

# Obituaries

HARVEY PLUIM

Harvey Pluim, 53, Orange City, owner of Pluim Publishing Co., died Wednesday, September 15 while on a fishing trip at Savant Lake in Canada.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the First Christian Reformed Church in Orange City. The Rev. Thomas C.

Vanden Heuvel officiated. Burial was in Westlawn Cemetery. Visitation was from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday in the Van Gelder Funeral Home in Orange City.

Mr. Pluim was born July 1, 1929, in Sioux Center. He graduated from Sioux Center high school and attended Northwestern College. He served with the Air Force during the Korean War.

He married Hildred Huisman Nov. 20,

1951, in Orange City.

He owned and operated the Pluim Publishing Co., which publishes the Capitol, the Democrat and the Adviser. He served as president 27 years. He also was founder and president of Northwest Realty.

He was a member and elder of the First Christian Reformed Church. He was a former Lions Club officer, past president of the Chamber of Commerce and served on the Tulip Festival Steering Committee. He was past president of the Shoppers Guide of Iowa, served on the board of directors of the National Advertisers and Publishers Association and was on the board of the Publication of Christian Reformed Churches of America.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Bob (Linda) Hulstain and Mrs. Kevin (Lisa) Tesch, both of Orange City; two sons, Dan W. of Orange City and Dale at home; two brothers, Kenneth of Sioux Center and Don of Hull; two half-brothers, William Willemstyn of Orange City and Alvin Lonjers of Dubuque; three half-sisters, Mrs. Ed (Becky) Schaap of Orange City, Mrs. John (Cora) Alofs of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Mrs. Bill (Laura) Korver of Maurice and seven grandchildren.

A memorial has been established in Mr. Pluim's name with the Tuition Aid Fund of the Christian Reformed Church.

MRS. DARWIN VANDER ESCH

Mrs. Darwin Vander Esch, 19, of Ireton, died Tuesday, September 14 of a gunshot wound.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Lebanon Christian Reformed Church with the Revs. Kenneth Eiten and Paul Siebeking officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home of Sioux Center.

Mrs. Vander Esch, the former Lisa Hamstra, was born June 23, 1963, in Cherokee. She attended Ireton schools. She married Darwin Vander Esch Nov. 1, 1980, in Ireton. They lived near Ireton. She was a member of the Lebanon Christian Reformed Church.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Jason Michael; her father, John Hamstra; her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Vander Hamm of Ireton; one brother, Lyle of Sioux City; two sisters, Lana and Lori, both at home; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit J. Vermeer of Boyden, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hamstra of Merrill.

MRS. HENRY MAASSEN

Mrs. Henry (Jeanette) Maassen, 86, of Rock Valley died Saturday, September 17 in a hospital at Rock Valley.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Porter Funeral Home. The Rev. A. Den Boer officiated. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery.

Mrs. Maassen, the former Jeanette Faber, was born Dec. 4, 1895, in the Netherlands.

She married Henry Maassen Jan. 27, 1921, at Lyon County. He died May 8, 1954.

Survivors include two sons, John of Lynden, Wash. and Marinus of Rock Valley; three daughters, Mrs. Marinus (Alice) Oostra of Lynden, Mrs. Albert (Rika) Van Den Top of Rock Valley and Mrs. Minard (Cora) Van Den Top of Doon; one brother, Siebolt of Inwood; one sister, Mrs. Jim (Jennie) Nichols of Artesia, Calif.; 35 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren.

FRITZ HAMANN

Fritz Hamann, 75, Rock Valley, died Thursday, September 16, at the Hegg Memorial Hospital in Rock Valley.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Porter Funeral Home in Rock Valley. The Rev. Clarence Burns officiated. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery. Family visitation was from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Hamann was born April 5, 1907, in Germany. He came to the United States in 1913. He married Henbrena Vander Naald on Oct. 26, 1938, at Sioux Falls, S.D. Mr. Hamann worked as an auto mechanic in Rock Valley until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife; seven sons, Bill, Fred, Bob, and Dale of Rock Valley, Ron of Beardstown, Ill., Karl of Portland, Ore., and Arlyn of Sioux Falls; two daughters, Berdella Boehmke of Ankeny and Mrs. Ron (Linda) Boersma of Orange City; five brothers, Ted, Max, and Karl of Rock Valley, Bill and Heinie of California; four sisters, Mrs. Ernest Miller, Mrs. Bernard Splear, and Mrs. Clifford Moore of Rock Valley, and Mrs. Heinie Junge of Sioux City; twelve grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

MATILDA SMEENK

Matilda Smeenk, 83, of Sioux Center, died Thursday, September 16 at a Sioux Center hospital.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at the Sioux Center Community Building with the Revs. Leslie White and Troy Craig officiating. Burial was in the Nassau Township Cemetery under the direction of the Vander Ploeg Funeral Home.

