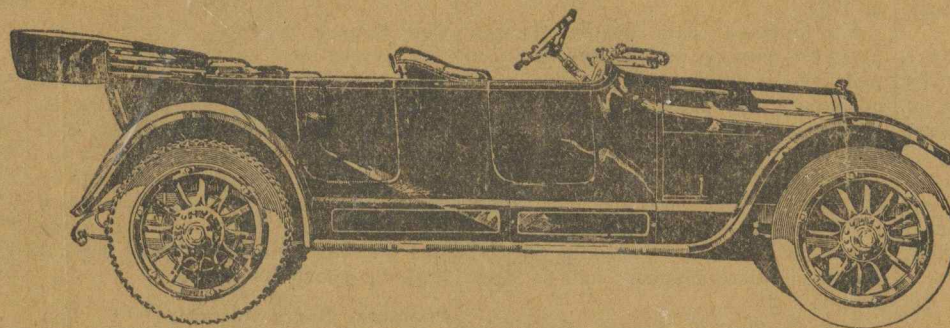


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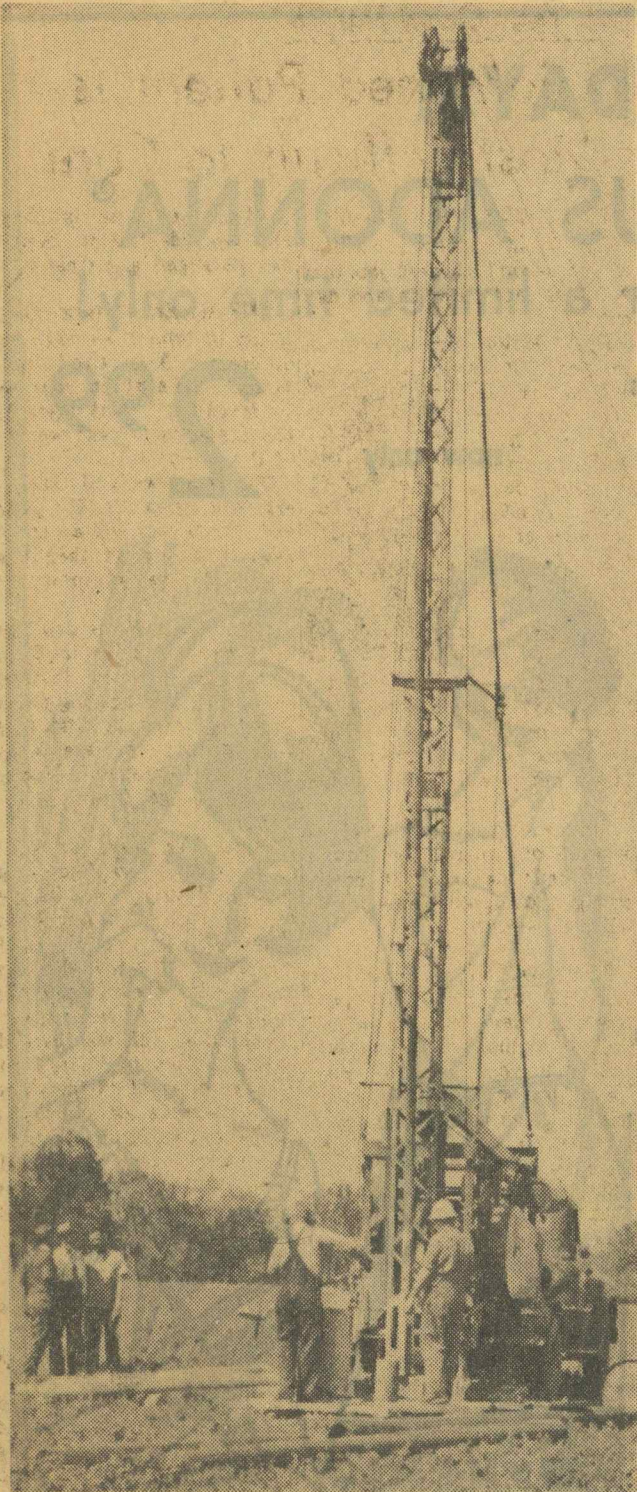
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OIL DRILLING IN BUTLER COUNTY
First Test Site Near New Hartford

(Courier Photo)

Oil Rig Starts Probe in Butler

By Staff Writer

NEW HARTFORD—A drilling rig by Wednesday afternoon had probed 30 feet into the ground in the initial oil prospecting venture in Butler county.

Drilling started Tuesday on the Ray S. Huntley farm about five miles northeast of here.

THE OPERATION is being directed by W. C. Schaper, doing business as Petroleum Minerals Industries, of Shell Rock.

The firm has oil and gas leases in Beaver, Albion, Shell Rock, Jefferson, Butler and Jackson townships in Butler county.

Schaper, who lives in Charles City, said at the Huntley farm Wednesday that if the first well was "favorable" there would be additional test drillings in the county.

"This area has a good geological structure indicating possible accumulation and entrapment of crude oil," Schaper said.

HE SAID possible oil formations appear to be "not too deep" in Beaver and Albion townships. Deeper formations are indicated for the other four townships.

Schaper said the area his firm leased was determined by geological and geophysical surveys by competent geologists and by an aerial survey

with a magnetometer last September.

The first well is in an 80-acre "drilling block." Other owners of land in the block are Don Walker of Cedar Falls, and Lawrence Rittgers, Harry A. Moore and F. W. Berninghausen, all of New Hartford.

NELSON BROTHERS Well-Drilling, of Decorah, is sinking the first well. According to a drilling contract, the well may be sunk to a maximum depth of 1,000 feet if necessary.

Schaper would not estimate how deep the potential oil basin might be.

UIU MAN ELECTED.

FAYETTE (CNS) — Paul C. Pickett, associate professor of education at Upper Iowa University, has been elected first vice president of the Association for Student Teachers in Iowa. Pickett has been affiliated with Upper Iowa since 1960. Prior to joining the UIU faculty, he served as superintendent of schools in Fayette.

Obituaries

GENEVA A. O'DONNELL

Geneva Anna O'Donnell of 207 Oak Park Circle Parkersburg, Iowa was born to John and Emma Reuter Welter October 3, 1923 in Raymond, Iowa.

She attended Independence Schools. On February 9, 1944 she married James O'Donnell in Independence, Iowa. The couple then moved to Waterloo, Iowa. In 1949 they moved to New Hartford, Iowa, then moving to Parkersburg, in 1959 where they opened O'Donnell Clothing store where she was Co-Owner. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parkersburg.

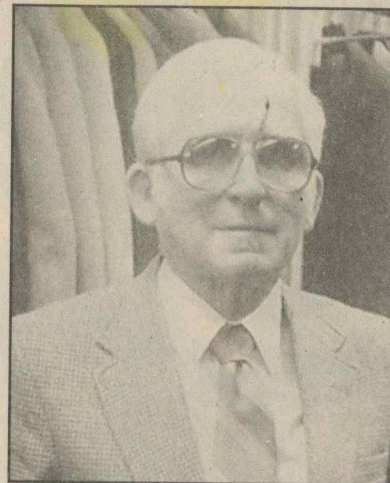
She died at 9:25 p.m. Thursday, July 7, 1994, at Covenant Medical Center Waterloo, Iowa. She reached the age of 70 years, 8 months and 4 days. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Geneva is survived by her husband James of Parkersburg, One son, James, of Collyer, Kansas, Five daughters, Kathleen Braun, of Marion, Iowa, Mary Kaune, of Waterloo, Iowa, Margaret O'Donnell, of Marion, Iowa, Patricia O'Donnell, of Wilton, Maine, and Julie Heying, of Blue Springs, Missouri, 13 grandchildren, Six brothers, Donald Welter, of Coggon, Iowa, Lawrence Welter, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Alvin Welter, of Fairbanks, Iowa, Raymond Welter, Lamont, Iowa, Jim Welter, Lamont, Iowa, Dale Welter, Fairfax, Virginia, Two sisters, Dorothy Erger, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Eileen McGuire, of Waterloo, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to the Leukemia Society of America.

Funeral Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 11, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Rev. Joseph McGuire officiating; lectors were Patricia O'Donnell and Kathleen Braun; servers were Travis Baker, Corey Woods, Trevor Woods; Organist was Mary Oelmann; Pianist Elisabeth Kaune; Song - Tears In Heaven with Martha Andersen song leader; Congregational songs were Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art, On Eagle's Wings, Prayer of St. Francis. Casketbearers were Charles Braun, Daniel Weber, Andrew Smelser, Emma O'Donnell, Jennifer Weber, Kathleen Heying, Christopher Braun, Brendan O'Donnell. Interment followed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Cemetery in Parkersburg, Iowa. There was a Scripture Service Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at the Schwartz Funeral Home. Schwartz Funeral Home in Parkersburg, Iowa was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

OBITUARIES



Jim O'Donnell

James "Jim" E. O'Donnell, 83, formerly of Parkersburg and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died Sunday, July 22, 2007 at Solon Nursing and Care Center, from complications of Parkinsons Disease. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 26, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parkersburg. Father Dennis Quint officiated.

Jim is survived by five daughters, Kathleen Braun (Lawrence) of Cedar Rapids; Mary Kaune (Richard) of Waterloo; Margaret O'Donnell (William Ebeltoft) of Morrisville, NC; Patricia O'Donnell (Michael Burke) of Wilton, ME; Julia Heying (Glenn) of Durham, NC; and a son, James O'Donnell, Jr. (Ruth) of South Milwaukee, WI. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Geneva O'Donnell, on July 7, 1994; by his parents, A.A. and Edith O'Donnell; and by twelve brothers and sisters.

Born June 1, 1924 in Elma, Iowa, he married Geneva Welter on February 9, 1944. He achieved his dream of owning and operating a fine men's and women's clothing store in 1959. As a businessman and community leader, his guiding principles were honesty, generosity, and pride in the service and products he offered. Throughout his long struggle with Parkinsons disease, his courage and great good humor sustained us all. He was a thoroughgoing Irishman, with all the wit and sense of fun suggested by the title, endearing himself to his family and his many friends.

Memorials may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation, to Hospice of Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be left at braunlk@hotmail.com.



Oldenburger - Mittag Wedding

Announcement is being made of the Saturday, July 1, 1989 wedding of Heidi Linn Oldenburger and Jay Bradley Mittag. Parents of the couple are Kenneth and Mary Oldenburger of Parkersburg, Iowa and Gerald and Arlyce Mittag of Glenville, Minnesota.

Wedding vows were exchanged at 6:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church with Pastor Rod Wetzig officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father who was attired in a black tux with tails. The bride wore a gown of white bridal satin completely overlaid with lace. It was trimmed in sequins and pearls. The gown also had short puffy sleeves and a cathedral length train that flowed from the natural waistline. Her veil was made of bridal netting which was accented with flowers and pearls. She also carried an arm bouquet of red roses and calalilies and greenery.

Serving as Matron of Honor was Paige Somerville, sister of the bride, from Onslow, Iowa; Maid of Honor was Jan Perry, friend of the bride, from Parkersburg, Iowa. Bridesmaids were Jill Mittag, sister of the groom from Westby, Wisconsin, Stephanie Fossum, friend of the bride, from Cedar Falls, Iowa and Anita Walter, friend of the couple, from Prescott, Iowa. The attendants' dresses were tea length which featured a dropped waistline made of red taffeta with the bodice and puffy

Flowergirl was Breck Oldenburger, sister of the bride, from Parkersburg, Iowa. Her dress was designed similar to the brides' dress as it was floor length with a dropped waistline and was made with white taffeta covered with white lace.

The bridesmaids and flowergirl dresses were made by Barb Oltman of Allison. They all wore baby's breath in their hair and carried an arm bouquet of red roses, white roses and calalilies with greenery.

The groom was attired in a white tux with tails and chose the following to serve him: Bestman was Craig Mittag, brother of groom from Carroll, Iowa, and groomsmen were Troy Michels, of Mankato, Minnesota, Aaron Cech of Glenville, Minnesota, Ron Skarda of Creston, Iowa, who are all friends of the groom and Clark Mittag, brother of the groom, from Glenville, Minnesota. The groomsmen were all attired in black tuxes with tails with red bow ties and cummerbunds. Ring bearer was Adam Mittag, nephew of the groom from Glenville, Minnesota. He was attired in a white tux with tails.

Seating the guests were Chad Oldenburger, brother of the bride, of Parkersburg, Iowa; Ken Somerville, brother-in-law of the bride, of Onslow, Iowa; Steve Brumn, friend of the couple, of Stacyville, Iowa; Jeff Strangstalien, friend of the couple of Westby, Wisconsin. They were attired in black tuxes with tails.

Seated at the guest book was Tammy Dean of Aplington, Iowa and Shari Bohlen of Clarksville, Iowa, both friends of the bride. Serving as the brides personal attendant was Mrs. Deb Wildeboer of Parkersburg, Iowa, friend of the bride.

The front of the church was decorated with greenery and four white crocheted baskets with ivies and red ribbon.

Soloists were Paul Lindeman, uncle of the bride from Dysart, Iowa, who sang the Wedding Song and Jill Lindeman, cousin of the bride, of St. Joseph, Missouri, who sang the Theme from Ice Castles and Evergreen. They were accompanied by Kelly Truax, friend of the bride, of Parkersburg, Iowa.

Following the ceremony, two bouquets of balloons were released by the bride's parents as the couple were driven to the reception by Richard Schwartz in his limo. The reception was held at the Butler County Fair Grounds in Allison, Iowa. The reception building was decorated with red, white and black balloons featuring an archway where the band was to play. The reception featured the wedding cake which was made by Richard and Annette Mohn. Also helping cut the cake was Marlyn Williamson, of Glenville, Minnesota. It had a fountain and miniature groomsmen and bridesmaids on the staircasing which was accented with red roses and greenery. Serving the bridal table were Shannon Fesenmeyer, Mary Schrage and Carol Vogt, all friends of the bride. Hosts and hostesses for the reception were Jim and Shirley Fesenmeyer of Greene, Iowa and Steve and Nancy Schmalenburger of Vincent, Iowa. Pouring the punch was Joyce Harder, cousin of the groom and pouring coffee was Becky Mittag, sister-in-law of the groom. Serving the guests were Donna Lindeman, Cheryl Burrows Hosper, Wanda Burrows, all aunts of the bride. After the reception there was a dance which featured "Sundance."

On July 2nd the couple returned to the home of the brides parents and opened their gifts. Later that day they left for their honeymoon trip to Kentucky and Tennessee.

The couple are now residing at their home at R.R.#1 Box 34B, Glenville, Minnesota, where they have recently moved.

On June 30th Gerald Mittag hosted a rehearsal supper at Polly's Cafe in Parkersburg for his son Jay Bradley Mittag and Heidi Linn Oldenburger.



Oldenburger-Mittag Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oldenburger of Parkersburg proudly announces the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Linn to Jay Bradley Mittag, son of Arlyce and Gerald Mittag of Glenville, Minnesota.

The bride-elect attended Hawkeye Institute of Technology, Waterloo for Animal Science and is currently

employed with Iowa Testing Laboratories, Eagle Grove, Iowa. Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Technical College, Waseca. He has an Animal Science degree and is employed with Century Acres Angus, Vincent, Iowa.

A July 1st wedding is being planned at the First Congregational Church in Parkersburg.

, OCTOBER 14, 1992

Katalin Marie Somerville, along with her parents, Ken and Paige Somerville, wish to announce the arrival of Carrie Ann Somerville born on October 4, 1992. Katalin's sister Carrie weighed 8 lbs. 4 1/2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Katalin's and Carrie's grandparents are Denny and Karen Somerville and Ken and Mary Oldenburger.

Great grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Morris Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Oldenburger and Ms. Jeanette Burrows.

HELLO WORLD

Jay and Heidi Mittag of Platte City, Missouri joyfully announce another special blessing, Francesca Rae Mittag. The little miss was born on April 11, 1994 at 12:17 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces. She has a proud sister named Chelsea-Lyn who is 3 years old.

Proud Grandparents are Ken and Mary Oldenburger of Parkersburg, Iowa; Arlyce and Bud Halverson and Gerald and Judy Mittag all of Glenville, Minnesota.

Great-grandparents are Anna Oldenburger and the late Bruno Oldenburger of Parkersburg, Iowa, and Jeanette Burrows of the Allison Care Center, Allison, Iowa; Gaylen and Pearl Mittag and Bertha Schilling all of Glenville, Minnesota.

April 1994

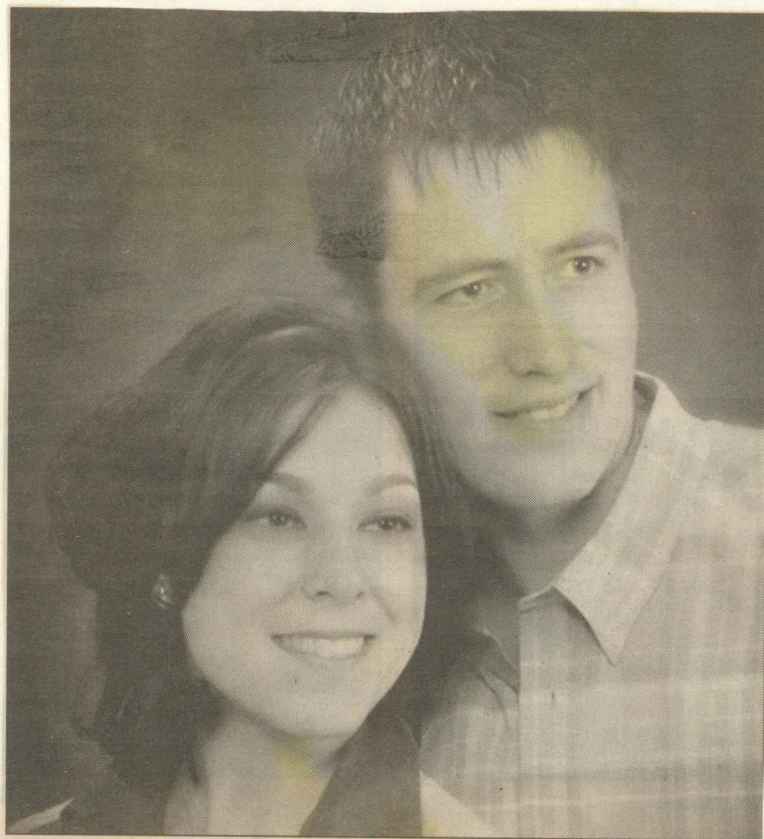
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Silver Anniversary

Twenty-five years ago on January 7th, Ken and Mary (Burrows) Oldenburger of rural Parkersburg were married. They have four children: Paige, Heidi, Chad and Breck and two granddaughters. Paige and her husband Ken Som-

erville with their daughter Katalin live in Onslow, Iowa and Heidi and her husband Jay Mittag with their daughter Chelsea live at Oregon, Wisconsin. Both Chad and Breck live at home. A celebration was postponed until later this summer.



Breck Oldenburger and Brandon Kruger

Oldenburger-Kruger

PARKERSBURG — Breck Ann Oldenburger and Brandon Brian Kruger, both of Willmar, Minn., will be married this month in Clara City, Minn.

Parents of the couple are Ken and Mary Oldenburger of Parkersburg and Brian and Marj Kruger of May-

nard, Minn.

The bride-to-be is employed by Land O'Lakes/Purina Feed LLC, and the groom-to-be is self-employed with Kruger Quarter Horses.

The 3:30 p.m. ceremony will take place Nov. 18 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, with a reception at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 167 in Willmar.



Hello World

2007

Eight very excited Aunts and Uncles welcomed their new little niece Sedona Mari Oldenburger into this world on Thursday Nov. 8. Sedona is the new baby daughter of Kayla Frost and Jim Oldenburger of Parkersburg. Baby Sedona weighed 7 #s 5 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Shawna & Brian Hagen of New Hartford, Al & Barb Frost of Denver, and Keith & Michele Oldenburger of Parkersburg.

The Dumont Wellness Center & Dutchman's Oaks News

By Marilyn Moser



Don Huisman, Carla Oler and Don Glew provided musical entertainment for us last week.

We started off our week by working on a craft activity at Dutchman's Oaks and participating in Plate Toss at the Wellness Center. Our assisted living tenants painted little wooden

sponded to a prize. We will probably try this again as we had a lot of fun with it!

Violet Laudner came and played several popular songs on the piano.

Cheese and crackers were served at Tea Time.

We played Charades Friday afternoon. It is funny to watch others attempt to act out whatever activity is

CTOBER 28, 1992

DALE R. OLER

Dale Rolland Oler, age 71 of Parkersburg, Iowa passed away at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa on October 22, 1992.

He was born January 19, 1921 the son of Fred and Loah Jones Oler from Burdette, Iowa. He attended Burdette Country School and the Dundee High School.

Dale was a farmer and worked for John Deere for 15 years; a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Parkersburg; served with the US Navy during W.W.II and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1623 of Waterloo.

On January 18, 1948 Dale was united in marriage to Mildred Abbas at the Immanuel Evangelical & Reformed Church in Alden.

Survivors include his wife Mildred Oler of Parkersburg; his mother Loah Oler of Cedar Falls; 4 sons, James Oler of LaPorte City, Robert of New Hartford, David of Cedar Falls, Scott of Vinton; 3 daughters: Carol Pies of Waterloo, Gale Henry of Parkersburg, Brenda Youngblood of Waterloo; 14 grandchildren; 2 brothers: Darrell Oler of Brandon, Dallas Oler of Oelwein; and a sister Betty Nielson of Shell Rock.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Donald Oler and a sister Theda Heinerroth.

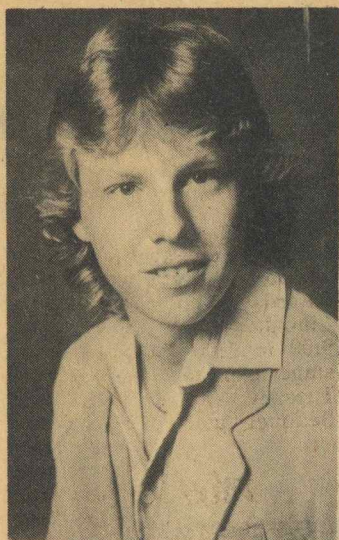
Funeral services were held Monday, October 26, 1992 at the Christian Reformed Church in Parkersburg with Rev. David Zylstra officiating. Organist was Janet Johnson. Casketbearers were Bill Breitenkamp, Kevin Heinzeroth, Tom Jass, Don Johnson, Bill

Nielson, and Kenneth Nielson.

Interment followed at the Alden Cemetery, Alden, Iowa.

Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls was in charge of the arrangements.

Mar 24 1982



Scott 1982

By: Nora Davis

If you have seen a blonde-haired, green eyed boy roaming around the schools, it might be Scott Oler. His advice to the underclassmen is set your goals high and keep reaching until you've succeeded.

Dale and Mildred Oler are the proud parents of this 18 year old boy born on February 12, 1964.

Scott's classes this year are p.e., short stories, family living, biology, and accounting. His favorite pastime is having a good time.

One of Scott's pet peeves is people who think they are better than everyone else and can't accept other people for what they are. Scott feels that his parents and friends have influenced him the most.

His future plans are to attend college and then dairy farm.

Scott's favorite movie is "Taps". Blue is his favorite color. If you see Scott eating a lot of pizza or steak and baked potato, it may be because they are his favorite foods. His favorite songs are "United", "Time For Me To Fly", and "Turn Me Loose."

Good luck in the future, Scott!

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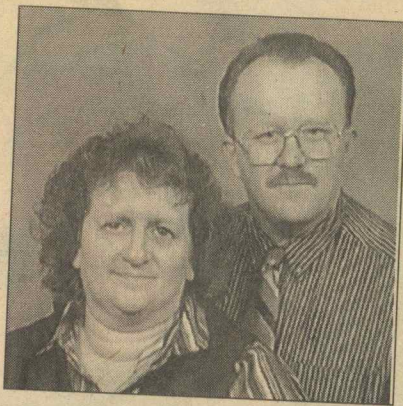
PARKERSBURG – Bob and Carla Oler will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary at noon Sunday with a dinner with family and friends.

Mr. Oler and Carla Youngburg were married July 6, 1974, at Christian Reformed Church.

Mr. Oler is retired from MidAmerican Energy.

Hosting the event will be their son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Mary Oler of Parkersburg.

No invitations are being sent.



Mr. and Mrs. Oler



Merry Christmas

Love Bob & Carla

Aug 24, 1961
**CEDAR FALLS
 DEATHS**

MRS. FLORENCE OLSEN.

Mrs. Florence Evelyn Olsen, 66, of 2210 Central Ave., North Cedar, died Thursday at 5 a. m. at Sartori hospital.

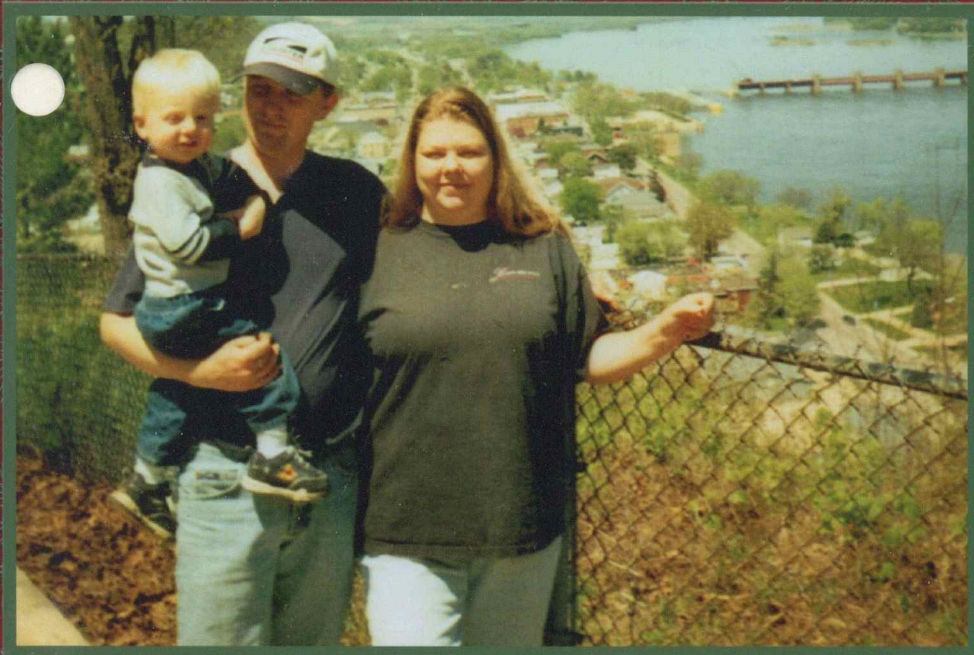
Funeral services will be Saturday at 1:30 p. m. at Nelson funeral home with the Rev. George Griebenow officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery, New Hartford.

She was born at New Hartford Oct. 26, 1894, the daughter of George L. and Evelyn Vande. She grew up in the New Hartford community, and was married there Sept. 30, 1914, to Jesse Olsen. She was a member of Finchford Community church.

