

## DEATHS / LINN COUNTY

**Dale Eugene Herren, 64**, of 5117 Spencer Dr. SW, died Wednesday, July 20, 1994, in St. Luke's Hospital after a long heart illness. Services: 10 a.m. Saturday, Teahen Funeral Home, where friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. Saturday. The Rev. Ken Bell will officiate.



Survivors include his wife, Helen; three daughters, Vicki and Heidi, both of Jackson, Wyo., and Cristi of Juneau, Alaska; a son, Kevin of Solomons Island, Md.; and a sister, Joyce Chrystal of Manchester.

Also surviving are two nieces, Marcia Conrad and Darla Golden; two nephews, Luke Conrad and Jason Knickman; a daughter-in-law, Teri Herren; his mother-in-law, Ethel Knickman; a sister-in-law, Neta Knickman; and two brothers-in-law, Conrad Knickman and Glenn Chrystal.

Born Jan. 18, 1930, in Amber, he married Helen Knickman on Jan. 29, 1971, in Omaha, Neb. He graduated from Anamosa High School in 1948, and the University of Iowa with a B.A. degree in liberal arts in 1964 and an M.A. degree in 1968. He was a former employee of Collins Radio, where he worked in the model shop. He was an elementary education teacher at College Community Schools for 21 years, retiring in 1984. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of VFW Post 788. He also was a member of National Education Association, Iowa State Education Association, College Community Education Association, American Association of Retired People and National Woodcarvers Association.

Dale was a very creative person with his wood-carving and poetry. He gave gifts of love and laughter. He will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Military services will be conducted by VFW Post 788. A memorial fund has been established for the American Heart Association.

**Merle W. Joranko, 65**, of Melbourne, Fla., formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Monday, July 18, 1994, at J.A. Haley Veterans Affairs Hospital, Tampa, Fla., after a long illness. Memorial services: 7 p.m.

Saturday, Kearns, Huisman and Schumacher Chapel on Kimball, Waterloo. His body was cremated. Burial will be at a later date. The family will greet friends one hour before service time Saturday at the chapel.

Survivors include his mother, Hellen Burke of Waterloo; a brother, Donovan Burke of Cedar Falls; and three daughters, Bonnie Joranko of Melbourne, Fla., and Susan Benderson and Kathleen Joranko, both of Cedar Rapids.

Also surviving are two grandchildren, Brian and Julia Benderson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Anthony, and his beloved wife, Beverly.

**Jessie A. Clark, 76**, of 2200 Chandler St. SW, died of cancer Wednesday, July 20, 1994, in Mercy Medical Center. Services: 10 a.m. Saturday, Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home, where friends may call from 6 to 8 tonight. Burial: Linwood Cemetery. The Rev. Glenn Hunt will officiate.



Survivors include her husband, Harold; a son, Robert of Omaha, Neb.; a daughter, Lynda Strobel of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and two brothers, Marvin Campbell of Deep River and William Campbell of Keswick.

Also surviving are four grandchildren.

Born Aug. 27, 1917, in Keswick to William and Edith McClune Campbell, she married Harold Clark on Dec. 30, 1950, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Jessie was a beauty operator, attended Olivet Presbyterian Church and was a member of Retirees from Cherry Burrell. She was an avid bowler and loved gardening. She and Harold spent their winters in Yuma, Ariz.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Karol J. Lubben, 56**, of Fayetteville, Ark., formerly of Center Point, died Tuesday, July 19, 1994, in a Fayetteville hospital after a sudden illness. Services: 1 p.m. Monday, chapel of Nelson's Funeral Home, Fayetteville, where friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Burial: National Cemetery, Fayetteville.

Survivors include a son, Lawrence of Citrus Heights, Calif.; a daughter, Lynelle Stueve of Edgerton, Kan.; her mother, Hazel Lee of Independence; a brother, Dick Knudson of Quasqueton; a sister, Susie Stirm of Independence; and a stepbrother, Lars Lee of Poplar Grove, Ill.

Also surviving are two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John A., in 1987.

Born Feb. 4, 1938, in Center Point, she was the daughter of Alex and Hazel L. Mollenhaer Knudson. She was a homemaker, a member of AARP and had served as a volunteer for the Fayetteville Animal Shelter and the Humane Society in Juneau, Alaska. She had moved from Alaska to Fayetteville seven years ago.

