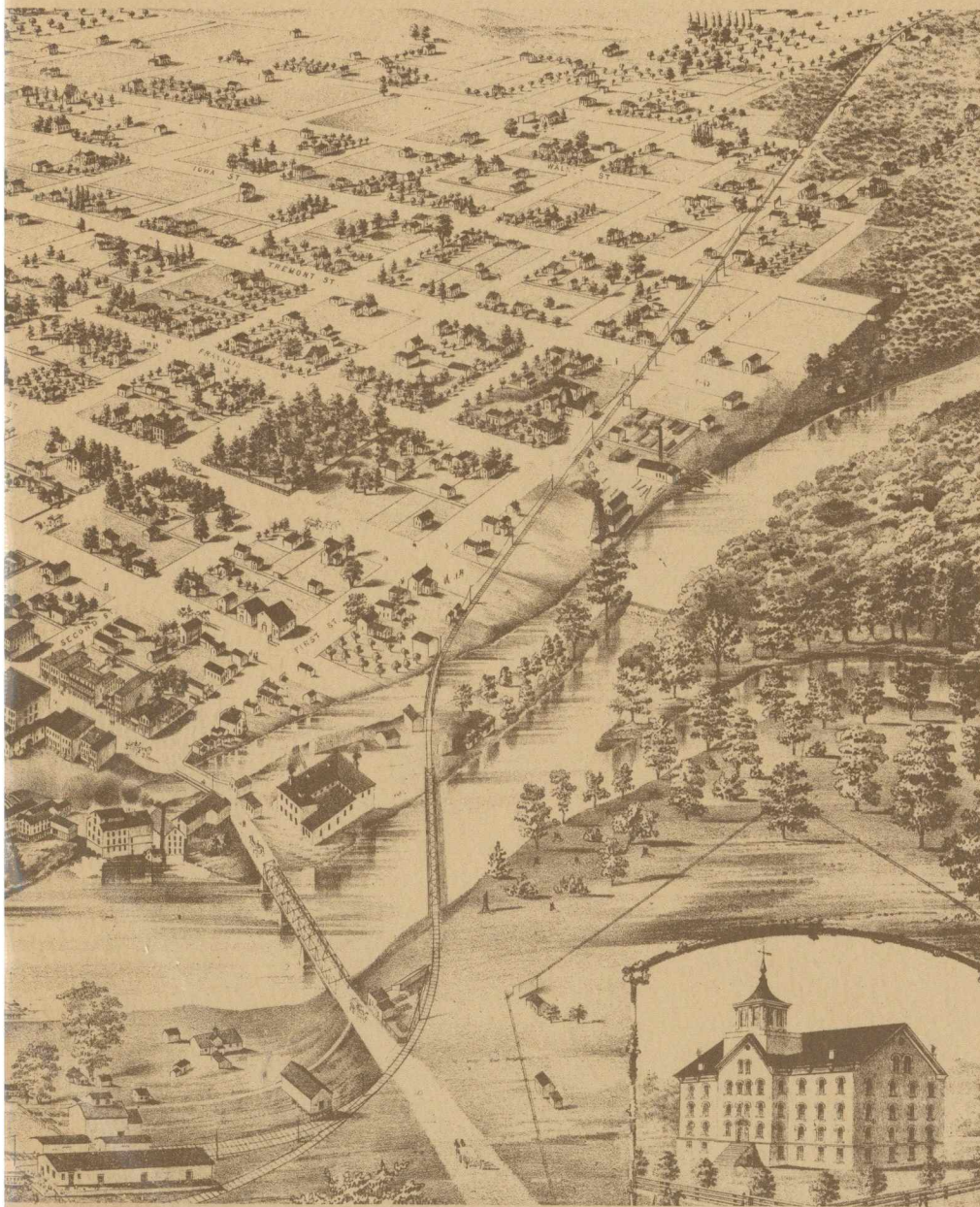
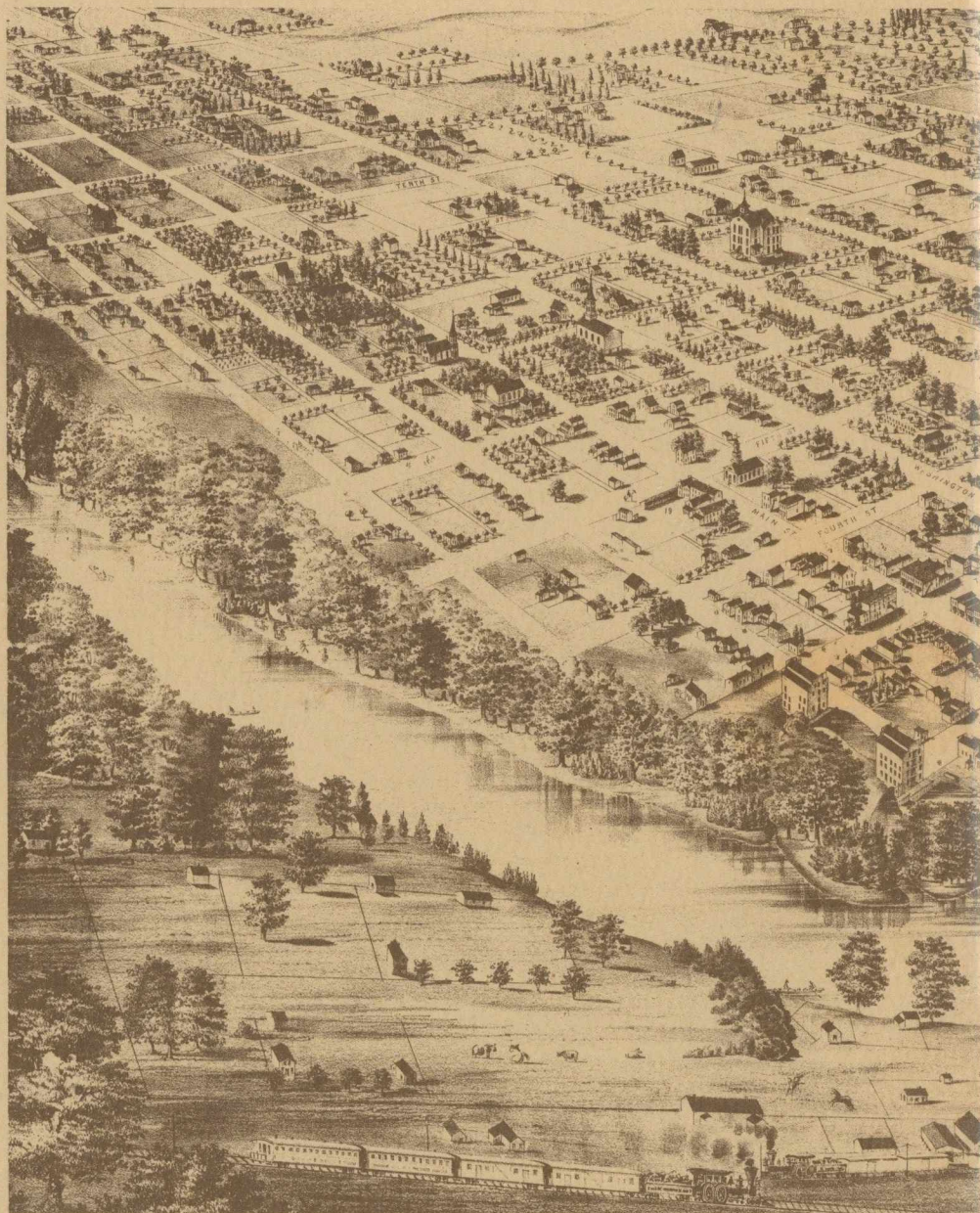


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THE TRADITION OF AMERICAN POTTERY

The tradition of American "folk" pottery undoubtedly grew from designs and styles brought to this country from England and Europe.

Even Cedar Falls potters, John Martin White who was born in Bavaria in 1825 and Johann Raab who was born in Austria in 1829, could not deny the influence from their European origins.

There was little, if any, conscious effort on the part of early potters in the development of this new tradition. It evolved through a series of changes as the necessities of the environment forced the early colonial potter to be inventive and original. This was true in the eighteenth century in the east as well as the nineteenth century in the midwest and west. The adaptation of local clays and the lack of glazing materials, the scarcity of both skilled and unskilled labor, the great need for storage containers and cooking pots, the lack of time and the hardships of making a living in the New World all contributed to the development of new pottery techniques and designs.

Later in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, further innovations in style came about because of changes in social habits and economic conditions. The adoption of new foods and drinks and the subsequent changes in methods of food preparation and preservation led to specific alterations in design. Increased knowledge of local materials and the discovery of new techniques at the beginning of the industrial era

gave potters greater flexibility in forms and decorations. The changes in design caused by these later developments were not as radical as the limitations placed on the early colonial potters by their environments, but they did emphasize and reinforce the trends in style and design which had already begun.

The first colonial potters were trained in the European tradition and many knew how to make the highly decorated wares that were being produced in Europe at the time, but these New World potters lacked sufficient amount of lead, tin, and other glazing to produce such elaborate ware.

As in all early traditional crafts, the closely guarded secrets of the potter's trade were passed on from father to son, master to apprentice, by word of mouth and example.

All types of potteries were fired in kilns, ovens especially constructed to control the firing temperatures. The story of many potteries ends with "destroyed in a fire and not rebuilt," a testimony to the hazards the potters faced in their business.

Two stories told by Luther Burket, a Cedar Falls pottery collector, show this generational communication and how firing was done in Eastern Iowa potteries. Quoting the granddaughter of an early Iowa potter, Robert Dickson of Vernon who began about 1850, tells how the clay was ground by a horse using a windlass. "Two kilns were used. Each had a door barely large enough for a man to enter carrying the articles to be

dried. The crocks were nested to make use of every available inch inside the oven. The center of the kiln was left open so that the heat was distributed to all the clay. The heat was built up slowly to avoid cracking the stoneware. After about two days when the desired temperature was achieved, the door was sealed with temporary brick. After another four days the oven was allowed to cool. The firing process took about ten days.

The family of the potter was involved in the needs of the pottery. Clay was collected during the summer. Frost or excessive moisture in the clay meant that it would not grind well. During the winter, wood was hauled up from the timber by bobsled. The finished product was loaded on a wagon and carried from farm to farm in the neighborhood to be sold.

According to a story about William Raab, as a boy he was likely to get lost in his dreams during the important stoking period at the kiln. If he forgot his duties an entire batch of work could be spoiled. His father, John, would count out the number of sticks of firewood needed for a night's firing. If in the morning, the sticks had not been used, John would "deal appropriately" with his dreamer son.

To the collector, glaze, color, shape, and marks are the clues to the special story

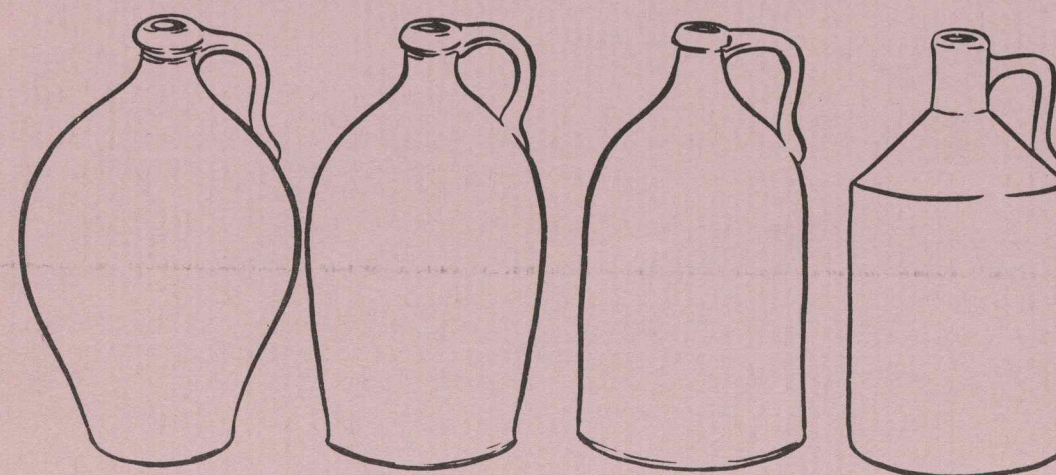
behind each piece of pottery. Collecting pottery in Iowa recalls a sturdy hardworking population following the frontier across the state. Changes in soils, changes in lifestyle, and changes in technology are visible in the stoneware they carried with them.

Over one hundred years ago, pottery was the largest business in the state of Iowa. Collectors count over three hundred early potteries in Iowa. Most were in the eastern half of the state. Many of the potteries existed for only a year or so before the potter either went broke or moved on. The traditional characterization of the potter as a first-rate artisan but a poor business man perhaps screened troubles arising from a poor source of clay with the need to ship clay in over long distances, limited timber and fuel resources, and a declining market as factory goods from the East offered stiff competition.

Eastern Iowa stoneware is described by collectors as often crude and imperfect and thoroughly utilitarian in design. It often has a soft glaze with primitive line-drawing decoration and capacity numbers in heavy cobalt blue. It achieves a beauty in the eye of the beholder in the recollection of the character of its makers and its users as part of the story of the settlement of Iowa.

Collectors can often distinguish the work

FIG. 1 Four jug shapes illustrating the trend toward straight-sided forms between 1800 and 1880.



of some potters by the color of the glaze they used or the way in which the glaze was applied. For example, some of John Raab's pieces had a characteristically rich brown glaze that identifies his work to the specialist.

Early American folk pottery was extremely simple in design in comparison to wares of other cultures and the conscious efforts of the artist-craftsmen working in clay today. It was unsophisticated, and often plain; rightfully so, because it directly reflected the culture in which it was produced.

The words that best describe the character of the early colonial settlers, the frontiersmen and later the western pioneers, such as simple, strong, rugged, honest, independent, and vital could just as well be applied to the pottery they made and used.

John Ramsay, in his *American Potters and Pottery*, points out that there was a tendency toward straight-sided forms as the tradition developed, particularly in the nineteenth century, but that old traditional forms continued to be made along with the newer shapes, and with such a dedicated exactness that one generation's work could not be told from another's.

The traditions of early American folk pottery need a great deal of further study, both in reference to the evolution of forms and decorations as well as techniques. The quality of the American potter's work is apparent in the many pieces which are still in existence in private collections and museums.

American folk potters were severely limited not only in time and materials but also by the demand for strict utility in their wares. They did, however, in spite of these limitations, create wares of great strength, integrity and beauty.

EARLY CEDAR FALLS STONEWARE:

John Martin White

The story of pottery in Cedar Falls begins with John Martin White. He was the first

potter to establish a pottery works in Cedar Falls.

White (or Weidt, as the family name was spelled earlier in Germany) was born in Bavaria, April 24, 1825. The family had been potters near Neuremberg for generations. His father, Benedict, was born near Nachela, near Neuremberg, and his mother, Annie Katherine Zigler in Neuremberg.

Martin attended school until he was fifteen, then began his trade as a potter. In 1843 at age eighteen, he immigrated to Rochester, New York. Four years later he moved to Lyons, New York. In 1850 at Lyons, he married Eva Humbert.

Nine years after their marriage, at a time when Eva's parents, the Humberts, her brother, Solomon Barrick Humbert, and other relatives from the Bley family were moving to Black Hawk County, the Whites came with them.

Martin White bought two lots at the northeast corner of First and Franklin Streets for \$475 from H.H. and Ellen C. Meredith on April 26, 1859 and he began his pottery works.

Although Martin White apparently did not advertise his wares, leading to speculation that his stoneware was sold at wholesale through stores in the area, his excellent crockery and stoneware was noted in the Cedar Falls Gazette December 29, 1865, in a report of the Eighth Annual Fair of the



Cedar Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Association held in the Overman Block.

Unfortunately, it was apparent that Martin White's business was failing. Records show that from January of 1867 to 1870 all his properties were sold or mortgaged.

In 1870, Martin White and his young family opened a new and brighter chapter in their lives at Fort Dodge. For his pottery in Cedar Falls it was necessary to have suitable clay hauled in. By contrast, in Fort Dodge he quickly located a source of fine quality clay near the dam on the Des Moines River and Whites' Pottery Works was underway.

By 1888 Whites' Pottery Works employed nine men and had sales of \$6000 annually. It was advertised as the largest stoneware company in Iowa at the time. From 1885 to 1890 his salt glazed products were produced in another building called the Union Pottery Works.

Just after midnight on Christmas Day, 1890, Martin White died suddenly of Bright's Disease. A notice of the transfer of Whites' Pottery Works from Augusta and M. White to W.G. and M. White for a consideration of \$2500 appeared in the Fort Dodge Messenger, January 1, 1891, the same issue that carried the story of his death.

J. Raab and Son

Johann Raab was born May 10, 1829 near Meltsch, in Schlesein (Silesia) Austria. His family had been distinguished potters for over five generations with their work well known throughout Schlesein and northern Europe. A village in northeastern Austria still bears the family name.

After a year in Meltsch, Johann and his family settled in Wigstadll where they established a pottery of their own.

A son, William, was born August 1, 1854 at Wigstadll. Daughters Louise, Wilhelmina, and Mary were also born there. The

youngest daughter, Pauline, was born February 12, 1865 at Vienna. Following the family tradition that all the males in the family should be trained to be potters, William was apprenticed as a potter.

Troubled times in Austria made the future uncertain. The generations-old pattern of the good life for master craftsmen was threatened by increased industrialization along with other economic and social changes. Currency speculation endangered the most provident craftsman. Political changes were also against the German-speaking Catholic population.

When William was eighteen years old and ready to become a journeyman, he talked of joining a group of young friends who were coming to America. Reading the temper of times, his parents saw the wisdom of his wishes. In 1872, he left for Philadelphia where he hoped to find work as a potter.

The family arrived in Philadelphia in 1874. Within a year, a friend of William, Ben Theimer, told them about an opportunity for a potter in Cedar Falls, Iowa. For a family already an ocean away from their homeland, half a continent was not that much more. Wilhelmina (Minnie) and Louise stayed in Philadelphia. The rest of the family travelled to Cedar Falls by train in April, 1875.

John Raab bought property at 312 Water Street (later State) from Samuel and Jane Wanner of Monroe County, New York for \$520 on April 20, 1875. He built a one-story showroom across the front of the two-story house and lined the interior with display shelves. A workshop and kilns were built in the back.

So that Cedar Falls would know who this new potter was, majolica letters spelling "Raab's Stoneware and Terra Cotta Works" were hung in place across the front of the shop.

Raab discovered that the local clay was not the high quality he needed for his art clay work. However, what the thriving community of 3,000 needed was drain tiles, sewer pipe, stoneware jars and crocks. Raab turned his efforts to the work at hand to assure a living for his family. Within a few years, he had clay shipped in from Michigan, Illinois, and western Iowa, to make the pottery he loved. He worried that people would think of him only as a manufacturer of sewer pipe and stoneware jars rather than as the artist he knew he was.

In April, 1892, John Raab purchased the west half of lots one and two in Block eight of Garrison and Dean's Addition between Main and Water (State) Streets from G.H. and A.G. Miner for \$1000. On October 30, 1905, John and Johanna Raab deeded this property to their daughter, Pauline, for "services rendered and money extended." Pauline had returned to Black Hawk County to teach and to assist her ailing father.

John Raab died at the age of 80, November 4, 1908. He had been intensely interested in the Presidential Election of 1908, supporting William Jennings Bryan, the Democrat, against William Howard Taft. According to the family, he died twenty minutes after Taft's election victory was announced.

John Raab's wish that he be remembered as more than the maker of sewer pipe and drain tile was fulfilled. The community mourned the loss of an artist in clay.

Johanna Raab continued to operate the pottery shop with the help of her daughter, Pauline. It became a retail business with stoneware purchased from the kilns at Monmouth, Illinois, and Red Wing, Minnesota at first.

After the death of Johanna in 1930, William in 1937 and finally Pauline in 1940, the Raab Pottery Shop passed into the hands of



Mrs. John Lemmer. She maintained the quaint shop as nearly like the Raab's left it as possible.

In 1949 The Raab Pottery Shop building was dismantled to make room for a lumber yard, and the Old Pottery Shop moved to 413 Main Street.

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3. STONEWARE BANK, Unknown origin, 19th century
4. TERRA COTTA BEAR WHISTLE/BANK, John and William Raab Cedar Falls, Iowa 1875-1937
5. PIG "LUNCH HOUR" PIECE, Monmouth Pottery Co., Monmouth, Illinois 1890-1900
6. ONE GALLON BROWN JUG (no glaze), Martin White, Cedar Falls, Iowa 1859-1870
7. CERAMIC PENCIL SHARPENER, William Raab Cedar Falls, IA 1875-1912
8. HANDLED POT, John and William Raab Cedar Falls, Iowa 1875-1937
9. RED WARE 10 1/2" CROCK W/GREEN SUNBURST SPOTS, Galena, Illinois 1843-1874
10. FOOTWARMER, William Raab Cedar Falls, Iowa 1875-1912
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12. STONEWARE PITCHER, Martin White Cedar Falls, Iowa 1859-1870
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15. HALF GALLON JUG, Minnesota Stoneware Red Wing, Minnesota 1885-1894
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27. FRONT OF RAAB HOUSE, Photograph (L to R John Raab's daughter, Pauline, his wife, Johanna and family friend John Lemmer. c. 1885-90)
28. RAAB LETTERS (Front of House)
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50. FIFTEEN GALLON CROCK, Iowa Pottery Co. Marshalltown, Iowa 1902-1923
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57. INTERIOR OF RAAB HOUSE, (after turn of century)

The John Raab home, formerly located at 312 State Street, featured a display of unique pottery ornaments and utensils produced by this early craftsman.



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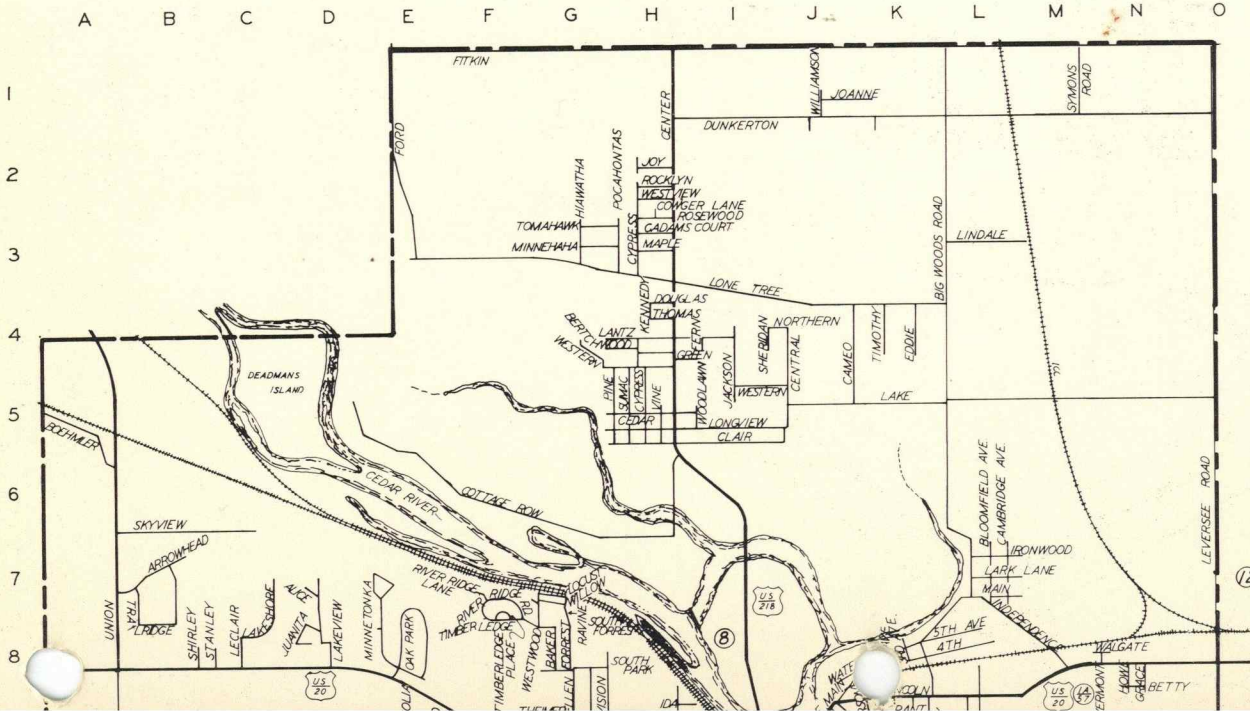
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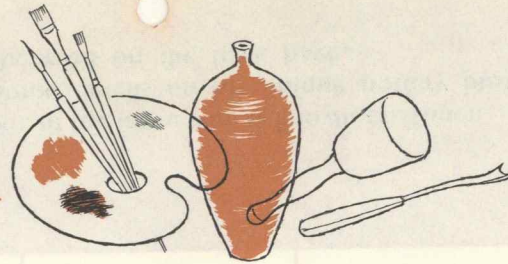
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An Early Cedar Falls Craftsman

JOHN RAAB

*The Ceramic Wares and Products Of John Raab
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The cover for the 1973 Cedar Falls Calendar features a reproduction of a water color painting made of the Raab Stoneware and Terra Cotta Works. This early craftsman was a descendant of a famous Austrian family line who spread their fame throughout Europe for five generations. John Raab chose an early Cedar Falls location at 312 State Street and began manufacturing a variety of pottery wares. Much of the original product line was developed with the farmer in mind, featuring household wares and watering jugs. Later a selection of cemetery pieces were also offered.

