

# Anti-German Hysteria In Wisconsin

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## Newspaper Article

"German Language Barred in Grades," Milwaukee Sentinel, 3/12/1918 and  
"Her Name German, She Changes it to Ruth J. Gerry," La Crosse Tribune,  
3/3/1918

### **HER NAME GERMAN SHE CHANGES IT TO RUTH J. GERRY**

Her name was German,—and so she changed it.

Miss Ruth Jessica Lichtenberger, 138 South Eleventh street, is now Miss Ruth Jessica Gerry. She took the legal action to have her name changed at the court house on Tuesday. When asked why she desired to alter her name, she wrote into her official statement:

"I don't wish to have a German name."

Miss Gerry explained that there was considerable Scotch in her lineage.

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### **German Language Barred in Grades**

LA CROSSE, Wis. March 12—(Special).—Teaching of the German language to the pupils of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades of the public schools was discontinued here on Tuesday, after being in force for more than twenty years.

The action followed a meeting of the board of education Monday night at which the members ordered the language discontinued, following a demand made by the parents of the students. German is still taught in the high school.

William Luening, president of the board, deplored taking the language out of the school just because the United States is at war with Germany, but voted in favor of doing so.

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