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J. M. PEET has become a permanent resident in Anamosa. Since 1842 he has carried on a flourishing farm west of Fairview and by good management amassed a handsome fortune. He can afford to take the world easy the balance of his days.

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Going West. From a private note we learn that G. C. CROSTON, of Cascade, is about removing to Crete, NE. He has been a resident of the county since 1848 -for 30 years- and is one of its most substantial and respected citizens.

Mr. JACOB FRYBERGER and N. E. NORRIS, well known farmers of Wayne township, started yesterday for Kansas by "overland." Mr. FRYBERGER's wagon was covered with thin siding and fitted out with a stove—a comfortable arrangement in case of a storm or cold weather.

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STRAWBERRY HILL, 5 FEB.

Last evening as one of our lady residents, Mrs. GEO. STRODE, was returning home alone she was followed by a man, and when crossing the railroad was assaulted by him, but she commenced screaming and frightened him away. Now it seems to me as though it were time this kind of thing was stopped. This is not the first time this thing has happened, and some one may repent when too late.

Last Thursday Miss. CLARA SMITH, sister of B. F. SMITH, of this place, had the misfortune to be thrown from the wagon.

Her wrist was so badly sprained that she has given her school a 2 weeks' vacation.

Miss. MATTIE ALLEN has gone to Cedar Falls on a visit, to be gone 6 or 8 weeks. She also visits her uncle, C. T. LAMSON, formerly of this place and now of Greene, Butler county.

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Our friend BLANCHARD, of the Monticello Express, has a very estimable wife; furthermore, the young people of Monticello know it, and they showed the appreciation of the fact, last Saturday night, by giving her a birthday surprise party. Prominent among the many pleasures of the evening was the instrumental music, Misses EMMA and FANNIE CLARK at the piano, and Mr. H. G. LEICHHARDT with the violin.

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CENTER JUNCTION, FEB 20

Since writing you 2 weeks ago nothing of note has transpired except that the result of the county house inquiry or investigation takes from our midst one of our best citizens and the society of his estimable wife, Mr. & Mrs. PLATNER, who, we understand, are appointed to take charge of that institution about March 1. (more)

The butcher shop also changes hands and will be conducted by MYRON VAN WORMER who is known to be an industrious man. (more)

Mr. ROBERT LYANS continues hopefully in the grocery and dry goods trade, and says he can't complain as to trade considering the hard times, and Mr. HOUSER is stocking up for the spring trade.

History of St. John Lutheran Church Olin, Iowa

The first services of the congregation were held in the old Advent Church in South Olin in the spring of 1895. The Rev. John Moehl of Lost Nation, a pioneer worker of the German Lutheran Church, was the organizer and founder. He spent weeks in traveling the rough roads, driving from early morning until late at night looking up the members of the German Lutheran faith, who were scattered over the southern part of Jones County without church affiliations. He succeeded in finding from twelve to fifteen families who were willing to come to hear the first sermon preached by him in their mother tongue and in the Lutheran faith. Though these people were Americans and believed in American institutions, the religion of their youth seemed more effective and soothing to their spiritual appetite, when presented in their mother tongue.

After the services the Rev. Moehl organized the congregation. The proposition had been thoroughly canvassed previously, and at this time the principal thing to do was to become an organized body with officers and a common object in view. The officers elected were - Deacons: Christian Quandt and Geo. Langschwager; secretary, Hans Jurgensen; treasurer, Mathias Lorenzen.

The charter members were: C. Quandt, Geo. Langschwager, Fred Guhl, August Hartwig, Sr., Chas Hartwig, Louis Westphal, Albert Hartwig, Mathias Lorenzen, Hans Jurgensen, Fred Schellin, Wilhelm Kreger, and Chas. Kreger. The Rev. Moehl continued to look after this charge faithfully for three years, preaching every alternate Sunday, driving forty miles to keep his appointments. He requested that each family take turns in bringing hay and grain for his horse. If they forgot or didn't have any horse feed, they were asked to pay a dollar toward feeding his horse. Also each family was requested to bring half a cord of wood to heat the church during the winter or pay \$2 toward the purchase of wood.