One of the more successful pottery ventures for John Raab was the inventing of a terra-cotta chimney top. Customers buying the products produced by the Raabs came from "Oregon to Ohio and from Colorado to Cuba . . . orders were also shipped to Florida, Texas, Kansas and Nebraska," according to local historical records. In 1908, John Raab died and his daughter and wife developed more retail trade with "pottery baked in other kilns." Apparently prior to the death of the founder, all work was produced on the premises with native clay dug in back of the shop building.

The name of the business became well-known in the community and the area as "The Old Pottery Shop." It was credited as being the oldest small shop of its type in the United States.

With the death of Pauline Raab, the last of the family to be involved in the pottery business, the store management was taken over by Mrs. John Lenner. Sometime in the early 1950's, the original premises had to be vacated and the building was torn down. The Old Pottery Shop Store, however, moved to a Main Street location and continued to operate for several more years.

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John and William Raab

30. RAABS

Five generations of his ancestors had given the name of John Raab artistic eminence in his native Silesia. Perhaps Raab (pronounced ROB) could have remained in his homeland if his son, William, had not gone to America. John Raab's wife, Johanna, thought it would be a good idea if the rest of the family followed the son to the United States. She was a woman of strong character. In 1874, John, Johanna and daughter Pauline were reunited with William in Philadelphia.

A friend advised to move farther west, and, in 1875, the Raabs arrived in Cedar Falls. John Raab purchased the Cedar Falls Pottery and Terra Cotta Works from Martin White, who founded the business in 1859. It was located at 312 11th Street — so named because of the number of saloons then operating along this thoroughfare. 11th Street later became State Street.

The salesroom of the Pottery was located at the front of the lot. The two-story house in which the family lived was immediately in back of the salesroom. Behind the house was the workshop. Settlers who remember the work area will recall that a tall visitor had to duck his head to enter the shop. John Raab had grown to a height of only five feet and, since the room occupied by the potter's wheel was his personal domain, he had no need of having high doors.

AT FIRST, RAAB devoted most of his time to the making of drain tiles, sewer pipes, stone jars and crocks. These items were much in demand and sold well. But the immigrant from Silesia had been trained as an artist, and practical exercises such as tiles and crocks gave little exercise to his creative talents. He was happiest when, after a few years, he was able to devote himself to the manufacture of his beloved polychrome and terra cotta pieces. Mr. Raab first used local clay for his Pottery, but it was too porous for good ceramic products, and he soon turned to clays from western Iowa, Michigan and Illinois.

In 1881, William Raab, the inventive genius of the family, designed a terra cotta chimney which would accommodate either a double or triple flue. The new type of chimney was adopted by the Board of Fire Prevention in the city of Chicago, and agents throughout the United States obtained orders for the terra cotta flues manufactured in Cedar Falls.

Cornelia Mallett Barnhart, writing in the *Palimpsest* for August, 1947, noted that "William Raab was a dreamer and not always reliable. John Raab was apparently a stern taskmaster. Since it was often necessary to bake the clay for 48 to 50 hours at a time, it fell to some members of the Raab family to stay up all night and keep the kiln fired. William sometimes fell asleep, so his father devised a method of checking up on him. Before going to bed, Mr. Raab would carefully count out the number of pieces of wood required to keep the kiln burning all night. If any of the sticks of wood remained the following morning, William suffered the consequences of his father's judgment."

John Raab died in November, 1908, at the age of 80. Johanna, the 78-year-old widow, became the operator of the shop. Although she never learned to speak English, she was a clever business woman, and was therefore obliged to obtain pottery from the kilns at Monmouth, Illinois, and Red Wing, Minnesota. When she died at the age of 101, her daughter Pauline, who had been engaged in teaching, returned to Cedar Falls. She operated the Raab Pottery Shop until her death in 1940. William had died three years earlier. The Cedar Falls Record for January 10, 1940, reported that Mrs. John Lemmer, whose family had known the Raabs for more than 50 years, would continue to keep the business going.

MRS. LEMMER OWNED the shop for eight years. At first, she was assisted by Mrs. James McKillip. Later, Dee Boyd served as Manager and Mrs. John W. Eades as Assistant. In the early 1950's, the premises had to be vacated, and the historic old building was torn down. The tradition of quality was maintained for several years by a store on Main Street called The Old Pottery Shop. Even this is now gone.

Examples of ceramic and terra cotta wares fashioned by John Raab may be seen at the museum of the Cedar Falls Historical Society. In addition to the jugs and crocks in the second floor display case, the exhibits include ornaments on the building itself. The acanthus-leaf brackets under the eaves and the Ionic capitals of the porch columns are examples of the skill of John Raab in using molds for his terra cotta products.

Flake

JOHN RAAB

*The Ceramic Wares and Products Of John Raab
Now On Display at The Cedar Falls Historical
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The cover for the 1973 Cedar Falls Calendar features a reproduction of a water color painting made of the Raab Stoneware and Terra Cotta Works. This early craftsman was a descendant of a famous Austrian family line who spread their fame throughout Europe for five generations. John Raab chose an early Cedar Falls location at 312 State Street and began manufacturing a variety of pottery wares. Much of the original product line was developed with the farmer in mind, featuring household wares and watering jugs. Later a selection of cemetery pieces were also offered.

One of the more successful pottery ventures for John Raab was the inventing of a terra-cotta chimney top. Customers buying the products produced by the Raabs came from "Oregon to Ohio and from Colorado to Cuba . . . orders were also shipped to Florida, Texas, Kansas and Nebraska," according to local historical records. In 1908, John Raab died and his daughter and wife developed more retail trade with "pottery baked in other kilns." Apparently prior to the death of the founder, all work was produced on the premises with native clay dug in back of the shop building.

The name of the business became well-known in the community and the area as "The Old Pottery Shop." It was credited as being the oldest small shop of its type in the United States.

With the death of Pauline Raab, the last of the family to be involved in the pottery business, the store management was taken over by Mrs. John Lenner. Sometime in the early 1950's, the original premises had to be vacated and the building was torn down. The Old Pottery Shop Store, however, moved to a Main Street location and continued to operate for several more years.

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MARY JACOBSON shows pottery pieces made by an early Cedar Falls craftsman, John Raab, whose works are featured in a special display

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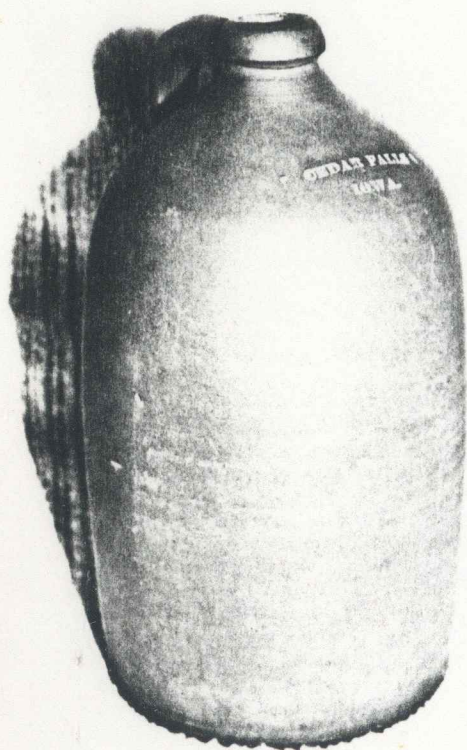
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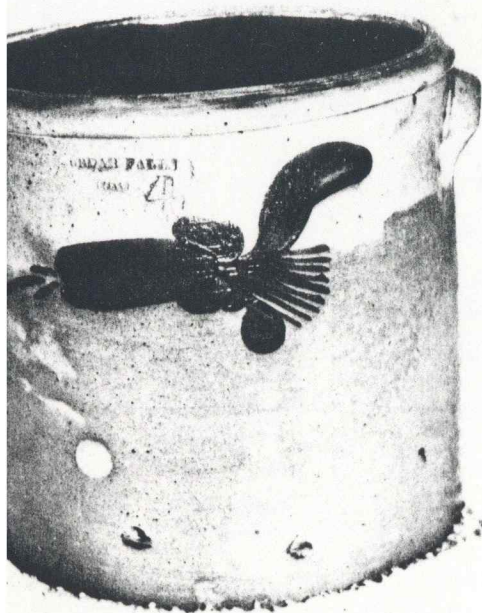
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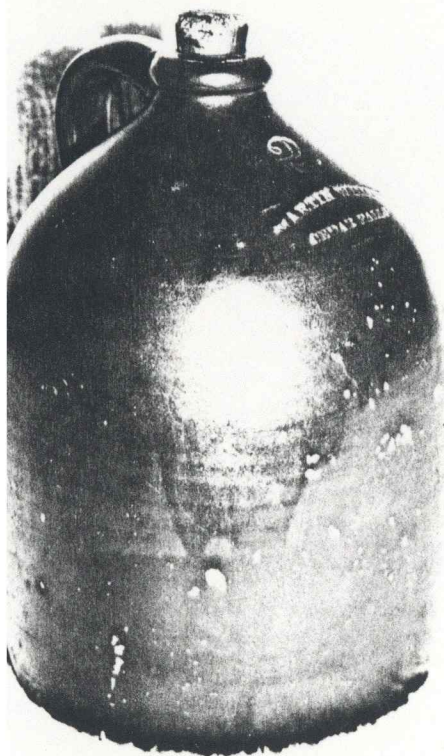
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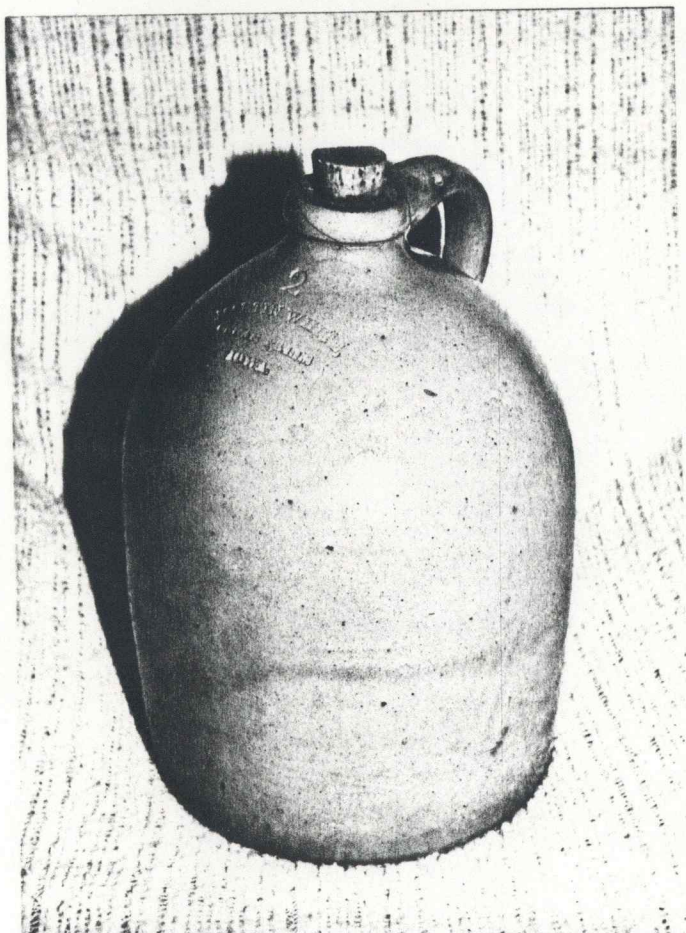
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Historic chimney flues uncovered during demolition of pioneer house

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DEWAR -- The home's glory faded decades ago. A broken shell remains. Soon, that will be gone, too.

Davis and Phoebe Vail established the original homestead in 1866, setting up what amounted to a shack. Their son, Theodore, helped break the prairie.

The couple built a proper home about a year later. Then they built another, apparently in the 1880s or thereabouts.

A lot of smoke went up the chimney. In time, however, the home fires cooled.

Merlyn Platte, 75, and his wife, Doris, bought the property in 1973, just the third owners on the abstract. Even at that point, the house two miles west of Dewar and about a mile north had probably been vacant for decades. Merlyn turned the structure into a mechanic's shop to work on others' small engines and his own farm equipment.

In time, that need passed as well. And so did the structure's integrity.

"It's just gotten to the point where it needs to come down," Platte said.

Leveling the house falls in the category of a project to address as time allows. Platte, a history buff with extensive information

Go & do:

■ **WHAT:** The Raab chimney flue is stored at the Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum.

■ **WHERE:** 308 W. Third St., Cedar Falls

■ **MORE INFO:** For information about the Cedar Falls Historical Society, call (319) 266-5149 or visit the Web site at www.cedarfallshistorical.org.

about the immediate area, also wants to proceed slowly. He reasons the pioneer dwelling might hold some secrets.

As it turns out, he was right. A son, Randy, coaxed three ceramic flues — creme-colored rectangular tubes — from a wall.

"I knew this chimney was in there, but I never paid much attention to it," Platte said. A stamped impression raised interest:

Wm. Raab's Double
Chimney
Patent May 24, 81
J. Raab, Son, M.F.
Cedar Falls, Iowa

"I came right home and called Ann Eades," Platte said.

Eades, a friend, also is a member of the Cedar Falls Historical Society. She understood the significance of the find.

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DENNIS MAGEE / Courier Regional Editor

William Raab got a patent on his double-walled chimney flue in 1881. He and his family crafted pottery in Cedar Falls and Waterloo for decades.

FLUES

Chimney flues were made by William Raab in 1800s.

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"I'm just so glad he did think of the historical society," Eades said.

John Raab, whose family had crafted pottery for generations in Austria, emigrated in 1874. He and his wife, Johanna, later moved to Cedar Falls and opened Raab's Stoneware and Terra Cotta Works at 312 Water St. The thoroughfare is now State Street.

A son, William, got a patent on double- and triple-walled chimney flues in 1881. He later started his own pottery business in Waterloo.

Platte admires the ingenuity illustrated by the interlocking tiles, which are molded with a narrow, internal airspace. The gap allows air to flow between the chamber for heat and smoke escaping the house and the lining in contact with a home's wooden walls.

And he thought the 15-pound piece worth preserving.

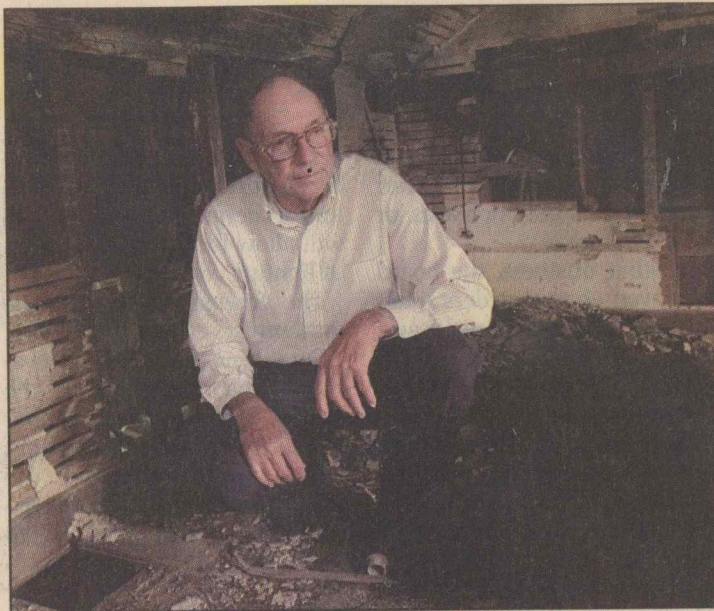
"It's important to the history of the people that settled here. And that today's generations know about and appreciate the heart, the hardships and the brilliant minds of these people. ... Like the triple chimney that wouldn't burn your house down," Platte said.

Not every discovered whatzit, though, proves significant. The historical society receives plenty of false alarms.

"That happens quite frequently, quite frequently," said Eades, a board member for 10 years.

Under normal circumstances, a committee evaluates items offered as important treasures. If authentic, the group then determines if the society will accept the artifact.

Even with five properties — the Ice House Museum; Behrens-Rapp Station; Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum; George Wyth House and Little



DENNIS MAGEE / Courier Regional Editor

Merlyn Platte and his family discovered a bit of history while tearing down a house near Dewar: a ceramic chimney flue crafted in the 1880s. The home was owned by Davis and Phoebe Vail, early pioneers in the area.

Red Schoolhouse Museum — not every offer proves useful.

"We just do not have space for everything that everyone would like to give us," Eades said.

Because of Platte's interest in local lore, Eades was confident the chimney tile was noteworthy.

"Absolutely. Without question," she said. "He knew how old it was, and I was particularly thrilled."

The nature of the item also was instantly intriguing.

"Pottery — and certainly Raab pottery — we would not turn down," Eades said.

Brandon Brockway, the society's director of education and collections, said accepting the chimney flue was an easy call.

"This is definitely something that was an immediate yes. We would take it," he said.

Coincidentally, the Victorian Home will have an exhibit on early immigrants on display until December. One family included is named Raab.

Though John Raab probably wanted to make fine pottery, Iowans in the 1870s had other needs.

"The community at the time wanted things like chimneys and sewer tiles, so that is what he started creating," Brockway said.

Part of the flue's appeal also belongs to its original owners.

Theodore Vail, whose parents once farmed Platte's land, developed what became the delivery system of the U.S. Postal Service. Vail also was a contemporary of Alexander Graham Bell and became manager of the Bell Co. Later, Vail was the first president of AT&T and participated in the first transcontinental telephone call across the United States.

So the double-walled chimney flue represents much.

"This is definitely a really nice thing for us to get," Brockway said.

Platte said, despite reluctance, demolition will continue. But perhaps with a renewed sense of anticipation.

"We're taking it kind of slowly with the idea of finding some more artifacts," he said.

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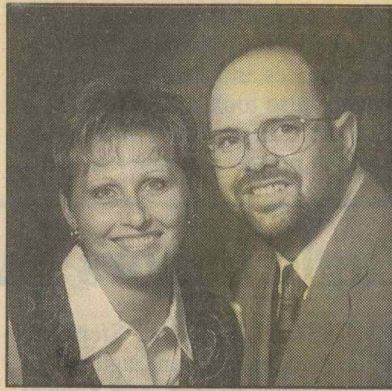
Rand/30

CEDAR FALLS — Dennis and Nancy Rand will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary Tuesday with a private dinner in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Rand and Nancy Lalan were married Oct. 14, 1967, in Nashua.

Mr. Rand is employed by Marquart Block Co., and Mrs. Rand is employed by the Principal Financial Group, both in Waterloo.

Their daughters are Kimberly Findling, Rachelle Bradley, and Hollie Rand, all of Waterloo. There are four grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Rand

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WADE RAGSDALE

Arvilla Ragsdale Beenken, 74, of 1114 9th Street N.W., Waverly, Iowa, and formerly of New Hartford, died Sunday evening, October 2, 1988, at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, from complications of congestive heart failure.

Arvilla was born on September 17, 1914, in Janesville, Iowa, the daughter of Leslie and Alice Sands Davis. She attended school in Finchford and following her schooling she made her home in Waverly Junction. On March 28, 1936, she was united in marriage to Benjamin (Ben) Ragsdale in Waverly. The couple farmed in the Waverly Junction area before moving to a farm near Tripoli. The couple farmed in the Tripoli area for several years before they moved to a farm near New Hartford. Ben died on August 13, 1984, and Arvilla moved to a house in New Hartford. On February 17, 1987, she was united in marriage to Edward G. Beenken at Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly. The couple made their home in Waverly, and the past 9 months Arvilla spent much of her time in and out of the hospital.

She was a member of the New Hartford United Methodist Church. Arvilla enjoyed gardening, the outdoors, but most of all she loved to go camping.

She is survived by her husband, Edward G. Beenken of Waverly, four sons, Robert A. Ragsdale of Waterloo, Gordon A. Ragsdale of Tripoli, Everett W. Ragsdale of Shell Rock, Jerry L. Ragsdale of New Hartford, four daughters, Ettamae B. Henze and Laura M. Henze both of Oakridge, Oregon, Carol A. Nolan of New Hartford, Betty R. Newville of Cedar Falls, one step-son, Joe Beenken of Waverly, one step-daughter, Susan Beenken of Waterloo, 21 grandchildren, 1 step-granddaughter, 6 great grandchildren, two brothers, Raymond Davis of Dunkerton and Lyle Davis of Kerrville, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ben, and one sister Elsie.

Following the graveside service, relatives and friends are invited to return to the church for fellowship with the family.

George V. Rand, 58, of 511 Eighth St., La Porte City, and formerly of 4810 Newell St., died Tuesday, Jan. 16, in the Hospice Unit of Covenant Medical Center at Kimball Avenue of respiratory failure.

He was born Nov. 11, 1931, in Grundy Center, son of John and Minnie Webrand Rand Sr. He married Ruby J. Hill on Jan. 20, 1951, in Waterloo.

Mr. Rand had been disabled for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jerald "Jerry" of Waterloo and Mickey of Tacoma, Wash.; five daughters, Sheryl Beenken of Waverly, Sandra Truog and Merlene Rand, both of Waterloo, Cindy Wyant of Dunkerton and Lynn Rand of La Porte City; six grandchildren; a stepgrandson; three brothers, John Jr. of New Hartford, Donald of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Lester of Waterloo; and two sisters, Betty Fanning and Judy Alexander, both of Cedar Falls; he was preceded in death by a granddaughter; four brothers, Robert, Richard, Dennis and George Eugene; and two sisters, Alice Beckman and Amanda Wertjes.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Friday at Garden View Chapel with burial in Garden of Memories Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until services on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



George Rand

JOHN RAND, JR. 1918

John was born May 8, 1923 in Dike, Iowa, the son of John Rand, Sr., and Minnie Wiebrand. He married Helen Marie Sells on September 6, 1945 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She preceded him in death on September 30, 1997.

John served in the United States Army during W.W. II, farmed in Grundy County, Iowa and worked in the foundry at Viking Pump Company in Cedar Falls.

He died Thursday, August 6, 1998 at Windsor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Cedar Falls at 75 years of age.

John is survived by his four children, John "Randy" Rand, III of Shell Rock, Iowa, Dennis Rand of Cedar Falls; Laurie Hilton of New Hartford, Iowa; and Justin "Jed" Rand of Cedar Falls; 10 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; his brother Lester H. Rand of Waterloo; and his sister Betty Jean Fanning of Cedar Falls.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; six brothers, Richard, Donald, George Edward, George, Robert and Dennis; and three sisters, Alice Beckman, Amanda Wertjes and Judy Alexander.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 10, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home in Cedar Falls, with Rev. Paul McDowell of the First Baptist Church in New Hartford officiating. Soloist was Roma Ries singing "The Lord Is My Shepard", "The Lord's Prayer", and "He The Pearly Gates Will Open". Honorary bearers were: Trace Rand and Russ Rand. Casketbearers were: Seth Hilton, Joel Gersema, Scott VanLengen, Miles U. Grandon, Ron Henze, and Darrell Fanning. Interment was in the Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS COURIER THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1997

NEW HARTFORD — Helen Marie Rand, 70, of New Hartford, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, of natural causes; **survivors** include her husband, John Jr.; three sons, John "Randy" III of Shell Rock, and Dennis and Justin "Jed," both of Cedar Falls; a daughter, Laurie Hilton of New Hartford; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Carol Gersema and Violet Grandon, both of New Hartford, and Lorraine Goetsch of Waterloo;



Helen Rand

she was **preceded in death** by two brothers, Richard and Robert Sells; and a sister, Vera VanLengen; **services** will be 10 a.m. Friday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, both in Cedar Falls; friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home, with family present from 3 to 5 p.m.; visitation also for an hour before services Friday; **memorials** may be directed to First Baptist Church, New Hartford.

