

Wed., Nov. 7, 1984

Esther B. DeGroot

CEDAR FALLS—Services for Esther B. DeGroot, 56, of 7033 N. Union Road, will be 1 p.m. Friday at Orchard Hill Reformed Church with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg.

Mrs. DeGroot died Monday at Round Rock Community Hospital in Round Rock, Texas.

She was born July 9, 1928, at Parkersburg, daughter of Andrew and Mabel Jungling Bergman. She married John R. DeGroot June 15, 1950, at Stout. She was a partner in G&G Industries.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, David of Cedar Falls and James of Round Rock; two daughters, Cynthia Glover of Eagan, Minn., and Mary DeGroot of Cedar Falls; her father of Parkersburg; two grandchildren; a brother, Harlan of Des Moines; and four sisters, Ruth Roskamp of Capistrano Beach, Calif., Wilma Barkhoff of Cedar Falls, Marlys Cuvelier of Parkersburg and Lois Cirksema of Dike.

Friends may call after 7 p.m. Wednesday and until 11 a.m. Friday at the Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home. There also will be visitation at the church for an hour before services Friday.

Memorials may be made to the Indian Mission at Chiapas, Mexico.

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CEDAR FALLS — **John R. DeGroot**, 75, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, May 6, at home of heart failure.

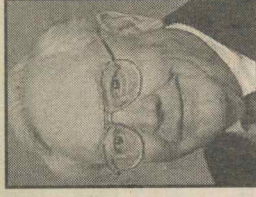
He was born Aug. 22, 1924, in Parkersburg, son of John and Julianna Hendrika Van Dyke DeGroot. He married Esther Bergman on June 15, 1950, in Stout. She died Nov. 5, 1984. He married Mildred Bode on June 7, 1986, in Cedar Falls.

Mr. DeGroot was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater. He was a 1950 graduate of the University of Iowa, receiving a bachelor's degree in commerce. He was employed at Rath Packing Co., Waterloo, retiring as senior vice president of sales and marketing in 1985.

Survived by: his wife; two sons, David of Rosemount, Minn., and James of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Cynthia Glover of Burnsville, Minn., and Mary Powell of Virginia Beach, Va.; a stepson, James Bode of Denver, Colo.; a stepdaughter, Julie Villelli of Fallbrook, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Kramer of Aplington.

Preceded in death by: three brothers, Lewis, Jack and Frank; and two sisters, Alice Knock and Dena Jungling.

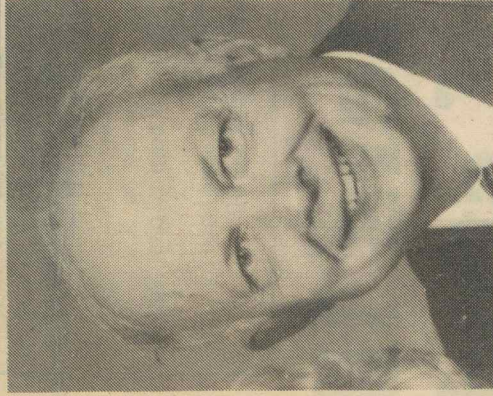
Services: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Orchard Hill Reformed Church, with burial at 2:30 p.m. in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg. Military flag-folding rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 285 of Parkersburg. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, with family present from 5 to 8 p.m. Visitation also for an hour before services Wednesday.



John
DeGroot

December 1993

Obituaries



Dr. DONALD ROISELAND

Dr. Donald S. Roiseland, 58, of 201 Brown Lane, Waverly, died early Wednesday morning, Dec. 23, at his home from complications of cancer.

He was born on May 12, 1934, in South St. Paul, MN, the son of Adolph J. and Rachelle (Cole) Roiseland. He graduated from South St. Paul High School in 1952 and then attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a major in physics. Between 1956 and 1963, he earned his Masters and his Doctorate in physics from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Following this, Don worked as a Research Physicist with the G.T. Sheldahl Co., for the United States Space Program before accepting a teaching position at St. Olaf College in the fall of 1966. In 1968, he moved to Waverly and joined the Physics Department at Wartburg College.

On July 5, 1969, he was united in marriage to Dorothy K. Bergman in Cedar Falls and the couple made their home in Waverly where Don later became Chairman of the Physics Department at Wartburg. Cancer was discovered in October of 1991 which led to several surgeries and hospitalizations, but Don was able to continue his teaching at Wartburg until just a week ago.

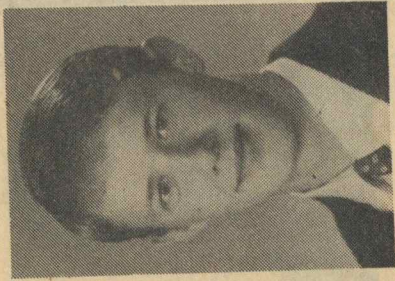
He was an active member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waverly, was a member of Gideons International, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, Sons of Norway-Solqlimt Lodge in Cedar Falls, American Association of Physics Teachers, Iowa Academy of Science and the Oriental Missionary Society-Men for Mission.

Don is survived by his mother, Rachelle Roiseland of Waverly; his wife, Dorothy of Waverly; his three children, Renee Suzanne Roiseland, Alan James Roiseland, Kevin Niis Roiseland all of Waverly; one brother and his wife, Richard and Karin Roiseland of Plymouth, MN, and by 10 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Adolph, in 1972.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 26, 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waverly, with Pastor Mark N. Gravdal and Pastor Larry Trachte officiating. Burial will be in the

Harlington Cemetery, Waverly. Friends may call from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. on both Thursday and Friday at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Waverly, and also for one hour before services on Saturday at the church. Memorials should be directed to either Redeemer Lutheran Church-Missionary Support, Wartburg College or to Gideon's International.

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MR. AND MRS. SCHOEMAN

Announce Vows

CEDAR FALLS—Miss Nancy S. Bergman became the bride of David L. Schoeman in a 7:30 ceremony Saturday evening at First Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Albert Moss officiated at the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ted R. Bergman of 3612 Rownd St., and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Shoeman of Rt. 3, Cedar Falls.

Maid of honor was Miss Dorothy Bergman, sister of the bride. Another sister, Mrs. Rolin Burger of Hays, Kan.

Best man was Steve Waters of Des Moines, and groomsmen was Paul Schoeman of New Hartford, brother of the groom.

The bride wore a floor length empire gown of white linen, with scoop neckline and three-quarter length sleeves. The A-line skirt had a detachable train. Her veil of silk illusion was caught to a crown of scalloped lace. She carried a bouquet of yellow sweetheart roses and white cymbidiums.

The bride has been employed as a stewardess for United Air Lines, based in Denver, Colo. Her husband is an August graduate of Iowa State University, Ames, and will enter the U.S. Air Force in October. Until then, the couple will make a temporary home at 3612 Rownd



MISS BERGMAN

Plan Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Ted R. Bergman, 3612 Rownd St., are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to David Schoeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Schoeman, Rt. 3, Cedar Falls.

Miss Bergman is employed as a stewardess for United Air Lines in Denver, Colo., and Mr. Schoeman will graduate in August from Iowa State University in Ames.

The couple plans a September wedding.

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ECLIPSE, NOVEMBER 10, 1999

NANCY SCHOEMAN

Nancy Schoeman, 54, of Englewood, Colorado formerly of Cedar Falls, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, November 3, 1999 at her residence of natural causes. She attained the age of 54 years, 10 months, and 4 days.

Nancy was born on December 29, 1944, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the daughter of Ted R. and Edna L. "Claassen" Bergman. She graduated from New Hartford High School in 1963. She also attended the University of Iowa for two years.

She was united in marriage to David L. Schoeman on September 9, 1967, in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Nancy was a member of the Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church where she was very active with the Youth Ministries. She was also a Mary Kay Cosmetics representative. She was preceded in death by her mother: Edna.

Survivors include her husband David; son Scott Schoeman of Beaufort, S.C.; a daughter Angela Schoeman of Englewood, CO; a brother Dale and his wife Peggy Bergman of Milwaukee, WI; two sisters: Dorothy Roiseland of Waverly, Iowa, and Lorna and her husband Rolin Burger of Denver, CO.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 8, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. at the Orchard Hill Reformed Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Grundy Center, Iowa. Rev. Ed. Baker officiated.

Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home in Grundy Center was in charge of arrangements.

Ella M. Dreesman (1914-2003)

CEDAR FALLS — Ella M. Dreesman, 88, of Waterloo, formerly of Cedar Falls, died Friday, Feb. 7, at Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo, of natural causes.

She was born June 24, 1914, in Grundy County, near New Hartford, daughter of Jacob and Suste Meester Bergmann. She married Bill Dreesman Sept. 7, 1938, at the Reformed Church in Stout.

Mrs. Dreesman worked at Younkers department store at College Square Mall for 15 years, retiring in 1981.

Survived by: her husband; two sons, Ronald (Constance) and Bernard (Laura), both of Cedar Falls; a daughter, Delores (Larry) Ressler of Waterloo; three granddaughters, Tina (Duane) Kitchen of Rockford, Ill., Anne (Matthew) Manifold of Solon and Hope (Eric) Conard of Des Moines; a great-grandson, Jerrett Manifold; six stepgreat-grandchildren, Nicole, Stephanie, Hannah, Olivia, Alexander and Trenton; a brother, Ted (Marian) Bergmann of Cedar Falls; and two sisters, Anna Nevenhoven of Parkersburg and Rose (George) Pothast of Grundy Center.

Preceded in death by: her parents; a son-in-law, Walter Marx; six brothers, Wilhelm, Jacob, Joe, Hillerd, George and Andrew Bergmann; and three sisters, Henrietta Bergmann, Martha Boelman and Hannah Miller.

Memorial services: 11 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls, with inurnment in Stout Cemetery. Stout. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. today at Richardson Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the church.



Ella Dreesman



2004 Anna M. Nevenhoven

Anna Matilda Nevenhoven, age 95, of Parkersburg, Iowa, was born September 4, 1909, the daughter of Jacob and Susie (Meester) Bergman on a farm near New Hartford in Grundy County, Iowa. She received her education in the New Hartford School.

Anna was united in marriage with Charles Nevenhoven on January 17, 1934, in a church parsonage in Lenox, South Dakota. The couple farmed near New Hartford from 1934 until 1966. They moved to Grundy Center after they retired and later moved to Parkersburg in 1983. Anna had become a resident of Maple Manor in Aplington July 29, 2004.

She was a life time member of the Reformed Church of Stout where she attended every morning and evening service until her health failed. She was active in the Women's Guild and Dorcas Society.

Anna was a farm wife and a homemaker and enjoyed watching her sons and later her grandchildren, play sports in high school and in college. Later when they coached, she continued to follow their teams. Anna and Charlie were Fan's of the Year for Aplington High School in 1988. In the past, she enjoyed bowling, bingo, attending craft fairs and selling crafts.

Anna died Wednesday, October 20, 2004, at Maple Manor Village, Aplington, Iowa, of natural causes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Nevenhoven on January 5, 1989; her parents; four sisters, Martha Boelman, Ella Dreesman, Hannah Miller and Henrietta Bergman; and seven brothers, Jake, Hillard, George, Joe, Andrew, Theodore and William Bergman.

She is survived by two sons, Duane (Sally) Nevenhoven, Aplington, Iowa and Kenneth (Christie) Nevenhoven, Long Grove, Iowa; four grandsons, Greg (Melody) Nevenhoven, Todd (Melissa) Nevenhoven, Christopher (Cinderella) Nevenhoven and Jonathan Nevenhoven; seven great-grandchildren, Tyler, Tayler, Courtney, Madison, Ivy, Quinten and Belen; one sister, Rose (George) Pothast, Grundy Center; one sister-in-law, Henrietta Nevenhoven, Aplington, Iowa; one brother-in-law, William Dreesman, Cedar Falls, Iowa; one sister-in-law, Marian Bergman of Cedar Falls, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 23, 2004 at the Reformed Church of Stout, Stout, Iowa with Rev. David Powers officiating. The organist was Darlys Wiese. Congregational Hymns were "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Honorary Casketbearers were her grandsons, Greg Nevenhoven, Todd Nevenhoven, Christopher Nevenhoven and Jonathan Nevenhoven. Casketbearers were Jake Bergman, Harlan Bergman, Robert Bergman, Alvin Miller, Ron Nevenhoven and Larry E. Ressler. Interment was in Stout Cemetery, Stout, Iowa.

Redman-Schwartz Funeral Home, Parkersburg, was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be directed to the family.



Plan Event for Berninghausen Wedding Date 1954 (Carter Special Service)

NEW HARTFORD—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Berninghausen will observe their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday with open house at their home from 2 to 6 p. m.

