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MAKES HOME A FUNERAL PYRE

WALTER F. JUHRE PERISHES BY HIS OWN HAND

43-Year-Old Recluse Farm Hand Chose Frightful Method in Which to Carry Out Suicide Plan

Walter F. Juhre, 43 years old, who lived by himself in a small one-room house on the Mrs. Geo. Kleinhans farm, 5 miles southwest of Hawarden, ended his own life during the early morning hours Sunday.

After moving many of his personal effects out of the house and placing them at a safe distance with notes attached indicating what disposition he wished made of them, he apparently sprinkled kerosene about the house, saturating the bedding, and then set it on fire. Discovery of a revolver after the fire with all cartridges exploded but only two of them showing hammer marks, gives reason to believe that after setting fire to the house he shot himself and may have died before the flames enveloped him. A farewell note was found weighted down on a large tin pail in which Mr. Juhre announced his contemplated suicide.

The small house in which Mr. Juhre lived was located on the Mrs. Kleinhans farm, about a quarter of a mile north of the other buildings. Mrs. Peter Jepsen, a neighbor, observed the fire about 2:15 Sunday morning but did not realize what was burning. She called the Kleinhans home about 7:30 and John and George Kleinhans went immediately to see what had happened. Nothing remained of the house although there were still burning embers in the cellar. They found the note which Mr. Juhre had left, together with his belongings which had been set outside the house. By this time other neighbors had gathered and a search was made of the premises but no trace of him was found. Sheriff Slocum and the Union county coroner were then summoned from Elk Point and they reached the ruins of the house, finding Mr. Juhre's torso beneath some debris, the upper and lower parts of the body apparently having been burned beyond any semblance of a human body. Later a few bones were found and these along with the torso were taken to Elk Point for burial.

Mr. Juhre had resided in this vicinity for the past twenty years, being employed as a farm hand, much of the time on the Kleinhans farm. He had made his home in the little one-room house which he utilized for a funeral pyre for the past seventeen years. He had been in failing health for several years, suffering from appendicitis and gall bladder trouble. Then two or three years ago, while out hunting with his employer, G. J. Kleinhans, his gun was accidentally discharged, resulting in the wounding and subsequent death of Mr. Kleinhans. It is believed that this tragedy may have preyed upon his mind and been instrumental in prompting him to take his own life.

Mr. Juhre came to this community from Racine, Wis., where he was born July 30, 1885. It is believed that he had brothers and sisters residing at Racine and Sheriff Slocum has been making efforts to get in touch with them if possible. He had no relatives in this vicinity. He was always regarded as a faithful and reliable worker and had many friends who were greatly shocked at the tragic manner of his death.

Entertained Wednesday Evening

Miss Ella Lage entertained a number of lady friends at her home Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Sylvia Walsten, who is soon to be a bride. The party was in the nature of a miscellaneous shower. A mock wedding was the main feature of the entertainment and following the ceremony the "newly wedded couple" wheeled a baby carriage to the honored guest which was filled with many useful and beautiful gifts. The hostess served delightful refreshments to the assembled guests.

Home for Brief Vacation

Miss Mildred Mann came home from Sioux City last Friday for a week's visit at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. Mann, having completed her period of nurse's training at St. Joseph's hospital in that city. Miss Mann was graduated from the nurse's training course last summer but was obliged to put in some additional time at the hospital to complete the requirements for registration. She expects to do private nursing in Sioux City.

REX MULLEN CALLED BY DEATH

Former Hawarden Young Man Passed Away Wednesday in Sioux City

Rex Mullen passed away at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home of his brother, Arthur F. Mullen, in Sioux City, following a lingering illness due to a complication of diseases. In March, 1928, he was taken ill and at that time he sought medical aid at Rochester, Minn., and it was learned that his condition was serious. Since that time he has been bedfast and has been tenderly cared for most of the time by his sister, Mrs. Grace Dawson. During his long illness he suffered greatly and death came as a relief to him.