Surviving are her husband; a son and daughter, Russell Olsen, 321 W. Longview, North Cedar; Mrs. Eva Folkers, 1928 Oak St., North Cedar; two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Albert Cutler, Waterloo, Mrs. Georgia Wolfe, 1002 Easton, Waterloo, and Lawrence Vande, 1221 Walnut St.; her stepmother, Mrs. Ezra Blanchard, Algona, and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



FROM THE OLER'S



Birth Announced

Shawn Oler would like to announce the birth of his baby sister, Karissa Grace.

Karissa was born on December 30, 2008 and was six pounds eight ounces and 19 3/4 inches long.

Karissa and Shawn's parents are Brian and Mary Oler of Aplington. Grandparents are Bob and Carla Oler of Parkersburg, Jim and Dorothy Urban of LeMars. Great grandparents are Mildred Rewerts of Parkersburg and Wendall Urban of Cherokee.

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Biography of Aaron Olmstead

Aaron Olmstead was born on June 25, 1826 in Onieda, New York to Lewis and Elnora Owens Olmstead. He was married to Hulda M. Bagley on January 1, 1850. He rode horseback from Indiana to look for a homestead, and found one in Butler Co., north of New Hartford, Iowa. He rode all night the last night to be the first one at the court house in Allison, Iowa when it opened up- as another man was after that same land. Aaron was waiting at the door when the other man rode up.

Aaron was so thrilled over the claim of rich black soil which was all covered with trees. He went back to Indiana to bring his wife to their new home. Upon arrival with his bride, he found a prairie fire had burned over the spot he had selected to build on. He didn't lose his courage and went ahead and built anyway, and set out new trees. They raised their large family of nine children there and this is where they died. Aaron died on February 13, 1913 and is buried in the Beaver Grove Cemetery. His wife Hulda was born January 11, 1832 and died September 28, 1900 and is buried beside her husband at Beaver Grove Cemetery. The children of Aaron and Hulda Olmstead were: Silas Eugene, Frank, Edna, Elizabeth, Margaret, Isaac, Florence and Harriet.

The Olmstead farm extended two miles east of Shabbona Grove on both sides of the road and contained about 1500 acres. There are two cemeteries, one east and one west of Shabbona Grove - this is where all of the early Olmsteads are buried.

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Shabbona Grove is a ghost town now, as another town named Shabbona is four miles north of Shabbona Grove and started after the railroad was built. At the time Silas Eugene Olmstead, son of Aaron lived there, Shabbona Grove had two churches, a school, 3 stores, 2 lumber and coal yards, Town Hall, two hotels and seven saloons, one sawmill run by Olmstead's Blacksmith Shop. The Olmstead people did not drink alcohol and they started the Methodist Church there. Silas Eugene Olmstead was born March 9, 1856 and married Sarah Christine Geyer on September 10, 1881. Sarah was born January 19, 1863 and died in 1952. Silas died in 1928 and they are both buried in the Beaver Grove Cemetery. Their children were:

Florence Mabel Olmstead, born Dec. 28, 1882
Isaac Lewis Olmstead, born Jan. 4, 1885
Edmund Eugene Olmstead, born Jan 11, 1887
Warren Cecil Olmstead, born Aug. 24, 1889
Percy Olmstead, born Jan 1, 1892
Ezra Vern Olmstead, born Mar. 21, 1895
Charles Dewey Olmstead, born May 14, 1898
Leila Sophia Olmstead, born Aug. 28, 1901

Florence Mabel Olmstead married Earl Doil Moore on Oct. 15, 1901. Their children were all born in Butler County. They were:

Mattie Olive Moore, born Jan. 4, 1903
George Eugene Moore, born Apr. 17, 1905
Nellie Marguerite Moore, born Jul 3, 1907
Howard Vernon Moore, born May 16, 1910
Magnetta Marie Moore, born Aug. 23, 1913
Warren Earl Moore, born May 3, 1916
Jennie Leila Moore, born Nov. 19, 1918
Verna Eilene Moore, born Mar. 29, 1921
Jeanne Ruth Moore, born Jun 26, 1924

Submitted by Larry & Rose Marie Gersema

David Olmstead (6th generation) son of Silas and Abigail) born March 1, 1765 - married Rebecca Jackson (born March 2, 1765, died 1834. Their children were: ~~Sarah~~ Nathan, Eliza, Coleman, Hannah, Esther, Lydia, Mathew William (1804 - 1888), Silas, David and Lewis - (our direct line of ancestry).

Isaac (Lewis Olmstead (7th generation) son Of Isaac Lewis Olmstead) born May 13, 1802, died March 16, 1892. He was married to Elnora Owens on Feb. 27, 1823 (born 1803, and died May 24, 1852.) Their children were: Elizabeth, Aaron, Hector, Harmon, Silas, Lewis and John.

Aaron Olmstead (8th generation), son of Lewis and Elnora, born June 25, 1826, Oneida, N. Y., married Jan 1, 1850 and died Feb. 13, 1913. He was married to Hulda Bagley Olmstead who was born Jan. 11, 1832 and died Sept. 28, 1900. His children were, namely; Silas Eugene (from whom we are descended), Frank, Edna, Eliza, Margaret, Isaac, Florence and Harriet.

Silas Eugene (9th generation), born March 9, 1856 and died in 1938. Married to Sarah Christine Geyer, born Jan 19, 1863 and died in 1952. They were married Sept. 10, 1881. Their children were:

Florence Mabel, born Dec. 28, 1882, married Oct. 15, 1901, Earl Doil Moore. Their children were Mattie Olive, born Jan 4, 1903; George Eugene, born April 17, 1905; Nellie Marguerite, born July 3, 1907; Howard Vernon, born May 16, 1910; Magnetta Marie, born August 23, 1913; Warren Earl, born May 3, 1916; Jennie Leila, born Nov. 19, 1918; Verna Emlene, born March 29, 1921; Jeanne Ruth, born June 26, 1924.

Isaac Lewis, born Jan 4, 1885, died October 27, 1940; married Emma Mexner Jan. 1910. She died July 29, 1968. Their children were: Warren born Feb. 13, 1911, Eugene born August 21, 1915; Luella born July 31, 1917; Evelyn born May 18, 1920 and Phyllis born July 22, 1922.

Edmund Eugene, born Jan 11, 1887, married Belle McPherson Oct. 20, 1913. They had two girls Isabella, now deceased, and Edith.

Warren, married Fern Garrison Jan 1, 1912. They had one child, Albert. He was born August 24, 1889.

Percy, married Florence Fuller July 2, 1922. They had the following children: Lawrence, Ardella, Charles, Lavina, Mensloe, Bernice. He was born Jan 1, 1892.

Charles Dewey, married Esther Waldord June 16, 1928. Their children Dewey Ralph, Violet Ruth. He was born May 14, 1898.

Leila married Guy Porter August 9, 1928. Their children: Carol and George. She was born August 28, 1901.

Ezra Vern married Ida Marie 7-2-1922. Children Dewey, William and Ted. He was born March 21, 1895.

Rev. Nathan Olmstead
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DIED.—Friday morning, March 7,
 1890, Mrs. N. Olmstead, aged 82
 years, 5 months and 10 days.

The deceased was born in Fair-
 field county, Connecticut, Novem-
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 Nathan Olmstead in her 24th year,
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 lived ever since. The deceased
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 since that time. She was a loving
 and faithful wife and mother, a
 good neighbor and a kind friend
 and her children feel that they have
 lost their best earthly friend and
 counselor, and her neighbors and
 friends one who was ever ready with
 sympathizing words and acts to
 cheer the afflicted. Mrs. Olmstead
 was the mother of ten children,
 eight of whom survive her and were
 present at the funeral and followed
 the remains to their last resting
 place. The funeral services were
 conducted by Rev. Howell at the
 old home on Saturday forenoon last,
 a large number of friends gathering
 to pay their last respects to her
 whom they loved in life and mourn-
 ed when dead. Peace be to her
 ashes.

Rev. Nathan Olmstead
 died May 7, 1889

OLMSTE(A)D NEWS

Frederick Law Olmsted Home and Office at Brookline, Massachusetts becomes a National Historic Site

On October 12, 1979, the 96th Congress passed Public Law 96-87 which includes a provision that the Home and Office of Frederick Law Olmsted become a National Historic Site to be administrated by the National Park Service, Department of Interior for the people of the United States. Senate Bill 495 was introduced on February 26, 1979 by Senators Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), Paul E. Tsongas (D-Mass.), and John H. Chafee (R-R.I.); hearings were conducted on the feasibility and need for the project in May.

The law states that it is important "to preserve and interpret for the benefit, inspiration, and education of present and future generations the home and office of Frederick Law Olmsted, the great American landscape architect and designer. The Secretary of Interior is authorized to acquire the property comprising the former home and office of FLO at 99-101 Warren Street, Brookline, Mass. together with such adjacent lands and interests as the Secretary deems necessary, for the establishment of the Site. The Secretary may also acquire for the purposes of the Site all or any portion of the documents, equipment, drawings, and other materials comprising the Olmsted archival collection" within a two year period. Approximately two million dollars will be expended in purchase of the property, the archival collection, development of the facilities, and for preservation of the collection.

F.L.O. was born in 1822 in Hartford, Conn. His observations of parks and scenery and how they benefit people during his extensive travels through Europe and the U.S. resulted in a series of interesting and still valuable books, in addition to being the background for his magnificent work as a landscape architect. In 1857 he teamed up with Calvert Vaux and won first prize, over thirty other entries, for their plan for Central Park in New York City; as a result, Olmsted became architect-in-chief in one of the first attempts in the United States to apply art to the improvement of nature in a public park.

F.L.O.'s work was varied. During the Civil War he served as general secretary of the U.S. Sanitary Commission, the fore-runner of the present day U.S. Public Health Service. He then moved west to California and served as manager of the Mariposa Estate including the management of the largest gold-mining operation in the country at the time.

During his lifetime Olmsted's influence was reflected in many wide-spread varieties of parks, including: Prospect Park, Brooklyn; Fairmont Park, Philadelphia; Riverside and Morningside Parks, NYC; Belle Isle Park, Detroit; Mount Royal Park, Montreal; U.S. Capital grounds, Washington, DC; the Boston Park System; the Niagara Falls plan; the Columbian Exposition grounds (1893), Chicago; Vanderbilt's Biltmore grounds, Ashville, N.C.; Buffalo park system; the Chicago South Park; the suburban community of Riverside, Illinois; and Rochester, Louisville, and Milwaukee are also sites of Olmsted parks; as well as numerous smaller parks in communities throughout the US. Olmsted was an advocate of proper planning of and for parks in urban planning; he is credited with developing 'parkways' — traffic paths thru parks that minimize their negative influences upon the park itself.

The F.L.O. Home & Office was designated a national historic landmark in May 1963. The property is important as a ~~site~~ to commemorate Olmsted himself and as an invaluable repository of practically all of the original plans and drawings produced over a 90 year period by Olmsted Associates, the firm he established. The archival collection consists of about 150,000 drawings and 63,000 prints and photographic items dating back to the 1860s; the collection has research value for those interested in the history of parks created by Olmsted in the past as well as for those studying park design, conservation, and town planning for the future.

A new organization, *Friends of Olmsted Parks*, has been started. The purpose is to promote better understanding of F.L.O.'s work in many of the communities of our country and to help in the preservation and acquisition of additional archival records relating to F.L.O.'s park program. The group will also provide some support for the development of the Brookline Site. More information on this activity will be carried in the next issue of *Olmste[a]d News*.

we get this from Leila

OLMSTEAD HISTORY

References to documents for Military records:

Vol. "Olmstead Geneology in possession of Rev. George R. Ware, 815 W. 181st., New York City - he being Secretary of the Olmstead Family Ass'n.

Also from records of family Bibles. Our Great Grandfather Aaron Olmstead was nephew of Nathan Olmstead and he was the grandfather of Jessie Olmstead Knoop (Nat. II 120250).

A James Olmstead (born around 1580) came to this country on the sailing boat Lyons, landing at Boston on Sept. 16, 1632. He was 52 years old. The voyage took 12 weeks. He brought 2 nephews, Richard and John, and it is from Richard that we are descended. On Oct. 15, 1635, Richard started from Connecticut and after weeks of travel, arrived at Hartford, Connecticut. His name is on the monument in the public square.

Our first ancestors came to this country 100 years before George Washington was born. Our ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War.

In 1731, Captain James Olmstead, struggled with the problems of the colonies as town clerk, selectman, deputy general and court selectman, helped with the foundation that has made this glorious U. S. the honored and worth nation it has become.

Silas Olmstead (soldier) and Abigail de Forest Olmstead, his wife, (born in Wilton, Fairfield Co., Connecticut, Feb. 18, 1732). Enlisted May 7, 1775 in Captain Meade's Co. 5th Regiment. Col. Waltenburg discharged Sept. 17, 1775. Marched with Col. Meade's brigade to the relief of Ft. William Henry in the alarm of 1775. Died 1777 in Valley Forge. Rank - Private.

David Olmstead (Son of Silas & Abigail) born Mar. 1, 1768 - married Rebecca Jackson (born Mar. 2, 1765, died 1834)

The Rev. Their children

Nathan, Eliza, Colman, Hanah, Ester, Mathew Wm. (1804 - 1888), Silas David, and Lewis - (Our direct line of ancestry).

Lewis Olmstead (son of Lewis Olmstead) born May 13, 1802. Married Feb. 27, 1823 and died Mar. 16, 1892. He was married to Elnora Owens (born 1803, and died May 24, 1852.)

Their son

Aaron Olmstead (Son of Lewis and Elnora) born June 25, 1826, Oneida, N.Y. Married Jan. 1, 1850 and died Feb. 13, 1913. He was married to Hulda Bagley Olmstead who was born Jan. 11, 1832 and died Sept. 28, 1900. m.

Their Son

Silas Eugene Olmstead (son of Aaron and Hulda Bagley) born March 9, 1856 and died in 1928. Married to Sarah Christine Geyer, born Jan. 19, 1863 and died in 1952. They were married Sept. 10, 1881.

OLMSTE[A]D NEWS

This is the first issue of OLMSTE(A)D NEWS which will be an attempt to make contact with all persons who are Olmste(a)ds or their descendants. It is free but contributions will be accepted to help defray the printing and postage costs. The initial mailing of this issue will be based on a number of lists developed over the past three years as sent to us by those interested or as gleaned from various telephone book listings. As this is being sent bulk rate it will not be forwarded to those that have moved nor will it be delivered if we have a wrong address. Please keep us informed of your current address and please feel free to send the names and addresses of others of your family so that we might send them a copy of *Olmste[a]d News*. If material warrants and contributions make it possible, we will consider making it a twice-a-year venture. Contents will not duplicate that published in *Olmste(a)d's Genealogy Recorded*.

OLMSTE[A]D FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The OLMSTE(A)D FAMILY ASSOCIATION was formed in 1972 as the successor to the Olmsted Family, Inc. Its purpose is to foster interest in the history and genealogy of all related to the Olmsteads and the Olmsteds. Activities include a bi-annual reunion on an international level. Local chapters are organized to further develop the comradeship of all who carry the Olmste(a)d heritage. Membership in the OFA is \$10.00 per year and includes the year's issues of the quarterly *Olmste[a]d's Genealogy Recorded*.

OLMSTE[A]D'S GENEALOGY RECORDED

Olmste[a]d's Genealogy Recorded is a quarterly magazine of history and genealogy concerning persons of Olmste(a)d heritage. Articles deal with specific persons, genealogical families, and research and records relating to Olmste(a)ds and their descendants. An annual index is supplied, queries are accepted, and back issues are available.

Subscriptions are included with membership in the OLMSTE(A)D FAMILY ASSOCIATION. Those not wishing to belong to the OFA but wishing to subscribe may do so at \$5.00 per year.

OLMSTEAD'S LAW: After all is said and done,
a hell of a lot more is said than done.

Clark Olmstead

(found on page 71 of the December 1979 Reader's Digest as
taken from "The Official Explanations" by Paul Dickson)

Walt Steesy — Interlaken, NY 14847

.....Please send me the registration packet for the 1980 Olmste(a)d Reunion.

.....Enclosed is my business card and/or letter for display at the reunion.

.....Please send information and forms to submit my Olmste(a)d lineage and other genealogical or biographical records for the future revised Olmste(a)d genealogy.

.....Enclosed is \$10.00 for my membership for 1980 in the OLMSTE(A)D FAMILY ASSOCIATION which includes a subscription to *Olmste[a]d's Genealogy Recorded*.

.....Enclosed is \$5.00 for the year 1980 subscription to *Olmste[a]d's Genealogy Recorded*. I do not wish to join the Olmste(a)d Family Association at this time.

.....Please send:

..... Vol. 1 — <i>The Formative Years</i> (F.L.O. Papers) by McLaughlin	\$25.00
..... <i>FLO: A Biography of Frederick Law Olmsted</i> by Roper	\$20.00
..... <i>Landscape into Cityscape</i> by Fein	\$22.50
..... French fold notes — Olmstead or Olmsted	\$ 1.25

make checks payable in US funds to: Walt Steesy

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

Rev. Nathan

Olmsted

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data

Day Month Year

City, Town or Place

County or Province, etc.

State or Country

Add. Info. on Husband

In 1853, he came to Beaverburg Sec. 18— and preached his 1st sermon here the 1st Sunday after his arrival

Birth

16 Sept 1809

Kilton

Conn.

Chr'nd

Mar.

Death

Burial

Places of Residence

Occupation

Minister

Church Affiliation

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Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.

Make separate sheet for each mar.

Nathan preached the 1st sermon at Butler Center in the saw mill in 1856. (pg 623) Butler Co. History 1893

His Father

David

Mother's Maiden Name

Rebecca Jackson

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Julia Ann Knapp

Wife's Data

Day Month Year

City, Town or Place

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Add. Info. on Wife

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City, State

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.

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2	Alonso L Full Name of Spouse* Margaret	Birth	1833				
3	Edward J. Full Name of Spouse* Alice Boyd	Birth	26 Nov 1835		Chemung Co	N. Y.	Eddie Eva Etta Harrison
4	Oscar Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	25 Dec 1877				
5	Orvis Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	22 Jan 1913	Oak Hill	New Hartford		
6	Julia Ann Full Name of Spouse* Aer Lee	Birth					
7	Theodore Full Name of Spouse* Lydia Philo	Birth					Nate Lutie Frank R. Luther
8	Lydia Full Name of Spouse* L. H. Boyd	Birth					
9		Birth					
10		Birth					

Lewis
L. H. Boyd
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FAMILY GROUP No. _____

Husband's Full Name

David Olmstead

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
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Death							
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Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
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His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Rebecca Jackson

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
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Chr'nd							
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Places of Residence

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Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

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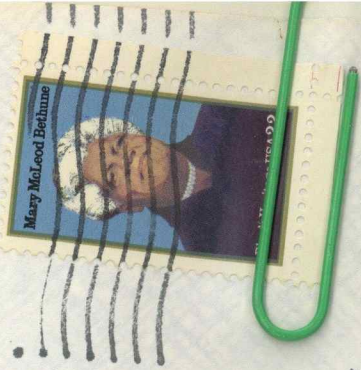
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	<i>Julia Knapp</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	7	May	1889				
		Burial							
2	<i>Eliza</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	<i>Colman</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
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4	<i>Hannah</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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5	<i>Esther</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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7	<i>Silas David</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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March 15, 1985

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Lewis was my great-grandfather's brother. They both married Wheeler girls but Sarah Wheeler died "young" (after 4 children) and Lewis remarried Lydia Olmstead. (3 more children).

My great-grandfather, John E. Boyd, and family have a large tombstone by the front entrance of the Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford. They retired to New Hartford (from the farm on the highway to Shell Rock) and lived in the house by the bridge - (as you go to the cemetery, 1st place across bridge, left hand side of road to cemetery). I have a picture of the place - it looked

ing year. He was born in Winton, Connecticut, on the 16th day of September, 1809, and is a son of David and Rebecca (Jackson) Olmstead, who were also natives of that State. When Nathan was seven years old the family emigrated to Tompkins county, New York, where they remained about three years, and then moved to Tioga—now Chemung—county, where the son lived until twenty-four years old. At that time he came West, and after spending one year in La Salle county, Illinois, moved to what is now DeKalb county. In 1842 he joined the Protestant Methodist Church, and, soon after, became a minister of the gospel. He followed this calling, as a local preacher, while in that State, and was also ordained a deacon while living there. In 1853 he came to Butler county, Iowa, and settled on section 18, Beaver township, and in January, 1854, entered the land where he now lives. In 1858 he was ordained an elder. Mr. Olmstead was an active worker in the church in the early days of the township. He preached the first sermon here the Sunday following his arrival, and soon afterward organized a church. He believes in republicanism, and has taken quite an active part in the politics of the township. In July, 1831, he was united in wedlock to Miss Julia Ann Knapp, also a native of Connecticut. Ten children have blessed this union, of whom eight are now living—Melissa, now the widow of Henry Thomas; Alonzo, living at Butler Center; Edward, living in Beaver township; Oscar now living in Waterloo; Orvis, now living in Ackley; Julia Ann, widow of Asa Lee, of Ackley; Theodore, who is living at home, and Lydia, wife of L. H. Boyd. In 1881 Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Olmstead is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, and a man who is greatly beloved and respected by all who have the honor of his acquaintance. Always fearless in doing right, and ready to tread under foot whatever borders on oppression, he is one of those, whose influence for good is felt by all who come in contact with him.

Came to Beaver

July - 1853

FRAZIER-LINDSEY.

Dec 27-1908—

A pleasant little surprise occurred in New Hartford Sunday night after church services when E. E. Clements, the Methodist pastor, solemnized the marriage of Mrs. Kate Frazier, of this place, to Mr. Harrison Lindsey of Waterloo, at the home of the bride. The greatest surprise, however, was in the wedding taking place when it did, for many have been guessing for some time that they were married several days ago in Waterloo.

The wedding took place in a very quiet manner with the following persons present: Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Olmstead Jr., Misses Ethel and Hazel Frazier, Mr. Harrison Olmstead and Mr. L. A. Petersen.

The bride has lived in New Hartford several years and has won the universal respect of all who know her. Mr. Lindsey is not well known here, yet those who have met him consider him to be worthy his excellent wife. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey will soon locate on Mr. Lindsey's farm near Dunkerton, where they will reside for a short time. After awhile they intend to locate permanently in the city of Waterloo, where Mr. Lindsey's home has been for some time.

Certainly the warmest congratulations are extended to these people by everyone.

to the realities of last Friday morning. The remains were interred in Grove cemetery Saturday. Our first settlers are the raucs until the coming few.

DIED.—Friday, 1890, Mrs. N. Olmstead, 5 months and 10 days.

The deceased was born in field county, Connecticut, September 7, 1807. She was the wife of Nathan Olmstead, and with her husband lived in Tioga county, New York, where she was living in that county when the family moved to DeKalb county, Illinois, and finally to Butler county, Iowa, where she lived ever since with her husband. She was a Methodist Episcopal church member, and she has been a very active and faithful wife and a good neighbor and a mother of five children. She lost their best son, a counselor, and her friends one who was sympathizing with her in cheer the afflicted. She was the mother of eight of whom seven are present at the funeral. The remains to be placed in the grave were conducted by Rev. S. C. Bretnall. The funeral was held at her old home on Saturday morning. A large number of friends were present to pay their last respects to one whom they loved and who was so suddenly called when dead.

FRAZIER-OLMSTEAD, 1909

On Sunday afternoon last, Dec. 23th, at half past one o'clock occurred a quiet wedding. The contracting parties were Eddie F. Olmstead and Miss Nellie E. Frazier and the ceremony took place at the home of Mr. Ed. Olmstead in the presence of the members of the two families interested and was performed by Rev S. C. Bretnall. A bountiful dinner was served after the ceremony by Miss Eva Olmstead, sister of the groom, to which all present did justice. The newly married couple left early on Monday morning, driving to Cedar Falls where they took the train for Minneapolis for a few days visit with relatives and sight seeing after which they will be at home to their friend in New Hartford. In the spring, they will move out to a farm which the groom has rented. These two young people are well and favorably known and all join in wishing them a long and happy life together.

Rev. Nathan Olmstead's
No. 1

LIFE'S LABOR O'ER.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Thomas were held Friday afternoon at her home six miles northwest of New Hartford. The services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Ross, of the M. E. Church. That she was beloved by all who knew her was evidenced by the large concourse who thronged the home to pay the last tribute of respect, and accompany the bereaved friends to the "silent city" where all that was mortal of mother and sister, were tenderly laid to rest. Loving hands had lined the grave with white, white flowers and evergreens were banked around and strewn within until the casket rested in a bed of flowers. The floral pieces sent by relatives and friends were many and beautiful and many of the fragrant blossoms that she had loved and cared for herself were plucked and laid beside her. The choir rendered appropriate music, using by request "Asleep in Jesus" and "How Blest the Righteous When He Dies." One son, Albert, and two daughters, Miss Emily and Mrs. Frank Geyer, were present at the funeral.

Those present at the funeral from a distance were O. P. and A. L. Olmstead and families of Ackley, brothers of the deceased, and a sister, Mrs. G. J. Carson of Iowa Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnston of Cedar Falls. The pall bearers were E. R. Dodd, L. J. Ackerman, Wm. Van Vleck, Milton Osborn, J. W. Seaver and Robert Stanley.

OBITUARY.

Louisa M. Thomas was born in Chemung county, N. Y., March 2nd, 1830. At the age of six years she moved with her parents to Illinois where she lived until the year 1855 when she removed with her parents to Iowa and settled in Butler county, where she has since lived. She was married to Henry Thomas in 1856. Of this union four children, one of whom with the husband and father, preceded her to the better land. The other three, one son and two daughters survive her. She was the oldest of eight children in the family of Nathan Olmstead, and the first to be called home.

No. 2

Another Old Settler Dies

Edwin F. Olmstead died at his home near New Hartford, January 22, 1913, after an illness of an hour.

He was an old and much respected citizen. The funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. W. A. Faris.

Appropriate songs were rendered by a male quartette composed of Curtis Faris, New Hartford and Roy See, Ralph Struve, and Walter Gulick of Mt. Auburn. Many beautiful flowers covered the casket. The remains were laid to rest in Oak Hill.

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While still a young man he sought and found the Savior, and joined the Methodist church, living and dying in the blessed hope of the life beyond.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of expressing the gratitude we feel and sincere thanks to all the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in our late bereavement. And for the beautiful flowers.

The Family.

No. 2 - Alongs - (A. L.) (?)