On account of Pastor Moehl's over-work, having three others to supply, Lost Nation and Nashville in Clinton County, and Wyoming in Jones County, his health began to fail. On his request the Rev. W. H. Bunge was sent from Dubuque to aid in the ministry of his four congregations. Rev. Bunge had just finished his studies and was well qualified to take up the work laid out for him. In 1899 Rev. Moehl requested a 9 months leave of absence and in 1900 he resigned from his duties. On May 29, 1902, Rev. Moehl died, and was buried at Lost Nation. Later his body was moved to a Dubuque cemetery where his body rests in peace.

Rev. Bunge, who came in 1899 took charge of

the Olin and Wyoming churches, the first three months residing in Wyoming and then moved to Olin where the Olin congregation had rented the old Stivers residence for a parsonage.

In the spring of 1900 the congregation purchased the residence of Theodore Clothier on the corner of Benton and Second street in the heart of Olin for a parsonage, and here on the corner lot erected their church edifice which was dedicated on Sun. July 15, 1900. The church was a frame building 28 by 49 feet with a 50 ft. spire, and was erected at a cost of \$2,200. The church bell was purchased at Andrew, Ia. and transported to Olin by team and wagon by Chris Quandt and Rev. W. H. Bunge in 1900, a trip which required 2 days. The weight of the bell was 780 lbs. At the dedication services the following ministers took an active part: Rev. John Bunge, Hawkeye; Rev. C. Rembold, Lost Nation; Rev. J. Monich and Rev. W. H. Bunge of Olin.

The first wedding in the new church was July 18, 1900 uniting Charles Guhl and Bertha Kreger of Olin. Among the first to be baptised at the turn of the century and are still living today are Andrew Thomsen, Louie Luedeman, Robert Hartwig, and Emma Hartwig.

In the year 1900 Rev. Bunge had a harrowing experience. He was going on a Baptismal mission to Carsten P. Lorenzens who were living north of Hale. As he was crossing the Wapsipinicon river east of Olin, which was known as Sybils Ford, his horse threw him in the river and then ran away. Joe Sarby who lived near the river threw a rope and rescued him. Mr. Sarby then loaned him another horse, a dry suit, a Bible and he continued on his journey. He baptised three of the Lorenzen children, Carl, Lorenz and Christina, all of whom are still living in 1970.

Rev. Bunge remained in Olin until the fall of 1904, when he accepted a call to Defiance, Ohio. The Olin congregation extended a call to Rev. Paul Clemen of Butler Center, Ia. Under his charge Olin grew and prospered, paying off their indebtedness.

From information concerning Rev. Clemen it seems that he was a good financier and the congregation became debt free at this time. The group did this by renting forty acres of land and selling the crop that was raised on the acreage for the benefit of the church. This land was farmed in later years by Chas. Guhl. Rev. Clemens left Olin in 1909.

After this Pastor C. Streich served the congregation from 1909 to 1910. Then came Pastor August

Bartels who was noted for his teaching and preaching and served from 1910 to 1914. During his time, Prof. Zeilinger preached the sermon for the dedication of their new organ. Following this the Rev. C. R. Peschel served from 1914 to 1918. After Pastor Peschels time the pastors place of residence was changed to Wyoming, but in the previous years Wyoming had been served by Olin.

