

Mrs. Frank Hammon Dies from Injuries

Son Hastens Back from Germany

LYNCH — Mrs. Frank Hammon, 66, died at the Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch Wednesday, June 24, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Hammon and her husband were both seriously injured

in a head-on auto collision Wednesday, June 17, one and one-half miles west of Niobrara.

Mr. Hammon, who is also in the Lynch hospital, is "improving" but still not out of danger.

All of their surviving seven sons and five daughters have been at their parents' bedside except Eldon, who was on his way home from Germany at the time of his mother's death.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hammon were held at the Lynch Wesleyan Methodist church Monday, June 29, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Keith Cunningham in charge.

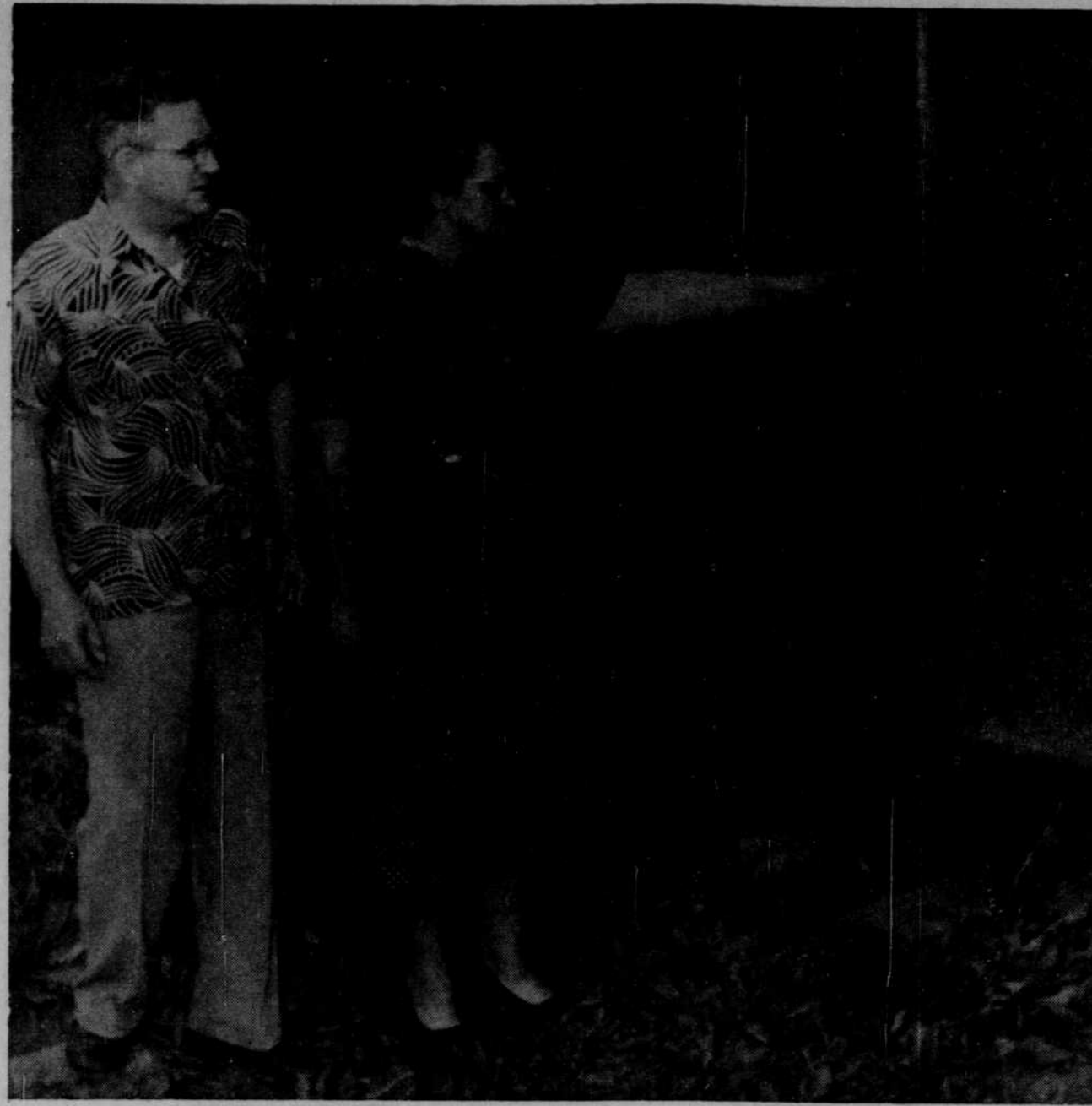
Survivors include: Widower; sons — Archie of Nampa, Ida; Gilbert of Tillamook, Ore.; Chester of Spencer; Donald of Stanton; Phillip of Lynch and Eldon in Germany with the U.S. forces; daughters — Mrs. Fred (Vesta) Moon of Eugene, Ore.; Mrs. Robert (Mildred) Anderson of Bend, Ore.; Mrs. Floyd (Bessie) Aspin of Stanton and Althea and Donelda at home.