Miss Smeenk was born July 11, 1899, in Worthing, S.D. She became an evangelist, ministering in the United States and the Netherlands. She was in Rotterdam at the time of the German bombing during World War II and was interned as a United States citizen for 18 months, first in Holland and later in a camp in Germany. In March 1944, she was repatriated with more than 500 Americans on a Swedish refugee ship, the Gripsholm. Since July 29, 1977, she has made her home in the Franken Manor in Sioux Center.

Survivors include one sister, Emma Kloster of LeMars, Iowa; and one brother, Ray Smeenk of Harrisburg, S.D.

MRS. DORA SMITS

Mrs. Dora Smits, 86, of Orange City died Monday, September 13 in a nursing home in Orange City after a long illness.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the First Christian Reformed Church. The Rev. Thomas C. Vanden Heuvel officiated. Burial was in West Lawn Cemetery. Visitation was from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Van Gelder Funeral Home in Orange City.

Mrs. Smits, the former Dora Jeltama, was born Oct. 14, 1895, in Orange City.

She married Aric Smits March 18, 1915, at Maurice. They farmed in the Orange City area until 1940 when they retired and moved to town. He died Oct. 31, 1959.

She was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church and Thy Kingdom Come Society.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Arie (Johanna) Van Gelder of Bellflower, Calif. and Mrs. Marjorie Jacobsma of Holland, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. Marvin (Jo) Timmerman of Middleville, Mich. and Mrs. Peter (Bertha) Kroeze of Orange City; nine grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

ALOYSIUS HOFFMANN

Aloysius Hoffmann, 83, of Hospers died Monday, September 13 in a hospital in Orange City after a lengthy illness.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hospers. The Rev. Richard Ries officiated. Burial was in the parish cemetery under the direction of the Fisch Funeral Home of Remsen. The rosary was recited by the parish at 4:30, 7:30, and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the church.

Mr. Hoffmann was born April 16, 1899, at St. Donatus. He came to the Alton area at the age of 2 with his parents and moved to the Hospers area at age 7.

He married Rose Nichol Jan. 8, 1928, at Granville. They were engaged in farming until 1964 when they retired and moved into Hospers.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, Wilfred and Marvin, both of Hospers, Gerald of Sioux City, Robert of Archer and James of Minneapolis, Minn.; four daughters, Mrs. Bob (Bernice) Konz of Rock Valley, Mrs. Donald (Alice) Stapenhorst and Mrs. Milton (Viola) Schmit, both of Hospers and Mrs. Darrel (Patricia) Steffes of Granville; two sisters, Mrs. Art (Emma) Blocker of Bancroft and Mrs. Nick (Rose) Becker of Hospers; 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

BEN C. FRERICHS

Ben C. Frerichs, 73, of Akron died Sunday, September 12 in a Sioux City hospital after a long illness.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron. The Rev. Marvin Mueller officiated. Burial was in the Grace Hill Cemetery at Hawarden. There was a prayer service at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Schroeder Funeral Home at Akron.

Mr. Frerichs was born Aug. 23, 1909, in Plymouth County.

He married Edna Kleinhans June 23, 1937, at Akron. They farmed in the Hawarden and Akron areas all their married life, retiring to Akron in August of 1969.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Gene of Hawarden; one daughter, Mrs. Raffaele (Mary Ellen) Iezzi of Sioux City; two sisters, Clara Sathoff of Chatsworth and Mrs. Russ Marshall of Ireton; three brothers, Albert, Edwin and Herb, all of Akron and seven grandchildren.

