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FIRE AT FAIRVIEW

Last Sunday at half-past one in the afternoon a fire broke out in the hotel barn of Mr. **GEORGE HALL**. The alarm was promptly given but the large quantity of combustible material rendered any effort to subdue the flames simply out of the question. The hotel was only some 40 feet distant, the wind carried the burning brands directly to the roof.

Another building of Mr. **HALL**, occupied by **EZRA CAFFEE**, and Mr. **H. KIDWELL'S** residence also caught fire several times, and it was only by the utmost exertions that they were saved.

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MARRIED

At the residence of the bride's mother, 26 Sep., **D. FELLER**, of Ackley, Ia, and **ELLA CLEVELAND**, of Anamosa.

6 Sep., at Olin, **CYRUS M. WILSON** and **IDA F. KAUFMAN**, all of Jones county.

At the Gillen House, Anamosa, 20 Sep., **JOSHUA McCAMMANT** and **EMMA ALLEN** both of Monticello.

DIED

In Hale, 13 Sep., of inflammation of the bowels, **JAMES FREEMAN**, aged 21 years and 8 months, son of **HAMILTON FREEMAN**.

In Hale, 10 Sep., of drowsy, **FRANK GEARHART**, aged 16 years, son of **AARON GEARHART**.

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LOST AND FOUND

Judge **McKEAN'S** little daughter, aged nearly 2 years, strayed off this morning, and though a good number of people turned out to search for her, she was not found for 3 hours. A brother about 10 years old discovered the little wanderer near the residence of Mr. **THOMAS ENGLISH**, a quarter of a mile or more from her home.

A SAD END

E. B. KINSELLA, formerly one of the heaviest and prosperous merchants of Monticello, and later the landlord of the Palmer House in that city, died last week at Farley from delirium tremens. The funeral services were held at Monticello. He leaves a young wife to mourn his sad fate.

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UPSET

Last Sunday evening Mr. **ISAAC HAY** and his wife were returning home and when crossing a small bridge on the "south road" the abutments gave way, the horses went down and the buggy was overturned, throwing the occupants out with considerable violence. Mrs. **HAY** was somewhat bruised but no serious injury resulted from the mishap.

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J. A. MONGER, formerly of the Journal (other newspaper in Anamosa), was married last week in Dubuque and is now in New York on a wedding tour. Good for "JOHNNY".

Old Canton School Was Once Symbol of Future

By John R. Adney

CANTON — In this restless age of clamor and confusion, a stately stone building on the south edge of town, tolerates the Twentieth century with unhurried pace.

The weathered structure, built as a schoolhouse in 1877, nestles beneath ancient oaks on the south fork of the Maquoketa river about 12 miles northwest of Maquoketa.

It is symbolic of a time when Canton was young and full of vigor, and full of belief in its glorious future.

It represents the skillful work of stonemasons with native materials and reflects a craftsmanship capable of useful existence for nearly a century.

There were 21 students and they came from a wide area of the rugged countryside surrounding Canton.

Once, the loudest sound in town was the peal of the bell in the ornate belfry. It rang before classes and again at the end of recess.

If you were one of the good guys, you got to pull the long rope that hung down from the belfry and was tied to a coat hook in the cloakroom.

It was quite a thrill to know you were the one who was sending that sonorous clanging across the countryside.

During warmer weather the students took their dinner buckets and spread out beneath the trees — each grade tending to congregate together, although some grades

numbered no more than two or three students.

Lunchtime lasted a full hour, but eventually the bell would ring to call everyone back inside. First came a warning bell, and finally the point-of-no-reprieve, the tardy bell.

There was always a noon baseball game, and quite often the teacher would take turns in joining the opposing teams.

Despite the confusion, the teacher somehow managed to instruct classes in the same room day after day and still retain her sanity. And it's a mystery how anyone ever managed to study when one class or other was reciting at all times.

But if you were alert, and had your own work done, you could eavesdrop on all the upper classes and know the subject matter pretty well by the time you graduated into them.

