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PROGRAM

April 2, 1930

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Topic ----- The Oriental in America
Committee-----

Mrs. A. W. Peck, Mrs. Henry Griswold
Special Summer Offering. Picnic Supper

September 3

Hostess ----- Mrs. H. H. Brooks
Topic ----- Outlook for the Year
Committee-----

Mrs. Ed Hernon, Mrs. Robertson

October 1

Hostess ----- Mrs. Henry Griswold
Topic ----- Alaska
Committee----- Mrs. Boquest, Mrs. Beckwith

November 5

Hostess ----- Mrs. C. E. Wherry
Topic ----- Siam
Committee----- Mrs. Stoffle, Mrs. Roberts

December 3

Hostess ----- Mrs. Stephensen
Topic ----- Mormon Fields
Committee----- Mrs. Broderson, Mrs. Parr

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Mildred Mary Kline, 70, a former Cedar Rapids resident before moving to Rockford, Ill., died at Fullerton, Calif., Monday, where she was visiting, following a sudden illness.

Born June 30, 1908, at Garrison, she was married to Leonard W. Kline in 1941 at Davenport. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Kline was a member of the United Methodist Church at Rockford, Ill., was a graduate of old Washington High School and the Cedar Rapids Business College, and was employed at Morris Plan for a number of years.

Surviving are one daughter, Susan Thrun of Shorewood, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. L.R. Kinsey of Cedar Rapids and Mrs. Roy Speece of York, Neb.; one brother, Walter Wise of Fullerton, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Rose Hill Cemetery, Mechanicsville, by the Rev. Dick Harberts. Friends may call at Beatty-Beurle-Murdoch Chapel from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. The family will be staying at the L.R. Kinsey residence, 4008 13th Ave. SE.

January 7, 1931

Hostess ----- Mrs. W. J. Beckwith
Topic ----- China
Committee-----

Mrs. Stephensen, Mrs. Harrington
Election of Officers.

February 4

Praise Service at Memorial Hall
Leader ----- Miss Lyda Wherry
Topic ----- Indians
Committee-----

Mrs. Bender, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boquest,
Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Robt. Alden.

March 4

Hostess ----- Mrs. Jas. Inglis
Topic ----- Japan
Committee----- Mrs. A. G. Alden, Mrs. Hernon

Dedicated to our departed sisters

Mrs. Campbell

Mrs. Nicholas

Memorial Services for

CHAUNCEY D. KLINE

September 10 May 16
1884 1966

at the

Goettsch Funeral Home
Wednesday afternoon, May 18
at two o'clock

Clergymen

Rev. Melvin Miller
Rev. Lloyd Dutro

Masonic Services

Tuesday evening May 17
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 200

Casket Bearers

Lee Austin Lawrence Duncan
Ivan Duncan Harlan Tallman
Russell Tenley Leonard Austin

Interment

Green Center Cemetery
Anamosa, Iowa

"Old Lion in the Calf Case" Got His Character Back

THE CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE: Sun., Jan. 11, 1953

By J. H. Ramsey.)

From: The Pallimpsest. Official publication of the State Historical Society of Iowa.
(See Ramsey Story on Page 3 this Section)

A FEW years ago, as I climbed the worn and creaking stairway of the old courthouse at Anamosa (an ancient and antiquated structure that was soon to be abandoned for the new one that was almost completed) a reminiscing mood brought back memories of the thrilling and interesting litigation I had heard in the old courtroom while serving for 11 years in the office of the clerk of the court.

Of all the litigation I recalled, none was probably more famous in Iowa than the Jones County Calf Case. It was in the Anamosa courthouse that the indictment was found. It became celebrated in the annals of jurisprudence throughout Iowa and indeed much of the nation. And, although several generations have come and gone since its inception, one may still hear echoes of its reverberation in legal circles.

It is not strange that I should have an unusual interest in the Jones County Calf Case, for I knew most of the parties who were engaged, some casually and others quite intimately, for they were my particular friends. From the lips of these intimate friends I learned much of this story. Furthermore, in Jones county where I lived, the Calf Case was for many years a common topic of conversation around the family board.

The duration of this famous case may be better visualized if I might be privileged to point out that it began in the year in which I was born—1874. In the

years in which I was growing up it went on and on.

Finally, when I had grown to young manhood and had been elected by the people of Jones county to serve them as clerk of the court, it became my privilege to enter into the court records a transcribed judgment from the district court of Black Hawk county bearing on the last decision of the supreme court of Iowa, the final decree, the closing chapter, and the last words ending the record of the Jones County Calf Case.

This case seems to me of peculiar interest because it is a story that is true, a story of real people, of real facts, and of real life. The setting of the Jones County Calf Case is distinctly Iowan. The scene was in the rural Walnut Grove community in Rome township in southwestern Jones county. The time was early in the month of June, 1874.

Pioneer Era

Now, to gain a better understanding as to how all of this could have happened, we must first consider the era in which it occurred. In 1874 Jones county was comparatively new; scarcely a generation having passed since the first pioneers began infiltrating into the region. Despite this fact, 19,168 inhabitants were counted on Jan. 1, 1875, or approximately the same as were recorded in 1950. Fully 10,700 of these people were born outside of Iowa.