## Local women attend Classical

## Union officer's workshop

Mrs. Audrey Den Herder and Mrs. Wilfred Cleveringa of rural Sioux Center and Mrs. Kenneth Sandbulte of rural Rock Valley, attended a workshop for Classical Union officers on Sept. 15 and 16 in the Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center.

Mrs. Den Herder represents the West Sioux Classical Union on Synodical and National Boards of Reformed Church Women. Next May she will become a second vice-president of the National Board, which meets bi-annually. The vice-presidency is a three-year office.

Mrs. Sandbulte is Secretary of Service for the West Sioux Classical Union for Reformed Church Women and Mrs. Cleveringa is Secretary of Education of

that same organization.

Reformed Church Women, an organization of the Reformed Church in America, seeks to unite women in Christian fellowship, to deepen their spiritual lives, and to unite women in a program of prayer, education, giving and service.

Among other things, the 90 delegates from seven states in the Midwest participated in a Workshop on Communication, discussed peace-making, and various areas of leadership training and mission. Many Reformed Church Women in the Midwest are making plans to attend a National Triennial Assembly in Holland, Mich. in May of 1983.

## In Education...

By Lyle R. Kooiker

As you recall, last year the Board of Education spent many hours establishing goals and objectives for our school district. One of them was to develop an instrument to acquire community and graduate input regarding course offerings for our students. The survey may also ask other questions relating to school matters. I would like you to begin thinking about these ideas. We feel that

your ideas and input are vital to the continued progress of our district and educational opportunities for our students.

If you are not on our mailing list for the monthly newsletter and would like to be, please call the office at 722-2981. If you are not on the mailing list, you probably will not receive this first survey. Please feel free to contact us and be placed on the mailing list. Your ideas are always welcome.

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## Dr. Ringerwole

### to dedicate organ

Dr. Joan Ringerwole of Sioux Center will present the dedicatory recital on St. Thomas' Episcopal Church's recently installed Reuter Organ on September 25 at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Ringerwole is professor of music at Dordt College, and she holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance and pedagogy from the University of Iowa. She has performed in churches and colleges throughout the United States and Canada. The public is invited.

## Thoughts from Buddy...

By Buddy Arnold

This week I switched jobs for a day. I went from my desk to the workshop. This was where I started in 1975. The W.A.C. is far different than in those days. I saw a great deal of difference in space, in the number of staff, and in the job tasks. Fish hooks were our main contract when I came in 1975.

Now they sort pop cans and this job is surprisingly done by high-functioning and low-functioning residents and clients. They know their pop cans and where they go. Joy told me that they sort anywhere from 50,000 to 70,000 cans a week. Yesterday was a slow day for pop cans, but a person feels proud anyway. I was an observer for the entire day and it was fun to return to the Work Activity Center. Duane assigned me to the pre-vocational area. I met Dianna who works

with my friend, Sue Getting. This class is much like the P.A.D. class at the Village; however, its purpose is to some day put these people into tasks they can perform. This is a good class and I was impressed by the work of Dianna. The clients seem to love her as well.

In the afternoon I spent time in the pallet operation. I watched Don tie rope and John and Arnie take a pallet apart. It was fun; however, I missed Ivan Pennings who was one of my favorite supervisors while I was at the Center before the Village became reality. Ivan and Jan made life less bitter in those days. It was through Ivan that I received a nudge into the world. He told me that my column was a way that I could help and at Camp Sunnyside God showed me the truth of which Ivan spoke. The ministry for handicapped people instead of teenagers began and it has never stopped.

## Words from Ted...

By Ted Kaemingk

I read that we have too much corn for man and beast in the United States, but Mexico is hungry for our corn and our other grain. And they, on the other hand, have too much oil.

It's easy to figure out what to do. We need oil, so why not swap grain for oil? Do you know the excuse they use? They say Saudi Arabia will not like that. Have you ever heard a crazier excuse than that, or am I that dumb not to understand? What in the world is that to Saudi Arabia if we buy our oil from our neighbor?

President Reagan better settle this like he did with the Israelis. He told them where to get off, and I hope he sticks with it. If they want to keep on fighting, I hope we forget about them and surely won't give them any money or weapons.

Yes, I dare to write more boldly this week because I had so many comments and encouragements on my column this

week. There must be something in it that people like to read. You can always talk about the weather; everybody else does. They talk about the weather on T.V., but they don't seem to know anymore than we do.