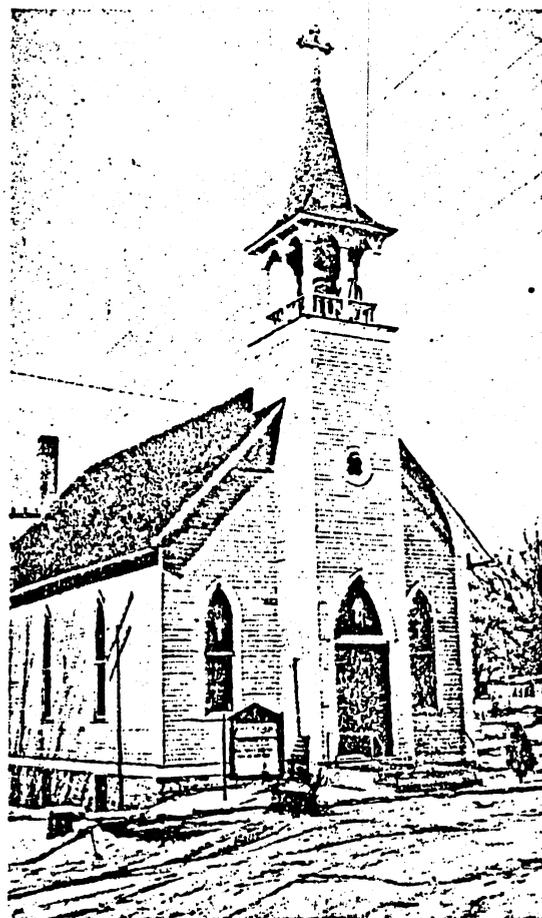
Pastor G. E. Melchert came in 1918, finished the hectic war years in Olin, coming from Wyoming, and left our congregation in 1922.

Dr. H. W. Siefkes of the Iowa District, who was then a student, once stayed for a summer in Olin teaching and preaching in 1920.

In 1922 a call was made to Pastor Herman Diers and by his coming, a resident pastor was established at Olin, and enjoyed several eventful years here, until 1924. From 1925 to 1926 the congregation was served by Pastor H. Dausg from Wyoming. From 1926 to June 1, 1927 the congregation was served by Rev. Klemm, who received a salary of \$550 per year.

Rev. Adix, president of the Iowa Synod called a meeting to combine the Olin and Anamosa congregations and a call was extended to Rev. Matthias of Westgate who came to serve the congregation the later part of 1927. He served the two congregations every other Sunday and the Mission Board paid his salary. He called a meeting Aug. 7, 1928 for the purpose of organizing and signing of an English constitution. On Jan. 1, 1929 the new constitution was read and adopted. In 1930 the salary was reduced from \$500 to \$350 and to have two services a month. In 1931 the house was insured at \$800, the church \$2,500 and the barn \$200. The Ladies Aid was given permission to build an inside stairway to the basement. Pastor Matthias served until 1935 when in order to better serve the congregation Pastor Herman Hein was called from the Seminary as resident pastor, July 24, 1935 at a salary of \$600, water and telephone bill also paid. At this time the envelope system was introduced. Mrs. Langschwager received 25¢ per Sunday for janitor work. In 1935 a garage was built on church property, repaired basement of parsonage. All members were asked to donate wood or coal for the parsonage and one German service a month was held. A community sale was held Dec. 12, 1935 to help defray expenses.

In 1936 a motion was made, seconded and carried that the women were not to cast their voices at our congregational meetings. In April, it was decided to have two semi annual meetings instead of one annual. In June 1936, the present parsonage and imposing residence across the street from the frame church was purchased at this time from Cleve Moreland for \$1,500. In 1937 the congregation agreed to pay the light bill instead of the Luther League. The ministers salary was increased to \$900 and he had to buy his own coal, in 1938 the congregation elected to pay Pastors' salary



OLD CHURCH
Built in 1895

instead of the Ladies Aide. In 1939 the Janitor received \$25 per year and the old carbide Gas plant was removed from the parsonage. In 1940 the congregation tried God's acre plan in which one acre of crop or as much as they were willing, was given to the church. Rev. Hein received a salary of \$1,000. The Brotherhood was also started at this time. Pastor Hein left Olin to accept a call from the Maynard congregation in 1940.

In 1940 a call was made to Pastor Arnold E. Sommer of near Waterloo who took charge at a salary of \$1,200 plus moving expenses. He being single, this was no problem. He came May 4, 1940. In 1942 the new English seal replaced the German seal. In 1943 the pastors salary was raised to \$1,500, but Rev. Sommer agreed on \$1,440 plus pension fund. In 1944 new book racks were installed on the pews that were hand made and donated by Henry Eden. The congregation had been strengthened in a number of ways and had continued to improve its property, the best evidence of that being the enlarged and modernized church basement

parlors which were dedicated July 15, 1945. On this day St. John's Lutheran Church celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding and the 45th anniversary of the dedication of the first church building. The cost of the modernized basement represented a cash outlay of about \$1,500 plus much donated labor.