NE Local Deaths

NEW HARTFORD — **John Rand Jr.**, 75, of New Hartford, died Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Windsor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Cedar Falls, of natural causes; **survivors** include three sons, John "Randy" III of Shell Rock, and Dennis and Justin "Jed," both of Cedar Falls; a daughter, Laurie Hilton of New Hartford; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Lester H. Rand of Waterloo; and a sister, Betty Jean Fanning of Cedar Falls; he was **preceded in death** by his wife, Helen, in 1997; six brothers, Richard, Donald, George Edward, George, Robert and Dennis; and three sisters, Alice Beckman, Amanda Wertjes and Judy Alexander; **services** will be 10 a.m. Monday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens; friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. today and for an hour before services Monday at the funeral home; **memorials** may be directed to the Cedar Valley Hospice and First Baptist Church of New Hartford; Mr. Rand was a farmer in Grundy County and also worked in the foundry at Viking Pump Co., Cedar Falls; he served in the U.S. Army during World War II.



**John
Rand Jr.**

A SAD DEATH

Death Claims Only Child of Mr. and Mrs.
J. D. Ramsay.

At New Hartford, Iowa, May 32, 1902, Ruth Emma Ramsay, only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ramsay, passed away.

She had been a great sufferer for eight weeks from that fatal disease, tubercular-peritonitis. No word of complaint passed her lips through that long siege of intense suffering, and when the end came she was ready, peacefully falling asleep in Jesus.

Ruth Emma Ramsay was born in Rock Valley, Iowa, January 24, 1891, being eleven years, four months and seven days old at the time of her death.

The funeral was held at the home of the stricken parents Tuesday afternoon. The impressive service opened by instrumental music, "Nearer My God to Thee," rendered by Mrs. Alice Bourquin. Rev. Hayward of the M. E. church then delivered an excellent discourse from the text, "She cometh forth like a flower and is cut down"—Job 14:2. The speaker dwelt on the beautiful life of the one so prematurely cut down. After prayer strains of soft music floated on the air as the white casket with its precious burden was borne from the home, followed by sorrowing loved ones.

The teachers and pupils of the public school formed in two lines, between which the funeral procession passed. Her intimate schoolmates acted as an escort and her classmates marched on each side of the casket to Oak Hill cemetery where she was tenderly laid to rest in the snow-white grave and covered with a mantle of flowers dropped by her Sunday school class. The pall bearers were: Josephine Bourquin, Mabel Paulger, Silvia Chenoweth, Mollie Grady, Carrie Knipe and Ethel Pollock.

At the cemetery the choir sang her favorite selections, "Lead Kindly Lead" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

The floral emblems from the school, the W. R. C. and other friends were beautiful and appropriate. Beautiful flowers were sent by relatives from Chicago and Dixon, Ill., but arrived too late for the funeral.

Ruth was a bright and loving child and will be missed by all. May He alone who can comfort be with her sorrowing parents.

Those from abroad who attended the funeral were: Mr. George Wilcox, Belle Plaine, Iowa, brother of Mrs. Ramsay; Mrs. J. M. Knipe, Mrs. Bert Knipe, Parkersburg; Mrs. John Hoffman, Dike.

1902**

William J. Ramsay.

William J. Ramsay was born at Osage, Iowa, January 14, 1901, and died October 2, 1918 at the age of 17 years, 8 months and 18 days, at the home of his grandparents in Osage, after a five days illness of influenza and complications.

At the age of five years, he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay and since then has made his home in New Hartford, where he attended the public school.

He united with the Methodist church in November, 1914, and was a member of the choir.

He enlisted in the United States Army and went to Jefferson barracks December 26, 1917, but was rejected because of physical disability. Having never given up the desire of saving his country, he was counting the days until he would be able again to enlist.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his foster father and mother, one sister and one brother, who is "Somewhere in France."

The funeral services were held at 2 o'clock from the house, Friday, October 4, Rev. Essex officiating. Mrs. Olsen sang Does Jesus Care, at the home and at the cemetery Miss Morgan and Miss Lois May, assisted by Mrs. Olsen, sang Safe in the Arms of Jesus and Nearer My God to Thee, after a very comforting talk by Rev. Essex.

WORD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our thanks to all who in any way assisted us during our hour of sickness and bereavement. For the many beautiful flowers from both in and out of town and especially to the singers. We are also very grateful to those who accompanied us to the cemetery.—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ramsay and Mary.

DEATHS

February 2, 1939

EMMA C. RAMSAY.

Mrs. Emma C. Ramsay, 80, long a resident of New Hartford, Ia., died at 8 a. m. Thursday in the Waterloo home of a foster daughter, Mrs. G. W. VanFleet, 621 Dawson street, where she had made her home the past two years following death of her husband, Josiah.

Daughter of Isaiah and Clarissa Kellogg Wilcoxon, she was born March 7, 1858 at Buffalo Grove, Ill., and was married June 13, 1888 at New Hartford to Josiah D. Ramsay. They made their home in New Hartford for 46 years, he operating a furniture and undertaking business.

Mrs. Ramsay is survived by the foster daughter, Mrs. VanFleet, and two grandchildren, Earl and Ruth VanFleet, all of Waterloo. The parents; husband; a brother, George; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Brubaker and Mrs. Elizabeth Postlewait; a daughter, Ruth; and a foster son, William, preceded her in death.

At New Hartford, Mrs. Ramsay was an active member of the Women's Relief corps, No. 228; Order of the Eastern Star, No. 120, and Methodist church.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in the New Hartford Methodist church, Rev. Edna P. Bruner, pastor of Universalist church, Waterloo, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery, New Hartford. The body is at the Dahl funeral home, Cedar Falls.

NEW HARTFORD—J. D. Ramsay, 79, Saturday of pneumonia; furniture dealer here 40 years and undertaker for many years; leaves widow and daughter, Mrs. G. W. Van Fleet, Waterloo, and two grandchildren, Earl and Ruth Van Fleet; preceded in death by daughter, Ruth, and son, William; body at Dahl funeral home, Cedar Falls.

Thursday, March 2, 1989

Mary F. Van Fleet

Services for Mary F. Van Fleet, 89, of 3720 Village Place, will be 1:30 p.m. Friday at O'Keefe & Towne-Carter & Waychoff Funeral Home with burial in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

She died of natural causes Wednesday (March 1) at Covenant Medical Center at Kimball Avenue.



Mary Van Fleet

She was born March 29, 1899, in Osage. She married Guy Van Fleet on July 28, 1923, in Osage. He died in 1976.

Survivors include a son, Earl of Waterloo; a daughter, Ruth Zareh of Arcadia, Calif.; and five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; she was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Earl.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today and until services Friday.

WATERLOO COURIER THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1994

Ruth G. Zareh, 75, of Arcadia, Calif., formerly of Waterloo, died March 12 at an Arcadia hospital of natural causes.

She was born May 29, 1924, in New Hartford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy VanFleet. She married Edward Zareh in 1947 in Waterloo.

Survived by: her husband; a daughter, Mary Lynn Bussell of Arcadia; and a brother, Earl R. VanFleet of Waterloo.

Services: were March 17 at Church of the Hills at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, Calif.

Married. 1920

A pretty home wedding took place Sunday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ramsay, when their daughter Mary Florence, was united in marriage to Mr. Edward Geldard of Liverpool, England.

At 12 o'clock the bridal couple unattended took their places in the parlor, when Rev. H. A. Essex of the Baptist church performed the ceremony which was very impressive. Only the relatives and a few friends were present. After congratulations a three course dinner was served. Pink and white carnations and smilax were used in the table decorations and bouquets placed throughout the rooms.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white India silk, which was an heirloom in the family, and a corsage bouquet of sweet peas and cyclamen.

Mrs. Geldard is a graduate of the New Hartford high school and an accomplished musician. She was prominent in church work and lodge circles.

The bridegroom entered the British army in 1915 and served throughout the World war. He was wounded three times and was in a German prison for seven months.

Many beautiful gifts were received consisting of silver, china, linen, aluminum, pyrex wear towels and baking dishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Geldard left Sunday evening for Charles City where they will make their future home.

Obituary of

J. D. Ramsey

1858 — 1937
NEW HARTFORD — Josiah D. Ramsay, son of Adam and Jeannette Ramsay, was born at Portage, Wisconsin, March 7th, 1858, and passed away at his home in New Hartford, Iowa, Feb. 20, 1937. He came to Iowa at an early age with his parents, who settled on a farm near Marble Rock, Iowa, where he received his education.

His young manhood was spent teaching in northeastern Iowa and Nebraska public schools.

He was united in marriage in 1888 to Emma Wilcoxson at Grand Island, Nebraska. One daughter was born to this union and preceded him in death in 1902.

In 1892 they moved to New Hartford where Mr. Ramsay has been engaged in the furniture and undertaking business for forty-five years.

Surviving besides his widow are an adopted daughter, Mrs. G. W. VanFleet, Waterloo, Iowa. Two grandchildren, Ruth and Earl Van Fleet, Waterloo, Ia.; one sister, Mrs. Agnes Ellis, Brook, North Dakota; two brothers, H. G. Ramsay, Marble Rock, Iowa; A. J. Ramsay, Lisbon, Iowa, and Robert Ramsay, Rockton, Illinois.

He joined the Methodist church at an early date and until recent years was an active worker in Sunday School and other religious activities.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home in charge of Rev. T. J. Staiger, assisted by Rev. Edna Bruner, pastor of the Universalist church, Waterloo.

Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery.

Daughter Ruth

1891 — 1902

DEATHS

February 21, 1939

EMMA C. RAMSAY.

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Daughter of Isaiah and Clarissa Kellogg Wilcoxson, she was born March 7, 1858 at Buffalo Grove, Ill., and was married June 13, 1888 at New Hartford to Josiah D. Ramsay. They made their home in New Hartford for 46 years, he operating a furniture and undertaking business.

Mrs. Ramsay is survived by the foster daughter, Mrs. VanFleet, and two grandchildren, Earl and Ruth VanFleet, all of Waterloo. The parents; husband; a brother, George; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Brubaker and Mrs. Elizabeth Postlewait; a daughter, Ruth; and a foster son, William, preceded her in death.

At New Hartford, Mrs. Ramsay was an active member of the Women's Relief corps, No. 228; Order of the Eastern Star, No. 120, and Methodist church.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in the New Hartford Methodist church, Rev. Edna P. Bruner, pastor of Universalist church, Waterloo, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery, New Hartford. The body is at the Dahl funeral home, Cedar Falls.

Mr. Emma Ramsay Of New Hartford Called By Death

1858 — 1939
Mrs. Emma C. Ramsey, 80, a resident of New Hartford for many years, died about 8 a. m. today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Van Fleet, in Waterloo.

Mrs. Ramsey was born March 7, 1858 in Buffalo Grove, Ill., the daughter of Isaac and Clarissa Wilcoxson. Her husband, Joseph D. Ramsey, died Feb. 20, 1937 at New Hartford. Since that time she had been living with the daughter in Waterloo.

Burial will be in Oak Hall cemetery, New Hartford. The body was taken to the Dahl Funeral home.

*Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey
lived at 303 Mill Street
(New Hartford). Mr.
Ramsey had a furniture
store at 514 Packwaukee
with an Undertaker's Parlor
upstairs where he also kept
Caskets.*

*When Don Johnson asked
Mrs. Ramsey what Mr.
Ramsey did upstairs, she
said "He don't talk about that"*

Ken. S South end

Lot 73 Chas. Kennison Estate

Buried

1136/1890 1 Charles Kennison N. end. 41 yrs. . .

1855-1928 2 America M. Ranney " "

1913-1922 3 Timothy C. Richardson

1878-1937 4 Frank C. Kennison

1881-1947 5 Sarah M. Kennison

1903-1960 6 Clarke Wade (Kennison) 2-25-60 - age 56

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Owner - C. C.

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Lot 45-

Buried

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1903

1856-1947

1877-1879

Daughter of

(2) Adelaide Ranney

(3) Baby Ernest

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W. A. Ranney Owner

Wallace Austin

W. A. Ranney N. end.

J. A. & L. E.

Daughter of W. A. Ranney S. end.

Clayton

Little Forest Ranney

2nd from N. end N¹/₂

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5 Lilas Ranney n.
5 Martha Ranney n.
8 Jennie Ranney S Womens Relief corps
5 D. L. Ranney - central Mason
7 } DL. & J. Ranney family stone
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4 } S. & M. Ranney family stone
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10/6/1907 2
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1/1/1882 1
7/7/1883
4/24/1910 8
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4/1/1924 7
8/10/1875
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Buried

1 Charles Hammond } children of Hammond
 2 Cora Hammond } E.A. E.H.
 3 Mrs. J. W. Catchpool } no date
 4 G. W. Catchpool } no date
 5 Wilbur Ranney }
 6 Laura M. Ranney }
 7 Sylvia M. Catchpool } dau
 8 Catchpool family stone

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Charles Kennison & estate

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W. A. Ranney Owner

RANNEY, LAURA

LOT #66 O.C., 1000 Natchez

FAMILY GROUP SHEET for Wallace A. RANNEY

-----Husband-----		-----Wife-----	
Name:	Wallace A. RANNEY		Adelaide E. CLAYTON
b.	04AUG1853 Stockbridge, VT.		10JUN1856 Fayette Co., IA.
d.	06JUN1931 Waterloo, IA.		1947
m.	30MAR1872 Grundy Co., IA.		
Father:	Silas RANNEY		
Mother:	Martha SAWYER		
-----Children-----			
1. (M)	Justin A. RANNEY	b.21MAY1873 Grundy CO., IA.	
	m.Lily E. JAMERSON	d.25JAN1956 Waterloo, IA.	
		02SEP1896	
2. (M)	Amos Moore RANNEY	b.31AUG1874 Grundy Co., IA.	
	m.	d.	
3. (M)	Forrest C. RANNEY	b.18FEB1877 Grundy Co., IA.	
	m.	d.04FEB1879 Grundy Co., IA.	
4. (M)	Frank E. RANNEY	b.24OCT1882 Grundy Co., IA.	
	m.Alice AITKEN	d.	
		01AUG1906	
5. (M)	Leo RANNEY	b.26AUG1884 Grundy Co., IA.	
	m.	d.	
6. (M)	Winslow C. RANNEY	b.18MAY1886 Grundy Co., IA.	
	m.	d.	
7. (M)	Wilber T. RANNEY	b.27APR1890 Grundy Co., IA.	
	m.Laura May CATCHPOOL	d.28MAY1951 New Hartford, IA.	
		21APR1917 Benson, IA.	

Notes: Wallace A. RANNEY -----
 Wallace moved to a small acreage on Donald St. just outside Waterloo city limits in 1917. Wallace was survived by his wife, six sons, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Leo Ranney is nationally known as an inventor of oil mining processes.

1885 census of Grundy Co. says Adelaide was born in Fayette Co., IA., her obituary says Allamakee Co.

According to Wilber's obituary Leo died before him and only Amos and Frank survived Justin.

W. A. RANNEY, PIONEER IOWA SETTLER, DIES

June 10, 1931
End Comes Suddenly At
Home Here

Wallace A. Ranney, Route 3, pioneer Iowan, for 47 years a resident of Grundy and Black Hawk counties, died suddenly of heart disease at 11 a. m. Saturday while tending the furnace in the basement of his home.

He had been ill for about a week. Mr. Ranney was born Aug. 4, 1853.



W. A. Ranney

the son of Silas and Martha Ranney at Rutland, Vt. When two years old he was taken to Wisconsin by his parents, and they came to Grundy county, Iowa in 1868. Until 1917 he farmed in Grundy county, coming at that time to Waterloo, and residing on a small acreage on Donald street, just outside the city limits.

Mr. Ranney was married to Adelaide Clayton in Grundy county on March 30, 1871. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Surviving, besides his wife, are six sons, J. A. Route 3; A. M. Oxnard, Calif.; Leo, New York City; Frank, Piedmont, Kan.; W. C. Fort Smith, Northwest Territory, Canada, and Wilbur, New Hartford. Six grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

Leo Ranney is nationally known as an inventor of oil mining processes.

The body is at the O'Keefe & Towne funeral home, pending the arrival of sons, who were expected to be here Sunday morning.

MRS. ADELAIDE RANNEY.

Mrs. Adelaide Ranney, Route 3, died at her home Friday morning of complications incident to old age. Mrs. Ranney was 90 years old. She was born June 10, 1856, in Allamakee county and was married to W. A. Ranney in March, 1872, in Grundy county.

The couple moved to Waterloo in 1917 where Mr. Ranney died Jan. 10, 1931.

Mrs. Ranney is survived by six sons: J. A. Ranney, Route 3, Waterloo, O.; A. M. Oxnard, Calif.; Frank Ranney, Wichita, Kan.; Leo Ranney, New York City; W. C. Fort Smith, Ark.; and Wilbur Ranney, New Hartford, Conn.

The body is at the O'Keefe & Towne funeral home. 144453

JUSTIN A. RANNEY.

Justin A. Ranney, 82, of E. Donald St., died at 12:30 a. m. Wednesday at Scott Nursing Home of complications incident to advanced age. He had been a patient there since Thanksgiving.

He was born May 21, 1873, on a farm in Grundy County, the son of Wallace and Adelaide Clayton Ranney. He married Lillie E. Jamerson Sept. 2, 1896. She died in March, 1950.

He farmed in New Hartford and, in 1914, moved to a farm near Waterloo. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 105 AF&AM and Waterloo Chapter 128 Order of Eastern Star.

Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter and four brothers. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Brown of Orange Township, two grandsons, one great grandson and two brothers, Frank Ranney of Wichita, Kan., and A. Moore Ranney of Morro Bay, Calif.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Parrott and Wood funeral home.

The body may be seen at the funeral home after 11 a. m. Thursday.

Jun 25, 1956

Death of Mrs. Pease

Last Saturday night, Oct. 30, 1909, at 11:30, occurred the death of Mrs. Martha Pease, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Ranney. She had been in poor health for a number of years, but had been as well as usual up to the day of her death.

A short service was held at the home Tuesday morning, Rev. Maxwell of the Methodist church officiating. The pall bearers were A. T. Perrin, E. J. Dunham, E. S. Philo, Ed. Fitch, C. L. Cunningham, N. C. Mack. The body was taken to Independence for burial.

Obituary.

Martha A. Rodgers, was born in Salem, Washington Co. New York, December 27, 1840, moving with her parents to Darien, Wis., at the age of 13 years; residing there until about the year 1871, when she moved to Independence, Ia., where she taught school in the grammar department for three years.

She was married February 26, 1874, to Chester A. Pease, in the home of her sister, Mrs. Seavers, in New Hartford, Ia., returning to Independence, where she resided until July 1904; then moving to New Hartford where she resided with her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Ranney, until her death.

Her husband preceeded her to the better world, February 24, 1901. She leaves behind to mourn her departure two daughters, Mrs. J. M. Laventhal of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. R. L. Ranney of New Hartford; one son, Harry R. Pease of LeGrange, Ill.; one child, Herbert, died in infancy. Also two brothers, John Rodgers of Sharon, Wis., and L. J. Rodgers of Allison, Iowa; also one sister, Mrs. J. W. Seaver of New Hartford. In early youth she gave her heart to God and united with the Methodist church. After moving to Independence she united with the Presbyterian church, in which she remained a faithful member until her death, October 30, 1909, at the age of 68 years, 10 months. Mrs. Pease was a great sufferer of late years yet her faith in God enabled her to bear the pain without a murmur. To know her was to love her. Not only her children, brothers and sisters mourn her departure but also a large number of friends and acquaintances in New Hartford and Independence, felt that a loving mother, a kind neighbor and faithful Christian has passed to the better world.

As a pastor our acquaintance with Mrs. Pease was short, yet we believed she was one of God's children. On Friday afternoon we called at her home; when she found I was a pastor her welcome was cordial indeed. We talked about the Christian life; she acknowledged she was a child of God, though her affliction kept her from meeting with God's people. After a short prayer we bid her goodbye, feeling that the faith of the Christian helps them to bear the afflictions of life. We little thought the end was so near; we were surprised to hear Sabbath morning that Sister Pease had passed through the gates, where there shall be no more pain. We can say with one of old, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth ye saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Thos. Maxwell.

MRS. SILAS RANNEY

The remains of Mrs. Silas Ranney, mother of W. A. and D. L. Ranney, of this place, arrived here last Thursday night from Elkhorn, Wisconsin, accompanied by Mr. Fred Ellsworth, a grandson, and taken to the home of her son, W. A. Ranney, east of town. The funeral was held Saturday at two o'clock, at the M. E. church, Rev. J. D. Perry officiating, the burial taking place at Oak Hill cemetery. Six grandsons of the deceased acted as pall bearers. They were Fred Ellsworth, J. F. Allen, Robert Pollock, J. A. Ranney, A. M. Ranney, and Roy Ranney.

Those from a distance in attendance at the funeral were: F. S. Ranney, a son, and Mrs. Thos. Pollock, a daughter, the former from Storm Lake, and the latter accompanied by her son, Robert, from Zearing, Iowa. Fred Ellsworth, Elkhorn, Wis., J. F. Allen, Vin-ton, Iowa, A. M. Ranney and wife, Cedar Falls, J. J. Holland, Chicago.

OBITUARY.

Miss Marth Sawyer, was born in Redding, New Hampshire, April 23, 1810, and died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ellsworth, in Wisconsin, Feb. 15th, 1899, at the age of 88 years, 9 months, and 33 days. When she was twelve years old her parents moved to Stockbridge, Vermont. At the age of twenty-three she was married to Silas Ranney. Seven children were born to them, five of whom are living. In 1855 the family moved to Walworth Co., Wis., and in 1869, the parents with some of the children came to Grundy Co., Iowa. In 1894, her home being broken up by the death of her husband, she returned to Wisconsin, to spend her remaining days with her daughter, Mrs. S. D. Ellsworth. For more than seventy-two years, she was a faithful member of the M. E. Church, being a faithful member of the Church Militant, until the Lord transferred her membership to the Church Triumphant. She was always devoted to her home. Desiring little for self she gave her life for her children, who can truly say though mother is dead she still liveth.

New Hartford—Wilbur T. Ranney, 61, Monday at his farm home a half mile east of New Hartford of complications following a stroke he suffered two weeks ago; born in 1890 on a farm in Grundy county, son of Wallace and Adelaide Ranney; came to the farm where he died when he was two years old; married Laura Catchpool, Apr. 21, 1917; leaves widow, four brothers, Amos, Morrow Bay, Cal.; Frank, Wichita, Kan.; Winslow in Canada; Justin, Waterloo; preceded by parents and two brothers, Forrest and Leo; funeral, 2:30 p. m. Thursday at the Methodist church; burial in Oak Hill cemetery; body at the O'Keefe and Towne funeral home in Waterloo.