Mr. Berninghausen's three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Haas, Iowa Falls, Mrs. Gertrude Beenen, Latimer, and Mrs. Frances Rieks, Iowa Falls, will be hostesses.

The former Lillian Knipe and Mr. Berninghausen were married at noon on June 25, 1913, in the home in New Hartford in which they now live. It was then the home of Mrs. Berninghausen's parents.

They have three children, David K., West Orange, N. J., a professor of philosophy and head of the library of Cooper Union, New York City; William H., in the hydrographic office of the Navy department, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Paul Sarnoff, speech pathologist in West Orange, N. J.

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OBITUARY

NEW HARTFORD — Lilian Jane Knipe Berninghausen, 67, died Friday noon at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo of a heart attack. Most of her life was spent at New Hartford, with the exception of the years in which she and her husband, now a retired school superintendent, lived where Mr. Berninghausen taught school; had lived in Marble Rock, Beaman, Pocahontas, New Hartford, Geneva, Green Mountain, Dumont, Nashua and Union. Mrs. Berninghausen also had taught school. She was a member of the Methodist Church, New Hartford; Womans Society Christian Service; Eastern Star; Rebekahs and Womans Reilef Corp No. 228 which was her favorite work. She also was eligible to the Daughters of the American Revolution through an ancestor, Christian Moser, who was a survivor of the Paoli Massacre in Paloi, Pennsylvania and of which her daughter Jane is a member.

Survivors include her husband, two sons David K. Berninghausen, director of Library School of Minnesota University, Minnesota; Harry, geologist at the Naval Hydrographic office in Washington, D. C.; and daughter Jane Virginia Sarnhoff, speech pathologist at Maplewood, New Jersey; also seven grandchildren. Mrs. Berninghausen was the daughter of Jesse Cox Knipe and Sarah Adeline Bolton Knipe.

Funeral services were held in the New Hartford Methodist Church and burial in Oak Hill.

A Memorial will be established for her which will consist of fifty chairs for the young peoples auditorium in the Methodist Church.

Ex-Educator At New Hartford Dies at 81

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)
NEW HARTFORD — Funeral services for Frederick W. Berninghausen, 81, an educator formerly of New Hartford who died Wednesday night at Allen Nursing Home, Waterloo, where he had been a patient for three years, will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the New Hartford Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery.

Masonic services will be 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dahl Funeral Home, Cedar Falls. Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 a.m. Friday.

Mr. Berninghausen was born Nov. 28, 1885, at Eldora. He married Lillian Knipe June 25, 1913, at New Hartford.

He was a retired teacher and superintendent and had lived in Marble Rock, Beaman, Nashua, Pocahontas, New Hartford, Geneva, Green Mountain and Dumont.

His first wife died in 1959 and he married Helen Good in Oct. 1961. She died in 1963.

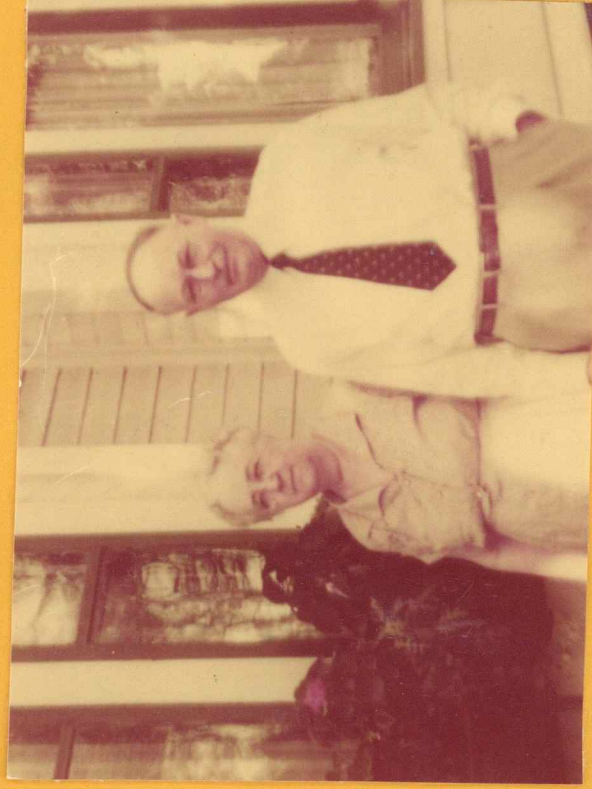
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Dahl Funeral Home
Cedar Falls, Iowa

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FREDERICK W.
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November 28, 1885

January 18, 1967

FUNERAL SERVICES

January 21, 1967

1:30 P.M.

New Hartford Methodist Church
New Hartford, Iowa

CLERGYMAN

Rev. Herbert C. Shaffer

INTERMENT

Oak Hill Cemetery
New Hartford, Iowa

Knipe-Berninghausen

On Wednesday, June 25, at high noon, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Adaline Knipe, occurred the marriage of Miss Lillian Jane Knipe to Mr. Frederick W. Berninghausen of Eldora. The Rev. Wm. Spry of First M. E. church of Waterloo assisted by the local pastor, Rev. Paris, officiated. To the soft strains of the wedding march most beautifully executed by Miss Stella Knipe, a cousin of the bride, the bridal party entered and took their places under a floral arch, Miss Marian Wheeler acting as a maid of honor, Ralph L. Berry of Casey as best man, and little Miss Luvilla Fredrickson as ring bearer. The beautiful ring ceremony was used in a most impressive manner. After congratulations a splendid three-course dinner was served to about fifty guests, after which the bride and groom took their departure for a few days' stay at Clear Lake, Iowa. The bride was very attractive in a white charmuse silk made entrain, wearing bridal veil and carrying a bouquet of white rosebuds. The maid of honor looked charming in pink crepe du chine and carried pink rosebuds. The groom and best man were attired in conventional black.

The bride is one of the most popular and charming of New Hartford's young ladies, and a graduate of the Normal school at Cedar Falls. The groom is a young man of excellent character, who has recently completed his course at Cornell college. He has accepted a position for the coming year as superintendent of the schools at Marble Rock, Iowa, where his wife will also assist him.



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1913.

New Hartford Library Is Given Book Collection

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

NEW HARTFORD — The library of F. W. and the late Lillian Berninghausen and their family has been given to the New Hartford Public library. Many books of fiction, paperbacks, non-fiction, books on geology, the geographics, a set of encyclopedias and pictures of art and many pamphlets are in the collection.

One case was set aside for these books and a framed picture of Mr. and Mrs. Berninghausen will hang above this case in memory of the Berninghausens. Mrs. Berninghausen passed away about three years ago and Mr. Berninghausen is

March 21, 1989

Dear Vopal and Paul:

Here is my resume.

I was born in Geneva, Iowa, October 24, 1920. Lived in Green Mountain, Dumont, New Hartford and Nashua.

Started school in New Hartford. Attended elementary school at Nashua and High School at New Hartford where I graduated in 1939. Attended the university of Iowa from 1939 until I was drafted into the Air Force in January, 1943. Basic Training in Utah. Medical Laboratory School in Colorado. Was stationed in Idaho. Met Jane Porter in Cedar Falls while home on furlough. We were married on the Mt. Home AFB, May 28, 1945. Discharged 1946. Went back to school. Got my BS in General Science from U. of Iowa, fall, 1940. Attended graduate school, '46-'49, ending up with an MS in Geology. During the summers dug fossils for the University of Nebraska and worked as a Ranger Naturalist in Yellowstone. Was recalled to the Air Force in '49 - ran the Information and Education Office at Brookley AFB, Mobile, Ala. for one year. After discharge I worked in the Children's Museums in Indianapolis, Indiana and Sacramento, California.

Worked for the "Naval Oceanographic Office", Suitland, Maryland as a Geological Oceanographer from July 21, 1952 until my retirement, June 26, 1978.

Since then I've spent my time enjoying life doing a certain amount of country dancing and trying to learn to play the piano.

We have three children, Sally, Mark, and Tom. Sally manages a neighborhood house for retarded adult men in Springfield, Virginia. Mark and his family; wife, Barbara; Chucky, 5 (soon to be 6); and Hope who will have her first birthday in July, live in the far north of New York state near the St. Lawrence River. Mark works as a beehive inspector for the state of New York. Tom and his wife live in Buffalo, New York. Tom received his PhD in English last summer and will be teaching English at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, this fall. Nancy will get her PhD in English in about a year.

This is pretty long, so you can cut it down as you wish.

Sincerely,

Wm. H. Berkinghausen

*For the Museum
I was Nancy's 58th -
Paul H. Berkinghausen
M.C.*

WILLIAM BERNINGHAUSEN

Authority on Famed 'Tsunamis

By STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A former New Hartford resident is making quite a name for himself these days as his knowledge of "Tsunamis" is put to use by the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office in the nation's capital.

He is William H. Berninghausen, the son of the late Mr. And Mrs. F. W. Berninghausen, formerly of New Hartford and Cedar Falls. Mr. Berninghausen for many years was a teacher in the public schools of those two towns.

Where the younger Berninghausen has made his mark is in the field of geology, a profession to which he is devoted and in which he obtained his degree from the University of Iowa.

But where do the "Tsunamis" enter in?

Mammoth Waves

Tsunamis are the mammoth waves so graphically portrayed down through the centuries by Japanese silk screen artists and Berninghausen has reported that they are not confined strictly to the Pacific. He points out that they have also been known to bring death and destruction to people living on both sides of the Atlantic.

Berninghausen, through his work in the Naval Oceanographic Office, has found reports of more than 100 damaging Atlantic waves — "some of which," he said, "have been definitely caused by

tivity — the principal generating forces of true tsunamis.

"Storms," he said, "were responsible for many other destructive Atlantic waves, including the 'death waves' of western Ireland and a huge wave phenomenon which, upon occurring during periods of ocean calm, has been known to surprise and kill people fishing on beaches in the Azores."

Lists Reports

Regardless of the waves' origin, Berninghausen, through recently-completed research, has listed all available reports of mammoth Atlantic waves, beginning with one noted on Oct. 24, 842, in the English Channel to several reported on March 27, 1964, in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Of all the Atlantic waves covered in the reports, those generated in November of 1755 by the Lisbon earthquake may have been the most severe," Berninghausen said. In any event, they were the most widespread, since unusual waves were reported in nearly all major port cities on both sides of the Atlantic.

In Lisbon, three waves, "estimated as being 15 to 40-feet high, added to the (earthquake) destruction." Waves were also reported at several French, British, Dutch and Finnish ports and also in undated Santiago in Cuba.

Volcano Erupts

The only other wave reports

tsunami were, according to Berninghausen's research, those connected with the Aug. 26, 1883, explosive eruption of Krakatoa, a now inactive volcano in the Sunda Strait between Java and Sumatra.

A Newfoundland earthquake occurring Nov. 18, 1929, may have been responsible for damaging waves reaching "numerous locations along the Atlantic coast of North America, Bermuda, Martinique and the Azores, Berninghausen reported.

"Since this earthquake occurred during a storm," he said, "some of the damage may have been caused by storm-generated waves." In any event, the waves hitting the immediate Newfoundland area took 27 lives as well as destroying 32 houses, damaging 27 more houses and demolishing 168 boats — property damage amounting to \$1 million.

Others Hit

In addition to the waves generated by the Newfoundland tremor, tsunamis or similar large waves have hit U.S. East and Gulf Coast areas on three other occasions, Berninghausen found.

Berninghausen's list of Atlantic tsunamis is included in an informal report which is available in limited quantities from the oceanographic office.

Berninghausen is comfortable settled into life around Washington but has strong ties with Iowa as four stepsisters and a number of cousins still

In this church, words or creed or demand of formal ritual marks membership. The common ground for the Unitarian Universalist way of life is found in the following principles. They speak our purposes and instruct our activities:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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7-15-00

Dear Vopel.

I must be part Icelandic h. they say that Icelanders never forget to return a favor. They may just wait a long time to do it.

Thanks for the information on Mr. Field. Who does he suppose Vishti, was? And where was Mrs. Field buried?

I have a picture of Lincoln that had belonged to J.R. Field that was given to me by his grandson. Dad was the executor of Maime's estate. Her nephew lived in Waterloo. Do you perhaps know who he was.

*Wopai maym this maym an
intention to you*
Larry Birmingham
Order of Service

July 2, 2000

Opening Remarks

*Muslim's call to worship, Arabic with English translations
by Khalil Shadeed*

Lighting of Chalice Meditation

Let there be no confusion
In religion, Truth stands out
Clear from Error, whoever
Rejects Evil and believes
In Allah hath grasped
The most trustworthy
Handhold that never breaks.
And Allah heareth
And knoweth all things.