During Pastor Sommer's stay in Olin, "cupid" played a role in his life and on Sept. 28th, 1944 he was united in marriage to one of our charming young ladies of our congregation, Helen Luedeman, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Luedeman. This happy union was blessed with 3 children. Pastor A. Sommer accepted a call to the Alvard, Ia. congregation in 1946.

On January 16, 1946, we joined the Iowa District.

In 1947 a call was extended to Rev. Frederick H. Voelker who was 71 yrs. of age. Three marriages, 7 baptisms and 12 were confirmed during his short stay. On Feb. 1, 1948 Rev. Voelker succumbed to a heart attack and passed on to his eternal home and was buried at Garnavillo. He established the Womens Missionary Society in 1947.

The congregation was served by students and Rev. Graening from Wyoming performed all ministerial acts till a call was answered by Rev. C. J. Mardorf who came Sept. 15, 1948.

Under his pastorate there was much progress made in St. John Lutheran Church at Olin. Women's voting privileges were established on Oct. 10, 1948 thus ending woman suffrage. It was voted on by the congregation April 1, 1954 to relocate and build a new church on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hefflefinger on the south edge of Olin. Groundbreaking was celebrated on Sunday, June 6, 1954 and the carpenters began work the next week. The structure was to cost \$60,000. Progress continued well and the cornerstone was laid Sept. 12, 1954. The cornerstone was laid in the south-east corner of the bell tower under the date 1954. The contents were put in a glass jar which consisted of the coins and newspaper of the Day, the name of the pastor Rev. C. J. Mardorf and the names of the building committee who were Virgil Vernon Chrm., Carl Feddersen, Fred Hefflefinger, Herbert Lehrman

and Grover Benischek, a few kernels of corn, the estimated cost of the church, the name of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hefflefinger who donated the land and the names of the church council who were - Deacons: Robert Krutzfield and Victor Thomsen; Trustees: L. H. Guhl, John Thomsen, and William Voss; Secretary: J. H. Ballou; Treasurer: Carl Feddersen and Benevolence Treasurer: Lyle Vernon.

Due to insufficient funds, the work on the church was delayed until 1955. The congregation worked with the carpenters to cheapen the construction price. The church was built in an L shape with 4 entrances, 2 being main entrances, one in the front and one in the bell tower. It has a full modern basement and choir loft. The size of the church is 74 by 34 ft. with a wing 24 by 32 ft. The church bell was moved from the old church to the new church building in 1955 by Chris Quandts great-grandson, Grover Benischek assisted by Virgil Vernon and son Daryle, Harold Streets, Lou Zimmerman, Lavern Guhl, whose grandfather was a charter member of the church and Carl Feddersen.

On Sept. 25, 1955 the new church was dedicated at a 10 A.M. service to the glory of God. A confirmation reunion service was held at 2:30 P.M. and that evening the congregation observed their 60th anniversary of its founding at a special worship service. This was the fulfillment of Pastor Mardorf's wishes as well as the congregation and it grew by leaps and bounds. The constitution was re-written July 1, 1956 and accepted Dec. 1956.

The last wedding performed in the old church was Janet Friedrichsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Friedrichsen and Paul Friis Aug. 14, 1955.

The first baby baptised in the new church was Calvin Donald Voelker on Sept. 8, 1955. He was the son of Wm. and Betty L. (Soper) Voelker. The first funeral was for Peter C. Laetare, Dec. 13, 1957. The first marriage performed was uniting Henry J. Biere, Jr. and Karen S. Hartwig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hartwig in holy wedlock at Olin, on June 22, 1956.

Members of the last class to be confirmed in the old church were: Sandra Ballou, Mary Ann Biere, Sandra Friedrichsen, Glatha Jean Guhl, Elaine Lehrman, DeeAnn Sauer, Carolyn Schaeffer, William Catlett, William Leggett, Charles Whited and Richard Zimmerman.

Members of the first confirmation class in the new church were: Judith Kay Biere, Rosalene Catlett, Caroline Hartwig, Barbara Paulson, Marlene Scharff, Margret Streets, Bonnie Lou Wigger, Larry Catlett, Joe Cruise, Kenneth Dircks, Everett Lehrman, Jerry Leggett, and Larry Sulzner.

