

Singer was a reluctant civil rights figure

The Washington Post

Marian Anderson, the renowned singer who touched the conscience of the nation with a 1939 concert at the Lincoln Memorial after having been refused permission to sing at Constitution Hall because she was black, died Thursday in Portland, Ore., a month after suffering a stroke.

Her death came at the home of a nephew, Oregon Symphony music director James DePreist, with whom she had lived since 1992. She was 96.

Her voice was described by conductor Arturo Toscanini as one that is heard "once in a hundred years," but her singing transcended the music community.

Anderson's Lincoln Memorial concert was a milestone in American civil

rights history and it made her an early symbol of the crusade for racial justice.

Her Lincoln Memorial concert was 54 years ago today, which was Easter Sunday. It was a tour de force that stirred and sensitized the national psyche to the reality of racial discrimination, even as it symbolized bedrock American values, and it drew an enthusiastic crowd of 75,000 blacks and whites in a segregated Washington.

Newspapers across the nation condemned the Daughters of the American Revolution for denying Constitution Hall to Anderson, who already had established herself as one of the world's great singers.

Beginning her musical career in the children's choir of an impoverished black Baptist church in Philadelphia, Anderson went on to sing in the world's finest concert halls and in the royal courts of Europe. She was decorated by the kings of Sweden and Denmark. During the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt, she became the

first black person to sing at the White House, and in 1955 she was the first black person to sing a leading role at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

Throughout her career, Anderson considered herself primarily a singer, and she was never comfortable with her role as a civil rights symbol. She rarely spoke out on civil rights issues. In the 50 years after the DAR denied her permission to sing at Constitution Hall, she was asked many times what she thought about it. Her comments were generally a laconic "It was unfortunate" or "You lose a lot of time hating people."

With minimal publicity, Anderson eventually did sing at Constitution Hall, on Jan. 7, 1943. She appeared in a wartime benefit before a sold-out house that included Cabinet members, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices and members of the diplomatic corps. In the half century since, Constitution Hall has become regular stop for hundreds of black artists from James Brown to En Vogue who tour through the area.



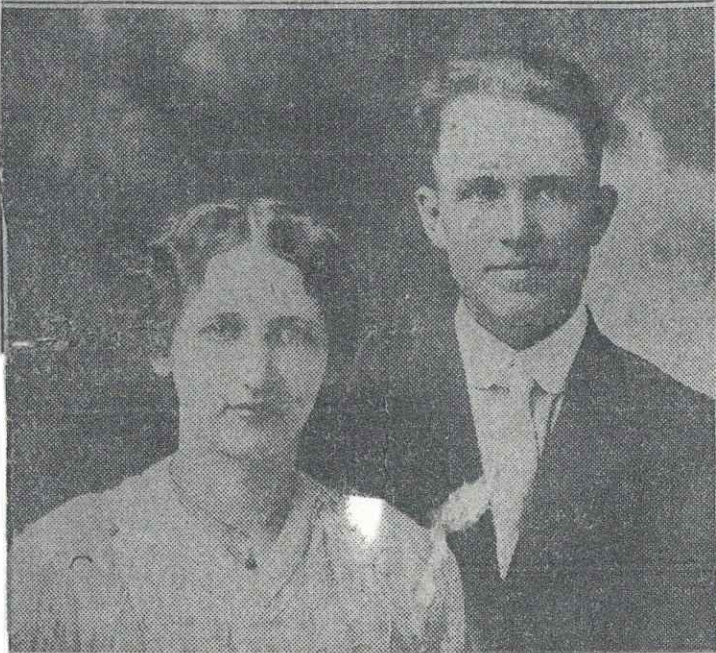
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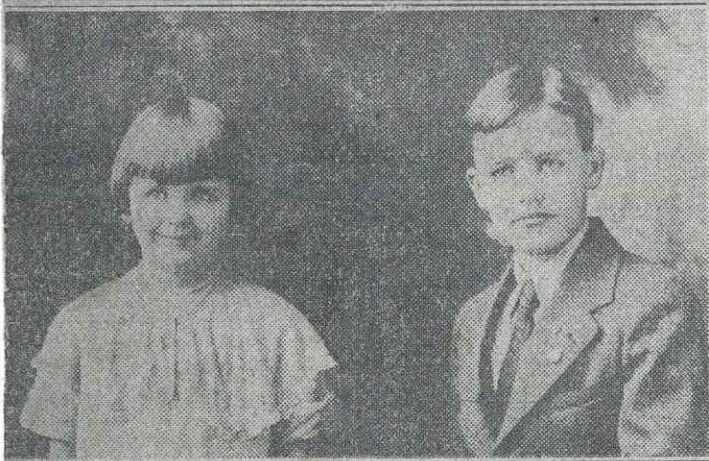
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AT STOUT

Victims of Farm Tragedy



Above—Mr. and Mrs. Nanno Andreessen, central figures in a wholesale killing of five persons early Wednesday at the Andreessen farm home near Stout.
Middle—Elmer, 13, and Verna, children of Mr. and Mrs. Andreessen.
Below—Miss Maggie Hessenius, sister of Mrs. Andreessen.



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SISTER-IN-LAW SHOT TO DEATH

This excellent book is both a guide for immigration attorneys, judges, lawyers, and social workers, and a resource for immigrants, students, and scholars. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the history and politics of immigration in the United States.