There were always great numbers of dogs of indeterminate breed hanging around the school — mutts who would follow their young masters there every day and wait for them until school was out in late afternoon.

At noon, the dogs would come around for their share of lunch. Since they were community property and on a first-name basis with everyone, they would fare pretty well. An occasional dogfight was a break in the monotony and none of the participants ever held a grudge for very long.

Dusting erasers was a form of award to

students who finished their studies before classes were dismissed. They would stand on the front steps, whacking the erasers together, raising great clouds of chalk dust, and leer at those still in their seats when they came back inside.

A chapter in Canton's history closed in May, 1966, when the school was consolidated with the Maquoketa school district.

The mission of Canton's school had been accomplished.

"Reorganization into more efficient units," the state department of public instruction declared, "was designed to give each child a better education."

"Today's society," it was said, "called for a new type of educational program and new methods of teaching, which in turn demanded new designs and facilities."

For a time, the old building — a landmark and a lodestone of fond memories for many — stood empty and silent.

Then one day, it got a new lease on life when it became the town's community center.

Again, there was joy and laughter in the old building that once echoed with students' recitations and "pieces" spoken at Christmas programs.

A building, like a body, can get mighty weary. But the old schoolhouse — a reminder of Canton's "golden era" — did it with more grace and style than the gristmill, general store and sawmill, that crumbled into dust long ago.

History Given For Canton,

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Stuhler Geo. Stuhler Sr. Settled In 1861

Came From Muscatine With His Family

George Stuhler, sr., like many others, was attracted to the village of Canton on the border line between Jones and Jackson counties. He stopped there in journeying farther west from Muscatine. What interested him was the fact that Canton possessed excellent water power which indicated that it might develop into a town of importance.

But the railroads came, and the steam whistle never blew in the rugged hills of Canton. The railroad was built into Jones county from the north to the southwest touching Monticello and Anamosa. A branch line ran from Monticello to Oxford Junction and another branch line on the Northwestern from Anamosa to Maquoketa. In none of these cases did the railroad connect with Canton. Stuhler migrated from Canton, after a five year stay, to the community known as Johnson (frequently, though improperly, called Johnson-town). Johnson had a post office which was established as early as 1853 with Edward K. Johnson as postmaster. It was in this thriving village surrounded by pros-



GEORGE STUHLER, SR

perous farmers that Stuhler established his first boot and shoe store.

Johnson "Corners"

The present generation knows Johnson as simply the "four corners" with two or three residents, not on the corners, but in the vicinity. This locality had been settled by William Overley in the northwest and by Isaac Overley beneath the shade of the cottonwood trees to the north. The Barnhill brothers, William and Samuel, settled on the outskirts to the east. A town plat was laid out, and the intersection of the state and Mineral Creek roads became attractive points for trade. This was way back in 1853, when it was important enough to be given a post office which was continued until 1872, and reestablished in 1874. The post office was discontinued permanently in 1880.

Canton Water Power

The water power of Canton had been developed as early as 1846, and the town in those early days was known as the "maple sugar town." It was a busy place on the sand-girdled beach of the south fork of the Maquoketa river. But as Canton began to lose interest from a trade point of view, Johnson began to boom, and Stuhler made a change of his location.

He never wanted for business. He was ever active in the enterprise in which he engaged. On moving to Johnson, he found there was a store run by J. C. Houser, the doctors were McKean, Merriam, Gilmore, and Isaac H. Phillips. The latter afterwards became a well-known and active physician at Monticello. Dr. Stephen P. Collins and Philander Church, both young men who had served in the Civil war, later opened a drug store.

Inland Town

Johnson was a thriving inland town when Stuhler located there. A schoolhouse had been erected a half mile to the south; a building had been erected designed for a post office where a little girl fourteen years of age acted as deputy postmistress. A writer of those early days is responsible for the information that this little postmistress could neither read nor write, and her novel way of attending the office was to hand the mail to the inquirer, let them look it over to their entire satisfaction, taking what belonged to them.