Pastor Mardorf retired from the ministry after serving as a pastor to many congregations for 52 years. He gave his farewell sermon at St. John Lutheran Church at Olin, Ia. on Sun. Jan. 29, 1961 and moved to Waverly, Ia. where he retired to his newly built home. He enjoyed his retire-

ment years until he was called to his eternal home July 2, 1965. During his pastorate he baptised 138, confirmed 118, married 19 couples and had 17 burials.

After a lapse of several months at which time students of the Seminary served the congregation, a call was made to Pastor Roger Hoppenworth, who came on June 11, 1961. During this time the Parsonage was remodeled, finishing a new room on the 2nd floor. Also during his ministry a new organ was dedicated at St. John Lutheran church that was given by August Laetare in memory of his wife Mary, who passed away Feb. 16, 1962. Our church continued to grow and prosper as he baptised 54, confirmed 34, married 16 couples and had 11 funerals. The mortgage on our church was burned at a special service on Sun. Sept. 25, 1965 the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the present building. A service of Thanksgiving was held at 10:30 A.M. followed by a potluck dinner at 12:15. The mortgage burning service took place in the afternoon. Both services were conducted by Pastor Hoppenworth. He received a call to minister to two congregations and left Nov. 22, 1965 and went to Renwick, Ia. and also had charge at Lakeview, Ia.

Olin's congregation was without a minister during the winter months and was serviced by Wartburg Seminary of Dubuque with student ministers and confirmation was administered by Rev. L. G. Wachholz of Wayne Zion Lutheran Church of Monticello. He confirmed 12, married 1 couple and baptised 2.

A call was extended to Rev. Daniel Mohr, age

26, a native of Toledo, Ohio. He came and was installed as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church on Sun. June 19, 1966. He was a graduate of the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary of Columbus, Ohio, where he was schooled for 4 years. His undergraduate work was done at Capital University. His wife Carole came from Brookville, Ohio and was the daughter of a minister.

Twenty eight new pews had been ordered at a cost of \$3,476 which was given by donations of the congregation. They were dedicated early in the winter of 1967. New constitution was adopted on Jan. 21, 1968. New class rooms were installed with sliding doors in the basement for the Sunday School. The cost of this added improvement was \$4,000 and was greatly appreciated by the Sunday

School and their staff. During his ministry he baptised 52, confirmed 13, married 9 couples and had 7 funerals. On May 25, 1969, after the confirmation service Pastor Mohr left our congregation to further his education in Kentucky.

A call was made to Rev. Harold F. Tegtmeier who was installed on Sun. July 6, 1969 and is our present pastor now. Under his guidance, the congregation has installed a curb and gutter in front of the church property for approximately \$1,500. The town of Olin sharing half of the cost and the congregation financing their share by donations. The old poplar grove from behind the church has been removed. The sidewalks and some of the steps have been replaced. The church is to receive Natural Gas to be used to heat and cook with. Pastor Tegtmeier has baptised 7, confirmed 5, and married 1 couple and had 5 funerals. At the present time there are 227 communicant members

and 360 baptised. It also has a very active women's organization, American Lutheran Church Women with four circles, a choir and Sunday School classes as well as the Luther League.

Again this year our church service and picnic was held out doors at 10 A.M. Sun. July 13, 1970 in Jones County Central Park near Center Junction led by Pastor Harold F. Tegtmeier with Dale Wemndt as deacon. There were 85 in attendance who enjoyed the wide variety of entertainment including swimming, fishing, games, etc.

Having arrived at our 75th milestone, let us look back upon our failings and shortcomings and also rejoice in the marvelous ways in which our Good Lord has blessed our congregation.