Rex R. Mullen was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mullen, pioneer Hawarden residents, both of whom preceded him in death. He was born in Hawarden Feb. 7, 1892, and passed away in Sioux City Feb. 13, 1929, at the age of 37 years and 6 days. He grew to young manhood in this city and received his education here, being a graduate of the Hawarden high school. Following his graduation he was employed as bookkeeper by the Cudahy Packing Co. in Sioux City for two or three years. Later he entered the railway mail service as a postal clerk and for years he worked on a run on the Northwestern line between Omaha and Huron. He has made his home with his brother, A. F. Mullen, in Sioux City ever since he left Hawarden just after his graduation from high school. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Grace Dawson of Hawarden, and two brothers, Arthur F. Mullen of Sioux City and Harry L. Mullen of Hawarden.

Rex Mullen was a fine type of young man, clean in his personal habits, possessing high ideals, and was universally popular among all his acquaintances. Quiet and reserved in manner, he nevertheless possessed a strength of character which left its influence upon all his associates. His death will be sincerely mourned by many outside the family circle. He was a member of various Masonic orders.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Christy Funeral Home in Sioux City with Rev. A. M. McIntosh of the Olivet Presbyterian church in charge. Interment will be made in Sioux City.

DEATH CLAIMS LITTLE CHILD

Jennie Kamstra Passed Away Last Friday After Brief Illness

Jennie Kamstra, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kamstra, who reside several miles northeast of Hawarden, passed away about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon following an illness of about two weeks. The child was almost six years old at the time of her death. Besides her parents she is survived by one sister. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family in their hour of sorrow.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Reformed church in Hawarden at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon with Rev. J. Rozendal, the pastor, in charge. The little form was tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery at Orange City.

Five Service School Graduates

The Herbert Motor Co. is able to make the proud boast that they have the only Ford sales organization in this section composed of five graduates of the Ford service school. L. L. Miller and F. J. Lang took the Ford service school course some time ago and last week Dave Engebretson, C. J. Heald and Albert Ekema spent several days in Des Moines in attendance at the school conducted by the Ford Motor Co. The boys report that they were put through a most intensive course of instruction, being required to dismantle and assemble all parts of the Ford car so that they might gain an exact knowledge of its construction and the functioning of the various parts. Incidentally the boys became thoroughly sold themselves on the value and serviceability of the new Ford.

Operetta Pleases Large Crowd

The operetta, "The Palace of Carelessness," put on by the pupils of the first six grades of the Hawarden public schools at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening, was larley attended. The operetta was well presented by the pupils and showed that they had been carefully drilled. Much credit for the success of it is due to the teachers of these grades and Miss A. Muriel Boyum, who were in charge of the coaching.

Attended Furniture Market

Mr. and Mrs. A. Earl Ross returned last Friday evening from Minneapolis where they had attended the furniture market and made the spring purchases for their store.

POULTRY SHOW HERE NEXT WEEK

WILL BE HELD AT AUDITORIUM FEBRUARY 18, 19 AND 20

Chamber of Commerce is Co-operating With Sioux County Farm Bureau in Staging the Event

The first annual Northwest Iowa Poultry Show will be held at the City Auditorium in Hawarden next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 18, 19 and 20. The show is being sponsored by the Hawarden Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with the Sioux County Farm Bureau.

Already enough entries have been indicated to insure the success of the show and the committee in charge is well pleased with the amount of interest which has been engendered among poultry growers in this territory.

Monday will be entry day and all entries must positively be made and all competing birds must be in the show room by noon on that day. Judging will start at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with a competent poultry specialist in charge.

In order to secure first money there must be not less than two exhibitors and two entries in each class of cocks, hens, cockerels and pullets and two pens. If less than the foregoing requirements, first honor and second money will be awarded.

The following premiums will be awarded in the various classes:

- Class 1 Cock—1st, \$1.50; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, 75c; 4th, ribbon.
- Class 2 Cockerels—1st, \$1.50; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, 75c; 4th, ribbon.
- Class 3 Hen—1st, \$1.50; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, 75c; 4th, ribbon.
- Class 4 Pullet—1st, \$1.50; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, 75c; 4th, ribbon.
- Class 5 Old Pen—1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.50; 3rd, \$1.00; 4th, ribbon.
- Class 6 Young Pen—1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.50; 3rd, \$1.00; 4th, ribbon.
- Champion Cock of Show, ribbon.
- Champion Hen of Show, ribbon.
- Champion Cockerel of Show, ribbon.
- Champion Pullet of Show, ribbon.
- Champion Old Pen of Show, ribbon.
- Champion Young Pen of Show, ribbon.