The funeral was delayed until Monday, June 29, waiting for the return of Eldon who was enroute home from Germany.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meyers . . . stolen suitcase burned there.

'No Brakeman Would Do That!'

Joseph McLimans had a habit of sleeping in the caboose of his train at Bonesteel and always parked his car near the depot. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meyers, Bonesteel depot agent and his wife, live in an apartment on the second floor of the depot and the McLimans vehicle invariably is parked in easy view of the Meyers.

On the night of March 6 the McLimans car was gone. The next day the Calkins slaying was the talk of the town and Mrs. Meyers jokingly accused McLimans, in his presence, of perpetrating the murder.

Authorities did not check with Mr. and Mrs. Meyers until last week when they were checking his story. He had insisted during the interrogation that he had been playing poker that night at Bonesteel, but the contact with Mr. and Mrs. Meyers substantiated he was away.

He subsequently chopped up the suitcase and burned it in the stove in the caboose. He removed the "D.D." plate and threw it in a toilet. The pistol, which was believed to have been gotten in Norfolk, was hidden and authorities have not divulged where it

is located.

The "Voice of The Frontier" special events microphone was hastened to Bonesteel Friday after a letter was received from the Meyers, telling details of their contact with McLimans.

Mrs. Meyers said McLimans sat in their apartment the morning of the murder and listened to Cal Stewart telling the news to the world that Chief Calkins had been slain.

McLimans she said, was unmoved. Finally, when the broadcast was over, Mrs. Meyers turned on McLimans:

"You're the man they want. Joe . . . you drive a late model

green Kaiser and you were gone way into the night. You killed Chief Calkins!"

McLimans stared at the floor, shrugged his shoulders and walked away, saying: "You're crazy. No brakeman would do a thing like that!"

The next day—Saturday—the Meyers saw McLimans drive up in his Kaiser. Mrs. Meyers again turned on him, saying:

"Joe, aren't you afraid coming across country in that green Kaiser . . . aren't you afraid they'll pick you up?"

McLimans said no.

Slayer's Wife Says: 'I'll Stick By Him'

Mrs. Pearl McLimans, young wife of the slayer, told The Frontier Friday afternoon at Long Pine that she would "stick with her husband." The slayer's mother-in-law, Mrs. Alice Coen of Long Pine, who works at a rest home there, echoed the same sentiment.

Both women spoke to Cal Stewart, on the "Voice of The Frontier" special events microphone and the contents of the interview were aired in a special program Saturday morning.

The McLimans dwelling in Long Pine is a few hundred feet west of the depot. An oil tank car literally sat in the back yard when The Frontier reporter called, accompanied by Joe Biglin, "Voice of The Frontier" radio engineer.

Joe McLimans' adopted son, Bobby, 5, and his own 18-months-old son, Don, were playing in a sandpit beside the house. Four neighbor girls had congregated there and play went on — the tender minds completely unaware of the situation.

