

# The Nehrenz Network Newsletter

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**“Nehrenz Newspaper Articles”**

Hello again to the Nehrenz family members and friends! This newsletter is the 27<sup>th</sup> issue to be made available to everyone. The last issue of this newsletter was in January 2021 and the topic was “The Nehrenz Family History in Trolenhagen, Germany from 1800-1869” Look at and download all the previous 26 newsletters since 1995. There were three years in which there were two issues each year. Go to this link: <http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/newsletters.html>

The topic for this issue is “Nehrenz Newspaper Articles” (Curiosities, Comedies and Tragedies). Every family experiences events and happenings which make us laugh or make us cry. Over the years, hundreds of pictures, stories and remembrances have been passed down to the next generations. Some of you have shared them with me and with others in the extended Nehrenz family.

Now is an opportunity to make some of these accounts available to everyone who is interested in the history of our people. This will be done carefully, and must be restricted to our ancestors who have passed away and are no longer with us. I realize there is a risk in doing this. So we will attempt to share those stories that were already made public in newspapers or by people in our families.

When we see both the joys and travails of our ancestors, it helps put our present lives in context. There are seven families which descended from our original patriarch and matriarch. There are also other Nehrenz relations who never came to America and stayed in Germany. Stories from all sources will be included.

## **THE DESCENDENTS OF OUR PATRIARCH - JOHANN CHRISTIAN THEODOR NEHRENTZ**

<b>Johann Christian Theodor Nehrenz</b>	1820 – 1888	“Christian”
+ <b>Johanna Maria Elizabeth Lempke</b>	1818 – 1889	“Maria”
<b>"Friedrick"</b> -Christian Martin Nehrenz	1844 – 1906	
+Henriette Johanne Friedricka Lohrenz	1844 - 1906	
<b>"Christian"</b> -Johann Christian Friedrick Nehrenz	1846 – 1916	
+Freiderika "Rike" Bahlke	1850 - 1893	
<b>"Carl"</b> Johann Carl Friedrick Theodor Nehrenz	1848 – 1913	
+Minnie Wilhelmina Schultz	1856 - 1936	
<b>"Minnie"</b> Caroline Wilhelmine Friedrike Nehrenz	1850 – 1914	
+Herman W. Martens	1850 - 1913	
<b>"William"</b> Carl Ludwig Wilhelm Nehrenz	1853 – 1928	
+Christine (Bates) Beth	1859 - 1902	
+Susan Kuehne (*2nd wife)	1863 - 1928	
<b>"Jane"</b> Johanne Friedrike Caroline Nehrenz	1855 – 1921	
+Charles Johann Friedrich "Karl" Beier	1852 - 1899	
<b>"Henry"</b> Heinrich Christian Theodor Nehrenz	1861 – 1906	
+Mary- Lucia Maria Rupprecht	1868 – 1953	

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Here is an account that will fascinate all of us who have ever aspired to be a crime solver!

**“The Police-Constable Nehrenz, A Murderer and A Bloodhound Named Hilda”**

A letter written in London about a Nehrenz “Sherlock Holmes” in Bergedorf, Hamburg, Germany

“The Spectator” - Volume 101 - Page 835, The Year 1908.

**BLOODHOUNDS AND MURDER.**

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE “SPECTATOR.”]

SIR,—Considering the general interest which has lately been manifested in the question as to whether bloodhounds can be successfully employed in the tracking of murderers, the following paragraph, taken from a recent issue of the *Vossische Zeitung*, would seem to be very relevant:—