**Marguerite M. Turner, 78**, of 1631 Keith Dr. NE, died Wednesday, July 20, 1994, in her home after a sudden illness. Memorial services: 11 a.m. Monday, Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories, by Monsignor Robert Hogan of St. Matthew Catholic Church. Inurnment: Mount Calvary Cemetery. Friends may register after 10 a.m. Monday at the chapel. Arrangements are with Cedar Memorial Funeral Home.



Survivors include a daughter, Cynthia Benson of Luzerne; two sisters, Marian Morrow and Ellen Barnett, and a brother, James Bacher, all of Cedar Rapids.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Paula Benson, Jo Ann Schmitz and husband Vinnie, and Darrell Turner; two great-grandchildren, David and Vinessa Schmitz; a daughter-in-law, Carole, and a son-in-law, Richard Benson.

She was preceded in death by a son, Dave. Marguerite was born Nov. 2, 1915, in Burlington, the daughter of Herbert and Hazel Hayden Bacher, and married Paul D. Turner on Aug. 19, 1940, in Cedar Rapids. He died in May 1970. Marguerite worked at May's and later at Craemer's department store for many years, retiring in the early 1970s. A memorial fund has been established.

**Robert G. Mingo Sr., 74**, of Center Point, died Thursday, July 21, 1994, in St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids, after a long illness. Services: 1 p.m. Saturday, Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories, by the Rev. Charles Hewitt. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home and after noon Saturday at the chapel.



Survivors include a son, Robert Jr. of Center Point; and three daughters, Judith Reid of Center Point, Jayne Stephenson of Walker and Janice Miner of Springville.

Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Robert was born June 1, 1920, in Cedar Rapids, the son of Raymer and Mattie Pruitt Mingo, and married Gloria Jean Smith on Jan. 11, 1941, in Marion. She died in 1992. Robert was a machinist at Rockwell-Collins for 40 years, retiring in 1982.

A memorial fund has been established.

### SERVICES

**Robert Harry Beadle, 10 a.m.** today, Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home. Burial: Linwood Cemetery.

**Neva B. Landis, 2 p.m.** today, Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home, Marion. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Marantha Bible Church, 701 25th St. NE, Cedar Rapids 52402.

### ARRANGEMENTS PENDING

**Marjorie J. Cook, 93**, of Living Center West, died there Thursday, July 21, 1994, after a long illness. Arrangements are pending at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home.

**Robert G. Sadlon, 73**, of 1665 29th St. NE, died Thursday morning, July 21, 1994, in his home after a lengthy illness. Arrangements are pending at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home.

**Donald E. Smith, 69**, of Urbana, died of heart failure Thursday afternoon, July 21, 1994, in Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids. Arrangements are pending at Murdoch Funeral Home, Center Point.

## DEATHS / EASTERN IOWA

### HILLS

**Harold M. Smith, 88**, formerly of Marengo and Ladora, died Wednesday morning, July 20, 1994, in Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, after a brief illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, First United Methodist Church, Marengo, by the Rev. Mark Young. Burial: Ladora Cemetery, rural Ladora. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Hoover-Valentine Funeral Home, Marengo.

Survivors include his wife, Ila; a son, James of Bettendorf; a daughter, Neola Cashatt of Council Bluffs; three sisters, Marie King of Keokuk, and Thelma Smith and Irene Kimm, both of Marengo; a stepson, Daniel Morse of Livermore, Calif.; and two stepdaughters, Alice Atkinson and Lucena Kazinka, both of Iowa City.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and eight stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Blanche, in 1975; a granddaughter; and three brothers.

Memorials may be given to First United Methodist Church, Marengo; the American Diabetes Association; or Atrium Village, Hills.

### KALONA

**Abner D. Coblentz, 88**, of rural Kalona, died Wednesday, July 20, 1994, in his home after a lingering illness. Services: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Lester Coblentz home near Kalona. Truman Miller will officiate. Burial: Brenneman Cemetery near Kalona. Arrangements are with Yoder-Powell Funeral Home, Kalona.

Survivors include a son, Lester of rural Kalona; a sister, Katie Miller of Pulaski; and a brother, Mose of Middlebury, Ind.

### MALCOM

**Roberta Smith, 81**, formerly of Malcom, died of cancer Wednesday, July 20, 1994, in the Montezuma Senior Home. Services: 10:30 a.m. Monday, Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell. Burial: Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell. Friends may call after 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, where the family will be present from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Mintle of Searsboro.