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Colonel Cottman late in the afternoon testified that no investigation was necessary and that the evidence was clear that Armstrong had shot himself after his return from South America. He testified that Armstrong had shot himself and so he entered the room of the room late. Cottman declared that because of the severe wounds and lacerations would not prove the case.

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"Call at Nanna Andrews's house and you will find five dead men. Everyone is dead."

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Both women and the children had been smothered in the fire, which broke out in a rooming house at 1000 E. 12th St. at 10:30 p. m. on the day before yesterday. The cause of the fire was not known, but it had not been caused by a gas leak, said the firemen.

The bodies of the children lay in the east corner of the room, close up against the bodies of their mothers and their aunts lay near the west wall.

The children were well clothed, but some of the babies of two or three of the women pointed again to the children and said they had been killed.

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And There's One More
 Every time you ask a child to make a new friend, you are asking him to do something that is very hard. It is hard to be different, to be a person who is not like the others. It is hard to be a person who is not like the others.

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Miss Hassenius lived at home in the country, and at the home of her father, a scout. She went to the Anderson home Tuesday night.

Stout is three miles south and three miles west of Warfield, W. Va. And, as one of the Hessenths, he was born in 1894, near Stout, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hagan Hessenths. She was married 12 years to Stout in 1914.

He later married and was born near St. Louis, Mo. He has two brothers and five sisters. His brothers, who are survived, are: George, Edward, and John. His sisters are: Mary, D. John, and Mary.

Ben and Richard Oestre and Ben Hosenpud, Scoutmaster, parents, are also in the class. Ben is a member of the Astoria Boys' Board of Christian Service.

Arno and Andrea were born on a farm near Astoria. He had been a member of the Astoria High School and survived the patients' tour duty. Mrs. Fred Oestre, wife of Mr. Oestre, Charles

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NANNO ANDREESSEN, FARMER, HIS WIFE, TWO CHILDREN AND SISTER-IN-LAW SHOT TO DEATH

Notes on Garage Door in Stout Gives First Indication of Tragedy. Officers Believe Farmer Shot Women and Children and Then Killed Himself After Making Run to Home. Five Unknown Tho. Shots Found in Room. Nanno Andreessen Struck Killing Blow on Himself in Kitchen.

By KARL C. VAN LAMONT
Daily Courier Staff Writer

Stout, Ia.—Tragedy stalked thru the farm home of Nanno Andreessen, one-half mile east of this place, early Wednesday, wholesale murder and suicide claiming the lives of Nanno, 39, his wife, Christina, 44, their two children, Emma, 12, and Verna, 7, and Mrs. Andreessen's sister, Maggie, 35, who was visiting. Sheriff M. J. Mammings of Grundy county and Coroner Coffman, reconstructing the tragedy, believed that Andreessen had shot his two children and his sister-in-law and his wife, and, leaving them for dead, hurried to Stout to leave a message of the killings, intending to return to his home and take his own life.

Coroner Coffman late in the day decided that no inquest was necessary, and that the evidence was clear that Andreessen had shot himself after his return from Stout.

An earlier theory that Mrs. Andreessen had shot her husband as he entered the door on his return, the coroner decided

On the floor scrawled in Andreessen's handwriting was the cryptic message:

"Come at Nanno Andreessen's place and you will find five dead bodies. Everyone is dead."

The note was unsigned. The gun was operated by brothers of the dead women.

Both women and the children had been shot thru the head with a .25 caliber revolver, which was the object of search by the officers upon their arrival at the Andreessen home. It had not been found in room.

Find Four Empty Shells

Four empty shells were picked up in the room by Sheriff Mammings.

The bodies of the children lay in the east corner of the room, faces upturned. The bodies of their mother and their aunt lay nearby, on the backs.

The shotgun, one shell exploded, lay across the breast of Mrs. Andreessen, pointing again to the supposition that she shot her husband.

The body of the farmer was slumped down on the floor, his head and shoulders doubled against the wall and across the diningroom table from where the body of Mrs. Andreessen lay.

Strengthening the early theory that Mrs. Andreessen shot her husband, officers believed, was the fact that the appearance of her face indicated she had attempted to staunch her wound.

She Bathed Her Wound

She apparently had washed her face with water and blood and had taken the bath near the corner of the table near the door.

The coroner's inquest was postponed until the following day. The probable cause of death was gunshot wounds. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide, but the jury was unable to determine where the farm was located.

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Farmer's Family of Five Wiped Out in Tragedy at Stout

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always lived in the Stout community.

Her sister Maggie also was born near Stout, in 1889.

Brothers Survive Women.

The women victims are survived by six brothers, Henry Hassenius, Gary, S. D.; John Hassenius, Des Moines; Ned Hassenius, Brownsdale, Minn.; and Richard, Casper and Ben Hassenius, Stout. Their parents preceded them in death. Ben is a member of the county board.

Nanno Andreessen was born on a farm near Stout. He had been a farmer all his life. He is survived by his parents, four sisters, Mrs. Fred Eklamborg, Dike, Ia.; Mrs. Charles Juel, Mrs. Arend Arends and Miss Eske Andreessen, all of Stout; also four brothers, Dan, William and Herman Andreessen, Stout, and Henry Andreessen, Clarksville, Ia.

The bodies were cared for by J. G. Houder, funeral director from Parkersburg.

Funeral services for all five victims of the slaughter will be held Saturday at 1 p. m. at the Lutheran church at Stout. Rev. Heyenga will be in charge.