Now, too, the sky is dark and full of rain, but nothing comes down. Why not? We've been on this earth for 6,000 years and we know very little about what makes it go around or why it rains here and not over there.

How about Noah? Must we believe that it never rained before? If that's so, I sure have to give him credit for believing that God spoke to him. It seems that God spoke to Noah through a holy man, or did God take on the form of man or use the angels that appeared in the form of man.

God now speaks to us through His word, but are we able to define that word? If one says that it is the devil speaking and the other person says it is God speaking, what must we believe?

And yet we know it is God speaking to us through holy men, angels or through his book, the Bible. But do we always listen so we can go on debating back and forth? No, we do not understand, but we believe.

So the answer is this: the evil one even tried to fool Jesus when He was on the earth, and Jesus said, "Get thee behind me Satan."

I believe the best way to get rid of Satan is to simply say like the little children do when they sing in Sunday School: Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Believe me, I have tried it more than once, and it works. Satan leaves to try again some other time. He is our trouble in this world. We blame others and sometimes ourselves for our troubles, but Satan is the beginning and the cause of it all. We would be much better off if we would see it that way, and not blame ourselves or somebody else for our troubles.

## Church Services Schedule

Hope Lutheran Church meets at Public Library basement in Sioux Center. Rev. Robert Hanson, pastor. Sunday morning worship, 8:45; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Bethel Christian Reformed Church, 341 S. Main Ave., Sioux Center. Rev. Duane Tinklenberg, pastor. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; evening worship, 7 p.m.

Carmel Reformed Church, rural Rock Valley. Rev. Virgil Dykstra, pastor. Sunday morning worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.; evening worship, 7:15 p.m.; RCYF, 7:15 p.m.

Central Reformed Church, 113 N. Main Ave., Sioux Center. Rev. Dennis Wilcox, pastor. Sunday morning worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.; Evening worship, 7:15 p.m.

Covenant Christian Reformed Church, 142 2nd St. NE. Rev. Gilbert Kamps, pastor. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Church School, 11:15 a.m.; Evening worship, 6:00 p.m.

Church of Christ, City Hall basement, Sioux Center. Kenny Dietz, minister. Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Morning worship, 10 a.m.; Afternoon worship, 1 p.m.; Mid-week Bible study, Thursday, 8 p.m. (For location, call 439-2048.)

Dover Ave. Alliance Church, 3rd and Dover NE, Orange City. Rev. Henry A. Elgersma, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening worship, 6:30 p.m.

First Reformed Church, Maurice, Ia. Rev. Edward Fikse, pastor. Sunday morning worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church, 633 1st Ave. S.W., Sioux Center. David J. Schildroth, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening worship, 6:30 p.m.; Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Faith Christian Reformed Church, 801 9th St. SE. Rev. Dave Smit, pastor. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.; Evening worship, 7 p.m.

First Christian Reformed Church, 106 2nd St. NE. Sioux Center. Rev. John Hellinga, pastor. Morning worship, 9:30 a.m.; Church Education, 10:50 a.m.; Evening hymnsing, 7 p.m.; Evening worship, 7:15 p.m.

First Reformed Church, 160 10th St. SE, Sioux Center. Dr. Thurman Rynbrandt, pastor. Sunday morning worship, 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Evening worship, 7:15 p.m.

Free Grace Reformed Church, Middleburg. Rev. Robert Hector, pastor. Sunday morning worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.; RCYF, 7:05 p.m.; Evening worship, 7:15 p.m.

Lebanon Christian Reformed Church, rural Sioux Center. Rev. Kenneth Eiten, pastor. Morning worship, 10:00 a.m.; Evening worship, 7:15 p.m.

Netherlands Reformed Church, 435 N. Main Ave., Sioux Center. Rev. A. Den Boer, pastor. Morning worship, 9:30 a.m.; Afternoon worship, 2 p.m.; Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Rural Route, Sioux Center. Rev. Ron Nelson, pastor. Worship service, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:10 a.m.; Adult Class, 10:15 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church, Hwy. 10 East, Orange City, Ia. Rev. Michael Klafehen, pastor. Sunday morning worship, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 10:15 a.m.