A. L. Olmstead

1833-1919

Margaret - wife

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See Aunt Goldie

Alice Boyd Work Sheet 1

No 3 on Rev. Nathan Almstead

HUSBAND'S NAME Olmstead, Edward or Edwin Franklin Genealogical Number _____
Born 26 November 1835 or 7 Where Chemung County, NY
Chr'nd/Bapt'd _____ Church _____ Where _____
Died 22 January 1913 Where home near New Hartford, Iowa
Buried in Lot _____ Section _____ in the Oak Hill cemetery at New Hartford, Iowa
Married 25 December 1877 Where New Hartford, Iowa By _____
Other wives _____
Military Service: Country _____ Branch of Service _____ Highest Rank _____
Drafted or _____
Enlisted _____ Discharged _____ ID# _____
Member of: Church Methodist Clubs _____ Lodges _____ Political Party _____
Father Olmstead, Nathan (Rev) Mother (nee) Knapp, Julia Ann

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Boyd, Alice Josephine
Born 6 April 1860 Where Iowa
Chr'nd/Bapt'd _____ Church _____ Where _____
Died _____ Where Hackensack, Minnesota
Buried in Lot _____ Section _____ in the _____ cemetery at Minneapolis, MN
Other husbands (2) William C. Gorman, (3) John St Clair
Member of: Church _____ Clubs _____ Societies _____
Father Boyd, Lewis Henry Mother (nee) Wheeler, Sarah

Sex	CHILDREN in order of birth		WHEN			WHERE		STATE or Country	MARRIED
			Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County		
1913 near New Hartford	1. Edward T. Eddie F.	Born	May 17	1880		New Hartford	Iowa	Date	
		Died	Feb. 4	1956		Buried in Mpls.	Minn.	To Fracker, Nellie	
Mpls.	2. Florence Eva	Born	Aug. 3,	1882		New Hartford	Iowa	Date 5 March 1911, Mpls. Minn.	
		Died	Jan. 26,	1924		Buried in Mpls.	Minn.	To Brown, Joseph E	
Mpls.	3. nickname "Etta" Mary Etta	Born	Sept. 9,	1884		New Hartford	Iowa	Date	
		Died	July 28,	1965		Minneapolis	Minn.	To Sherwood, Joseph Elmer	"Jan"
on Brother's farm	4. William	Born	Oct. 3,	1886		New Hartford	Iowa	Date	
		Died	Oct. 4,	1886		" "	"	To	
on Brother's farm	5. "adopted" James "Harrison"	Born	Sept. 14,	1889		New Hartford	Iowa	Date	
		Died				Minneapolis	MN	To Wilson, Ferrol	
Des mains	6. Baby	Born	Jan. 10,	1896				Date	
		Died	Jan. 10,	1896				To	
Des mains	7. "adopted" Freeman Bass	Born						Date	
		Died						To Boyd, Deborah	
	8.	Born						Date	
		Died						To	
	9.	Born						Date	
		Died						To	
	10.	Born						Date	
		Died						To	

From Esther Garbers

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

Edwin F Almetead

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	26	Nov	1835		Chemung Co	N. York	
Chr'nd							
Mar.	25	Dec	1877				
Death	22	Jan	1913	Home near New Hartford			
Burial				Oak Hill	New Hartford		

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father *Rev. Nathan Almetead* Mother's Maiden Name *Julia Knapp*

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Alice Boyd*

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	6	Apr.	1860	Mt. Victory		Ohio	
Chr'nd							
Death	22	Dec.	1941	Thomas's Lake, Hackensack Minn			
Burial							

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Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar. *(1) Almetead (2) Wm Lowman (3) St Clair*

Date

Her Father *Lewis Henry Boyd* Mother's Maiden Name *Sarah Wheeler*

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<i>Edwin</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Nellie E. Frazier</i>	Birth			1881				<i>Lyle</i>
		Mar.	25	Dec	1904				
		Death	4	Feb	1956				
		Burial						<i>Minneapolis</i>	
2	<i>Florence Eva</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Joseph Brown</i>	Birth	3	Aug	1883				
		Mar.	5	Mar	1911				
		Death	26	Jan	1924				
		Burial							
3	<i>Mary Etta (Ett)</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Joseph E. Sherwood</i>	Birth	5	Sept	1885	New Hartford			<i>Harold, Dorothy, Melvin, Betty</i>
		Mar.							
		Death	28	July	1965				
		Burial							
	<i>William</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>William</i>	Birth	3	Oct	1886				
		Mar.							
		Death	4	Oct	1886				
		Burial							
5	<i>James Harrison</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Ferrol Nilson</i>	Birth	14	Oct	1889				
		Mar.							
		Death				<i>Minneapolis</i>			
		Burial							
6	<i>Baby</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1	Oct	1896				
		Mar.							
		Death	1	Oct	1896				
		Burial							
7	<i>"Adopted"</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Freeman Bass</i>	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	<i>married Deborah Boyd</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

Eddie & Nellie had
1 son Lyle

FRAZIER—OLMSTEAD. 1904

On Sunday afternoon last, Dec. 25th, at halfpast one o'clock occurred a quiet wedding. The contracting parties were Eddie F. Olmstead and Miss Nellie E. Frazier and the ceremony took place at the home of Mr. Ed. Olmstead in the presence of the members of the two families interested and was performed by Rev. S. C. Bretnall. A bountiful dinner was served after the ceremony by Miss Eva Olmstead, sister of the groom, to which all present did justice. The newly married couple left early on Monday morning, driving to Cedar Falls where they took the train for Minneapolis for a few days visit with relatives and sight seeing after which they will be at home to their friend in New Hartford. In the spring, they will move out to a farm which the groom has rented. These two young people are well and favorably known and all join in wishing them a long and happy life together.

The storm Tuesday of this week was the worst blizzard which has visited this section in many years. A strong wind and a blinding snow storm made walking and driving almost impossible and unsafe for any great distance, and business was practically at a standstill. At an early hour in the evening the railroads were hopelessly blocked and no passenger trains passed through New Hartford from that time until afternoon on Wednesday. The stores were closed almost before dark and remained closed all the evening. Rural mail carriers carriers made no trips over their routes Tuesday and Wednesday on account of the severe weather and impassable roads. The temperature as yet has not reached an extremely low point, it being only a few degrees below the zero mark on Wednesday morning after the storm had ceased. Along the roads in many places the snow lies in huge drifts, and in other places the roads are reported almost bare except for a coating of ice, the result of Monday's sleet storm. When this becomes thawed off the probabilities are that wheeling and sleighing will both be somewhat difficult.

Freeman Cyrus Bass - S.R. - James - 21 next birthday
White - American. Born Lee Co. Ill -

1st marriage father - Joseph Bass
mother - Jane Gander

Deborah Margaretta Boyd - S.R. - 19 next birthday
White - American. Born Black Hawk Co -

father - John E. Boyd
mother - Caroline Wheeler
near Hartford

married - Residence of John E. Boyd - 16 Feb 1886

Witnesses: J. E. Boyd & E. F. Olmstead

By Rev N. Olmstead

Eddie Olmstead

1913

Another Old Settler Dies

Edwin F. Olmstead died at his home near New Hartford, January 22, 1913, after an illness of an hour.

He was an old and much respected citizen. The funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. W. A. Paris.

Appropriate songs were rendered by a male quartette composed of Curtis Paris, New Hartford and Roy See, Ralph Struve, and Walter Gulick of Mt. Auburn. Many beautiful flowers covered the casket. The remains were laid to rest in Oak Hill.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Ed. Fitch, C. R. Harmon, H. J. Wood, Geo. Grady, D. L. Ranney, and H. B. Bigsby.

Edwin F. Olmstead was the son of Nathan and Julia Olmstead and was born in Chemung county, N. Y., November 26, 1835. When one year of age, he, with his parents, moved to DeKalb county, Illinois. They moved from there to Iowa in 1854 and settled in Beaver Grove in Butler county. He was one of a family of eight children, three of whom have passed on to the better land.

He was married to Alice Boyd December 25, 1877 at New Hartford, Iowa. To this union four children were born: Eddie F., who lives near New Hartford; Eva and Etta, living in Minneapolis, and Harrison, who lives with his brother on the farm. He also leaves an adopted son, Freeman Bass, now living in Des Moines.

While still a young man he sought and found the Savior, and joined the Methodist church, living and dying in the blessed hope of the life beyond.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of expressing the gratitude we feel and sincere thanks to all the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in our late bereavement. And for the beautiful flowers.

The Family.

FORMER WOMAN LAKE RESORT OWNER DIES

1941 Jr

Alice St. Clair, Operated the Sleepy Hollow Lodge for Five Years; Well Known in This Community.

Mrs. Alice St. Clair passed away December 22 at 8:45 a.m. at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 16 days, after an illness of several years. Death came at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. O. Park of Woman Lake, with whom she had resided the past several months.

Alice Boyd was born April 6, 1860, at Mt. Victory, Ohio, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boyd. When a young girl she moved with her parents to Iowa. At the age of 18 she married Ed Olmstead at New Hartford, Iowa.

She came to Minneapolis and in 1922 she married John St. Clair. The St. Clairs moved to the Woman Lake community in 1926 where they owned and operated Sleepy Hollow Lodge for five years. In 1939, she returned to Minneapolis where she since resided until coming to live with Mrs. Parks.

Left to mourn her passing besides a host of friends are two sons, Ed and James Olmstead of Minneapolis, two daughters, Mrs. S. O. Park (Goldie) of Woman Lake, Hackensack, and Mrs. J. E. Sherwood (Etta) of Ortonville, Minn. Also one sister, Mrs. Mary Larson of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and a brother, Louis Boyd of Yakima, Wyoming, and eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in Minneapolis on Friday, December 26th.

Mrs. St. Clair was well known and well liked in the community and will be missed by her many friends.



Uncle Ed + Nellie Olmstead

Uncle Harrison

Grandfather Olmstead

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

Theodore G. Olmstead

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	8	Apr.	1841	Shabony Grove		Ill.	
Chr'nd							
Mar.	18	May	1865				
Death	17	Apr.	1919				
Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Rev. Nathan

Mother's Maiden Name Julia Knapp

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Lydia Phils

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	31	Aug	1840				
Chr'nd							
Death	25	Oct	1918				
Burial							

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Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Little Willie Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1866				
		Mar.							
		Death			1869				
		Burial							
2	Frank P. Full Name of Spouse* 1869-1962 Lizzie Senneker	Birth			1867				Max
		Mar.							(1891-1989 Thora)
		Death			1946				(1899-1900 Ray L)
		Burial							Oak Hill
3	186 Luther G. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	Nate A. Full Name of Spouse* Carrie Gibson	Birth			1873				
		Mar.							
		Death			1961				
		Burial							
5	Lutie Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	21	June	1876				
		Mar.							
		Death	24	Feb	1909				
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

Charles Mauser
1320 Baltimore
Waukegan
234-8016

Robert Allender
1-515-673-9640

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

Chicago

An event of much interest to the people of this community happened on last Thursday evening Dec. 1st. The occasion was the marriage of Mr. Charles R. Lee to Miss Elsie Sawser at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson. At half past seven o'clock, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties, the ceremony was performed, Rev. S. C. Bretnall officiating with the ring service of the M. E. Church. It goes without saying that it was a very pleasant occasion. The bride was becomingly attired in a gray tailor-made skirt and a pretty waist of changeable silk. The groom wore the usual black suit. After congratulations all sat down to a bountiful supper prepared by Mrs. Carson, mother of the groom. The young people were remembered by their friends with a number of useful and beautiful presents. They departed the next day for Waterloo, where they will be at home to their friends at 421 Mullen Avenue, East Waterloo. The best wishes of a large circle of friends will go with them, and prayers for their well being, and these will be united with the congratulations of the large number of friends that they have made since living in Waterloo, where Mr. Lee will continue in his position in Black's store and Mrs. Lee will work at her trade as a dressmaker for the present. * * *

Almstead No 6
Asa Lee married Julia Almstead

CHAS. R. LEE BURIED

Committal rites were held in Oak Hill cemetery here Saturday afternoon for Chas. R. Lee, 73, who died Wednesday of a heart ailment at Ellsworth hospital in Iowa Falls where he had been a patient for two weeks. He was born in Ackley in April 1872, son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Lee. On Sept. 1, 1904 he mar-

ried Miss Elsie Sauer at New Hartford. He was engaged in the mercantile business here for several years afterward being in the same business at Oskaloosa, Maquoketa and Cedar Falls. He owned and operated a cafe here and later at Iowa Falls. At the time of his death he was managing a hotel at Jewell, Iowa. He leaves his widow and one sister, Mrs. Artiebell Henderson, Marshalltown. He was a member of the Methodist church, the Masonic lodge and several other organizations in Iowa Falls. Funeral services were held at the Powers funeral home Saturday at 2 p. m. in Iowa Falls with burial at New Hartford.

Charles 1873-1945

Elsie 1880-1950

THE PASSING OF T. G. OLMSTEAD 1841 1919

This community was shocked Thursday noon when the sad news was spread about town that Theodore Olmstead had passed away very suddenly at about 11:30 o'clock. While it was known that he had been taken suddenly sick about one week prior to his death his many friends and members of his family did not consider his condition serious, and as he was recovering nicely thought it was only a matter of a few days until he would be up and around again.

Thursday morning he was feeling better than usual and sat in a rocker until about 11:30 o'clock when Mrs. Nate Olmstead assisted him to the bed and after making him comfortable went to prepare the noon meal. Her attention was called to the room and upon investigation found Mr. Olmstead in a dying condition.

Theodore G. Olmstead was born at Snabbonny Grove, Ill., April 8, 1841 and died at his home in New Hartford, Iowa, April 17, 1919. At the age of thirteen years he moved to Iowa with his parents who settled in Beaver Grove where he grew to manhood. He answered his country's call to service and enlisted in 1861, serving about one year, when he was discharged on account of ill health.

On May 18, 1865, he was married to Lydia Philo, who preceded him in death six months ago. Into this home were born four sons and one daughter, Frank R. of Waterloo, Iowa, Nate A. of New Hartford, Iowa, Willie, who passed away in early childhood, Lutie J. who died Feb. 24, 1907, Luther G. of Chicago, Ill. The three sons and two brothers, Alonzo L. of Ackley, Ia., Orrin P. of Hampton, Iowa and one sister, Julia A. Carson of New Hartford, Iowa, two grandchildren and one great grand child survive him.

Then shall good stand in immortal bloom.

In the fair gardens of the second birth
And each bright blossom mingle its perfume.

With that of flowers which never bloomed on earth.

With thy rude ploughshare, Death,
turn up the sod,

And spread the furrow for the seed we sow,

This is the field and acre of our God
This is the place where human harvests grow.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 1 o'clock Saturday, Rev. D. McMasters officiating. Interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

The following relatives from out of

town attended the funeral:

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Olmstead, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olmstead and son Max, Mrs. Harold Smiley, Jas Kleinfelter, J. D. Ordway, Mrs. Ed Smith, Mrs. Roy Averill, Waterloo; Mrs. Ed DeGrief, Gilbertville; Mr. and Mrs. Zitterell of Webster City; Mrs. Aleck Hastler, Mrs. Harry Olmstead of Hampton; Mrs. Bert Mapes, Misses Ada and Ester Olmstead of Ackley; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lee of Maquoketa; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Olmstead, Miss Lillian Larkin, Dwight and Eugene VanVleck of Shell Rock; Mrs. James Mayo; Cecil Philo of Cedar Falls; Mrs. Walter Boyd Grinnell.

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Local News.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Olmstead in this city Tuesday, May 18, when forty-eight self-invited relatives and friends took possession of their home and assisted them in celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. The time was spent in social conversation and just at the noon hour when the guests were about to partake of the bountiful repast, telegraph and telephone messages of congratulations were received by Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead from relatives and friends who could not be present. Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead have spent all their married life in and around New Hartford during which time they have made hosts of friends with whom The Review joins in hopes that they may be spared to fulfill their pledge "to climb the golden stairs to their diamond wedding day" which was made on this occasion. They were the recipients of many presents and quite a large sum of money in gold. Following is a list of those present from a distance: Mrs. F. R. Olmstead and son Max, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smiley, Mrs. D. O. Olmstead, Mrs. Chas Knook and son Kenneth of Waterloo; L. Larkin and daughter Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. VanVlack, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. VanVlack, Earl VanVlack, Mr. and Mrs. E. Olmstead and Harrison Olmstead of Shell Rock; Mr. and Mrs. A. Olmstead, Mr. and Mrs. O. Olmstead of Ackley; Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boyd of Cedar Falls; Mrs. L. G. Olmstead, Mrs. C. R. Lee of Chicago.

August 4, 1946

FRANK R. OLMSTEAD.

Funeral services for Frank R. Olmstead, 79, of 897 West Third street, who died of a stroke at 11 m. Friday at his home, will be at 10 a. m. Monday at Locke home, with Rev. Harry pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial will be at New Hartford, Ia.

Born Apr. 2, 1867, near New Hartford, the son of Theodore and Lusia Olmstead. He married Lizzie Lensonbach on Sept. 10, 1890, in Waterloo. He was a carpenter by trade.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. H. R. Smiley, 711 Baltimore street; one son, Max S. Olmstead, Milwaukee, Wis.; two brothers, N. A. Olmstead, Cedar Falls, and L. G. Olmstead, Chicago; three granddaughters, and one great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by an infant son and a sister.

Nathan
Theodore
Frank

Courier Thursday, May 25, 1989

Theora Smiley

Services for Theora Smiley, 97, of Friendship Village, are tentatively planned for Saturday afternoon at Locke Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smiley died Wednesday (May 24) at Friendship Village Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

She was born Oct. 28, 1891, in New

Natie's sister
Lutie Olmstead
June 21 1876
Feb 1 1907

AT REST

Lucie A. Olmstead, daughter of Theodore and Mrs. T. G. Olmstead, was born in their quiet country home about four or five miles north of New Hartford, Ia., on April 2, 1867. She has been in the hospital from the cradle to the tomb. She grew bright and healthy till she was 18 years of age when she was taken sick and never fully recovered. She was ever patient, trusting and loving in her disposition and character. She was loved by all who knew her as was evidenced by the numerous tokens she received at different times. She departed this life in the home of her parents in New Hartford in the early morning of the 24th of February, 1907, at the age of 39 years 8 months and 12 days, leaving her parents, three brothers and numerous near relatives to mourn her departure.

The funeral services were held at the home at 10 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, February 26th, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Moore.

A large company of relatives and friends gathered to pay the last respects to "Lucie" who lay in the white casket "in state" among many beautiful flowers, tokens of love from sympathizing friends.

A quartet from the Baptist church, Mesdames Pelletier and Bourquin and Messrs. Yakom and Kleibenstein with Mrs. Clarence Sprague at the organ, sang "Child Come Home," "Saved By Grace" and "Sometime We'll Understand." At the grave they sang "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me." The pall bearers were: Arthur Seaver, Ray Dodd, Will Hannon, Fred Perin, Fred Bronson, and Matt Chapman. She was buried in the family lot in Oak Hill cemetery.

Obituary

MRS. O. D. OLMSTEAD.

Mrs. O. D. Olmstead, age 79, died at 11:45 a. m. today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nan Canfield, 807 Western avenue. Her death was caused by complications following influenza and pneumonia two years ago and from which she never recovered. Since January, 1920, she had been practically an invalid under the care of her daughters, Mrs. Canfield and Mrs. Dorothea Ordway. Her last illness began about two weeks ago.

Mrs. Olmstead, who before her marriage Feb. 21, 1868, was Rachel E. Caldwell, was born April 16, 1843. Her father was Alexander A. Caldwell, a pioneer minister of the Presbyterian church of Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead came to

Waterloo in 1879 and for many years made their home at 303 Washington street. Mr. Olmstead preceded her in death about 22 years ago. Always a faithful Presbyterian, Mrs. Olmstead was active in the work of the church organizations. She was a charter member of Westminster church and before its organization a member of First church.

Six children survive Mrs. Olmstead. A daughter, Mrs. J. M. King, Eustis, Fla., recently returned to Florida after a visit here and funeral arrangements await word from her. Other children surviving are Mrs. W. J. Zitterell, Webster City; Mrs. C. W. Knoop, 907 Mullan avenue west; O. D. Olmstead, Winner, S. D.; Mrs. Ordway and Mrs. Canfield, 807 Western avenue. A daughter, Maude E., died at the age of 17 years. There are seven grandchildren, one of whom, J. D. Ordway, now of Winner, S. D., formerly made his home with his grandmother. Mrs. Olmstead leaves two sisters, Miss Phoebe Caldwell and Mrs. Josephine Wilson, Minneapolis, and a brother, James, Caldwell, Riverside, Cal.

LOCAL ATTORNEY PASSES AWAY

O. D. OLMSTEAD SUCCUMBED TO
ILLNESS THIS MORNING.

Had Practiced Law Here Since 1911
and Was States Attorney of Tripp
County at Time of Death.

O. D. Olmstead, state's attorney of Tripp county and prominent attorney of the Rosebud country, died in Winner at 7:30 o'clock this morning following a six weeks' illness.

Mr. Olmstead and family came to Winner in the year 1911 and he has been engaged in the practice of law here since that time. He was elected state's attorney of Tripp county in 1928, which office he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Olmstead was 54 years of age and is survived by his wife and daughter, Margaret. Funeral services, under the direction of Mason's Funeral Home and conducted by Rev. J. A. McNulty, will be held at Trinity Episcopal church in Winner at 8:00 o'clock p. m. today. The body will be taken to Waterloo, Iowa, for burial.

OLMSTEAD—Relatives in Waterloo were notified by long distance telephone Thursday morning of the death at 7:30 a. m. Thursday in Winner, S. D., of O. D. Olmstead, formerly a lawyer in this city.

Mr. Olmstead had a wide practice in Waterloo before going to South Dakota. He had been a judge on the board of appeals in Washington D. C., and at the time of his death was a state's attorney in South Dakota. Funeral services were held in Winner Thursday evening. The body will be brought to Waterloo Friday and services will be held from Kistner's funeral home at 2 p. m. Saturday. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ellen Stillson Olmstead; a daughter, Margaret, and four sisters, Mrs. J. M. King, Eustis, Fla.; Mrs. W. J. Zitterell, Webster City; Mrs. F. D. Ordway, Waterloo, and Mrs. Nan Canfield, Waterloo.

The Rev. W. P. McCormick of the Westminster Presbyterian church will be in charge of services here, and members of Black Hawk County Bar association will be pallbearers.

Mrs. E. Olmstead Dies At Hospital Wednesday P. M.

Mrs. Edmund Olmstead, 59, 304 Grant st., died at 5:05 p. m. Wednesday at Sarteri hospital. Death resulted from complications following burns sustained Jan. 7. In an accident while at the cook stove fire, her legs and arms were severely burned.

Isabel McPherson was born Sept. 30, 1886 at Glyndon, Minn., to James and Isabella McPheason. Oct. 20, 1913 she was married to Edmund Olmstead at Parkersburg. The couple lived in the New Hartford vicinity until 17 years ago when they moved to their present home at 304 Grant st.

Deceased was a member of the Free Methodist church.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughter, Isabel and Edith, both at home; a brother, Andrew McPheason, Castleton, N. D., and a sister, Mrs. Jessie Megaw, New Hartford.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p. m. from Dahl's funeral home with Rev. Orel Drew officiating. Burial will be made in Greenwood cemetery. The body is at the Dahl funeral home.

Oct. OLMSTEAD-CANFIELD 23

At 4:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon Miss Nannie M. Olmstead and Mr. Lee Canfield were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. John C. Ordway, Washington, D. C. Both are people widely known in Waterloo, having spent most of their lives here. Mr. Canfield is one of the partners in the Canfield Lumber company and the bride has been employed in several local business houses.

Miss Olmstead has been visiting in Washington during the past summer and Mr. Canfield left Waterloo to join her Thursday of last week. The couple expect to visit the Jamestown exposition, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, New York City and other eastern points before returning here to make their home. They will likely arrive here in about three weeks.

*I haven't
figured out how
these tie in
I think he
must be Orvis
Jr. Note
talked about
Nan*

4873 BUTTERNUT HOLLOW LANE
BONITA, CALIFORNIA 92002
August 1, 1989

Grundy Co. Genealogy Society
P.O. Box 2
Reinbeck, IA 50669

Dear Genealogy Society,

Since I am unable to locate an address for BUTLER CO. Historical or Genealogy Society I am querying you regarding sources I might pursue for a family of OLMSTEAD who were enumerated in the 1880 census in Beaver Twp. Butler Co.

I am trying to connect a Dr. Theodore OLMSTEAD who was of Oakland, CA in the early 1900s till 1950s (at least wife Hattie lived until 1955 in Oakland, and we know Dr. OLMSTEAD was Superintendent of Merritt Hospital there by 1911) with the Iowa OLMSTEADS. These are the ones I located on the 1880 census:

Butler Co., Beaver Twp. 1880:

Theodore Olmstead, 39 b. ILL

Lydia 39 b. NY

Frank 13 b. IA

Nathan 7 b. " *no find*

Julia 4 b. "

Luther 2 b. " *Lutie - book (15d)*

Hattie 14 b. "

They are living with Nathan OLMSTEAD 71 b. NY and Julia 73 b. Conn.

also Beaver Twp. is:

Aaron Olmstead 53 b. NY

Hulda 47 b. PA

Eugene 24 b. IA

(Aaron there in 1900
also)

Frances 20 b. "

Maggie 15 b. "

Hattie 12 b. "

Mead, Lucy 7

also Butler Co. is:

Samuel OLMSTEAD 63 b. NY
Eliza 41 b. NY
Anna NORTON (niece) 7 b. IA

There are other OLMSTEADS of course 1880 e.g. Samuel E. 65 b. NY in Delaware Co. and some in Hamilton Co. etc. but these in Butler Co. seem the most significant to Dr. Theodore OLMSTEAD of Oakland, California.

Could someone advise the best sources to pursue to learn more about these OLMSTEADS in Butler Co. please. I think they may all go back to the Madison Co. NY folk but need some clues. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. I will enclose something to offset any xerox of sources you might share with me.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bogart Harper

SHIRLEY BOGART HARPER

This is your
"change" →

Answer to
Questions for
Shirley Harper

4117-2nd Street, NE
Columbia Hts, MN 55421
February 8, 1990

Dear Vopai,

Thank you for sending me the information on Lydia
Olmstead Boyd.

Regarding Theodore Olmstead, I don't have much to offer.
Since my only connection to most of the Olmsteads is through
Lewis Boyd marrying Lydia Olmstead and Lewis's daughter
by a previous marriage, Alice, marrying Edwin Olmstead,
brother to Alice's stepmother. (Naughty Alice) m. Gpa Gwinn

Enclosed is everything I know and you probably
have it already. A Theodore is on page 453.

I wish I had copied page 454 which lists Aaron
Olmstead's family. That might be THE clue!

As you can see there were two original Olmstead
families - and it seems obvious they are related.

My Aunt Carrie sent me the newspaper article about
you and your Aldrich Scrapbook. The article never said
"how much." Do you have some to sell?

I enjoyed meeting you too. You must have fun
gleaning important tidbits from scrapbooks.

Believe it or not, there are ~~two~~ two people in our
church who have Butler Co. roots. They are:

1. Jan Bass Johnson married to Marn Johnson.
Her dad's family, the Bass people, are distantly
related to the Freeman Bass who married Debbie
Boyd. (The same Freeman Bass "adopted" by
Edwin Olmstead.) (see enclosed papers).
2. Gary Traverse whose ancestors from Butler Co.
were the Hills. - Charlie Hill. He has quite a
bit of family history but he is a perfectionist and
if he can't do it right, he doesn't do it at all. But
the reason I thought of him now is the scrapbook
his mother made - the treasure of his life -
obits, weddings, etc. Of course, most of it is about
the pioneers in Minnesota - in the Park Rapids,

Crow Wing Lakes, Menahga area. This is where his family moved to from Iowa. And, would you believe, my son-in-law's aunt was married to one of Gary's relatives - an uncle, I think. Talk about a small world!