Log cabin and frame school-houses still predominated; log cabin homes were still fairly common. One railroad (the North Western) had been built westward from Clinton to Council Bluffs, passing through nearby Mechanicsville in Cedar county. The Dubuque & Pacific (now the Illinois Central) had recently been built to Sioux City. All

present-day tracks had been laid in Jones county.

Travel, for most rural folks, was largely by horseback or lumber wagon. Roads were frequently mere trails along the ridges, through the forests and over the prairies. Gravel roads were still unknown, and in the spring, or after heavy rains, wagons and horses mired deep in the mud.

Pioneer life still existed and the inhabitants underwent many hardships. In harmony with this environment, the minds of men were given much to the sober and serious problems of life. Without the modern facilities for dissemination of expression, folks individually discussed, studied, and thought out for themselves answers to all of the problems which confronted them.

Quite naturally, therefore, they were fixed and set in their own opinions and beliefs and had a corresponding determination never to acknowledge defeat of the issue for which they contended.

Such was the period, such were the conditions, such was the environment, and such were the characteristics of those who were involved when this story had its beginning.

The story I am about to tell you is woven largely around a man by the name of Robert Johnson. Born in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1837, Johnson came to Iowa in 1858, where he soon acquired a 157-acre farm in Jones county.

They called Bob Johnson the hero of the Jones County Calf Case, and that is what he was. But as I try to portray him to you I should like also, in common justice and with deference to the facts, to place high along side of him another man, a man no less heroic — Bob Johnson's lawyer, the late Charles E. Wheeler of Cedar Rapids, a man who started in with Bob at the

beginning, a man who stayed by him through all the years and when he had finished most generously told him that he owed him nothing.

A very common conception has prevailed among many to the effect that this case involved only

the paltry value of a few calves, but after we have given consideration to a relation of the real facts, we learn that nothing could be further from the truth.

Before I go into the story proper I want to say a few words about the men who were in-

involved. They were all well-to-do farmers. They all lived in the southern part of Jones county in a neighborhood known as the Walnut Grove community; that is, they all lived there except one man by the name of Potter.

Potter and Bob Johnson were old friends. They grew up together in Ohio. They went to school together. They came west together and settled there in the Walnut Grove community. Later Potter had moved on west, out into Greene county.

Fateful Conversation

It was early in the month of June, 1874, that Potter came riding back to Jones county. He reached the Walnut Grove community just as the shades of night were falling, and, as was quite natural, he sought the hospitable roof of his old friend, Bob Johnson.

Bob received him with open arms. He was glad to see him, and that night, as they sat around the family hearth, they talked of many things. They reminisced of their boyhood days back in Ohio, of the friends they had left behind, of their new friends and of the fast changes and of the comings and goings in the Walnut Grove community.

Finally Potter told Bob his mission, declaring:

"I am going down to Big Rock (in Scott county) to pick up some calves; and, Bob, if you can find any calves up here that are all right, you buy them for me and when I come back on my way home, I will take the calves that you have bought for me."

Bob agreed, and bright and early the next morning, Potter left on his journey to Big Rock.

The next day Bob and his brother Newt went down to the little neighboring town of Olin. Bob was going to build a house

and he went into Coppess & Derr's general store to price some hardware. As they talked about hardware and other things, Bob remembered his friend Potter's request. He accordingly told Coppess & Derr of Potter's visit at his home the previous night, of his trip to Big Rock, and of his desire to buy some calves. Neither Coppess nor Derr had any calves to sell and they knew of no one who wanted to dispose of their stock.

Whereupon a stranger who was sitting in the store came forward and said to Bob, "I have got four calves down here on the commons, down on the river bottom, that I would be glad to sell you." And Bob said, "All right. I have got to go down to Stanwood and price hardware, anyway, and that is on the road and we will go down and see your calves." And he said, "By the way, what is your name?" and the stranger said, "My name is John Smith." He picked an unfortunate name. And he said, "I am Clem Lane's son-in-law."

And so Bob Johnson, his brother Newt, and the stranger, John Smith, left Coppess & Derr's store, got on their horses, and rode down to the commons on the river bottom. They found a lot of cattle running loose on the commons, for it was in the days before wire fences, and everyone let their cattle run wild.

Cont.

They did not see the Smith calves, so they dismounted from their horses and started to search for them. Finally they found three, which Smith identified as his, but they could not find the fourth one, which Smith said was just as good as the other three.

"Well," Bob said, "You find him and bring them and put them up in the Hines pasture, and then come over to my

house and I will pay you." . . . "Well, now," Smith says, "I will tell you Mr. Johnson; I would not sell you these calves as cheap as I have priced them to you if it was not for the fact that I have got to have some money tomorrow morning. I am sued." Bob said, "I haven't got money enough with me to pay you." His brother Newt, however, said that he had, and so Bob borrowed some money from Newt and put it with his money and paid Smith, and Bob and Newt went on to Stanwood.

Not long afterwards Bob got word from Potter that he was coming back from Big Rock with a herd of calves and, if Bob had any calves, to meet him at a point on the highway called Porter's Hill, bringing the cattle with him.