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Victims of Farm Tragedy



NANNO ANDREESSEN, FARMER, HIS WIFE, TWO CHILDREN AND SISTER-IN-LAW SHOT TO DEATH

Note on Garage Door in Stout Gives First Intimation of Tragedy—Officers Believe Farmer Shot Women and Children and Then Killed Himself After Making Trip to Town—Motive Unknown Tho Once Wealthy Farmer Was in Financial Straits—Killings Occur as Breakfast Lies on Table.

By KARL C. von LACKUM,
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property and in the home of one of
them were found several hand-
made bombs.
The men were suspected of having
communist connections.

Cities Vote Wet in Prohibition Poll

New York—(INS)—First figures of
the Literary Digest's prohibition poll
Wednesday indicated overwhelming
sentiment for repeal of the eight-
eenth amendment in your widely
scattered cities.
Los Angeles showed the highest
percentage in favor of repeal with
the preliminary wet vote totaling 4-
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In all four cities the vote was at
least two to one in favor of repeal.
even Charlotte, N. C., the dries.
city polled, voting 778 to 321. Lima,
Ohio, voted for repeal 820 to "45,
and Atlanta, 1,380 to 338."

Here's Good News: Flying Costs Drop

Detroit, Mich.—(U.P.)—The high
cost of flying your own plane is
coming down.
Air-minded Detroit pilots Wednes-

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C. A. Cumming Is Stricken by
Paralysis While at Work
In Studio.

Des Moines—(INS)—Messages of
condolence poured in from all over
the country Wednesday following the
death late Tuesday of Charles Ath-
erton Cumming, dean of Iowa artists
and head of the art school which
bears his name.
Thursday he suffered a stroke of
paralysis while at work in his studio.
He did not emerge before his death.
He would have been 74 years old in
March.
Professor Cumming received his
education in Chicago, New York
and Paris. Returning to his state
from France in 1880, he began his
own art teaching career with the
establishment of a course at Cornell
college, Mount Vernon.
He taught paintings privately at
Edward Rapids and early in the same
decade started a course at the Uni-
versity of Iowa, which he directed for
many years.
Portraits in Collection.
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Anton/50

LA PORTE CITY — Beryl and Charlotte Anton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Mr. Anton and Charlotte Dodd were married March 15, 1947, at First United Methodist Church in New Hartford.

Hosting the event will be their children and spouses, Jud and Sharon Anton of Jesup, Penny and Peter Burnett of Cedar Rapids, and Polly and Burt Tecklenburg of Marshalltown. There are 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.



Mr. and Mrs. Anton

LA PORTE CITY — **Beryl E. Anton**, 73, of 11629 Cotter Road, died at home Sunday, May 18, of an apparent heart attack.

He was born April 19, 1924, in rural La Porte City, son of Raymond and Josephine Webster Anton. He married Charlotte R. Dodd on March 15, 1947, in New Hartford.

Mr. Anton farmed in the La Porte City area.

Survived by: his wife; a son, Jud of Jesup; two daughters, Penny Burnett of Cedar Rapids and Polly Tecklenburg of Marshalltown; 10 grandchildren; a great-grandson; two brothers, Keith of Mount Auburn and Duane of Cedar Rapids.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Ivan.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul United Methodist Church, with burial in West View Cemetery, both in La Porte City. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Huisman Funeral Home and for an hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to the family.



Beryl
Anton

May 19
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Alice M. Andreessen (1910-2005)

DIKE — Alice M. Andreessen, 94, of Ames, formerly of Dike, died Thursday, June 30, at Riverside Manor Nursing Home, Ames, of natural causes.

She was born Sept. 17, 1910, near Stout, daughter of Clyde S. and Mina R. Copley Martz. She married Herman Andreessen Sept. 11, 1941, in Stout. He died June 30, 1978.

Mrs. Andreessen farmed with her husband until 1943 when they moved to a farm near New Hartford.

Survived by: a daughter, Carol (Gerald) Kline of Ames; a step-daughter, Lois (Garyald) Harms of Bloomington, Minn.; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a sister, Rhoda B. Kell.

Services: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church, Dike, with burial at 1:30 p.m. in the Stout Cemetery, Stout. Friends may call for an hour before services Tuesday at the church. Dike Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials: may be directed to the church.

Condolences may be left at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com.

STAVES

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

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Archibald

This Information Obtained From:

J. J. Flynn was found dead in bed
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His Father

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Wife's Full Maiden Name

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		Mar.				Joe Archibald		(1996)	
		Death				643 Hickory St			
		Burial				Waterloo, Iowa		50701	
5	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth				Pauline's Daughter		(90)	
		Mar.							
		Death				Virginia (Mary) Hemmery			
		Burial				2220 West Side Highway			
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth				Castle Rock			
		Mar.				Washington		98611	
		Death							
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Pauline + Carl 5-16-90
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Dear Uopal,

The John Archibald
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She was my best
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school, all our years.

Archibalds, had, only
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Pauline, married
Carl Olson, at
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they had 3 children
1 boy 2 girls.

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Virginia, spent a week here
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she was here a few days



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Lori Arends, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Arends, is presently attending the University of Northern Iowa. Lori graduated in January as valedictorian with a 4.0. She was the 1979 Homecoming Queen and is listed in Who's Who among American High School Students. She was Honor Society President and was a Chapin award winner. Along with all her other activities, Lori attends Pleasant Valley Reformed Church where she acts as part-time pianist. Lori is being sponsored by the Jaycee-Ettes.