(All varieties competing for above premiums).

Best Display Rhode Island Reds (all varieties of Reds competing), \$5.00.

Best Display Rocks (all varieties of Rocks competing), \$5.00.

Best Display Wyandottes (all varieties Wyandottes competing), \$5.00.

Best Display Orpingtons (all varieties of Orpingtons competing), \$5.00.

Best Display Leghorns (all varieties Leghorns competing), \$5.00.

To compete for best display premiums exhibitor must remit one dollar with entry to the secretary. To compete for best display premiums, you must have ten entries and one must be a pen—in all 14 birds.

In addition to the above premiums there will be numerous prizes offered by the individual merchants of Hawarden.

Arrangements have also been made for the showing of several interesting educational films on poultry which will be shown Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 3 o'clock at the Tivoli Theatre, through the courtesy of Mr. Harry Pace.

Entry blanks may be obtained from Paul B. Harding or Conrad Falde.

Open Forum Draws Only Small Crowd

There was only a small attendance at the Open Forum meeting held at the City Hall Tuesday evening, which was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. J. E. Tilgner presided at the gathering. The answers to the questionnaire sent out recently to citizens of this trade territory by the Chamber of Commerce were reviewed by S. Q. French, the president. The most pressing need in Hawarden, as developed by these questionnaires, seems to be the provision of more adequate parking space for cars of farmers and out-of-town shoppers on Wednesday and Saturday nights and most of the evening's discussion dwelt on the solution of this problem. It was finally voted to have the directors of the Chamber of Commerce meet with the City Council with a view to working out a satisfactory arrangement for the solution of the parking problem.

New Battery Man Arrives

A son was born last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Verne Mallette at the Hawarden hospital. Both mother and son are getting along nicely.

HONORED AT STATE GATHERING

S. Q. French Chosen First Vice President of Iowa Commercial Body

S. Q. French of Hawarden was honored last week by being chosen as first vice president of the Iowa Commercial Organization Secretaries at their annual convention held in Cedar Rapids, which he attended in company with Oren P. Riter, secretary of the Hawarden Chamber of Commerce. This is the first time in the history of the state organization that anyone other than an actual full time secretary has ever been honored with an office in the Association. The duties of Mr. French's new office will consist largely in the extension of membership throughout the state by planning group meetings. Probably about thirty of such meetings will be held at various places in the state during the coming year. Mr. French was further honored by being named as a member of the executive committee along with Chas. Stoddard of Oskaloosa, newly elected president, and John Adams of Des Moines, the secretary. Mr. French acted as chairman of the only afternoon session of the convention at Cedar Rapids last week.

This new honor which has been bestowed upon Mr. French is one which is well deserved. As a director and president of the Hawarden Chamber of Commerce he has worked unceasingly for the perfection of a real live, up-and-coming local commercial organization, and these activities have been extended to the state organization with which he has been affiliated for a number of years.

Mr. Riter arrived home Sunday from Cedar Rapids, but Mr. French went to Des Moines where he visited over Sunday at the home of his brother, L. R. French and family, arriving home Monday.

CELEBRATE 53RD ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Leiff Were Married at Elk Point in 1876

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Leiff observed their 53rd wedding anniversary last Friday and in honor of the occasion a number of relatives and friends were entertained at their home. The afternoon hours were spent in visiting and in the evening a sumptuous dinner was served to the assembled guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Leiff were both born in Sweden but are pioneer citizens of Union county. Mr. Leiff was born in 1843 and he came to America in 1866. He lived in Michigan for two years and he then came to Union county and filed on the old homestead which has been his home since that time except for a few years when he resided in Hawarden. Mrs. Leiff was born in 1848 and came to America in 1871. She came directly to Union county. They were married at Elk Point in 1876. They have two children, Albert Leiff, who resides on the home farm, and one daughter, Mrs. T. E. McBride of Hayden Lake, Idaho, who was also present at the wedding anniversary observance. There are also four grandchildren and one great grandchild in the family. Mrs. Leiff has not been in the best of health for some time but Mr. Leiff enjoys good health for a man of his age. Their many friends hope that they may observe many more happy wedding anniversaries.