I procured a paperback copy of "Song of Years" from the University Book Store up on College Hill. Enjoyed it very much. I have also been enjoying the books I bought from you.

The office called me back to work so that has stopped my doing much I enjoy.

Sorry I'm not of much help.

yours truly,

Escher R. Harbers

But I often wonder if there
wouldn't be some clippings in it
from Aunt?

P.S. I never did get a good look at Marion Twantes photos she sent for identification. I spent 3 days sitting beside Aunt Carrie, going through her and grandma's old picture albums so we could identify the pictures. So, I am familiar with many of our family just from looking at Photos.

Encl. pages 452, 453 from Butler Co. History Book
Edwin Olmstead's obit
Work sheet on Alice + Edwin Olmstead

mailed
Feb 20, 1990

New Hartford, Iowa
Feb. 19, 1990

Dear Mr. Harper

Just noticed the date on your letter, I hope you hadn't given up, though I'm not finding any help.

Butler Co doesn't have a Geneological Society as yet but there are 2 ladies in Allison hoping to organize one. Your letter went to them and last week they asked me to help since I live in Beaver Township, Butler Co, where the Olmsteads lived, but I am having trouble finding a niche for your Thedorus.

One possibility is Frank Frank R. on your 1880 Census list, though I don't think there was enough time for Dr. Ted to get a degree him to have a son and be a Dr. by 1911. I found a telephone no for Frank R. a granddaughter of Frank R. but I think she has gone for the winter. I'll keep trying and let you know if I find something.

4873 BUTTERNUT HOLLOW LANE
BONITA, CALIFORNIA 92002
February 25, 1990

Vopal A. Youngberg
New Hartford, Iowa 50660

Dear Vopal A. Youngberg,

How gracious of you to assist me there with the OLMSTEAD search.

From all the prior info I had on Dr. Theodore OLMSTED OF Oakland, CA I felt sure the family I found in Butler Co., Beaver Twp. was his family:

1880	
Theodore OLMSTEAD	39 b. IL
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Hattie	14 b. "

They are living with Nathan OLMSTEAD 71 b. NY, Julia 73 b. Conn.

When I finally located Dr. OLMSTED's death record in Oakland 17 Feb. 1928 it gave his birth date as 8 Feb. 1857 Illinois. It said his father was Thaddeus OLMSTED b. IL; mother Elizabeth JONES b. NY. The Dr. had one son. Gardner OLMSTED.

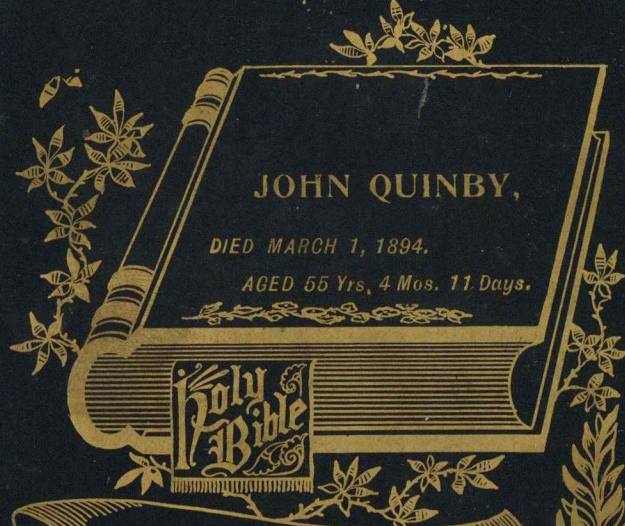
Thus I will have to conclude the Butler Co. group are not related (tho I have not completely ruled them out). I will sent this information on to the OLMSTED FAMILY ASSOCIATION as it may be just what someone is looking for!

I do thank you so much for taking the time to assist me in this search. If there is ever anything I might check for you here in CA I would do my best to locate the info.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bogart Harper

SHIRLEY BOGART HARPER



One by one earth's ties are broken,
A we see our love decay;
And the hope so fondly cherished,
Brighten but to pass away.
One by one our hopes grow brighter,
As we near the shining shore;
For we know across the river
Wait the loved ones gone before.

Is this
Edna Almsteade
husband

Cor. 5th Ave. and Washington St.

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

Aaron Olmstead

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	25	Jun	1826	Catherine	Chemung Co.	N. York	
Chr'nd							
Mar.	1	Jan	1850		La Salle Co.	Ill.	
Death	13	Feb	1913				
Burial							

Places of Residence La Salle Co, Ill., La Salle Co Ill - Butler Co La

Occupation Farmer Church Affiliation U. Brethren Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Isaac L

Mother's Maiden Name Elinor Owens

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Hulda M. Bagley

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	11	Jan	1832			Penn	
Chr'nd							
Death	28	Sept	1900				
Burial				Beaver	Butler Co		

Compiler

Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Isaac Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	27	Aug	1853				
		Mar.							
		Death	20	Oct	1872				
		Burial				Beaver			
2	Silas Eugene Full Name of Spouse* Sarah Meyer	Birth	9	Mar	1856			Flourence	Percy
		Mar.						Isaac	Esrd
		Death			1928			Edmund	Charles &
		Burial						Warren	Leila
3	Eliza Full Name of Spouse* Farnsworth	Birth			1857			4 babies	Minnie
		Mar.							Murray
		Death			1932				Jesse
		Burial							Grace
4	Frank L Full Name of Spouse* Angeline 1870-1938	Birth			1859				Nellie
		Mar.							Archie
		Death			1955				
		Burial							
5	Margaret Full Name of Spouse* AT Perrin	Birth	27	May	1864				Will
		Mar.							Edward
		Death	20	Sept	1948				Hoyl
		Burial							Theodore
6	Hattie Full Name of Spouse* Chris Meyer	Birth			1868				Carrie
		Mar.							Lucy
		Death			1951				Chris
		Burial							
7	Florence Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1871				
		Mar.							
		Death			1872				
		Burial							
8	Edna Full Name of Spouse* Quinby	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9		Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	No 4 - 2nd marriage Frank L Full Name of Spouse* Edith Emerson	Birth			1955				
		Mar.	24	June	1939				
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

Aaron Olmstead had the year previous—1854—taken a farm on section 20. He is a son of Isaac L. and Elinor (Owens) Olmstead, and was born in Chemung county, town of Catherine, New York, on the 25th day of June, 1826. When Aaron was ten years of age his parents came west and located in LaSalle county, Illinois, where they remained a short time, and then settled in DeKalb county. Here the son grew to manhood on his father's farm, and afterwards followed the occupation of farming while in that State. In 1854 he came to Iowa and entered a farm of 160 acres on section 20, Beaver township, where he now resides. Mr. Olmstead has held the office of trustee of the township, and has always taken a great interest in school matters. He is a republican, and is a member of the United Brethren Church. In 1850 he was united in marriage with Miss Hulda M. Bagley, who is a native of Pennsylvania. Nine children have been born to them, of whom six are living—

Silas E., who lives near his father's place; Francis L., living at home; Edna H., wife of John Quimby, of Grundy county; Eliza, wife of Lorenzo Farnsworth; Margaret M. and Hattie M. (Geyer)

Margaret - A. E. Perrin
1883 History

OBITUARY.

Miss Hulda M. Bagley was born in Crawford Co. Penn., Jan. 11th 1832. She moved with her parents to LaSalle Co., Ill., about the year 1840. She was married to Aaron Olmstead Jan. 1st 1850, and soon after moved to Butler Co. Ia., where she lived till the time of her death Sept., 28th 1900. She was the mother of nine children, three of whom have preceded her to the better land. She was sixty-eight years, eight months, seventeen days of age.

Aaron Olmstead

Thursday evening, Feb. 13, occurred the death of Mr. Aaron Olmstead, at the home of Chris Geyer, three miles north of town. He was nearly 87 years of age, and death was due mainly to the infirmities of old age.

The funeral was held from the home Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. Faris of the Methodist church conducted the services and burial was at the Beaver Grove cemetery.

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In 1854 he came to Iowa from La Salle county, Ills., and entered a quarter section of land, which he improved and lived on at the time of his death. He made the trip with an ox team and endured many hardships of pioneer days. He was converted when a young man and was a member of the M. E. church at New Hartford at the time of his death. His health failed during the past ten years, and he was tenderly cared for in his old age by his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Geyer. His last moments were peaceful and he passed away surrounded by his children Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The pall bearers were six of the grandsons: James and Adolphus Quinby, and Warren, Edmond, Percy and Ezra Olmstead.

1913

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OLMSTEAD FAMILY LINE

AARON OLMSTEAD married * HULDA M. BAGLEY OLMSTEAD
B: 6/25/1826 D: 2/13/1913 B: 1/11/1832 D: 9/28/1900

*born in Crawford Co., Penn.

Children:

* 1. EDNA M. OLMSTEAD M: JOHN QUIMBY on 2/15/1867
B: 11/3/1850 in Beaver Co., Iowa
Daughter: Esther

** 2. ELVA A. OLMSTEAD M: PHIL MEAD on 2/17/72
B: 4/22/1852 D: 11/22/1873

** 3. ISSAC O. OLMSTEAD
B: 8/24/1853 D: 10/2/1872

***4. SILAS E. OLMSTEAD M: SARAH GEYER
B: 3/9/1856

Children:

1) Isaac Olmstead M: _____
Daughter: Loretta

2) Warren Olmstead M: Fern Albert

3) Percy Olmstead M: _____
Daughter: Ardella
Son: Lawrence

4) Ezra Olmstead M: Ida _____

5) Dewey Olmstead M: Esther _____

6) Liela Olmstead M: Guy Porter
Son: George Porter
Daughter: Carol

7) Mabel Olmstead M: George Moore

Children:

a) Mattie M: Art McCoun

b) George M: Hilda

Children:

Richard, John, James, Harley, Nella Mae, Ruth,
Peter

c) Howard M: Marie

Children:

Duane, Vernon

d) Nellie M: Dick Groen

e) Magnetta M: Earl Roesk

Children:

Nancy, Carol, Robert

f) Warren M: Dorothy Holm

Children:

Earl, George, Gary

g) Jennie M: James Howard

h) Verna M: Al Beerbower

Children:

Bonnie, Al

i) Jeanne Moore M: John Dirksen

Children:

David, Donnie

* Born in Souranouk LaSalle Co., Ill.

** Born in Dekalb Co., Ill.

*** Born in Beaver, Butler Co., Iowa

Aaron Olmstead Family (con't)

5. ELIZA M. OLMSTEAD M: LORENZO FARMSWORTH on
B: 10/25/1857 10/12/1879
Children: Minnie M: Charlie Whitney
Children: Charles, Carlton, Averil, Rolland

6. FRANCIS L. OLMSTEAD M: ANGELINE TIMMONS on
B: 6/4/1859 12/3/1884
Children: Nellie Olmstead Ludwig

7. MARGARET M. OLMSTEAD *Perren (Mrs a J. Archie - 1887-1929)*
B: 5/24/1864

8. HATTIE INEZ OLMSTEAD* M: CHRISTIAN GEYER* on 4/5/1893
B: 4/9/1868 B: 6/7/1868
D: 7/23/1951 D: 7/26/1942

Children:

a) LUCY MINNIE GEYER JACOB HART HOLM on 2/5/1912
B: 1/27/1894 B: 10/21/1887
D: 5/21/1972 D: 8/28/1944
Children:
SEE HOLM ADDITION

b) Carrie Geyer* (single)
B: 9/19/1895
D: 10/22/1973
* denotes burial in Beaver Grove Cemetary in New
Hartford, Iowa

c) Christian Geyer, Jr. M: _____
B:
D:
Children:

9. ELLEN FLORENCE OLMSTEAD
B: 12/9/1870
D: 9/24/1872

5-9. Born in Beaver, Butler Co., Iowa (I think Beaver is a
township)

Margaret

Bn May 27 1864 d Sept 20, 1944
md Amos J. Ferrin 1886

1- Willie bn Aug 20, 1887
d Feb 28, 1907

2. Edward Franklin bn Jan 21, 1890
md Matilda Yarcho Jan 1918
Matilda d May 5, 1952

a — Arle — 1918 — 1918

b — Duane B. April 18, 1920

m June 23, 1940 — to Bethel Leroy
d June 7, 1992

c — Paul

3 Hazel A. Bn Dec 18, 1892 — d April 3, 1911

4 Theodore Bn Mar 23, 1905 — d Aug 9, 1937



The Dillman
1901

Method Sunday
Mother Sunday

Feb. 1966

Tells How His Grandfather Settled in Iowa

SHELL ROCK — To the Editor: When my grandfather first came to Iowa, Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Waverly and New Hartford were not on the map yet.

His name was Aaron Olmstead. He and a lot of other young married couples came to Iowa from near Shabbona, Ill. This country around here was new then. The nearest city was Dubuque.

In coming to Iowa, they had to cross the rivers such as the Cedar, West Fork, and Shell Rock at the shallowest places they called fords.

Took Homesteads

Most of the young men took up homesteads, a forty acre or an eighty acre plot. They had to pay a fee of fourteen dollars, then had to live on it six months of the year to prove upon it. My grandfather had money, so he bought his land, 160 acres, for \$1.25 per acre. His 160 acres are two and three-fourths miles northwest of where New Hartford stands.

They helped each other build cabins to get settled. The first fall they had hogs to sell, they drove them overland like ranchers used to drive their cattle to market. They took two wagon loads of ear corn to have feed at night.

A night guard had to be

set up on account of coyotes and wolves and to keep the hogs from straying.

Tells Sale Price

The first hogs they sold they got \$2.25 per hundred weight. With this money they laid in a six - months supply of provisions, such as flour, sugar, coffee, tea, etc. They made the trip to Dubuque twice a year.

My grandfather said there were no wages in those days, but a hustler could make a living.

There was plenty of wild game, such as prairie chickens, timber squirrels, raccoons and a lot of hollow trees containing wild bees, so they cut them down to get the honey.

PERCY OLMSTEAD

What Do You Think?

The Courier welcomes letters from readers on any subject of general interest for "The Public Speaks" column. Letters should be brief. They must be signed and the right to edit is retained by the Courier. Readers are asked to limit their contributions to one letter a month.

TOM-TOM

Strictly speaking, the term tom-tom should be applied only to the metal gongs of the Far East, which are flat disks with a shallow rim.

*He refers to Carrie Geyer
farm on black top. Sec
20*

HUSBAND'S NAME Ezra Olmstead

When Born 1895 Where _____

(Husband's Full Name)

Christened _____ Where _____

When Died _____ Where _____

(Wife's Maiden Name)

When Buried _____ Where _____

When Married _____ Where _____

This information obtained from

Other Wives (if any)
Number (1) (2) etc.

Mrs. Guy Evans
Shull Rock -

Jan - 1987

No. 1

His Father Silas Eugene Olmstead

His Mother's Maiden Name Sarah Christine Geyer

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Ida Marie Evans

When Born Nov. 28, 1906 Where _____

Christened _____ Where _____

When Died _____ age 53 Where _____

Date

When Buried _____ Where _____

Compiler

Other Husb. (if any)
Number (1) (2) etc.

Address

Her Father David E. Evans

Her Mother's Maiden Name Florence Ellen Kuhlank

State

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN Town or Place	County	State or Country	WHEN DIED*			Married
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year	
M	1 <u>Delaney</u>										Date To <u>Virginia</u>
M	2 <u>Ied</u>										Date To <u>Luetta</u>
M	3 <u>Bill</u>							<u>Sept. 25, 1981</u>			Date To <u>E. Laine</u>
	4										Date To
	5										Date To
	6										Date To
	7										Date To
	8										Date To
	9										Date To
	10										Date To
	11										Date To
	12										Date To
	13										Date To

Ezra's son
Ied lives in
Tripoli

HUS
DATE

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS
THE SAME PERSON AS NO. _____

ON CHART NO. _____

1 Rose Marie Olmstead

BORN 8-13-46

WHERE Waverly, Bremer Co., Ia

WHEN MARRIED 5-7-66

DIED

WHERE

Larry Dean Gersema

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 Menslee Clayton Olmstead

BORN July, 22, 1924

WHERE Shell Rock, Butler Co., Ia

WHEN MARRIED Sept 22, 1945

DIED

WHERE

3 Alice Rose Morrison

BORN May 8, 1927

WHERE Plainfield

DIED

WHERE

GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR
BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION
WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES
BY NUMBER.

PEDIGREE CHART

4 Percy Olmstead

BORN Jan 1, 1892

WHERE New Hartford, Butler, Ia

WHEN MARRIED June 10, 1913

DIED July 20, 1967

WHERE

~~Knopville, Ia~~ Veterans Hosp
Knopville, Ia

5 Florence Mae Fuller

BORN June 10, 1893

WHERE

DIED Jan 8, 1958

WHERE Shell Rock, Butler Co., Ia

Home

6 John (NRM) Morrison

BORN June 2, 1886

WHERE Lubette, Ill.

WHEN MARRIED Nov. 15, 1905

DIED Mar 25, 1957

WHERE Cedar Falls, Black Hawk

Sartori Memorial
Hosp. Co., Iowa

7 Ida Cathrine Lehman

BORN Mar 13, 1884

WHERE Virginia

DIED Sept 10, 1949

WHERE Milledgeville, Carroll Co.

Buried: Lee Co.

8 Silas Eugene Olmstead

BORN Mar 9, 1856

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED Sept 10, 1881

DIED 1938 (28)

WHERE

Sarah Christine Geyer

BORN Jan 19, 1863

WHERE

DIED 1952

WHERE Lincoln

10 Charles ~~Fuller~~ Fuller

BORN 19, Jan, 1870

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED Feb 28, 1891

DIED 12-7-1935

WHERE Illinois

Ella Mae Stoddard

BORN Feb 2, 1872

WHERE Jordans Grove, Lin Co., Ia.

DIED Dec. 3, 1926

WHERE Shell Rock, Butler Co., Ia.

12 Frank Morrison

BORN

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED

DIED

WHERE

Martha Brooks

BORN

WHERE

DIED

WHERE

14 David H. Lehman (Lahman)

BORN Mar 13, 1855

WHERE Rockingham Co., Va.

WHEN MARRIED Sept 19, 1880

DIED Feb 21, 1916 8:30 pm

WHERE Carleton Co. Minnesota

Mary Ann Lehman

BORN Rockingham Co., Va.

WHERE Jan 20, 1861

DIED Feb 14, 1926

WHERE Whiteside Co., Ill.

#15. Cemetery: Maple Ridge
West Jordan Lutheran Ch.
RR #188) Sterling, Ill. 61081
Location: SW S.W. corner
no marker

- (32) Isaac L. Almstead ^{Feb 21, 1832} m. Eliza (Ogden)
b. May 13, 1802 d. May 16, 1892 b. 1803 d. May 24, 1852.
- (36) Aaron Almstead m. 1850 Hulda M. Bagley b. Jan 11, 1832 d. Sept 28, 1900
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- (38) Silas Eugene Alm m. Sarah Sawyer
- (4) Percy Almstead
- (a) Minnie Clayton Almstead
- (1) Rose Marie Almstead m. Larry D. Geremia

FAMILY GROUP No.

This Information Obtained From:

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DEATH OF ARCHIE OLMSTEAD.	

1	Nellie	Full Name of Spouse	1886	Birth
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Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Olmstead of this place, was united in marriage on Thursday of last week to Charles L. Ludwig of Independence. The marriage took place at the parsonage in Waterloo, Rev. J. E. Johnson officiating. Miss Olmstead has been teaching in the schools of Mason City for some time and was engaged as teacher in the schools at Waterloo for four or five years. Mr. Ludwig is one of Buchanan county's prosperous farmers and they will be at home to their friends at Independence. The Review joins in with the many friends here in extending congratulations.	1929	1929
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INDEPENDENCE — Nellie Ludwig, 104, of Independence, died Thursday, May 31, at West Village Care Center, Independence, of natural causes; survivors include a nephew, Gale Ludwig of Independence; and two nieces, Alma Sill and Esther Becker, both of Lamoni; she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles in 1930; a brother, Archie Olmstead; and a sister in infancy; services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at White Funeral Home, Independence, with burial in Mount Hope Cemetery, Independence; friends may call after 7 p.m. today at the funeral home; Mrs. Ludwig taught school for more than 20 years in rural schools and in Rockford, Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Mason City; after being married she was a private tutor in Independence.

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MRS. LIZZIE OLMSTEAD.

Mrs. Lizzie Olmstead, 93, died at the Woodlawn Convalescent home Wednesday morning at 7:48 a. m. of complications due to advanced age. She was born in Rock Grove, Illinois on Aug 18, 1869.

They moved to Iowa and she attended the New Hartford public schools. She was married to Frank R. Olmstead on Sept. 10, 1890 in Waterloo. She was a member of the First Baptist church in Waterloo.

Surviving, a daughter, Mrs. Harold Smiley of 711 Baltimore St.; three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and by two sons. Arrangements are pending at the Locke funeral home.

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IOWA DEATHS

(Courier Special Service)

NEW HARTFORD — Mrs. F. L. Olmstead, 66, Saturday at Sartori hospital, Cedar Falls, after a month's illness; nee Angeline Timmins, at Charles City; married in 1885 to Franklin L. Olmstead of New Hartford and couple had lived here since; leaves husband, one daughter, Mrs. Nellie Ludwig, Independence; two brothers, Ezra Timmins, Burlington, and Edgar Timmins, Charles City; one sister, Mrs. Retta Palmer, Charles City; a son, Archie, died several years ago; funeral, 2:30 p. m. Monday at the Methodist church; burial in Beaver Grove cemetery.

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OBITUARY OF FRANK OLMSTEAD, FORMER RESIDENT OF NEW HARTFORD

Francis Lesley Olmstead was born on July 4, 1859, son of Aaron and Huldah Olmstead near New Hartford, Iowa. He had 2 brothers and 6 sisters who all have preceded him by several years.

He was converted and baptized in his youth at Washington Chapel a United Brethern church north of Cedar Falls. Following his conversion, he took a 3 year correspondence course in the ministry and became an ordained pastor and held charge in Floyd County and South Burlington and supply work in Butler County, 5 years of active ministry then supply work.

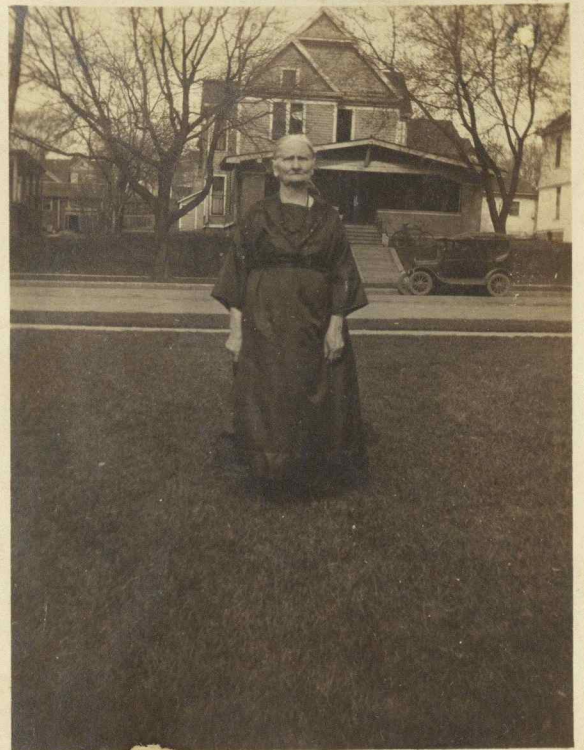
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He was later married to Mrs dith Emerson who also preceded him, after which he went to Independence to make his home with his daughter Nellie since.



Frank + Angie Almstead



Mrs. Hattie Geyer
New Hartford
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Aunt and
Uncle + me

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Willie & Elizabeth age 8, 7 1/2
Harry H. Elizabeth age 2, 7 1/2



George B. Olsen Receives Award

George B. Olsen receives the "Great Dane Award", from Lodge 144 President, Dale Danielsen.

The Heartland District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood was held during September in Luck, Wisconsin. At this annual gathering, a very prestigious award was given to honor George B. Olsen of rural New Hartford. The name of this certificate is the "Great Dane Award." The certificate reads as follows: *"The Heartland District of the Danish Brotherhood in America presents to: George B. Olsen, on this 13th day of September, 1997, this Great Dane Award for your many, many years of dedicated service to your local lodge number 144, the former Iowa United Lodges, the Iowa-Minnesota District and the Heartland District of the Danish Brotherhood, in helping to further the Danish History and culture."* It is then signed by the District board of directors and President.

Receiving the award at the convention for George, who could not be present, was Mervin Andersen of Dike. The actual presentation to George was made at the October meeting of Lodge 144, here in Dike.

Other area residents attending the convention were: Dale and Janeen Danielsen, Delmar and Betty Danielsen, Gordon and Catherine Sloth, Karl and Ethel

Koch, Mervin and Barbara Andersen and Mr. and Mrs. David Lorenson of Cedar Falls.

Go for it, George, you've earned it!

GEORGE B. OLSEN

George B. Olsen of New Hartford, Iowa passed away November 3, 1997 at Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls, of natural causes, having attained the age of 82 years, 11 months and 4 days.

George was born December 29, 1914 near Hudson, IA the son of Anton and Deborah (Thomsen) Olsen.

On May 24, 1940 he was united in marriage with Mathilda Whitcomb in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

George was a self-employed carpenter and farmer for over 50 years. George enjoyed restoring Model A Fords and driving them in local parades. He also enjoyed playing pepper with his friends. He was a member of the Danish Brotherhood #144 of Dike, Iowa and the Fredsville Lutheran Church, rural Cedar Falls, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife Mathilda; three sons: Tony and his wife Elaine of Vinton, IA,

Lee of Stillwater, MN, and a Dale and his wife Cindy of Cedar Falls, IA; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two brothers Glen and his wife Dorothy of Des Moines, and Kenneth and his wife Gerri of Bellflower, CA.

Funeral Services were held November 6, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fredsville Lutheran Church, rural Cedar Falls, with Pastor Steven Solberg officiating. Interment was in the Church Cemetery.

Dike Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

'10 or 15 Years More Too Much to Spend Alone' *July 2, 1939* Rushes Into Second Marriage at 80

—New Hartford Man Met Bride 57 Years Ago—

By Staff Writer.

NEW HARTFORD, IA. —

Ten or 15 more years of life is too much to spend alone, so Frank L. Olmstead, almost 80, rushed into his second marriage.

He married Mrs. Edith Emerson, 70, of Rockford, Ia., June 24 at Charles City, Ia., and the couple returned to his farm near here last

week after a two-day honeymoon in Charles City and Rockford.

"A Family Man."