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Man gets probation for theft convictions

ALLISON — A Cedar Falls man was placed on probation for taking nearly 2,500 bushels of grain.

Michael D. Arends, 30, was sentenced in Butler County District Court for one count of first-degree theft and three counts of second-degree theft.

He was given a 10-year suspended prison term and three five-year suspended prison terms, and was placed on probation for five years.

Arends was convicted of taking items from Top-Air Manufacturing of Parkersburg, and the theft of 2,458 bushels of grain from Chuck Becker of New Hartford, in October 1992.

He was ordered to make restitution to the victims and to maintain full-time employment.

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Magistrate Court Log

The following were sentenced on disorderly conduct or assault-related charges:

Richard Earl Rice, 45, of 210 E. Ninth St., pleaded guilty disorderly conduct, fined \$50; accused of being loud and abusive to bartender and refusing ride home from Kabooz Lounge Feb. 7.

The following were sentenced on charges of driving while intoxicated:

Melody Elizabeth Arends, 29, of Grundy Center, pleaded guilty, given deferred judgment, placed on a year's self-probation; arrested after traffic stop Oct. 13.

Obituary

JOHN ARCHIBALD.

John Archibald died at 1 a. m. today at his home in New Hartford. He was born in Canada, coming to Iowa when a boy. His marriage to Mary Flynn, New Hartford, took place in 1891. For 22 years they resided on the Flynn farm, moving to New Hartford six years ago and purchasing a home.

He is survived by the widow, one son, J. P. Archibald, Waterloo, a foster-daughter, Mrs. Pauline Olson, Clarinda, Ia., and two brothers, Thomas, St. Linn, Canada, and Israel, Montreal, Canada.

Mass will be at St. Patrick's Catholic church, New Hartford, tomorrow at 10 a. m. and burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery there.

Inheriting the earth

Dike churches puzzled by bequests from farmer who didn't

By LAWN GRIFFITHS

For the Courier

STOUT — Around Grundy County they're asking the question: "Why did Joe Arends, who virtually never darkened a church door, leave most of his large holdings of black farmland to three churches?"

And "why would he saddle two of those three Dike churches with the requirement that they must till the soil on those farms for 21 years before they can sell or dispose of the property?"

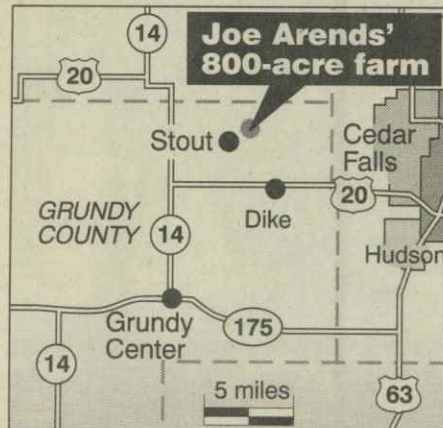
The old bachelor died in his farmhouse at the age of 83 on Oct. 17.

He had amassed some 800 acres of fertile land. It seemed almost arbitrary the way he had designated in his will three churches get bequests: 240 acres to Fredsville Lutheran Church, a country congregation about 10 miles away; 320 acres to the United Methodist Church in Dike, about seven miles away; and \$50,000 in cash to Liberty Baptist Church, also in Dike.

And why did he make no gift to his brother's church, Stout Reformed Church, that prominent church within a mile of where Joe spent his life farming? And how could he shut out his only living brother and sister from an estate, estimated to be worth in excess of \$2 million?

"He didn't want the family to have anything," said Minnie Arends, Joe's sister-in-law.

When he wasn't driving his machinery through half-mile-long corn rows, Joe Arends was in his farm shop welding and building the farm wagon bodies that he sold to farmers and implement dealers. For a time, he operated Arends Manufacturing shop near the big Highway 20 curve outside of New Hartford. One year, he custom-built a livestock manure loader to mount on our Massey-Harris tractor, and for about eight summers, I was the designated driver, using the hydraulics of the giant scooper to



COURIER graphic

clean out the cow lots on our two farmsteads.

When Joe died, they found building after farm building filled with fabrication steel and equipment.

"A thousand drill bits and so much iron, you wouldn't believe it," his brother Ernest said. "All kinds of it, one whole building of good iron. It'll take a two-day sale (to dispose of it) ... and they will have to hurry if they are going to get it done in two days."

Did Joe's farmstead manufacturing make him much money?

"No, he had to farm to keep the factory going," said Ernest, adding that Joe "got our folks' farm real cheap and it put him back on his feet ... He had to have it all."

A recent farm auction to sell Joe's machinery and other farm trappings brought \$194,000.

Ernest Arends said he's bewildered that Joe gave the land away to houses of faith. "I don't know why because he didn't go to church. I have no idea why he picked those churches. He didn't want the Stout church to have anything."

"He was odd, you could never work for him and please him, nobody could," his brother said.

Ernest said Joe once gave "some old antique furniture" to the Methodist church.

"They didn't do the way he wanted it, and he bought some of it back.

"For whatever reason, he really wanted to see the land stay with someone, or something, over time and not be sold. He did have a long affinity for the land."