Surprised on Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Will Heuer were greatly surprised last Wednesday night when about sixty of their neighbors and friends dropped in on them to help them celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary. Music and games furnished the evening's entertainment and at midnight a lunch was served which the uninvited guests had brought with them. At a late hour the guests departed, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Heuer many more happy wedding anniversaries.

School Nurse Completes Task Here

Miss Porter, who spent five or six weeks inspecting children of the public and parochial schools and in the surrounding rural school districts in the capacity of school nurse, completed her work last Friday and departed that day for her home in Des Moines. Miss Porter's services were made available here through the sale of Christmas Seals in this community through the agency of the Iowa Tuberculosis Association.

Baby Girl Placed in Hawarden Home

Mrs. I. D. Kittoe came to Hawarden Wednesday afternoon and brought a baby girl with her, who was placed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Berglund.

Arrives Here From Sweden

Vernon Ericson arrived last Friday from Smoland, Sweden, and plans to make his home here. He will visit at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Ingwald Johnson, for the present.

VARIOUS BILLS PUT TO DEATH

COMMITTEES ARE ACTIVE IN SWINGING THE AX

Secondary Road Bill Has Been Introduced and Will Prove Big Bone of Contention This Session

(By G. L. Caswell)

Des Moines, Feb. 11, 1929.—If everybody wanting favorable legislation could have their own way, how beautiful life would be. Maybe.

Of the more than 400 bills for acts now before this General Assembly, more than half are for special purposes or special interests of one kind or another. And naturally. Times change and new conditions arise which make old laws unapplicable. New things come in and require legislation. Auto buses, for instance; and fast cars, and hootch, beauty parlors where there used to be saloons and cigarette taxes instead of beer licenses.

But legislative committees are now in action, and the author and the purpose of the bill must first get by a committee before it can get by the House or Senate. That is why the past ten days has seen so high a death rate among perfectly promising little "bills for acts." And every day now more adverse reports are recorded. There is reason for this. Legislators, new and old, often are pressed by others to introduce bills already drawn and said to cover the subject. But often they don't, and often there is already law covering the point. Frequently bills are right counter to existing law and sometimes glaringly unconstitutional in their application.

Wanted, a State Budget Director—apply to Gov. Hammill. Up to this date nobody knows who the new budget director will be. It is said the job has been offered to several persons who have declined it, but there are still some good applications to be considered, provided the legislature does not adopt the governor's suggestion and make him the budget head with an executive secretary to use the official stamps.

In fact, the governor has been very deliberate and very cautious about sending his appointments to the Senate for confirmation so far this session. He must have several yet to send in before the 14th.

The new state board of conservation has been appointed and organized. Capt. E. G. Saunders of Emmetsburg was put back on the board, and was made chairman; Mrs. Mabel Volland of Iowa City was appointed to fill the place of Mrs. Armstrong of Ft. Dodge; Ex-Senator Byron W. Newberry of Strawberry Point was added to the board, with Mrs. Henry Frankel of Des Moines and J. G. Wyth of Cedar Falls, as the other members. This board has charge of the plans and development of the many state parks, and is a very important board. Like all other boards this conservation board could do wonders if they had the money—and they are asking for the money now.

Secondary Road Report Filed

The big bill of the session, probably, is the secondary road bill. It was introduced Friday, the 8th, and bears the name of Senator A. H. Bergman. The five members of the secondary road commission have been in session in Des Moines several days, and most of the time Fred White, chief engineer of the state highway commission, has been working with them.

