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## **ANTONNETTA VAN DEN BERGH**

**Antonnetta was raised on a farm south of Rotterdam in the Netherlands called Barendrecht. She was born February 26, 1897. She worked hard all of her life.**

**She left the farm as a young woman and moved to Rotterdam where she found employment as a maid. At age 26 she met Jan Diepeveen while walking down the street in the city. She married him January 3, 1924, in her home town of Barendrecht. In Holland you had to have your parent's permission to marry until you were 30. Jan was age 30 and so did not need his parents' permission, but they decided to include both families in the decision. The Mayor of Barendrecht while performing the ceremony complimented the couple on this decision. They later had one son, Willem.**



**On December 4, 1934, when Willem was almost six years old Antonnetta died of heart problems at the age of 37. The doctor later told the family that her heart had enlarged so much that it was as large as a horse's heart.**