Holy Quran 2:256

Joys and Sorrows

Quranic Recitation in Arabic

By the token of time through the Ages,
Verily Man is in loss,
Except such as have Faith
And do righteous deeds,
and join together
In the mutual teaching
of Truth, and of
Patience and Constancy.

Holy Quran 103:1,2,3

Writings from Kant

*Certain modes of knowledge leave the field of all possible experience
and have the appearance of extending the scope of our judgements
beyond all limits of experience, this by means of concepts to which no
corresponding object can ever be given in experience.. - concepts
beyond all possible experience; God, Freedom, and Immortality.*

Offertory:

Music by Yanni; Title of Composition -- Deliverance

Sermon

Al-Islam's Contribution to Science and Reasoning

Guest Speaker: Dr Zeki Saritoprak

*an Associate Faculty in the Department of Semitics at the Catholic University of
America and Research Associate at Georgetown University - Center for Muslim
Christian Understanding in Washington D.C.*

Final Reading: from Ghazale

*"Your Lord, in the days of your lifetime, sends forth gusts of
grace: do you then put yourselves in the way of them?"
The aim of this account is to emphasize that one should be most
diligent in seeking the truth until he or she finally comes to
seeking the unseekable. For primary truths are unseekable,
because they are present in the mind; and when what is present
is sought, it is lost and hides itself. But one who seeks the
unseekable cannot subsequently be accused of negligence in
seeking what is seekable.*

Community Time

*Benediction: (Congregation stands and holds hands)
From You I Receive, To You I Give,
Together We Share, By This We Live*

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NOTE

6-29-99

Dear Vopál

Here are the things I was telling you about,

They belonged to the Father of Maxime (Maxim?) Trifield, a Civil War veteran. I think he came from England. Please find them a good Home.

Sincerely, Barney, Harry Wm,
or whatever Ber-wingson

The Banquet was enjoyable. But there were too many people there. All are could do was say hello & how are you & go on to the next one. No time for an in-depth conversation, & I could not help wonder where (what had happened to) the ones who were there ~~there~~.

Of my class attending, were Ruth Paldebor, Doris Good, John MacAlester & one other whose name I can't remember. Would you have a clue as to what her name is, married & single & where she lives. As far as that goes what's Ruth Paldebor's married name & where does she live. Enough questions.

Harry



Mr. & Mrs. William Berninghaus
1201 Laurel Dr.
Accokeek, MD 20607-9608

Field

Vashti - 1843-1917

James R. 1840-1924

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BERNINGHAUSEN, WILLIAM H. (Age 79)

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000

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MIDDLEBURY, VT - Middlebury College has established the first endowed professorship in its Chinese department. The endowed chair was made possible by a gift of \$1.5 million from Kathy O'Connor Truscott and William F. "Ted" Truscott, both members of the College's class of 1983, in honor of Middlebury College Professor of Chinese John D. Berninghausen.

The chair will be known as the Kathleen O'Connor Truscott and William "Ted" Truscott Chair in Chinese until Berninghausen's retirement, at which time it will become the John D. Berninghausen Chair in Chinese.

Middlebury College President John M. McCardell Jr. publicly announced the news in October at the Chinese department's 25th anniversary celebration, which many alumni had traveled thousands of miles to attend. "Ted and Kathy have chosen a fitting tribute to a man who has dedicated his life with such passion both to his academic specialty and to his students," said McCardell at the event.

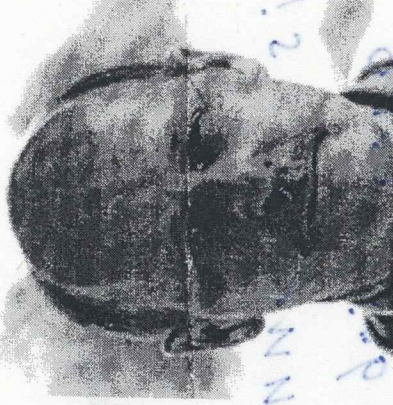
Ted Truscott, who was an East Asian studies major at Middlebury, is currently the chief investment officer of the Minneapolis-based American Express Financial Advisors, part of the American Express Financial Corporation. Truscott said, "We chose to honor John Berninghausen because of his commitment to excellent teaching, his ability to expand the mind, and his courage in establishing what was, in 1976, a unique undertaking? a Chinese language program at Middlebury College. I owe my global view of the world largely to John, and I am indebted to him for teaching me about a fascinating region."

Berninghausen, who recently stepped down after more than two decades of service as chair of the Middlebury College Chinese department, earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota with a double major in Chinese and Spanish. He also received a master's and a doctorate in Chinese from Stanford University.

In 1976 Berninghausen joined the Middlebury faculty, co-founded the Chinese language program with the late Gregory Kuei-ke Chiang, and became the program's first chair. In 1982, the program officially became a department with its own major.

Since Berninghausen's arrival he has served in a number of roles at the College, including co-founder and first chair of the inter-disciplinary major in East Asian studies from 1979-1984, chair of the division of foreign languages from 1981-1986 and 1991-1994, dean of the Middlebury College Chinese School from 1988-1994, and acting director of the Language Schools from 1990-1991. In 1993 he was named to a Charles A. Dana Professorship. Prior to coming to Middlebury, Berninghausen founded and directed the Chinese language program at the University of Vermont, where he taught from 1973-1976.

Berninghausen is the author of a book of essays in Chinese, co-editor of an anthology of Chinese short stories, and translator of a number of short stories, speeches, essays and other works for publication in newsletters, books and journals. He has also collaborated on two advanced Chinese language



textbooks.

Berninghausen has served as a faculty member and visiting scholar at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing, and a visiting scholar at the Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan and at the Center for Asian Studies at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. He has also served as a member of the external review team of the Wellesley College Chinese department, an outside evaluator of the Williams College Chinese language program, and a member of the executive board of the Chinese Language Teachers Association.

Currently on academic leave in China, Berninghausen, in collaboration with his wife Alice, is conducting research into modern Chinese painting, including extensive interviews with leading contemporary Chinese artists.

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This Scanner does not do
a good job with pictures.
I know you won't be able
to read this; but perhaps
someone will read it to you.

Love

Jane Virginia
Berninghausen Samoff



*Jane Beringham
 Mary and David
 Beringham*

Christmas Greetings
 our important news of 2005
 is the birth of our second
 Great Granddaughter, Greta Bronwyn
 Lane, daughter of Alice Hyatt Lane
 and William M. Lane, Jan. 20, 2005.
 Alice is the daughter of Julie
 Sarnoff Hyatt and John A. Hyatt.

Greta's big sister is Sylvia R.
 Lane, 6 years old Dec. 8, 2005.



Greta Bronwyn Lane



Margaret Jane and Felicity Anne
 Sarnoff, daughters of Edy and
 Burton Sarnoff and Granddaughters
 of Paul and Jane Virginia Sarnoff.
 Picture taken Nov. 24, Felicity's 3rd
 birthday.

We are mourning the loss of Jane Elizabeth P.
 Birmingham, wife of Mr. Harry P. on Oct. 17, 2005.
 I am recovering from Cataract surgery and

can't see straight.
 Jane and Larry Smith
 are well in Winston-Salem,
 N.C.

Merry Christmas
 Happy New Year.

Paul L. Jane Sarnoff



Sylvia R. Lane
 dau. of Alice and
 William Lane



Paul Edward SARKOFF

Jane Virginia Berninghausen SARKOFF

both Wedding Anniversaries

February 2008

Dear Vopai,

Here is that extra picture
which Julie took. It was not
suitable for the Newspaper but
better and we got it printed





THE 23rd PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou *art* with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in
the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life: and
I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

JANE VIRGINIA SARNOFF

Born

February 12, 1928
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Died

April 2, 2009
Kingsport, Tennessee

Memorial Service

Fall Creek Baptist Church
Saturday, April 18, 2009 — 2:00 p.m.
Rev. Tommy Haynes

Survivors

Husband: Paul Edward Sarnoff

Daughters:

Julie Kathryn Sarnoff Hyatt
and husband John

Sigrid Elaine Sarnoff Southerland
and husband Larry

Son:

Burton Edward Sarnoff
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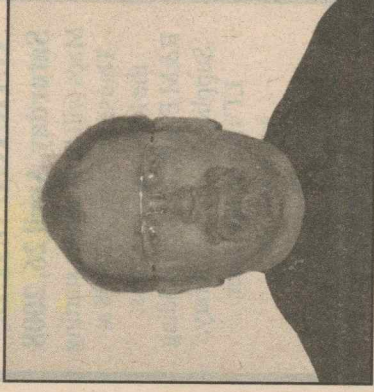
Alice Elaine Hyatt Lane

Great-Grandchildren:

Sylvia R. and Greta B. Lane

Don Betts Named Educator Of The Year

Don Betts of Carrie Lane High School in Charles City, Iowa, has been named Educator of the Year by the Iowa Association of Alternative Education (IAAE) at its annual state conference on Thursday, April 3, at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines. The Educator of the Year Award is presented annually at the state conference to an alternative educator who is making a significant contribution to alternative education in Iowa. The purpose of the award is to recognize Iowa's outstanding alternative educators. In presenting the award to Mr. Betts, the IAAE said, in part, "The individual who is the recipient of this year's award understands the importance of building a trusting and supportive relationship between home, school, and the community. He serves alternative education through hosting Small Wonders conferences; providing leadership in STARS celebrations; founding and leading Northeast Iowa Alternative Teachers (NEAT), a group organized to provide support for alternative educators in small programs and schools; and serving on the IAAE Board of Directors. In recent months and within his own school system of Charles City, Don has shown leadership, passion, and vision as he has directed the effort to expand his program in order to serve more students. Through hands-on learning, Don has instilled within his students a sense of ownership of their alternative high school. Don has been aptly described as fiercely loyal



and dedicated to the passions in his life."

Mr. Betts has worked in the field of education for 23 years. He began his teaching career at Morning Sun High School in Morning Sun, Iowa, followed by stints at New Hartford High School in New Hartford, Iowa and AEA 7 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. For the past 13 years, Mr. Betts has served as the Director and instructor at Carrie Lane High School in Charles City, Iowa.

In addition to his duties at Carrie Lane High School, Mr. Betts is the head football coach and assistant track coach at Dike-New Hartford High School in Dike, Iowa. He resides in New Hartford with his wife Sally.

Mr. Betts is a 1972 graduate of LeMars High School in LeMars, Iowa and a 1982 graduate of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

April 16, 2008

CELEBRATIONS

Sarnoff

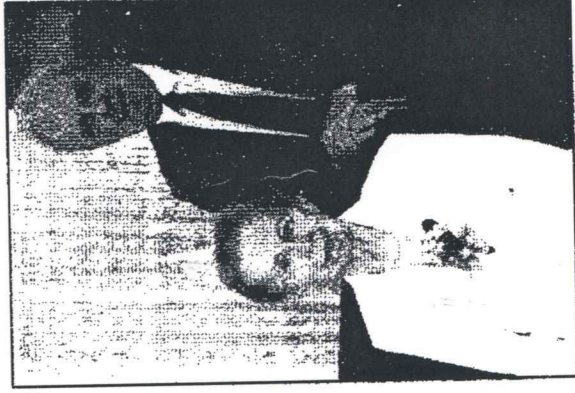
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edward (Jane Virginia Berninghausen) Sarnoff of Kingsport, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 16, 2008 at MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center, Kingsport.

The event was hosted by their children.

The couple was married Feb. 13, 1948, in Iowa City, Iowa, with the Rev. Krueger of the Lutheran Church officiating.

They are the parents of Julie Kathryn Sarnoff Hyatt and husband John of Kingsport; Sigrid Elaine Sarnoff Southerland and husband Larry of Winston Salem, N.C. and Burton Edward Sarnoff and wife Edythe of Aspers, Pa. They are the grandparents of Alice Elaine Hyatt Lane and husband William, Margaret Jane Sarnoff, and Felicity Anne Sarnoff. They are the great-grandparents of Sylvia R. Lane and Greta B. Lane.

Mr. Sarnoff retired as vice



MR. and MRS.
PAUL SARNOFF

president and associate actuary from Prudential Insurance Co. Mrs. Sarnoff retired as a speech pathologist from the Orange Orthopaedic Hospital and Bernards Township Schools, N.J.

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THE COURIER

Metro Deaths

Velma E. Bickner (1919-2005)

CEDAR FALLS — Velma E. Bickner, 85, of Cedar Falls, died Monday, Sept. 19, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home, Waterloo.

She was born Oct. 10, 1919, in New Hartford, daughter of Olie and Clara North Klodt. She married Earl G. Bickner Oct. 16, 1937, in Waverly. He died Oct. 5, 1982.