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*Wilbur Ranney and
 Laura Catchpool were
 married in Benson, Iowa
 April 24, 1917*

FAMILY GROUP SHEET for Silas RANNEY

-----Husband-----		-----Wife-----	
Name:	Silas RANNEY		Martha SAWYER
b.	21FEB1810 Stockbridge, VT.		23APR1810 Alstead, NH.
d.	20NOV1893 New Hartford, IA.		15FEB1899 Elkhorn, WI.
m.	26SEP1833 Stockbridge, VT.		
Father:	Daniel RANNEY		John SAWYER
Mother:	Martha HOLLAND		Unknown SAWYER
-----Children-----			
1. (F)	Cornelia M. RANNEY	b.23FEB1835 Stockbridge, VT.	
	m.Norman H. MCCOLLOM	d.	20FEB1856 Stockbridge, VT.
2. (F)	Aurelia L. RANNEY	b.19MAR1837 Stockbridge, VT.	
	m.Jonathan ALLEN	d.21JUN1871 New Hartford, IA.	
		20NOV1859 Elkhorn, WI.	
3. (F)	Elizabeth RANNEY	b.07DEC1840 Stockbridge, VT.	
	m.Stewart D. ELLSWORTH	d.	1921
		01JAN1858	
4. (M)	Fayette S. RANNEY	b.28FEB1844 Stockbridge, VT.	
	m.Annabell POLLOCK	d.13APR1918 Storm Lake, IA.	
		16OCT1866 Walworth Co., WI.	
5. (F)	Vandora M. RANNEY	b.26FEB1846 Stockbridge, VT.	
	m.Thomas J. POLLOCK	d.	24FEB1864 Lafayette, WI.
6. (M)	Daniel LeRoy RANNEY	b.15AUG1849 Stockbridge, VT.	
	m.Jeannette YOUNG	d.29JAN1924 New Hartford, IA.	
	m.America M. (Walker) KENNISON	09MAR1870 Elkhorn, WI.	
		02MAY1896 New Hartford, IA.	
7. (M)	Wallace A. RANNEY	b.04AUG1853 Stockbridge, VT.	
	m.Adelaide E. CLAYTON	d.06JUN1931 Waterloo, IA.	
		30MAR1872 Grundy Co., IA.	

Notes: Silas RANNEY -----
 At the time of Silas's death his heirs were as follows:
 Martha, widow, 83 New Hartford
 F.S. son, 50 Storm Lake, IA.
 Elizabeth Ellsworth daug., 53 Elkhorn, WI.
 Vandora Pollock daug., 48 Iowa Falls, IA.
 D.L. son, 44 New Hartford, IA.
 W.A. son, 40 New Hartford, IA.
 Judson Allen. son of Aurelia Lucinda (Ranney) Allen, deceased, 30 Hampton IA
 Effie Cook 34, New Hartford, IA Daug. of Cornelia (Ranney) McCollum, deac.
 Welby McCollum 31, West Randolph, VT. son " " " "

Martha's obituary says she was born in Redding, New Hampshire.

I DO HAVE FAMILY GROUP SHEETS ON THE REST OF SILAS'S CHILDREN.
 COULD YOU CHECK YOUR FILES AND SEE IF YOU MIGHT HAVE AN
 OBITUARY ON)

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FAMILY GROUP SHEET for Daniel LeRoy RANNEY

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-----Husband-----

Name: Daniel LeRoy RANNEY
 b. 15AUG1849 Stockbridge, VT.
 d. 29JAN1924 New Hartford, IA.
 m. 09MAR1870 Elkhorn, WI.
 Father: Silas RANNEY
 Mother: Martha SAWYER

-----Wife-----

Jeannette YOUNG
 02SEP1850 WI.
 09JUN1889 New Hartford, IA.

 John YOUNG
 Lucinda YOUNG

-----Children-----

1. (F) Effie L. RANNEY

 m. Doyle HURLBUT

b. 13SEP1875 Grundy Co., IA.
 d.
 29SEP1897

2. (M) LeRoy RANNEY

 m. Katie C. PEASE

b. 06DEC1882 Grundy Co., IA.
 d.
 NOV1905

-----Husband-----

Name:
 b.
 d.
 m. 02MAY1896 New Hartford, IA.
 Father:
 Mother:

-----Wife-----

America M. (Walker) KENNISON
 10JAN1855 Huntington, OH.
 1928 Waterloo, IA.

Notes: Daniel LeRoy RANNEY -----
 1895 Census, New Hartford, IA. just Daniel, Effie L. and Leroy or Roy.
 1900 Census, " " " , Daniel, America, Roy and Mabel Keinison
 age 15, born Nov. 1884. Daniel and America married 3 years.

From Daniel's obituary:

After his marriage to Jeanette they resided on a farm in Grundy County
 until 1889. At one time he was in the furniture business, and later
 engaged in stock buying. He was survived by his widow, a daughter Mrs.
 Effie Grady, a son, a brother Wallace, three grandchildren and three
 stepchildren.

America's obituary: Four years prior to her death she went to Waterloo
 to live with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Richardson. Surviving besides Mrs.
 Richardson are two other children by her first marriage: Frank Kennison
 of Waterloo, and Mrs. G.J. Thomas of Sioux Falls, S.D. A daughter, Mrs.
 Flora Houston, preceded her in death in March 1896.

Dubuque Times, September 11th: Earl T. Richardson and Miss Mabel Kenison, of New Hartford, Iowa, were united in marriage by Justice Carney Tuesday morning. The groom gives his age as twenty-two and the bride will be seventeen when her next birthday comes round. When the justice said that she was not of legal age to become a wife, in other words, that she had not reached the age of consent, she produced a paper showing that her mother had given her consent to the marriage, and this paper contained the marriage licence issued by the clerk of the courts, and without which the license would not have been issued. The justice said this was all he wanted, and united them in wedlock. The couple were accompanied by a gentleman who gave his name as D. L. Ranney, who must have been a relative, for the words that made them man and wife had no sooner been spoken than he threw his arms around the bride and clasped her to his bosom, hugging and kissing her. He got in ahead of the groom, but the latter did not appear to take it to heart. Mr. Ranney and a gentleman named Hennessy were the witnesses to the marriage. The bride wore a sky blue gown, trimmed with white lace, with hat and gloves to match, and was the personification of female loveliness. Her demeanor was modest throughout, and it was easy to discern that the fair young bride had not seen a great deal of the world. The justice says that he could not keep his eyes off her and that he was charmed with her innocence and beauty. He says that he has married many couples since he has been in office, but that the bride in this case was the most beautiful of all. They left the office and then started on a tour of the city.

Willoughby Packet

Obituary.

Daniel LeRoy Ranney was born in Stockbridge, Vermont August 15, 1849. Died at his home in New Hartford, January 29, 1924, after a few days illness with pneumonia.

In 1856 he with his parents came west to Wisconsin, where his boyhood days were spent. In 1869 the family moved to Grundy county, Iowa.

He was married to Jennie Young of Wisconsin, March 9, 1871 and located on a farm in Grundy county, where he resided until 1889. To this union two children were born. His wife passed away June 11, 1889, after a long illness.

On May 2, 1896 he was married to America Kennison, who for 28 years has proved a faithful and loving wife.

At one time Mr. Ranney was in the furniture business here and later engaged in stock buying.

He was a loving and devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father. A good neighbor and always provided in need.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Effie Grady, one daughter, Mrs. L. Ranney, all of this place, and a son, Wallace A. Ranney of Waterloo. He has three grandchildren, three stepchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

"Say not to me Good Night but in some brighter clime, bid me Good Morning."

Funeral services were held at the home Friday afternoon conducted by the Masonic order. Burial was made in Oak Hill.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness during our sorrow. We thank those who sent floral offerings. Surely, "Flowers are God's messengers of love."

We thank those who furnished cars for the day of the funeral, the singing pastor and the Masonic order.

Ranney Family

Card of Thanks

I desire to express my appreciation to my fellow business men for the respect shown in the closing places of business during funeral.

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Mrs. America Ranney died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Richardson in Waterloo Tuesday morning. Funeral services were held in Waterloo Thursday afternoon and burial was made in Oak Hill, New Hartford.

DEATH OF MRS. D. L. RANNEY.

Mrs. D. L. Ranney, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Richardson Tuesday morning, death being due to paralytic attacks suffered in recent months.

America Walker was born in Huntington, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1855. She was married to Charley C. Kennison at New Hartford, Iowa, in 1871. Mr. Kennison died Jan. 31, 1890, and she remarried May 1, 1896, at New Hartford. Mr. Ranney died Jan. 30, 1924. Four years ago Mrs. Ranney went to Waterloo to live with her daughter. She was a member of the Baptist church and also a member of the Woman's Relief Corps of New Hartford.

Surviving besides Mrs. Richardson are two other children by her first marriage: Frank Kennison, of Waterloo, and Mrs. G. J. Thomas, Sioux Falls, S. D. A daughter, Mrs. Flo Houston, preceded her in death March 1896.

Funeral services were held today in the O'Keefe & Towne chapel at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Essex, of Shellburg officiated. Burial was made in Oak Hill.

FAMILY GROUP SHEET for Justin A. RANNEY

Husband

Name: Justin A. RANNEY
 b. 21MAY1873 Grundy CO., IA.
 d. 25JAN1956 Waterloo, IA.
 m. 02SEP1896

Wife

Lily E. JAMERSON
 SEP1868 IA.
 MAR1950

Father: Wallace A. RANNEY
 Mother: Adelaide E. CLAYTON

Children

1. (F) Esther RANNEY
 m.

b. 1905
 d.

Notes: Justin A. RANNEY -----
 Justin farmed in New Hartford and in 1914 moved to a farm near Waterloo.
 He was survived by one Daughter, Mrs. Wilber Brown of Orange Township,
 two grandsons, one great-grandson and two brothers.

-----Husband-----		-----Wife-----	
Name:	Wilber T. RANNEY		Laura May CATCHPOOL
b.	27APR1890 Grundy Co., IA.		1891
d.	28MAY1951 New Hartford, IA.		11APR1957 Cedar Falls, IA
m.	21APR1917 Benson, IA.		
Father:	Wallace A. RANNEY		
Mother:	Adelaide E. CLAYTON		

CLOSING-OUT SALE

Laura Ranney Estate
Including 55 Acre Farm

1/2 Mile East of New Hartford, Iowa

Saturday, October 26, 1957
At 12:30 O'clock

Personal property consists mostly of Household goods. Some small farm implements 3-water tanks; platform scale; cement mixer; hand corn sheller and a large amount of various items, tools, junk etc.

Household Goods

Sewing machine; 2 oil burning heaters; small gas stove; several bed suites; some birds eye maple tables; chairs; rockers, trunks; lamps; dishes of all kinds. Looks like antiques may be here. Be on time. Lots to sell. Terms cash on personal property. Everything to be settled for before removal.

Farm Consists of 55 Acres

More or Less

Nearly all tillable level land. Set of buildings ample for size of farm. Very pleasant home site. Inspection of farm may be any time after October 20th.

Terms \$1,500 down day of Sale

Possession will be given after final settlement has been made. Make arrangements for your own terms.

FARM TO BE SOLD ABOUT 3 O'CLOCK

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS AT SALE

Carl Catchpool, Executor, Waterloo, Iowa

Cedar Falls Trust & Savings Bank Clerk

Oscar Tostlebe, Auct.

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Oscar Tostlebe, Auct. 1957

Oak Hill cemetery. 1957
NEW HARTFORD — Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Ranney will be Monday at 1:30 p. m., at the Methodist church New Hartford; burial in Oak Hill cemetery; body will be taken to the church from O'Keefe and Towne funeral home at Waterloo at noon Monday.
Oscar Tostlebe, Auct. 1957

1957
NEW HARTFORD — Mrs. Laura Mae Ranney, 65, Thursday afternoon at Sartori hospital, Cedar Falls, of a heart condition, a life-long resident of Hartford; survived by seven nieces and nephews; funeral arrangements tentatively set for Monday afternoon in New Hartford, body at O'Keefe & Towne funeral home, Waterloo.

o Ranney, Ex-Waterloo Boy, and His Horizontal Wells, All Over the World, Are Doing Big Job in Helping Win War

y Speed Production of Oil, Gas and Water.

By BURTON T. BURRITT
Courier City Editor

Local item.—Leo Ranney, Co-
cus, O., visited here this week
his mother, Mrs. W. A. Ran-
and brother, J. A. Ranney,
Donald street.

re in a while Leo Ranney
back home.
was a farm boy north of Wa-
and graduated from Teachers
e at Cedar Falls in 1905. He
t school around here for a
or two, and then he went away.
he decades since, the name of
Ranney has become one of the
known in the petroleum, coal
water well industries thruout
world.

a while everybody thought he
crazy.

it was because he had thought
nothing new.

rybody knew that the way to
a well for oil or water was to
a hole vertically into the
id.

at Ranney is the inventor and
missionary of the horizontal

said that you could get more
nd more water by sinking a
al shaft and driving horizontal
radially from this shaft. He
ted the machinery to drive
wells.

d he has spent his life proving
his thesis is right. He is just
beginning to reap the reward.
58 years old.

re you getting quite an income
from your royalties?" he was
when he was here last week.
o till now," he said, "most of
eturns have gone back into
otion. But now they are be-
ng to mount up a little."

Four Major Projects Now.

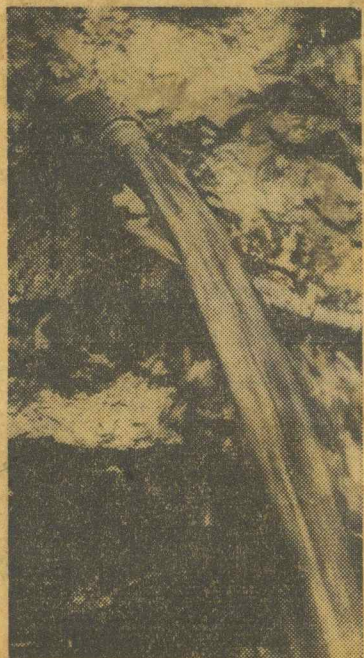
e horizontal well has so many
cations that Ranney always has
d many irons in the fire.
ht now his attention is being
ed among four principal proj-

Bleeding oil from "worked out"
in the Pennsylvania grade

Digging water collectors (glori-
wells) for ordnance plants and
cantonments.

Obtaining gas from coal, still
e ground, in Australia to pow-
at commonwealth's war indus-
and keep its trucks and auto-
les running.

Obtaining gas from vast under-
ad coal deposits in the eastern
ed States, where the gas short-
promises to be as great as the
ine shortage.



A horizontal oil well—oil flow-
ing from 1,000-foot hole drilled
horizontally in oil field near Mc-
Connellsville, O., which geolo-
gists said had been worked out
and would never yield any more
oil.

You talk with Ranney and you
will be talking big figures—hun-
dreds of thousands of dollars, bil-
lions of gallons, and so forth. But
the heart of the matter is a three-
inch pipe—the pipe that Ranney
drives horizontally into the oil
sand. Ranney invented the ma-
chinery for driving this pipe.

After the pipe is driven half a
mile into the sands, it is pulled
back out, all except a short stretch
near the shaft. That leaves a hole
in the soft rock, a hole three
inches in diameter and 2,500 feet
long.

Then Hole Is "Shot."

Then Ranney "shoots" the hole.
The DuPont company makes a
special explosive for Ranney called
nitramon S. It is a special dynamite
contained in cans that will
fit in the bore and that can be
screwed together so that the ex-
plosion of one can will touch off
the next can. Every 10 feet a
primer is inserted to boost the ex-
plosion.

When Ranney has the hole full
of dynamite, he touches it off, and
then the three-inch hole is a 20-

inch hole, and all the oil-bearing
rock in the vicinity has been
shaken up so that the oil flows
freely.

The shot in one hole goes on ex-
ploding for half an hour.

To Revive Pennsylvania Field.

The Pennsylvania grade oil field
covers the northeast part of Penn-
sylvania and parts of West Virginia,
Ohio and New York. This was the
cradle of the oil industry, where
Drake sank his discovery well in
1864.

The refiners of Pennsylvania
grade oil have a \$400,000,000 stake
in refineries and pipe lines. But
the field, so far as production by
conventional processes is concerned,
is running out. The pumpage is
falling, month by month.

This is because the amount that
can be obtained by pumping verti-
cal wells is abating, altho 90 per
cent of the oil is still in the ground.

So 15 of the largest producers of
Pennsylvania oil have formed a
syndicate and given Ranney \$250,-
000 to start horizontal drilling in
the Pennsylvania field.

Sinks Shaft 430 Feet.

Near Franklin, Pa., he has sunk
a shaft 430 feet into the earth. The
shaft is eight feet wide. It termi-
nates at the lower end in a working
chamber 27 feet across and 50 feet
deep. This chamber is roofed with
110-pound railroad rails, set as close
as they can be laid.

From this chamber Ranney has
bored 24 lateral wells, each half
a mile long, which have a total
of 12 miles of exposed oil sand.
The ordinary well exposes 20 feet
of oil sand, so this one group of
horizontal wells is the equivalent
of more than 3,000 vertical wells.

The pipes at the inner ends of
the horizontal wells are con-
nected with a pump to the sur-
face; and there you have a well
that will produce not merely a
fraction of the oil, but all the
oil in the ground.

From each barrel Ranney will
be paid a royalty.

Ranney has perfected a machine
for drilling two of these radical
holes, opposite each other, at the
same time.

The shaft and horizontal bores
near Franklin are ready for opera-
tion but are waiting for pumping
machinery. Ranney has AAA pri-
orities on machinery—the same
that planes and ships have—but
still the demand for machinery is
so great that he has not yet been
able to get his pumps.

Operating in Ohio.

A similar horizontal well group
is now in operation, however, at
McConnellsville, O. It is at the
site of a well that was drilled in
1865, and that had "run out" so far
as normal producing methods were
concerned. First the well was
pumped, then vacuum was ap-
plied, then air was forced into
the oil sand. Finally the output
diminished to a tenth of a barrel
a day, and the well was aban-
doned as no longer worth working.

The state geologist said no more
oil could be obtained from the
well by any normal method.

But now, by the Ranney method,
that well is yielding 350 barrels a
day.

than \$1 a barrel compared to \$2
a barrel by conventional methods.
Produces Big Water Supply.

Ranney's horizontal drilling
method has been a godsend to
America's war effort in the matter
of producing water supplies for
munitions plants and army can-
tonments.

One of Ranney's water collect-
ors, which are water wells dug
like the horizontal oil wells ex-
cept that slotted pipe is left in
the bores thru the water-bearing
gravel, produces 10,000,000 gallons
a day normally, as much as 10
ordinary wells.

Indeed, one such Ranney well,
at the Wabash ordnance plant in
Indiana, produces 60,000,000 gal-
lons a day; but Ranney tries gen-
erally to keep production down to
the 10,000,000-gallon mark to ob-
viate technical difficulties when
the wells are forced.

The 60,000,000-gallon well, the
world's biggest, would supply
the needs of a city of a mil-
lion people.

At the Charlestown, Ind., explo-
sives mill operated by the DuPont
company Ranney drilled seven wa-
ter wells which are producing daily
70,000,000 gallons of water.

The first such Ranney water col-
lector was drilled in London, Eng-
land; and Lisbon, Portugal, has en-
gaged Ranney to use his method
there. Paris, France, and Brussels,
Belgium, also adopted the method;
but developments in those two cities
were halted by the war.

Produces Gas in Australia.

On the other side of the world,
in Australia, Ranney's horizontal
drill method has been used to ex-
tract natural gas from coal still in
the ground; and this is being done
today under the city of Sydney.

Gas derived in this way supplies
power for factories, and is used as
fuel for automobiles.

Ranney went to Australia by Clip-
per plane to get this work started.
The commonwealth of Australia en-
gaged him to survey its oil and coal
resources, and put him in charge
of oil and gas development.

He told the then premier, Menzies,
that he would give all his Austral-
ian royalties to the commonwealth.

to be used to establish and operate
a geological survey. This will be
the only geological survey in the
world that is not dependent on
taxes.

Ranney estimates that within a
year the royalties in Australia from
the gas patents alone will be \$1,000
a day so the Australian geological
survey will get a good start.

U. S. Government Interested.

With a serious gas shortage fac-
ing the industrial east in wartime,
the United States government is
showing a great interest in Ran-
ney's work. When he left here last
week, he was bound for Columbus,
and Pittsburgh and Washington.

The removal of gas from still
unmined coal is profitable in money
because the gas itself is valuable,
and also because its removal re-
duces the cost of ventilating the
coal mines.

It is also a great boon because it
removes the explosion hazard from
coal mining, and saves men's lives.

Ranney's personal offices are both on Broad street, one at 279 East Broad street, Columbus, O., and the other at 25 Broad street, New York. The office of the Ranney Water Collector corporation, of which he is board chairman, is at Louisville, Ky. His homes are at Franklin, Pa., and Petrolia, Ont., Can.

His wife is now at Petrolia, which is near Sarnia.

Next Trip by Bomber.

Within a few months now, Ranney is going back to Australia—this time by bomber. The bombers are noisy, he says, but the Clippers are like a railroad car.

The Clipper pilot who flew him back from Australia the last time was Bob Ford, who later, on Dec. 7, 1941, was caught en route by the outbreak of war and who brought his Clipper home from that trip by way of Africa. Ranney had two days of fishing with Ford at Numea and at Canton island; he says Ford is a great fellow.

"Australia is the land of greatest opportunity in the world today," Ranney said here last week.

"The Australians are a fine people. Their land has the area of the United States and the population of Ohio. The natural resources are vast, and almost untouched.

"Many of our soldiers will stay in Australia, and many more will go there after the war."

So saying, Ranney put on his hat and went over to the railroad station. He was on his way. He had to see a man about a well — a horizontal well.

Leo Ranney, Ex-Waterloo Boy, and His
Horizontal Wells, All Over the World,
Are Doing Big Job in Helping Win War

Wallace — Adelaide

Justin 1873

Daniel 1849

Wallace + Adelaide
Amos
Frank
Winslow
Justin
Leo
Forrest
Wilbur T

Cornelia Ranney daughter of Silas
and Martha and Norman H. McCollom

Mc

~~Norman Cook~~
Their daughter Effie Mc Collom
married Albert A. House Cook
Their daughter Angie
and Gus Rasmussen
Happy
Melby
Henry
Elizabeth

Furthermore the cost is less than \$1 a barrel compared to \$2

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Ranney has produced oil in the same way for drilling two of these lateral wells, one of which is now being drilled.

On the other hand, horizontal wells are being drilled in the oil fields of the United States and in Australia.

Government Interested
The government is interested in the oil fields of the United States and in Australia.

When he left here last year, he was on his way to Australia to look after the oil fields.

He is still in Australia, but he is expected to return to the United States in the near future.

Dan Panney

Bn Stockbridge, Vermont, Aug 15, 1849

Died in New Hartford Jan 29, 1924

Md. Jennie Young - Mar 9, 1971

Jennie died June 11, 1889

May 2 1896 Dan married America Kennison

Dan died Jan 29, 1924

Survived by Effie Grady + Roy
one brother W. A. Panney

Era comes to end with station's closing

by CAROLYN COLE
Assistant Features Editor

EDAR FALLS — John Rapp and the green Sinclair dinosaur have something in common.

Actually, in a way, Rapp was a kind of dinosaur himself for continuing to operate a full-service gas station in an era of self-service super-stations which sell everything from picnic coolers to microwave sandwiches.

The end of Rapp's 45 years in the gas station business came as the result of circumstances beyond his control, just like the dinosaurs. Theories abound on why the massive creatures disappeared; the end for Rapp came as the result of an amalgam of acronyms — DNR and DOT.

Cedar Falls residents have been buying gas at the corner of 14th Street and Waterloo Road since June 1, 1925, when John and William Behrens opened up their Sinclair service station. While he was still a student at Cedar Falls High School back in 1943, Rapp started working part-time at the station for John Behrens' son-in-law Norris Smith. The last gallon of gas was pumped Thursday at the historic station, which closed because of regulations governing aging underground gas tanks and the reconstruction of Waterloo Road.

"You can't work forever," Rapp, 44, says philosophically, although to him it must sometimes seem as though he has. After getting several extensions from both the Department of Natural Resources (for the tanks) and from the Department of Transportation, he decided to turn off the pumps and drain the tanks.

After returning from "the big war," he went to work for Norris Smith in September 1946. When he and his wife Beverly, who runs the adjacent Dry Run Antiques shop, were married in 1947, he was making \$37 for working seven days a week.

From 1950 to 1960, Rapp ran the station for Smith on commission, and in 1960, he purchased the business. In 1972, he bought the building and adjacent property in the area, including the John F. Behrens National Historic Site, where he and his wife live.

For years, he worked from 7 a.m.



Friday, June 1, 1990
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Courier photo by BRANDON POLLOCK

John Rapp

to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. He hauled fuel oil and gas after hours, and for 10 years, spent every Saturday night driving the Waterloo Courier throughout Northeast Iowa.

The energy crisis of the early '70s forced many gas stations, including Rapp's, to close on Sundays, and since then, he has "only" been open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Rapp sold gas and serviced cars for three generations of some families. He washed windshields and checked tires, usually for the same price as self-service, although full-service was two cents more when he closed the station.