Johnson also contained a dry goods store, a blacksmith shop, a drug store, three doctors, a watch tinker, a boarding house, an Odd Fellows lodge, and residences enough to house the people who did business in the prairie village. Stuhler took up his residence when he went to Johnson in what came to be known as the "Kellum house" situated on the south side of Main street "just west of the temple of worship." There he established his first boot and shoe shop.

In the winter of 1860 at the time of his arrival, a great revival was held nightly in the schoolhouse. It was recorded that 81 were converted at the meetings and many became useful, shining religious lights in after years. This was a patriotic center and from it and the surrounding country came the early enlistments from Jones county in the Civil war. At that time, Stuhler left the village for Monticello which he visioned as a better locality and with greater prospects for the extension of his business of the manufacturing and selling

of boots and shoes.

Stuhler was a conservative business man. He was aggressive but never bought what he could not pay for. As a result, his business grew slowly at first, but to splendid proportions at the time of his death. He was a genial man who made friends with all classes. His word was good with his trade and he soon attracted to his store hosts of customers who could rely on what he told them in regard to footwear. Those were the days when men wore boots and when boots came in wooden boxes holding a dozen or two pairs of assorted sizes. It was a case of try and fit in those days. Stuhler always fitted his boots so well that the customers voluntarily returned again.

Local Civil War Veteran One of 110 Who Left Tipton

The following short article appeared in last week's Tipton Advertiser and is self explanatory:

Our venerable friend John Lett, of York, Nebraska, writes this week extending greetings to the old home friends in the Tipton community. He recalls that it was just seventy years ago Oct. 5 that 110 Cedar county boys left Tipton to put down the rebellion. There were 110 then, and now there are just three left: Johnny A. White of Olin, Ia., 94 years old; A. G. Downing who is now in the hospital, but who will probably be improving soon, 89 years old; and John Lett, of York, Nebr., 90 years old.

Fred P. Stuhler A Shoe Dealer

Followed His Father In Store Management

Following the retirement of George Stuhler, sr., the shoe business was carried on by his son, Fred P. Stuhler, now deceased. He was a man who thoroughly understood this branch of the business and had a personal interest in the wants of his customers. It was the usual thing for the customers in shoe stores to say, "Fred Stuhler knows just what I want."

He was born in Monticello and received his education in the public schools of the town. He served



FRED P. STUHLER

an apprenticeship under his father, and, when he entered actively into the management of the store, became a leader in shoe trade. He was repeatedly honored with offices in the state association of his craft. He was in attendance at a meeting of the National Shoe Dealers Association at Milwaukee, Wis., with his son, Stewart, when he was stricken with a fatal illness. His death occurred January 2, 1921, and was the first link to be broken in the bond of brotherhood which held the business together for so many years.

His son, Stewart Stuhler, has continued his interest in the shoe business and now is a representative of the International Shoe company and covers the entire south half of Iowa. Before taking this position on the road, he too was interested in the shoe store.

Albert L. Potter Of Springville Dies on Dec. 27, 1967

SPRINGVILLE — Albert L. Potter, 70, barber and a resident of the Springville and Viola community for 50 years, died Wednesday morning, Dec. 27.

Services Held

Graveside services were held Monday, Jan. 1, at 2:30 p.m., at the Wilcox cemetery, Viola. Rev. Clyde C. Scott conducted the service.

Life Outlined

He was born July 13, 1897, son of John Q. and Clara Ketchum Potter, Canton. He was married Jan. 6, 1917, to Alma Corbett, Viola.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Berta, Mrs. Donald Voorhees, Downers Grove, Ill.; two sons, Verle K. Potter, Atlanta, Ga.; and Ned L. Potter, San Diego, Calif.

One brother, Irven Potter, San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Mary, Mrs. Nolan Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Millard C. Ray 1912

Millard C. Ray, 78, of 211 Third street SW, World war I army veteran, and a resident of the Cedar Rapids vicinity many years, died in the Veterans hospital, Iowa City, Friday.