This history was the work and effort of many members of the congregation. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Compiled by the History Committee

Our Pastors from 1895 to 1970

Rev. John Moehl, 1895 - 1899
Rev. Walter H. Bunge, 1899 - 1904
Rev. Paul Clemen, 1904 - 1909
Rev. C. Streich, 1909 - 1910
Rev. August Bartels, 1910 - 1914
Rev. C. R. Peschel, 1914 - 1918
Rev. G. E. Melchert, 1918 - 1922
Student Pastor H. W. Siefkes, 1920 - (Summer)
Rev. Herman Diers, 1922 - 1924
Rev. H. Daus, 1925 - 1926
Rev. Klemm, 1926 - 1927
Rev. A. Matthias, 1927 - 1935
Rev. Herman Hein, 1935 - 1940
Rev. Arnold E. Sommer, 1940 - 1946
Rev. Fredrich H. Voelker, 1947 - 1948
Rev. C. J. Mardorf, 1948 - 1961
Rev. Roger W. Hoppenworth, 1961 - 1965
Rev. Daniel Mohr, 1966 - 1969
Rev. Harold F. Tegtmeier, 1969 -

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Mound Builders First Residents of the State

The "Mound Builders" were the first inhabitants of Iowa.

"Mound Builders" is the only name given the original Iowans in the absence of history about them.

Their homes, the mounds, are numerous along the Mississippi valley, extending from Dubuque at intervals through Johnson, Clinton, Scott, Muscatine, Louisa and other counties. Many have been opened disclosing implements, vessels, ornaments and skeletons.

The mounds extended as far west as the Little Sioux river. At

one point, near Des Moines, on a big river bluff, were many acres covered with the homes of these first Iowans.

It is believed that the remote ancestors of the Indians were the conquerors of the "Mound Builders."



BEN LORENZEN

Private Ben Lorenzen of Olin was the son of S. M. and Brodine Lorenzen. He was born in Madison twp., Jones County, April 5, 1895. Nearly all his life was spent on a farm in Hale twp. from which place he was called for the Selective Army. He went to Camp Gordon on July 25th, 1918, and on Sept. 14 sailed with the American Army for England. A letter from him dated Oct. 5th stated he was in a hospital suffering with a bad cold, but it proved to be the fatal malady. He passed away in the hospital at Paington, England, Oct. 20, 1918, from Spinal Meningitis following Influenza. He was cared for to the last by a skilled American physician and Red Cross nurses. He was buried in a beautiful cemetery overlooking the English Channell, with military honors. He leaves his mother, three sisters and two brothers.

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Private Edward Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs John Brady of Anamosa, died at Camp Dodge on Thursday, Oct., 17, 1918, of influenza and pneumonia. He was the third Anamosa boy and the sixth from Jones County of the last contingent to succumb to the dread pestilence. His strong constitution aided him in the battle for life and it was the hope of those who watched the daily bulletins that his life might be spared. His mother watched by his bedside in the Camp Hospital through the long struggle as the thread of life hung tenaciously, lending daily hope. No human strength could survive the ravages of such virulent nature. Everything that human skill could do was done, a comfort and consolation to his family. Like all others of the last contingent he was 21 years old. Surviving are his parents, four brothers and two sisters and a large circle of relatives in this community. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery at Anamosa.



EDWARD BRADY



HERMAN F. MILLER

Herman Miller of Oxford Junction was one of the victims of the influenza epidemic at Camp Custer, Mich. Where for years a great health resort was maintained the plague which swept the entire world, struck down thousands of strong young men. Red Cross nurses, and other volunteers freely gave their lives to aid the stricken soldiers. Private Miller was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Miller and was born on June 17th, 1891, on the farm southeast of Oxford Junction. He was employed at Lyons, Neb., from which place he entered the service on June 24, 1917. He spent two months at Ft. Riley, Kan., and was then assigned to a medical corps and on Aug. 11 was transferred to Camp Custer, Mich. Though he did not die in battle, he volunteered his services and was in the midst of dead and dying in the terrible plague more tragic in its effects than all the sacrifices of battle.

Louis Sazma was born at Aten, Nebraska, August 25, 1896, and died at Camp Dodge, Oct. 10, 1918. He was called in the September contingent, the last to be called in the World War. Though never destined to fight, the casualties among the boys who became 21 after the first registration were the heaviest of any units called from Iowa. The epidemic of influenza was then nearly as fatal to civilians as to soldiers, but in Camps the great collection of men of the susceptible age made the appearance of an historical plague. Louis lived several years on farms near Prairieburg and Oxford Junction. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Sazma and the mainstay in the farm work. He was buried in Mayflower Cemetery at Oxford Junction.