Bob promptly went down to the Hines pasture where a lot of cattle were grazing. He saw three calves which he recognized as those he had bought from Smith and with them a fourth which looked like the other three, so he took those four calves—dark colored calves, mind you—and drove them down to Porter's Hill.

When Bob reached Porter's Hill with his four dark colored calves, he found a man there by the name of Peter Onstott talking to Potter. Onstott had lost some calves and he was out looking for them. Peter Onstott, with one exception, testified in court for almost a quarter of a century, that before Bob Johnson got there with his four dark colored calves, he had noticed four light colored calves in Potter's herd and had said to Potter, "Where did you get those calves?"

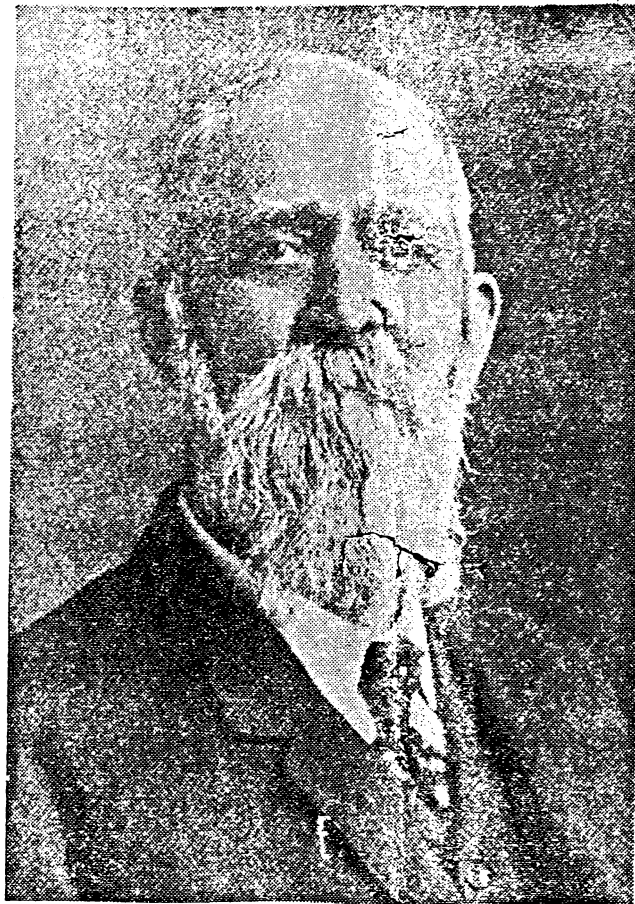
Onstott was told that Potter had bought them of a man near Big Rock. And so Bob delivered his four dark colored calves to

Potter. Potter put them with his herd and paid Bob Johnson \$24 for them and then started on his way westward to Greene county.

Four Calves Missing

A short time afterwards, John Foreman, a prominent farmer in the Walnut Grove community, discovered that he had lost four calves. He searched everywhere but could not find them.

After diligent inquiry, Foreman finally learned that Potter had visited the Walnut Grove community a short time before and picked up some calves. He decided to go out to Greene county and see if by any chance they had got into Potter's herd.



CALF CASE'S BOB JOHNSON

In Greene county he visited Potter's farm and immediately identified the four light colored calves as his own. He said to Potter: "Where did you get those calves?" Potter replied: "I bought them from Bob Johnson." Amazed at this reply, Foreman insisted that Potter return with him to Jones county and confront Bob Johnson with this statement.

It was at this point that a young Mechanicsville attorney, Charles E. Wheeler, entered the story. According to Wheeler:

"Potter and Foreman came back from Greene county to see Bob Johnson, and Bob happened to be in Mechanicsville.

"I had then (in 1874) just exposed my professional sign to the weather in Mechanicsville and there was standing room in my office. None of the neighbors seemed to know what great opportunities they were missing in not coming to my office. But Bob Johnson, and Potter and Foreman did break into my office through the crowd, and this was what happened:

"Bob said: 'Charley . . . John Foreman here lost four calves, and he has gone out to Greene county and found them in Potter's herd, and Potter says he got them of me. I got them of Clem Lane's son-in-law, named Smith. Now, what am I going to do about it?' "Well," I said, "Bob . . . if you have handled the Foreman calves, why, you have got to pay for them, and then you go and jump on Clem Lane's son-in-law. Smith."

"All right," Bob said, "but I ain't got the money. I tell you, Foreman and Potter, I bought these calves of a man who approached me to sell them up in Coppess & Derr's store in Olin, and you come and go over there with me and they will tell you all about it, just as I told you, that I got them of Smith, and then I will give you my note for the calves."

"They went over there with Bob, and Coppess and Derr told them that Bob's story was true, but said that Smith was a stranger to them; they didn't know who he was, and Bob gave his note for twenty-four dollars, six dollars apiece for the four calves, and they went across the street and had a drink . . . and shook hands, and all parties went home except Bob."