He was born in Canton, Ia. Sept. 28, 1894. His wife, Grace Miner Ray, died in 1945.

He was a member of Hanford Post, American Legion, and Local 89 Iron Workers union.

Surviving are a son, Gerald L. Ray, of Cedar Rapids; three sisters, Ella Northcutt, San Antonio, Tex., Mrs. Stanley Zimmerman and Mrs. Verda Drago, both of Anamosa; two brothers, Vernon of Viola, Ark., and Robert of Monticello, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. *Mar. 9, 1972*

Services: Beatty-Beurle chapel, 1:30 p.m. Monday by Dr. Arnold Herbst of St. Paul's United Methodist church. Burial: Cedar Memorial, where Hanford Post will conduct military services. Friends may call at Beatty-Beurle's after 1 p.m. Sunday. The casket will be opened after the service.

Services for Ed Post held Dec. 15

Ed Post, 88, Monmouth, died Friday, Dec. 12, 1975 at Jackson County hospital. He had been a patient at Crestridge Nursing center in Maquoketa for the past several months.

He was born Aug. 16, 1887 at Canton, the son of Pat and Harriet Harding Post. On April 10, 1909 he was married to Bertha Edwards in Maquoketa.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Edwin (Frances) Reid of Maquoketa and one son, Ralph Post of Bellevue; three grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 15 at Carson's Funeral home with the Rev. Jay Hoppus officiating. Burial was in the Monmouth cemetery.

Pallbearers were great-grandsons, Noel Becker, Mark Reid, Rick Becker, Marty Heitt, Dwight Reid, David Deitt, Curtis Reid and Jeff Heitt.

Carrie Preas Dies on July 9, 1970

Carrie Preas, 81, died early Thursday morning, July 9 at Anamosa Community hospital following an illness of several weeks.

Graveside services were held Monday, July 13, at 11 a.m., at the Amber cemetery. Rev. Del Meester conducted the service. Goettsch Funeral home, Anamosa, was in charge of arrangements.

She was born Aug. 3, 1888, daughter of Fred and Louise Bailey Preas, Amber. She attended Center Junction school and lived all her life in the Center Junction community.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Nell Troxel, Des Moines; and two brothers, Frank Preas, Dixon, Ill.; and Fred Preas, Amboy, Ill.

CANTON — The creamery here burned decades ago and the old stone and steel bridge has been gone for more than a score of years. No longer is there an East Canton on one side of the South Fork Maquoketa River to complement West Canton, which is now the community.

But one landmark — a former school and church built in 1877 — still stands at the south edge of this once thriving town of 1,200 citizens that now contains about 50 people and their homes nestled in the river valley.

Memories of school days in the one-room stone-brick schoolhouse will come alive today when former school chums gather for a reunion. A worship service will be held at 11 a.m., followed by a potluck dinner at noon and a program beginning at 1:30 p.m.

As many as 100 people are expected to attend, said Mrs. Lloyd Saunders of rural Wyoming. Her husband is on the Jackson County Historical Society Board.



Don Larkey

Although he did not attend school in Canton, Don Larkey, 76, remembers the schoolhouse well. Larkey, who was picking up rusted nails, old forgotten keys and reusable strands of wire from an outdoor workbench beside his Canton home, took time out to talk to a reporter last week.

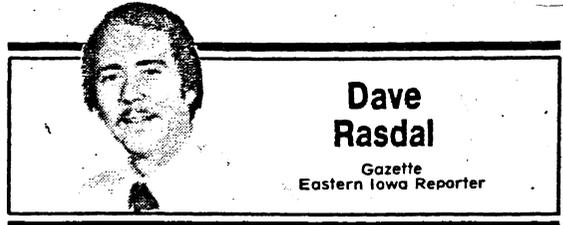
"I remember when I was a kid, it looked about the same as it does now. A lot of water went down the river since then," he said, laughing.