She worked for the Cedar Falls School System in the laundry department for 25 years.

Survived by: a son, James (Judy); a daughter, Barbara (Duane) Whitney of Denver; four grandsons; two great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.



Velma Bickner

Preceded in death by: a son, Ray; and two brothers, Jim and George Klodt.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, and for an hour before services Thursday at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to the family.

Death of Ray Bickner.

Ray Nathaniel Bickner was born in New Hartford, Iowa, November 28, 1894, and died in Waterloo, Iowa, February 23, 1920, aged 25 years, 2 months and 20 days.

His life has been spent in the vicinity of his birth, with the exception of nine months spent with the American expeditionary forces in France. In September 1918, he enlisted in the 55th Casual company, 152nd Infantry. He was then transferred to the 4th Automatic Casual Co. 329 Infantry with which he went to France. Landed in Glasgow, Scotland and from there to England and then to France. He was detained for several weeks at La Monde, France on account of sickness. Upon his recovery he was enrolled in Company G 2nd Bat., 311th regiment, 78th division. When he returned to this country he received an honorable discharge. Since then he has followed his usual vocation.

Until a few weeks ago he seemed to be in good health, but an attack of stomach trouble was followed by an operation for appendicitis, from which he did not recover, death ensuing three days later at St. Frances hospital, Waterloo.

He was a young man of real worth and pleasing personality, respected by all his friends and dearly beloved as a son and brother. His life was a splendid example of filial devotion. He was of a very quiet and retiring disposition. He was a member of the Modern Woodman.

He leaves to mourn his untimely going his father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Will Bickner; one brother, Earl; and four sisters, Mrs. Frank Mathews, Mrs. Viggo Thompson, Mrs. Arthur Courier, and Miss Violet Bickner.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by Pastor H. A. Essex Wednesday afternoon. Interment was made in Oak Hill.

Oh let us trust, with holy men of old,
Not all the story begun is told.

So the tired spent, waiting to be freed,
On life's last leaf, with tranquil eye
shall read,

By the pale glimmer of the torch reversed,
Not fairs, but the end of volume first.

Marie C. Williams, 82, of Shell Rock, died on Sunday, February 28, 1999 at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo of natural causes. Marie was born on April 14, 1916 in Wolf Creek, WI, the daughter of Clive Alfred and Dora Mae (Anderson) Bigsby. She grew up in the New Hartford area, playing basketball for and graduating from New Hartford High School. Marie was united in marriage to Charles Williams on February 19, 1936 in Waterloo. They lived in rural Cedar Falls during the first year of their marriage and then moved to rural Shell Rock, where they have lived ever since. Marie was a member of the Homemakers Club of Shell Rock and the West Fork Stich and Chatter Club. She loved to play cards and watch all kinds of sports. Marie is survived by her husband, Charles of Shell Rock, three sons; Larry Williams and Kay McSweeney of Cedar Falls, Dale Williams and his wife, Betty, of Janesville, and Dean Williams and his wife, Becky, of Cedar Falls, 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two brothers; Ernie and his wife, Velma Ingalls of New Hartford, and John and his wife, Genevieve Ingalls of Cedar Falls. Marie was preceded in death by her parents. Memorials may be directed to the Williams family. Barr Funeral Home, 204 West Seerley Blvd., Cedar Falls, is in charge of arrangements.

In memory of
Marie Clarinda Williams

Born	Friday, April 14, 1916 Wolf Creek, WI	Died	Sunday, February 28, 1999 Waterloo, IA
		82 years	

Services
Wednesday, March 3, 1999 at 2:00 pm
Barr Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, IA

Clergy	Reverend Tom Ogilvie College Hill Lutheran Church	Music	Old Rugged Cross Wings of a Snow White Dove
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Organist	Janet Krieb	Vocalist	Bill Quibell
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Honorary Pallbearers
Michael DeMuth..... Craig Deutmeyer
Ivan Hankins..... Todd Weidler

Pallbearers
Dale Atchison..... Don Atchison
Douglas Atchison..... Brett Williams
Patrick Williams..... Troy Williams

Burial
Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, Cedar Falls,
IA

1932

Obituary of Mrs. W. F. Bickner

Susie Ellen Jones was born near Cedar Rapids on November 11, 1862, and passed away at New Hartford May 10, 1932.

She was married to William F. Bickner at Waverly on January 1, 1888. To this union six children were born, Mrs. Frank Mathes and Mrs. Arthur Currier of Cedar Falls; Mrs. V. Thompson of New Hartford; Mrs. John Gersema of Geneva; Earl, at home, and Ray, a World war veteran, who passed away February 23, 1920.

Mrs. Bickner had made her home in New Hartford for 35 years.

Surviving besides her husband and five children, she leaves 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three brothers, George and Frank Jones of New Hartford, and Will Jones of Cedar Falls; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Phillips of Parkersburg, Mrs. Julia Haney of DeWitt, and Mrs. Anna Seavey of Springport, Mich., also a host of other friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held at her home Thursday afternoon, with Rev. Buell of Cedar Falls, in charge of the service. Interment was in Oak Hill cemetery.

Card of Thanks—We wish to express our gratitude to our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, and for the beautiful flowers sent.

W. F. Bickner and Children.

DEATH CLAIMS W. F. BICKNER, NEW HARTFORD

Funeral To Be Held Here At

1:30 O'clock On Friday

Afternoon
May 4-1938

William F. Bickner, 75, who had three daughters living in Cedar Falls, died at 1:30 p. m., yesterday in New Hartford. He was a retired farmer and plumber.

The daughters living in Cedar 624 West Eighth street; Mrs. John Gersema, 1322 Washington street; and Mrs. Art Currier, 212 East Seventh street.

Mr. Bickner was born at Waverly June 12, 1862. He was married to Susie Jones Jan. 1, 1887 in Waverly and the couple lived in New Hartford most of their lives. Mrs. Bickner died six years ago next Tuesday.

He is survived by a son, Earl, of New Hartford; and another daughter, Mrs. Viggo Thompson New Hartford, in addition to those named. Other survivors included three brothers, John of Waterloo, Frank of Waverly and Martin of Kansas City, Mo.; three sisters, Mrs. Verna Marquand, Waterloo, Mrs. Jennie Hart, Shell Rock and Mrs. Mary O'Brien, living in Arizona; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be a 1:30 p. m., Friday at Brown's Funeral home with Rev. Glen Bostrom of New Hartford officiating. Burial will be in Oakhill

Memorial Service for Jane Sarnoff

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Jane is survived by her husband of 61 years, Paul Edward Sarnoff, retired vice president and associate actuary, Prudential Insurance, now living in Kingsport; and by three children, daughter, Julie Kathryn Sarnoff Hyatt and husband, John of Kingsport, daughter Sigrid Elaine Sarnoff Southerland and husband, Larry of Winston Salem, N.C., and son, Burton Edward Sarnoff and wife, Edythe Ann Walmer Sarnoff of Aspers, Pa. She also leaves three grandchildren, Margaret Jane Sarnoff and Felicity Anne Sarnoff of Aspers, Pa., and Alice Elaine Hyatt Lane of Johnson City; and two great-grandchildren, Sylvia R. and Greta B. Lane.

Jane grew up in Iowa, married Paul E. Sarnoff in Iowa City, and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1948 with a BA in speech pathology. The couple then lived until 1990 in New Jersey, where Jane was a speech pathologist at the Orange Orthopaedic Hospital, and then in the public schools of Bernards Township. In 1990, they moved to Kingsport.

Psalms 19: 14

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

Order of Service

Be Still My Soul-----Marilyn Wilson

Scripture and Prayer-----Pastor Haynes

Oh God our Help in Ages Past-----Marilyn Wilson

"Little Green Apples"-----Elaine Southerland

23rd Psalm-----Julie Hyatt

Abide With Me-----Marilyn Wilson

Conclusion-----Pastor Haynes

May God add his blessings to all the many friends and neighbors who have supported the Sarnoff family with prayers, cards, memorial gifts, food, and your presence.



MRS. BILLSEN DEAD

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Hattie A. Billsen, an old and respected citizen, after a long and painful illness, with a complication of diseases.

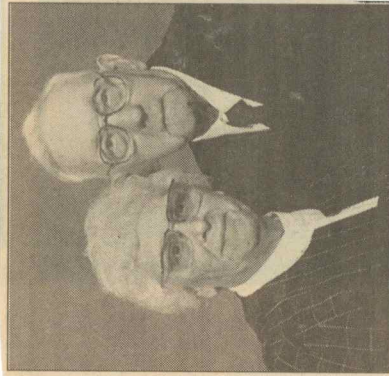
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**Mr. and Mrs. Barnett
Barnett/65**

NEW HARTFORD — Paul and Virginia Barnett will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at 31681 Spring Ave., New Hartford.

Friends and family are welcome to attend.

They were married Oct. 11, 1939, in Waterloo.

Mr. Barnett is retired from John Deere.

Hosting the event will be their children and spouses, Don and Pat Herbsleb, Carol and Erwin Luloff, Doug and Kathy Barnett, Diania and Keith Schultz, all of Waterloo; Carla and Jim Amling of New Hartford; and Paul Jr. and Debbie Barnett of Dubuque. There are 17 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

June 9, 2010

Dear Mrs. Vopel Youngberg,

You told me you are legally blind, so I have written the card text below. I hope you can read it.

"It takes a special kind of person to care enough to take the time for others, to do whatever it takes to help somebody out. For everything you have done.....for everything you have given....thank you very much."

I have searched for forty years to find an obituary about my great-grandmother. I had visited New Hartford with my grandmother, Delight Bigsby Peal, but I did not think a newspaper article still existed. Getting an article about Uncle Paul was the icing on the cake! Thank you so much for saving these

G. W. Billsen is a son of J. N. and Hester M. (Tobias) Billsen, and was born in Tompkins county, New York, in January, 1824. There he remained until he became of age, then moved westward, and settled in Cook county, Illinois, where he remained fourteen years, following the business of railroading. In 1859 he went south; and there lived until the third year of the late war. Having, with so many others, suffered a financial reverse, he decided to return to the North. In 1865 he removed to this State, and bought his present farm, on sections 20 and 21, of Beaver township. He now owns 120 acres of land. After making this purchase he engaged in railroading for several months in Missouri and Wisconsin, and in the fall of the succeeding year, settled on his farm. Mr. Billsen belongs to the republican party, and has taken an active interest in the county politics. He filled the office of assessor four years, and is present trustee of the township. In 1848 he was united in wedlock to Miss Isabel Millen, who bore him one child—J. M.—and died in the city of Chicago, during the year of 1852. In January, of the year 1866, he was married to Hattie A. Chapman.

1883 History

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish in this way to express our thanks to the friends and neighbors for the kindness shown during our late bereavement.

THE RELATIVES.



May 11, 2010

Dear Mrs. Vopel Youngberg,

It was so nice to talk to you on the telephone about Hubert, Clarinda, Clive, Marie and Delight Bigsby.

Thank you for sharing your memories of my family.

I hope you are able to find some articles about them or the town of New Hartford that you can send my way.

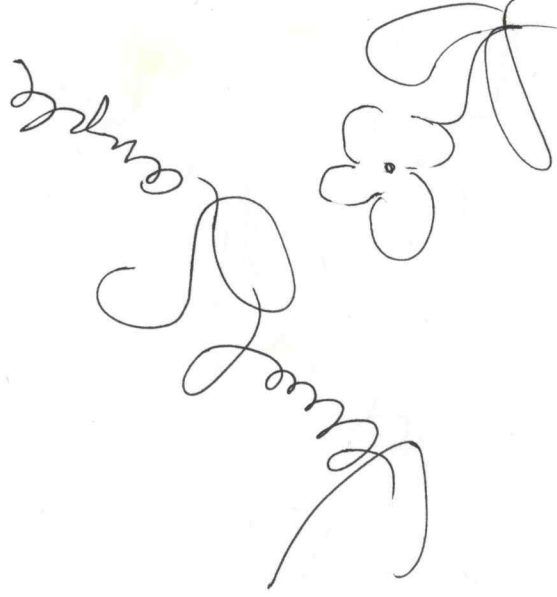
Again thank you so much for your time.

Kind regards,

Jewel Sample

4117 Westbrook Dr.

Stillwater, OK 74074

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jewel Sample". To the right of the signature is a small, simple line drawing of a flower with three petals and a central dot.

Bingham Rites at Cedar Falls Will Be Held Saturday

Cedar Falls—Funeral services for Mrs. Clare Bingham, 75, of 115 East Tenth street, who died Wednesday night at Sartori hospital, will be at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Brown funeral home, Rev. C. O. Loken, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, officiating.