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Timothy Sweet

attorney overseeing Joe Arends' estate

I thought he had had his fill of them, but he gave them the whole works," said Ernest, referring to the gift of 320 acres.

Pastor Dennis Sanders at Liberty Baptist Church says the \$50,000 gift is yet to be received, barring any encumbrances. "People are very excited about it," he said. "It's going to be a blessing. It is going to be a very positive thing."

"We are very grateful because we don't think that anything we have done made him do what he did. It is all of the Lord," said the head of the 12-year-old congregation of about 60 members. The money likely will be used to pay off purchase of a parsonage.

Sanders doesn't analyze the unexpected windfall. "We just claim the fact that we have been praying earnestly about what God could do and what God can do, and I believe it was nothing short of God's answer."

Was his church bothered that it didn't also get a large parcel of farmland worth anywhere from \$1,500 to \$1,900 per acre? Not at all.

"We've asked the Lord for some help, and he gave us this help. God met the need of the time and that is what he is in the business of doing," Sanders said.

At Fredsville Lutheran, members are looking a gift horse in the mouth. There is a hitch in the 240-acre bequest. The land has an

indebtedness attached to it.

"We are still in the process of questioning if we can, in fact, receive the gift from Joe Arends or not," said Pastor Steve Solberg. "It is a wonderful and very good gift. The question for us is: In terms of receiving a farm with mortgage on it, can we do it?"

If that hurdle can be cleared, he said, the land could be cash-rented to a farmer to till, with the income used to further missions of the country church.

The gift would be a fine test for the congregation, he said.

"Certainly, it is true for anything we have, be it land, finances or anything else the congregation has been given, we are called on to be stewards of that land and manage it," Solberg said.

"God, if He gave us dominion over his creation, He was not dealing us ownership of it, rather He has maintained ownership, and He has given it to us as managers. So the question is: How can we manage this to His glory? How can we manage it for good, loving service to people?"

Timothy Sweet, an attorney for the law firm in Reinbeck overseeing the estate, said the three churches were apparently selected because Arends knew people who attended them.

"I suppose it is not that unusual for someone who doesn't go to church a great deal to make a large

attend church

charitable bequest," Sweet said. "That is part of the surprising thing. He wasn't a frequent church-goer, but he chose to do this. It wasn't something he did right at the time of his death. He had planned giving it for at least three or four years."

Sweet said the Fredsville church will likely find enough equity in the land, despite the indebtedness. "The problem is in obtaining interim financing on it," he said.

The two congregations, which had no intentions of being in the business of farming, must examine the expense and wherewithal it takes to be landowners until the year 2015, even if they lease the ground to farmers.

To a female companion now living in Dike, Joe set aside \$1,500 a month for the remainder of her life, plus \$1,500 gifts to each of his six nieces and nephews.

As to reports that brother Ernest and sister Lillian Meyers have been shut out of an inheritance, Sweet says "that is not realistic." Land not designated to churches, probably more than 200 acres, apparently will be sold.

"There was some land held back for the family," Sweet said. "The family was to take part of it, but we haven't taken a fine pencil to any of that."

Estate taxes and attorney fees, no doubt, will reduce what may be left.

"We never know what motivates an individual," Sweet said of Joe Arends' choice to require the land to be held for 21 years.

"For whatever reason, he really wanted to see the land stay with someone, or something, over time and not be sold. He did have a long affinity for the land."

Lawn Griffiths is the religion editor for Tribune Newspapers, based in Mesa, Ariz. He is the former farm editor and state editor of the Courier, employed here from 1972-1984. He is grew up on a farm only a short distance away from Joe Arends.

NEW HARTFORD — Joe J. Arends, 83, of rural New Hartford, died at home Sunday, Oct. 17, of natural causes; survivors include a brother, Ernest of Parkersburg; a sister, Lillian Myers of Parkersburg; and a special friend, Angeline Arends of Dike; preceded in death by three sisters, Anna Raske, Martha Arends and Lena Luchtenburg; and three infant brothers; services will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home, Grundy Center, with burial in Pleasant Valley Reformed Church Cemetery, rural Holland; friends may call until 9 p.m. today at the funeral home, where the family will greet friends from 6 to 9 p.m.; visitation also 9 a.m. to services; a memorial fund has been established; Mr. Arends farmed in Grundy County for many years.

2 DAY INDUSTRIAL AUCTION

Friday & Saturday, Jan 21 & 22 - 10:30 a.m.

To help settle the estate of Joe J. Arends, will sell the following at public auction located on the farm 1 mile North, 1/2 mile East of Stout, IA or 2 miles South 3 1/2 miles West of New Hartford, IA.

Joe- throughout his life was an industrialist, manufacturer and inventor. He worked with many large manufacturers on perfecting their products including rollomatic for John Deere. He had his own manufacturing business patenting front end loaders, height controls, snowbuckets, farm wagons, and many other industrial products. He participated in many industrial sales for his own needs. most machines and support items were used to past manufacturers.

"All items will be sold inside and in lotted order"

Friday, Jan 21 will be selling - power and hand tools; workshop items; industrial items including hydraulics; electrical; and pneumatics, pully's; bearings; calipers; starters magnetos; misc. parts; oil burners; taps; dies; Meridian Model 8090 Transit; hundred's of large drill bits; reamers; books; some tables and carts; lots of misc.

