

Iowa Vet, 25, Kills Mother, Shoots Brother

POCAHONTAS (AP)—A 25-year-old World war II veteran was held on an open charge Wednesday in the county jail after his mother was shot to death and a younger brother wounded.

In jail was Lowell Vosika, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Vosika, farmers two miles northwest of here.

The shooting occurred Tuesday night at the Vosika farm home.

Mrs. Vosika, 54, was shot three times with a .22 caliber rifle, twice in the neck and once in the arm. A brother, Richard, 21, was reported early Wednesday in fair condition at a Fort Dodge hospital with a gunshot wound in the shoulder.

Sheriff E. R. Sathly said Vosika had admitted orally the shooting. He gave no reason for it, the sheriff said.

Both Sathly and Dr. E. F. Heathman, Pocahontas county coroner, said Vosika had no signs of mental instability when he returned from the service.

However, a doctor in the Pocahontas hospital, Dr. J. H. Duncan, Grant, county coroner, said that Vosika had not shown any signs of mental illness but suffered "recurrences of malaria" which he contracted as a combat infantry soldier in the Pacific theater.

It is added that Vosika suffered severe shock during the shooting and had been "quietly" and "withdrawn" since his return home.

The elder Vosika was not at home when the shooting occurred. Sathly said the Vosika family was well-known and respected in the Pocahontas area. Another son of the family, Carl, was killed in France during World War II. A daughter, Jeanette, 19, is a student at Iowa State college.

Bartender Hesitates To Give Testimony

SIoux CITY (AP)—A bartender who balked at answering questions before a grand jury Tuesday about the sale of lottery tickets later testified after being told the grand jury was proceeding.

The grand jury is investigating gambling operations in Sioux City and Woodbury county under the direction of Carl Stuedel, a special assistant attorney general.

Stuedel identified the bartender as Max Bekich, who works in a downtown city. Stuedel said Bekich had declined to answer questions at first because he thought they might incriminate him.

Bekich testified after advice from his attorney that he gave a complete answer if he related to answer and after Stuedel said that the grand jury will have jurisdiction to the grand jury on gambling could not be traced as the result of that testimony.

Stuedel said the grand jury returned to the sale of lottery tickets to continue Wednesday. The witness may not testify until Sunday.

Branch Line Hearing Held at What Cheer

WHAT CHEER—A hearing was held here Monday on the North Western railway's application to abandon its branch line from Belle Plaine to What Cheer.

Major user of the line in this area is the What Cheer Cattle Promotes Company. Large amounts of graded rock for building fire-belt, concrete, and other work, as well as large shipments of livestock.

Quarters claim abandonment of the line also would mean to increase in taxes for residents of Keokuk county. Last year the railroad paid \$222 in taxes.

The decision will be made by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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Mrs. Cassidy Arraignment To Be Friday

WAUKON—Mrs. Clem Cassidy, 45, of Happers Ferry is scheduled to be arraigned Friday morning on a first degree murder charge.

She reportedly has admitted that she shot and killed Leonard Garin, 46, bachelor farmer, Sunday night during a "lover's spat."

Allamakee County Attorney William Shaffer said the preliminary hearing will be held before Justice of the Peace L. T. Horne, Waukon, Council to defend Mrs. Cassidy was being sought Wednesday.

Sheriff William Huffman said late Tuesday that Mrs. Cassidy, mother of four children, made a statement which related that she and Garin had been drinking whisky at the Cassidy home.

When she rebuffed his attempted intimacies, Huffman said the statement related, Garin threatened to leave her and find another woman.

Huffman quoted the woman's statement as saying that she replied "Oh, no you won't," and picked up the rifle and fired at him. The gun was a .22 caliber rifle.

At the time of the shooting, Mrs. Cassidy, a railroad bridge crew employee, was at work in Marquette.

A coroner's jury Tuesday returned a verdict that Garin died of a gunshot wound "inflicted by Mrs. Cassidy."

Robbie Cassidy, 14, told the coroner's jury his mother sent him to Garin's room to invite the man to the Cassidy home about 7 p.m. At first, Robbie testified, Garin refused, but responded after the boy was sent to the man's home a second time.

Robbie then went to a movie leaving his mother and Garin alone.

The Cassidy's other children are Marilyn, 15, at home, and Dwayne, 23, and Claudia, 19, both living in Chicago.

Cause of House Blast Still Not Determined

AMES (AP)—Officers of the state fire marshal's office were still running tests here Wednesday in an effort to track down the cause of the explosion which wrecked the home of Dr. A. R. Lauer Sunday night.