Many customers will miss the attention they got at Rapp's, including the many widows who only trusted him to work on their cars.

One woman brought her car in for the first time and told him she wasn't used to handling automobile maintenance. "My husband ran off with some hussy and took the Cadillac," she explained.

"Now those (cars) are something that has really changed," he says. "You can't work on anything newer than an '84. You have to send it to

the garage and hook it up to a computer." Shop time at his station was never billed at more than \$20 a hour.

Although there is a pop machine outside, his station sold gas. Period.

"It used to be if you wanted a candy bar, cigarettes, pop or beer you went to the grocery store," he says.

In the 1950s, there were 37 gas stations in Cedar Falls, including four in a two-block area near 14th Street and Waterloo Road.

"We all operated with a profit of eight cents a gallon and had our own gas station dealers association. Now, you can't do that. You can't even say good morning to the guy up the street; it's gotten so highly competitive. Gas has gotten to be the loss leader ... oil companies make their profit on 65-cent cans of pop," he says.

When he started in the business, gas was 18.2 cents a gallon, which included three cents state tax and one cent federal tax. Currently, the federal tax is 9.1 cents, state tax is 20 cents.

The interior of the station is a mini-museum of petrobia. An antique gas pump stands in one crowded corner and shelves are

filled with antique oil cans, perfectly clean, in perfect rows. Old advertising memorabilia are displayed in every nook and cranny.

As part of his well-deserved retirement, he and Beverly plan to do some traveling in their motor home and maybe attend some petrobia conventions and "sell a little, buy a little." He also plans to play some golf.

The Rapps have two children, Steve, a Waterloo attorney, and Julie Lewis. There are four grandchildren.

He won't miss the business part of running a gas station, noting, "It's hard work, it's demanding and it's harder to fix cars now."

But his customers, many of whom stopped by the past few days to buy a last tank of gas from their longtime friend and offer their good wishes, are another matter.

"I have enjoyed the people and will miss them. I have had kids work here that have gone on to be doctors, lawyers and airline pilots ... some ended up in jail, too," he says, laughing.

A lot of things have changed, but not "the relationship with the customer. I have kept it the same."

Thursday, July 22, 1993



RICK CHASE/Courier staff photographer

On the move

The historic Rapp service station in Cedar Falls moved Wednesday to its new home in Sturgis Park. The gas station, which has been closed since 1990, was in the way of road construction on Waterloo Road, and will be situated for historical purposes in Sturgis Park.

Married: At Waterloo, Friday December 7th, occurred the marriage of Mr. R. J. Rasmussen and Miss Angie Cook. Both of these young people are well known in and about New Hartford. They will make their home for the present, with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cook. 1906

ident of New Hartford Buried 1933

(Courier Special Service)

New Hartford, Ia.—Funeral services for Mrs. R. J. Rasmussen, sr., 48, were conducted Monday at 2 p. m. at the M. E. church with Rev. George E. Muzzey in charge. Mrs. Rasmussen died July 18 at a Waverly hospital from bronchial pneumonia. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery.

Angie May Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cook, was born in New Hartford, Nov. 16, 1887. She was married Dec. 7, 1906, to Mr. Rasmussen at Waterloo.

He survives, together with three sons and a daughter, her parents and a brother, all of New Hartford; a brother, Corbett Cook, Cedar Falls; a sister, Mrs. Cornelia Shup, Valparaiso, Ind., and one grandson.

RASMUS J. RASMUSSEN

NEW HARTFORD — Services for Rasmus J. Rasmussen, 81, of New Hartford will be 6:30 p.m. Monday at Dahl Funeral Home, Cedar Falls; burial in Oakhill Cemetery, New Hartford; a memorial has been established; Mr. Rasmussen died Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at Sartori Hospital; he had worked for Bolser Corp. in Cedar Falls many years; survivors include his wife; 2 sons: Rasmus and Henry, both of New Hartford; a daughter, Mrs. Roy Martin, Cedar Falls; six step-children. 82

Mrs. Elsie M. Rasmussen

NEW HARTFORD—Services for Mrs. Elsie M. Rasmussen, 86, who died Thursday at the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home, Cedar Falls, will be 10 a.m. Monday at New Hartford United Methodist Church; burial in Oak Hill Cemetery; survivors include four sons, George Gersema of rural Cedar Falls, Merlyn Gersema of Boise, Idaho, Delos Gersema of Chariton, and James Gersema of Cedar Falls; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Hoy of 806 W. Ninth St., and Mrs. James Reardon of Belton, Texas; 20 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; friends may call at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home where a Rebekah Lodge service will be 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

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R.A. Rasmussen

R. A. Rasmussen, 66 of New Hartford, passed away Thursday, January 20, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Iowa City where he had been a patient for one week following seventeen months in and out of the V.A. Hospitals in Des Moines and Iowa City. Happy was born on September 15, 1910, in New Hartford, the son of Rasmus and Angie Rasmussen. He attended school in New Hartford, graduating in 1930. He worked for the Implement Co. in New Hartford and on October 14, 1931, he was married to Hazel Hersey at the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Waterloo. Happy continued with the Implement Co. and then they operated a store in New Hartford until 1938 when he started trucking, until April 17, 1944 when he entered the United States Army serving in Germany during World War II. Upon his return from service he operated an electrical shop for three years and then ran the Skelly Oil Station in New Hartford until 1956 when he went to work for the Fagan Electric Company in Cedar Falls. He then worked at the Western Home in Cedar Falls until his retirement in 1973. Happy was the New Hartford Fire Chief for over twelve years and was a member of the Geyer-Bickner American Legion Post No. 660 in New Hartford where he held offices on the local and district level from 1946 until his death. He was also a member of La Societe' Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux (40 & 8) Local Voiture 82 of the Grande Voiture of Iowa.

Happy was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, one son, Gaylon A. Rasmussen of Waterloo, one daughter, Karen, Mrs. Justin Nicklaus of New Hartford, his step-mother, Elsie Rasmussen of New Hartford, a brother Henry Rasmussen of New Hartford, a sister, Elizabeth, Mrs. Roy Martin of Cedar Falls and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, January 24, from the First Baptist Church in New Hartford with Rev. Tony Mehalovich officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford, with military rites by Geyer-Bickner American Legion Post No. 660. The Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in New Hartford in charge of



To Celebrate 75th Birthday

Hazel Rasmussen will celebrate her 75th birthday on Sunday, Sept. 27, with an open house at the home of Justin and Karen Nicklaus, 522 Main St., New Hartford, from 2-4 p.m.

The event will be hosted by her children and grandchildren. Hazel Hersey Rasmussen was born on September 24, 1912 in Grundy County.

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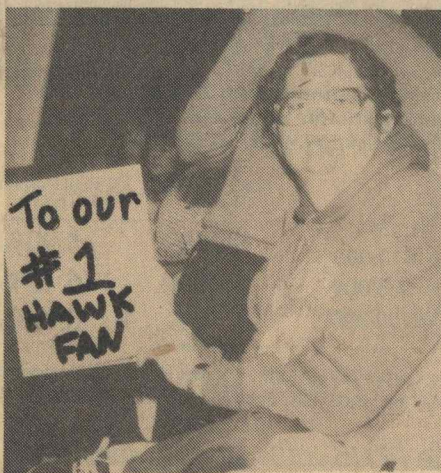
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NEW HARTFORD — Hazel C. Rasmussen, 82, of Windsor Care Center, Cedar Falls, formerly of New Hartford, died at the care center Sunday, Sept. 17, of natural causes; survivors include a son, Gaylon A. of Waterloo; a daughter, Karen A. Nicklaus of New Hartford; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Thelma Haack of Parkersburg; she was preceded in death by her husband, Happy, in 1977; two brothers, Chalmer and John Hersey; and a sister, Viola Meyer; services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, both in New Hartford; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, and an hour before services Wednesday at the church; memorials may be directed to the family; Mrs. Rasmussen graduated from Gates Business College, Waterloo, in 1930; she and her husband operated Happy's Grocery in New Hartford for a time and later Happy's Skelly Station; she was Poppy chairman for the New Hartford Geyer-Bickner American Legion Post No. 660 Auxiliary for several years.

NEW HARTFORD



HAWKS EYE



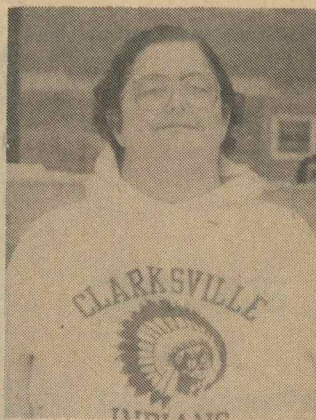
Janet Rasmussen at the Junior High Pep Rally showing her Hawk Pride

NEW HARTFORD



HAWKS EYE

508 Beaver St. New Hartford, IA. 50660
**New Hartford Is #1 And
Don't You Forget It!!**



Janet Rasmussen is NH's #1 Fan- don't be fooled by her sweatshirt logo!!

Whenever you go to a New Hartford game whether it's at New Hartford or away, you can always find Janet there. She is the type of person that you will never forget! She is always screaming cheers from the top of her lungs and yelling "New Hartford is #1 and don't you forget it," to the other schools.

Janet lives with her mom and went to school here at New Hartford. She likes to do jigsaw puzzles and write letters to people when she is not busy at games. The graduating class she liked the most was "Guy Simons' Class." She felt as though they have shown the best sportsmanship and they always treated her like she was part of their class. Janet likes

football and basketball the best.

Janet said that she would like to do whatever she can for New Hartford. Help out whenever she can and make New Hartford a better place to live. She said the most exciting time was when they won three homecoming games in a row. They beat Fredericksburg at their homecoming, Clarksville at their homecoming and then winning our own.

We asked Janet why she wore other schools' clothes and she said, "Someone has to show good sportsmanship to the other town." Janet said that she felt we needed a fan at all our games that would help motivate us to win and she said that she felt she was the one to do it. Janet concluded, "New Hartford is #1 and don't you forget it."

Our school has depended upon Janet to help cheer us on. If we didn't hear her at a game, or see her there, everyone's always saying "Where's Janet?" Janet has always been there and we can't even imagine what our school could be like without her! We would like to say, "Thanks for everything and you're the greatest!"

By MELISSA EVERTS

Cedar Falls Man Dies of Sudden 1946 Heart Attac.

(Courier Special Service)

Cedar Falls—Funeral services for Welby Allen Rasmussen, 30, who died suddenly at his home, 1421 West Fourth street of a heart ailment, on Wednesday afternoon, will be Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Methodist church in New Hartford. Rev. M. T. Baskerville and the Odd Fellows will be in charge. Burial will be in New Hartford cemetery.

The body is at the Dahl funeral home.

Born Jan. 3, 1916, at New Hartford, son of Rasmus and Angie Rasmussen, he married Iva Hill at New Hartford in 1941. He was employed at the Clay Equipment Corp.

Survivors include his wife and eight day old baby daughter, Janet Ruth, twins, four year old Eunice and Eugene; his father, New Hartford; two brothers, Henry, Iowa street, and Rasmus, New Hartford, also one sister, Mrs. Roy Martin, 2303 Washington street.

Four step-brothers and two step-sisters also survive.

NEW HARTFORD — **Eugene A. Rasmussen**, 53, of New Hartford, formerly of Shell Rock, died Saturday, June 22, at the VA Hospital, Iowa City, of natural causes; survivors include his mother, Iva Bennett of New Hartford; and four sisters, a twin, Eunice M. Campbell, Janet Wilcox and Vivien Brookman, all of Waterloo, and Katherine I. Bennett of Des Moines; he was preceded in death by his father, Welby Rasmussen; services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Shell Rock, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford; friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, where the family will be present from 4 to 8 p.m., and for an hour before services Wednesday; memorials may be directed to the family; Mr. Rasmussen served in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1965; he was employed for 27 years at Koehring Crane Co. in Waverly.



Eugene
Rasmussen

Eugene A. Rasmussen, 53, of New Hartford and formerly of Shell Rock, died Saturday morning, June 22, at the V.A. Hospital in Iowa City.

Eugene was born on December 14, 1942, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the son of Welby and Iva (Hill) Rasmussen. In 1948, he moved with his family to Chicago where he attended school. In 1962 they moved to New Hartford and Eugene joined the U.S. Army, serving until 1965, some of the time in Germany. He then returned to New Hartford, bought a house in Parkersburg and went to work at the Koehring Crane Company in Waverly, where he was employed for 27 years. He moved to Shell Rock in 1976 and in 1994, moved back to New Hartford.

Eugene was active in the United Auto Workers Local 411 in Waverly, was a member of the Democratic Party and was a member of the Butler County Genealogical Society.

He is survived by his mother, Iva Bennett of New Hartford, and by four sisters, his twin sister, Eunice M. Campbell, Janet Wilcox and Vivien Brookman, all of Waterloo and Katherine I. Bennett of Des Moines. He was preceded in death by his father, Welby Rasmussen.

In Loving Memory Of
Iva M. Bennett

Born

Friday, December 19, 1919
Rural Cedar Falls, Iowa

Died

Thursday, August 7, 2003
Waterloo, Iowa

Rebekah Services

Friday, August 8, 2003
7:00 P.M. - Kaiser-Corson in Shell Rock
Anchor Rebekah Lodge #46 - New Hartford

Celebration Of Life Services

Saturday, August 9, 2003 at 2:00 P.M.
at United Methodist Church in New Hartford, Iowa

Clergy

Rev. Sarah L. Darter

Congregational Hymns

#77 " How Great Thou Art "
#314 " In The Garden "
#504 " The Old Rugged Cross "

Pallbearers

James Brookman Jr.
Robert Campbell
Codey Tyler

David Brookman
Joshua Jebe
Steve Wilson

Burial

Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford, Iowa

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Eunice, Janet, Vivien, Katherine and their families appreciate the love,
concern and support shown to them during this time. They would like to
invite everyone back to the church following the graveside service for a
time of fellowship and lunch with the family.



Iva M. Bennett, 83, of New Hartford, Iowa, died on Thursday, August 7, 2003, at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa, from complications of pneumonia.

Iva was born on December 19, 1919, on a farm near Cedar Falls, Iowa, the daughter of Elam J. and Annis M. (Bush) Hill. The family moved to Tripoli, Iowa, in 1929, where Iva attended rural schools, graduating from the eighth grade. She worked at various jobs of being a hired girl, later working at a produce company washing and candling eggs. In August of 1939, she attended Waterloo School of Beauty graduating in May of 1940. She then came to New Hartford to work at Brocka's Barber and Beauty Shop, later owning the beauty shop. In August of 1941, she was united in marriage to Welby A. Rasmussen and the couple made their home in Cedar Falls in January of 1942. Welby died in October of 1946. Iva later married Robert L. Eaton and moved to the Chicago, Illinois area in January of 1948. They were later divorced. She worked at various factories and in June of 1960, she was united in marriage to Carl Bennett. Carl died in March of 1962 and Iva moved back to New Hartford in July of that year. In July of 1971, she went to work at Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls, until she retired in 1983.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in New Hartford. She was also a member of the New Hartford Anchor Rebekah #46.

Iva is survived by her four daughters, Eunice Campbell, Janet (Tim) Wilcox, Vivien (Jim) Brookman all of Waterloo and Katherine (John) Farrell of Des Moines; 9 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; three sisters, Doris Homeister of Missouri, Elizabeth Davis of Arkansas, Ruby Rand of Waterloo; and three brothers, Harold Hill and Walter Hill both of Minnesota, Edwin Hill of Ellsworth. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Welby and Carl; a son, Eugene Rasmussen in 1996; one brother and two sisters.

The Twenty-Third 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 increasest 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 forever.*

In Charge of Services

KAISER-CORSON FUNERAL HOMES

Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Readlyn,
Shell Rock & New Hartford
Iowa

Rasmussen-Wilcox vows to be exchanged

Announcement is being made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Janet Ruth Rasmussen and Tim E. Wilcox.

Parents of the couple are Iva Bennett of New Hartford and the late Welby Rasmussen, and Robert Wilcox and Clara Grandon, both of Cedar Rapids.

Vows are planned for Nov. 19 in Washington Park.

The groom is with Volunteer Services.

Brent A. Smeins, 20, Dike, and Kimberly A. Walters, 21, 700 W. Ridgeway Ave.

Jason D. Thompson, 24, and Tanya M. Jahnke, 22, both of 801 Wallgate Ave.

Karey C. Miller, 22, 221 F St., Cedar Falls, and Catherine J. Wade, 21, 2809 Alameda St., Cedar Falls.

Jeffrey S. Cain, 26, and Kristy A. Richardson, 23, both of 625 Englewood Ave.

Troy A. Mussman, 18, 1818 Donald Drive, Cedar Falls, and Crystal M. Pryor, 18, 1309 State St., Cedar Falls.

Jason M. Koskie, 18, and Yolynn L. Molosky, 16, both of Nashua.

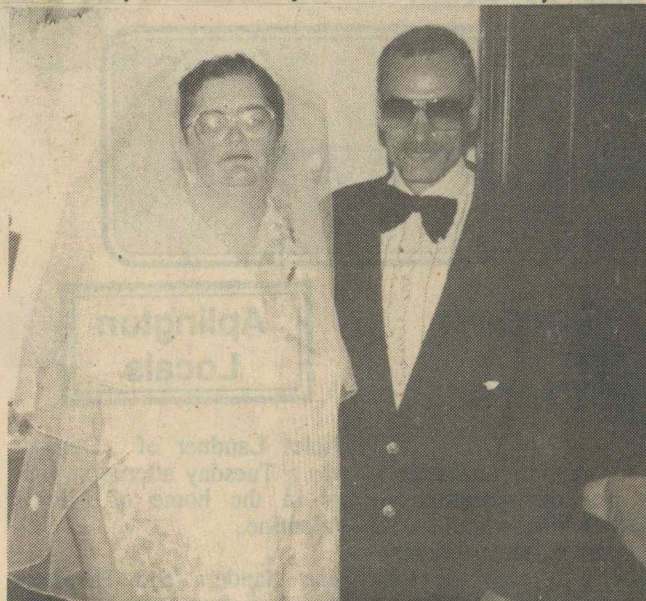
Tim E. Wilcox, 35, and Janet R. Rasmussen, 46, both of New Hartford.

DECEMBER 1, 1993

Janet Rasmussen and Tim Wilcox were married in Waterloo on Friday, November 19, 1993, at 3:00 p.m. Several people from the New Hartford area attended.

Her mother Iva Bennett held a reception for them at the Odd Fellow Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 28th.

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Wedding Announced

Announcement is being made of the marriage of Janet Ruth Rasmussen, formerly of New Hartford, and Timothy Eugene Wilcox of Waterloo.

The marriage was held on November 19, 1993 at 3:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Marilyn Ahrenstadt at 828 South Street, Apartment 3, Waterloo, Iowa.

Attendants for the couple were Vivien Brookman of Waterloo, sister of the bride and Tom Westendorf of Evansdale, cousin of the groom.

Parents of the couple are Iva Bennett of New Hartford and Robert Wilcox and Clara Grandon of Cedar Rapids.

The couple will be residing at 828 South Street, Apt 1, Waterloo, Iowa, 50702-1532.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

Sunday, May 7, 1989

2:00 p.m.

"March Romain" Gounod
Brass Ensemble

Welcome and Introductions ... Pam Hartema
Librarian

Invocation Rev. Milo Morris
United Methodist Church

Presentation of the Colors ... American Legion
Post #660

"Star Spangled Banner" Show Choir

Speaker Honorable Charles Grassley
United States Senate

Presentation of the Deed Mr. Roy Martin
Mayor Mike Luck

"Bound for Jubilee" Eilers
"Brothers Sing On" Grieg
Boys Quartet

OPEN HOUSE

2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Hosted by Friends of the Library Committee.

The musical groups performing today are students from New Hartford High School. Vocal director is Ms. Sheila Monson. Mr. James Vaux is instrumental director. We thank them for sharing their talents with us.

CURRENT BENEFACTORS

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Marian Frey
by her brother, Arnold Frey

In memory of Evelyn Shaw
by Merrill Shaw and their daughters

In memory of Herman Schuck
by Dorothy Schuck

In memory of Julia Moore
by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Moore

In memory of Anita Hovelson
by Jack and Ruth Hovelson

In memory of Ruth Grassley
by Charles Grassley

In memory of Amy Naber
by Audrey Schoeman

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dodd
by Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Hoenk

Contributors

Esther Becker
Willis and Pat Hansen
Julia Hemenway
Theresa Hemenway
Iowa Diesel Injection
Duane and Carole Joblinske
Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Lodge
Barbara Moore
New Hartford Better Business Club
New Hartford Lions Club
New Hartford Woman's Club
Pearl Oster
Don and Mabel Poe
Ruby Rasmussen
Dan Rawdon
Jeanne Sammons
Paul and Audrey Schoeman
Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Seaver
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Jerry Venenga
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Welcome
to the

ELIZABETH
RASMUSSEN
MARTIN
Memorial Library

406 Packwaukee Street
New Hartford, Iowa 50660
319-983-2533

HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY

On Saturday, May 13, 1948, the New Hartford Woman's Club presented a public library to the community. The club was 50 years old, and the library project was to celebrate its Golden Anniversary. It was located in Rev. Baskerville's study in the Wessel building (now the New Hartford Garage). Open House was from 2 to 5 and 7:30 to 9 with club members serving homemade cookies and an orange drink. About 90 guests registered. The library was open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings with club members taking turns at being in charge. There were 300 books, including many for children.

In March, 1949, the library was moved to a corner of Vink's grocery store. The club received \$65.39 from the town for the first half year. In September, the club voted to make Ruth Grassley a regular librarian to be paid 50¢ per evening.

Club members gave several home talent shows such as 3 one-act plays and a minstrel show to raise money to buy books.

The library's next home was a corner room in the basement of the bank building. In 1952, the library was open from 1 to 3 and 7 to 9 on Saturdays only, and Marilyn Harken was the librarian, receiving 50¢ an hour. Marvyleen Van Mill and Sharon North also served as librarians until Eva Nieman was hired in 1958 and served until 1973.

In 1959, the library moved across the street to City Hall. The city assumed responsibility of the library. Books were made available on loan from the Iowa State Traveling Library on a 3 month basis. Eva Nieman retired, and Jeanette Schmidt took her place in September, 1973. The use of the library was steadily increasing and the collection of books growing.

More crowded than ever, the need for a separate building became apparent. The city purchased the building at 506 Packwaukee in 1976. With \$1,000 in donations, a \$5,000 grant for furnishings from the Kinney-Lindstrom Foundation, and lots of volunteer work, the new building was

ready to move into in January, 1977. Jeanette Schmidt retired in 1986. Linda Sandavol served as librarian for a short time, followed by Pam Hartema in September, 1988. We have been fortunate for many years to have library assistants provided through the Green Thumb program — Florence Ackerson, Delores Landis, and now Ruby Rasmussen.

OUR NEW HOME

The present home of the library at 406 Packwaukee became available when the Butler County Mutual Insurance Company moved their office to Allison. Their board of directors offered to sell us the building for \$24,000. The entire purchase price was donated by Roy Martin. With only a few very minor changes, we were ready to move. TAG students from the school came to help on Dec. 7, 1988, and all the books were moved to the new location.

The building totals about 2500 square feet. It contains a central circulation room housing all of our fiction, and a reading reference room. There is one room designated as the children's library, furnished with funds from the McElroy Trust; a large meeting room; and a work room that also houses some of our paperback collection.

With money provided by generous benefactors we hope to continue to expand our services to more fully meet the needs of our community.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sandra Bass
Carole Joblinske
Audrey Schoeman

Dorothy Schuck
Maurine Wagoner

In February, we began contacting a limited number of former New Hartford residents, inviting them to contribute to our library. Due to lack of time, we did not complete that task. Donations will always be welcome. The names of all benefactors will be placed on a plaque in the library.

*This building
is dedicated
in loving memory
of
Elizabeth Rasmussen Martin
(1918 - 1988)
by her husband, Roy Martin.*

Elizabeth Rasmussen grew up in New Hartford, graduating from high school in 1936. She married Roy Martin on June 28, 1940. They lived in Cedar Falls where Roy was a founder of Martin Bros. Distributing Company. They became the parents of four children: Patricia Rae, Mary Jane Shephard, Glenda Lee, and John Roy. There are nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

This library is a fitting memorial to her love for people of all ages, especially children, and her interest in education. It is our sincere hope that this library will always be used to serve the needs and varied interests of this community and be a lasting tribute to its benefactor.