"My two doctors told me I had at least 10 or 15 years to live yet," said Olmstead last week, "and I don't see why I should live by myself.

"I'm an affectionate family man, strong and supple, and I like to be loved at home."

Olmstead, a vigorous, fiery little man, was born 80 years ago Tuesday in the Butler county farm that is his home, and has spent most of his life there. He has a large garden and livestock, and does all his own work.

It was 57 years ago that Olmstead first met the woman who is now his wife. Then 23 years old, he boarded for a year in her family's home near Rockford.

"She is a nugget of gold,"

he said. "She is a woman of refinement, and her people were before her. Of course I love her."

Mrs. Olmstead reared a family of five children, now all living near Rockford. Her husband died seven years ago. Olmstead has a son and daughter, who live near here. His first wife died about a year ago.

Self-Made Man.

Olmstead is a self-made man, and proud of the job. He joined the Methodist church when he was 17, and decided to spend his spare time learning things instead of tearing around the country to parties.

While the rest of the boys were going to dances, Olmstead taught himself to play the organ. He later sold more than 200 organs and 175 pianos to farm families in the community.

He also studied the Bible and other books, and now uses that study as the basis for occasional sermons at churches in the community.

Olmstead said he was "forced into his present marriage."

"They were going to try to get me put under a guardian," he said. "So I showed them I could take care of myself, and was still good enough to make my own way.

"I got tired of going to church alone, and worshipping at the family altar alone. My new wife is a Christian woman, having joined the church when she was 13. Now we'll go together."

A Charivari.

They had a charivari last Monday night at the Olmstead farm, and about 80 neighbors came. Olmstead hauled out five gallons of ice cream, several boxes of cigars, and led the singing with his reed organ.

"They were a nice orderly crowd, too," he says. "Somebody got to them and told them to go easy with Olmstead."



Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Olmstead.

Register Staff Photo.

"I don't see why I should live by myself . . ."

Olmsteads lived
north of New Hartford
now lives.

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available for her to tell
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treated at the Mental Health Hospital in
Independence when the Hospital was
called an Insane Asylum and had the
stigma of a "Snake Pit".

One time when he was staying at home,
he walked up to the neighbors (where
Steve Moore lives), and of course they were
afraid of the "lunatic". They bound his
arms to his side and with a rope around
his waist, were leading him home
behind the wagon, when my Dad and
Uncle Floyd came along on their way to
town with a load of corn. Uncle Floyd
said my Dad was furious.

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He untied Archie and sent the neighbors home with a few stinging words, then Dad took Archie home, saying "There's nothing wrong with this man." But a few days later he had to return to Independence. Dad took him to town with the horse and buggy, then went with him on the train to Independence. He trusted Ira.

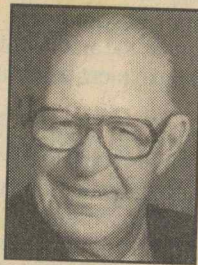
I remember Frank (F. L.) as always sitting in the front pew — the Amen corner and uttering "Amen" often during the prayer.

He sold organs and pianos. (Boys folks bought an organ from him) He also tuned pianos and tended to organs. He "tended" the organ at the little school (when I was in 5th grade.) After the organ was tuned, with much pomp and ceremony and cracking of knuckles, he gave a "recital" to test the tuning.

When my mother asked what he had sung, I said "Alleluiah I'm a Bum" She wouldn't believe me — she was sure it must have been Alleluiah I Am Saved



NEW HARTFORD — George B. Olsen, 82, of New Hartford, died Monday, Nov. 3, at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls, of natural causes; **survivors** include his wife, Mathilda; three sons, Tony of Vinton, Lee of Stillwater, Minn., and Dale of Cedar Falls; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Glen of Des Moines and Kenneth of Bellflower, Calif.; **services** will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Fredsville Lutheran Church, rural Cedar Falls, with burial in the church cemetery; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Dike Funeral Chapel, Dike, with family present from 6 to 8 p.m.; a **memorial fund** has been established; Mr. Olsen had been a self-employed carpenter and farmer for more than 50 years.



George Olsen

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003



MATILDA (TILLIE) OLSEN

85th Birthday

Matilda (Tillie) Olsen will celebrate her 85th birthday March 2. Tillie was born in Lexington, NE, daughter of Earl and Joy (Hanna) Whitcomb.

On May 24, 1940, Tillie was united in marriage to George Olsen at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls.

Her family includes three sons, Tony, Lee and Dale; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Birthday wishes may be sent to Tillie Olsen, 11644 U Ave., New Hartford, IA 50660.

Mathilda M. Olsen (1918-2004)

NEW HARTFORD — Mathilda M. Olsen, 86, of New Hartford, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Sartori Memorial Hospital of natural causes.

She was born March 2, 1918, in Hastings, Neb., daughter of Earl and Joy Elaine Hanna Whitcomb. She married George B. Olsen on May 24, 1940, in Waterloo. He died Nov. 3, 1997.

Survivors include: three sons, Tony Earl (Elaine) of Galveston, Texas, Lee Edward of Stillwater, Minn., and Dale (Mimi Willis) of Cedar Falls; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Bob Whitcomb; a granddaughter; and a great-grandson.

Services: were 10 a.m. today at Fredsville Lutheran Church, rural Cedar Falls, with burial in the church cemetery. Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials: may be directed to the church.



Mathilda Olsen

Pregnant victim terrorized months before shootings

Jan. 6
2003

■ **Rhiannon Olsen had reported a home invasion in October, and burglary in August 2001.**

By **JEFF REINITZ and JON ERICSON**
Courier Staff Writers

WATERLOO

One of the two people found shot to death in a Waterloo home Friday night had been the victim of a burglary and kidnapping in October, according to authorities.



Rhiannon Olsen
victim

The bodies of Rhiannon Marie Olsen, 22, of Cedar Falls, and Alonzo Nakia Quinn, 27, were discovered in Quinn's Hartman Avenue home Friday night by police after Olsen's mother became concerned about her whereabouts, police said.

Dr. Dennis Klein with the Iowa State Medical Examiner's Office ruled both of the deaths homicide following an autopsy in Des Moines.

Quinn and Olsen died of gunshot wounds, Klein ruled.

Olsen was several months' pregnant, and her unborn son, to be named Jalen Quinn, also died.

Authorities are releasing few details about the slayings and have told relatives not to talk about the crime.

"It would just be inappropriate to comment at this point in the investigation. The matter is still being investigated," said Black Hawk County Attorney Thomas Ferguson.

Olsen, a 1999 Cedar Falls High gradu-

ate who recently graduated from La James Cosmetology College, reported being bound and blindfolded by burglars in her apartment in October, according to Cedar Falls police reports.

Investigators said they are looking for links between the two crimes, and Cedar Falls officers are assisting with the case.

"It would be an obvious direction to pursue," said Capt. Bruce Arends of the Waterloo Police Department.

"We're not ruling anything in or anything out at this point in time," Ferguson said. "There's no specific information that ties this in, and there's no specific information that doesn't tie it in."

According to Cedar Falls police, Olsen had reported the burglary and kidnapping early on the morning of Oct. 5. She said three or four people had broken into the apartment at 416 Tremont St. where she lived at the time.

It happened at 1 a.m. while she was alone in bed.

The intruders wrapped her wrists in duct tape and also covered her eyes, police said. The burglars ransacked the home, as if looking for something. Olsen was not injured.

Cedar Falls Police Capt. Jeff Olsen said Rhiannon Olsen told police at the time she did not know what the burglars sought.

Rhiannon Olsen also reported a burglary to her home when she lived in the 200 block of Cornwall Avenue in Waterloo in August 2001. In that case, someone took \$1,500 in cash, \$20 in coins and diamond earrings valued at \$1,200, according to the police report.

Police won't disclose the estimated time of death, but the pair could have been dead for as long as a day before their bodies were found.

Family baffled by slayings

■ Detectives talk to officials
in other Iowa cities where
killings have taken place.

By JEFF REINITZ
Courier Staff Writer

WATERLOO

Ola Quinn had stitched a baby quilt in preparation for the latest addition to her extended family.

The Mississippi woman anticipated the arrival of her grandson, Jalen Quinn, who was set to be born to her son, Alonzo of Waterloo, and Rhiannon Olsen.

Instead, about a week from what was supposed to be Jalen's arrival into the world, Ola Quinn is making plans to bring her son's body back to Rosedale, Miss., for his funeral.

Similar plans have been made to lay Olsen, of Cedar Falls, to rest in a rural Cedar Falls cemetery.

Olsen and Alonzo Quinn were found shot to death in Quinn's Hartman Avenue home Friday evening, and the deaths have been ruled homicides.

Jalen also died.

No one has been arrested for the crimes.

Family members said they don't know why the two were killed or who did it.

"He was a good child, and I don't understand why someone would hate him so much," Ola Quinn said, seated at the kitchen table of a small Waterloo home where relatives from as far away as the East Coast gathered.

"It just hurts my heart," she said.

Family members said they aren't scared but are horrified by the nature of the slayings.

"The way he was killed, that's the hard part about it," said his sister, Gussie Crank of New York. She noted she lost a brother, a nephew and a future sister-in-law all at once.

Alonzo Quinn, 27, was born in Mississippi and moved to the Waterloo area to live with his father, James Quinn, when he was in high school.

He met Rhiannon Olsen, 22, a few years ago, relatives said.



Alonzo Quinn
homicide victim

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SLAYINGS

Police are mum on
possible motive

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University in Ames and the University of Northern Iowa before graduating from La James Cosmetology College.

Former co-workers at Bonanza on University Avenue, where she worked for more than three years before quitting shortly before graduation from Cedar Falls High, were shocked by news of her death.

"We were pretty surprised by what happened," Shane Smith, restaurant manager, said. "She was pretty friendly, courteous and well liked."

Smith said he ran into Olsen about two months ago at a gas station. He described her as upbeat.

"I asked her how she was doing, and she said she was going to have a baby in a couple months," Smith said. "She didn't go into details, but you could tell she was excited about the baby."

Meanwhile, Waterloo police remain silent about many details of the case. Capt. Bruce Arends said Olsen and Alonzo Quinn were killed at the Hartman Avenue home, but details about the wounds and other information has been closely guarded.

Investigators have finished collecting evidence at the house and are busy interviewing witnesses, Arends said.

Detectives have made inquiries about an unsolved double murder in Des Moines in September and the body of a man found in a burned car in Cedar Rapids Monday.

"Any time you have a crime like this, we contact a number of law enforcement agencies

that would shed light on our investigation," Arends said. He couldn't comment if any connection had been found between those cases or a double slaying in Waterloo in September.

In the Des Moines case, Celestina Payano of Los Angeles and Emanuel Burgs Jr. of Des Moines were found bound and shot multiple times in a home. The identity of the Cedar Rapids victim wasn't available as of this morning.

Although some sources have said the Waterloo slayings were drug related, Arends said officers have yet to establish a motive.

Officers are also looking for connections with an October burglary where Olsen was bound and blindfolded while perpetrators ransacked her Cedar Falls apartment.

Staff writer Matthew Wilde contributed to this report.

Two bodies discovered in Waterloo

Jan. 5, 2003

■ **Foul play suspected in deaths of pregnant 22-year-old from Cedar Falls, Waterloo man, 27.**

By **ANDREW WIND**
Courier Staff Writer

WATERLOO

Police suspect foul play in the deaths of a man and pregnant woman found late Friday night in a house at 1001 Hartman Ave.

The bodies of Alonzo Nakia Quinn, 27, and Rhiannon Marie Olsen, 22, were found by police at 11:13 p.m. during a welfare check at the home, where Quinn lived. Olsen's address was 1306 Brenton Drive in Cedar Falls.



Rhiannon Olsen
pregnant

Olsen's mother called police a couple of times to report her missing, according to a family friend who answered the door at the Cedar Falls home. Cedar Falls police passed on the information to Waterloo police, who did the welfare check. The mother was told by police not to talk to the media.

County Attorney Tom Ferguson said autopsies began at 11 a.m. Saturday in Des Moines by the Iowa State Medical Examiners Office.

Until results are available, Ferguson won't rule whether the incident is a murder-suicide or double homicide.

Police would not comment Saturday on whether a weapon was found or if there were any signs of forced entry at the house. No other details were released.

"We don't have that information yet," said Waterloo Police Sgt. Mark Langenwelter. "We're still waiting on the results of the autopsies."

Police said Olsen was several months pregnant. If the deaths are ruled homicides, Ferguson said an additional charge of feticide could be brought for the death of Olsen's unborn son.

"We haven't had any contact with the family about the gestation of the pregnancy ... Theoretically speaking, that potentially could be an additional charge," Ferguson said.

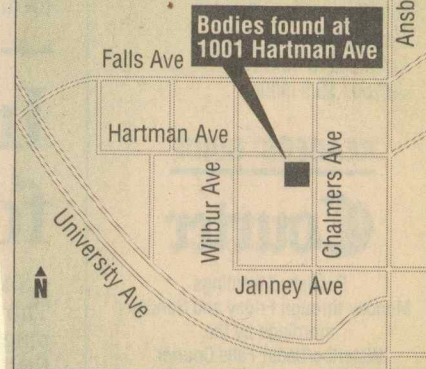
As of Saturday, the Waterloo Police Department was the only agency involved in the investigation.

- The last killings in Waterloo were in September, when Calvin Maurice Rash and Martavious "Tay" DeShaun Robinson were slain in a case police believe was drug related. Ferguson wouldn't comment on whether the latest deaths may be related to those unsolved murders.

The home is tucked into a neighborhood bordered by Falls and Ansborough avenues. On Saturday, yellow police tape cordoned off the scene and the intersection of Hartman and Chalmers avenues, the corner where Quinn's house is located. A police car was stationed there throughout the day.

Bodies found

Police found the bodies of a man and pregnant woman late Friday in a home at 1001 Hartman Ave. Foul play is suspected, but no further information has been released by police. Autopsies are being done to determine the cause of death.



COURIER GRAPHIC/JACK SHEARD

Neighbors expressed shock but said they didn't notice anything unusual Friday night.

"I walked my dog last night about 9:30 and I didn't see anything," said Marilyn Robinson, who lives three houses away. She wasn't aware of the incident until she saw the TV news early Saturday.

"It's kind of scary having something like that happen in your neighborhood," she said.



AMBER WENDT / Courier Staff Photographer

Two bodies were discovered at 1001 Hartman Ave. late Friday night.

Evelyn Buss, Quinn's next-door neighbor, said she learned of the incident when her husband, Rodger, came home from work about midnight and saw police at the home.

She said Quinn moved into the home in late spring and hired workers to build a wooden privacy fence during the summer. She didn't know him or Olsen.

"I only saw him a couple of times," said Buss. "The few times I did, we'd always wave and say 'hi.' They kept pretty much to themselves."

Neighbors did notice the nice cars that regularly pulled up to the house.

"They've never had any parties, but they've had a lot of big cars — Lincolns, Cadillacs from out of Black Hawk County," said Keith Selix, who lives nearby on Ansborough Avenue. "He was always out with a cell phone."

"We didn't know them, of course, but any death in your neighborhood is a shock," he added.

Quinn pleaded guilty in 1999 to assaulting a man that January. He was fined and given a 60-day suspended sentence.

Olsen apparently was living with her mother in Cedar Falls. A neighbor living on Brenton Drive who asked his name not be used said the mother moved into the home in the late spring or early summer. He said the daughter had moved in two or three months ago.

Olsen is a 1999 graduate of Cedar Falls High School, and was an honor-roll student. She attended junior high in Janesville, where she was also an honor-roll student.

Staff Writers Veronica Stickney and Matthew Wilde contributed to this story.

METRO DEATHS

Rhiannon Olsen (1980-2003)

CEDAR FALLS — Rhiannon Marie Olsen, 22, of Cedar Falls, was found dead Friday, Jan. 3, in Waterloo, along with her unborn son, Jalen Quinn, also the son of Alonzo Quinn.

She was born Nov. 8, 1980, in Waterloo, daughter of Dale E. and Cindy M. Mikkelsen Olsen.

She was a 1999 Cedar Falls High School graduate, attended Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa and recently graduated from La James Cosmetology College.

Survived by: her father, of New Hartford; her mother, of Cedar Falls; a brother, Gabriel "Gabe" Olsen of New Hartford; her paternal grandmother, Mathilda Olsen of New Hartford; and maternal grandmother, JaNeete Mikkelsen of Cedar Falls.

Preceded in death by: her paternal grandfather, George Olsen; and her maternal grandfather, Elmer Mikkelsen.

Services: 10 a.m. Wednesday at Fredsville Lutheran Church, with burial in Fredsville Lutheran Cemetery, rural Cedar Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, and for an hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Memorial fund: will be established.



Rhiannon Olsen

Alonzo N. Quinn (1975-2003)

WATERLOO — Alonzo N. Quinn, 27, of Waterloo, died Friday, Jan. 3.

He was born May 6, 1975, son of Ola Lewis and James Quinn.

Services: 11 a.m. Saturday at Gospel Temple, Rosedale, Miss., with burial in Charity Peace Cemetery, Mavile, Miss. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Greer Funeral Home, with the family present.

Memorials: may be directed to the family at 301 Leland Ave.



Alonzo Quinn



Alonzo Quinn
murdered with
his girlfriend



David Willock
faces kidnapping,
burglary trial

Prosecutor ties home invasions to murders

■ Victim was hunted for months before death, state claims in court.

By **JEFF REINITZ**
Courier Staff Writer

WATERLOO

In the months before Alonzo Quinn and his girlfriend were found shot to death in his home, he and two others were hunted, according to prosecutors.

The hunters, one of whom had been a drug trafficking suspect, terrorized women their targets knew in order to find them, prosecutors said.

Duct tape was a common tool in the crimes, as were broomsticks, detectives said.

Authorities have remained silent about the ongoing investigation into the unsolved slayings of Quinn, 27, and 22-year-old Rhiannon Olsen, who was nine months pregnant with his child.

Both were found dead of gunshot wounds in his Hartman Avenue house Jan. 3.

Friday, Assistant Black Hawk County Attorney Ray Walton laid out part of the state's case against David Erroll Willock, one of the men he said was pursuing Quinn. Walton argues Willock was also pursuing kidnapping-victim-turned-shooting-suspect Anthony Cole and a third man, Lamont Horton.

"The motive is clearly money and taking money by force," Walton told the court at Willock's hearing.

Walton said Willock, a 30-year-old bartender from Iowa City, and two others wanted money from Quinn, Cole and Horton, and they targeted women connected with them.

Willock hasn't been charged in the January double slaying — no one has — but he was charged with kidnapping, burglary and robbery in an Oct. 16 home invasion in Waterloo and the botched kidnapping of Cole and his girlfriend from her apartment in Cedar Falls Oct. 26.

Walton wants Willock to have one trial for both crimes because, he said, they were part of a common scheme. But defense attorneys John Lane and John Bishop said this would hurt his chances of a fair trial. They are asking the cases be separated.

Visits in the night

In the Oct. 16 burglary, a woman told police three men in

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KIDNAP

Home invasions, murders are linked in court case

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ski masks entered her Waterloo apartment while she was in bed. They bound her and her young children with duct tape.

The intruders made the woman try to phone Horton and Quinn in an attempt to lure them to her apartment, Bishop said. He argued motives for both crimes appear to be different.

After the woman was unable to contact the men, one of the assailants raped her and she was assaulted with a broomstick, according to court records.

Then, in the early morning hours of Oct. 26, a number of armed men confronted Cole and his girlfriend at her apartment.

Duct tape was used to restrain the two. Cole was beaten with a handgun, and the attackers threatened to use a broomstick on the woman, Walton said.

The victims were taken to the girlfriend's car, where Cole was eventually able to break free of his bonds and attack a man he identified as Willock before escaping. The woman escaped later, breaking out of the car's trunk.

Cole was arrested for attempted murder in March after police said he shot two men in an unrelated incident in the parking lot of Club Crystyles.

According to Cedar Falls police, Olsen was also paid a visit by burglars in October.

She said three or four people broke into her Tremont Street apartment in Cedar Falls at about 1 a.m. Oct. 5 while she was

alone in bed.

The intruders wrapped her wrists in duct tape and also covered her eyes, police said. The burglars ransacked the home, as if looking for something. Olsen was not injured.

Police said Olsen told them she didn't know what the burglars sought.

No one has been arrested in connection with the Oct. 5 burglary.

Search warrant

Detectives with Waterloo and Cedar Falls police departments worked the kidnapping and burglary cases, and their investigations brought them to Willock.

Along with Cole's eyewitness identification, cellular telephone records placed Willock in the Cedar Falls area at the time of the crime, prosecutors said.

Investigators tied Willock to the Waterloo home invasion after finding his DNA on a milk jug at the apartment, Walton said. But defense attorney's appear ready to argue he had been a guest at the apartment 10 days earlier.

Still, by the end of November, the Black Hawk County area officers didn't have the probable cause they needed to search Willock's Iowa City home, and no one had been arrested in the crimes.

That's when they got wind of a Muscatine-area investigation into Willock's brother, Richard.

Richard Willock, who is part owner of the Press Box nightclub where David works, lives at the same Weeber Street home as David.

Muscatine police said Richard Willock illegally used the name and credit history of former Hawkeye football star Tavian Banks to buy a 1999 Chrysler

LHS from a dealership there in 2000.

Waterloo and Cedar Falls police didn't have a warrant to search the Weeber Street house, but Muscatine Det. Matthew Schwarz, who was looking into the identity theft case, did.

The Muscatine detective allowed a Waterloo investigator and two Cedar Falls officers to come along during the Nov. 25 search.

Receipt for duct tape

A 14-man SWAT team from the Iowa City Police Department secured the house, and the investigators started their search.

Schwarz said a handgun was found under David Willock's pillow, and another weapon was located in the bedroom of Luther Hammett Jr. who would later be charged in the Oct. 26 abduction.

But in November police learned they didn't have the authority to seize the guns, and the weapons were later returned.

Taking the witness stand during Friday's hearing, Waterloo Police Investigator Scott Lake said they found a receipt on a

dresser in Richard Willock's bedroom. It was from a nearby Wal-Mart and listed Duck-brand duct tape and a number of ski masks as the items purchased.

The date on the receipt was the same day as the Waterloo home invasion, Lake said.

Officers didn't have the authority to take the receipt, and Richard Willock refused to surrender it, officers said.

Police did photograph it and then went to the store where they obtained a security camera tape showing the transaction.

Defense attorneys are asking the court to throw out the photo of the receipt, the store videotape and other documents found at the Iowa City house.

Police also found marijuana stems and seeds along with a vacuum sealing machine similar to those often used by people in the drug trade to package narcotics, Schwarz said.

Both Willocks and Hammett had been arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and violation of the state's drug tax stamp act in August after officers found 21.7 pounds of the drug. The case was later dismissed.

Willock guilty in kidnappings, robbery and burglary

By **JEFF REINITZ**
Courier Staff Writer

WATERLOO

David Erroll Willock stood tall and strong as the court attendant read the jury's verdict Friday afternoon.

Guilty as charged. One count each of first- and second-degree kidnapping and two counts each of first-degree robbery and burglary.

It wasn't until the last juror stepped out of the courtroom that Willock began to wipe the tears from his eyes.

"God's in control; the truth will eventually come out," his mother told him as sheriff's deputies clasped metal chains to his ankles and led him to jail.

Sentencing will be at a later date, but that will merely be a formality. The most serious charge, first-degree kidnapping, carries a mandatory life sentence without parole.

Prosecutors said Willock, of Iowa City, and others wearing ski masks and brandishing handguns broke into a Waterloo woman's townhouse Oct. 16, bound her with duct tape and tried to get her to lure her former boyfriend, Lamont Horton, to the home.

She was beaten, raped and sodomized with a broomstick.

Ten days later, authorities said, Willock and other men bound Anthony Cole and Cassy Jenkins in duct tape in Cedar Falls and forced them into cars before their plan fell apart when Cole escaped.

Authorities said the cases wouldn't have been possible without the victims coming forward.

"The young woman who was assaulted in her home ... really showed a lot of courage," said Assistant County Attorney Ray Walton.

"Cassy Jenkins was important and instrumental in the case and showed a lot of poise on the stand," he said.

Defense attorney John Bishop said he is weighing his options to possibly challenge the trial and its outcome.

Walton argued that Willock and his accomplices were looking to get money from Cole, Horton and Alonzo Quinn because they appeared to be successful.

The Waterloo victim testified that her attackers told her the assault was because they had been sold bad drugs. Witnesses said Cole, Horton and Quinn had been involved in drug trafficking.

Willock, who worked at a clothing store and a nightclub in the Iowa City area, denied any involvement in the crimes. He said he was working at the bar early into the morning when the Oct. 16 crime occurred. He said he spent the night with a female friend at the time of the Oct. 26 abduction.

The 11-woman, one-man jury sat through nine days of proceedings and testimony. They started deliberating at 9 a.m. Friday and announced they had a decision shortly before 4 p.m.

But the matter is far from over.

One of the men who prosecutors say helped Willock Oct. 26 — Luther Cordell Hammett Jr. — has yet to go to trial.

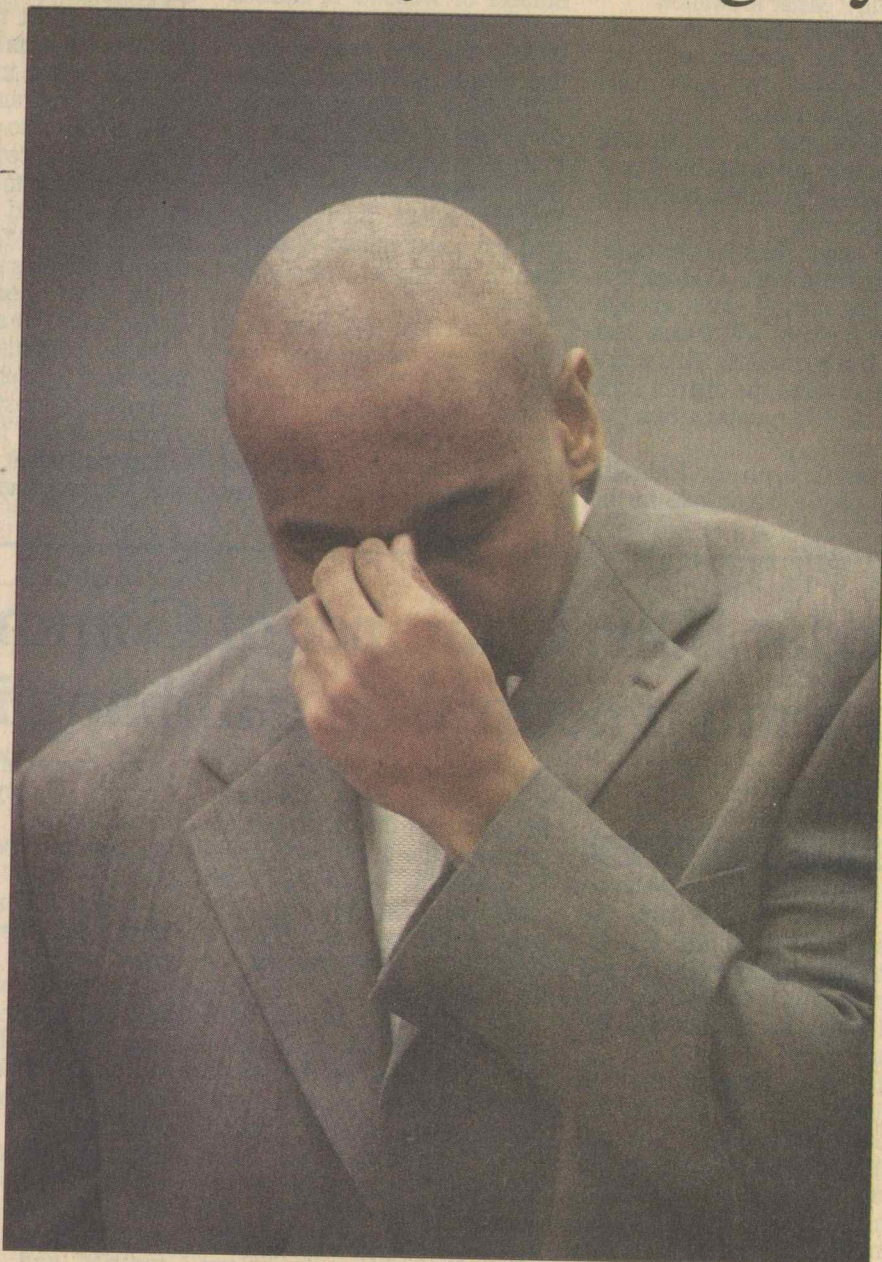
And the other men who had a hand in both crimes have yet to be brought to justice.