Burial will be at New Hartford. Mrs. Bingham was born June 2, 1867, in Iowa, and spent all her life in the state. Her husband, William Bingham, died several years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Roy Bingham and Arthur Currier.



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Bingham

25th Anniversary

1966

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Bingham, Route 1, Shell Rock, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with open house to be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in New Hartford, on Sunday, June 19 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mr. Bingham and the former

Alice May Rechkemmer were married at Fairbank, Iowa on June 22, 1941. They are the parents of four children, Michael of Waverly, Jane, Mrs. Kenneth Nelson of Waterloo, Patricia, Mrs. Darrel Young of rural Waverly, and John of Shell Rock. They also have four grandchildren.

IN MEMORY OF ALICE MAY BINGHAM

Born

JUNE 23, 1921

Black Hawk County, Iowa

Died

AUGUST 22, 1993

Waverly, Iowa

Services Held At

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Shell Rock, Iowa

August 25, 1993 - 1:30 P.M.

Clergy Officiating

PASTOR MILO E. MORRIS

PASTOR NATHAN N. FRAZEE

Organist

MARY JEAN BROWN

Soloist

BERNICE KIMBALL

Rebekah Service

AUGUST 24, 1993 - 7:30 P.M.

Conducted By

ANCHOR REBEKAH LODGE #46

New Hartford, Iowa

Final Resting Place

FAIRBANK CEMETERY

Fairbank, Iowa

Casket Bearers

GARY W. LEE KENNETH RAY NELSON

K.C. MOFFITT CASEY RECHKEMMER

TOM MOFFITT BRUCE J. TOENJES

Immediately following the church service, relatives and friends are invited to remain at the church for fellowship with the family.

Alice May Bingham, 72, of Shell Rock, Iowa, died early Sunday morning, August 22, 1993, at the Waverly Municipal Hospital. She had been a patient for the past ten

Alice Rechkemmer was born on June 23, 1921, at her maternal grandparents home in Black Hawk County, Iowa, the daughter of W. and Elizabeth (Finch) Rechkemmer. She attended school in Fairbank, graduating from the Fairbank High School in 1939. On June 22, 1941, she was united in marriage to Lawrence H. Bingham at her grandparents' home. They lived and farmed six miles south of Shell Rock for 26 years and followed Lawrence's death in 1965, Alice moved back to Fairbank. She worked for Royal Industries in Waterloo until poor health forced her retirement. In 1978, she moved to the Horizons Senior Housing in Shell Rock. She lived until moving to the Shell Rock Center two and a half years ago.

Alice was a long time member of the Methodist Church and the Dorcas Circle in Shell Rock, a 52 year member of the West Branch and Chatter Club, 50 year member of the Anchor Rebekah Lodge #46 in New Hartford, Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Star in Waverly and member of the Shrine, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Shell Rock and a member of the Fairbank Tourist Club.

Alice is survived by her children and their families; Pat and Darrell Young of Shell Rock, Jane and Don Oberembski of Nebraska, John Bingham of Shell Rock, Bingham of Plainfield and Linda Bingham of Stout. She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Roy "Peach" and Shirley Rechkemmer and her sister-in-law, Alice Rechkemmer, all of Fairbank, and seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son, Mike Bingham, and two brothers, John Rechkemmer in 1963, and Al Rechkemmer in infancy.

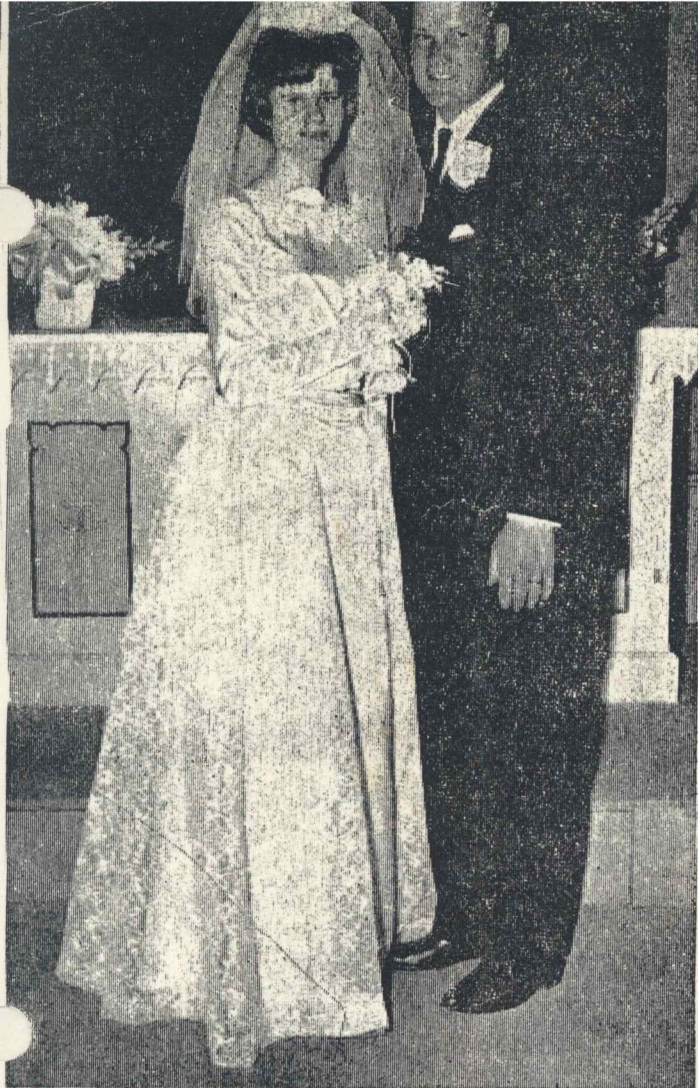


EASTERN STAR OFFICERS - The following members of the Order of Eastern Star were recently installed. In front from the left; Darlys Hirsch, Alcie Bingham, Paul Harms, and Vern Oberheu. Second row; Karel Jones, Ethel Morrill, Susan Darrah, Zona Darrah, Don Davis, and Joan Hillman. Third row; Doris Cuvelier, Dottie Heering, Evelyn Tudor, Connie Droste, M.O. Brye, and Henry Brandt. Fourth row; Martin Heering, Katherine Kollenkark, Lavon Woodring, Elaine Stevens, Jean Perkins, and Donna Kay Oberheu.

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
 I am not there, I do not sleep.
 I am the thousand winds that blow,
 I am the diamond glint on snow.
 I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
 I am the gentle Autumn rain.
 When you must build me a new grave,
 I am the swift uplifting wind
 Of quiet birds in a forest glade,
 I am the soft stars that shine
 at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
 I am not there, I did not die.

Kaiser-Cornell Funeral Home
 1201 12th St. S. S.E. - Denver, Colo. 80202
 Phone: 333-1111 and 333-1112



Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Robert Young

Married At Finchford Church

SHELL ROCK—Miss Patricia Louise Bingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Bingham, Shell Rock, and Darrell Robert Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Young, Shell Rock, were married Saturday, June 8, at 8 p.m. in the Finchford Community church, with Rev. Charles Seemans officiating at the double ring ceremony. Miss Glenda Masters, New Hartford, was the organist. The bride was attired in a white satin and lace gown with satin panels down the front and long bridal point sleeves. Her

veil was white illusion with a crown of cabbage roses. Her bouquet was white roses.

Attending as maid of honor was Carol Dillenger, Shell Rock, who wore a blue satin sheath with overskirt and elbow length white gloves and white shoes. She carried a white basket with blue and white carnations.

Serving as best man was Terry Savage, Shell Rock, and as ushers, John Bingham and Richard Young, brothers of the bride and bridegroom.

The bride's mother attended the wedding wearing a royal blue dress with white accessories and the bridegroom's mother chose a powder blue dress with beige accessories and both had white carnation corsages.

The bride is a graduate of Waverly-Shell Rock high school and the bridegroom, also a graduate of Waverly-Shell Rock high school, is employed at Stopplemoor's Super Service.

A reception for 125 guests was held in the church parlors immediately following the ceremony.

After a wedding trip to Pine Lake, the couple are now making their home in Shell Rock.

Aug 16 - 1982

Michael L. Bingham

PLAINFIELD—Memorial services for Michael L. Bingham, 39, a former Janesville resident who died early Monday at University Hospitals in Iowa City of complications after a kidney transplant, will be 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly; private graveside service at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery; survivors include his wife, Nancy; two daughters, Michylyn and Jacquelyn, both at home; his mother, Alice Bingham of Shell Rock; a brother, John of Shell Rock; and two sisters, Mrs. Darrell Young of Shell Rock and Mrs. Lou Kepler of Omaha, Neb.; IOOF service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly, where friends may call after noon Tuesday; a memorial fund has been established for the Iowa Kidney Foundation.

PAGE C2 WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS COURIER THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1996

SHELL ROCK — **John H. Bingham**, 49, of Shell Rock, died Monday, May 27, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, from complications of a stroke; survivors include his wife, Sue; two daughters, Dr. Elizabeth "Libby" Bingham of Urbandale and Elainea "Laney" Toenjes of Shell Rock; two grandchildren; two sisters, Pat Young of Shell Rock and Jane Don Oberembt of Omaha, Neb.; three stepchildren, Michele, Jenny and Mark Friedman; and his first wife, Linda Bingham of Stout; he was **preceded in death** by his parents; and a brother, Michael; services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at United Methodist Church, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, both in Shell Rock; friends may call until 8 p.m. today at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Shell Rock, and an hour before services Friday at the church, where there will be a 10:30 a.m. Odd Fellow service immediately preceding the funeral; **memorials** may be directed to the American Heart Association, the Kidney Foundation, the American Red Cross or Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way; Mr. Bingham worked for the Carnation Co., then for Koehring Co., and for the past 17 years had been employed by Rada Manufacturing, all in Waverly; he also was a former EMT with the Shell Rock Ambulance.



John Bingham

Obituary. 1909

Edward Bisdee was born in Summer-
set Shire England, December 18, 1829.
When eighteen months old he was
brought by his parents to America to
Skaneateles, New York, where he was
reared in the same home until he was
24 years of age, when he went west,
living for a time at Cleveland, Colum-
bus City, Ohio; Chicago and St. Charles,
Ill. After a year he came to Iowa and
purchased land, then making two or
three trips to the old home. In the
year 1859 he was joined in marriage to
Sarah A. Shaw of the same town and
of the same age. After two years they
removed to Fairfield township, where
they made their home and spent the re-
mainder of their lives. He was reared
under the influence of the Methodist
church. Although he was not a mem-
ber of a church he tried to live a
christian life.

He died January 6, 1909, at 5:30 a. m.
at his late home, aged 79 years and 18
days; death resulting from pneumonia.
Mrs. Bisdee preceeded Mr. Bisdee to
the spirit world about twenty-two years
ago. Five children were born to this
union two of whom, Mrs. N. O. Chase
and Edward are still living, three being
dead; Freddie, who died at the age of
four years, Grace Ellen, at the age of
forty-five years, and Mrs. W. A. Philo
at the age of twenty-six.

Mr. Bisdee was always an energetic,
hard working man; always on the go.
In fact, up until his last illness he was
exceedingly busy for a man of his years.
He will be greatly missed by all who
knew him.

Friday morning a short service was
held at the home, and at 11:30 o'clock
funeral services were held at the
Methodist church, conducted by the
pastor, Rev. E. E. Clements. The
church was well filled with sympathis-
ing friends and neighbors.

A quartet composed of Mesdames
Kaley and Mack, Messrs. Ramsay and
Cunning, rendered the following selec-
tions: "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me," and
"We're Going Down the Valley," and
"It Is Well With My Soul." At the
grave "Nearer My God to Thee" was
sung. The pall bearers were chosen
from among the old friends of the de-
ceased; they were: E. S. Philo, Wm.
Whitney, B. D. Wilson, Mr. Cowie of
Dike, Robt. Fortune and Mr. Hemmer-
ling of Cedar Falls.
Interment was made in Fairfield cem-
etery in the family lot

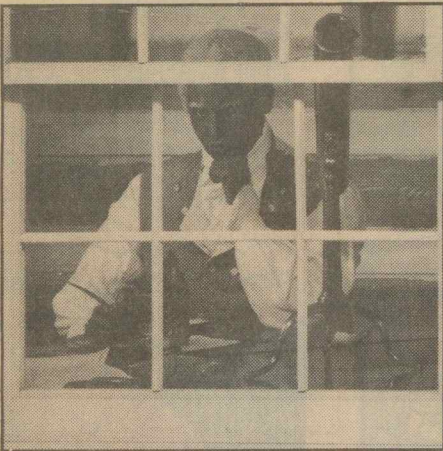
CARD OF THANKS.