Now, we who were privileged to know Bob Johnson in the later years of his life are not surprised to learn of what he did. He went across the street to a justice of the peace. He got a warrant and a constable and started out with the constable to find John Smith. As Wheeler recalls:

"They went down into Clem Lane's neighborhood and tackled Clem Lane, and told him that Smith said he was his son-in-law, and Clem Lane said, 'I never had a son-in-law named John Smith,' and from that day to this Smith has never been found. Although Bob Johnson tracked him, or tracked all the Smiths by the name of John, and they were all named John, he tracked him high and low over this state and other states, he never could

find the John that was Clem Lane's son-in-law, or the man from whom he bought the four dark colored calves."

Anti-Horse Thieves

I might say here, that there had been formed in Jones county an organization known as the Iowa Branch of the North Missouri Anti-Horse Thief Association. Such organizations were not uncommon; rather they were incident to most new and unsettled communities, since the preservation of livestock was deemed of vital import to all settlers, and the theft of livestock was accordingly looked upon as one of the most heinous of all crimes.

Most of Bob's neighbors were members of this Anti-Horse Thief Association, but Bob was not. Members of the association told Foreman that he must join their Iowa branch of the North Missouri Anti-Horse Thief Association and help them prosecute his neighbor—Bob Johnson, Foreman joined.

Then they wrote to Potter out in Greene county (the man that had the four light colored calves)—Foreman's were all light colored—and told him that he had better come back to Jones county and become a member of their organization and help them prosecute Bob Johnson. Potter was awfully slow in coming back. Finally, they wrote him that if he didn't come back they would prosecute him (Potter) for stealing Foreman's calves. Under the encouraging suction of that threat, Potter came back and joined the association.

These men then went to the district attorney of Jones county at Anamosa, told their story, and then appeared before the grand jury, gave their testimony, and on the strength of this, had Bob indicted.

A story came to his ears that the four calves which Foreman had gone out and found in Potter's herd, and which he claimed were stolen from him, were light colored calves, whereas he knew that the four calves he had bought from Smith and sold to Potter were dark colored calves. So Bob and his brother Newt went out to Greene county. They went into Potter's herd in company with Potter. As Wheeler relates:

"Bob said: 'Potter, where are those four Foreman calves?' And Potter pointed them out—four light colored calves. Bob said, 'Why Potter, I never sold you any light colored calves.' 'Well,' Potter says, 'You did.' And then it was that Bob used language that—well, it was more forcible than elegant—and jumped off his horse to whip Potter, and Newt stopped the fight, and they came back. Then it was that Bob found out that he had not handled the Foreman calves at all, the light colored calves, and then it was that he refused to pay his twenty-four dollar note.

This note case was argued in the courts for several years, and had the note remained in the hands of the party to whom it was given, Bob might have escaped payment. But unfortunately for him, the note had passed into the hands of a third party. This "innocent purchaser" was a bank, and Bob's contention against payment under such circumstances was futile.

Monticello Express 7/15/23

Saturday last an Hiller Koch was turning the corner of National street towards the creamery a singletree broke and caused his team to run away. As they plunged violently down the hill he was hurled to the ground forcibly and his right ankle was sprained and the upper bone at the joint was split. A bad injury and enforced idleness are among the results.

CASTLE GROVE.

Castle Grove, March 15.

The little child of Wm. McAleer is quite sick.

Monday's snow storm brought sleighing again.

Pat Hogan shipped a car load of hogs last week.

Sheriff Hogan of Anamosa was a Castle Grove visitor last Sunday.

P. Lenkenbager killed a porker recently that tipped the beam at 660 lbs.

A force of men were at work last Saturday opening up the road near the Lutheran church.

We understand that S. L. and C. S. Rigby contemplate moving into Cass county, Minnesota in the near future.

Misses Eda and Elsie Cramer and Elsie Noble closed their schools in districts No. 2, 3, and 4 respectively, last week. The three teachers united their efforts in making the last day a pleasant one for their pupils, and all gathered at No. 3 where a picnic dinner was enjoyed. A well prepared program was rendered in the afternoon. A number of visitors were present.

AMBER.

Amber, March 15.

Will O'Connor has pneumonia.

Johnny Brown has been very sick.

J. A. Weiss was at Anamosa, yesterday.

The little child of Frank Bailey is very sick.

J. L. Pitkin was at the county seat yesterday.

Grace Farragher visited in Anamosa over Sunday.

Warner Turner of Fairview, called here last week.

James Bradley will celebrate his 100th birthday Saturday.

J. C. Bailey and wife visited at Center Junction, over Sunday.

1949 Some of the Early Settlers.

The following letter by Dr. H. W. Sigworth, of Anamosa, appeared in a recent number of the National Tribune, as follows:

Editor Tribune:—In last week's Tribune is an article about an Illinois farm not changing ownership in 65 years. We can go you some three years better. In 1847 thirteen families migrated together by team from Courtland county, N. Y., to this place. In that year my wife's father, Geo. W. Mead, entered his farm one mile from this city at \$1.25 an acre. The homestead 80 was bought in his wife's name with \$100 given her by her father, Amasa Harvey. She then was 17 years of age.