Walton said police are still looking for information on similar crimes in the area.

Although he didn't mention any by name, Rhiannon Olsen was tied up with duct tape by intruders who ransacked her home in early October.

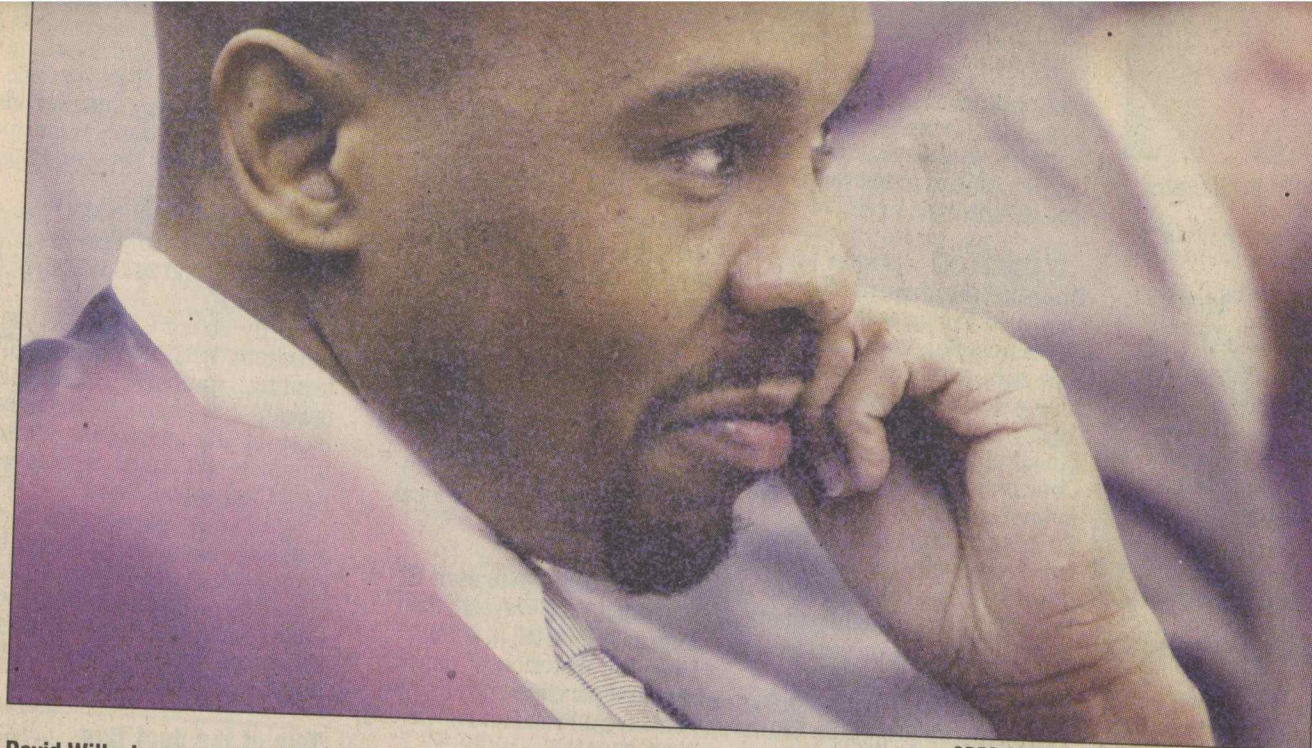
Olsen was the girlfriend of Quinn — one of the three men Walton said Willock and others were hunting. Quinn and Olsen were found shot to death in his Waterloo home in January. Olsen was nine months' pregnant with Quinn's child at the time.

No one has been arrested in connection with their slayings.



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David Willock wipes tears after he is convicted of kidnapping, burglary and robbery.



David Willock, accused of kidnapping, listens to defense witnesses corroborate his whereabouts during the night of Oct. 25, 2002. GREG BROWN / Courier Staff Photographer

Kidnapping, robbery suspect says he was working

By JEFF REINITZ
Courier Staff Writer

WATERLOO

An Iowa City man said he had nothing to do with two home invasion robberies last October.

"I'm not a thief; I'm not a robber," David Erroll Willock, 31, told the jury as he took the stand in his own defense Tuesday.

Authorities charged Willock, who worked at the former Press Box nightclub and Goodfellaz clothing store, both in Iowa City, with robbery, kidnapping and burglary in two separate crimes.

Police said he had a role in the Oct. 16 break-in at a Waterloo townhouse where a woman was sexually assaulted and the Oct. 26 abduction of Anthony Cole and Cassy Jenkins from a Cedar Falls apartment.

Prosecutor Ray Walton said the attacks were part of a scheme to get money from Cole, Lamont Horton and Alonzo Quinn, people who witnesses described as being involved in drug trafficking.

Willock told the jury he knew Horton, Cole and Quinn from their visits to Goodfellaz.

He also knew Quinn as someone who used to date Lindsay Bakken, a woman with whom Willock had gone out.

Willock used Tuesday's time on the stand to explain how his DNA was found

on a water jug at the Waterloo townhouse after the Oct. 16 assault.

He was a guest at the house — Bakken was a friend of the victim — Oct. 5. During the brief time he was there, he was left alone when the victim was in her room getting ready and Bakken was in the restroom. He said he went to the refrigerator and got a swig of water straight from the jug.

Willock said he was working at the Press Box Oct. 15 until the following morning during a special for 10-cent hot wings.

Also taking the stand Tuesday were six Press Box employees and patrons who backed up his whereabouts.

"There is no way David could have done it, because I remember him ... at the club," said Ed Mead, part-owner of the club.

Mead and others also said they saw Willock at the Press Box at about 10:30 p.m. Oct. 25, hours before the Cedar Falls crime.

Willock told jurors he dropped by the nightclub Oct. 25 to pick up an order of wings, which he took to Lakisha Earsery's Iowa City apartment. He stayed there until about 5 a.m. the following morning and then went home to walk his dog. Later that day, Jonelle Benson gave him a ride to Ames, where he stayed until Oct. 27.

When Walton asked how Willock's cellular telephone could be making calls in

Cedar Falls on Oct. 25 and 26, Willock said he left his phone on a charger at the Press Box's office.

"I can't contradict that because I didn't have my phone," he said.

The phone was on Mead's account along with other phones issued to nightclub managers and owners.

"Everybody used each other's cell phones ... and other people in the club," Willock said.

Willock's younger brother, Richard, testified about an Oct. 15 Wal-Mart receipt for duct tape and ski masks that was located in the home the two brothers shared.

The victims in both crimes said men in ski masks had tied them up with duct tape.

Richard Willock said he bought the ski masks, along with five knit stocking hats also listed on the receipt, for children on a fifth- and sixth-grade flag football team he helped Mead coach. The weather at the time was turning cold, and some of the kids were showing up without hats, he said.

He bought all of the knit hats that were on the shelf and then snatched up the masks, because that was the next closest thing in stock.

The duct tape was to package merchandise from the Goodfellaz store that was going out of business at the time, Richard Willock said.



Golden Anniversary

New Hartford- Wayne and Ruth Olson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Saturday with a family dinner at Bishops in Cedar Falls.

The event was hosted by their children and families, Esther and Aaron Woodyard of

Kansas City, MO, Dorothea and Donald Trost of Sutherland and Mark and Sarah Olson of Ankeny.

There are seven grandchildren and one Great-grandchild.

The couple were married August 31, 1941 at Kahoka, MO.

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Ruth Olson (1918-2003)

NEW HARTFORD — Ruth Olson, 84, of New Hartford, died Monday, Jan. 20, at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls, of natural causes.

She was born Dec. 10, 1918, in New Hartford, daughter of Charles and Anna Gyederson Gerholdt. She married Wayne Olson Aug. 31, 1941, in Kahoka, Mo.

Mrs. Olson worked for Rath Packing Co., Waterloo, and later in the lunch room at the New Hartford Community School.

Survived by: her husband; a son, Mark (Marcia) of Ankeny; two daughters, Esther (Aaron) Wojanessville and Dorothea (D.D.) Trost of Sutherland; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: six brothers, Albert, John, Roy, Truman, Mads and Chester Gerholdt; and two sisters, Mary Grandon and Daisy Gerholdt.

Services: 11 a.m. Friday at New Hartford United Methodist Church, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford. May call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Waverly, and for an hour before services Friday at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to the church.

Orphan Train

"Unsolved Mysteries" Program Has Local Ties

Jan 25, 1989

Tonight's segment of NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" will have an area tie-in concerning a family wanting more information.

According to Georgia Bennett, of New Hartford, a portion of the show (Wed., Jan. 25) will feature the orphan train which her father was involved.

The Children's Aid Society sponsored the Orphan Train from 1854 to 1929 and placed over 150,000 homeless children. The train traveled to the midwest to place children in good Christian homes. No welfare programs were available to take care of the children, at this time in our history.

Francis H. Murphy, Georgia's father, was born in the New York area and placed in the Leake and Watts Boarding School at the age of 5 years. His mother didn't see her son but a couple times a year as she was a maid and found it difficult to get time to visit.

In 1928, when he was almost 11 years old, Murphy boarded the orphan train to head west. His mother was still alive at the time but according to documents died the next spring. Francis got off the train at Topeka, Kansas. He was transferred to a family that agreed to house him and help him get an education. The family did not adopt him as some of the families had.

After the stock market crash in 1929 Murphy was transferred from his original family after the "father" committed suicide.

Murphy did this segment trying to find some information about his history. He remembered his mother, Hilda, visiting him with an infant, Margaret, who she called his

half-sister.

Murphy did not know the cause of his mother's death, which occurred in 1928, however he did find out his father died following military service. His mother, who was 26 at Francis' birth, was buried in New York.

Murphy's wife, Christine, is a math teacher in Preston, Missouri, and there are five children in the family. Georgia was named after the Children's Aid Society Supervisor that looked after her father as a child.

Murphy always wanted to know more about his past, and with a lot of work and connections, with the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, was able to get NBC

television to get interested.

Even though he did get the information out, only his family will get the results. Just after the taping of the show on November 3, 1988, Francis Murphy suffered a massive heart attack that took his life. CPR efforts by the filming crew were unable to revive him.

Georgia Bennett and her husband Mike, live in New Hartford. Georgia is a teacher at Parkersburg and Mike

teaches in New Hartford.

Additional Orphan Train information can be sent or obtained through the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America (Springdale, Arkansas, 72764)

in Loving Memory of
LEONARD O. OSBORN

Leonard was born April 10, 1915 in Jasper County, Iowa the son of Orville and Weltha (Somerville) Osborn. He married Anne Jungling August 19, 1939 at Janesville, Iowa. Leonard died Wednesday, February 18, 1987 at his home at the age of 71 years.

He is survived by his wife, Anne, Sumner, Iowa; one son, Robert Osborn, Cedar Falls; one daughter, Mrs. Lowell (Betty) Snyder, Waverly; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; five brothers, Earl Osborn, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Jack Osborn, Chester, Iowa, Virgil Osborn, Tripoli, Iowa, Tom Osborn, New Hartford, Iowa, and Dale Osborn, Cedar Falls, Iowa; and three sisters, Mrs. Albert (Naomi) Pollock, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Mrs. John (Jane) Morris, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Mrs. Donald (Lilly) Patnode, Waterloo, Iowa.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Amy.

CEDAR FALLS — Lewis "Earl" Osborn, 7 Ave., Cedar Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 16, at his home of nat

He was born March 23, 1918, in Milton, son of Orville and Weltha Sommerville Osborn. He married Bernita Cassaday on Jan. 13, 1947.

He graduated from Reisch American School of Auctioneering on May 19, 1916, in Mason City, and was an auctioneer until November 1989. He worked at Rath Packing Co. for 24 years and farmed in the Cedar Falls area. He also served in the Medical Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Bernita; a daughter, Lenita "Sue" Cordes of Cedar Falls; two grandchildren; four brothers, Jack of St. Ansgar, Virgil of Waterloo, Tom of New Hartford and Dale of Cedar Falls; and three sisters, Naomi Pollock and Jane Morris, both of Cedar Falls, and Lily Patnode of Waterloo; he was preceded in death by a daughter, Janice K. Osborn; a grandson, Chad; a brother, L ter, Amy.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens. Friends may call p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Dahl-V Funeral Home, and an hour before services at the church.

March 20-1903

FAY OSBON DEAD.

Shot Gun Wound in Leg Causes His Death—Buried Today.

Ail New Hartford and vicinity is in mourning over the death of Fay Osbon, who was accidentally shot while out hunting with several companions Friday afternoon.

Friday afternoon about seven miles north of New Hartford an accident occurred, the result of which has cast a gloom over this community, that has not been equalled in recent years. The victim in the unfortunate accident was Fay Osbon, only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Osbon. His death resulted Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock.

On the afternoon of the day above mentioned a party of young men and boys were hunting ducks along the West Fork of the Beaver. They had built a fire on the bank of the stream and sat down to rest, when a flock of ducks flew over. Arthur Seaver, one of the members of the party, arose from his sitting position to fire his gun at the ducks, but as he raised the gun it accidentally discharged, the full force of the charge entering Fay Osbon's left leg about four inches above the ankle, who sat about four feet from the muzzle of the gun. The injured boy was taken home by his companions and a doctor was immediately called. On examining the wound it was found that the small bone of the leg was broken and about two inches of the large bone was shattered. The limb was not amputated, as circulation in the foot was good, and modern surgery makes it possible to save most of such limbs. The boy did well until Monday, there being no unnatural temperature and no pus formation in the limb. Tuesday a condition, known in surgery as fat embolism, in which the marrow of the bone gets into the blood and finally lodges in the capillaries of the lungs, supervened and the young man died in about ten hours, or 7 o'clock Tuesday evening in spite of the most heroic efforts to save him.

Mr. and Mrs. Osbon and Mr. Seaver, who are so sorely grieved over this sad affair, have the sympathy of every one in the community.

Fay Osbon was a young man who numbered every acquaintance as a friend. He was an exemplary young man, with no bad habits, and his industry and honesty of purpose in every thing he undertook to do gave promise of a life for service. The pride of his parents and a favorite among his school mates and friends his short life here shines out a beacon light worthy of emulation by those whose lives have been touched by his sad death. Fay

was born in Beaver township, November 24, 1885, being seventeen years old at the time of death. He was a diligent student in pursuit of knowledge, and, having completed the course of study prescribed in the district school, was building high hope on the time when he could matriculate in a higher institution of learning and equip himself for the journey on the great highway of life.

Funeral services were held today at twelve o'clock at the home, Rev. Heady of the Baptist church officiating. Interment was made in Ellenwood cemetery.

FAY OSBON DEAD.

March 24 — 1903

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December 1918

Knud B. Oster was born in Denmark, July 1, 1857, and passed away December 27, 1918, at the age of 61 years, 5 months and 27 days.

He came to this country at the age of 21, and was married to Marie Miller, August 26, 1884. Five children were born to this union, James of New Hartford; Edward in the army, stationed at Fort Wenegate New Mexico; Marinus, Alfred, Julia at home.

He had always followed the occupation of farming. He lived in Cedar Falls two years, then moved on a

farm near New Hartford, and in 1897, moved to the place where he lived at the time of his death. He was a faithful member of the Danish church of Cedar Falls, in whose fellowship he remained until his death.

Funeral services were conducted from the family home Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. James of the New Hartford Methodist church officiating. Interment was made in the Cedar Falls cemetery.

ALFRED B. OSTER.

Funeral services will be 2 p. m. Wednesday at Nazareth Lutheran church for Alfred B. Oster, 59, Dike.

Mr. Oster, a former Cedar Falls resident, died at 11:15 p. m. Sunday at Sartori Memorial hospital.

The Rev. Homer Larsen, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Oster was born May 18, 1902, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Knud Oster.

He married Verna Larsen here Oct. 16, 1930. He was employed by Mid-Continent Oil Co. here from 1928 to 1945. He had farmed north of Dike for the past 17 years.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Phyllis, at home, and Mrs. Donald Jensen, 203 Home Park Blvd., Waterloo; one sister, Mrs. Wallace Crose, Seattle, Wash., and one brother, James Oster, 1007 W. 14th St.

He was preceded by his parents and two brothers.

The body was taken to the Dahl Funeral Home.

Friends wishing may contribute to the Nazareth Lutheran church building fund or the Cancer Society.

Minor Tornado . . .



James Oster, 1007 West 14th street, views his sweet corn patch with a believe-it-or-not expression. Tuesday night a small tornado went through the center of the patch leveling the corn for a distance of six feet by 12 feet.

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Paid obituary

Julia Crose passed away July 31st. Born as Julia Christina Oster in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Feb. 18, 1906, to Marie and Knud Oster. She had four brothers. She attended grade and high school in Cedar Falls and continued her education in the school of nursing in Council Bluffs, Iowa, choosing to follow the footsteps of Florence Nightingale. Julia moved to Seattle in 1929 and began her career in nursing at Harborview and Swedish Hospital. In 1934 she married Wallace Crose, and they made their home on Queen Anne Hill. Wally passed away in 1984, and Julia remained in her home until 1987, when she moved to the Grosvnor Apartments on Wall Street. Julia was a founder and member of the Florence Nightingale Orthopedic Guild as well as a member of the Seattle Mental Health Municipal Leagues Public Health and Seattle committees on alcoholism. She served as a board member of the Red Cross for many years and was honored by the King County Nurses Association as nurse of the year in 1960. Nearly all the nurses in the organization knew her personally, and she was also a member of the Eastern Star for many years. One of her endeavors in her later years was to knit 1700 caps and blankets for the Orthopedic Guild. Julia and Wally traveled extensively to other countries in their retirement years. Julia had many nieces, nephews as well as grand- and great-grand nephews and nieces. She had no children of her own, but her niece Phyllis Oster of Lynnwood became a daughter to her. Her great nephew Merrill Oster of Cedar Falls has been a special joy in her life and has offered a family history of the Osters expanding on her life. As spoken by Merrill, this woman who grew up on a farm in Iowa went on to be a leader of nurses worthy of her special attention. In this, her 94th year of life, she is a very special jewel in our family treasure. Memorial service will be held at The University Presbyterian Church on August 9th at 2 p.m. Remembrances may be made to Children's Hospital in Seattle, Washington.

**Larry Oster****Merrill Oster**

Grundy County century farm owners

Northeast Iowans receive century farm honors

DES MOINES — Several area residents have been honored for maintaining farms for 100 years or more.

The Century Farms Program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

Here are the are recipients by county:

Buchanan: George W. Haines, Walker, 1898.

Butler: Louise A. Miller, Bristow, 1891; and Frances L. Van Dyke, Dumont, 1872.

Chickasaw: Luella (Rings) and Harold Glaser, New Hampton, 1865; Mark & Lora Shores, Waucoma, 1887; Everett & Mata Steege, Fredericksburg, 1897; Theodore E. Steege, Fredericksburg, 1897; and Arle & Ellen Zieske, Fredericksburg, 1895.

Fayette: John & Debra Bruihler, Hawkeye, 1880; Harlan Decher, Oelwein, 1898; Luella M. Eckenrod, Sumner, 1893; Arnold B. Kray, Arlington, 1898; J & L Mahoney Farm, Westgate, 1898; Patrick J. & Karen C. Minger, Wadena, 1868; and Donald T. Oelrich, Lamont, 1856.

Floyd: Ray M. Kochler, Rockford, 1897; Norby Inc., Rudd, 1893; and Gerald F. and Lois N. Wright, Floyd, 1897.

Franklin: Rex I. Craighton & Alice A. Craighton Trust, Hampton, 1898; and Keith O. & Iva June Myers, Alexander, 1888.

Grundy: LaDonna Brunk & Ronald Brunk, Eldora, 1883; Adeline M.

Clark, Conrad, 1884; Lorraine Hertema, Beaman, 1895; Larry Oster, Cedar Falls, 1897; Merrill J. Oster, Cedar Falls, 1897; Linda L. VanDeest & Theodore W. VanDeest Life Estate-Sherri Lynn VanDeest Renken, Kevin Tod VanDeest, Nicolette Leigh VanDeest Delfs, Holland, 1892.

Hardin: Merle & Frances Heinze-roth, Alden; Shirley Harms Jaspers, Steamboat Rock, 1861; Sharlan Farms LTD, Steamboat Rock, 1883; Grant & Florence Vold Family Trust, 1895; Abner B. White, New Providence, 1896.

Howard: Ronald N. Anderson, Lawler, 1894; John M. Henry, Cresco, 1894; John A. & Eileen A. Roberson, Elma, 1897; Donald E. Tlusty & Eileen L. Tlusty, Lawler, 1898; and Patricia D. Young, Elma, 1898.

Mitchell: Lucille E. Bublitz, St. Ansgar, 1888; Robert D. Klemesrud & Joan E. Klemesrud, Nora Springs, 1888; and Melburn Smalley, Orchard, 1895.

Winneshiek: Gertrude (Smith) Hendricks, Decorah, 1897; and Arlin Midthus, Larry Midthus and LaVonne Donlan, Cresco, 1854.

Becker-Oster *Dec 29 87*

Announcement is being made of the Nov. 27 wedding of Elizabeth Sarah Becker and David Merrill Oster.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Becker of 3376 Inverness Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Oster of Cedar Falls.

Vows were exchanged at 6 p.m. at Walnut Ridge Baptist Church, with Dr. Mark Jackson and the Rev. Mark Chanski officiating.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Margaret Becker. Bridesmaids were Dianne Becker Chanski, Becky Becker Tink, Leah Oster, and Michelle Martin.

The groom chose Mark Ahrenholz as best man. Groomsmen and ushers were Gregg Miller, John Wright, Paul Rhoads, and Russ Polender.

The bride was assistant supervisor of the Word Processing Department at Electronic Data Systems. The groom is a trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for Collins Commodities in Chicago.

A series of prenuptial courtesies has occurred:

The parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner on Thanksgiving Day at the Holiday Inn in Cedar Falls. Forty-five guests attended.

The bride was honored at a Nov. 5 miscellaneous shower at Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel, hosted by Barb Anderson, Karen Smith, and Karen Vandekrol. Forty guests attended.

The home of Mrs. Ginny Wilmore, Cedar Falls, was the setting for an Oct. 20 shower honoring the bride, hosted also by Mrs. Judy Walsten. Twenty guests attended and a group gift was presented.



Mr. and Mrs. Oster

Fifteen co-workers of the bride attended the Oct. 18 courtesy at Nino's, where a group gift was presented to the bride.

The couple was honored at an Oct. 10 dinner party at the Waterloo Brown Bottle, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schwartz. A group gift was presented to the bride and groom. Thirty guests were in attendance.

Mrs. Julie Stevens of 3365 Inverness Road entertained 24 guests in her home on Sept. 17 for a miscellaneous shower. Four of those guests were aunts of the bride, visiting in the U.S. from West Germany.

The first in the series of courtesies was an Aug. 29 brunch at the home of Mrs. Karen Reed, 1022 Wendy Road. Seventeen guests attended the kitchen shower.

The couple will reside in Chicago.

Sunday, August 13, 1989

MERRILL OSTER, president of Oster Communications, Cedar Falls, has been named chairman of the Iowa chapter of the Young President's Organization, a group of 6,000 men and women who became president of companies of at least \$5 million in sales by the time they reach 40.



Oster

Courier

Tuesday

December 28, 1993

■ Keep Christ in Christmas events

CEDAR FALLS — We are applying the "separation of church and state" principle in ways that are now offensive to Christians and counterproductive to a peaceful society. Consider Christmas programs that ignore Christ.

The Cedar Falls Rotary Club Christmas program failed to mention the name of Jesus whose birthday we celebrate. Can you imagine the Western world stopping for a day to celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday without mentioning the name or attributes of this great leader? Then why discriminate against Jesus and his followers?

A Christmas celebration focusing on sleigh rides, jingle bells and mistletoe, while ignoring Jesus, offends Christians and dishonors the very name whose birth we celebrate this season.

In a world troubled by guns and drugs out of control, Christians believe that when Jesus is Savior and Lord of a person's life, he is less likely to use guns and drugs and other threats to society. We would like to see his plan given another chance on people's personal agenda.

Such a renewal of the original American spirit would have an impact on our most profound social problems. We could start by at least getting the name of Jesus back on the Rotary Club Christmas program agenda and other gatherings claiming to be celebrating Christmas.

Give Christians a break, at least at Christmastime!

MERRILL J. OSTER

President, Oster Communications Inc.

Courier Sunday, October 22, 1989

LEAH OSTER has been named advertising/marketing representative at Futures magazine. She will handle advertising sales and manage accounts in the Midwest region.

The Wheaton College graduate joined Futures in May 1988 as advertising account executive for the Western region and is a member of the Futures Industry Association-Marketing Division.

She is the daughter of Merrill and Carol Oster of Cedar Falls.



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MISS CAROL DEMPSTER

June nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dempster of 1012 W. 3rd St. are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Carol Jane, to Merrill James Oster.

Miss Dempster is an X-ray technology student at Schoitz Memorial Hospital.

Her fiance, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Oster, Rt. 3, Cedar Falls, is completing his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in agricultural journalism.

The couple will exchange vows June 1.