We the undersigned, take this way to
extend our gratitude to all who so kind-
ly assisted, or offered assistance and
showed their sympathy, during the
short illness and death of our dear
father.

Edward Bisdee.
Mrs. N. O. Chase

Black Inventors

Smithsonian Institution photo by Harold Dorwin



A model of Banneker at his desk. Benjamin Banneker lived from 1731-1806.

Benjamin Banneker taught himself math and astronomy. He was one of the first African-Americans to use his skills in the struggle to prove that blacks could achieve as well as whites. For several years, he wrote an almanac, or yearly book, about special events and the position of the stars.



Elijah McCoy (1843-1929)

Elijah McCoy invented a machine that made it possible to lubricate, or oil, a train engine while it was in motion. He was born in Canada and later came to this country. He became a mechanical engineer. He patented more than 50 inventions.



A model of McCoy's invention.



What is a patent? A patent is a special piece of paper given by the U.S. government. It gives an inventor the right to his invention for a period of time. No one can copy the invention during this time. Most blacks were not allowed to patent their inventions until after the Civil War.

Lewis H.

Latimer was an inventor and illustrator who worked for Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison. He was hired to make patent drawings, but also made several inventions that improved the light bulb.



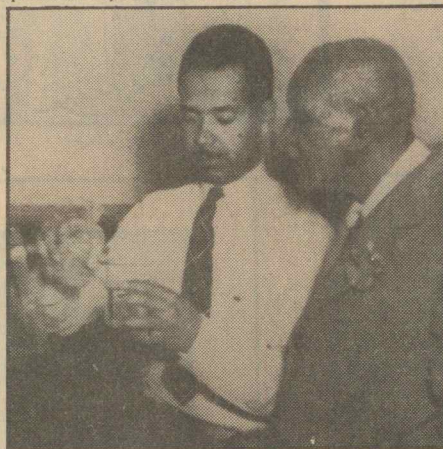
Lewis H. Latimer (1848-1928)

Jan Matzeliger worked in a shoe factory in Lynn, Mass. He invented a way to smooth and mold the top of a shoe to fit the shape of the human foot and attach it to the sole. This process is called "lasting." He died at the age of 38, before he could enjoy the profits of his invention.



Jan Matzeliger (1852-1889)

photos courtesy Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Museum



George Washington Carver (right) with a student. Carver worked at Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) in Alabama. Carver lived from 1861-1943.

George Washington Carver was born a slave in Missouri, but rose to become a world-famous scientist. He devoted his life to research in agriculture. He studied ways to make the soil richer and to improve crop production. He is especially known for his work with peanuts. Carver invented nearly 300 products made from this plant.



Granville Woods (1856-1910)

electric-powered subway trains.

Madame C. J. Walker came up with the idea that would make her a very rich woman while working as a washer-woman. She invented a formula for straightening and grooming hair. She became our country's first self-made woman millionaire.



Madame C. J. Walker (1867-1919)



Garrett Morgan (1875-1963)

Garrett Morgan was a businessman in Cleveland, Ohio. He designed and patented a safety hood that workers used to protect them from poisonous gas.

He proved how useful it could be when there was a tunnel explosion in 1916. Wearing his safety hood, he went in and saved several lives.



The safety hood

He also got a patent for the automatic traffic signal in 1923. It was the best one on the market at that time.



The traffic signal

Especially for kids and their families



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The Know-how of African-Americans

Early Black Inventors

The Mini Page celebrates Black History Month with a story about black inventors.

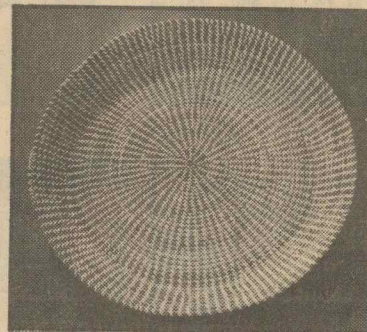
Black inventors had to work very hard to get credit for their inventions. Many never received any credit at all.

Here are a few of the ways early black inventors have added so much to American "know-how."

Slave inventors

When African slaves came to America, they brought many skills and know-how in:

- farming
- making items from iron
- designing and making cloth
- medicine
- fishing



photos courtesy Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Museum

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS.



In medicine



This plant was named for an African-American slave named Quassi, who used it to make a cure for fever.

Some African-Americans used herbs and other plants to cure illnesses and help heal injuries. Sometimes slaves were freed when the remedies they made worked.

The Mini Page thanks The Anacostia Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., for help with this issue. Its exhibit, "The Real McCoy, African American Invention and Innovation, 1619-1930," will continue through May 1990.

Inoculations

In 1721, a smallpox epidemic swept through Boston, killing half of its people.

A slave named Onesimus (O-nes-e-mus) suggested to his owner, Cotton Mather, what could be done to stop the spread of this disease.

He suggested collecting smallpox "juice" from an infected person and putting it on the cut of a healthy one. The "juice" would work its way into the bloodstream. The healthy person might get a little sick, but he or she would never get the disease.

Cotton Mather, a respected citizen, was unable to convince doctors to try this treatment because it was suggested by a slave.

It was not until years later that doctors began using the idea first suggested by Onesimus.

In agriculture

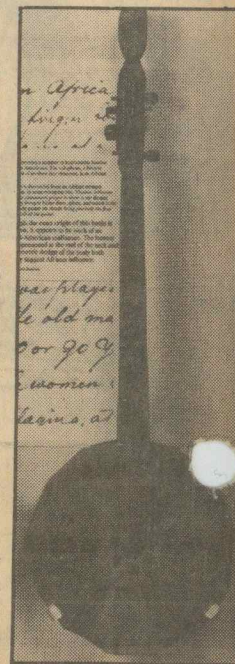
Slaves working in the rice fields of South Carolina created special baskets to help them do their work. When they tossed the rice into the air, the wind blew the chaff, or hulls, away. The heavier rice grains fell back into the basket.

In music

The modern-day banjo can be traced back to a stringed instrument made in Africa.

Africans have invented several instruments, including the xylophone.

The banjo at the right was probably the work of African craftsmen.



AMERICANS

ONE DAY MY SON CAME HOME WITH A report card containing a D-minus in physics. He offered this explanation: Black people don't do well in science.

When I calmed down, I reminded him that black scientists and inventors have been serving this nation for generations. For example, George Washington Carver saved the soil of the land that had enslaved him by teaching farmers to rotate their cotton crops with peanuts. Elijah McCoy invented a lubricating cup to oil trains in motion. And Garrett Morgan developed a gas mask that saved thousands in World War I. My son got the message. On the next report card he had an A-plus.

I grew up, as he did, ignorant of the *range* of contributions by black Americans. Oh, I cheered Jesse Owens, Joe Louis and Jackie Robinson, and I listened to Nat "King" Cole and Louis Armstrong. There is nothing wrong with running fast and having rhythm—unless that is the *only* perception of the black contribution.

When I read my schoolbooks or went to the movies, I didn't find the black soldiers, cowboys, explorers, entrepreneurs and scholars—the black American heroes and heroines.

Black History Month is an annual reminder of what has been missing from our movie and TV screens and from the pages of our textbooks. Celebrating Black History Month can help us all wipe away ignorance and arrogance until the time comes when all history is one.

Like most of us, I grew up ignorant of the range of contributions made by black American men and women...

How much do you know about the black Americans who made history? Try this quiz. How many can you name? (Not all are pictured.)

1. She was bought for a trifle, but she became a national treasure. Her owners soon discovered that the little African girl was a prodigy who would study Milton and copy his style. George Washington read her poetry. On a visit to England, she was invited to the court of George III and given a copy of Milton's *Paradise Lost* by London's Lord Mayor? She was?

2. At Bunker Hill, John Pitcairn, the British commander, shouted: "Surrender, you rebels! The day is ours!" A

black soldier fired his musket. Pitcairn fell dead. Impressed by his marksmanship, his comrades raised a reward for their hero and presented him to General Washington. He was?

3. An unlettered man of uncommon genius, he manufactured one of the first clocks made in America, charted the movement of the stars,



A. Philip Randolph



Harriet Tubman



James P. Beckwourth



Percy Julian



Duke Ellington



Phillis Wheatley



Ida B. Wells-Barnett



Dr. Charles Drew



Jan Matzeliger



Matthew Henson

BY WALLACE TERRY

vising the truce agreement between the Arabs and Jews in Palestine after the assassination of the Swedish negotiator Count Folke Bernadotte. He was?

18. His father died of neglect in a Georgia hospital as doctors argued over his race. He was so light-skinned himself, he could have vanished into white America. Instead he championed the black cause. While investigating lynchings in Arkansas, he was told by a train conductor, "Mister, you're leaving town just as the fun is about to start. They're after a yaller nigger down here passing as white." Who was this NAACP leader?

19. Washington, D.C., produced two great black composers. James Bland left nearly 700 compositions, including "Oh, Dem Golden Slippers" and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny." The other composer opened the ears of the world to jazz, using his orchestra like a painter's palette. He wrote hundreds of scores, concert compositions and "jazz Masses." More ideas were borrowed from him than any other jazz musician. He was?

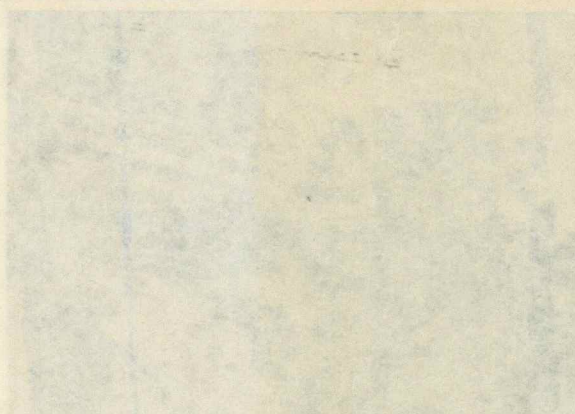
20. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams—without wonder drugs, blood transfusions or X-ray machines—performed open-heart surgery in 1893. Dr. Charles Drew pioneered processes for storing blood plasma, thus saving thou-

sands of lives in World War II. And one scientist graduated at the head of his class at DePauw University, earned his Ph.D. at the University of Vienna, discovered an inexpensive way to relieve inflammatory arthritis with cortisone and conducted research on the mass production of sex hormones and drugs to treat glaucoma. He was?

21. He strode across public life like a colossus, challenging Presidents for 50 years, from Wilson to Kennedy. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman responded to his demands to integrate war industries and the armed forces. When he led the March on Washington in 1963, JFK agreed to join his cause for jobs and justice. Some say the working man, black or white, had no greater friend than this humble organizer of sleeping-car porters. He was?

Answers: 1. Phillis Wheatley. 2. Peter Salem. 3. Benjamin Banneker. 4. James P. Beckwourth. 5. Sojourner Truth. 6. Ira Aldridge. 7. Patrick & James Healy. 8. Bill Pickett. 9. Ida B. Wells-Barnett. 10. Lewis Latimer. 11. Marshall "Major" Taylor. 12. Matthew Henson. 13. Madame C.J. Walker. 14. Bert Williams. 15. Alain Locke. 16. Dorie Miller. 17. Ralph Bunche. 18. Walter White. 19. Duke Ellington. 20. Percy Julian. 21. A. Philip Randolph.

New Branch



Grand opening last month to visitors worldwide. Queen Mary

opened its first branch in the U.S. on Jan. 5. The store is owned and operated by the Egyptian Queen Mary, located aboard the famous old passenger ship, docked in Long Beach, Calif.

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and at that time, he taught high school and worked up an act where he told comic monologues, played guitar, sang and danced, performing in small clubs and for civic groups.

"Once I was booked to appear before the same group twice," Griffin said. "And I couldn't do the same act for them again, obviously. So while driving the 25 miles from home to the second go-round, I made up a new monologue and called it 'What It Was, Was Football.'"

The monologue was a parody of a Carolina preacher's drawled impressions of his first football game, and it would be the vehicle for Griffin's initial rise to fame. In 1953 Capitol Records signed him and released *What It Was, Was Football*. The record sold more than 800,000 copies, an unheard-of amount for a comedy record in the '50s.

What was it, Pasked, that had drawn him to comedy?

"Well, now, as a child," he begins, "I hated being laughed at, and I was laughed at all the time. They'd call me Andy Gump, Andy and Andy. And then, once when I was in the third grade—we had assembly every Friday—and a friend and I were walking along, and one of us said to the other, 'I'll sing if you will.' We agreed that we'd sing 'Now I Know One Song, 'Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet.'"