An insurance company investigator said it had been determined that some kind of gas caused the blast, although the gas simply leaked into the house had been shut off for several days.

Dr. Lauer, professor of psychology at Iowa State college, returned Tuesday from Cincinnati where he and Mrs. Lauer had been attending a conference on safety education. He said he had no idea what caused the explosion.

Insurance men said the house was so badly damaged that it probably could not be repaired or rebuilt. No estimate of the loss has been made.

The Rev. James A. Bean To Teach in France

MT. VERNON — The Rev. James A. Bean, son of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bean of Mt. Vernon, will sail Nov. 29 for France to teach where he will join the faculty of Sacred college at LeChampion. Second college, established by two French Reform ministers shortly before World War II, now has about 200 students. Mr. Bean is sponsored by the foreign board of the Presbyterian church. His wife and infant son will join him in France at a later date.

Foreign Students At SUI To Dine In Iowa Homes

IOWA CITY—More than 100 foreign students at the University of Iowa will become acquainted with the American Thanksgiving tradition when they sit down to dinner in Iowa homes Thursday.

Richard E. Sweitzer, counsel to foreign students at the university, said every foreign student who expressed a desire to spend Thanksgiving in an Iowa home has been invited to dinner. Sweitzer's office polled the foreign students to see if they would like to take part in the program.

About 70 replied that they had already accepted invitations from Iowa citizens or fellow students. Seventeen more were placed from a standing list of Iowa City invitations.

Thirteen students will eat in Osage homes as the result of a letter written to the Mitchell County Press and Osage News by Joyce Horton, an Osage senior at the university.

Miss Horton wrote the newspaper and mentioned the foreign students who would spend Thanksgiving in Iowa homes. She thought that it would be a real American gesture if people in Osage would invite these students into their homes for Thanksgiving.

Editor Lester G. Benz published the letter and the people of Osage picked up the idea. Students from Bolivia, Norway, the Philippine Islands, Iran, Japan, Egypt, Palestine, Egypt, Burma, China and France will make the 161-mile trip to Osage Thursday morning.

Loftus of Tama Gets Legion Appointment

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Ward M. Loftus of Tama has been named to the Americanism committee of the National Security Commission.

He was appointed by National American Legion Commander Erle Cooke, Jr., who appointed a number of other Legionnaires to national committees as part of the Legion's 1931 program to achieve American security through strength.

Roy O. Garber, Des Moines, was named national vice-chairman of the merchant marine affairs committee. Other towns appointed by Cooke include George O. Partridge of Sioux City to the internal affairs commission; Dr. Charles B. Logan of Keokuk to the publications commission; A. A. Anderson of Bloomfield to the marksmanship committee, and Dr. Walter L. Biering, Iowa State commission of health, to the national rehabilitation advisory board.

Iowa City To Have Five Councilmen

IOWA CITY—When the new council-manager form of government takes over in Iowa City next March there will be five members on the council, City Atty. William Bartley said Tuesday.

Bartley said that the Iowa code provides that cities having a population of 20,000 or more may elect five councilmen. Since SUI students are now being counted as residents of Iowa City, the population mark has topped 27,000.

In a special election last April, Iowa City residents voted to install the council-manager form of government to take the place of the present mayor-council type.

Power Lines Hearing Will Be Held Dec. 12

DES MOINES (INS)—The Iowa State Commerce Commission Wednesday named Dec. 12 as the date for a hearing at Des Moines on 14 petitions for the construction of transmission lines.

The lines were proposed for 13 counties: Henry, Keokuk, Poweshick, Union, Washington, Sioux, Carroll, Montgomery, Mills, Taylor, Pottawattamie, Page and Tama.

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Around Iowa

Civilian Defense—Iowa Attorney General Robert Larson will lead a panel discussion on civilian defense at the convention of the National Association of Attorneys General in Miami, Fla., starting Dec. 9.

Sympathy Strike—The American Federation of Labor has been asked to investigate a "sympathy strike" by 16 workers at the Iowa Foundry Company in Sioux City. A company spokesman said the men, members of the Moulders and Foundry Workers Union of North America AFL, left their jobs without cause Tuesday after Norman Tiller submitted his resignation as general manager. Tiller had held the post for seven months.

Runaway Blimp—Airport controls throughout the Midwest were alerted Wednesday for a runaway blimp which pulled loose from its moorings at Quincy, Ill., Tuesday. The 30-foot blimp, filled with helium gas and valued at \$1,500, had a 35-foot advertising streamer attached. Aviation officials said the loose blimp was a "menace to air navigation." It is owned by a Quincy automobile firm.