A matching fund grant from the R. J. McElroy Trust of Waterloo, Iowa, for \$3,500 has been used towards the furnishing of our children's room.

What's New?

Polkadot Pair



(Courier Studio Photograph)

No, you're not seeing double. The miniature duplicates above are the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Rasmussen of New Hartford and they're wearing their matching summer dresses.

The twins, Lynne and Lynda, 2½, blue-eyed golden blonds, are clad in red and white polkadot cotton dresses made entirely of rows and rows of ruffles. Their ruching-edged bonnets are the same material.

The outfits were made for them by their great-aunt, Mrs. Mary Jepperson, 524½ West Fifth street, Cedar Falls.



Miss
Rasmussen

NEW HARTFORD — Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Rasmussen announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynda, to Russell Barbian, the son of Mrs. Margaret Barbian of Winthrop and the late Ray Barbian. Miss Rasmussen is employed by Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Waverly and her fiance works for the Cashway in Marion. A September wedding is being planned. 1968

NEW HARTFORD — Miss Lynda Kaye Rasmussen became the bride of Russell J. Barbian



MR. AND MRS. BARBIAN

Sept. 28 at 4 p.m. in the United Methodist Church. Parents of

Henry C. Rasmussen and Mrs. Margaret Barbian of Winthrop and the late Ray Barbian. Mrs. Barbian was employed by Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Waverly and her husband is employed by Marion Cashway. The couple is making its home in Marion. 1968



85th Birthday

A card shower is being held for Ruby Rasmussen who will celebrate her 85th birthday on June 30th, 2006. A family open house will be held June 25th. Cards may be sent to: Ruby Rasmussen, P.O. Box 147, New Hartford, IA 50660

June 2006

In Memory Of
HENRY C. RASMUSSEN

Born
JUNE 12, 1920
New Hartford, Iowa

Entered Into Rest
JUNE 24, 1978
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Services From
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
New Hartford, Iowa

June 27, 1978 1:30 p.m.

Clergyman Officiating
REV. DONALD ILES

Organist: NANCY BRAVARD

Soloist: STAN THOMPSON

Final Resting Place
CEDAR VALLEY MEMORIAL GARDENS
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Casket Bearers
Stanley Hackett
Steve Johnson
John Martin
Randy Rod
Eugene Rasmussen
John Shephard

Henry C. Rasmussen, 58, of New Hartford, died Saturday evening, June 24 at Sartori Hospital in Cedar Falls where he had been taken by ambulance, a short time earlier.

Henry was born on June 12, 1920, in New Hartford, the son of Rasmus and Angie (Cook) Rasmussen. He attended school in New Hartford and graduated from the New Hartford High School in 1938. On July 12, 1941 he was married in Kirksville, Missouri, to Ruby Ferguson. They made their home in Waterloo and he worked for the Viking Pump Company until he entered the Army in January of 1943 where he served overseas during World War II. He was discharged on January 31, 1946, and returned to the Cedar Falls area where he went to work for the Ford Garage until it closed and he went to work for the Buick Garage in Cedar Falls. In 1957 he went to work for Bartine Motors where he worked for 20 years until they closed last year and he went to work for the Cedar Falls School System as a mechanic in the bus garage. He was a member of the Beaver Lodge No. 472 A.F. & A. M. in New Hartford.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers; one in infancy, Welby Rasmussen in 1946 and R. A. "Happy" Rasmussen in 1977. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; two daughters, Lynda, Mrs. Russell Barbican of Marion, Iowa, and Lynne, Mrs. Melvin Anderson of New Hartford, and his step-mother, Mrs. Elsie Rasmussen of New Hartford. Also by a sister, Mrs. Roy Martin of Cedar Falls and three grandchildren, Brian and Christopher Anderson and Jeanne-Marie Barbican.

Relatives and friends are invited to return to the church following graveside services for fellowship with the Rasmussen family.

Ruby Jean Rasmussen, 89, of New Hartford, Iowa, died on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at the Shell Rock Care Center, Shell Rock.

Ruby was born on June 30, 1921, in Bennington Township, Black Hawk County, Iowa, the daughter of William Henry and Emma Josephine (Jacobs) Ferguson. She graduated from East High School in Waterloo, Iowa. She worked at Rath Packing following her graduation. Ruby was united in marriage to Henry "Hank" Rasmussen on July 12, 1941 in Kirksville, Missouri. While Henry was serving in the war, Ruby continued working at Rath's. Ruby was a homemaker for a number of years and also did babysitting in her own home. Henry died on June 24, 1978. She worked at Sartori Hospital and later worked at the New Hartford Library.

She was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star and was a member of the United Methodist Church in New Hartford. Ruby enjoyed reading, knitting and baking. She always loved babysitting over the years.

Ruby is survived by her two daughters, Lynne (Mel) Anderson of Waverly, Iowa and Lynda Barbican of Marion, Iowa; four grandchildren, Brian, Madison, Chris (Shelley) Anderson, Jeanne-Marie Barbican, and Mike Barbican, three great grandchildren, Annabel, Madilynne and Lucy; a sister, Carolyn Corwin of Waterloo, Iowa; brother, Glenn Ferguson of Oakland, California; brother, Bob (Donna) Ferguson of Waterloo, Iowa and a sister, Marge Speicher of Waterloo, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Henry "Just Hank" Rasmussen, brother, Roger Ferguson and a sister, Betty Reeves.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 am on Friday, January 21, 2011 at Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens in Cedar Falls, Iowa. In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials may be directed to the Salvation Army or to the Martin Memorial Library in New Hartford.

Funeral services were held for
Milo Rawdon, 70, of New
Hartford at the N.H. Methodist
Church. Jan 1954

Cedar Falls Deaths

MRS. MILO RAWDON.

Mrs. Milo Rawdon, 71, of the Boorum nursing home, died at 9:45 a. m. Wednesday at Sartori Memorial hospital, where she had been taken earlier in the morning after suffering a heart attack.

Mrs. Rawdon was a former New Hartford resident and had lived at the nursing home since Sept. 6, 1954.

She was born Alta Barton on Apr. 7, 1889, near Woodbine.

She was married to Milo Rawdon on Sept. 15, 1908, in Sioux City. They later moved to Butler county, where they farmed until 1939, when they retired to New Hartford.

Mr. Rawdon died on Jan. 1, 1954.

Deceased was a member of the Rebekah lodge and the Relief Corps of New Hartford.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Nellie Corwin, Mrs. Bernice Schneiderman and Mrs. Velma Ingalls, of New Hartford, and Mrs. Dorothy Harken, of 1818 Hawthorne Dr., Cedar Falls; two sons, Walter Rawdon and Daniel Rawdon, of New Hartford; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Hachmeier, of Wayne, Nebr.; two half-brothers, Robert Tucker of Sioux City, and Leo Tucker, of Goldendale, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two grandchildren and two brothers.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Dahl funeral home.



Years Ago

By Rudolf J. Priepeke

L. to R., first row: Bernice Rawdon, Anne Driscoll, Minnie Reints, Matilda Poppe, Nellie Rawdon, Bernice Spears.

Second row: Velma Rawdon, Ella Benning, Dorothy Rawdon, Emmet Driscoll, Harry Paulsen, Violetta Heise, Leona

Poppe, Lelah Benning.

Back row: Raymond Paulsen, Paul Benning, John Driscoll, Edna Wright [teacher], Clarence Paulsen, Walter Rawdon, Kathryn Reints.

The Prairie Valley school served the four square miles in the northeast corner of Butler township. It stood almost five miles east of the first corner north of Clarksville or almost two miles north of the Victory school. This picture of the teacher with her pupils was taken in the fall of the 1923-1924 school year. The teacher was Edna Wright who grew up on a farm north of Shell Rock. In 1926 she married Martin Kratchmer and they farmed in that area until 1962. They retired to Waverly where she died in 1975.

In 1923 the farm to the west of the school was the home of the Carl Heises but they moved to the Rottink farm near Hall's Eddy in 1924. Their daughter, Violetta married Harlan Bliss and they farmed east of town many years before moving to Waverly where they now live.

The next farm to the west, on the corner, was the home of Milo Rawden. Bernice Rawden married Delbert Schneiderman and is now a resident of Cedar Falls. Mrs. Joe Jordan is her daughter. Nellie Rawden married Forrest Corwin and lives in Newton, Iowa. Velma Rawden married Ernest Ingalls and lives near New Hartford. Dorothy Rawden married Henry Harken and is a resident of Cedar Falls. Walter Rawden lives in New Hartford.

The Fred Benning farm was the second farm north of the Rawden home. Paul Benning married Emma Tadge and they lived on her parents farm about five miles east of town, now the home of their son Merlyn. Ella Benning married Harold Backer and they now live in Clarksville after living on her home place many years. It is now the home of their son, Larry. Lelah Benning married John Anhalt. They bought and lived on the former Rawden place (when John was on the Clarksville Community Board of Education; before moving to their farm near Waverly, their present home.

Around the corner to the east was the Fred Poppe home, now the home of Vernon Hassman. Matilda Poppe married Lloyd Lutzke and Leona

Poppe married Wilbur Groen. Both have been residents of Clarksville many years.

A mile to the east and south on the county line road was the home of the Timothy Driscoll family. Anne Driscoll married Floyd Johnson and lived in Cedar Rapids where she died early this year. Emmet Driscoll died in Oklahoma in 1968 and John "Jack" Driscoll died in California in 1969. An older brother, Joe, operated the farm about 40 years. His daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs. Donald Juhl), who has an antique store on Highway 218 in Waverly, provided the information on the family. The farm is now owned by Stuart Eliason.

E.A. Reints, the well-known auctioneer, lived just east of the school on what was known as the Atkinson place. (Bill Atkinson, Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives in 1915, was probably the most noted of the school's alumni.) Minnie REints married Nathan Forry and they had lived in West Des Moines thirty years before moving to Clarksville. Kathryn Reints married Franklin Schuknecht and lived in Greene where she died a few years ago.

Around the corner south of the school and to the west was the home of Art Spears. Their daughter, Bernice, married Alvin Denner and now lives in Waverly.

East of that corner was the home of Albert Paulsen. Harry Paulsen is retired from Oliver's and lives in Charles City. Raymond Paulsen farmed near Oelwein and is now retired in Waverly. Clarence Paulsen also farmed and retired to Plainfield where he died a few years ago. They had younger brothers, twins Merle and Melvin. Merle's son, Edward now lives on the home place.

The school closed in the spring of 1947 and stood empty twelve years. When rural schools were abandoned the land reverted to the adjacent property owner and in 1959 Joe Roose bought the building from Joe Bailey. He moved it to Clarksville and converted it into the house at 415 E. Green Street where Mrs. Roose now lives.

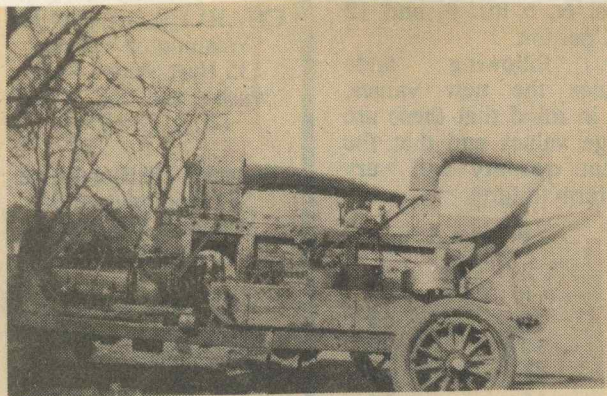
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A weekly feature of pictures of the past.



Back in the late 1920's - 1930's, when there weren't any rubber-tired wagons, Walter Rawdon took an old Dodge car and put a hayrack on top of it to haul hay in from the field. He could also take the hayrack off and put the cornsheller on it. His sister Nellie Corwin and father Milo Rawdon are pictured on the left.

4 Youths Killed Near New Hartford August 3rd

NEW HARTFORD—Four north-east Iowa teenagers were killed Tuesday night, Aug. 3, when the car in which they were riding collided with a semi-trailer truck about three miles west of here. Those killed were Martin Louis, 17, and Roger Ericsson, 16, both of Cedar Falls, and Paul Lamb Gast, 18, and Marvin Eugene Rawdon, 17, both of New Hartford. According to the Iowa highway patrol the accident happened about 10 p.m. on U. S. 20. C. E. Miller, 47, of South St. Paul, Minn., driver of the truck, had attempted to turn around on Highway 20 after missing the turn onto Highway 14. He had backed his truck into a side road and was just re-entering onto Highway 20, when the crash occurred. Miller was not injured.

Miller was fined \$100 and costs in the court of the Parkersburg justice of the peace, Cal Carr. He was charged with entering a stop intersection and failing to yield the right of way to an on coming vehicle. Officers who investigated the tragedy said the four youths apparently had been killed outright.

The truck was loaded with hogs and was headed for Ottumwa.

Miller told authorities he had seen the car coming when he pulled back on to the highway and tried to back off but was unable to make it before the crash.

The boys had been to Parkersburg to a ball game and were on their way home when the accident occurred at 9:45 p.m.

Double funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Cedar Falls for Ericsson, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Ericsson, 1123 W. 2nd St., and Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Olson, 1022 W. 12th St. The Rev. Howard Johnson, pastor, and the Rev. Floyd Bergfalk, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiated the services. The Ericsson youth was buried at Greenwood Cemetery and the Olson boy at the Midwest Garden of Memories.

Roger Ericsson was born at Long Prairie, Minn., on Jan 1, 1938, the son of Martin and Martha Ericsson. He came to Cedar Falls with his parents in 1941. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and a junior at the Cedar Falls High School.

Surviving, besides his parents, are a brother, Bruce; one sister,

Karen, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Albin Anderson of DeKalb.

Martin Louis Olson was born Mar. 11, 1937, in Cedar Falls, the son of Bernhard and Kathleen Olson. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. Surviving are his parents, two brothers and three sisters, Marvin B. Olson, 1804½ Grand Blvd.; David Lee at home, Mrs. Roy Avis, 55 So. Hackett Rd. and Marilyn and Marva Kay, both at home. A brother, James Olson, was killed in a truck accident at Rosiclare, Ill., two years ago.

Double funeral services for the two New Hartford boys was held last Friday at 2 p.m. at the New Hartford High School auditorium. The services were officiated by Rev. Howard Johnson of the First Baptist Church, Cedar Falls and Rev. D. E. Steinfert of the Baptist Church in New Hartford. Burial for Gast was at the Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens near Cedar Falls and burial for Rawdon was at the Cedar Falls Fairview cemetery. Gast was at the Engelkes Funeral home at Parkersburg and Rawdon was at the Dahl Funeral Home at Cedar Falls.

Marvin Eugene Rawdon was

Born Sept. 23, 1936, on a farm south of New Hartford, the son of Walter and Lillian Rawdon. Later they moved to New Hartford, where Marvin attended school and was graduated in May of this year. Since then he had been employed at the Hawkeye Steel Co. in Waterloo.

Surviving are his parents, his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Milo Rawdon of New Hartford, and his maternal grandfather, George Peterson of New Hartford.

Paul Lamb Gast, the son of Gerald and Mildred Gast, was born March 15, 1936 at New Hartford. He was graduated in 1953 from the New Hartford High School. He had been attending Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, and was employed in the mailing room of the Waterloo Daily Courier. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of New Hartford. Surviving are his parents; one brother, Dale, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Florence Gast of Des Moines, and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Grace Brennan of New Hartford.

It has been estimated that upward of 4,000 people have

stopped to view the wreck of the car involved in the accident. The car was pulled into the city parking lot here and to all purposes is a total wreck.

CORONER'S JURY CLEARS TRUCK DRIVER IN DEATH CRASH PROBE

ALLISON—It took a three-man coroner's jury just 10 minutes of deliberation to return a verdict of accidental death here Thursday morning Aug. 5 in an inquest arising from an accident Tuesday night Aug. 3, in which four north-east Iowa teenagers were killed when their car plowed into a semi-trailer truck on highway 20.

The verdict, reached during an hour and a quarter hearing, means that C.E. Miller, 47, of South St. Paul, Minn., driver of the truck, will not be held for further prosecution, according to Dr. Frank

McKean, Butler County coroner.

Shortly after the accident itself, Miller was fined \$100 and costs in the court of Parkersburg justice of the peace, Cal Carr. Miller was charged with entering a stop intersection and failing to yield the right-of-way to an oncoming vehicle.

Those killed in the mishap were Martin Louis Olson, 17, and Roger Ericsson, 16, both of Cedar Falls, and Paul Lamb Gast, 18, and Marvin Eugene Rawdon, 17, both of New Hartford.

Miller testified that he was heading toward Ottumwa with a load of hogs. He said he missed a junction of Highways 20 and 14 and that he had driven about three miles too far west on Highway 20.

There, he had backed his truck into a gravel road and was trying to turn around and head back

east on Highway 20. Miller said he saw the car coming and that he tried to straighten out the truck and pull across the highway, out of the way. But he was unable to make it before the crash, he said.

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dence of intoxicating beverages at the scene.

Foster replied that he had made a thorough search and had dis-

A statement from James Lower, 1713 Franklin St., Cedar Falls, was read into the record. He was the first person to reach the scene of the accident, shortly after 9:45 p. m.

Lower said he saw a car had run under the semi-trailer and that the driver was trying to light a fuse to mark off the highway.

Foster said there was thunder and lightning when he left his house after receiving the call but it was not yet raining. Light rain began to fall after he reached the scene about 10:15 p. m., he said.

Sgt. John Schneider of the state highway patrol also testified. He said he reached the spot after Foster.

Also present at the inquest were Dana D. Shepherd, Butler county attorney, and F.S. Stewert of Des Moines, representing Miller.

Members of the coroner's jury representing Dr. M. G. Ericson, included John B. Folkers, foreman; Charles Miller and Henry Relf, all of Allison.

Dr. McKean said Miller told him he was flashing his light down the road in an effort to attract the attention of the oncoming car.

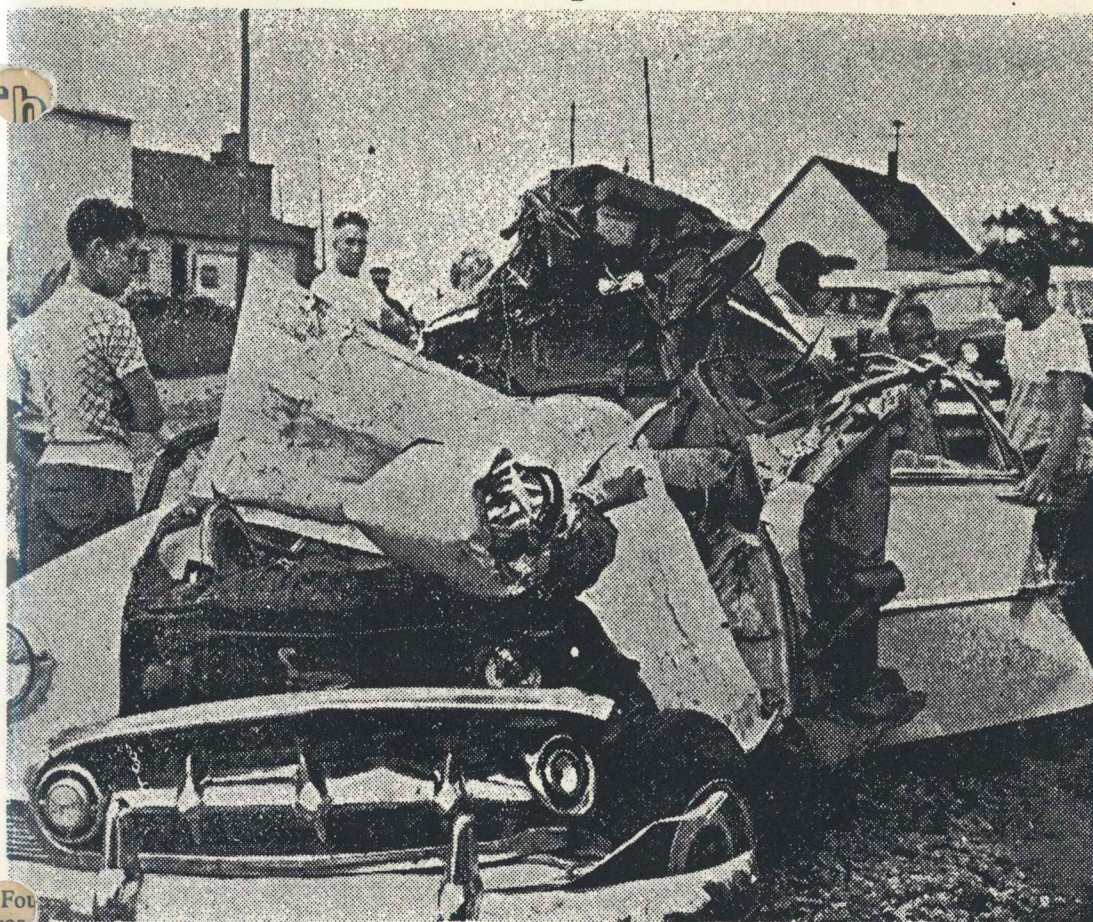
Patrolman Robert Foster of the state highway patrol testified that Highway 20 was 18 feet wide where the crash occurred. The trailer of the truck was 45 feet, six inches long and it straddled the whole highway.

Skid marks from the car measured 54 feet seven inches for the left wheel and 37 feet seven inches for the right wheel, Foster said.

But these were not measured until some time after the accident and the milling around of people at the scene may have rubbed out some of the marks, making exact measurement difficult, he explained.

Wirt Hoxie, Waterloo attorney representing Dr. M. G. Ericson, asked Foster if he had found any evi-

In This Car, Four Kept Date With Death



This 1953 model is the car which brought death to four northeast Iowa teen agers Tuesday night. The car was completely demolished under a semi-trailer, driven by C. E. Miller, 47, of South St. Paul, Minn. The picture above was taken Wednesday morning at Parkersburg, where the car was taken following the accident. Story and another picture on page 1.

TO PROBE WHY FOUR DIED IN ROAD TRAGEDY

Four Youths Killed as Car
Hits Truck on Hwy. 20
Near New Hartford.

By PHYLLIS SINGER
Courier Staff Writer

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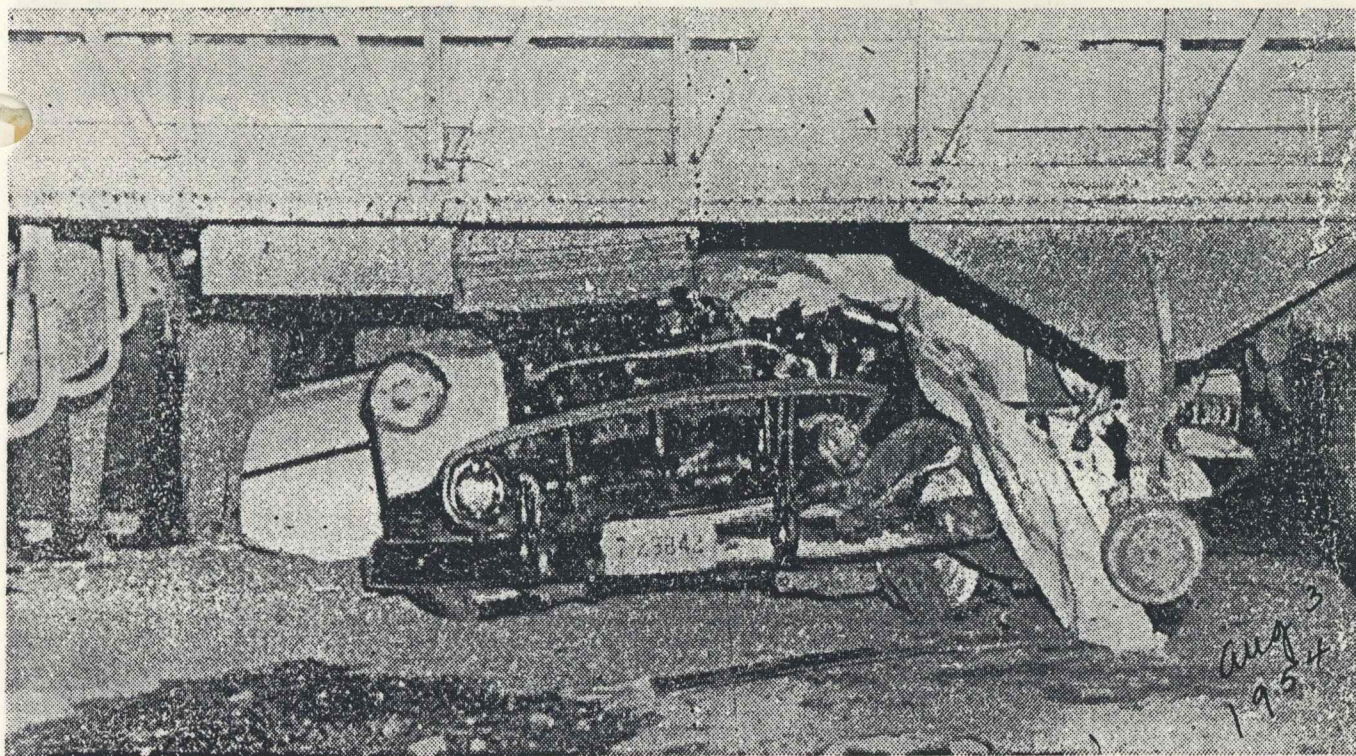
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He had backed his truck into a side road and was just re-entering onto Hwy. 20, when the

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Where 4 Teen-agers Were Killed



Aug 3rd 1954

Four teen-agers were killed Tuesday night when their car crashed into the side of this semi-trailer truck on U. S. Highway 20 near Parkers-

burg. The smashed front of car can be seen under the truck trailer (foreground). Two of the victims were from Cedar Falls and two from New Hartford.