Mr. Meade enlisted in Company E 31st Iowa, in 1862, and died from exposure at the battle of Arkansas Post. Mrs. Mead is in fair health.

Yours respectfully,
H. W. Sigworth.

Late of Co. H., 67th Ill.

A few weeks ago Capt. Erastus B. Soper, of Emmetsburg, visited relatives and friends in Anamosa and vicinity and we showed him the above statement and requested the names of the families referred to. He gave the following which he recalled, a total of twenty-two families, mainly from the town of Pitcher, Chenango county, and from Courtland county, all of whom settled in Fairview and Greenfield townships in 1847 or a year or so later. The names are still well remembered, and many of their numerous descendants have made equally honorable and successful records with the pioneers who pushed far into an almost unknown country, not by means of railway locomotion but with covered wagons drawn by oxen and horses. Weeks were required in making the journey, the roads were often almost impassable, the sloughs bottomless, and rivers and creeks, for the most part, bridgeless. It is remarkable that so many families came from practically one locality in New York, and it is no less remarkable that some of the children of this hardy colony are owners of \$150 and \$200 an acre land that their ancestors and other pioneers entered at \$1.25 per acre.

The names of the families given us by Capt. Soper are as follows:

Dr. S. G. Matson, Amasa Harvey, Nelson Hakes, Sr., Joshua Randall, Geo. W. Mead, Jacob Soper, Jesse Brundage, Elisha Ackerman, Timothy Soper, Isaac Ackerman, O. R. Harvey (then unmarried), Alanson Livermore, John Soper, Joseph Brown, Joseph Brown, Jr., Charles Brown, Geo. W. Robbins, Amos Breed, N. Brady, Lodwick Weaver, Charles Hakes, Masten Brundage.

Included with the above were the brave-hearted wives and usually from one to three or more children. These families were scattered over an area about eight or ten miles in extent north and south, and opened up farms on the very few roads then laid out. Neighbors were often a mile apart, all lived in log cabins and their privations were often almost indescribable and unbelievable, but they were plucky, cheerful, sympathetic and helpful always, a credit to themselves and an honor to the state they labored so effectively to make great.

Louise E. Staab. 7-19-23

Louise E. Staab, wife of George B. Staab, died in a Cedar Rapids hospital Wednesday following a long illness.

Born Oct. 28, 1891, at Crown Point, Pa., she was married Jan. 25, 1953, in Cedar Rapids.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a son, Lee Groves of Mechanicsville, a daughter, Margaret Cruse of Champlin, Minn., 4 grandchildren, and a brother.

Mrs. Staab was a member of the First Lutheran church.

Services: First Lutheran church at 1:30 p.m. Friday by the Rev. John Ried. Burial: Ander cemetery at Lisbon. Friends may call at the Turner chapel until 9 p.m. Thursday and at the church from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Friday. The casket will not be opened after the service.

Last Rites Tuesday For Frank Stevens

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Frank Stevens, 71 years old, who died in Anamosa at 5 a. m. Sunday following an illness of about a week. Rev. Terry Buss, pastor of the Forest church, was in charge of the services at the Smyth Funeral home at 1:30 p. m., and at Forest chapel at 2 p. m.

Born in Monmouth, Iowa, the son of Robert C. and Rebecca Groves Stevens, Mr. Stevens came to Anamosa about 14 years ago to be employed at the State Reformatory. At the time of his death he held the position of assistant engineer. His friends were legion, and he was admired by all who knew him.

Mrs. Stevens died several months ago. One brother, Clifford Stevens of the Forest community, survives.

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OXFORD MIRROR

A Paper that Believes In "Community Interests" and Has Constantly Worked for Them

YEAR OXFORD JUNCTION, JONES CO., IOWA, THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1947

BURIALS AT MAYFLOWER

The following list of burials at Mayflower cemetery here since January, 1946, has been supplied us by the friendly sexton, Antone Koranda:

- Edward Luke of Marion, January 8, 1946.
- Anna Shimerda, Oxford Junction, January 11.
- Lena Petersen, Oxford Junction, January 29.
- Mary Kostechek, Oxford Junction, February 13.
- Herman Coon, Oxford Junction, March 3.

- Mary Hudrlik, Oxford Junction, April 22.
- Anna Wosoba, Oxford Junction, April 24.
- Frank Stehlik, Oxford Junction, May 27.
- Elmer Phillips, Oxford Junction, August 6.
- Daniel J. Meade, Oxford Junction, October 24.
- Mary Henak, Oxford Junction, December 3.
- Alvin E. Hodoval, Orlando, Fla., December 24.

- Frank Ledvina, Oxford Junction, January 25.
- Anna Benhart, Davenport, Iowa, February 25.
- John Bees, Savanno, Ill., February, 25.
- Kate Hodoval, Cedar Rapids, Morch 4.
- Anton Vanicek, Oxford Junction, March 24.
- O. J. Felton, Cedar Rapids, March 28.

Services Held For Mrs. Longerbeam

11 Feb. 1945

Nora Annie Longerbeam, daughter of William and Mary Kohl Kline, was born in the White Oak Community of Jones County, Mar. 21, 1877 and went out to meet her maker about noon on February 11 at the age of almost 68 years.