**Ralph Wentzel, 94**, formerly of Malcom, died of a heart attack Wednesday, July 20, 1994, in Friendship Manor, Grinnell. Services: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell. Burial: Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home, where the family will greet friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Surviving is his wife, Jeanie.

### MARENGO

**Jason Lee Darling, 4 1/2**, died Wednesday, July 20, 1994, in a fire at a relative's home in rural Wellman. Arrangements are pending at Powell Funeral Home, Wellman.

### MONTEZUMA

**Travis Schmidt, 16**, died Tuesday, July 19, 1994, of injuries suffered in an auto accident in Mahaska County. Services: 1:30 p.m. today, Watts Funeral Home, where friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time. Burial: Masonic Cemetery.

Survivors include his father, Karl of New Sharon; his mother and stepfather, Ginny and Michael Ewing of Montezuma; and four sisters, Randi Schmidt of New Sharon, Renee Schmidt of Knoxville, and Dusty and April Ewing, both of Montezuma.

### OELWEIN

**Bethel G. Goldsberry, 84**, died Wednesday, July 20, 1994, in Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, after a long illness. Services: 2 p.m. Monday, First Baptist Church, Fairbank, by the Rev. Scott Harrell. Burial: Fairbank Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home, Oelwein, where there will be a Women's Relief Corps service at 5:30 p.m., Eastern Star service at 6 and military service at 6:30. Friends also may call one hour before service time Monday at the church.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald; three sons, Fred of Waterloo, and Richard and Robert, both of Cedar Rapids; and three daughters, Bonnie Blackmer of Waterloo, Marian Wood of Cedar Rapids and Judy Avis of Marion.

Also surviving are 18 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Order of Eastern Star Chapter 45, Oelwein, and VFW Ladies Auxiliary will conduct special services Sunday.

**Edward J. Joyce, 70**, died Thursday, July 21, 1994, in Mercy Hospital after a short illness. Services: 10 a.m. Saturday, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oelwein, by the Rev. James Goedken. Burial: St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Independence. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home, Oelwein, where there will be a rosary at 7 p.m. and parish Scripture service at 8.

Survivors include two brothers, Francis of Rapid City, S.D., and Morris of Denver, Colo.; and two sisters, Maxine Ohl of Oelwein and Dorothy Shoemaker of Loves Park, Ill.

Knights of Columbus Oelwein Council 1168 will conduct the rosary.

### SIGOURNEY

**LaRue Jacobs, 84**, died Thursday, July 21, 1994, in University Hospitals, Iowa City, of injuries suffered in an auto accident June 27 on Highway 92 between Sigourney and Oskaloosa. Services: 1 p.m. Saturday, United Methodist Church. Burial: Pennington Cemetery near Sigourney. Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Holm Funeral Home.

Survivors include four sons, Frank of Sigourney, Bill of Sabula, Richard of Cedar Rapids and Alan of Phoenix; a daughter, Donna Berrier of Swisher; a brother, Richard Moore of Sigourney; and a sister, Clarys Applegat of Hedrick.

### STANWOOD

**Dallas Jones, 91**, of Deming, N.M., formerly of Stanwood, died Thursday, July 7, 1994, in Hacienda De Salud Care Center, Silver City, N.M., after a long illness. His body was cremated.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma.

Also surviving is a nephew, John Paul Jones of Bertram.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Park in 1945 and Gerald "Bud" in 1990; and a sister, Neva Jones Stoney of Cedar Rapids in 1988.

## Real-slots-only rule gets panel backing

By Rod Boshart  
Gazette Des Moines Bureau

DES MOINES — State gambling regulators Thursday approved a rule deleting video devices from the type of slot machines that will be permitted at parimutuel tracks, but one track official said a legislative panel likely will be asked to alter the ban.

The commission's 5-0 vote means that only slot machines with spinning reels will be allowed at Prairie Meadows horse track in Altoona and dog tracks in Dubuque and Council Bluffs, where voters earlier approved expanded gaming under a law passed by the 1994 Legislature.

However, Jack Ketterer, the commission's administrator, said it was unclear what games lawmakers intended to allow when they voted to lift riverboat wagering limits and allow slot machines at tracks subject to voter approval.

"The Legislature has some duty to come back and give direction" next session, Ketterer said.

