

For this month, we thought you might enjoy some wedding announcements dating back to 1904. These are part of our church history artifacts, thanks to Burnie Greimann. Enjoy!

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Wedding Bells.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized last evening at six o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerlin northeast of town, the contracting parties being their daughter, Miss Tillie, and Archie L. Wartnaby, of this place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. J. Bowder in the presence of the immediate families and a few friends of the bride and groom. Following the hearty congratulations of those present, a most bountiful wedding supper was served.

Both these young people are well and favorably known in this place and vicinity. The bride has lived in this vicinity nearly all her life. The groom is the junior member of the firm of J. S. Wartnaby & Son and is a young man with a bright future before him. He has been connected with Sheffield's business interests for over two years past and by his gentlemanly ways and excellent qualifications has won the confidence and esteem of the people of this place and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Wartnaby will be at home in the Mrs. Dailey residence, which has been made ready for their occupancy. The Press joins in wishing them a long and happy married life.

A double wedding was solemnized at the home of Henry Seveking, east of town, on Thursday evening when their youngest daughter, Miss Mary, was united in marriage to George Young, and their second daughter, Miss Martha, to Chris Horstman. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives and friends by Rev. Westenberger, pastor of the Lutheran church. These young people will go to housekeeping on farms east of town. Their friends extend best wishes for a long, happy wedded life. *12-17-1908*

A Pretty Wedding.

Last Wednesday evening at seven o'clock occurred the marriage of Ray Kugler to Miss Lillian Ohlert. The ceremony took place at the home of Rev. J. F. Lantow, who performed the ceremony. Immediately after the wedding a dinner was served at the home of Mrs. Emma Ohlert, the bride's mother. *Oct. 28, 1909*

The bride is a lady of grace and refinement and will make a splendid helpmate for her chosen husband.

Mr. Kugler is one of the popular employees at the Hobbie machine shops and the Globe joins in wishing their health and prosperity.—Globe.

At the German Lutheran parsonage east of Sheffield on last Thursday, occurred the marriage of John Oelkers to Miss Minnie Ludkemann, Rev. J. Westenberger officiating. These young people are well known in this vicinity and have a host of warm friends who wish for them a long life of happiness. They left the same day for a trip to Clayton county after which they will return to Sheffield and will reside on groom's fine farm west of town. *10-20-1910*

AUGUST F. STORCK MARRIED

1919
Sheffield Man Takes Indiana Lady as Bride Here Yesterday

Yesterday, September 10th, at 3:30 P. M., at the Lutheran Church east of town, the marriage of August F. (Otto) Storck, of Sheffield, to Mrs. Olga Schroeder, of Hammond, Indiana, took place. The officiating pastor being Rev. E. A. Hanff.

The bridal couple were attended by Miss Lorena Storck, as bridesmaid, a sister of the groom, and Mr. Carl Buse, as best man, a brother of the bride.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buse, of Talleston, Indiana, was attired in a suit of white satin and georgette crepe.

The groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. August Storck, both now deceased, grew to manhood in the vicinity of Sheffield and is counted among our most successful farmers.

These young people are both members of the Lutheran church. They have not planned a trip at this time but will begin housekeeping on the groom's farm east of town and the best wishes of their many friends will be with them.

A pretty church wedding took place Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in the Lutheran church when Miss Gretchen Westenberger was united in marriage to Rev. Rudolph Dahlke, of Ionia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Westenberger, of this place, and Rev. Dahlke, of Dows, fathers of the bride and groom. After congratulations, the bridal party went to the home of Caris Bockmeier, Jr., where a reception was held and at 6 o'clock the guests went to the home of Carl Bockmeier, where the wedding dinner was served. Rev. and Mrs. Dahlke departed for their new home in Ionia, Wednesday. The best wishes of their friends go with them. The out of town guests present were Rev. Dahlke and sons, of Dows, Mrs. Ed Eilens, of Wells, Minnesota, Rev. Sandock, of Dysart, Rev. Herzog, of Iowa City, Mrs. Drumstuc, of Clinton, Misses Miller Eike, of Lamont, Anna Guetslof, of Basset, Dr. J. C. Westenberger and family, of St. Ansgar, Al Westenberger and family, of Ionia.

May 6, 1920

HENRY WEARDA MARRIED

1923

Young Sheffield Farmer Takes Hampton Girl As Bride

Miss Hilda Marie Ohlerking, of Hampton, and Henry Wearda, of Sheffield, were united in marriage at the Zion Lutheran church northwest of Hampton on Christmas afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Otto von Gemmingen. The couple were attended by Miss Elizabeth Ohlerking, sister of the bride, and Martin Wearda, Jr., brother of the groom.