“In a village in the vicinity of Bergedorf (near Hamburg) a murderer was discovered by the aid of a bloodhound belonging to the Bergedorf constabulary. On his way home from a village ball, a tradesman of Fischbeck (near Bargtheide), of the name of Walter, fifty years of age, was killed close by Hohnk’s public-house during the night, eleven wounds, evidently caused by a knife, being found in his body. Police-Constable Nehrenz of Bergedorf was ordered to go over the ground with the police hound ‘Hilda.’ The latter took the scent from a bloodstained stone which had evidently been used by the murderer, and led the constable straight to Vorburg, a village at a distance of some four miles (English) from the place where the deed was committed. Here she entered a cottage, taking the garden gate at a leap, and stopped short, giving tongue, before a door leading to a living-room. A moment later a working man named Hitscher, twenty-six years of age, entered the cottage from the courtyard. The hound at once seized him, and could only with difficulty be persuaded to release her hold. Hitscher was arrested on the spot. It has since been ascertained that he and the murdered man were the last guests who visited the public-house on the fatal night, and that he did not return home until the following afternoon. He is unable to prove an alibi.”

—I am, Sir, &c.,

A GERMAN RESIDENT.

There was another account found in The Journal of the American Medical Association - Volume 21 - Page 125 in 1893, about

**“A Nehrenz and Treatment for Typhoid Fever”**

do that. Should all the sensible people be deprived of the benefits of the baths, because a few silly persons behave like children? I think not. Furthermore, the patient is amply repaid for his sufferings lasting minutes, by sweet sleep and feelings of *bien sauci*, lasting hours.

In passing I will remark that in my opinion patients would suffer far less from a bath 68° of fifteen minutes than from one 70° or 72° of twenty minutes.

The second objection may be put in this form: The method is so complicated, demands so much time, so much skill and training on the part of the attendants that but rarely the conditions will be found that will allow the execution of the method.

Now, my experience has shown me that this objection is not as formidable as it seems to be. I have told you that the method was carried out by my patients, and only exceptionally were the conditions such that the method could not be employed. The majority of my patients were treated by other members of their family or friends, without any nurses. Glancing over my list I find A. Nehrenz, over ninety-five baths, nursed by his parents. O. Beyer, over ninety baths, also nursed by his parents. Soph. Walker, seventy baths, bathed by her mother and aunt. Rob. Schacht Schneider, nursed by wife and

**Henry Nehrenz –was a Beloved Teacher in Ft. Wayne, Indiana**

who died suddenly at age 26 in 1898

July 1, 1924

**PROF. NEHRENZ.**

The Well Known German School Teacher Passes Away.

Was Engaged at His Duties Up to Yesterday Noon—After Death and Funeral.

About 2 o'clock this afternoon, Professor Henry Nehrenz, of the Trinity German school in Bloomingdale, died at his home, 185 Oakland street, of consumption.

Professor Nehrenz was active in his school duties up to noon yesterday. He was taken seriously ill then and much anxiety was felt for his condition, but the summons was quite unexpected, coming as it did soon after he was prostrated.

Deceased was twenty-six years old and leaves a wife and child. The funeral will be announced hereafter.



Henry and Mamie Nehrenz



**DEATH'S SCYTHE SWINGS**

**THE NEHRENZ FUNERAL.**

The relatives of Henry Nehrenz, late teacher in the Trinity Lutheran parochial school, have decided that the interment shall be held in this city instead of taking the remains away, as was first intended. The funeral will accordingly be held tomorrow. Friends will be allowed to view the remains from 9 a. m. until 1 p. m.

At 1:30 the remains will be taken to the Trinity church, where Rev. Bohn will deliver the funeral sermon. The interment will be in Concordia cemetery. After the address in the church Rev. Mr. Bohn will speak to the children in their school hall. The honorary pall-bearers have been chosen from the Walther League of St. Paul's church. They are: Henry Aumann, Henry Schwehn, Henry Linker, Henry Schaeffer, Henry Baade and Herman Brinkroeger. The active pall-bearers will be Professors William Benhoff, F. A. Klein and A. Wolf, of Zion's Lutheran school; F. Schroeder, of St. Paul's, and Theodore Grahl and Herman Konow, of Emanuel's. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nehrenz, parents of the deceased, are in the city from Cleveland, to attend the funeral, as are William Nehrenz and wife, of Lucerne, O.; August Nehrenz, of New York city; Rev. and Mrs. Nicholas Soergel, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary Oppenhagen, of Chicago, and others.

**LUTHERAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE ENDS**

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 30.—The conference of the central district of the Missouri synod of the Lutheran church adjourned at noon today after transacting a large amount of routine business. The conference has been in session at Concordia college since last Tuesday. The Rev. Theodore Schurdel of Cleveland, O., was elected unanimously second vice president of the district. The Indiana district of the Walther League asked permission to raise \$18,000 in the central district for the Lutheran orphans' home at Indianapolis. The offer was accepted and permission granted.

A telegram was received this morning from Lorain, O., and read before the conference, stating that no members of the Lutheran churches of the Missouri synod were injured or suffered property loss in the cyclone that struck that place Saturday night. This report was received from a committee of five delegates from Ohio, who were sent to Lorain yesterday in charge of Dr. H. Nehrenz of Cleveland following the report of the hurricane. It was reported there are 121 parish schools in the central district attended by 9,500 children. The Rev. Phillip Wambsgans of this city was appointed official necrologist of this district to take the place of Prof. W. H. Krutz, whose resignation was accepted. The missions carried on by the central district again were discussed and \$28,000 asked for was appropriated.

# PLEADS NOT TO BE TAKEN BACK

## Escaped Inmate of State Hospital Fights When Officers Arrive.

### "I Am Rational," He Cries as He is Led to Police Station.

"Send me to the workhouse, to the



Getting ready to fire.

penitentiary, to any place but the asylum," begged Charles Nehrenz, thirty, 3060 Fulton-rd., S. W., of Lieut. Commerford at the ninth precinct police station yesterday. "I am rational, don't let them take me back."

Nehrenz, who escaped from the State hospital a few weeks ago, was brought to the station after a struggle with hospital attendants Dawson and Young and Patrolman Blackmuir. Nehrenz, according to his mother, Mrs. Bertha Nehrenz, came home from the asylum five weeks ago. He appeared to be all right for a week or two. Then he became violent. It was upon the mother's request the man was taken back.

When the attendants arrived at the house, Nehrenz was sitting on the front porch smoking his pipe. When informed he was to be taken back, the man attempted to escape, say the police. In the struggle Dawson was badly scratched on the face and hands. Then Blackmuir interfered and the man was handcuffed and led away.

## CARL L. BEIER

Services for Carl L. Beier, vice-president of the Union Bank of Commerce, will be in the Longacre - McCarthy funeral home, Medina, at a time to be announced.

He died yesterday in the home of his mother, Mrs. Maria Beier, 3816 Spokane Avenue S. W., after collapsing there. He had attended a business meeting here. Because of the difficult driving Monday night he had stayed with his mother instead of motoring to his home on Route 42 near Medina.



CARL L. BEIER

Besides his bank office, Mr. Beier, who was 51, was a director of the Refrigerator Sales Corp. He was rated an expert in the real estate mortgage field and was a trustee of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Cleveland.

His banking career began in 1919, when he joined the former Brooklyn Savings & Banking Co. as a clerk. That bank was merged with the Citizens Savings & Trust Co., which in turn became a unit in the Union Trust Co.

Mr. Beier was with Union Trust until it was liquidated and aided in that work. In 1938, when the Union Bank of Commerce was formed, he went with it as assistant cashier. In 1946 he became assistant vice-president, and last January he was named a vice-president.

Born and reared in Cleveland, Mr. Beier was a graduate of West Technical High School and took special studies at Fenn College. He was a past president of the Cleveland Kiwanis and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Farmers Club and the Mid-Day Club. He also was a member of Medina Masonic Lodge.

Surviving him are his wife, Lenora; his mother, and two brothers.