Cop's Wife Shot—Mrs. Ben Montgomery, wife of the police traffic bureau chief at Council Bluffs, was shot accidentally Tuesday as her husband repaired his gun at a kitchen table. The bullet struck her in the arm.

Youth Conference—About 200 delegates from five states are expected to attend the United Synagogue Youth Conference which opens Friday in Des Moines. They will come from Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas. Theme of the conference is: "To Learn, To Teach, To Do".

Student Killed—Don Cook, 20, son of Dr. Stuart H. Cook of Rock Rapids, was killed Wednesday when a car driven by his father went out of control on a patch of icy pavement and overturned. Young Cook, a student at the University of Nebraska, was crushed beneath the car. His father escaped with bruises.

Vindicated—Detective Lt. Stanger, Governor of Des Moines succeeded Tuesday in clearing his record of a 30-day suspension for conduct unbecoming an officer. The Civil Service Commission ruled that the suspension of Geyer by Police Chief Frank Mabey should be reversed. The suspension grew out of an alleged altercation between Geyer and Theodore Vinyone in a Des Moines tavern operated by Vinyone. Geyer will receive his regular pay of \$285 for the month he was under suspension.

Murder Suspect—Council Bluffs police indicated Wednesday that they would like to question a 17-year-old Council Bluffs youth arrested in Denver for any connections with the slaying of a cab driver, George Massouris, the cab driver, was found shot to death in Council Bluffs Saturday night. The youth held in Denver has been accused of stealing a car on the night of the murder.

Hospital School Children Given Holiday Party

IOWA CITY—Singing waitresses in white caps and aprons carried food to children at the Iowa Hospital School for Severely Handicapped Children Tuesday noon while a jovial "head waiter" amused them.

Meanwhile, "visitors" suddenly removed hats, coats, and other disguises and started helping handicapped children feed themselves. Taking a second look, the children saw that waitresses were their teachers who usually helped feed those who needed help. A graduate assistant at the school was playing head waiter. Visitors were other staff members, helping make the Thanksgiving party a real surprise.

Children had expected the holiday celebration to begin later in the afternoon. They had been rehearsing entertainment for several weeks and were suddenly called upon to perform.

The boys' and girls' glee clubs sang and there were two piano solos, a reading and a short play. Two Iowa City girls provided outside entertainment, dancing for the children.

Pumpkin pie and ginger ale finished off luncheon and the party ended just in time for afternoon naps.

Frank Messer Reports Campaign Cost \$1,170

DES MOINES (AP)—Frank F. Messer of Iowa City, unsuccessful Democratic nominee for the Iowa supreme court in the Nov. 7 election, reported Wednesday he spent \$1,170 in his campaign. He reported no contributions.

New Chapter Formed at Arlington School Iowa City Truck Driver Is Cited

ARLINGTON—Advanced business students at Arlington high school have organized a chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America.

Officers and charter members are: Janet Barney, president; Audrey Seedorf, vice-president; Maxine Astor, secretary; Barbara Barrack, treasurer; Rosie Roberts, reporter; Jean Wilson, Shirley Peepor, Violet Bissell, Rosella Dixon, Joyce Cordes, Marilyn Bowers, Beatrice Wilcox, Hazel Herzmann, Dona Loomis and DeLores Anderson.

Mrs. Mildred Wenger, commercial teacher, is sponsor of the group. The girls have made a survey of school supplies purchased during the last year. Their next project will be to compile a history of all high school graduates from 1900 to 1950.

Ten Buchanan County Draftees Are Inducted

INDEPENDENCE—Ten Buchanan county draft registrants reported in Des Moines this week for induction.

They were: John H. McNeal, Harold E. Givens, Robert E. Franks and Darius A. Aske, Independence; Kaare Lode and Charles M. Steils, Jessup; Lester E. Thomas, Aurora; John H. Schweitzer, Rowley; Robert B. Peyton, Walker, and Francis J. Mix, Waterloo.

Buchanan county now has a backlog of 44 men who have passed their physical tests and found acceptable for military service.

Seven Benton County Men Called by Draft

VINTON—Seven Benton county men will report in Des Moines Dec. 12 for induction into the army.

They are: Austin Brandt, LaPorte City; Dean Urice, Vinton; Merlin Ricek, Luzerne; Charles Beatty and Oliver Schmitke, Shellburg; Harold Becker, Watkins; and John Kvidera, Dyar.

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