The spring of 1911, when Larkey was 6 years old, sticks in his mind. That spring his grandfather died and the funeral was held in the school.

"The roads were all muddy. I remember the hearse could hardly get through," he said. "The roads were dirt then. They were two feet lower than they are now because the road's been built again."

The gravel road winds south from a straight blacktopped road that allows traffic to zoom through Canton. The winding road leads past the Longbranch tavern, a closed-down white wood-siding store and the arched stone remains of a creamery before it arrives at the school/church.

Peering through the tall windows of the church, a visitor can see worn hymnals stored in



racks on the back side of seven rows of pews. At the front of the room is a desk, maps, and globe of the world.

The building has been developed by the Jackson County Conservation Board and the Jackson County Historical Society. The building was used as a school until 1966 when the area became part of the Midland School District. It was then used as a church for two denominations before it was vacated in 1974.

The front door faces north and from the front steps the stone abutments of the former bridge still remain.

Beginning in 1952 Sharon Keister crossed that bridge every day for four years (fifth through eighth grades) on her way to school from her parents' home on the east side of the river.

Sharon now lives in a house she and her husband, William, are building on a hill overlooking the school/church. She'd like to attend the reunion, but William wants to attend an open house the same day at Caterpillar Tractor Co. plant in Mount Joy, where he works.

Jackie Potter, who now lives in Fulton, also doesn't know if he'll be able to attend the reunion. Potter, 35, was picking tomatoes in a garden at his former home in Canton recently as he recalled memories of the one-room school.

"If you done anything wrong you got it," he said. "But you had fun teachers too."

Snowball fights and the near death of a classmate flash into Potter's mind when he thinks about the school and the once heavily used bridge.

A girl was playing on thin ice over the river during a typical snowball fight between youngsters on the bridge and others skating on the river. Suddenly the girl fell in and a male classmate had to drag her out.

"There was no more snowball fighting after that," Potter said, grinning.

Although snowballs weren't flying around the school for years after that, Larkey does remember that it was used for numerous gatherings.

"I'd imagine there'd be quite a crowd (for the reunion)," he said, spitting a stream of chewing tobacco onto the ground. "Hardly anybody that went to that school is here anymore."

THE NEWPORT MILLS.

The Newport Mills were erected in 1866 by Cooper and Hollingsworth. This soon became a prosperous business center. Corn and wheat were ground. The mill changed hands frequently. Henry High, the present proprietor, has operated the mill for the past twenty years or more. One of the substantial iron bridges spans the Wapsie at this point. There was never any postoffice at Newport, so far as can be found of record.

VILLAGE OF ISBELL.

The village of Isbell was located at the intersection of sections 13 and 14, and 23 and 24, the land we understand is now owned by Frank Ireland. There were a house or two and a store. A postoffice was established September 1, 1857, with James Hays as postmaster. On June 11th of the following year, Albert N. Denison represented Uncle Sam in the postoffice. He was followed by Chester H. Johnson, December 21, 1860, and on October 4, 1861, Ezra M. Denison was commissioned to take charge of the mail. No further change was made until April 5, 1865, when Mrs. Almira Luce was appointed. February 27, 1866, Daniel M. Matteson became postmaster. The Isbell postoffice was discontinued January 29, 1867. With the discontinuance of the postoffice, the hopes of the young village to become a prosperous town, fled, and the record of the village is all that is left to tell the story of its existence.

AN EARLY MILL.

The gurgling waters of the Wapsie was the power which operated another mill in Jackson in an early day. Tom Goudy had established a mill on the Wapsie south of where J. W. Byerly now lives. This mill changed hands frequently. Foust, Stamburgh and Reynard were successive proprietors. During a flood about 1860, the dam was washed away and the mill was then abandoned.

CEMETERIES.

The first cemetery in the township was laid out south of the Newport schoolhouse in 1846. During the early history of the township, this was the leading burying ground. Very few burials are now made on this God's acre. The Antioch burial ground was laid out in the early '60s. The first burial in this hallowed ground was Mrs. Fred Ambrose in October, 1866.