## IN PREFAB SALES POST

### G. A. Halter to Handle Factory-Built Homes Here

George A. Halter, formerly head of Jacob Halter Sons Co., sheet metal contractors, has just been appointed sales distributor for Adirondack factory-built homes for Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain and Geauga counties. It was announced yesterday.

Halter heads the newly-formed Northern Ohio Housing Co., with offices at 1404 Cleveland Transit Building.

Adirondack homes are manufactured in New York City and are available in 30 different models. Prices for the homes (erected on the site) range from \$8,500 to \$15,000, exclusive of the cost of the lot.



## May 16, 1910

### St. Marks Were Easy Marks.

St. Marks went down to defeat at the hands of the Lakewoods yesterday 13 to 8. Bunching hits with passes in the early part of the game gave Lakewood a lead that the St. Marks could not overcome.

Wrase cleaned the bases in the fourth with a dandy double to right. Tiedt fanned fifteen and passed two. Ahrens and Whelecke made some sensational catches. Score.

Lakew'd.	A R H O A	St. Marks.	A R H O A
Bergen, m.	3 2 0 0 0	C. Miller, l.	4 0 1 0 0
Schmidt, s.	3 0 1 0 0	Ahrens, l.	4 0 0 0 0
Schwane, 3.	6 1 3 0 1	Nehrenz, c.	5 3 2 1 4 5
Stockhaus, 1.	6 0 1 8 0	Mader, s.	4 1 1 1 1
Hammer, 2.	5 3 3 3 1	Whelecke, 2.	2 2 1 4 2
Miller, c.	4 2 2 1 5	Kadner, 3-p.	4 0 1 2 2
Georz, l.	4 2 0 0 1	Wrase, r.	5 0 1 0 0
Brandt, r.	4 2 1 0 0	Browske, p-3	3 0 0 0 1
Tiedt, p.	5 1 1 1 6	Frietag, m.	5 0 2 0 0
		Swind'n, m.	0 1 0 0 0
		Reinke, .	1 1 1 0 0
Totals	40 18 12 27 0		

Totals. 37 8 10 27 11

\*Reinke batted for Ahrens in the eighth.

Lakewood	1 1 0 4 5 0 0 1 1-18
St. Marks	0 0 0 3 1 0 0 1 3-8

Errors—Schmidt, Schwane 2, Miller, C. Miller 2, Mader 3, Whelecke 2.  
Two-base hits—Lakewoods 4, St. Marks 2.  
Three-base hit—Nehrenz. Stolen bases—Lakewood 3, St. Marks 8. First base on balls—Off Tiedt 2; off Kadner 6; off Browske 1. Struck out—By Tiedt 15; by Kadner 9; by Browske 4. Umpire—Spinnler.

## WOMAN DIES OF GAS; PHONE SAVES THREE

One Of Victims Staggers To Instrument, Cries Warning And Collapses.

Overcome by gas fumes that escaped from a hot-water heater in the cellar, four women yesterday were rendered unconscious and one of them subsequently died.

The dead woman is:

MRS. NICHOLAS SOERTEL, 73 years old, 902 Loudon avenue.

Others overcome were:

MISS AUGUSTA SOERTEL, 34 years old.

MRS. WALTER H. NEHRENTZ, 22 years old.

MRS. ELSIE FRANK, 4004 West Franklin street.

Mrs. Soertel was the wife of the Rev. Nicholas Soertel, assistant pastor of St. Thomas' Lutheran Church. The other women were her daughters.

### Telephone Call Saved Others.

The daughters declare that all of them probably would have shared the mother's fate had it not been for a telephone call from another sister, Mrs. Henry Guckenberger, 408 Pulaski street. Mrs. Guckenberger telephoned her mother's house at 2 P. M.

Mrs. Nehrentz answered the phone and in response to a query from her sister said:

"We are all terribly sick. I can't—talk—any—more."

And she collapsed beside the phone. Then Miss Augusta Soertel staggered through the stifling room and up to the dangling receiver.