She grew up in the White Oak Community. She attended the United Brethren Church and became one of its members.

On October 19, 1899 she was united in Holy Matrimony to Geo. Longerbeam. One daughter Leola blessed this union. They made their home in the neighborhood of the present home since their marriage. She transferred her church membership to the Mechanicsville Methodist church which has been her church home since that time. She has been active in the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Pollyannas. She was also a member of the Rebecca Lodge.

Those who remain to mourn her passing beside her life's companion are the daughter Leola Collins at home, a son-in-law Ray Collins

with the armed forces in the South Pacific; one sister Mrs. Ida Andre of Mechanicsville; six brothers, Charles Kline of Olin, Elmer of Anamosa, Will of Mechanicsville, Chauncey of Morley, Clayton of Cedar Rapids, and Clarence of Mechanicsville. One sister Cletus preceded her in death. She will also be missed by her many friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Longerbeam was a great lover of flowers. She enjoyed working with them. Nor were her endeavors confined to their culture. She worked industriously at all of her tasks. Neither were all of the blossoms of her life found in the flowers she raised. They were a part of her own life in the many little acts of kindness and the unnumbered deeds of helpfulness that came from her heart and hands. "She was a wonderful neighbor," is on the lips of many who lived near enough to be touched by her generous spirit.

We know that her days of blossoming are not over. She is now in God's garden, still spreading cheer, hope and joy.

S'en for the dead I will not bind
My soul to grief - death cannot
long distance

Is it not as if the rose that climbed

My garden will had blossomed on the other side?

Death doth hide but not divide:
Beloved, Thou art on Christ's other side.

Rev. Dorr Whitmore of Low Moor, Iowa and Rev. Bernard Kemper officiated at the Services held in the Methodist church in Mechanicsville, Mrs. L. E. Sarchett and Mrs. Floyd Siver sang accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Norris. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were, David Walshire, C. N. Ayes, Adelbert Reid, Charles Young, Lloyd Andre and Joe Cruse.

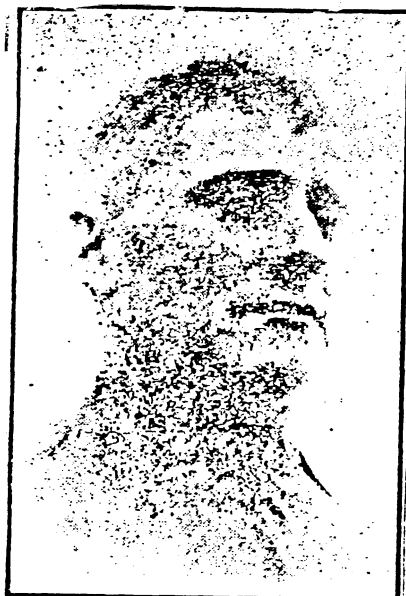
Verno Reback lodge No. 71 conducted services at the church.

RECEIVING THE MAIL IN 1843

By T. E. Booth in 1905
Under date of June 21, 1843, appears Father's brief statement: "I expect to attend a mass meeting of Whigs on Saturday at Edinburg and get my papers. Have had none for a month, the reason, no mail within twelve miles. 'Tis enough to drive a quiet man mad. A mail is to be established between Davenport and Marion the first of July. It will touch at our post office, Pamato (afterward Fairview village.)

The dearth in mail facilities above referred to is in remarkable contrast to those we enjoy today. As an illustration of the wonderful evolution that has taken place in less than 60 years. We may state that A. C. Walworth read the news of Mr. Edmund Booth's death that occurred on Wednesday in the Thursday morning Boston papers; and his granddaughter, Bertha Booth, learned of the same event in the Thursday dailies of Los Angeles, California.

In fact, this event was transmitted by means of the associated press to every daily between the two oceans. In the early days, weeks often elapsed before letters and papers could be received, particularly in these sparsely settled regions of the west.



EDWARD C. BAKULA

Last Viola G. A. ¹⁹³⁵ R. Veteran Dead

Adelbert Matthew Brown, the only surviving veteran of the Grand Army in Brown Twp., was honorably discharged from life's warfare by the Great Commander at the University Hospital at Iowa City on March 7, at 3:30 p. m.

He had been a faithful soldier in all of life's conflicts, and the testimony of all who know him was to his loyalty and devotion to every duty which life placed upon him. Born at Jefferson, Ohio, on February 28, 1847, his parents were Matthew and Susan Fuller Brown, and when but 17 years old he enlisted in the Union Army to take his place and do his part in helping to preserve the Union. His regiment was Co. I of the 177th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he served for one year, being honorably discharged at the end of the war.

After the close of the war he came west to Iowa and was married to Margaret Ollhan at Viola on February 1, 1870. With the exception of a few years spent in Kansas and back at the old home in Ohio, Mr. Brown has lived on the home place at Viola since his marriage, having the remarkable record of living in the community for 52 years.

