleasantly entertained in card playing before lunch, while after luncheon music and old time singing, all joining in the chorus, was enjoyed until the wee small hours, when the guests began to depart for their homes, thanking their host and hostess for their kind hospitality, and wishing Mr. Monnot many more such happy returns of the day. ... **The Misses Bertha and Agnes Venderly** returned to their home Friday after spending several days in the city and attending the dance given by the French American society last Wednesday evening.

Obituaries

MRS. JOSEPHINE BACON

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette ... May 27, 1907 ... Mrs. Josephine M. Bacon, wife of Samuel Bacon, one of the prominent farmers and pioneer citizens of Jefferson township, died Saturday night, May 25, at 9:30 o'clock, at the family residence. Mrs. Bacon's health had not been good for a long time. Last Sunday a week ago she was stricken and typhoid pneumonia was the result. Mrs. Bacon, was fifty four years of age and nearly all of that time she has lived in Jefferson township. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Didier and was born shortly after the family arrived in America from France. Mr. Didier came to Jefferson township and his wife and children followed. Surviving the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bacon are the following children: Albert S., Ephriam J., Arthur C., Samuel J., and Mrs. Nicholas Kline. There are five stepchildren, Mrs. Alphonse Harvert, of Ft. Wayne, is a sister of Mrs. Bacon. The funeral of the deceased woman will occur Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Louis Catholic church, Besançon. The interment will be in the Odd Fellow's cemetery, New Haven. Rev. Dhe will officiate.

JOHN. J. BEGUE

Ft. Wayne Sentinel, May 21, 1915 ...

John J. Begue,

Aged Jefferson Township Farmer,

Suddenly Stricken.

New Haven, Ind., May 31. John Joseph Begue, aged 80 years, a well known Jefferson township citizen, and former resident of Ft. Wayne, was stricken with heart disease as he sat in the interurban station here Sunday morning and expired within a few minutes. He had not been well for some time, and came to a drug store here,

where he had purchased some medicine with which to break up a cold. He was waiting for a car on the Ohio Electric line when he was stricken. Coroner E. H. Kruse was called from Ft. Wayne and conducted an investigation. Mr. Begue was a painting contractor, and was extensively known in the country. He had spent many years in New Haven, Ft. Wayne and Jefferson township. He was a communicant of the Catholic church at Besançon. He leaves a widow and three children. Mrs. Jerry O'Connor, of Ft. Wayne, Frank Begue of Besançon and August Begue, of Chicago.

MRS. EDWARD SORDELET

Sentinel, May 17, 1901 ... Mrs. Edward Sordelet, who resided on the McCulloch farm in Eel River township, died at 6 o'clock Thursday evening. Mrs. Sordelet was twenty-three years of age, and leaves a husband and three children, the youngest but three weeks old. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Holmes, of Eel River township, and resided in Ft. Wayne, until the removal to the farm in February last. Besides the parents, other relatives include two sisters and three brothers. Mrs. Sordelet was a devoted member of St. Vincent's Catholic church.

MRS. MARGRET GIRARDOT

Sentinel, September 7, 1917 ... Mrs. Margret Girardot, aged 78 years, died Wednesday afternoon, at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Frank C. Gotrain, of Madison township. Funeral services were held at 8 o'clock at the home and at 9 o'clock, at the St. Rose Catholic church, of Monroeville. Internment at the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

VICTOR A. SALLOT

Ft. Wayne News, January 3, 1916 ...

Victor A. Sallot, one of the pioneer merchants of the city, died at 1:30 o'clock New Year's afternoon at his residence, 1104 Summit street, from paralysis after an illness of nine weeks. He was 71 years old. Mr. Sallot was born in France and came to this city with his parents when 18 months old. He had reside here ever since. His father purchased the first lot in what is known as Frenchtown. In 1868 the deceased engaged in the manufacture of sash and doors, and following the destruction of his factory in 1870 he became associated with Barney O'Connor in the lumber business. Later he became superintendent of the Boseker & White wagon works and in 1884 accepted a similar position with the Olds wagon works, continuing with that firm until his retirement some years ago. In 1881 he married to Miss Agnes Baker, and the widow and following children survive: Frank R. and Bernard, of Cleveland; August J., Hubert M., Stephen A., Joseph H., Victor Jr. and Miss Agnes, all at home. Mr. Sallot was a member of the Cathedral and of the Married Men's sodality and the Holy name of that Congregation. Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 8:30 at the residence and at 9 o'clock at the Cathedral.