"There is something the matter. Everyone is sick," she said and fell to the floor beside her sister.

Mrs. Guckenberger, frantic, called Dr. Ira L. Fetterhoff, of Homewood Hospi-

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## WOMAN DIES OF GAS; PHONE SAVES THREE

Members Of Family Overcome In West Franklin Street Home.

### MESSAGE JUST IN TIME

One Of Victims Staggers To Telephone, Cries For Help And Collapses.

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tal; her son-in-law, Walter H. Nehrenz, cashier at the Baltimore Steamship Company, and her husband, the Rev. Henry Guckenberger. All three men rushed to the home in taxicabs. Mrs. Guckenberger followed.

Dr. Fetterhoff was the first to arrive. He threw open the windows, allowing the gas fumes to escape, and succeeded in restoring all of the victims to consciousness. After an examination of the premises he left.

Mrs. Soertel, however, collapsed shortly afterward, and despite the work of a langmotor, which was sent for immediately, died at 4.30 o'clock.

### Leak Thought Responsible.

After examination of the cellar by the plumber who installed the fixtures and by the officials of the gas company, it was determined that the tragedy was caused by a leak in the hot-water heater. A thin piece of tin was found lying on the coils of the heater. This would have smothered the gas when it was lighted.

According to Mrs. Frank, she and her two sisters yesterday were washing clothes in the cellar. Gradually they all became sick. They could smell nothing, however, and did not suspect the cause of their illness. By 11 o'clock they all were quite sick. One after another they left the cellar and went upstairs, where the Reverend and Mrs. Soertel were sitting. They found their mother affected in the same manner. From that time on it was a case of gradual weakening until the telephone call which saved them came.

## Man Freezes On Railroad Yard Road

The body of a man found frozen in the snow beside the Alaska railroad yard road Tuesday afternoon was identified today as that of Norman P. Nehrenz. He was a 50-year-old laborer, police found.

Cause of the man's death has not as yet been determined.

### Was Arrested

He was first recognized by a city policeman who had arrested him on a drunk charge on December 22. He had been released from the city jail on January 6th.

Police report that Nehrenz was a resident of the Palace rooms. The only effects found in his room was a parka.

He is reported to have been survived only by a mother, Mrs. Maud Nehrenz, 8 Esther street, Pasadena, California.

The body was found by an Alaska Road Commission road grader driver who was clearing snow from the road. He saw something in the ditch on the north side of the road and got down from his machine to investigate. He discovered that the object was the frozen body of a man. The time of the discovery was about 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

### Probe Death

The investigation of the death is being handled by FBI and railroad agents, as the body was found on government property.

Until the cause of death is known, police are assisting by investigating the man's activities prior to his death, sometime between Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon. Police have talked with at least one person who saw Nehrenz late Saturday night.

A tattoo of a bear's head on Nehrenz's left forearm, a scar on his head and the fact that he was blind in one eye, items all listed on his police report, led to the identification of the man.

Examination of the body is now hampered by its frozen condition.

Nehrenz has been in Alaska since 1947 or earlier, according to police records. The record also lists drunk arrests in many western and southwestern States during a wide span of years.

He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1905.

**May 3, 1929**

The members of the arrangement committee are: Martin Knorr, chairman; George Freitag, secretary; Chas. Welz, treasurer; August Zoll, George Herbert, Peter Friederich, Albert Skeris, A. W. Nehrenz, Martin H. Meyer, Gust. Lipinsky, Gust. Winkler, Mrs. H. C. Wolk, Mrs. A. W. Nehrenz, Mrs. Peter Friederich.



A. W. NEHRENTZ

Jan. 29, 1967

## He Saw Smoke, Assumed Worst

Cape Kennedy, Fla. — Bill Nahrenz was 218 feet away when the three Apollo astronauts died.

"I assumed they were dead," he said. "Nobody told us they were dead. It was just a feeling I got."

As Nahrenz recalled, "First there was the smoke; then the confusion."