The bride is a daughter of Henry L. Ohlerking and is a well known young woman of this city and one who is especially popular with her many friends. She attended the Hampton public schools and for some time has been employed in the office of the Earl Ferris Nursery.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wearda, who reside southeast of Sheffield, and for some time past has been connected with his father and brother in the farming business. He is a hustling young man who has won the high esteem and respect of all who know him by his integrity and fine personality.

After a honeymoon motor trip to Webster City and other points in Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Wearda will be at home on the I. I. Thompson farm now owned by the Rowe Bros., five and one-half miles west of town where he will begin farming for himself.

MARTHA DITTBURNER WEDS RECENTLY

Becomes Bride of Henry

Dec 21 Schroeder. 1928

A very pretty wedding was solemnized last week Wednesday when Miss Martha Dittburner became the bride of Henry Schroeder at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dittburner.

The bride was beautiful in a beaded yellow georgette, with a wreath of orange blossoms in her hair. She carried a bouquet of roses and white smilax. The groom was dressed in the conventional blue.

The young people entered the room to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, and were united in marriage by the Rev. L. W. Reuther. The double ring ceremony was used.

The bride was attended by Miss Olga Schroeder as her bridesmaid. The latter was attired in a blue velvet gown.—Albert Dittburner acted as the groom's best man.

A six o'clock dinner was served to about twenty-five immediate relatives and friends.

The young people will make their home on the farm belonging to Mr. Schroeder's father.

The Press joins with the people of this community in wishing the young couple a long and happy married life.

The marriage of Rudolph Schaefer and Miss Minnie Storck occurred at the German Lutheran church at two o'clock, Thursday afternoon, October 4th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Westenberger in the presence of a large number. The bridesmaids were Misses Fleta Storck and Meyer and the groomsmen were Eddie Schaefer and Otto Storck. After the ceremony all went to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Schaefer, the number present being in all 375 people. After congratulations were extended the guests were invited to partake of an elegant wedding supper served by girl friends of the bride. The bride and groom are two of our best young people and have lived here since childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer were the recipients of many valuable and beautiful presents from their friends. They have gone to housekeeping on the groom's farm southeast of town. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. Storck of Madison, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. F. Rurop and Mr. and Mrs. H. Rurop of Nebraska, Mrs. C. Belefelt of Hamlin, Indiana 10-12-

1906

NEW YEAR'S DAY WEDDING

New Year 1924

Martin Wearda Jr., Marries Miss Elizabeth Ohlerking of Hampton

Franklin County Recorder: A wedding of interest to many Franklin county people took place New Year's day at 5 o'clock at Zion's Lutheran church in Mott township, when the pastor, Rev. Otto von Gemmingen, united in marriage Miss Elizabeth Ohlerking of this city, and Martin Wearda, Jr., of Sheffield. Mrs. Wearda is a daughter of H. L. Ohlerking and grew to womanhood in this community. For some time she has been employed in the general office at the Ferris Nursery. Mr. Wearda is a son of Martin Wearda, of Sheffield. The young people will make their home on a farm three miles southeast of Sheffield.

The Recorder joins their many friends in extending good wishes for future happiness.

A sister of the bride, Hilda M. Ohlerking, was married Christmas day to a brother of the groom, Henry C. Wearda.

PRETTY JUNE WEDDING

June 8 1921
Herman Berding Takes Miss Emma Eickmeyer as Bride

A very pretty June wedding took place at St. Johns Lutheran church east of Sheffield yesterday afternoon in which Herman A. Berding and Miss Emma Eickmeyer were united in marriage, Rev. E. A. Hanff, pastor of the church, being the officiating minister.

The ceremony took place at 5 o'clock and was followed by a 6 o'clock dinner served to the immediate members of the two families at the Eickmeyer home. Decorations consisted of peonies, roses, and mock orange blossoms.

The bride wore a reindeer brown tricotine suit which color was carried throughout her costume, and carried a corsage bouquet of sunburst roses. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eickmeyer and is a very attractive young lady who has grown to womanhood in this community.

She has been strictly a home girl and her pleasing manner and charm have won her many friends and admirers.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Berding, of Sheffield, is a contractor and builder, by trade, and was also engaged in the implement business in Sheffield for a short time a few years ago. He is a thrifty, reliable young man of industrious habits and respected in the community. He has just completed a fine new residence in Sheffield where he will make a home for his bride and they will be "at home" to their many friends in the same after July first.