Obituaries

MRS. SOPHIA EVARD

Ft. Wayne News, June 6, 1904 ...

Mrs. Sophia Evard, aged eighty-six, and for fifty-two years a resident of Allen county, is dead of the infirmities due to her advanced years. Her death occurred at her home in Jefferson township and the funeral took place this morning. Mrs. Evard was born in Switzerland, in 1818. In 1840 she was married to Louis Henry Evard, and twelve years later, in 1852, they came to America. Coming immediately to Allen county, they located at Wallon, and in a very few years became recognized among the best elements of the citizenship of the county. In 1862 Mr. Evard died, and ten years later the widow with her family moved to Jefferson township, which has been their home ever since. Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Mary S. Lemon, of Macom, MO., Mrs. Jeanette Montavy, of Sheffield, MO.; Mrs. Thomas Doyle, of Ft Wayne, Mrs. Joseph Giant and Justice Evard, both of Jefferson township, and August Evard, of Omaha, Neb.

GEORGE W. TOWNSEND

Ft. Wayne News, March 29, 1911 ..

George W. Townsend, one of the most prominent farmers of Jefferson township, died Tuesday at his home, six miles east of New Haven. Death was due to heart trouble, and came after an illness of several years. Mr. Townsend was born in Adams township, near New Haven, in 1841. For many years he lived on the farm where the death occurred. Surviving he leaves his widow, who was formerly Miss Josephine Gladieux, four children, Mrs. Louis Yoquette, Mrs. Charles Ternet, William Townsend, and George Townsend; twelve grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at the Methodist Episcopal church at New Haven. Interment at the I. O. O. F. cemetery in New Haven.

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From Journal Gazette, August 17, 1914 ... Miss Mary Ehinger, who has been employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lomont, for several weeks, returned home Thursday morning. Mrs. Louie Reuille spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Holmes. ... Frank Lomont and Julian Gremaux were New Haven callers Wednesday.... Mrs. Adolph Mairon and daughter, Philioniene, of Bay City, Mich., returned home Wednesday morning after a three week's visit with friends and relatives of Besançon and vicinity. ... Miss Mabelle Boitet was a caller at the John Ternet home Thursday. ... Morris, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Emiel Pepe, is very ill at this writing. ... Arthur Ternet, who has been employed at the Leslie Ternet home for some time returned home Wednesday evening. ... Mrs. Al Stear, of Arkansas, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Holmes, and other relatives, of this place and Ft. Wayne, for three weeks left Saturday morning for her home at St. Louis. She will be joined by her husband, who will arrive there at noon. Later in the day they will leave for Arkansas. ... Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Townsend motored to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ternet. ... The many friends of Mrs. Louis Pabst, of Woodburn, who has been very ill, are pleased to hear that she is improving. ... Rev. M P. Louen called on Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pabst of Woodburn, Thursday. ... Mrs. Julian Girardot was a caller at the Boitet home Friday. ... Eugene Boitet, of Ft. Wayne, spent Saturday and Sunday with Besançon relatives. ... Mrs. Henry Girardot and son Manford spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Emiel Ternet. ... Mrs. Joseph Boitet, Mrs. Louis Marie, the Misses Charlotte Lomont and Mabelle Boitet spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. John Ternet. ... Mr. and Mrs. William Huguenard and daughter, who have been residents of this place for some time, moved to Ft. Wayne Friday. While at this place they won many friends who wish them good luck in their new home. ... Mrs. Frank Begue was a Ft. Wayne shopper Saturday ... Mrs. Amiel Gladieux of Ft. Wayne called on relatives at this place on Saturday. ... Mrs. Peter Urbine and Mrs. Elmer Urbine and children of New Haven called at the Berthand home on Saturday. ... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roussey of Ft. Wayne, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dager and family.



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