Although the commotion around the launch pad gave an impression of a madhouse, Nahrenz said it was organized confusion and most people knew what they were doing.

"I was stunned," he said. "I didn't know what to think."

Nahrenz was at the base of the launch pad and all he saw was smoke.

"It was like coming home and seeing your house on fire," he said. "You know something terrible has happened, but you don't know just how bad."

"I can only remember one thing plainly. There was an announcement over the public address system. They told us not to use any phones because they had so much work to do."

Two hours later they still hadn't told workmen around the pad what had happened.

Neil F. Burnside, supervisor of cost accounting at the Ford Motors Co.'s Cleveland stamping plant in Walton Hills from 1954 to 1957, has been appointed controller of Ford's tractor and implement operations, Birmingham, Mich.



N. F. BURNSIDE

Burnside moves to his new post from the company's central finance staff which he joined in 1958 as a senior analyst.

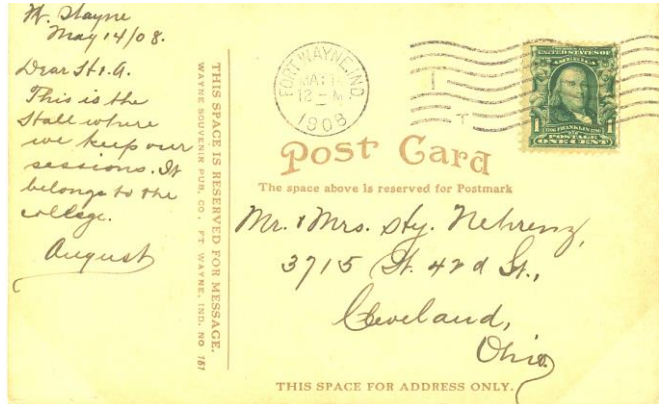
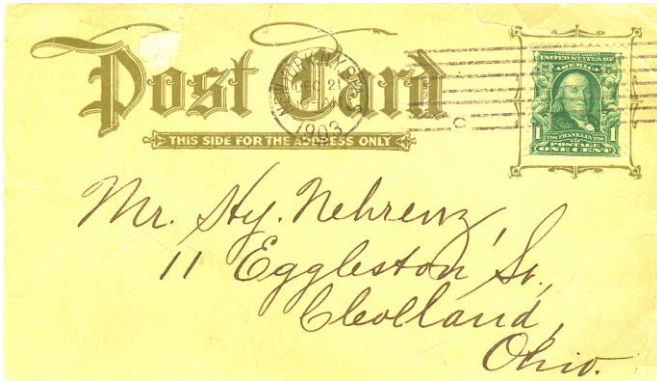
A native of Lakewood, Burnside attended Purdue and Vanderbilt universities and received a master's degree in business administration from Harvard. He is a nephew of P.W. Phelps, 4085 W. 140th Street.

## Baker Jury To Resume Study Today

Washington — (UPI) — A federal jury deliberated for 6½ hours yesterday without reaching a verdict in the case of former Senate aide Robert G. (Bobby) Baker. The jurors were to resume deliberations at 10 a.m. today.

The six-man and six-women jury received the case officially at 11:47 a.m. to begin deliberations on larceny, tax evasion and fraud charges against the former secretary to Senate Democrats.

The jury started deliberation at about 2 p.m., about two hours after it got the case. The



# Wreck Kills 3 Cleveland Golden-Agers

Three women residents of the Lucia J. Bing Golden Age Center here were killed yesterday afternoon in a two-car crash at U.S. 6 and Ohio 86 eight miles east of Chardon.

Six other persons, including a Chardon woman and her four children, were slightly injured, the State Highway Patrol reported.

The dead, all widows, were Mrs. Ethel Ryan, 70; her sister, Mrs. Mabel Gill, 62,

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and Mrs. Minnie Nehrenz, 70. They lived in the 14-story Cedar Apartments extension of the golden-age center at 2420 E. 30th Street.