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S
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(Courier Special Service)

New Hartford, Ia.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Smith announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Pearl (above), to Harland Oster, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Oster, Cedar Falls, to take place Thursday. Miss Smith attended Iowa State Teachers college and has been teaching in rural schools the past three years. Mr. Oster is employed in the Benson cream-

Harland Oster

HARLAND J. OSTER

CEDAR FALLS — Funeral services for Harland J. Oster, 53, of Rt. 3 will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel in Waterloo with Ray Routley and Joe Balsan of the Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel officiating. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery. Mr. Oster died Tuesday at Sartori Memorial Hospital of generalized carcinoma. *July 1, 1949*

Mr. Oster was born May 2, 1918, in New Hartford the son of James and Bessie Enloe Oster. He married Pearl R. Smith June 15, 1939, in New Hartford. He was formerly employed at the Benson Creamery. He had farmed in the Cedar Falls area since 1942. He was a member of the Top Farmers of America Association and the American Soybean Association. He joined the Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel March 18, 1949. *1947*

Mr. Oster is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Oster of 1007 W. 14th St.; his wife at home; two sons, Merrill of New Hartford and Larry of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a brother, Donald Oster of Brookhaven, Miss.; a sister, Mrs. Ray Martins of 217 N. Ellen St. and two grandchildren.

The Nottger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dad understood from the Bible that man, by his nature, is in rebellion against God. Man must be born again and restored into fellowship with God through faith in Jesus Christ who paid the penalty for our sins through his death. (John 3:3) Man receives, when he trusts Christ, the gift of eternal life and will enjoy the pleasure of living with God for all eternity. (John 3:16)

Dad's request is an urgent one because of the uncertainty of life, and because those who fail to ask repentance for their sins and put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, will after death, be raised for judgment and will suffer eternal punishment. (John 3:18)

If you yearn for real peace, deep peace, you can find it through a personal knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. If Dad could, he would urge you to trust Him today. And when you trust Christ, tell someone about it so the new life in you can shine out to others.

Then in that soon coming day all those who know Christ as Savior will be reunited again with our loved ones. We will be with Dad again—precious thought. But more than that, we will enjoy true peace in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Harlan died Aug 5, 1949

Written by Merrill J. Oster, New Hartford, Iowa, in loving memory of his father Harland J. Oster.

CEDAR FALLS — Pearl R. Oster, 76, of 5018 S. Main St. Road, died Thursday, Aug. 4, at Lakeland Medical Center, Elkhorn, Wis., of a cerebral hemorrhage.

She was born Oct. 9, 1917, near Dike, daughter of Fred J. and Carrie Smith Ahrenholz. She married Harland J. Oster on June 15, 1939, in New Hartford. He died July 6, 1971. She married Rex Rivers on July 5, 1980. He died Aug. 5, 1985.

Mrs. Oster began teaching in Swanton, and then taught at several one-room schools in Grundy, Black Hawk and Butler counties. She taught for 28 years in the New Hartford School System, retiring in 1980. She and her husband, Harland, farmed in rural Cedar Falls for 30 years. During World War II, she worked at Clay Equipment Co.



Pearl Oster

Survived by: two sons, Merrill of Cedar Falls and Larry of New Hartford; a step-daughter, Shirley Stickfort of Cedar Falls; and three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services: 1 p.m. Tuesday at Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel, Waterloo, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, where the family will be present from 5 to 8 p.m. today. Visitation also an hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials: directed to Downing Avenue Chapel Camp for Kids Fund.

WATERLOO — Theo Martens, 84, of Waterloo, died Saturday, Aug. 1, at Covenant Medical Center of natural causes.

She was born March 28, 1914, in New Hartford, daughter of James and Bessie Enloe Oster. She married Ray W. Martens June 15, 1938, in Cedar Falls.

Survived by: her husband; a son, Gary of Naperville, Ill.; two daughters, Marlyne Preusser of Eagle, Colo., and Francene Brooks of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Donald Oster of Brookhaven, Miss.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Harland.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Walnut Ridge Baptist Church, with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, and for an hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to Walnut Ridge Baptist Church.

CEDAR FALLS — Ray W. Martens, 89, of the Western Home, died Sunday, Jan. 6, at Sartori Memorial Hospital of natural causes.

He was born Dec. 12, 1912, in Rockwell City, son of Wilfred and Mary Jensen Martens. He married Theo Oster on June 15, 1938, in Cedar Falls. She died Aug. 1, 1998.

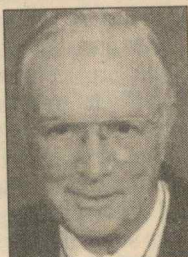
Mr. Martens was a machinist at Viking Pump Co. for more than 30 years. He also had built several homes in the area.

Survived by: a son, Gary of Naperville, Ill.; two daughters, Marlyne Preusser of Edwards, Colo., and Fran Brooks of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; and six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: two brothers, Dale and Marvin; and two sisters, Ruth Lynch and Maureen Lyons.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home and Cremation Service, with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, with family present from 4 to 6 p.m. Visitation also from 9 a.m. until services Tuesday.

Memorials: may be directed to Walnut Ridge Baptist Church,



Ray Martens



The end of this school year brings with it the retirement of Mrs. Pearl Oster, first and second grade teacher at New Hartford for the past 29 years. Her first group of second graders became the Class of 1963, while her last group of first graders will be in the Class of 1991.

Pearl began her career in education in 1936 in a one room school house. She came to new Hartford in the fall of 1952 and taught second grade for 3 years before, moving to first grade where she has continued teaching.

Pearl was honored at a breakfast at the Red Fox Inn in Waverly on Saturday, May 17.

Plans for retirement include marriage to Mr. Rex Rivers on July 5.

Congratulations and best wishes!!!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1992

Pearl Oster

CEDAR FALLS — Pearl Oster will celebrate her 75th birthday next Sunday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Windermere Main Dining Room, 5018 S. Main St.

Before her retirement in 1980, she taught first and second grades at New Hartford Consolidated School for 29 years, and was a teacher for nine years in country schools.

Her sons, Merrill and Larry, are hosting the event. Cards may be sent to Apartment 32 at Windermere.



Pearl Oster

In Loving Memory of Pearl R. Oster

Pearl was born October 9, 1917 near Dike, Iowa, the daughter of Fred J. and Carrie (Ahrenholz) Smith. She married Harland J. Oster on June 15, 1939 in New Hartford, Iowa. He preceded her in death on July 6, 1971. She married Rex Rivers on July 5, 1980. He preceded her in death August 5, 1985. She was also preceded in death by her parents. She died Thursday, August 4, 1994 at Lakeland Medical Center in Elk Horn, Wisconsin at the age of 76 years.

Pearl is survived by two sons, Merrill Oster, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Larry Oster, New Hartford, Iowa; one step daughter, Shirley Stickfort, Cedar Falls, Iowa; three grandchildren, David Oster, Leah Rippe, Lyndsi Oster; and two great grandchildren, Philip Oster, and Julia Jane Rippe.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Tuesday, August 9, 1994
1:00 p.m.

Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel
Waterloo, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Merrill Oster

DUET

Ray and Nancy Hemmer
"Sweet Beulah Land"
"Only Jesus/Calvary's Love"
"I Bowed On My Knees"

CASKET BEARERS

Marvin Ahrenholz
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Kenneth Smith

Harold Luders
John Ingalls
Gary Martens

INTERMENT

George Farber & David Oster, Officiating
Greenwood Cemetery
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Donation ovation

Regent Theatre renamed after Osters give \$140,000 to help along renovation project

By **MELODY PARKER**

Courier Assistant Lifestyles Editor

CEDAR FALLS — Announcement of a \$140,000 gift was cause for applause at Thursday night's donors-only reception at the Regent Theatre.

Merrill and Carol Oster of Cedar Falls donated the sum, providing the "capstone" for the nearly completed \$1.2 million renovation phase of the campaign to restore the historic theater.

The theater will be renamed the Oster Regent Theatre in honor of the gift, which also commemorates the upcoming 25th anniversary of Oster Communications Inc., an international provider of financial information services.

Merrill Oster, company founder and chief executive, said the donation was made on behalf of 300 employees in six countries, signifying the importance of "giving something back to your community."

"It allows us to say we've made a contribution and gives us a great sense of satisfaction both as members of the corporate community and as individuals," he said, adding that he is the fourth generation Oster to work on Cedar Falls' Main Street. "This is a way for us to leave a legacy."

He also serves as co-chairman of the "Restore the Regent" campaign.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Oster Regent Theatre, located on Main Street, will be home to the Cedar Falls Community Theatre.

Campaign co-chairwoman and CFCT director Liane Nichols praised Oster's involvement. "Without his unflagging vigor and faith, there's no way we could have come to this moment," she said.

Presently the theater is a "work-in-progress," with only stage and seating areas open to the public. The theater has three floors the CFCT hopes will become a costume shop, rehearsal hall and meeting room. Work is still under way on those floors.

"I didn't know it was going to look so classy," said Neysa Klepfer Reed, campaign co-chairwoman. "But that class already shows even though there's still work to be done — it's a beautiful theater. For me it's been a family affair because my family and my husband's family have been involved in the community since the early days."

Iver Christofferson described the Oster Regent Theatre as "one of the finest, if not the finest theaters in the state of Iowa." The theater's auditorium is named for the retired attorney's family who contributed \$135,000 to the campaign.

Following the announcements, a full



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Friday

June 24, 1994

Merrill Oster poses in the balcony at the Oster Regent Theatre Thursday night. The newly restored theater was renamed in honor of Merrill and Carol Oster's \$140,000 gift to the "Restore the Regent" campaign.

house enjoyed a sneak preview presentation of the CFCT musical melodrama, "Rags to Riches." Thursday night's opening coincided with the original opening night, June 23, 1910, when the Cotton Theatre began

bringing live entertainment to Cedar Falls.

The public may attend performances at 8 p.m. today and Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday during the annual Sturgis Falls Celebration.

A grand opening is planned for Sept. 10. The building was a gift to CFCT from longtime Cedar Falls residents Merle and Winifred Blair and the Beck Trust of Mascoutah City.

BRANDON POLLOCK / Courier staff photographer

Business & Farm



“There were some early indications, I guess looking back, that I might be a journalist who would use his pen to make things happen,” said Merrill Oster, shown here relaxing at his home west of Cedar Falls.

Photos by RICK CHASE / Courier Staff Photographer

Believing in Success

For Merrill Oster, being a media mogul, a community booster and a man of faith is nothing to apologize about

By JENNIFER JACOBS
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — He is a quiet rock-like force in the community, but he is rarely still. Business keeps him catching flights to far-flung offices in London, Washington, D.C., New York City, and on frequent drives to Chicago. He loops the globe for his religious ministry effort.

A Cedar Falls theater was named in his honor. With boundless energy and a magnetic personality, he is pivotal in economic development and planning. Some say he practically owns Main Street.

Not everyone agrees with him — he's very opinionated. He unreservedly professes a dedication to Christianity. And he stepped on many a toe as a staunch and outspoken opponent of the passage of the gambling referendum in Black Hawk County.

Popular or not, Merrill Oster is a household name in the metro area.

His name is recognized worldwide by virtue of the cutting-edge role he played in developing the agricultural futures market.

He is highly respected. Area community leaders say he marches to his

own parade beat. He smiles and salutes, then pursues his own ideas of progress.

"I wish I had 10 Merrill Osters in my pocket. There would be no stopping Cedar Falls," said Doris Kelley, program manager of Community Main Street. "He doesn't just talk it; he walks it. If I need anything I just pick up the phone and call him."

Farmboy to tycoon

Without taking a single business class, Oster metamorphosed from a farmboy attending a one-room schoolhouse three miles west of Cedar Falls, into an industry tycoon and founder of nine businesses.

At 54, he still lives on the 150-acre homestead near New Hartford his grandfather bought in the 1890s, and owns and rents 3,000 acres from Dike to Hudson to Finchford.

He is a Republican, a community leader, the author of seven books, and a dedicated family man with a wife of 32 years and two grown children.

As founding president of Oster Communications Inc., a white-collar publishing and information company that offers futures data and hedging advice to agriculture producers, Oster has 300 employees in six countries, and various enterprises



Oster stands in front of the Oster Regent Theatre, possibly his most visible community effort in Cedar Falls, which he feels is a cornerstone of a larger vision for downtown and the community at large.

operating in 72 countries.

Will he admit how much he's worth?

"No."

Multi-millionaire?

"Oh yes," he said, and smiled. His company is owned solely by the Oster family and in its 25th anniversary year is churning in annual revenues of about \$50 million.

From his blue brick-fronted building on Main Street, in a tastefully

decorated office with framed pictures of snowcapped mountains, family members and various awards on the walls, Oster controls his empire.

He does not manage the day-to-day details; he is the key strategic planner.

According to the CEO, Oster Communications, which already has an international web of electronic chains constantly transmitting real-

time market data, is poised on the brink of tomorrow's success.

Oster is set for "something approaching a quantum leap," he said. His venture? Software development.

"The opportunities are just exploding and they're all playing into our hands," he said, straightening his tie, a colorful silk covered with international flags.

Business isn't his only forte. He excels in helping people. In an animated voice that whispers, then grows stronger with excitement, he describes a mission he sponsored that taught thousands of Russian children Christian principles.

"I want to be a light in people's lives," he said.

A good upbringing

Merrill Oster is called "a self-made man" by some, but he repudiates that label.

"I'm a product of a strong value system and the grace of God," he said. He's a product of a "wonderful upbringing" filled with examples of hard-working, caring people, including his deceased parents, Pearl and Harland, and "every generation before me," he said.

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Company took major shift in the 1990s

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"Somebody didn't have to tell me, 'Oh go out and do good,'" Oster said. "It was just as natural as opening the door in the morning and going out and milking the cows, to be good to your neighbor."

There were some early indications that he might be an agricultural journalist who would use his pen to make things happen.

As an elementary schooler with an above average IQ sitting in a tiny Grundy County schoolhouse, he absorbed the lessons taught to upper grades, and tried to stay three weeks ahead in all of his own schoolwork so he could go home and help his dad on the farm.

After finishing college in two years and 10 months, and graduate school in nine months, with bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural journalism, Oster worked for a journalist-entrepreneur in Illinois.

"I learned what he was doing and that's when I said 'Aha — that's what I want to do,'" he said.

With an understanding of economics and agriculture, Oster in 1967 bought his first farm, an 80-acre hog operation in rural New Hartford. He operated it long distance by telephone.

Then in 1969, he and Carol made "a careful, prayerful decision" to move back to the Cedar Falls area to afford their children — David and Leah — a "culturally and spiritually rich" upbringing.

Oster Communications Inc. was founded in October of that year.

A worldwide pioneer

Merrill Oster never had a vision for his company as it exists today.

More than 150,000 business people obtain information from Futures magazine, FutureSource (an analysis system that transmits price quotes worldwide), Futures World News (an in-office, in-home computer information service sold to FutureSource and other quotation vendors) and Professional Farmers of America (a news service to help farmers cope with business risks) — all Oster Communications subsidiaries.

In an early 1970s world in which people were only talking about an electronic highway, Oster Communications was creating its own "electronic cowpath," he said.

Chairman emeritus of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and father of the futures industry Leo Melamed called Merrill Oster "a pioneer."

"He was clearly a major contributor

Merrill J. Oster

Age: 54

Profession: CEO of Oster Communications Inc.

Education: bachelor's degree in agricultural journalism from Iowa State University in 1961, master's degree in agricultural journalism from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1962.

Family: wife Carol, an X-ray technician; children, Leah, 28, assistant publisher of Futures magazine and David, 30, a currency trader.

Community Activities & Awards:

Vice chairperson of the Western Home board of directors 1994, Co-chair of the "Restore the Regent" campaign 1993, founder of the Main Street Development Corp., former chairman of the Vision 20/20 committee.

Also, 1991 Chair of the Cedar Valley Unity Coalition, 1991 Cedar Falls Personality of the Year, 1989 and 1991 Iowa Entrepreneur of the Year awarded by Inc. magazine, former chairman of the Iowa Young Presidents Organization, former YMCA board member, former Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce president.

in the development of the futures market, an industry that has changed the financial fabric of the world," Melamed said.

Oster masterminded Futures magazine as the forum for futures market information and advertising at a time when the idea of futures — selling something forward before it's produced or, in the case of agriculture, even put in the ground — was scoffed at.

The history

The 1960s ushered in the creation of Communications Consultants Inc. and the highly successful Professional Farmers of America service.

Expansions and acquisitions filled the 1970s, before the first shockwaves of financial trouble reverberated in the 1980s. The Farm Crisis collapsed ag prices, and Oster's customers could no longer afford his company's services.

Nervous bankers squeezing for early loan repayment forced Oster and his wife to "put everything we owned up for sale," to cut back on the farm operations, and make personal sacrifices to stave off layoffs.

In 1984, the tab-sized shopper Oster purchased in 1975 and named the Hometown was sold at a heavy loss.

But the 1990s arrived and Oster Communications quickly shifted gears away from agricultural enterprises toward the global marketplace of financial futures. All of its development eggs were shifted into one basket: FutureSource.

A lot of good came out of the farm crisis," Oster said. "I believe you can make a stepping stone out of a crisis if you back off, and size it up right."

He made the right move.

Oster Communications' products are now called leaders in the dissemination of risk management data. Journalists are stationed in dozens of countries to electronically funnel news and information to Cedar Falls, where it's edited, then spit back out around the world.

Thirty years ago, when he began giving speeches to farmers on the futures markets, 1 percent or 2 percent of America's farmers used the markets.

Currently, Oster said, 40 percent or 50 percent are direct users, and an additional 40 percent are involved indirectly through their local elevators.

Christian standards

Merrill Oster is not bashful about helping people who may be "spiritual midgets" to "see."

A distinct Christian attitude with an "uplifting" atmosphere of camaraderie is fostered in his offices, he said.

Employees are held to rigid standards.

The company's hiring practices "are ruthless," Oster said. Applicants have to jump through multiple hoops, and once on board, there is no tolerance for "typical corporate back-biting."

There is no second chance for anyone who violates principles that are

"the core of our culture," he said. If anyone is fired, Oster said, it was because they weren't doing their job correctly.

"We expect them to learn and grow and change," he said. "And that is a threat to some people."

Many staffers are openly religious.

"You're more likely to hear somebody in our organization, when something good happens, say, 'Praise God,' he said.

Oster, too, is frank about his belief in God.

An acquaintance of Oster's, Fred Rose of Midtown Development, said, "There's no way he'd hold back his Christian views, but he wouldn't beat people with it or dominate them with it. ... I think he believes if they get a taste of it and see it's that good, hopefully they'll be drawn to it."

And Oster Communications' customers know they're doing business with a Christian-oriented business.

Oster said, "The Christian culture of our company has become embedded in our product, because whenever the telephone rings and people talk to one of our representatives or our journalists, they realize our people are different. And they just like dealing with us."

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Carol Oster, shown here in their 19-year-old beige brick ranch home three miles west of Cedar Falls, own homes in Lake Geneva, Wis., and a suburb of Chicago.

RICK CHASE / Courier Staff Photographer

'Stopping the erosion'

Merrill Oster has changed the development focus of Cedar Falls, according to community leaders.

Lee Miller, president of the Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce, said Oster led the Vision 20/20 study that created a dynamic plan for Cedar Falls' future.

Oster founded the Main Street Development Corp., an economic engine that buys and refurbishes downtown buildings to attract a higher quality tenant. He guided the Cedar Valley Unity Coalition into existence, Miller said.

Almost single-handedly, Oster drummed up enough signatures to expand Main Street district's tax base, and held positions with the Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce for four years, including one year as board chairman.

"He is undoubtedly very committed to the community," Miller said.

The Oster Regent Theatre is his most visible effort.

At age 7, Oster saw his first-ever movie — "Old Yeller" — at the Regent. He took his first date there. So "when they asked me to be the co-chair of that project, they were appealing to a whole history," he said.

Oster and his wife cemented the \$1.2 million renovation project with a capstone gift of \$140,000.

Nostalgically, Oster said he is as tied to the Cattle Congress as to the

Regent even though some gambling advocates in the community blame him for the referendum's and the annual event's demise.

"We used to get out of school to go to the Cattle Congress — I've got wonderful memories," he said. "But intelligent people must make choices in life."

He bristles at the suggestion that the futures market is gambling. "Not at all," he said.

"Gambling is getting lucky and doing nothing for society. It cuts across one of the most fundamental, driving forces in a free enterprise system — the belief to work hard to provide a legitimate service to a customer and to get paid for it."

Oster took a stand against gambling. He fought — placing full-page ads in the newspaper, stringing up massive banners in his offices' windows, waging debates with other community leaders — and he won.

Today, he is pleased with the prospects for the future. "Stopping the erosion" in the community — whether it be buildings or morals or volunteerism — has always been one of Oster's primary goals.

"I'm proud of what Cedar Falls is going to become," he said. "Cedar Falls is going to be an absolute crown jewel of Iowa."

Having success himself gives him the power to push progress along.

"There's hardly a door in corporate America I can't enter, and so how I use the influence I've earned over a period of time is another passion," he said, slipping his glasses off his face, shaking them for emphasis. "I really believe I can make a difference."

SOME GOOD REASONS TO GET THE COURIER

The Courier is your news source for local and regional government and school news and sports reports and personality features, a calendar of community events, weekend previews, support groups, club and organization calendars, engagement wedding, anniversaries, births, obituaries, new businesses, people in business, Business Quarterly economic review, letters to the editor, Call the Courier answers to readers' questions, health advice from Dr. Paul Donohue, Dear Abby, Ernie Bömbeck, Mike Royko, crossword puzzles, celebrity ciphers, tograms, TV Showtime's 24 local and cable schedules with movie descriptions, movie reviews, Sunday color comics, the Mini-page and Parade magazine.



Oster Communications, Inc.
219 Parkade • PO Box 6
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

September 26, 1994

Dear Fellow Black Hawk County Taxpayer:

I write to you as a concerned taxpayer and as a person who believes that by working together we can create lasting jobs in our own community without the help of "Mississippi gambling magic."

You have an opportunity to speak up and make a difference in the kind of community we turn over to our children and grandchildren. A "NO" VOTE MAKES SEVERAL POSITIVE "YES" STATEMENTS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY.

"NO" says "NO" to the private interests who would use a "yes" vote to raid millions from the public in potential tax revenues for a bail-out of their own bad investments instead.

These people bet on the dog track and lost. Now they want taxpayer authorization to bail them out. Your "NO" vote slams the door on this private raid of a publicly-owned franchise.

"NO" means less crime. "NO" means a positive impact on the moral fabric which needs repair in America, one thread at a time. Gambling encourages some people to depend on "luck." When their luck runs out, they depend on us as taxpayers.

Compulsive gamblers frequently turn to crime. We, the taxpayers, get stuck with that bill in overloaded court systems, jails and other social support services paid for by our tax money.

I have heard the promise of jobs offered by the Mississippi gamblers. Frankly I don't trust them. It took a call from Black Hawk County to get the truth on the exploding crime rate in Hancock County, Mississippi. Here are the statistics for just the *first six months* of 1994 compared to *all* of 1993: Stolen vehicles are up 44%. Assaults are up 43%. Fights and vandalism are up 45%. Suicides are up 50%. Child molestation cases are up 117%.

up 400%. There are up 30%.

We reap what we sow in life. Let's not sow any "Mississippi Magic" in our community! Independent experts have shown there is statistical certainty that for every new job they create, they will wreck nearly five lives in Black Hawk Co. through gambling. The risk:reward ratio just doesn't make sense.

"NO" says we understand that economic development is creating real jobs that meet the legitimate needs of our society. "NO" says we are smart enough to see that Casino Magic is giving us a bad deal.

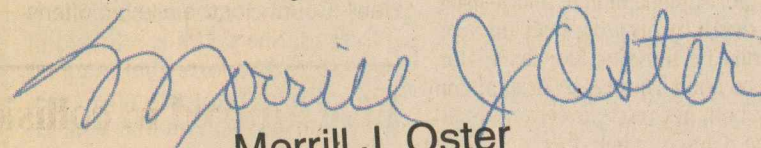
There is no free lunch. Common sense tells us for every \$1 Casino Magic leaves here, they'll take much more to Mississippi. Their tax deal with Hancock County, Mississippi, is almost 40 times better on a per capita basis than the one they cut with Black Hawk County. Why? Simple, in business terms. When a community goes to the bargaining table to first pad the pockets of the bargainers, the public gets the crumbs.

"NO" is a big "YES" for confidence in Black Hawk County. For the past several weeks, Mississippi bureaucrats and gambling advocates have been giving you advice on how to run Black Hawk County.

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With the stewardship of our tax dollars, the public interest and the future of our community in mind, I am encouraging you to vote "NO."

Very truly yours,


Merrill J. Oster
President

P.S. Agreeing with "NO" isn't enough. I urge you to get out to vote "NO" (and please urge your friends to do the same).

up 400%. More and more
We reap what we sow in life. Let's not sow any "Mississippi Magic" in our community! Independent experts have shown there is statistical certainty that for every new job they create, they will wreck nearly five lives in Black Hawk Co. through gambling. The risk:reward ratio just doesn't make sense.

"NO" says we understand that economic development is creating real jobs that meet the legitimate needs of our society. "NO" says we are smart enough to see that Casino Magic is giving us a bad deal.

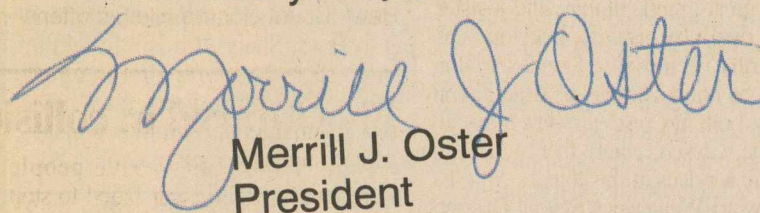
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C.J. Van Mill will be honored with a card shower to celebrate his 83rd birthday. Cards may be sent to 1026 W. 9th St., Cedar Falls, IA. 50613 Mr. Van Mill was born March 28, 1908. He is the son of John and Hilda Van Mill. He owned and operated a Plumbing business in N.H. until 1965 when he went to work at the University of Iowa. He retired from UNI in 1975. He has 6 daughters, 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

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Henry - Hogenkamp Engagement

Doris and George Henry of Neosho, Missouri and Fred and Esther Hogenkamp of 1415 West 6th St., Cedar Falls are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Shirley Jean Henry and Dennis Rae Hogenkamp both of the Kansas City area.

The bride-elect graduated from Neosho High School in 1976 and earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing and her MBA respectively in 1980 and 1984 from the University of Missouri of Columbia. She is employed as

Marketing Communications Manager for Labconco Corp. in Kansas City, MO.

The Prospective Groom graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1976, Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Waterloo, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, and George Washington University, Washington D.C.. He is a certified registered nurse anesthetist employed by Westport Anesthesia Services Inc., in Kansas City, MO.

An August 15 wedding is planned at the Old Mission Methodist Church Fairway, Kansas.

Graduating Class, 1909.



Bessie Belt.
Gertrude Van Deest.

Hazel Frasier.
Errol Canfield.

Laura Knipe.

SCHOOL NOTES.

[High School Exponent.]

Mrs. C. H. Putnam.

We could not omit a write up of Mrs. Putnam, who has been our able assistant principal for the past two years. Some years ago, she, a rosy checked lass of 12 summers, more or less, came from the barren hills of Nebraska and registered in Cornell College Academy.