The home established was a farm home, and 12 children came into it, six of whom have passed on, the surviving children being, Mrs. Zada Klinefelter, of Anamosa; Mrs. Fannie DeWald of Ottawa, Kan.; Mrs. Susan Leitch, of Zion, Ill; Ezlie and Everette of the home place and Olin of Los Angeles, Calif. The mother went to her reward three years ago. There are also 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mr. Brown has been a man of great vigor during all of his long life, his strength and endurance being remarkable. Added to this he was known as one of the kindest of men. His thought was for others always, and he had a faculty of seeing the good in everyone, which endeared him to all who knew him. His birthday was cele-

brated only a week ago and to this he was present with his accustomed strength, but in a day or two he became ill, and was taken to the hospital at Iowa City, where he was mustered out of his life's service at the grand old age of 88 years and 7 days.

Funeral services were held from the home at Viola on Saturday, March 9 at 2 p. m. and from the Methodist Episcopal church at Viola at 2:30. Burial was made in the Wilcox Cemetery, where the last rights of a Veteran of the Grand Army were rendered by members of the American Legion. Rev. H. D. Green was the officiating minister.

Monday In Iowa City

Final tribute was paid on Wednesday afternoon to Lowell Kohl, 61, prominent Martelle resident, at services conducted in the Martelle Methodist church by the Rev. George Youtzy. Burial was in Cedar Memorial cemetery, Cedar Rapids. ¹⁹³⁵

A family service was held at the funeral home in Anamosa in the morning.

Mr. Kohl died at University hospital, Iowa City, at 8:30 a.m. Monday where he had been a patient for a month.

Born to Henry and Amanda Kline Kohl on June 10, 1894 at the Kohl homestead in the White Oak community, he had been a resident of Jones county all of his life. In 1911 he was married to Bertha Shoop who with four daughters survives.

Their home was established on the Kohl farm where they lived until moving to Martelle in 1929. There he established a trucking business from which he retired in 1946.

Mr. Kohl served a term as mayor of Martelle and was always interested in the civic and social activities of the community.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four daughters, Mrs. Marguerite Meisner, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Lee Wright, North Hollywood, Calif.; Mrs. Robert Brown, LaPorte City, Ind., and Mrs. Delbert Richardson, Oak Lawn, Ill.

Also surviving are four brothers, Eldon of Lisbon, Harry of Redfield, DeWitt of Marion and Otto of Cedar Rapids; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Edward C. Bakula was one of the first contingent of the Select Army to go from Jones County, having been called to Camp Duane in September, 1917. He proved to be an apt pupil in military training and with other Jones County boys was sent overseas early in 1918 and assigned to Co. H. 59th Infantry of the Second Division Regulars. His division was in fierce battles and in an attack in the St. Mihiel battle in September, 1918, Private Bakula bravely met death advancing on the enemy. His Lieutenant, Richard J. Harrigan, sent a fine tribute to Private Bakula which was published in a local paper, stating that the dead soldier boy was one of the best all around men in the company always ready at every call to work or fight when volunteers were called for on any exceptional assignment. The home of Private Bakula was formerly at Buena Vista, Clayton County, but at the time he was called he was working on the farm with his sister, Mrs. Wencil Marek, north of Anamosa.



MISS PAULINE A. QUIGLEY, RED CROSS

Our first Red Cross Volunteer to give her life for the cause of liberty and humanity was Miss Pauline Quigley of Anamosa who died at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan, October 18, 1918. Miss Quigley was born in Anamosa and was the youngest child of the late William F. Quigley and Statia Power Quigley. She enlisted in the Red Cross field work in July, 1918. When the epidemic of influenza prostrated thousands of our soldiers in the camps and when many strong men and women feared ravages of the disease, Miss Quigley went willingly to the aid of our stricken soldiers. While in the Camp Hospital she was stricken by the fatal disease. The Chicago Tribune stated that the untimely death of Miss Quigley and one other nurse the same day, caused profound sorrow among the soldiers, more than the death of hundreds of their own ranks. She was regarded as a martyr by the Camp Custer soldiers. Miss Quigley now rests in quiet Holy Cross Cemetery at Anamosa and her memory will long be cherished by a grateful people.



RAY SEELY

Ray S. Seely, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Seely of Anamosa is among the number who suffered wounds in battle in France. He enlisted early in the war and became a member of Co. H. of the 59th Infantry which saw much active service as a part of the Second division. He was in the same Company in which Private Ed. Bakula was serving when the latter was killed. Mr. Seely attained the rank of Sergeant by work in the ranks. He was twice wounded and was invalided before the close of the war, being unable to take part in the final campaign. He has recovered from his wounds and is now happily married. Sergt. proved to be a capable and courageous soldier and well sustains the reputation of Iowa boys gained throughout the war.



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.

MRS. ORA MELTON

Funeral services for the late Mrs Ora Melton were held at the Presbyterian church last Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. E. Winslow Brown officiating. A large concourse of friends and relatives attended the service and were comforted by the tender references to the life of the deceased made by the minister. The obituary, written by a friend, follows:

Alice Ann Miller, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Miller, was born November 18, 1878 and was married April 7, 1896, to Orian D. Melton. No children came to this home, but the wife of a brother of Mrs. Melton having died, their son Irvin Miller was taken into the home and the same wealth of affection and care was bestowed on him as if he had been their very own.