They were passengers in a car driven by Mrs. Grace E. Aumock, 48, of 3306 Bosworth Road S.W., the daughter of

## 32 Dead in Ohio

Ohio's weekend holiday traffic toll rose to at least 32 last night, far surpassing the Ohio Highway Safety Department predictions that 25 would die on Ohio roads during the 102-hour period to last midnight.

## Holiday Toll Record 587

By The Associated Press

Traffic deaths on U.S. roads and highways established a Thanksgiving holiday weekend record late yesterday as the 102-hour period moved through its final hours.

With two hours remaining in the four-day weekend, the death count reached 587.

**THE DEATH** toll in motor vehicle accidents was higher than the average rate of 110 a day in non-holiday periods.

Traffic fatalities during the decade for Thanksgiving weekend—all four days—have ranged from a low of 442 in 1960 to the former high of 554 last year.

An AP survey for comparative purposes, covered a non-holiday period of 102 hours from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 to midnight Sunday, Nov.

Nov. 29, 1965

Mrs. Ryan. The crash occurred at 3:30 p.m. as the women returned to Cleveland from a trip.

**MRS. AUMOCK** and the five others were treated for cuts and bruises at Geauga Community Hospital, Chardon, and released.

Also injured were Mrs. Jack Minman, 30, of 13061 Frazier Drive, Chardon, and her children, Richard, 8; Scott, 6; Kelly, 5, and Michael, 2.

Mrs. Minman was driving west on U.S. 6 and Mrs. Aumock was northbound on Ohio 86, the state patrol said.

Mrs. Gill was thrown from the car and into a ditch.

**PATROLMEN SAID** it had been snowing about the time of the crash.

It was the second triple-fatality automobile accident in northern Ohio within 24 hours. Three men including two high school basketball coaches, were killed in a head-on crash near Ravenna Saturday night.

10 to midnight Sunday, Nov. 14. It showed 566 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents.

## Blizzards Lash British Isles

**LONDON (AP)** — Gales and blizzards lashed at Scotland and northern England today, bringing the worst road conditions in 20 years.

## Inside Info

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Dec. 1, 2004

## Lucy Nehrenz to turn 100; birthday party is Thursday

A party to celebrate the 100th birthday of Lucy Nehrenz of Madison will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the community room of Ecumenical

Housing/Meadow Grove Apartments, 4815 Cottage Grove Road. Refreshments will be served, and all friends, neighbors and relatives are invited.

July 24, 1956

# Nehrenz Describes Confusion Say Sergeant 'Patient Man'

By ROBERT HOYT

Beacon Journal Staff Writer

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C.— Pvt. Walter Ford "Bud" Nehrenz of Akron said today that discipline in S/Sgt. Matthew McKeon's Platoon 71 was good for the first two weeks and "then we had no discipline."

Nehrenz, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Nehrenz, 2462 Twenty-sixth st. SW, testified in the "death march" trial of his drill instructor.

First Akron area Marine to testify, he was called by the prosecution and questioned by Capt. Fred Haden, who asked him to describe the march into Ribbon Creek, where six recruits lost their lives.

"How far out from the bank did the platoon go before turning down stream?" asked Haden.

"Ten or 15 feet," Nehrenz answered. He added: "Then we went downstream a ways and did a column left."

PREVIOUS testimony of recruits has been contradictory on the details of the march and on what happened after they got into the water.

Some have testified they went in only two or three feet where the water was ankle deep. Others like Nehrenz have said they went out 10 or 15 feet and that the water was deeper.

The prosecutor said: "How deep was the water when you entered?"

Nehrenz replied: "Up to my hips, sir."

"How deep was the water at the point where you turned?"

"Up to my chest."

"What was the deepest the water got?"

"It gradually got over my head," said Nehrenz.

"AT WHAT point did it get over your head?"