The Register's Iowa News Service.

SET RITES FOR 4 CAR VICTIMS

(The Register's Iowa News Service.)

CEDAR FALLS, IA. — Two couples funerals will be held for four youths who were killed Tuesday night when their car crashed under a truck 4 miles west of New Hartford on Highway 20.

Killed in the accident, considered one of the worst in the Cedar Falls area, were: Paul Gast 18, New Hartford; Marvin Eugene Rawdon 17, New Hartford; Martin Louis Olson, 17, Cedar Falls, and Roger Ericsson, 16, Cedar Falls.

Services for Ericsson and Olson will be held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church here. Services for Gast and Rawdon will be held at 2 p. m. Friday in the New Hartford High School auditorium.

Born on Farm.

Rawdon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rawdon of New Hartford, was born in 1936 on a farm near New Hartford and was a 1954 graduate of New Hartford High School. He is survived by his parents, his grandmother, Mrs. Milo Rawdon, and his grandfather, George Peterson, all of New Hartford.

Gast was born in 1935 at New Hartford. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gast. During the last year he has been enrolled as a freshman at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. Currently he was an employee of the Waterloo Daily Courier. He is survived by his parents, a brother, Dale, at home and his two grandmothers, Mrs. Florence Gast, Des Moines and Mrs. Grace Brennan, New Hartford.

Basketball Player.

Ericsson is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Martin Ericsson, a brother, Bruce, and a sister, Karen, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Albin Anderson, DeKalb, Ill. He was born in 1938 at Long Prairie Ill. He would have been a senior at Cedar Falls High School this fall. A center on last year's high school basketball team he also was active in music groups and football. He was an employee of the Cedar Falls Daily Record.

Olson, born in 1937, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Olson, was preceded in death by a brother Jim, killed in 1952 in a car-truck accident in Illinois. He was a junior student last



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year at Cedar Falls High School. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and three sisters, Marvin, David, Marilyn, Marva Kay and Mrs. Roy Avis of Waterloo.

Butler County Coroner Dr. F. F. McKenna, Allison, will conduct an inquest into the accident at Allison at 9 a. m. today.

In Memory of
WALTER E. RAWDON

Walter was born September 17, 1909, in Sioux City, Iowa, the son of Milo and Alta (Barton) Rawdon. On January 1, 1936, he was united in marriage to Lillian Peterson at the First Baptist Church Parsonage in Cedar Falls, Iowa. He co-owned the Dix-Rawdon International Harvester Implement in New Hartford, Iowa with Don Dix until 1972. He then operated a lawn mower repair shop for ten years until his retirement. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Walter is survived by his wife of Cedar Falls, Iowa; one son, Ken Rawdon of Hayward, California; two sisters, Bernice Schneiderman of Cedar Falls, Iowa and Velma Ingalls of New Hartford, Iowa; and one brother, Daniel Rawdon of New Hartford, Iowa.

Walter died Monday, November 4, 1996, at Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Marvin Rawdon on August 3, 1954, and two sisters, Dorothy Harkin and Nellie Corwin.

SERVICES
Thursday, November 7, 1996
1:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Cedar Falls, Iowa

OFFICIATING
Rev. Henry Nelson

ORGANIST
Alice Janssen

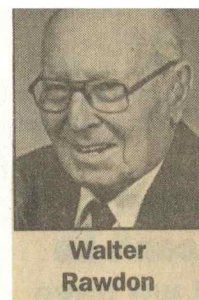
SOLOIST
Stan Thompson

CASKET BEARERS
Arne Jensen Harry Baldwin Don Murray
Randy Johnson Dennis Rawdon Warren Schuler

INTERMENT
Fairview Cemetery
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Family and friends are invited to the church hall following the interment for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

Richardson Service • Cedar Falls, Iowa



Funeral Services
Held For Long-Time
Eclipse Reporter



**Lillian E. Rawdon
(1914-2007)**

Lillian E. Rawdon, 92, of New Hartford, died Friday, March 9, 2007 at the Windsor Nursing and Rehab Center in Cedar Falls.

She was born May 18, 1914, in Cedar Falls, daughter of George and Carrie Peterson. She married Walter E. Rawdon on Jan. 1, 1936, in Cedar Falls. He preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1996.

Mrs. Rawdon had been a reporter for the Parkersburg Eclipse for over thirty years, and had been employed at Home Cafe in New Hartford, Perrin Nursing Home, and Barn Cafe in Dike.

Survivors include her son, Ken Rawdon of Hayward, Calif. Preceded in death by: her husband; and a son, Marvin Rawdon.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Richardson Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls.

Memorials: may be directed to the American Cancer Society



Remembrance



Ken Rawdon Heads Up Mt. Eden Choirs

The thirty-two Chamber Singers are the premier choral group at Mt. Eden High School in Hayward, which has a music program that includes six choirs. Since the ensemble's inception in 1995, they have performed at choral festivals sponsored by the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and the California Music Educators Association (CMEA), at the ACDA Golden State Choral Competition (where they have consistently placed in the top five ensembles, earning first place in 2000), and at the ACDA Western Division Regional Convention in Los Angeles in 2000. They also have appeared at CMEA State Conventions and the Kodaly Music Educator's Convention. The Chamber Singers are a part of Mt. Eden High School's 150-member Concert Choir. Each spring the Concert Choir tours, giving performances at such venues as the Heritage Music Festival in California, where they consistently rank as one of the top choirs. They have appeared at the Pacific Basin Choral Festival in Hawaii in 1997 and have performed twice aboard the Festival-at-Sea cruise ship. Ken Rawdon has been directing

vocal music at Mt. Eden High School in Hayward since 1990. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in piano performance at California State University, Fresno. Mr. Rawdon has been active as a choral director, vocal coach, and piano instructor for twenty years. In 1996 he received the Teacher of the Year award from the public schools observance committee in Hayward. In 1997 the Harvard Club of San Francisco named him Educator of the Year. He is a member of Who's Who among American Educators.

Ken Rawdon who is currently heading up the Mt. Eden choirs will be remembered in this area as a 1973 graduate from New Hartford High School where he was actively involved in all music programs. He later attended Oral Roberts University at Tulsa, Oklahoma for three years after which he traveled for five years in the states and abroad with gospel singing groups, the Celebrant Singers and also Continental Singers. Coming back to the states he dropped out as their piano player and returned to California State at Fresno

where he completed his bachelors and masters degree and then applied for a job at Hayward in the Bay area where he still is. He manages a trip to New Hartford about twice a year where he still has relatives and his mother, Lillian Rawdon, still lives in New

Hayward

, Eclipse, Wed., May 8, 2002



Lillian Rawdon

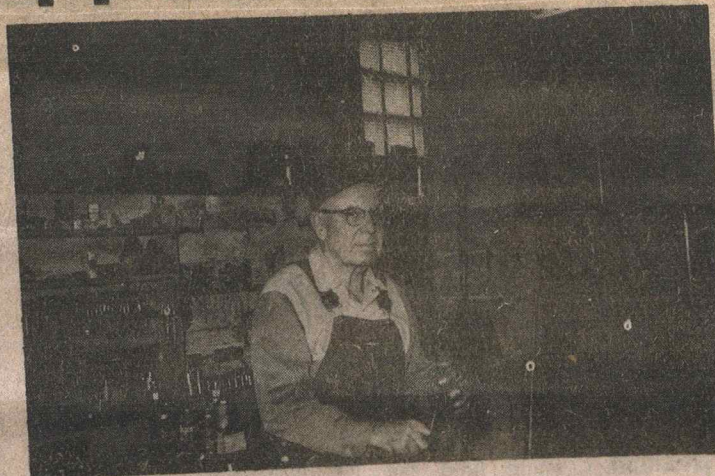
88th Birthday

On May 18, 2002 Lillian Rawdon will celebrate her 88th birthday. Lillian has been the New Hartford correspondent for the Eclipse for over 30 years. Cards may be sent to: **Lillian Rawdon, 302 Maple St., New Hartford, IA 50660**

He's Happiest When He's Busy

/ELTZIN

Walter Rawdon of New Hartford has talent. He has a talent for understanding machines and he has a talent for creating machines. It is something that he has enjoyed since his childhood and something he developed on his own. He admits to his mechanical ability but he says that it is the only thing he does well. He could be wrong. For the person who must ask how to spell magneto and then, what it is, he is also a patient and capable teacher.



I was always messing around with things when I didn't have work to do. I started with an erector set and then I started messing around with machinery. At night I'd take the old kerosene lantern and work in the machine shed."

He remembers his first project: a cream separator with an engine that was abandoned because it didn't work.

"The magneto was dead. I used Model T coils and a hot shot battery to furnish the spark and I got it to running."

That engine was traded to a man from Clarksville for a two cylinder motorcycle engine that needed repair.

He fixed it and mounted it onto a cutter (sleigh) making a wooden propeller and trying several different sizes. The last was disaster.

"It flopped entirely. The coils were set too close and vibrated into the propeller. It tore everything to pieces. It's a wonder nobody was killed."

"I've made a lot of things. Some of them worked real well and some of them didn't amount to anything."

The next project was successful. He took a corn

sheller (see picture) and mounted it on rubber tires from an old Dodge. That was in the early 30s when all machines were made with steel wheels. The rubber wheels enabled Walt to do custom corn shelling and travel down the road much faster than with steel wheels. For a triple wagon load he received 75 cents.

The earnings paid for gas to visit Lillian Peterson who lived south of New Hartford.

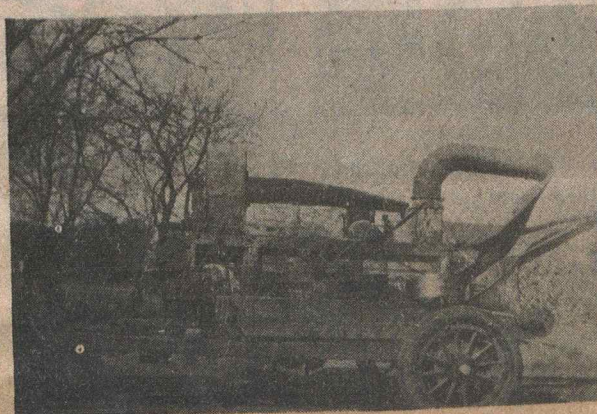
"I courted her in my dad's Hupmobile Touring car."

They were married on January 1, 1936.

"We got married because we thought we could live cheaper together rather than chasing around like that."

It has lasted. Walt and Lillian just celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary. They have a son, Kenneth, who tours the United States and overseas with a religious singing group, The Celebrants. Another son, Marvin, was killed in a car accident just east of Parkersburg in 1954 at the age of seventeen.

"That was rough," Walt admits.



Kenneth was born eight months after Marvin died.

Walt worked as a farm hand for a year after he and Lillian were married. Then Johnson asked him to become the mechanic for his hardware and implement business in New Hartford.

In 1949 Walt and Donald Dix bought the implement part of the business and moved to the building south of the store (now the Diesel Injection Building). They sold out in 1973 and Walt had total hip replacement surgery due to arthritis. It was a complete success. He might, otherwise, be in a wheelchair. The operation occurred on March 1. On April 1 he walked downtown to his shop on

The shop (behind the hardware store) is where he works now fixing lawnmowers.

"I was thinking about retiring but I wanted something to do so I moved back across the alley to work for myself."

"Since 1936 I've worked in four different shops within 800 feet of each other."

He likes New Hartford and the people in the area that he has served.

"They brought their troubles in to me and I had to fix them. I owe it to the community. They've been awfully good to me."

He's made so many things: a moveable hoist in the hardware shop, another, better one in the implement shop, gadgets to make work easier and lawnmower stands that do everything except fix lawnmowers. But he's made them for himself. They have made his work more enjoyable and he as enjoyed their creation.

"I wouldn't be doing any of this if I didn't enjoy it."

There will be a short trip to Florida for Walt and Lillian later this winter and he enjoys spending time at the local restaurant. Total retirement is still a question mark.

"Oh boy, I don't know. I'm good at nothing else except monkeying around with something."

"He's happiest when he's busy," Lillian says.

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In Memory of
DOROTHY M. HARKEN

Dorothy was born April 16, 1914, in Sioux City, IA, the daughter of Milo and Alta Mae (Barton) Rawdon. She married Henry I. Harken August 18, 1935, in Austin, MN. He died December 26, 1986. Dorothy graduated from New Hartford High School and was Past Worthy Matron of New Hartford Order of Eastern Star. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Araeipour of Dubuque, IA; two grandsons, Perry and Michael Araeipour; a granddaughter Maria Wismeier; and a great grandson, Alex I. Wismeier; two brothers, Walter and Danny Rawdon both of New Hartford; three sisters, Nellie Corwin of Newton, IA; Bernice Schneiderman of Cedar Falls; and Velma Ingalls of New Hartford. Dorothy entered into rest on Sunday, January 14, 1990, at Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls.

SERVICES

Thursday, January 18, 1990
2:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Cedar Falls, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Keith L. Scott

LITURGIST

Rev. Jan R. Burnett

ORGANIST

Mrs. Tedda Hach

SOLOIST

Mr. Graydon Fuller

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Cedar Falls Chapter #78 Order of Eastern Star

CASKET BEARERS

Vernon Ingalls
Bill Harken
David Boyd

Robert Harken
Dennis Rawdon
David Crisp

INTERMENT

Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens
Cedar Falls, Iowa

**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
NELLIE L. CORWIN**

Nellie L. Corwin, the daughter of Milo and Alta Barton Rawdon, was born July 15, 1911, in Sioux City, Iowa. She lived in New Hartford, Iowa, where she attended high school. Nellie was a resident of Newton, Iowa since 1968.

On January 20, 1934, Nellie was united in marriage with Forrest E. Corwin in Waterloo, Iowa. She devoted her life to her husband and family. Nellie was a member of the New Hartford United Methodist Church.

Death came to Nellie, age 83 years, on Saturday, July 23, 1994, at the Newton Health Care Center in Newton, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Forrest on October 16, 1978, and one sister, Dorothy Harken.

Those left to honor Nellie's memory include her daughter, Janice Corwin of Newton; two brothers, Walter Rawdon and Danny Rawdon both of New Hartford; and two sisters, Berneice Schneiderman of Cedar Falls, Iowa and Velma Ingalls of New Hartford.

In Loving Memory of

Bernice "Bean" I. Schneiderman

Born

Friday, September 6, 1912
Clarksville, Iowa

Died

Saturday, February 8, 2003
Clarksville, Iowa

Services

Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at 1:30 P.M.
at United Methodist Church in New Hartford, Iowa

Clergy..... Rev. Robert Koepcke

Organist..... Carla Oler

Congregational Hymns "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

"In The Garden"

"How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Larry Bass..... Kent A. Cuvelier

Bill Jordan..... Dennis Rawdon

Jeff Schneiderman..... Kelly Schneiderman

Burial

Beaver Grove Cemetery in New Hartford, Iowa

nic's family would like to thank you for your love and support given to her over the years and would like to invite everyone back to the church following the graveside service for a time of fellowship and lunch.

Bernice "Bean" I. Schneiderman, 90, of Clarksville, and formerly of New Hartford, died Saturday, February 8, 2003, at the Community Nursing Home in Clarksville of natural causes.

Bernice was born on September 6, 1912, the daughter of Milo and Alta (Barton) Rawdon, in Clarksville, Iowa. Bernice attended school in Clarksville until the family moved to New Hartford, where Bernice attended school through the 8th grade. Following school, she did odd jobs for neighbors and friends. Bernice was united in marriage to Delbert Schneiderman in 1936 in Clear Lake, Iowa. The couple made their home in New Hartford where Bernice raised her family. Delbert died in April 1954. Bernice continued to live in New Hartford until moving to the Western Home in Cedar Falls, Iowa. In 2000, Bernice moved to the Community Nursing Home in Clarksville.

Bernice enjoyed playing bingo and spending time with her friends and family.

Bernice is survived by her daughter, Faye Jordan and her husband Joe of Clarksville; two sons and their spouses, Larry and Lois Schneiderman of Oakley, California, Donald and Deb Schneiderman of Cook, Minnesota; 15 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; one brother, Daniel Rawdon and his wife Jean of New Hartford, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Delbert in 1954; one daughter, Joann in 1959; one son, Robert in 1992; one grandson, Daniel Murray; three sisters, Velma, Dorothy, and Nellie; and one brother, Walter Rawdon.

Eclipse - Jan 25, 1934

New Hartford - Miss Nellie Pawdon and Forrest Corwin, both of New Hartford, were united in marriage at high noon Saturday at a ceremony performed at Linden Methodist Church in Waterville, by Rev. J. S. Lilley. Miss Dorothy Pawdon, sister of the bride and Arthur Corwin, brother of the groom were attendants.

The bride was attired in a wine colored flat crepe dress and the brides^{maid} wore a black and yellow silk crepe.

Twenty eight guests attended an 8 o'clock supper at the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Pawdon. A color scheme of bluish blue and apple green was carried out in the table decorations. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. George Corwin, and family, parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. John Corwin, and family, all of New Hartford and Miss Lillian Petersen of Stout.

The young couple will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sells.



**In Loving Memory
of
Velma Ingalls**

Velma Ingalls, age 82, of New Hartford, Iowa, was born the daughter of Milo and Alta (Barton) Rawdon on September 30, 1918, in Sioux City, Iowa. When Velma was a small child, she and her family lived in the Clarksville and Shell Rock, Iowa areas for a short time, then finally in New Hartford, Iowa.

She graduated from New Hartford High School in 1936.

Velma was united in marriage with Ernest Ingalls on October 12, 1938, in the Grace Methodist Church in Waterloo, Iowa. They made their home on the farm in New Hartford where Velma currently lived. She was a good caring wife and mother, along with taking care of the household she always helped Ernest with the farm chores. Velma worked in the grocery store in New Hartford, and then at the Beaver Hills Country Club in Cedar Falls, Iowa, until her retirement in 1980.

Velma was a faithful member of the New Hartford United Methodist Church. She was a past member of the Rebekah Lodge in New Hartford. She enjoyed quilting and crocheting. Velma loved wild life. She enjoyed feeding the birds, deer and wild turkeys.

Friday, November 24, 2000, at 10:23 a.m. Velma died at the Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa, from natural causes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Ingalls on March 4, 1999, her parents, two sisters, Nellie Corwin and Dorothy Harken, and one brother, Walter Rawdon.

Velma is survived by one son, Vern Ingalls and his wife, Marilyn of Parkersburg, Iowa; two daughters, Vila Ahrenholz and her husband Doug of New Hartford, Iowa, and Mary Wagner and her husband, Jon of Cedar Falls, Iowa; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one sister, Bernice Schneiderman of New Hartford; and one brother, Daniel Rawdon and his wife, Jean of New Hartford, Iowa.

Funeral Services

10:30 a.m. Monday, November 27, 2000
New Hartford United Methodist Church
New Hartford, Iowa

Officiating

Rev. Charles Layton

Organist

Nancy Bravard

Vocalist

Stan Thompson
"How Great Thou Art"

Congregational Hymn

"In The Garden"

Honorary Casketbearers

Scott Olson

Casketbearers

Chris Kliever
Jerry Hough
Perry Bernard

Rick Burrows

Chad Lechner
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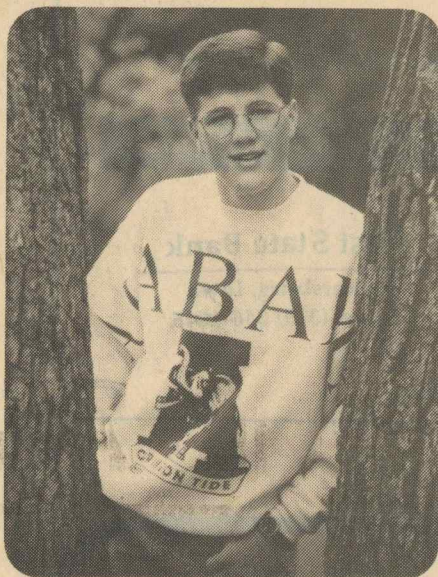
Interment

Beaver Grove Cemetery
rural New Hartford, Iowa

**You are invited to return to the
church for fellowship and lunch.**

Schwartz Funeral Home
Parkersburg, Iowa

Senior Interview



Heath Smith

The Talon staff is proud to introduce you all to Heath Aaron Smith, other wise know as Smitty. His parents, Keith and Donna Smith, were graced with his presence on September 11, 1975. Smitty has one older brother Nate, and a young brother Brandon.

If you're ever up at the high school you will probably find Heath in the following classes: Adv. Senior English, Computer App., P.E./Health, Adv. Senior Math, Foods, Government/Economics, and Physics. He has been a football manager for all four years of high school. Also, he played basketball his freshman year, was on the yearbook staff his junior and senior year, and participated in Band his freshman and sophomore year.

Some of the things Heath really enjoys are En Vogue, Cheesecake, the Electra and the

LeSabre, the color green, Movies, Jason's incredible wit, and Doirean's ability to stay calm in a pressure situation. However, things that really bug him are dirty cars and ignorant people.

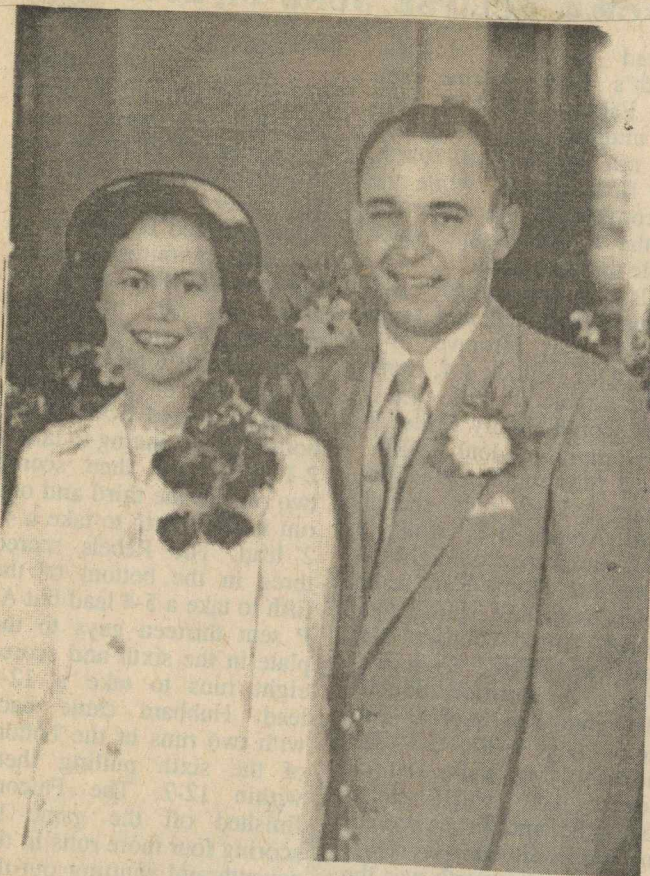
When we asked Heath what his favorite restaurant was he replied, "Applebee's or, maybe Red Lobster, or Shakeys, no wait, it's Paul Revere's.