In other action Thursday, the commission was given indications that a new referendum could be sought for Sept. 27 in Black Hawk County to allow slot machines at the Waterloo Greyhound Park. A similar ballot issue was defeated May 17.

"It's our plan, if everything goes well in the next two weeks, to conduct another referendum in September," Waterloo track manager Augie Masciotra told the state panel.

On Wednesday, officials of the National Cattle Congress announced negotiations are under way with Casino Magic Corp. of Minneapolis to have the Minnesota company manage the Waterloo track, which currently has sought federal bankruptcy protection.

The state gaming panel Thursday approved the Waterloo track's request for racing dates from Oct. 29, 1995, through April 21, 1996, and to simulcast races from Bluffs Run subject to passage of a second referendum.

Brian Quirk, chairman of the Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors, said the National Cattle Congress has not requested a second referendum, but he anticipated that such a request would be granted.

Opponents have indicated they might challenge another referendum in court.

The commission also approved racing dates for Dubuque Greyhound Park, setting next year's season from April 29 through Oct. 25. Dubuque track general manager Bruce Wentworth indicated his facility hopes to have slot machines installed by Christmas and may attempt to become the first Iowa dog track to offer simulcast races from out-of-state tracks.

Also Thursday, commissioners voted Richard Canella of Fort Madison to serve as chairman for the next two years, replacing Des Moines attorney Lorraine May.



Gazette photo by Todd McInturf

**CORPS CONCERT:** Dean Bassett (left) of Cedar Rapids shakes hands with Mitch Beahm, 15, of Marion, after the Nite Express Drum and Bugle Corps played for Bassett and other patients at St. Luke's Hospital on Thursday afternoon. Bassett joined the corps at age 12, playing the timpani. He played until age 21, when he became a staff member of the organization. The Nite Express played for Bassett, a cancer patient, and others in the St. Luke's Resource Center Courtyard. Beahm plays baritone for the group.

## Officials treating Mason City toddler's death as murder

MASON CITY (AP) — Authorities are awaiting autopsy results to find the cause of death of a 20-month-old boy found Thursday in a creek near downtown Mason City.

Police are investigating the death of John Snyder Jr. as a murder. The boy was reported missing Wednesday morning by his father, John Snyder Sr.

His body was found about 10 a.m. Thursday against a tree stump sticking out of the water near the north bank of Willow Creek, said Mason City Police Chief Duane Jewell. An autopsy was scheduled in Sioux City to

determine the cause of death.

Police reported finding the boy's blue pajama bottoms and diaper Wednesday by the creek, about two blocks south of his home and about one-half mile upstream from where the body was discovered Thursday by searchers using dogs.

John Snyder Sr. had told police he last saw his son late Tuesday night and that the boy was not in his bed when he checked on him about 8 a.m. Wednesday.

"He fell asleep in my bed," Snyder said. "I stayed up and watched TV for a while and

went to bed later. I got up to go to the bathroom. I just couldn't sleep so I put him in his own bed. That was about 11:15."

"Why did I have to put him back in his bed?" he said, his eyes filling with tears.

Snyder has full custody of his son and never married the boy's mother, Lisa Sellman. The toddler's grandmother, Kay Snyder of Mason City, said Sellman had recently moved to Illinois from Arizona.

Police had not been able to contact Sellman following the boy's disappearance.

## Jobless rate is lowest since '78

By Rod Boshart

DES MOINES — Iowa's economic vitality pushed June's jobless rate to 3.5 percent — the lowest level since the state began keeping seasonally adjusted data in 1978 — and a new record for employment, state officials said Thursday.

In June, 1,504,400 Iowans were working, while the 54,100 idled workers marked the lowest number of unemployed in Iowa since 52,500 job seekers were reported in October 1978, said Ann Wagner, a labor market analyst for the Iowa Department of Employment Services.

"Things are looking fairly good in this state," Wagner said in issuing a June unemployment report that showed a slight decrease after the jobless rate hovered at 3.6 percent for three consecutive months. Nationally, unemployment stood at 6 percent in June.

Unemployment in Iowa stood at 4 percent one year earlier, when 62,000 Iowans were looking for work and 1,499,200 held jobs, she said. The number of out-of-work Iowans dropped 1,400 from May to June while 10,500 more people held jobs last month compared to May. "June was a record-setting month for total employment, non-farm payroll employment and the unemployment rate," said DES Director Cynthia Eisenhauer.