"When it came our turn to sing, I got

And then I sang of my own as

move. Now I can sing with up to the top. 'Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet' the second time for me, came was dying. So I discovered they laughed at, I heard my control the situation. If you'd

dreams

Troubles awaited blacks who came to Waterloo in the early 1900s

By GWENNE CULPEPPER

Courier Staff Writer

Fred L. Roberts came to Waterloo on the run.

His life was in danger, and the only way to preserve it was to flee his native Okalona, Miss. The year was 1914, and he'd done the unthinkable, the unspeakable.

Fred L. Roberts killed a white man.

His daughter, Marion Butler, remembers well the stories about her father's past, and can recount them today.

Roberts had been in a tavern one night, when a white man said he'd been around later that night to "see" one of Roberts' sisters.

"In those times, you know, white men just took the black women they wanted," says Butler. "Dad told him he'd better not come, or he wouldn't get back. Well the man came anyway — I don't know if he took it seriously or not — and Dad shot him."

Roberts immediately left Okalona for Oklahoma. Not long after, he heard of work on the railroad in Waterloo, and came here.

He was one of thousands of blacks migrating to the area in the early part of the century. Many came from Buxton and Albia when the mines there closed. Others, from rural Mississippi (near Durant) and some Southeastern states, were strike breakers for the Illinois Central Railroad.

For a community that essentially had no blacks, this influx caused some problems.

Although Southern blacks thought of Northern states as a haven of sorts, where all men were free to be men, they found out differently. Waterloo, up through the mid-1960s, was divided first by a formal color line, and then by an informal one. Black people were expected to stay in their places, and away from movie houses, recreational facilities, restaurants and some stores.

In the mid-1920s, the city government even debated the possibility of denying blacks the privilege of swimming in the

Cedar River.

Butler, born in 1925, can still remember the sting of seeing signs on downtown stores and businesses stating "Colored Patronage Not Solicited."

She remembers having to sit in the balcony to see movies, and not eating out because the restaurants that did serve blacks required them to either enter through back doors for service, or dine in the basement.

Cliff Smith, who came to Waterloo as a 7-year-old in 1911, remembers seeing his sister eating in such a restaurant.

"I walked in and I slapped her," he says. "I told her I didn't mind doing that (eating in the basement) in the South, but I'd be damned if I did in Iowa. But there they all were, having more fun than a bunch of mice at a picnic."

"I slapped her."

Butler can still remember the day singer Marion Anderson came to Waterloo to perform. Because she was black, Anderson could not stay in any of the hotels. Instead, she stayed with a local family.

"My father resented those kinds of things. He really resented them, so we never went to the movies," says Butler. "And he told us he never wanted to hear of us going into the restaurants, because it made him so mad."

For entertainment and social purposes, blacks were limited to a single

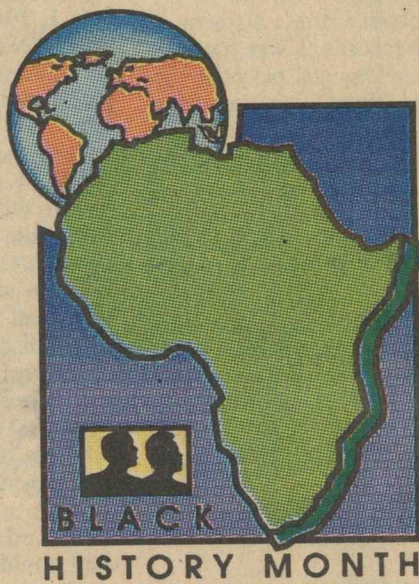
playground, and their respective churches.

Newspaper articles from the period suggest blacks made efforts to obtain equal opportunities, but were rebuffed time and time again by the leadership of the town.

"I resented it then, and I resent it now — anything that looks like that," says Butler.

Still, the black community flourished in those early days.

Two churches (Antioch Baptist and Payne AME) were founded, as were several social and community service organizations. Among them were the Waterloo Buxton Club; a Masonic lodge; the Improved Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, Melrose Temple No. 277; and the Austin-Tolliver American Legion Post.



Courier Graphic/Susan Kennedy

There was a second influx of blacks into the community during the latter 1940s, after World War II. These people came, primarily, as workers for the railroad.

Millie Saffold remembers — with no fondness whatsoever — that particular time.

"There weren't a lot of places for black folks to go around here. We kept to ourselves mostly."

Saffold came to Waterloo in the late '40s with her husband and baby daughter. Saffold's husband had found work at John Deere as a molder, making \$8 a day.

By that time, there were a few black professionals, and about 12 blacks had graduated from Iowa State Teachers College. For the most part, though, things hadn't changed much.

"It was segregated then, just like in the South," Saffold recalls. "We mostly stayed on our side of town. We didn't mix with white folks."

A declaration of restrictions dated July 1, 1946, and filed in Waterloo, states, "No lot shall be sold to, rented to, leased by, or occupied by any person other than of the Caucasian race."

Such declarations had been made illegal by the Supreme Court years before, but many real estate agents were able to get away with such covenants anyway.

There were still shops, restaurants, and various sections of town where blacks did not tread. Saffold doesn't recall a formal color line or any expressed threats, but says, "You just didn't go some places. You just didn't. They didn't want you in there, and you knew it."

Once again, though, blacks embraced their own, deciding if they couldn't join groups already set up, they'd form new ones. The period between 1940 and 1960 saw the organization of the Waterloo Women's Civic Club, the Ad Loy Ho Club, and Knights of Pythias, Furgerson Lodge No. 5.

The period also saw Marion Butler become the very first black secretary in Waterloo. At the time, the early 1950s, Butler was working at McGregor's Furniture Store. Half her day was spent as an elevator operator, and the other half in the office.

It was, she remembers, a very big deal.

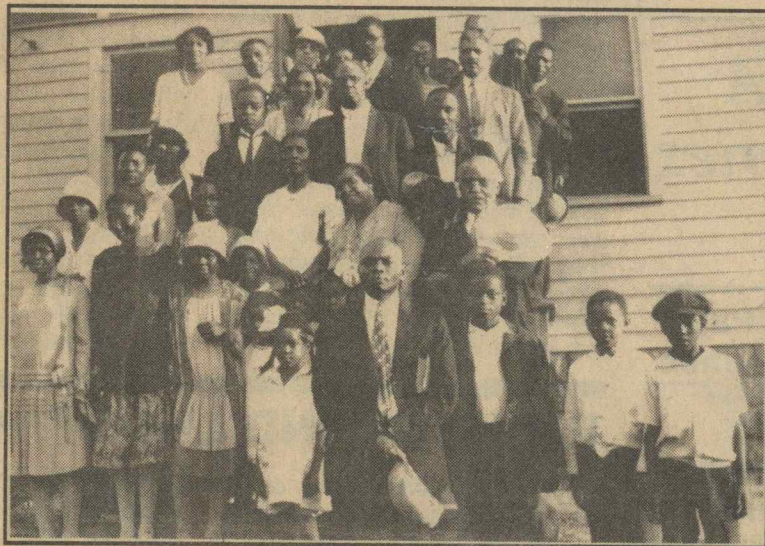
"They told me they didn't know how it would work out, that white people weren't used to seeing a black person in the office. Well, 'colored person.' We said 'colored' then, because black, that was a fighting word."

She looks back on the early days of Waterloo with some disdain, mixed with a little bit of pride.

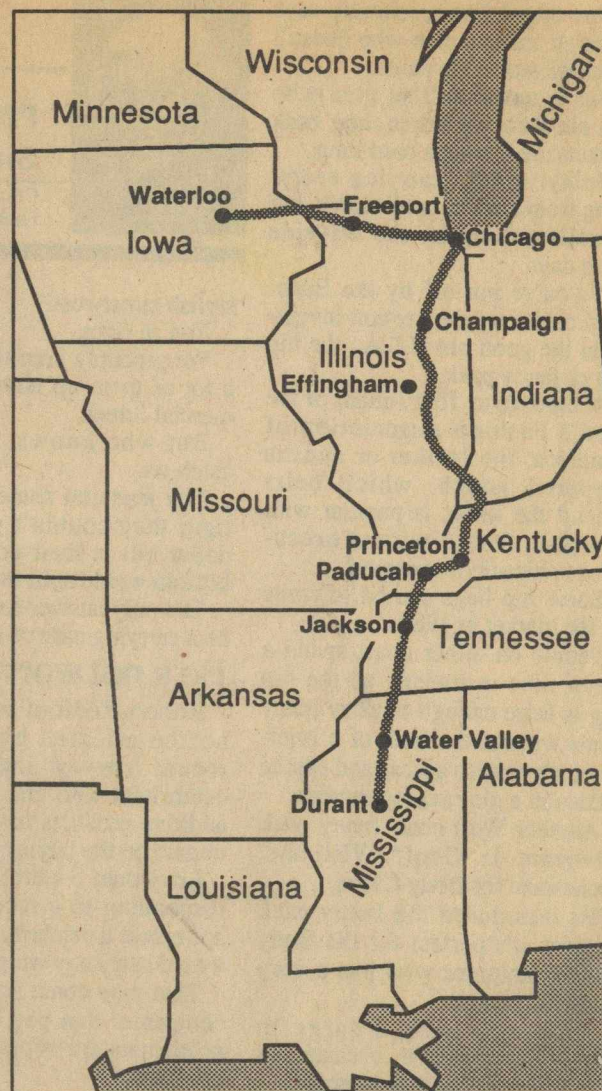
"It's like the cigarette ad, you know. You've come a long way, Baby," she says. "But you've still got a long way to go."



The primary reason for the initial influx of blacks to this community was a simple one: jobs were available on the Illinois Central Railroad here. These photographs, from the collection of Marion Butler, were taken between 1919 and 1921, and show some of the first black rail workers in Waterloo.



Members of Old Antioch Baptist Church around 1915.



Courier Map

The first influx of blacks to Waterloo took place between 1915 and 1920. Many of these people worked on the railroad in Mississippi, near Durant. When workers in Iowa went on strike, the railroad recruited and transported a number of Southern workers to break the strike. This map details the route taken from Mississippi to Iowa.



A river baptism in the early 1920s.

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CARMEN BLAIR WELLS

Ankeny

Carmen, beloved wife of Bruce Wells, was born December 7, 1926 in New Hartford, Iowa. She passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 31.

Carmen worked for many years as a nurse educator at Iowa Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Des Moines, Iowa. Carmen was the core of a large circle of family and friends -- the advisor, sympathetic ear, and giver of warm hugs and laughter for several generations of loved ones.

In recent years, she enjoyed pet sitting and spending time with an ever-changing group of rescue dogs and cats owned by her close friend, Pam Brackenbury. Carmen also enjoyed cooking, and her special homemade fudge shipments were always a much-anticipated holiday treat for family and friends.

Carmen was preceded in death by her parents Florence Hazel and Andrew Blair, and her younger brothers Truman and David. She is survived by her sister Maurine Backus of Sherman Oaks, CA and extended family.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 2, 2006 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Central Iowa or Mercy Hospice.



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Westover Chapel
6337 Hickman Road

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Dear Vopal:-

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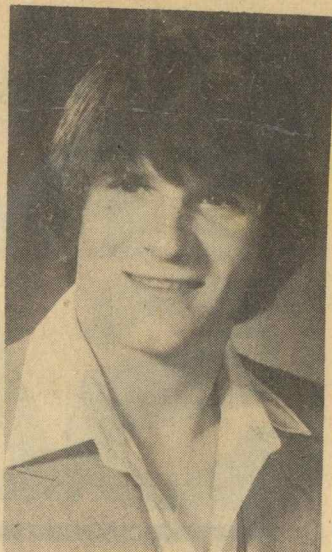
This woman was the
daughter of Andy Blair.
As I recall he was butter-
maker at the New Hartford
Creamery in 1926.

All the small town
creameries are gone and
are replaced by large
Dairy plants and Cheese
factories.

Best wishes to you and
your family

Emmett

Senior Interview



CARL

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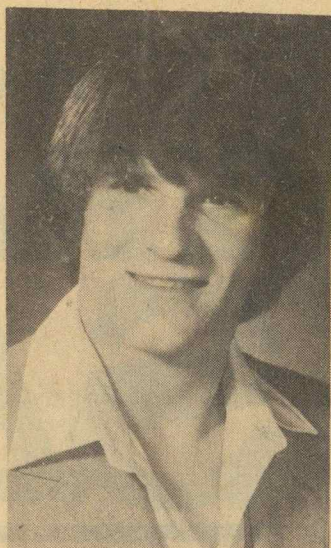
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The classes Carl chose to finish out his years at New Hartford High School are p.e., projects, short stories, speech, and current affairs.