Saturday, Jan 22 will be selling - stock steel; steel plate; cold roll; drill stock; I-beams; sheet steel; steel racks; mobile carts; dolly carts; over a hundred 3 ft. square storage racks; stands; tables; iron piles; pipe; shafts; motors; copper wire; fittings; lathe chucks; desks; salamanders; misc. farm items. Large items include table saw; power band saw; Porter-Cable grinder; horizontal milling machine; Bostitch wire stitcher Model A; power saw; Hobart welders; St. Paul hydraulic press; Walker Turner drill presses; flexible saw; riveter; 8 ft. press brake; 2 Bradford Admiral grinders; Delta drill presses; Gleaner metal lathe; 2 saw Mor power hacksaws; Buffalo milling machine; 16in. South Bend gear lathe; Curtis pneumatic air compressor; cheery picker; large Gary safe; 24 ft. press brake; much misc. too numerous to mention.

Reversed: Allis Chalmers W D tractor with loader, snowbucket, forks, blade and misc. attachments. Good unit.

TERMS: Cash, money orders, certified check, or personal check with bank letter of credit if unknown to Auction Company. Not responsible for accidents or theft. Everything must be removed by March 1. Quick Lunch Concessions.

AUCTIONEER: Wayne Arends Ph. (319) 291-8639 or (319) 347-6669.

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Bachelor farmer's final gift puzzles his family, friends

Joe Arends had close relatives, but they are not the big beneficiaries of his considerable estate.

By **JACK HOVELSON**

OF THE REGISTER'S WATERLOO BUREAU

Stout, Ia. — Joe Arends was known to be an inventive, industrious and independent man, and one who would go out of his way to help people he liked.



Those who knew him say also that he was a bit of a loner, sometimes stubborn, an accumulator of items and wealth.

But one thing Arends wasn't known for around here was showing up in church.

That's why, after the 83-year-old, lifelong Stout bachelor farmer died last fall and the wishes of his will became public, a lot of eyebrows arched upward.

No Surprise

The size of his estate — around \$2 million — was no surprise.

He had 800 acres of rich Grundy County farmland — the kind that's bumping up close to \$2,000 an acre on today's market —

a raft of machinery, tools and personal belongings accumulated over decades, plus cash in the bank. An auction of his belongings grossed nearly \$200,000.

Arends also had close family members. But, they are not the big beneficiaries of his estate. Three churches are.

Arends belonged to none of the churches named in his will. No one knows for certain why he selected them to receive his wealth, other than the fact he knew people who attended them.

Another church might have been a more logical beneficiary. The Stout Reformed Church, less than a mile from Arends' home, is one he once attended on occasion and currently is the home church for other Arends family members. But it received nothing from the estate.

"The story goes that one time when Joe happened to be at that church he was told that he'd parked in the wrong place and would have to move his car. Joe went out to move it, but kept on going and never came back, according to the story," said Ralph Immings, operator of The Barn Cafe in Dike, a favorite stopping place for Arends.

Gives Away the Farm

Arends gave a 320-acre debt-free farm to the United Methodist Church of Dike. A 240-acre farm that's not entirely paid for went to Fredsville Lutheran, a country church

between Dike and Cedar Falls. The Liberty Baptist Church in Dike got \$50,000 in cash.

He stipulated that the Methodist and Lutheran churches must keep their respective farms for at least 21 years, either farming the land themselves or renting it out, before considering selling them. Proceeds from the farming operations are to be used either for

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— **Ralph Immings**
friend of Joe Arends

farm improvements or to support the churches, his will stipulates.

The Methodist Church also must pay Arends' longtime friend Angeline Arends of Dike, a widow who had been married to a cousin of Joe Arends, \$150 a month from the profits of the church's farm.

Arends didn't leave his relatives entirely out in the cold.

Each of 11 nieces and nephews received \$1,500. What's left of the proceeds from the sale of the remaining farmland — more than 200 acres — less any financial encumbrances, costs and other estate expenses, will

go to a surviving brother, Ernest Arends, and sister, Lillian Meyers, both of Parkersburg.

Ernest Arends and his wife, Minnie, earlier expressed some dismay over the brother's disposal of what had been the Arends family's home farm (Joe bought out his relatives' shares of it years ago), but when interviewed recently at their home they refused to be quoted.

Joe Arends was hospitalized last year with a terminal illness, but he insisted on returning to his farm home near Stout, an unincorporated village of 190. He died there Oct. 17. His will is dated Sept. 25, 1993.

Although he had only a grade school education, Arends "had a lot of smarts," says Roger Bergman, a neighbor.

Much of Arends' intelligence was channeled toward machinery. He built wagons, manure loaders and other farm devices in his shop, and for a time at his Arends Manufacturing building outside New Hartford. He later traded the manufacturing site for 80 acres of land adjoining one of his farms.

"He had his hands in a lot of things. He was very independent, and he always knew what he wanted," Immings said.

Bergman said although Arends wasn't known as a religious man, neither was he irreverent.

"He could be as stubborn as an ox. Once you crossed him, he wouldn't forget it. But, if he liked you, he'd do a lot for you," he said.

Land For Sale

Two farms in Grundy County, Iowa, owned by the Estate of Joe J. Arends and described as follows:

FARM ONE:

The East one-half of the Southwest Quarter (E1/2 SW1/4) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Eighty-nine (89) North, Range Sixteen (16), West of the 5th P.M. in Grundy County, Iowa,

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: A tract commencing at the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 15,, Township 89 North, Range 16, West of the 5th P.M., Grundy County, Iowa, running thence North along the East line of said SW 1/4 a distance of 1450 feet; thence West at right angles a distance of 178 feet; thence South at right angles a distance of 330 feet; thence East at right angles a distance of 134 feet; thence South parallel with North/South Section line a distance of 1120 feet; thence East 44 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 76.55 taxable acres more or less.