A LATE SPRING.

Some long and severe winters are recorded in the memory of the early inhabitants of Jackson township. On April 10, 1842, logs were hauled down the Wapsie on ice by oxen. Snow fell October 20, 1846, and remained until the latter part of the March following. During either 1863 or 1864 there was frost every month of the year.

Society works to save Sutton school



by Walter Mundstock
Guest writer

Schools are often the center of a community, and the Jones County Historical Society is voicing a plea for help to save and restore what is affectionately called the Sutton School.

The school building, more officially known as the Clay Center School, is located alongside county road E 17, three miles west of Canton.

C. L. "Gus" Norlin, president of the Jones County Historical Society, says that the Society is in need of about \$5,000 to move and then restore the post-Civil War structure. He said that a single gift for this project of \$1,000 has recently been made by an anonymous donor.

Plans call for the building to be moved as soon as possible to the Pioneer Village complex, at the site of the Jones County historical museum near the original county seat of Edinburgh, where restoration work can then begin.

Gus said efforts to determine when the school was built have so far been hampered by insufficient records kept by the early school district patrons. He said that he has contacted Marjorie Beed of the records office at the Grant Wood Area Education Agency, and she reportedly told him that Jones County was among "the poorest when it came to keeping old records."

Still, based on other records and various other clues, Norlin and Beed have concurred that the building was undoubtedly built before the Civil War.

The building, which Gus says is the oldest framed school in Jones County and quite possibly the oldest one in Iowa, is framed with solid 8 inch by 8 inch oak beams which are mortised and pegged.

The lumber probably came from the Canton mills with the large oak beams used in the framing being hand hewn, Gus speculated.

Much of the restoration work will be done by volunteer members of the society and will involve taking off the present siding and roofing and replacing those with a type of siding as close to the original siding as possible.

Inside the school, extensive restoration also needs to be done by removing the old plaster and lathe which is not original

and redoing the interior walls in a style befitting the construction of the post-Civil War period.

Gus says the school's construction "shows how the local people pitched in together and built a school." Not only did the early schools serve as institutions of education, but they also doubled as a gathering place for other activities, such as township meetings, polling places and, quite possibly, funerals, weddings and other church services.

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Jimmy McDonald connection

What is known is that the school is presently on ground originally set aside by the maternal grandfather of the late Jimmy McDonald.

The land and building was willed to the Castle Grove Immaculate Conception Church, whose trustees leased the land to Bennie Sievertson of Anamosa. A recent court ruling provided that the church had the right to give the school building to the Society for the purposes of preserving it, and Mr. Sievertson has granted permission for the Society to remove the building from the leased land.

Not only is the Society in need of funds to move and restore the building, but it is also asking any former students, or anyone else who is interested in the

restoration work, to help by loaning or donating early items. Needed are early pictures of the school and old school fixtures such as water coolers, desks, chairs, books or lunch pails that may have been used in the early school.



Former Amber Store Owner Died Feb. 23 1971

AMBER—Mrs. Minnie Herren, 82, of Marion passed away Tuesday, Feb. 23 in a Cedar Rapids hospital. She was the mother of Clarence Herren of Amber. Mr. and Mrs. Herren owned and operated a general merchandise store in Amber for many years. They moved from Amber to Millersburg in 1918, where Herren later passed away. Mrs. Herren moved from Millersburg to Marion in 1944. Relatives, who came to attend the funeral Friday and were overnight guests in the Clarence Herren home were LaVerne Herren, Mrs. Phil Gadola and Phil Krinky of Onaka, Minn.

Sunday guests were Clarence's sisters, Mrs. Ivan Parker of Santa Cruz, Calif. and Mrs. Henry Swanson of Beverly, Mass. Also Mr. and Mrs. Larry Herren and family of Rock Island.