His favorite music would be En Vogue, Aerosmith, Brooks & Dunn, Maria Carey, and Def Leppard. On the screen he prefers to see Julie Roberts, Jean Claud Van Dame, Sharon Stone, Halle Berry, and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

When asked who he most admired he answered, "My brother Nate, because everyone tells him that he is stupid and he still denies it". Smitty's secret ambition is to be desired by every woman alive. (who isn't directly related to him). The craziest thing that he has ever done was a toga party at Rudy's house August 27, 1993. The things that Heath will most remember are Football 1990, 1992, and 1993, anytime in McDonald's with Rudy and Aaron, Embers after "Batman Returns", anytime when Rudy's parents are gone, whenever Jon, Josh and him go out to Cedar Falls, Jon's spasms, meeting Thomas at Arby's and October 30, 1993. Smitty's plans for the future are to get rich, get old, and get dead.

Finally, the inspiring words Heath wishes to leave behind for all to share and ponder are, "Money can get you far in life, but lots and lots of money can get you further, but lots of friends with lots of money will get you the furthest.

We wish you the best of luck in the future, Heath. May all your dreams come true. you deserve it!!

PAGE 3, ECLIPSE, JUNE 14, 2000**50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Daniel Rawdon and Jean Bryan will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 25, 2000 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the New Hartford Community Building.

They were united in marriage on June 25, 1950 at the United Methodist Church in New Hartford, Iowa. Their children will be hosting the event.

Rawdon/50

NEW HARTFORD — Dan and Jean Rawdon will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. next Sunday at the New Hartford Community Building.

Mr. Rawdon and Jean Bryan were married June 25, 1950, at New Hartford's United Methodist Church.

Hosting the event will be their children.

**Mr. and Mrs. Rawdon**

At The Book Nook
ington Public Library

Sunday, November 22, 2009

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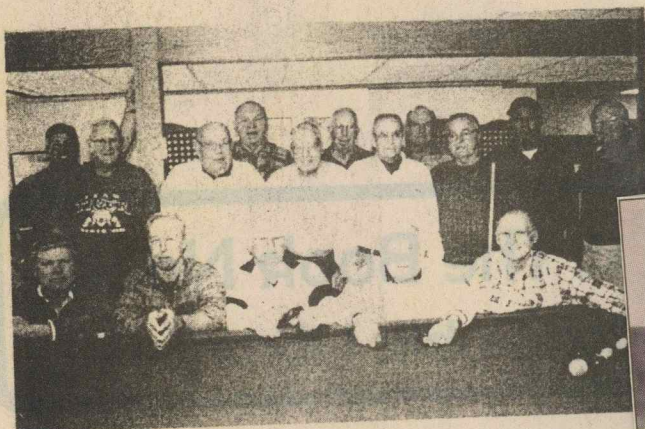
39 for 41 years

Dan, Happy Birthday on Dec. 11!

40 for 45 years

With love, your family

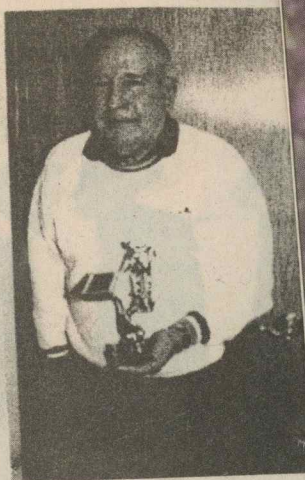




Fox Ridge Pool Tournament

Dan Rawdon is the 4th annual Fox Ridge Pool Tournament Champion for 2006, held at the Gene Snyder residence on February 22nd. The players have been playing most of the winter on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Gene set up the three man teams and have some good times. The tournament starts with pairs set for the individual championship.

Players in attendance were from left front row: Bob



Dan Rawdon

Thalman, Roger Freese, Ivan Hummel, Dan Rawdon and Jim Bernhardt, Second row: Vern Cordes, Earl Biersner, Tom Schrage, Ernest Gutknecht and Don Gunderson. Back row: Lyle Gullickson, Sam Biersner, Chuck Paige, Paul Bargman, Gary Anderson and Richard Miles.

Champion was Dan Rawdon, second place was Chuck Paige, Third and fourth place was Jim Bernhardt and Richard Miles. Dan Rawdon is a two time winner.

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February March 10-16
"Curious George"

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Runs Approx. 85 Min.

Showtime 7 PM Nightly
2 PM Wednesday
Admission \$1.00



Ian and Erin Flores

Pippert-Flores
Waverly - Erin Pippert and Ian Flores exchanged wedding vows June 27 in Waverly. Parents of the couple are Steve and Karen Pippert of Dysart, and Julie Flores, also of Dysart, and the late Jeff Flores. Maid of honor was Stephanie Haberichter. Bridesmaids were Courtney Klein, Danielle Keneally and Haley Flores.

Best man was Blake Flores. Groomsmen were Tom Ocheltree, Justin Moorman, Chris Bushbaum and Kevin Eslick. Ushers were Brian Flores, Brett Heaford and Travis Youngblut. Sam Kullmer was guestbook attendant.

The bride is employed as a registered nurse at Allen Hospital and is studying to be a nurse practitioner at Allen College. The groom is a financial adviser with Financial Architects, Cedar Falls. After a honeymoon to Jamaica the couple reside in Cedar Falls.

DNH Supports Rawdon in His Tough Time

These last couple of weeks at Dike-New Hartford have been sad ones without Dustin Rawdon, a junior here at school who was diagnosed with Leukemia.

According to www.Mayoclinic.com Leukemia is a type of cancer that affects the bone marrow and lymph system.

The school system has been effected more than most would think by this event.

"I was shocked because that is the kind of thing that happens to other people's friends, not mine," said fellow junior, Kerstin Greiner.

"I didn't believe it at first," said senior, Joel Decker, "I just wanted to do something to help him."

Throughout this time Dustin has gone through some intense chemotherapy. The treatment has a lot of side effects, including nausea and weakness.

"I was so weak with the chemo they were putting in my leg," said Rawdon, "I stood up out of the chair and just fell over."

Dustin has quite a bit of time to go before all of this is over. Even after the therapy, he will have to go down to Iowa City for follow-up testing.

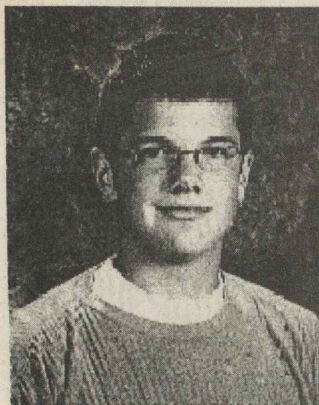
"The chemo will be totally done with in 10 months," said Dustin, "but I will have to go down every once and a while for about 3 years."

Even with all of that, he has still been holding out well and has been able to keep a good attitude. The support from the school has helped that out. From the orange ribbons on the cars and around the trees, to the bracelets and necklaces that have been made and sold around the school.

"The support has been really outstanding, almost too much," stated Dustin.

Friends of Dustin have been saddened and have been slowly getting back into the swing of things since the event.

Senior and good friend of Dustin, Joel Decker, "I couldn't believe it at first. I



Dustin Rawdon, a junior at D-NH, was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Many students and members of the community are pulling to help him through this tough time.

just wanted to help him."

Joel and Dustin have been friends since they were little kids. Their moms are also good friends.

"Our moms have been friends since they were in high school," said Decker.

School has not been the same without him here. His presence as a friend has been missed.

"It has been a lot more boring," said sophomore, Erica Knudsen.

"It hasn't been the same because we don't get to see him everyday," said junior, Tana Wilson, "but on a good note it's cool we've all pulled together to support him."

People have changed the way that they view their own lives just thinking about how this can happen to someone close to us.

"It makes you realize you need to live your life to the fullest," said junior, Trista Lebahn.

Eventually it will all be over and everything will be back to normal, but for the mean time, we are all pulling for Dustin.

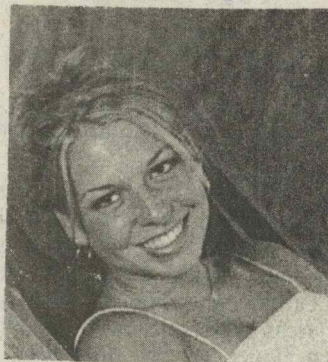
Wilson stated, "I was really upset at first, but then you realize that it will all be ok in the end; it just takes time."

by Sebastian Hansen

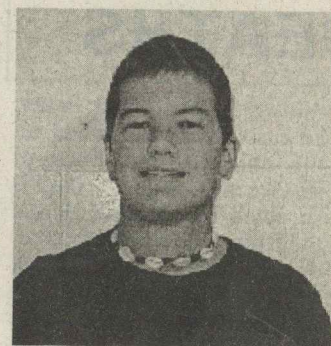
To show support to Dusty Rawdon, his classmates at Dike-New Hartford High School are selling orange ribbons. These ribbons come in all sizes. They decided on orange, because that is Dusty's favorite color.

Dusty, who was earlier diagnosed with Leukemia, is in Iowa City this week for radiation treatments. He will have five this week and two next week. The good news is that his doctors have said that Dusty is in remission.

Jack and Lola Davis ate out Sunday noon at the Pizza Ranch in Parkersburg.



Tana Wilson - Queen



Dustin Rawdon - King

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From: Kim Grandon <grandonk@dikenh.k12.ia.us>

Subject: T is Dancing in the Office!

Good morning!

Everything went GREAT yesterday! Dustin had a bone marrow test, spinal tap, and chemo into the spine. His counts went up and they were very pleased with how good they are. Preliminary bone marrow was below 5% so he is in normal range now! Thank God!

Next Tuesday they will stay overnight in the hospital for chemo. and learn how to give him chemo. Dustin says he is going to learn to give it himself because he doesn't trust T to do it!

They will meet the radiologists then, too. They might start radiation next Wednesday or the following Monday. He will have radiation (to the brain) for 2 weeks - 5 days in a row so they will be staying at the Ronald McDonald House for those weeks. Then they will be done with radiation.

Once off prednisone he should feel a lot better and his chubby cheeks will be gone!

These next 2 months will be tough. April should be a good month. Treatments will continue to be intense until next January.

T said she couldn't believe how much better he feels, though. He didn't get a spinal headache this time. They had a different dr. who used a smaller needle and gave him some medicine before the spinal tap!

Again, thanks for everything! Keep praying! Kim

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From: Kim Grandon <grandonk@dikenh.k12.ia.us>

Subject: SMILE!

Rawdons had a great day in Iowa City on Tuesday! I am just typing the notes T wrote for me so here goes!

They were at the clinic from 9 - 5. Dusty needed 2 pints of blood and T said it took forever to get that. His platelets went way up over night so he didn't need those which is good. They gave him 2 chemo and a bone marrow test then transfused red blood which took 4 hours. He slept through the whole 4 hour transfusion. The morphine they gave him to do the bone marrow test knocked him out!

His white blood cell count is really low so his immune system cannot fight infection very well so he has to be careful not to get sick.

They got the following GREAT news! BLASTS cells (I have no idea what this is but it is something the drs. have been watching carefully) in the bone went from 69% down to 25%. That is WONDERFUL! The dr. wants it down to 5% or less in 2 weeks then Dustin will be in remission. Here's the great part! Visualize T doing a little "Oh Yeah" dance! She did it for us in the office this morning and said that she did it when the dr. gave them that news. Mary Simons was wishing she had her camera so that we could send you guys a picture of that dance! It was great!

Dustin is still considered high risk which means:

- 1) he will be having cranial radiation every day for 2 weeks to start with (maybe at the end of this month - not sure about the starting date for that) and
- 2) more intense chemo for a longer period of time to prevent it from returning once it's in remission.

The power of prayer is AWESOME! We could not get through this without all of the love and prayer from everyone. PLEASE pray the BLAST will be less than 5% in 2 weeks and he will be in remission.

One little tidbit: When the dr. was trying to get through Dusty's bones (during the bone marrow test) and the nurse wanted to get the dr. a step stool so he had more leverage Dustin piped up and told the dr., "Sorry I'm such a hard ass!"

Have a great day everyone! Keep praying! Kim

Senior Sketch



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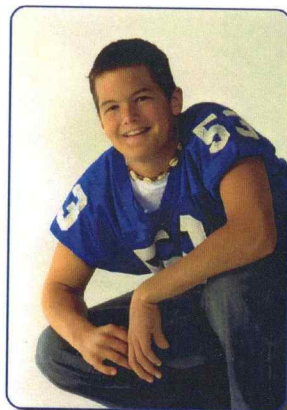
Family Members: Dennis, Teri, Tarra

Classes: Life Skills, Sewing, Ecology, and some other ones

Favorites: Sophomore year when Aaron, Burk, and I ramped Aaron's Explorer. When I pulled Burk down a road on a metal sled. The Durango RT, paint ball, cheap computers from the school, ramping Murphy's car and all the fun times at Kayla's house

Plans for the future: Go to Hawkeye for two years and transfer to another college

Extra Curricular Activities: Going to all of the volleyball games and football games and hanging out with friends



Class of 2004
Dike
New Hartford
High School

Graduation Open House for
Dustin Rawdon

New Hartford
Community Building
Saturday, May 22nd, 2004
1:00 -4:00 p.m.



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From: Kim Grandon <grandonk@dikenh.k12.ia.us>

Subject: Plateful

Good morning,

I talked to T last night about 8:30. She is pretty concerned with how Dustin is feeling ri send lots of prayers their way. They were in Iowa City on Friday and he didn't need blood counts are very low so he needs to be at home. He has a cut on his finger and was put on a Any infection at this point is not good because he has nothing in his system to fight it w

Friday they go back to Iowa City for a spinal and to check the bone marrow to see if he is remission. They also hope to find out about if Tarra can be the donor. They really hope sh because things will move faster if she is. The doctors said they will be able to get the b if he is in remission on Friday. However, as T said, that could still be a month - she rea know what their time frame was. But if Tarra is not the donor the time frame will be much months at least.

They are in Waterloo this morning just to have the doctors check Dustin. T really feels li end up in Iowa City before Friday.

An added note is that Dennis is having shoulder surgery on Saturday.

As you can see this week they really have a lot on their plate. Keep all of them in your t prayers. They appreciate the support and continued love that is being shown to their famil

As I hear more, I will let you know.

Kim

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From: Kim Grandon <grandonk@dikenh.k12.ia.us>

Subject: Good morning!

I just talked to T. She sounded good. She said that Dustin's attitude is awesome. He had one of the nurses laughing so hard she couldn't get the medicine into him! :)

She said that it is the same kind of leukemia which is good because the doctors know what works for him and what they did last time to get him into remission. They want him in remission as soon as possible.

He is getting platelets today and will be going to surgery to get the port put in. This will enable him to get double chemo. He also will start getting chemo today in his spine. T thought maybe they would do that when he was in surgery. After he is out of the surgery they are to meet with the transplant people for a 2 hour consultation that cannot be interrupted. T said that she hoped Tarra was still there to help them absorb all that they will hear.

Dennis, T, and Tarra gave blood yesterday and it will take a week to see if any of them are a match for the bone marrow transplant. If not, they will go to the bone marrow bank because they don't want to waste anymore time checking out different people. I guess with this type of leukemia it doesn't have to be a perfect match. If it is within a certain percentage, they can use it.

Some of you asked for his address:

UIHC

200 Hawkins Drive

3JC West Room 70

Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Keep them in your prayers. Thanks for all of the suport.

Kim

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Date: Sun, 10 Apr 2005 20:03:20 -0500

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From: Kim Grandon <grandonk@dikenh.k12.ia.us>

Hello!

T called this afternoon. She said that the week was mostly like a roller coaster ride with lots of ups and downs. She thought Dustin was feeling better this afternoon (Sunday). She said he isn't coughing as much as he had been nor is he using as much pain medication as he had been.

On Friday he had an ultrasound of his liver because his liver counts were really high. His liver is all "dinged" up from the strong chemo he has had. The doctors feel that it will heal on its own and that it is not something that is life threatening at all.

The biggest problems right now are the high fevers and the low white count both of which are expected but not fun to go through!

Tarra spent the weekend with the family. She got to Iowa City late Friday night and was there until early evening Sunday. She is feeling good and back to her busy schedule. She has some back pain but mostly when she has overdone it! :)

Just a reminder that Dustin **CAN NOT** have visitors at this point. Please remember that! Thanks for all that you are doing. Keep praying!

Kim

*THANK YOU
FROM THE RAWDON FAMILY*

We apologize for being unable to attend the Benefit today. As you know Dustin is continuing treatment in Iowa City. Our family is overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support everyone has shown us these past two and a half years. Please accept our sincerest thank you for your continued thoughts, prayers, gifts, emails, cards and phone calls. These have all been very instrumental in helping us during our trying times.

We are very fortunate to be surrounded by such loving, caring, generous family and friends. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Again thank you, and God Bless you all.

*Love,
Dennis, Teri, Tarra and Dustin*

\$ 10,600 was collected

**BENEFIT DINNER FOR
DUSTIN RAWDON
Sunday, April 24, 2005**

**New Hartford School 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
DINNER - BAKE SALE - SILENT AUCTION**

On March 29th, Dustin received a bone marrow transplant at the University of Iowa Hospitals for Leukemia. He is battling this disease with triumphant courage and determination. Dustin will not stop fighting until he has defeated this opponent and is cancer free.

*Please join us in helping the Rawdon family
in their time of need.*

Family learns importance of bone marrow transplants

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By JESSICA MILLER
Courier Staff Writer

NEW HARTFORD — Residents say rallying around people in need is second nature for folks in and around New Hartford and Dike. So community members responded instinctively when Dustin Rawdon, 19, became ill with leukemia for the second time in February.

"There is no way we could have done this without people," his mother, Teri, said.

Community members gathered auction items and donated money, time and food. Since the most recent benefit July 8, Teri also suggests people consider adding bone marrow to the list.

Dustin is recovering at home after a bone marrow transplant knocked out recurring leukemia. His sister, Tarra Rawdon of Ames, was able to serve as donor.

However, a family match only happens in about 30 percent of cases. Remaining patients must seek donors from the marrow donor registry.

"There are definitely cases in which a match has not been found or someone is currently searching who has not found someone," said Deb Hoyle, membership coordinator for Iowa Marrow Donor Program in Iowa City.

Tarra Rawdon joined the registry two years ago when her brother was first diagnosed with leukemia.

"Even though he didn't need a bone marrow transplant, it got me thinking," she said.

In Dustin's first battle, chemotherapy and radiation sent the leukemia into remission. But the disease reappeared in January. Doctors said a bone marrow transplant was the only cure and his only sibling was a good match.

In March, doctors took bone marrow from Tarra's pelvis. During following days her lower back ached when she bent over and she had trouble sleeping on her back for a few

Need to know

For more information on the Iowa Marrow Donation Registry, call (800) 944-8220.

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Deb Hoyle

Iowa Marrow Donor Program membership coordinator

days. But less than two weeks later, Tarra reported the pain was gone.

Tarra is promoting the registry to others, some of whom never realized such a program existed.

About 24,000 people are on Iowa's list, but Hoyle said the registry always is looking for new donors. Less than 2 percent of members go on to donate each year.

People who don't undergo the bone marrow transplant, which consists of drawing marrow from bone through a needle, may instead donate blood stem cells. In that instance, donors take injections that make the cells available.

Donors give blood stem cells in a process similar to platelet collection.

Hoyle says marrow and stem cells are vital ingredients.

"It's not something that can be created through some other mechanism. The only possibility for that patient to receive what they need is when one human being gives for another," Hoyle said.

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Rawdon Benefit Thank You

Dike/New Hartford - Thank you to everyone who contributed to and/or participated in the benefit for Dustin on July 8 at Fox Ridge Golf Course in Dike. It was a huge success! More than 60 golfers enjoyed the nine-hole, two-person best-shot tournament that was won by Justin and Mark Urbanek. In addition, nearly 400 people came for dinner and many stayed for the dance featuring Stable Daze. A silent auction consisting of donated items and several theme baskets was also a huge success.

Thank you to Kevin and Deb Hemmen for donating the food for the dinner, to C&C Grilling for cooking the pork loins, to Mike Menke and Deidra Craig at Fox Ridge Golf Course for donating use of the facility and many prizes, to Stable Daze band for playing, to Dan Deery Motor for donating a van to transport people, to Python Light and Sound for equipment, to DNH schools for use of the stage, and to all of the golf hole sponsors and silent auction donors.

Golf hole sponsors included:

Rabo AgInsurance Services, Mead Construction, Mike Williams, Tazwell County Asphalt Co., 4th & Elder Haircare, Bill Dunkelberger/Farm Bureau Insurance Co., Young Plumbing & Heating, Legends Sports Pub and Grille, Dickey's Printing, DNH Wolverine Football Coaches, Jerry & LuAnn Jones Family, Loy & Loy Co., Donna Smith and Bill Hendrickson, Don Gunderson, Laborers Local 996, Dike Lions Club, Woolverton Printing Co., Hill's Repair, Aplington Feed & Grain, Konken Electric, Inc., Ubben Building Supplies, Bakker Construction, Kruger Seed Co., Morgan&Myers, The Print Place, Country BBQ & Catering, Simms Construction, The Fishermen, Stratus Communications, Bobbi Petersen/UNI Volleyball, Gene Drachenberg/Lockard Realty, and Spahn & Rose Lumber.

Silent auction sponsors included: Don McCaw, coat rack made from auto parts; Rick Morkel, an original painting; Bob Elliott, Kansas State vs. ISU football tickets; Wayne and Janine Whipps, ISU vs. Iowa football tickets; Rod and Amy Mead, BBQ theme basket, patio party basket and kid's fun-in-the-sun basket; Barb and Scott Mead, pool time basket; Deidra Craig, two Southern Living baskets; DNH High School Faculty and Booster Club, a Wolverine theme basket; Barb Lovell, apple pie theme basket; Vicki Murphy, snowman theme basket; Tawana Wienkes, health club basket and German dinner theme basket; Jean Rawdon, an afghan; Kathy Mainer, Advocare basket; Dawn Dwyer, hair care products basket; Deb Hemmen, skin care products basket; New Hartford Ladies Night Out Group, margariettaville theme basket; Julie Delagardelle, a pamper yourself theme basket; Brent and Burnett Dove, two planters with flowers; Cole Anderson and Kayla Murphy, kids' water fun basket; Rosie Mead, Longenberger breakfast treats basket; Dan Rawdon, handmade watch wall clock; and Julie Kopriva, Angie Dieken, Lisa Freese, and Rachel Rekkers, a family movie night basket.

Your support of this benefit, along with the many thoughts and prayers that we've received during and after Dustin's bone marrow transplant have been very helpful and are much appreciated.

Nov 07

Dustin Rawdon Receives American Cancer Society Scholarship

Dustin Rawdon of New Hartford was recently recognized at an American Cancer Society statewide leadership summit as a recipient of a college scholarship for the 2007 academic year. Rawdon, who attends Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, is one of twelve cancer survivors from Iowa awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the American Cancer Society.

"This scholarship has really helped me with my student loans," said Rawdon. Rawdon is studying to be a diesel technician and plans to graduate in May of 2008.

The American Cancer Society's youth scholarship program enables young cancer survivors to demonstrate the academic and social accomplishments they have made in spite of their illness. In addition to overcoming the disease, many cancer survivors and their families must also overcome the financial burden of obtaining a college education. The youth scholarship program gives them an opportunity to pursue a degree by covering some of the cost. Similar to other scholarships, the recipients were chosen based on their commitment to academic or vocational goals, current financial need, leadership ability, and community service.

The American Cancer Society was able to provide young cancer survivors with scholarships in large part because of the support of the Minneapolis-based Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America. Allianz's contribution provided funding to award scholarships to students across Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin this year.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 13 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States.