FARM TWO:

The East one-half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 NE 1/4); the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW 1/4 NE1/4); and that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE1/4 NW1/4) lying north and east of the easterly line of the former right of way of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co., all in Section Ten (10), Township Eighty-nine (89) North, Range Sixteen (16), West of the 5th P.M. in Grundy County, Iowa. Containing 151.8 taxable acres more or less.

Farm One is located one mile south of Stout, Iowa, and one-half mile west.

Farm Two is located one-half mile north of Stout, Iowa, on the west side of Highway T-47.

METHOD OF SALE:

Sealed bids accompanied by a bid security check in the amount of \$5,000 will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on March 9, 1994, at the Offices of Beard & Sweet, Attorneys, 305 Main Street, P.O. Box B, Reinbeck, Iowa 50669. All bids must be in a sealed envelope labeled "Arends Sale Bid" and shall be on a tract basis and not on a per-acre basis. At 1:30 p.m. on March 9, 1994, all bidders will be given an opportunity to raise their bids at the offices of Beard & Sweet.

The seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Any announcements on the day of sale shall take precedence over any information listed above.

TERMS:

Cash with 15% down upon signing contract the day of sale. Final payment and possession given April 1, 1994. Conveyance will be by Court Officer's Deed. Both installments of property taxes due in 1994 will be paid by Seller.

All bidders shall be responsible for obtaining their own information from ASCS as

Further information regarding the terms of the sale can be obtained from Robert L. Arends Estate.

Robert L. Beard, Executor of the Estate of Joe J. Arends. 305 Main Street, P.O.

SALES

M. W. Ashton resides on section 15, where he located October 1, 1872. Mr. Ashton was born in Livingston county, New York, July 2, 1832. He was brought up in the town of Mount Morris, in that county. His parents were Sidney and Eliza Ashton. He married Eliza A. Demmon, daughter of Calvin Demmon. Mrs. Ashton was born in Tuscarora, Livingston county, New York, in August, 1833. They were married December 24, 1856; removed to Illinois in 1868, and to Indiana the same year; to their present location from the latter State. Mr. and Mrs. Ashton have two daughters—Minnie, now Mrs. John Knipe, and Cora. Mr. Ashton's farm contains 140 acres.

J. W. Seaver is a son of J. W. and Mary E. (Long) Seaver, and was born in Genesee county, New York, March 15, 1834. When six years of age his parents came west and settled in Walworth county, Wisconsin. Here J. W. grew to manhood and lived until the spring of 1868, when he came to Butler county, Iowa, and settled in Albion township. Here he lived until 1872; then moved to Beaver township and settled on section 18, where he now owns 140 acres of land. In 1855 he married Miss Mary E. Rogers, a native of Washington county, New York. They have two children—Albert VanNess and Arthur E.

John E. Boyd was born in Logan county, Ohio, July 28, 1835, and is a son of James and Margaret (Sullivan) Boyd, who were natives of Virginia. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. On the 1st day of May, 1864, he enlisted in the one hundred days' service, and served until honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, after serving one hundred

and fifty days. Upon receiving his dismissal he returned to his home in Logan county, where he remained until the month of October; then came West, and settled on a farm in Grundy county, Iowa. There he lived one year, then moved to Black Hawk county, where he resided about seven years. In the spring of 1872 he came to Beaver township, Butler county, and settled on section 3, where he now resides, owning a fine farm of 200 acres. Mr. Boyd has been a member of the board of trustees for four years. In 1865 he was united in wedlock to Miss Caroline Wheeler, also a native of Ohio. They have seven children—Walter H., Deborah M., Emma May Belle and Rosana May Belle, (twins), Abbie E., Cora Matilda, and Nettie Florence.

Aug. Critzman was born in Germany, February 12, 1848, and is a son of Aug. and Rosalia (Bulleb) Critzman, both natives of that country. In 1857 his father died, and two years after this sad event he and his remaining parent came to America. They settled in Rockford, Illinois, and there engaged in farming for thirteen years. At the expiration of that time Aug. came to Butler county, Iowa, and settled on section 8 of Beaver township, where he now owns a fine farm of 120 acres. His mother died in 1867. Mr. Critzman is present justice of the peace, and has held that office for the past ten years. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Lake. They are the parents of four children—Oliver, Flora, Maud and Mabel.

Chauncey Chapman was born in Monroe county, New York, November 6, 1809. He remained in his native county until

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Bernard Assink

CEDAR FALLS — Services for Bernard Assink, 78, of 1425 W. Seventh St., will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

He died Wednesday (July 5) at Sartori Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



He was born Bernard Assink June 9, 1911, in Butler County, son of John and Manna Theesink Assink. He married Agnes S. Christensen on June 21, 1934, in Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was owner of Assink Brothers Sand, Gravel and Excavating Co. for many years, retiring in 1984. He was a charter member of the Cedar Falls Kiwanis Club and Fairview Investors Club. He had served on many Cedar Falls city committees, including terms on the Cedar Falls City Council and the Cedar Falls Planning and Zoning Commission.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Gerald of Lakeland, Fla., Robert of Cedar Rapids and Charles of Mays Landing, N.J.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a brother, James of Cedar Falls Lutheran Home; and a sister, Johanna Pedersen of Cedar Falls Western Home; he was preceded in death by an infant son, Donald.