Sunday morning visitors in the Clarence Herren home were Melvin Herren and Irvin Herren, Marion; Mrs. Keith Vernon and children, Anamosa; and Vernon Helgens, Scotch Grove.

HERMAN ENGELBART

AMBER - Funeral services for Herman Engelbart, 75, were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wayne Zion Lutheran church, rural Monticello. Burial was in the church cemetery. The Rev. Harvey Gilbertson officiated.

Mr. Engelbart died at John McDonald hospital Saturday morning after an illness of several months.

He was born June 1, 1896, in Jones county, the son of Benhart and Lena Johnson Engelbart.

He was married to Grace Bodeker Feb. 15, 1922. The couple made their home in the Amber vicinity where they farmed and operated a grocery store for 25 years. Jan 15, 1972

He later was employed at Concrete Products, Anamosa, for nine years prior to his retirement.

Mrs. Engelbart died May 15, 1966.

Survivors include four children: Marvin and Galen of Amber, Mrs. Keith (Arlene) Kirkpatrick of Mt. Vernon and Mrs. Larry (Dorothy) Jones of Wyoming.

Also surviving are 14 grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. George Schoon of Monticello; a brother, Ben of Anamosa.

He was preceded in death by a son, a daughter, two sisters and a brother.

Casketbearers were George Wessels, Alvin Harms, Gary Rickels, Everett Engelbart, Carl Schoon, Dennis Harms, Larry Herren and Gerald Bodeker.

ALVA J. GERDES

AMBER - Funeral services for Alva Johannes Gerdes, 70, were held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Wayne Zion Lutheran church, rural Monticello. Interment was in Wayne Zion cemetery. The Rev. Harvey C. Gilbertson officiated.

Mr. Gerdes died suddenly at his home Sunday morning. He was born in Cass township Dec. 24, 1901, the son of John and Anna Siebels Gerdes.

He was married to Freda Zimmerman June 11, 1930, at Wayne Zion Lutheran church in a double ceremony with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Helgens.

Mr. Gerdes was a barber for a few years after his marriage, then farmed for a short while before doing carpenter work, an occupation which he followed the past few years.

He had been a member of Wayne

Scanlon family moves to Amber

AMBER--Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scanlon and daughter of Anamosa moved to their home in Amber Saturday. They purchased the house from Mr. and Mrs. John Siebels.

Mrs. Adolph Schoon spent Friday in Cedar Rapids with her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Otten of Monticello and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Otten drove to Amana to have their Sunday dinner.

Mrs. George Schoon, who has been a patient at Anamosa Community hospital for several weeks, was moved to the Johnson nursing home in Monticello Wednesday.

Mrs. Otis Thomas of Clinton spent Friday night in the Hank Hinrichs home. She also visited her mother, Mrs. Will Dirks, who is staying at the Johnson nursing home in Monticello.

There were two burials in the Amber cemetery this past week.

Todd Engelbart was stillborn Feb. 18 at University hospital, Iowa City. He was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Engelbart. Graveside services were held Thursday.

On Feb. 25, the funeral of William B. Steenhoek was held at Goettsch Funeral home in Anamosa. Interment was in Amber cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jansen, Mrs. Adolph Schoon, Mrs. Dena Dirks and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Gerdes visited Miss Julia Toenjes, Mrs. Will Dirks and Mrs. George Schoon Sunday afternoon at the Johnson nursing home.

Word was received by relatives here that Henry (Hank) E. Dirks of Longmont, Colo. suffered a stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jansen attended the "Preaching, Teaching and Reaching" mission service Sunday evening at St. Paul Lutheran church in Anamosa.

GEORGE DIRKS

ANAMOSA--Funeral services for George Henry Dirks, 68, Amber, were held Friday afternoon at St. Paul Lutheran church.

The Rev. Harvey O. Gilbertson officiated. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery, Monticello, 1968

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We are regret to learn that Mr. OLIVER LOCKWOOD, one of the earliest settlers, is lying very low and is not expected to recover. Members of the family have been sent for.