After graduating from the college in 1906, she accepted a position in the Bedford public schools. She had no sooner accepted this, than a letter came stating that Cornell desired her to teach English and German in the Academy the coming year, but Bedford board would not release her. The summer of 1907 found her in her Washington home, from which place, Mr. Putnam brought her to New Hartford. All are glad they have known her. It would be a good thing if all would look to her as an example for she is loving, true and good. Mrs. Putnam is an active worker in the church. During the summer months Mrs. Putnam will work with Mr. Putnam for the Midland Lyceum Bureau, after which she will take up household duties in their new home. We all wish her great success in all she undertakes. We regret to see her go. She will be "gone but not forgotten."

A Senior.

Chas. H. Putnam.

Graduated from the Bedford High school; taught for one year in rural schools and two years in the Albion schools; entered Cornell College in '03, graduating in '07; between times and summers he would work the Lecture Bureau "graft," as he calls it. That year, '07, he accepted the principalship of the New Hartford schools, which he

has held since. During that time the school has improved and reached a higher standard than ever before.

Few schools of this size in the state and no other in Butler county, whether larger or smaller, can boast a High school paper. But with his help and direction, we have been able to issue the "Exponent" which has been most successful. Since the lecture course here has failed to pay out for three years, much credit is due a man who could put on a larger course than we have ever had and make it successful, as Mr. Putnam has done. This year's course was not only successful, it leaves a surplus of \$26.10 for the High school library fund. He is responsible, too, for a large increase in tuitions. For the year '07 and '08 the total amount of tuition was \$53.45. This year it totaled \$233.02. This shows that Mr. Putnam worked for the interest of the school, for he got nothing out of the deal. Realizing what Mr. Putnam has done for us, we regret to part with him; his helpful, Christian influence will be much missed in church and school. Owing to his arrangements to attend University next year, we are compelled to bid both he and Mrs. Putnam goodbye. They have our good wishes for success in their future life and work.

Another Senior.

Solve mystery of outhouse crescent

By JACK HOVELSON
Register Staff Writer

WATERLOO, IA. — The people who man the reference desk at the Waterloo Public Library are called upon to provide answers for questions dealing with a myriad of topics, some quite remote.

Rarely, if ever, are the researchers stumped.

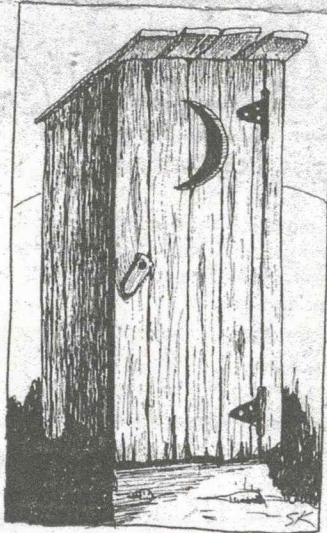
The librarians concede, however, that they sweated one out recently — and even had to enlist the aid of student researchers at the University of Iowa —when they were asked:

What is the origin of the crescent moon windows cut into the doors of outhouses?

The Waterloo Public Library's answer comes from a book entitled "The Cracker Barrel." It was authored by Eric Sloane and published in 1967 by Funk and Wagnalls.

In past centuries, it seems, there were outhouses designated for women only, and others for men. Instead of bearing the words "Ladies" or "Gents," the facilities had either a crescent moon (for Luna, symbol of women kind) or a sun shape (for Sol, symbol of man) sawed out on the doors.

The sun symbol became ex-

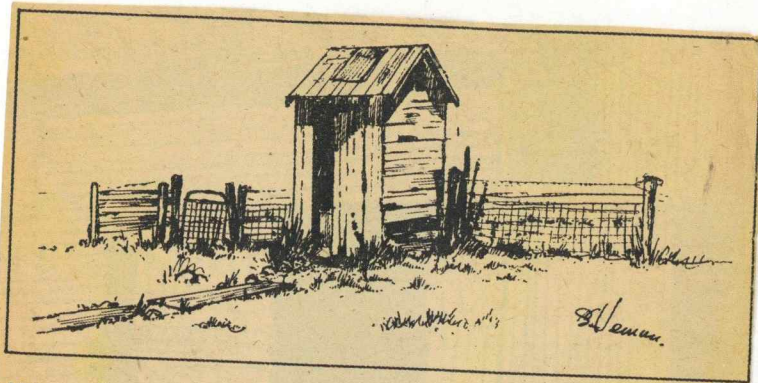


DRAWING BY STAFF
ARTIST STAN KLUENDER
An Outhouse

tinct sometime in the late 1880's. Explains Sloane:

"When the country inns became less elegant, the men's outhouse was discontinued because of the proximity of the forests or bushes, and only the outhouse with the crescent remained."

That, say the Waterloo librarians, will suffice as an official answer to the engrossing question. Unless, of course, someone comes up with a better explanation.



Above, there was a time when most Iowa rural or small town homes had an outhouse in the backyard. Soon, only a sketch like this will show what one looked like.

Summer Heman
Des Moines Register
Jan 12, 1975

That two-story outhouse still remembered at Oran

By LAWN GRIFFITHS
Assistant State Editor

ORAN—They still talk about the two-story outhouse in Oran, though it's been gone now at least 20 years.

The double decker privy was termed "one of the most unique buildings in Iowa" back in 1949 when Joe Lorber was taking people on tours outback.

It was said to be the only backyard toilet on two levels in Iowa, accessible from both the ground or from a second

floor apartment. And according to one widely traveling Oran resident of that era, the only other double header was to be found in Texas "where they always try to do everything bigger and better."

THE STRUCTURE caught the eye of the Courier's building editor in the fall of 1949 and prompted that writer to explain the building in detail.

The outhouse had four rooms for patrons, two on each level.

Called "the most widely admired struc-

ture in Oran," the outhouse stood behind Smith & Lorber grocery store. A ramp or catwalk led out from apartments above the store to the two upstairs toilets, while a sidewalk led from the store to the two compartments on the ground level.

"Makes it awfully nice in the winter time," the building editor noted. Joe Lorber, the man who built it, ran the store. He was also called a "comfort engineer" for thinking up the structure that allowed his family quicker access from their upstairs apartment. From the time it was built in 1913, the Lorbers and store customers used it for over four decades.

"Like anyone else, Joe appreciates the beauty of an Iowa winter. He agrees there's nothing like a cold, clear night when a frost-tipped harvest moon reflects silvery off the corn shocks stacked like Indian tepees. But 2 a.m. is a poor hour to admire creation" while possibly having to stand in line to use the shack out back.

SO HE ASSURED HIS family quicker access by putting up the skyscraper privy. Then just after World War II, he installed indoor plumbing for his family in the apartment, and the family didn't need to use it as much.

"But the people next door still use the first floor," noted the building editor. "and once in a while you can hear the doors upstairs banging too."

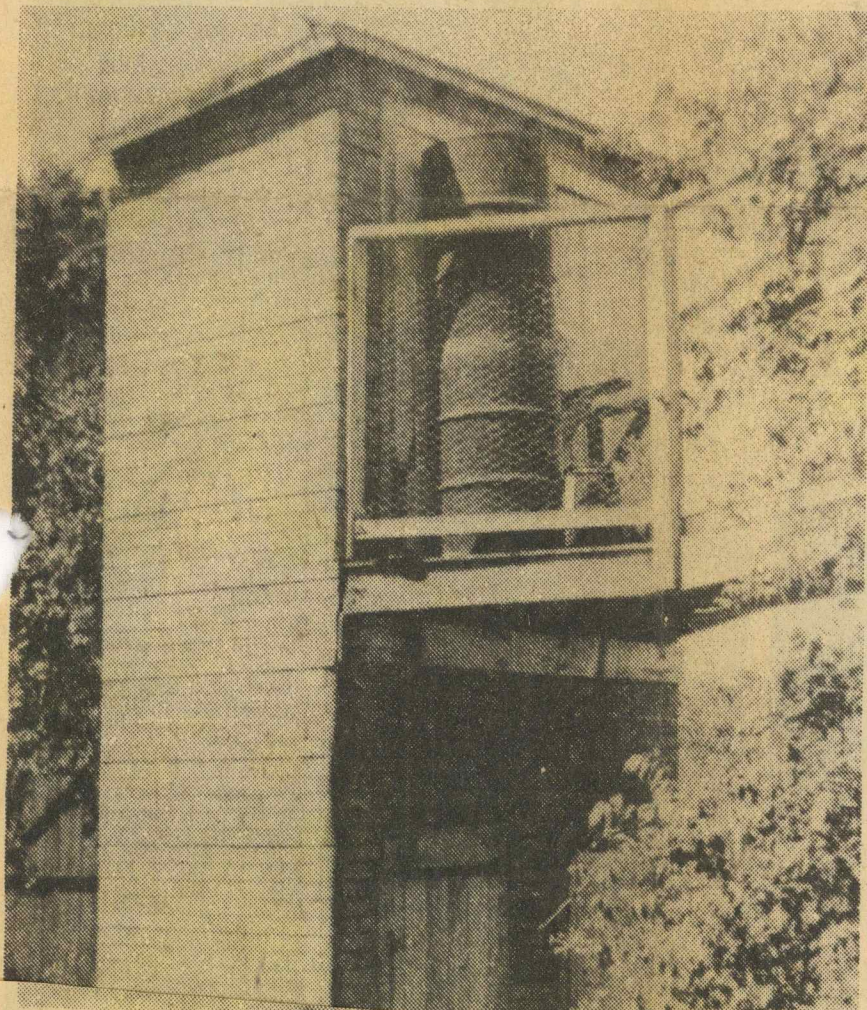
"It's widely admired around Oran and Oelwein, and it attracts the attention of lots of passers-by."

Salesmen used to come into Lorber's store and would chit-chat, and sooner or later they'd stop hemming and hawing and finally get to the point. They wanted to know about the outhouse.

"GO ON OUT and look at it," Lorber used to say, and the visitors would satisfy their curiosity, maybe even patronize the place, then return with the comment. "Sure is a dandy."

The sloping, flat-roofed outhouse was designed to handle four customers at once, and somehow Lorber found a way for what went on upstairs to not affect whatever occurred downstairs. It had something to do with an extra compartment or wall between the upstairs and the pit in the ground.

To give it some extra class, the two-



This was the outhouse on two levels that for over 40 years catered to people coming and going from upstairs apartments and a grocery store. The privy was located in Oran. It was pushed over finally in about 1957 after its reason for being became less important with the advent of indoor plumbing. This photo was taken when the privy became less needed and its entry way upstairs started to be a catchall for items, such as the barrel.

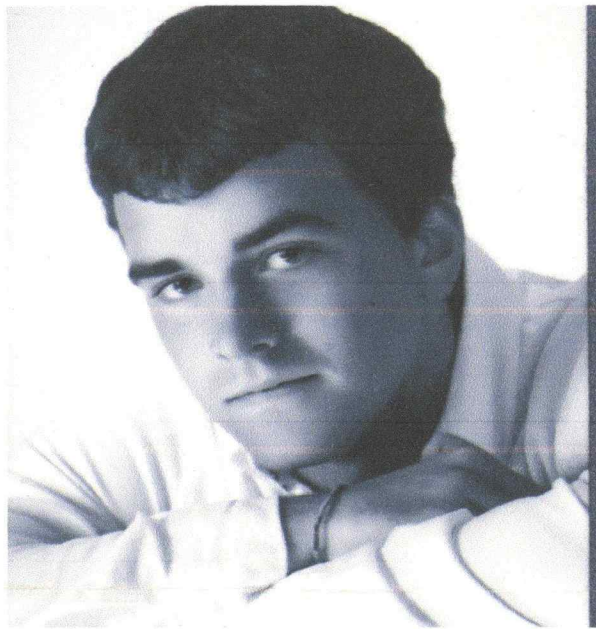
story building had brick-like siding. And a trellis with vines ran up the posts holding up the second-story ramp.

Townfolks guess it was about 1957 or 1958 that someone managed to tip it over—the inevitable fate of almost all privies, of course.

And then what had been a tourist attraction was just a heap of boards.

It had served its purpose anyway—meeting the immediate, nature-calling needs of apartment dwellers and store customers alike.

It stood tall—two stories tall—in meeting those needs.



Dear Vopal,

Thought you might like to see Josh's graduation photo. I cannot believe that he is that old, he is going to Drake University in the medical field. Brian said he is ready to leave home and I think it is because he has always felt his Mother favored Nicole and I sort of agree there. Wylone is really going to miss him he likes the outdoors and Nicole and her Mother could care less about working outside.

Well there went the ink out the printer — another \$50⁰⁰ spent ha', I've been working with photos here is a extra one I had — I'd smarted off about riding, Lindy asked me if I could ride a goat? I said "Sure if you put a saddle on it" — I didn't know Lindy had this saddle" — I didn't ride the goat I felt to sorry for "Okee" — we were a Caeple kids who didn't grow up —

I heard you weren't feeling to good — guess I'll call you later Today. See, I've got a question to ask you do you know Hilda's middle name? Love Aletha

Of wash days and outhouses

By PAT LACKEY

Register Staff Writer

IOWA COUNTY, IA. — "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven," it says in Ecclesiastes 3:1. Surely then, the first half of the Twentieth Century, in the heavenly bookkeeping and calendar programming, must have been marked down as a 'time for change.' For when in the recorded history of man have so many changes come in so short a time? In particular the advent of electric power and the gasoline motor touched every aspect of daily life in our house and on our land...

"This is the story of how those changes came to our family in Iowa and how we accepted them."

Thus begins a new book by Mrs. Wanda Misbach Edgerton, 71, of San

Diego, Calif. Entitled "Our Home Place," it's about life on her parents' 320-acre farm between Marengo and Williamsburg during the first half of this century.

Edgerton lived on the farm from 1905 to 1930 and returned often to visit. In researching her book, she interviewed her two brothers and four sisters, and she read the diary her mother kept during the last 30 years of her life.

Edgerton's parents were Jesse Davis Misbach (1874-1956) and Emelia Wiese (1874 to 1959).

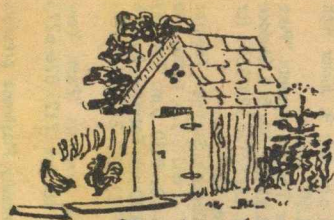
The book contains more than 100 small sketches by Edgerton. They depict such once-everyday items as a hand-powered washer, chamber pots, a carpet beater and a curling iron.

At an easy pace, the book takes you

for a stroll through the past. It tells you about:

OUTHOUSES — "One important adjunct to the house is worth noting. This was the outhouse which we called, 'Mrs. Jones,' though I don't know why... Perhaps it was considered a little more genteel to say, 'I'm going to see Mrs. Jones,' or, 'I'll be at Mrs. Jones' House...."

"Our Mrs. Jones was a standard three-holer, two large, one small. It didn't have its walls papered over with colored pictures from old calendars, as did some, and it didn't have the standard sickle moon cut in the door. These were small demerits, however, for it did have the convenience of privacy by virtue of its location. It was sheltered behind the hen house and protecting it further was a thicket of elderberry bushes in



Mrs. Jones' House



Genoa Bluffs Church
1856-1940



Rings Tub
Clothes
Wringer

which bees buzzed and under which the hens clucked and scratched for their little broods. Most of the time there was no need to shut the door. The warm sun poured in its southern exposure, there were old Sears Roebuck or Montgomery Ward catalogues to leaf through and it afforded a place of peace and privacy, a place for dreaming, a refuge from household bustle and often an escape from nuisance jobs like drying dishes, which someone else would take care of if you loitered long enough."

UNDERPAID MINISTERS — "In Mom's diaries as late as the 1930s, there is reference to the minister's yearly salary of \$500; then as times grew tighter it was \$30 a month and it was hard to raise that (as well as money to replace the plaster ceiling which had fallen). I remember one

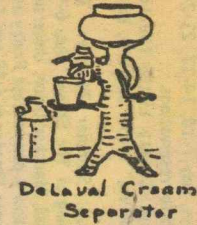
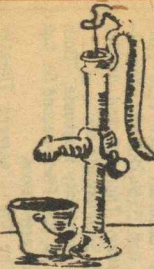
minister who took a correspondence course in piano tuning thinking to supplement his income. Dad agreed to be his first customer and he came, spread out his tools on the living room floor, hung his necktie on a chair back, rolled up his sleeves and began. But the harder he tried, the more he perspired, the worse things got. He went home at sunset to bone up on his books and came back to try again. In the end we had to get our regular man to put it in order."

WASHDAY — Washday was not a day to be taken lightly. There was anxiety about the weather, would it be raining, would the clothes dry? And there was reasonable foreboding about the plain enormity of the task, something to get to bed early for on Sunday night, to get up early for on Monday morning, to be struggled

through and sighed over when at last it was done for another week....

"Getting the wash out early was a mark of status in the neighborhood. Mom would hurry us along by noting that Lizzie Langlas, a quarter mile north, already had sheets flapping on the line and we sleepyheads not yet down for breakfast. Quite honestly this never impressed us much. By 8:30 the party line would be buzzing with the news that Irene, a mile up the road, had hung the last of her washing, scrubbed the floor and was now calling her friends while she sipped her second cup of coffee. They were the neighborhood pace setters."

SPELLING — "Missed spelling words meant writing each one correctly for 50 times, then spelling each orally. Such a session often meant 15 additional minutes after the



Drawings by WANDA MISBACH EDGERTON

rest of the school had been dismissed, but if there were only one or two missed words the delinquent one could hurry and still catch up with the rest of the kids ambling leisurely down the road toward home. Usually there was no real loitering, though Shirley recalls times in the spring when roadside ditches were running with water and it was fun to float empty lunch pails down the stream, or to try to catch frogs in the culvert that channeled the water under the road."

WORKING PETS — "We later had another, a collie called Shep. Dad trained him to bring the cows up from the pasture when he called him and walked with him to the pasture gate. When Dad said, 'Go get 'em,' Shep would bound over the hill to reappear in the valley nipping at the heels of

the herd until he got them rounded up into a tight little bunch headed for the gate. They knew him and obeyed him, and he clearly enjoyed doing his job. When the hot months came and he seemed to suffer with his heavy, shaggy coat, Dad sheared him, leaving only the tip of his tail and a mane around his head like a lion. Poor Shep was humiliated, slunk off into the bushes and stayed hidden all day as if ashamed to be seen publicly in his underwear. At chore time when Dad called him he came unwillingly, tail between legs, head downcast. Dad gave the familiar order, 'Go get 'em,' and Shep crept reluctantly over the hill. When he did not show up in the valley as usual Dad went to hunt for him and found him hiding in a grassy little depression out of sight. Routed out of his haven, he was dispatched to

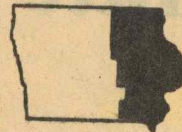
do his duty, but the cows didn't recognize him, and with heads down, threatened him and refused to obey him. Defeated, he slunk back and had to be excused from further cow patrol until his coat grew back."

Edgerton paid to have her book published by Pine Hill Press of Freeman, S.D. The first edition of 250 books sold out, mostly to Californians from the Midwest, she said. The book is in a second edition of 250 books. Once they sell, she said, she'll have recovered her investment and then some.

"Our Home Place" is Edgerton's third book. The first two, both about relatives, are out of print.

Copies of "Our Home Place" can be obtained from the author at 17030 Hierba Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92128. The cost, including mailing, is \$5.

SECTION C



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OSTER

Study found entire project could be done in 15 years

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development, and Peterman thinks it would be used extensively by neighborhood residents not only to work out, but to do their daily errands at neighborhood businesses.

Lockard Development has been working with Hitchcock Design Group and Oster on the project.

"We worked out a study and showed it completely built out in 15 years," said Lockard Development President Bob

Smith, but added that it would be great if it happened in 10.

Peterman said the project will start with commercial development going in off a road that will start about 1/3-mile east of the intersection of South Main Street and Greenhill Road. That is the road that will eventually lead to the commercial core. Mixed use areas, available for either light commercial such as offices or residential, would surround that initial road.

Work could begin within a year if it goes according to plan.

While commercial development is pictured first, Peterman said the residential development will have to go hand in hand.

"Commercial is only going to

go so far until the residential goes," Peterman said.

Most of the large tracts of single-family housing would be located on the eastern end of the property. Much of that housing will lie in the city of Cedar Falls, but in the Waterloo school district.

Multi-family housing is planned to blend away from the commercial core. It is also planned, in addition to more commercial development, in the southwest part of the area, near the larger commercial area of Wal-Mart and Blain's Farm and Fleet.

Developers currently plan to have no road access from the property to South Main Street.

However, City Engineer Larry Buchholz said the city would prefer to see some minor streets connect to South Main Street to ease traffic congestion and allow for better emergency access.

The Western Home owns a variety of housing styles that will border the new development. Western Home Communities Administrator Jerry Harris had positive things to say about the development, particularly in that it would add some amenities close by to residents.

"This site plan ties in very nicely with the long-term strategic plan for our campus," Harris said.

Oster proposal passes C.F. Council

By JON ERICSON
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS

A huge mixed-use development south of Greenhill Road will proceed after the City Council approved rezoning and land use changes Monday.

Merrill Oster has proposed a mix of housing, commercial and office uses for 620 acres of land south of Greenhill Road stretching from South Main Street to Cedar Heights Drive and south to Viking Road.

The proposal eventually would have more than 2,000 housing units and 200 acres of commercial and office property. The developers foresee it as a community unto itself.

Initial construction is likely to begin already this summer.

Oster is working with Lockard Development as a local partner in the project.

The developers see the residential and commercial parts of the property as interconnected.

"From my standpoint, if this doesn't go, probably nothing will."

Jim Scheerer
attorney

Most of the commercial use is pictured as smaller scale, similar to a downtown-type of environment that is pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly.

A recreational trail is planned to wind throughout the commercial and residential sections.

"The whole reason we brought this forth as an element because it doesn't work without the other pieces," said Larry Peterman of Hitchcock Design Group, a firm hired by Oster for the project.

According to Peterman, the first phase will be off Greenhill Road, near the future site of Heartland Vineyard Church. It will involve a road leading south from Greenhill Road toward

what will become the "town center" commercial core of the project.

That area will start off with a mixed-use section the developers foresee as office buildings.

"I really like what is presented, it is compact and all the features," said Councilman Kamyar Enshayan. "My question is how will this impact the rest of the community? How do we know that this is going to fly? How do we know that it is not going to be a cost to our community?"

Attorney Jim Scheerer said the proposal pays attention to the surrounding developments and is a large, well-thought-out plan.

"From my standpoint, if this doesn't go, probably nothing will," Scheerer said.

Peterman said he already has had some interest in the town center. He envisions the project taking 10 to 12 years to be built up, but the timeline is hard to predict.

Oster plans huge C.F.

■ 2,000 residential units, 200 acres of commercial space planned on city's south side.

By JON ERICSON
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS

Merrill Oster once owned much of downtown, with buildings housing employees of his various agricultural publications.

Now his land may create its own sort of downtown, along with surrounding neighborhoods, trails and parks.

Oster has submitted plans for a massive new development that spans 620 acres of his property south of Greenhill Road. The land stretches from Greenhill to Viking Road, and from South Main Street to Cedar Heights Drive.

When completely built, it could boast more than 2,000 residential units and

200 acres of commercial development. In Cedar Falls, where few developments exceed 20 acres, the project is enormous.

"I just look at this thing and say, 'Wow, this is a big deal,'" Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Bob Kressig said.



Merrill Oster
big plans

Oster's representatives have submitted a request to rezone the property, currently undeveloped with a mix of agricultural and planned residential designations, to

mixed use.

Larry Peterman is vice president of Hitchcock Design Group of Naperville, Ill., and has been working with Oster on the project since 1998. He presented the plan to a committee of the Planning and Zoning Commission Wednesday.

"What we're proposing to do is create our own community here. People could buy their first home here and not have to leave. They could buy their second home here and perhaps start a business here," Peterman said.

The centerpiece of the development is a community commercial district that Peterman likened to a downtown setting. At the center of that district would be an oval street, with a plaza in the center and the business core around it.

Peterman envisions two- or three-story buildings surrounding the plaza. The first floor would be for commercial uses, with upper floors for residences or offices.

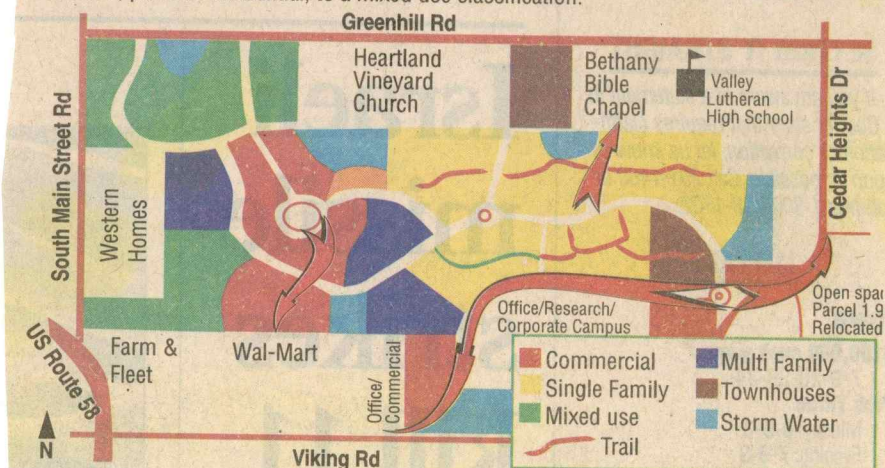
The sprawling plan calls for many single-family homes, multi-family dwellings, town houses and commercial uses. A network of recreational trails would be built throughout the

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development

Oster property development

A huge development proposed by Merrill Oster calls for developing 620 acres south of Greenhill Road. The plan calls for single-family homes, multi-family housing, commercial businesses and office complexes. The development is currently working through the Planning and Zoning Commission for rezoning from a combination of A-1, agricultural, and R-P, planned residential, to a mixed use classification.



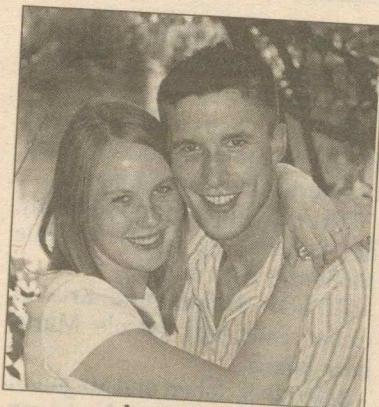
COURIER Graphic/CHERIE NELSON

Oster-Luck

NEW HARTFORD — Lyndsi Renee Oster and Nathaniel Christopher Luck are announcing their upcoming wedding.

Parents of the couple are Larry and Carolyn Oster of New Hartford and Monte and Peggy Luck of Stout.

The bride-elect is employed by Beecher Law Firm and Cedar Valley Friends of the Family and will graduate from the University of Northern Iowa in December with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her fiancé is employed by Black Hawk Engineering and is a member of the Army National



**Lyndsi Oster
Nathaniel Luck**

Guard.

Vows are planned for Saturday at Overman Park in Cedar Falls.