Friends may call at Dahl-Van

METRO DEATHS

CEDAR FALLS — **Johanna Pedersen**, 87, of the Cedar Falls Western Home, died Sunday, March 31, at the home of natural causes.

She was born Sept. 27, 1903, in Enschede, Holland, daughter of John H. and Manna Theesink Assink. She married George Pedersen on Nov. 19, 1934, in Cedar Falls. He died June 8, 1962.

Mrs. Pedersen immigrated to the United States with her parents at the age of 2.

She is survived by a brother, James Assink of Cedar Falls; she was preceded in death by a brother, Bernard Assink.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, and for an hour before services at the church.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church or the Cedar Falls Western Home.

PAGE A6 WATERLOO COURIER WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1995

CEDAR FALLS — **James Assink**, 87, of the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home, died there Monday, Sept. 25, after a brief illness.

He was born Dec. 24, 1907, in Swanton, son of John H. and Manna Theesink Assink. He married Ingrid Christiana Guldager on June 30, 1931, in Cedar Falls. She died in 1989.

Mr. Assink was a beginning partner in Assink Brothers Sand and Gravel in 1934. He was later engaged in farming in Black Hawk County, then returned to Assink Brothers. Before retiring in 1973, he was employed at the University of Northern Iowa. He most recently was serving as director of development at the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home.

Survived by: two daughters, Gladys Lundquist of Davenport and Lola Galiher of Manchester; and five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Bernard; and a sister, Hannah Pedersen.

Agnes Assink

CEDAR FALLS — Agnes Assink will celebrate her 90th birthday with a family dinner and a card shower on Saturday.

She was born Dec. 22, 1912, to Hans and Sophie Christensen. She and her husband, Bernard,

owned and operated Assink Brothers for many years.

The dinner will be hosted by her children and their families, Gerald and Judy of Lakeland, Fla., Robert of Cedar Rapids, and Charles and Linda of May's Landing, N.J. She has six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to her at 1425 W. Seventh St., Cedar Falls 50613.



Agnes Assink

Agnes S. Assink (1912-2005)

CEDAR FALLS — Agnes S. Assink, 92, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 12, at Cedar Falls Lutheran Home.

She was born Dec. 22, 1912, in Cedar Falls, daughter of Hans and Sophia Petersen Christensen. She married Bernard Assink on June 21, 1934, in Cedar Falls. He died July 5, 1989.

Following their marriage the Assinks moved into their new home which they built at 1425 W. Seventh St., and she continued to live there until she moved to the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home.

She and her husband owned and operated Assink Brothers Sand & Gravel, Cedar Falls, for 40 years.

Survivors include: three sons, Gerald (Judy) of Lakeland, Fla., Charles (Linda) of Royersford, Pa., and Robert of Cedar Rapids; six grandchildren, Jeff (Connie) Assink, Janna McLaulin, Jon Assink, Karen (Jeff) Martin, Mike Assink and Mark (Tina) Assink; nine great-grandchildren, Ashley, Justin and Trevor Assink, Craig and Kellie McLaulin, Kristy Assink, Kyle Seiverd, and Alyssa and Faith Assink; three stepgreat-grandchildren, Scott (Stephanie) and David Rewerts and Shayna Martin; a stepgreat-great-grandchild, Destiny Rewerts; and a sister, Lillian Shepard of Battle Creek, Mich.

Preceded in death by: a son, Donald; three sisters, Mable Meginness, Alma Hollis and Sena Conklin; and two brothers, Raymond and Arnold Christensen.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home.

Memorials: may be directed to the family.



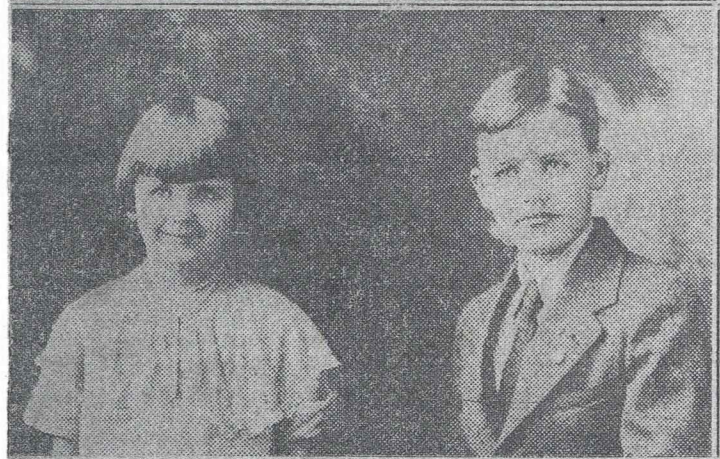
Agnes Assink

WHOLESALE MURDER

CLAIMS 5 LIVES

AT STOUT

Victims of Farm Tragedy



Above—Mr. and Mrs. Nanno Andreessen, central figures in a wholesale killing of five persons early Wednesday at the Andreessen farm home near Stout.
Middle—Elmer, 13, and Verna, children of Mr. and Mrs. Andreessen.
Below—Miss Maggie Hessenius, sister of Mrs. Andreessen.