Mrs. Melton had always lived in this section of the country and being of a sociable disposition had a host of friends. They moved to Mechanicsville about 15 years ago and she united with the Presbyterian church, July 12, 1914. Mrs. Melton's relationship to the church was more than a nominal one. She loved the church and was devoted to it. No trivial circumstance ever kept her away from the services and no minister ever had a more appreciative listener than her pastor. For a number of years she taught a class in the Sunday School. She loved the children and liked to do things for them and to teach them to do things for themselves and for the Sunday school and church. She had initiative

enthusiasm and determination and if she was on a program committee her part and the part of those she trained was always well done. To the measure of her ability she rendered most efficient service. Every church and community stands in need of just such service as she gladly gave. Every one in a position of leadership cannot help but wish that there were more who like her, just liked to do things.

After many months of failing health and intense suffering she clung to life and every human interest but she had an experience of the Saviors' love and an abiding hope that extreme physical distress could not take away.

CARD OF THANKS

We cannot express in words our gratitude for the many kindnesses bestowed upon us during the long illness and following the death of our beloved wife and sister. She appreciated so keenly the ministrations of friends during her illness. The floral offerings and many acts of kindness greatly comforted us after her death.

Ora Melton
Ervin Miller

LOUISE GROVES AND ORIAN MELTON WED.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Louise E. Groves of Cedar Rapids and Orian D. Melton of Cedar Rapids, formerly of Mechanicsville. The wedding ceremony was performed Monday at 5 p.m. by the Rev. E. Winslow Brown at his home, 1401 Washington avenue SE.

MABEL HUGHES BURIED

Mabel Hughes, daughter of Albert and Mary Ann Hughes, was born at Fairview, Iowa, on June 16, 1890. She died at the home of her brother, Albert Hughes at Cass Center on January 26, 1934, having reached the age of 43 years, 7 months and 10 days.

She was one of 9 children, seven of whom are living, one brother having died previously. The mother died in 1916, and Mabel became housekeeper for her father, who died in 1931. Since that time she has made her home with her brother, Albert. Mabel attended school at Stone City, and has never been of vigorous health. About 6 years ago she sustained an operation: thinking to become strong and well, but this was not the result. Her health did not occasion her relatives any undue alarm, even when she had to take to her bed a few days ago, but death came to her suddenly on Friday morning at 11:30.

The sisters and brothers, who remain to mourn her death, are: Margaret Drumbarger of Viola; Lulu Anderson of Decatur, Ill.; Ella Byers of Olin; Mary Barnes of Anamosa; Paul of Brandon, Iowa; Albert of Cass Center and Dora Frasher, also of Cass Center.

Mabel leaves many friends who knew her well, and who will greatly miss her. To the brothers and sisters who are left to mourn her passing, we extend to them our deepest sympathy.

Funeral services were held in the Beam & Miller Funeral parlors on Monday, Jan. 29, at 2:00. Burial was made in Riverside cemetery. The Rev. Harry D. Green of the Methodist church was in charge of the services.

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Louis CHURCHILL, (son of Lewis CHURCHILL and Desire Barker
BREWSTER)

b. 15, Jan, 1802, Cornish, Sullivan Co., N.H.

d. ? , ? , ? , (?) Cedar Co., Ia

md: #1 Mary E. PEIRCE (dau of Ignatius PEIRCE & Betsey
BESSE) (?) 14, Sept, 1833, ? Ma, N.H. or Ia.

b. abt 1811 (twin Martha md. Benjamin BATES)
Middleborough, Ma

d. bef 1849 ? Ma, N.H. or Ia

md: #2 Roseamond RICKARD Jacobs (dau of Ezra RICKARD &
Susanna BARROWS)

b. abt 1804, Unity, Sullivan Co., N.H.

md: 19, Apr, 1849, ? N.H. or Ia

d. bet 1850 - 1860, Cedar Co. Ia

children #1, William Lewis CHURCHILL, b. 2, Sept, 1837,
Plymouth, Ma. d. 1863 in Civil War, md: 12, Sept, 1858, Chariton,
Ia, to Mary (Sarah) BUMGARNER (dau of Joseph BAUMGARNER & Eliza
GREEN). children #2, Luther H. CHURCHILL, b. abt 1850, Cedar
Co., Linn Twsp. 1850 Census has them in Cedar Co., Linn Twsp,
(Lewis, Roseamond, Wm.L & Luther H.), 1860 Census has them in
Cedar Co., Red Oak Twsp, (Lewis, William, (Wm's wife) Mary, and
Luther). 1870 could not find Lewis or Luther, and Mary and her
child, William Henry CHURCHILL had moved to Jones Co. where she
re-married (Robert PORTER). Wm. Henry md, Laura Katherine JONES,
(dau of John Lafayette JONES & Sarah Maria NORRIS).

I would like to find family of Luther H. CHURCHILL, and
anyone researching CHURCHILL, PEIRCE/PIERCE, BUMGARNER, JONES,
RICKARD BREWSTER, BARROWS, NORRIS, and GREEN lines in MA, NH, &
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