Chairman Helme and all the members of the secondary road commission say they believe this bill is the best road program ever worked out for the state of Iowa, and that it will accomplish more in results than any other road law ever passed. Senator Bergman goes further and states that it will save \$5,000,000 from the amounts now expended on the township road systems each year. Our readers will be surprised to learn that the township and county roads of the state now get approximately \$21,000,000 a year. This money comes from direct taxes and auto license funds, etc.

The new bill provides for consolidating all township and county roads under the control of the county boards of supervisors. It gives these boards all the funds belonging to the townships and county roads. "However, the county boards may not let contracts for more than \$2,000 per mile of road without the approval of the state highway commission, and may not spend more than \$2,000 on any bridge or cul-

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FIRE DEPARTMENT KEPT BUSY

Early Morning Alarms Called Them Out Monday and Tuesday

Fire was discovered on the roof of the Ellis A. Wood building, occupied by the Busy Bee Shoe Repair Shop and the Coffee Shop, about 7 o'clock Monday morning. A couple of members of the fire department happened to be handy and one fire truck was rushed to the place and the blaze extinguished before the alarm was sounded. An hour or so later Otto Ristow discovered a second blaze on the roof of the building and extinguished it with a bucket of water without summoning the fire department.

About 7:30 the same morning the fire department was called to the W. H. Johnson residence property, north of the Central school, occupied by Ed. Mullarkey. This alarm was turned in when flames burst up through a hot air register leading from the furnace and filled the house with smoke. A pail of water was poured down the register and when the firemen arrived all signs of a fire had vanished. No damage resulted.

Tuesday morning about 7:45 another fire alarm was turned in when smoke and flames were discovered by a passing motorist issuing through the roof of the residence occupied by Mrs. Olive Jones and family, just north of the Baptist church. The fire had started in the attic and was practically all confined therein as the roof of the house is of asbestos shingles which afforded poor fuel for the flames. The blaze was presumably extinguished by use of chemicals only but an hour later the fire department was again summoned to the scene when the fire was found to be still smoldering, and more chemical was used. A fair sized hole was burned in the roof which was necessarily cut larger by the firemen in order to insure the complete subjection of the flames. Presumably the fire originated from a defective chimney. There was little or no damage to the furnishings of the home. The house is owned by T. W. Searle and the loss was fully insured.

Winter's Record at 23 Below

Weather conditions last week were the most severe of the winter, below zero temperatures prevailing during the entire week with a considerable fall of snow from day to day. The low spots were reached on Friday and Saturday. Friday morning reliable thermometers about town registered 17 degrees below zero and on Saturday morning the mercury fell to 23 degrees below zero. There was an absence of wind on both of these mornings so that the low temperatures really caused less discomfort than on other days earlier in the week when a stiff breeze was blowing.

Weather conditions began to moderate Sunday and delightful winter weather was experienced Monday and Tuesday. The mercury dropped again suddenly Tuesday night to around 10 below. Evidently winter isn't over yet.

Debating Season Opens

The first of the series of state high school debates will be held next Thursday evening. The Hawarden high school will be represented by two teams, a negative and an affirmative team. The negative team will go to Hull where they will meet the team of that place while the affirmative team will remain at home and will debate the team from Sioux Center. The question to be debated this year will be: "Resolved, That the United States should cease to protect by armed forces American capital invested in Latin America except after formal declaration of war." Final selection of the members of the two teams has not yet been made.

No admission will be charged and it is hoped that a large crowd will come out to hear the debate next Thursday evening at the high school auditorium.

Supt. Clark of Sioux City Will Speak

The Parent-Teacher department will sponsor a school night Tuesday, Feb. 19th, at the high school auditorium at 7:45 p. m., at which time Supt. Clark of the Sioux City schools will talk to the parents.

The High School Orchestra will play and the Girl's Glee Club will sing, Miss Boyum directing. Mr. Beebe will present the Boys' Glee Club.

The members of the Board of Education, the teachers, mothers and fathers (with especial emphasis on the fathers), together with everyone in the town or vicinity who is interested in the welfare of the boys and girls, are invited as guests at this meeting.

Supt. Clark knows children from the school angle as well as from the parent standpoint. His advice will be well worth hearing. Why not pack the auditorium? No admission.