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We are informed that a man blind drunk and astride of a blind horse rode off the bridge at Cascade, on Sunday, the 25th ult. The horse was killed on the rocks, but his stupefied rider only got a cold bath.

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B. F. SHAW's youngest son, FREDDIE is suffering from sciatic rheumatism.

P. S. Just before going to press we are surprised and pained to learn that FREDDIE died at 11 o'clock this forenoon. We understand that the rheumatism went to his lungs and heart. Mr. SHAW returned from Des Moines in time to look upon the face of the dear one while yet alive. It is a terrible blow and the many friends of the family in Anamosa and in the county will be deeply pained to hear this sad intelligence.

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SALMON. We are informed that a man living near Storm Spring, some distance up the Wapsi, last week speared three California salmon averaging 7 pounds each.

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Burglary in Wyoming

C. S. GILBERT & Co.'s safe at the mill was blown open last night, and robbed of a small sum of money. The job was done by punching a hole in the top of the safe through to the door and inserting a cartridge or some other explosive material, and, by means of a fuse, blew the door completely off its hinge. The company is damaged by loss of safe about \$75.00.

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Centennial Wheat. A few days ago we received a call from Mr. EDWARD McDONALD and D. McGREEVY, of Washington Territory. The latter is a cousin of HUGH McGREEVY, of Anamosa. These gentlemen brought with them several specimens of the finest wheat ..(more). Mr. McGREEVY has resided in the territory 16 years and Mr. McDONALD 5, the latter having been a member of the legislature.

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MARRIED

At Anamosa, 1 Dec, LOUIE L. KINCH to MATIE E. JOHNSON both of Anamosa.

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DIED

In Anamosa, 28 Nov., of diphtheria, HUBERT, only child of J. V. and EMMA LEWIS, aged 7 years, 2 months and 10 days. (more)

The funeral of Mrs. ALMIRA, companion of Mr. THOMAS M. BELKNAP, was attended on Tuesday of this week at the Baptist church. Mrs. B. was born in Jackson Co., Ia, in 1844. Her family home was Spaulding. Her father is living in Colorado. Three months ago her mother "passed on before" her to the "better land". Two brothers and three sisters survive her, but none of them were permitted to be by her sick and dying bed. Her marriage was in Dec., 1861. Six of the seven (children) given her have now but one natural guardian. (more).

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In Scotch Grove, on 29th of Nov., of consumption, JOHN O. CALLAHAN, IN HIS 29TH YEAR.

He died in the faith of the gospel, and leaves his widow and 4 children.

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Personal: Rev. H.S. CHURCH is attending the Upper Iowa Conference, now in session at McGregor. Bishop AMES, of Baltimore, presides..

PORTER SCROGGS has plenty of nerve for handling horses. He is breaking a handsome black colt, and some of the residents on Ford street had an opportunity to witness his skill horsemanship a few days ago. The colt finally yielded and is now as docile as a lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. J.G. CUDWORTH returned from their wedding trip last Saturday evening.

Two venerable brothers of S.A. POPE, with a son-in-law and wife, have been visiting in Anamosa for a short time. They are from New York and are much pleased with the west.

Mrs. KEMPSEY has returned from West Union, where she left her daughter.

Mrs. FRANK DIETZ, rejoicing in the possession of a bright new baby. FRANK is doing well!

Mrs. C.P. HOLMES, of Des Moines, and Mrs. A.B. COX, of Marshalltown, daughters of ROSWELL CRANE, are visiting the old home. Mr. HOLMES, brother of Judge HOLMES, of Wyoming, was in town one day last week but we did not get sight of him.

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MARRIED:

In Anamosa, 30th of Sept., W. E. JOHNSON and JULIA E. DIXON

On 27 Sept. R. SHEPARD and Miss. C.A. FOREMAN, both of Rome township, Jones co.

26 Sept, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Linn co. S.S. JOHNSTON, of Linn Grove, and JANE ANDERSON.

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