LOUIS SAZMA



HENRY BENHART

Henry Benhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Benhart, Sr., was born at the farm south-west of Oxford Junction, on Dec. 13, 1896, and died at Camp Dodge, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1918, at the age of 21 years. He was one of the last contingent of boys sent from this county, having become of military age after the first registration. Never was a contingent seen to exhibit such tremendous enthusiasm as the one in which Private Benhart left. They were just rounding to perfect manhood and full of life and strength. Within a few short weeks a half dozen of the strongest of our boys were stricken with the influenza, the strongest appearing to be the easiest victims. The remains were brought to Oxford Junction where services were conducted by the Masonic Lodge of which order Private Benhart was a member. The entire community was shocked at the untimely death of this sturdy young soldier.

Walter Leigh Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Pearson of Anamosa enlisted in the Engineer Corps in May, 1917, and became a member of Company E., Second Engineers of the Second Division. This division saw some of the fiercest fighting on the western front and at one time the engineers were suddenly called into action by a German attack and did heroic service in filling a breach in the ranks. Leigh spent 20 months in the war area. He was wounded at Chateau Thierry in June, 1918, and was confined to a hospital for some time. He returned to this country with the last of the demobilized troops in June, 1919. His injuries were caused partly by poison gas and the hope is entertained by his friends that he will fully recover his former health and vigor. He is the only child of devoted parents and is highly respected in Anamosa where almost his entire life was spent up to the time of going to war.



W. LEIGH PEARSON

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PERSONAL — We were pleased to receive calls last week from J. H. TALLMAN of Greene county, and H. S. PECK, of Buena Vista county. Both were formerly residence of old Jones, and both have long been subscribers to the Eureka. Mr. PECK reports freedom from grasshoppers last year and the future prospects good if these pests will only keep their distance.

We received a very pleasant call from M. C. WOODRUFF, of the Dubuque *Times*, and Senator GALLUP, of Story co., and editor of the Nevada *Representative*. The latter is one of the visiting committee to the state fishery and Mr. WOODRUFF has been inspecting both that and the penitentiary. We are glad to have met these gentlemen.

C. P. STACY returned a few days ago from an extended business trip out west.

Mrs. J. G. McGUIRE is suffering from a painful attack of sciatic rheumatism.

Our neighbor, Mrs. B. H. WHITE, is quite ill and threatened with an attack of fever.

Mrs. S. NEEDHAM has been bothered a good deal with rheumatism for some days past.

JOHN Z. LULL, son of C. H. LULL, is attending the High school in Dubuque. He enters the second year of the 4 year course.

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Petie Jurors drawn for the March term, A. D. 1878, Circuit Court; summoned to appear Tuesday, 5 Mar:

A. J. SNYDER, Clay; FRANK FISHER, H. A. McCRAY, Fairview; E. NEWMAN, Greenfield; JOHN TABOR, Hale; ELI SAWYER, R. H. SIMPSON, Madison; N. W. AUSTIN, H. H. STARKS, H. S. SERVOSS, CURTISS STONE, Monticello; GEO. HAUN, MURRAY KIMBALL, Oxford; RICHARD McQUILLAN, T. W. LITTLE, Richland; HIRAM FARNHAM, A. F. SPITLER, Rome; W. F. LEE, Scotch Grove; GEO. HENDRICKS, JAMES STUNKARD, Wyoming; MARSHALL HEASTY, Wayne; GEO. TALLMAN, MICHAEL CALLAHAN, THOMAS FINN, Washington.

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The Name Anamosa.