Carl has been busy with these extra activities throughout his high school years: band 1, 2, 3; chorus 1; basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; football 3; and drama 1.

In his freetime Carl enjoys spending time with Elise and shooting pool. Some of Carl's favorites are Movie: "Raiders of the Lost Ark"; Color: Blue; Food: pizza; Song: "Come Sail Away".

His pet peeve is people who don't come to class. His most

memorable moment is yet to come, but his most embarrassing moment happened when his car stalled on University Avenue.

Carl's advice to underclassmen is to study hard and get good grades in high school. Carl plans to go to U.N.I. The person who has influenced Carl the most is his father.

Good luck in the future!!

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Blake, a student at Northern University High School, was selected by the Happy Thought Rebekah Lodge No. 256 of Cedar Falls.

At the United Nations in New York, students will be briefed on problems existing between nations, and representatives will be interviewed.

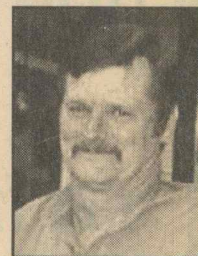
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NEW HAMPTON — **Rollie Dale Blake**, 47, of New Market, formerly of New Hartford, died Thursday, July 6, near Canon City, Colo., during a whitewater rafting tour; survivors include two sons, Justin of Clarinda and Brandon of Orsago, Italy; two grandchildren; his parents, Harold and Kathleen Kothenbeutel of Bedford; five brothers, Carl Blake of New Market, Truman Blake of Wasilla, Alaska, Buzz Blake of Cedar Falls, Augie Blake of Homer, Alaska, and Jim Kothenbeutel of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; and five sisters, Kay Weedman and Vicky Emery, both of Cedar Falls, Esther Desjardins of Las Vegas, Pam Garbes of Mapleton, Minn., and Cindy Dralle of Oelwein; he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Carl and Angie Harris; services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hillside Missionary Church, with burial in the Clarinda Cemetery, both in Clarinda; friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at Eickemeyer Funeral Chapel, Clarinda; Mr. Blake served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971 to 1983, and was currently employed at NSK Corp., Clarinda.



Rollie Blake

ROLLIE D. BLAKE

Rollie Dale Blake, age 47, of New Market, Iowa, formerly of New Hartford, Iowa, died Thursday, July 6, 2000 near Canon City, Colorado, during a whitewater rafting tour.

He was born September 25, 1952 in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Harold and Kathleen Kothenbeutel. He married Cyndi Wilson of Cedar Falls and was later divorced.

Mr. Blake graduated from New Hartford High School in 1971. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971 to 1983. He was employed at NSK Corporation in Clarinda, Iowa, from 1983 until his death. His family and friends know him as reliable, communicates well with others, knowledgeable, excellent worker, dependable, able to adjust and handle a variety of situations, organized, a leader and respected by his fellow team workers.

He is survived by his two sons, Justin Blake and his wife Denise of Clarinda, Iowa, and Brandon Blake and his wife Vivianne of Orsago, Italy; grandchildren Dakota and Haley Blake; parents Harold and Kathleen Kothenbeutel of Bedford, IA; five brothers, Carl Blake of New Market, IA, Truman Blake of Wasilla, Alaska, Buzz Blake of Cedar Falls, IA, Augie Blake of Homer, Alaska, Jim Kothenbeutel of Sault Ste Marie, MI; five sisters, Kay Weedman of Cedar falls, IA, Esther Desjardins of Las Vegas, NA, Pam Garbes of Mapleton, MN, Vicky Emery of Cedar Falls, IA and Cindy Dralle of Oelwein, IA; and his loving companion Candis Fast of New Market, IA.

Mr. Blake was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Carl and Angie Harris.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 11, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hillside Missionary Church, Clarinda, with burial at Clarinda Cemetery.

Eickemeyer Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

MacAquarium

July
2000

The final upgrade — these fish aren't screen savers

DENVER (AP) — Twelve years ago, Carl Blake was sitting around with his buddies on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa, contemplating the fate of his too-slow Macintosh 128 computer.

On a dare, he transformed his technological dinosaur into a MacAquarium — an acrylic tank for fish, housed in a Macintosh shell.

"We call it 'The Final Upgrade,'" says the 36-year-old, who has turned resurrecting dust-gathering computers into a family business.

His company "gives these shells another 10 to 15 years of shelf life," Blake said, "instead of taking up space in the landfill."

MacAquarium Inc. began in 1993 with a Web site — macaquarium.com. Initially, Blake snagged about 200 hits a month and filled one or two orders from his garage.

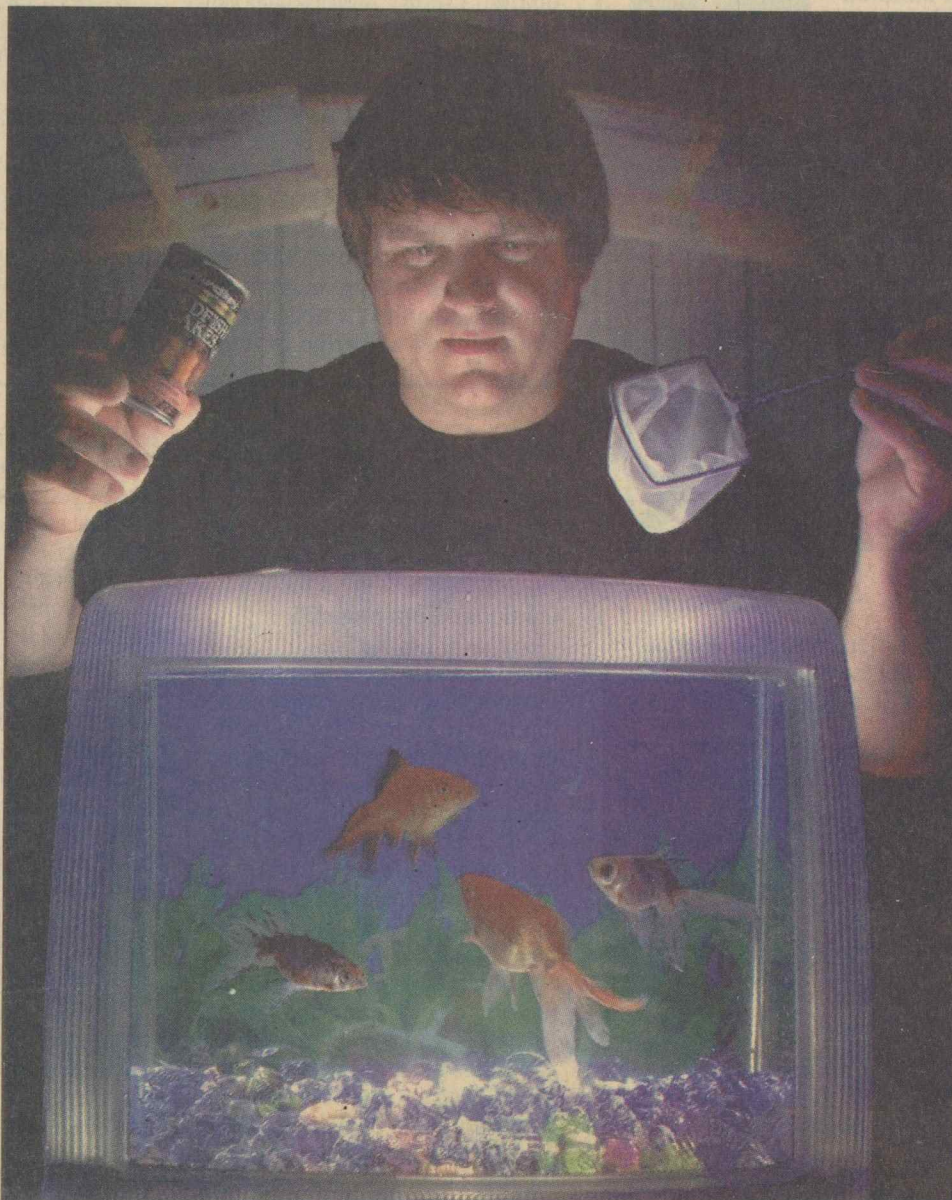
Today, the company can receive more than 83,000 online hits a week and has shipped more than 500 computer shell fish tanks in the past seven months.

Do-it-yourself kits and ready-made deluxe models have made their way to Austria, Australia, Canada, Norway, Iceland, Japan, Mexico, Switzerland and Taiwan. One company has ordered 300 of the aquariums to give as gifts to investors. And a London firm wants to feature the MacAquariums in its five boardrooms.

The aquariums begin as outdated computers at the Blake family's Denver residence. Blake buys computers from across the world for \$10.

The transformation from Mac into MacAquarium happens in a 16-by-24-foot customized workshop that sits behind the Blake home. The operation is basic — a no-frills production line consisting of Blake, his wife, Tammy, and occasionally his brother.

The workshop's walls are neatly lined with



five to 20 MacAquariums leaving the workshop every week.

Most of the units that reach Blake's workshop show signs of wear-and-tear, covered in stickers, markings and insignias. Those "imperfections" are what customers want, Blake said. The scratches and dents lend a history to the units, giving them individual personalities.

"The allure of this is it's an authentic shell with all its knicks and dings," Blake said.

Customers will sometimes request shells with specific characteristics.

One person asked for a computer with a "No Smoking" sign stuck to it. Some ask that the original labels and identification plates of the previous owner not be removed.

Other, more Mac-savvy techies have asked that their MacAquariums be housed in shells that carry the signatures of the original Macintosh development team, including Apple's CEO Steve Jobs.

John Black, an Apple computer salesman in Irvine, Calif., bought a deluxe version MacAquarium within the past two months for his 5-year-old daughter, Marisa.

"She loves it," Black said, adding that he likes the uniqueness and easy maintenance of the tank.

"There's nothing like it out there," he said, and Marisa's grandmother also plans to buy herself a MacAquarium.

One person thought the floating goldfish were part of a screen saver before realizing the fish were real, Black said.

In addition to designing new tanks for six other Macintosh models, Blake is transforming 215 iMac units into aquariums.

Blake found a batch of iMacs — in translucent tangerine, blueberry and cherry — that were missing some key components. The parts to repair the computers are not for sale, so Blake thought turning them into aquariums

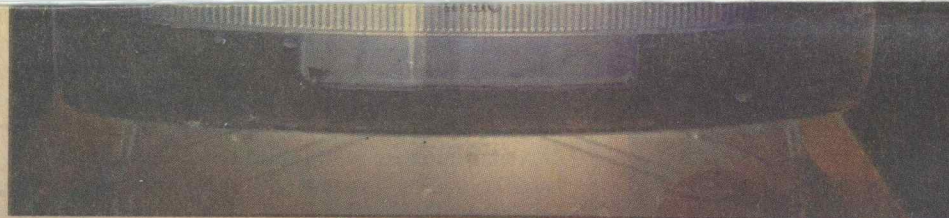
assembled do-it-yourself kits ready to be sent out. Blake's custom-made, silicon-sealed acrylic tanks sit alongside shells that have been scrubbed clean by Tammy.

Gutting the shell is the hardest part, Blake said, and can take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour.

Seasoned at the operation, Blake can gut the innards of a Macintosh machine in less than seven minutes — from cracking open the shell to sanding down all the rough edges.

Blake uses the Macintosh 128, 512, Mac Plus, Mac SE, Mac SE30, Mac Classic and Mac Classic II to make his aquariums.

After a full day's work as a network systems administrator at Hobson Mould Works Inc. in Shell Rock, Blake comes home to saw, sand, clean and package the aquariums



AP PHOTO

Carl Blake and his wife transform old Macintosh computers into MacAquariums in a 16-by-24-foot customized workshop that sits behind the Blake home in Denver.

from 5 p.m. to midnight or 1 a.m.

"We'll usually put the kids to bed, then come back out here," Tammy said. By the end of the night, Blake will have prepared somewhere between 30 to 40 shells.

Despite the long hours, creating the

MacAquariums is a pleasure, Blake said, and gives him and Tammy something to do together.

To keep pace with their booming business, Tammy quit her full-time, retail sales job two months ago. Orders are filled daily, with

ums would be run.

You'll pay a pretty penny for the iMacAquarium, fishing about \$300 out of your pocket for the deluxe version.

Even though Black has one MacAquarium in his California home, he still plans to order a limited edition iMac tank.

The company also offers a MacTerrarium, complete with hinged lid and special air vents. The MacTerrarium can house everything from plants to tarantulas and is ideal for college students who may not be able to have fish in their rooms, Blake said.

He also has been working on the ultimate hamster house, by vertically connecting several Macintoshes with tubing. The computer shell is the perfect size for a hamster wheel, Blake said.

MacHamster, perhaps?