"I heard someone cry 'help' at the same time that I had to swim. Everything happened at once...There was mass confusion, everybody was trying to decide what to do.

"Some of them formed a human chain and the other guys not in the chain swam out to those drowning."

In cross-examination, Defense Atty. Emile Zola Berman asked Nehrenz: "I want to know whether you can remember if you started to swim before you heard someone cry 'help' or whether you heard the cry and then started to swim?"

"It was about the same time, sir."

"In other words you recall all these things as almost one incident?"

Nehrenz said "yes, sir."

"YOU UNDERSTAND that this was not a picnic, that you were going out to learn something, didn't you?" asked Berman.

Nehrenz said: "Yes, sir."

"What was the condition of discipline in the platoon before April 8?"

"For the first two weeks we had good discipline. After that there was no discipline," answered Nehrenz.

"Were the drill instructors—including Sgt. McKeon—trying to teach and maintain discipline?"

"Yes sir."

"What kind of a man was Sgt. McKeon?" asked Berman.

"HE WAS very patient. He took time with all the recruits and it you didn't understand it the first time, he went over it again."

"Was the sergeant a man of physical violence?"

"He never hit anyone that I recall," answered Nehrenz.



COURT MARTIAL WITNESSES — Pvt. David McPherson, Chatham, N. J., left, who testified in the court martial trial of S-Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon at Parris Island, S. C., today that he saw McKeon with a bottle of vodka on the day that he led platoon 71 into marshes and waters that resulted in deaths of six marine recruits talks with the second witness of the day, Pvt. Walter Nehrenz, right, Akron, Ohio. — AP Wirephoto.

## IN MEMORIAM – NEHRENZ DESCENDANTS - FAMILY MEMBERS

### Those (about whom we know) who died in 2021 – Rest in Peace

Marguerite Leone King Nehrenz (wife of Leonard August Nehrenz) born August 13, 1930, died November 14, 2021  
Rebecca JoAnn Nehrenz Blackmore (wife of David Blackmore) born November 30, 1950, died September 02, 2021

### YOUR ASSISTANCE:

About 200 copies of this newsletter were mailed.

Your help towards the expense has been appreciated.

More importantly, please send family information, copies of old letters, photos and other Nehrenz memorabilia.

We have at, our house, file cabinets filled with documents which are now the official "Nehrenz Archives."

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## Dad and Son Close 1,100 Mile Gap

BY JOHN FISHER

Dr. John W. Nehrenz, 60-year-old Rocky River dentist, has discovered the hobby he adopted two years ago has brought his family closer to home.

A “ham” radio operator, Dr. Nehrenz “talks” nightly with his son Harold, 1,100 miles away in Oklahoma City via short-wave, and plans to expand the nightly conversations to include another son, Clyde, stationed at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Harold, 23, got his father interested in radio by operating a station from the Nehrenz home after serving as a radio operator on a Navy destroyer in World War II.

It took “Pop” Nehrenz a year to learn the Morse code.

### 20-Year Lapse in Hobby

Soon Dr. Nehrenz and Harold, a television repairman in Oklahoma City, were conversing at 4 a. m. each day. Dr. Nehrenz sends his messages in code. He is now studying for a broadcasting license.

“I found that reception was best early in the morning, so Harold and I would chat for hours each day,” he said. “I never thought I would get this interested in radio—now I don’t have enough time to devote to my hobby.”

“In the early 1920’s I used to build my own radios, but I stopped when sets began to sell commercially. Now, 20 years later, I am right back at it, but I don’t learn as fast any more,” Nehrenz said.

**Second Son Studies**  
The third radio bug in the Nehrenz family is Clyde, 21, stationed at the Army radio school at Fort Monmouth.  
Dr. Nehrenz hopes the day will not be too distant when, with a broadcasting license, he can abandon the Morse code and talk to his sons from his home at 1535 Prospect St., Rocky River, on a 1,600 mile hook-up from Oklahoma to Ohio to New Jersey.

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