Mr. THOS. HUBBARD of Castle Grove, in this county, gives, in the *Monticello Express*, some glimpses of the early settlement and his 33 years' residence in Iowa. He came from among the Wall street dealers of New York, and built his log cabin in the wilderness where is now Independence, Ia, going through all the strange and curious life of an early settler, its utter absence of all and any sign of civilization save and except the individual himself and his family. At that time bands of Indians roamed at will and mingled among them he naturally learned some of their language. Here is what he says:

In 1850 I moved to Jones co. and settled on the place where I now reside. Here children have been born and married, and grandchildren first saw the light, but never yet, bless God, a funeral. Mexican land warrants at \$140 for a 1/4 section made land less than \$1 an acre. The name of Lexington, our county seat, was changed to that of Anamosa. Many queries as to the meaning of this name, a neighbor explained it as Indian, meaning "they are all gone" but it has suggested itself to me that Anamosa is from the Italian word, *animosa* - an adjective. The feminine *animosa* - brave, valiant. There, Messieurs Gents of Anamosa, put that in your Historical society records.

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MARRIED

At residence of Mr. & Mrs. JAMES MONCRIEF, in Clay township, on the 5th inst., GEORGE SCROGGIE to MARGARET I. MONCRIEF, of Clay. (more)

10 Feb., DAVID SHAULEY and CAROLINE SWITZER, all of Hale, at the residence of the bride's father.

DIED

In Anamosa, 9 Feb., of quick consumption, GEORGE IOSTA, aged 55 years. Services were held at Burr Oak Church, interred in the cemetery in Wayne. A wife and 7 children are left to mourn. (more)

Private Edward James Zimmerman, aged 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Zimmerman, of Anamosa died of influenza and pneumonia at Camp Dodge on Monday, Oct. 14, 1918. He was one of the contingent of 66 men composed mostly of boys just 21 who went to Camp Dodge on Sept. 5. Edward was a kind, manly young fellow who was liked by all. The remains were brought for burial and funeral services were conducted at the family home and burial was in Prairie Hill Cemetery in Castle Grove Township. The death of so many of the young men who went forth with unbounded enthusiasm in the last contingent, many of them within one month of the date of departure was a sad realization of the frailty of even the strongest in physique. The deaths in camp were not greater in proportion than among the civilian population, but the anxiety of relatives was greater on account of the boys being away from home.

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EDWARD J. ZIMMERMAN

FRANCIS FLAHERTY

Among the boys from Anamosa in the Rainbow Division was Francis Flaherty, son of Frank T. Flaherty. He was one of the first nine boys to volunteer for service in the Machine Gun Company of the First Iowa, enlisting on April 9, 1917, and going to camp one week later. He went overseas with the Rainbow boys landing in England in December 1917, and soon went to the fighting front in France. He was wounded in action in the great American offensive which began in July, 1918. Particulars of the injury gathered from letters from himself and companions show that during a heavy bombardment with high explosives and gas shells he and a companion were buried by an upheaval of earth. His gas mask was torn off and he was seriously affected by the poison but extricated himself sufficiently to replace the mask and then dig his companion out. Private Flaherty was confined in a hospital in France for some weeks but has apparently fully recovered. He came home with the Rainbow boys in May to Camp Dodge and soon after returned home, modestly pursuing his former work as a civilian.



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Mrs. Hiram Roberts

Lillie V. Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reado was born in Wyoming, Iowa, on December 29, 1869. She spent all her life near this community in Jones county.

On July 26, 1894 she was united in marriage to Hiram Roberts, and with him shared joy and sorrow these many years. She was a member of the Methodist church, the Eastern Star and the Rebekah lodge.

After a lingering illness which lasted for three years, she passed into the Great Beyond on June 29, 1943. She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, one brother and three sisters.



HUBERT BLAYNEY

Hubert Blayney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Blayney of Olin was one of the first to enlist after the declaration of war, he having volunteered as a member of the Tipton Machine Gun Co. which was a part of the old First Iowa and went overseas as the 168th Regiment of the Rainbow Division. He was wounded early in the conflict and was later fatally injured and died on July 2, 1918. He was the first Olin boy to give his life in line of action in France. Hubert was a general favorite in his home town and in the county of his birth, having spent his entire life in Jones County until he accepted the call of his country in the World War. The people of Olin held appropriate memorial services in honor of the departed hero. More imposing ceremonies will be held when the government has carried out the plan to bring the body home for burial in his native city. Olin has been highly honored by the fine body of young men sent to the service from that vicinity, but none more than by Private Hubert Blayney.

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