"Joe wouldn't harm a dog," the mother-in-law said. "I've been riding down the road with him in the car and he'd slam on the brakes to avoid hitting a dog or a chicken. He was not tough. He'd been doing a lot of drink."

Some of the loot that has been found was worth anything. I don't understand it."

The slayer's wife, who had been married before, told The Frontier a bit about Joe's war record.

"He wouldn't talk much about the war," she sobbed. "He did say that on that bombing mission in which his plane was shot down over Germany one of his buddies, who had been wounded, died in his arms."

"He said the food in the German prisoner of war camp consisted of rotten potatoes and stale bread."

"I met him in Long Pine four years ago when Joe began coming into Long Pine as a brakeman on the railroad. We were married in 1931."

Finally, she scooped up her children and went into the house and closed the door. She had refused to talk to the reporter except that he promised not to take a picture of the children or ask anything on the microphone that "might hurt Joe."

Mrs. Coen said Joe was very kind to her crippled son, 19, who had been permanently injured in a hunting accident 3½ years ago. "He wheeled my Robert around town in the wheel chair and took him fishing."

The slayer's foster mother,

Mrs. Lillian McLimans of Norfolk, told a reporter her son might be a split personality—a "Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde."

Earlier she had insisted that Joe wasn't the same boy she had raised and sent off to the wars when he enlisted in the air force.

"I was proud of him when he was in uniform."

There has been no apparent deep affection between the slayer's foster mother and the wife and mother-in-law, although the three women sat together in the courtroom.

Joe's own children have silken white hair.

The slayer had been taken to Ainsworth and Long Pine Thursday afternoon in rounding up some of the loot. At his home, he held his stepson in his arms for an hour or more. A toy terrier dog romped and frolicked when he saw his master—the first time in four months.

It was the first time McLimans had seen his month-old baby.

"He was a funny guy," said one of the Long Pine workers—a night telegraph operator.

"When I first came to Long Pine a couple of years ago, I used to roundup the crews. Joe would come in and talk a little. But during the past year or so he didn't have much to say."

"Sometimes I'd see him dragging himself home in the early hours of the morning. Occasionally, he'd pace the platform."

The telegrapher didn't offer The Frontier reporter his name.

Peter N. Nelson, 89, Dies in Grand Island

Resides Near Lynch 40 Years

LYNCH—Peter N. Nelson, 89, who had been in poor health for several years and had been a patient in a Grand Island hospital for three weeks, died Saturday June 27.

Funeral services were to have been conducted Tuesday at Grand Island.

The Nelson family resided west of Lynch for about 40 years. During the past few years, the late Mr. Nelson and his aged wife made their home in Grand Island.

Survivors include: Widow; sons — Frank of Grand Island; Archie of Chicago, Ill., and Andy of Madison; daughters—Mrs. Ed Johns of Lynch and Mrs. Alice Yocum of Chicago.

Mrs. Johns was called to Grand Island Saturday.

The Cub Scouts of O'Neill and their leaders were hosts to the Cub Scouts and leaders of Chambers last Thursday evening at Ford's park. A picnic supper was enjoyed by all. Games were played.—By Jim McClellan, reporter.

To California—
T. Joe Biglin accompanied his sister, Mrs. George Curtis, and her three children to Columbus late Monday from where they took a train for Novato, Calif. Mrs. Curtis and children had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Biglin, for about a month. T. Joe Biglin plans to visit his sister and family and his brother, Dr. Robert Biglin, and family of Chico, Calif., before returning to Nebraska.

Edward Campbell, jr., returned to Green Bay, Wis., Saturday after spending a vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell, sr.

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Rodeo, 1:30 p.m.
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Grand Entry, 8:00 p.m.
Rodeo Evening Show, 8:00 p.m.
Drill by Stuart Circle "S" Saddle Club
Dance in Evening at Auditorium

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Quarter Horse Contest and Show, 1:00 p.m.
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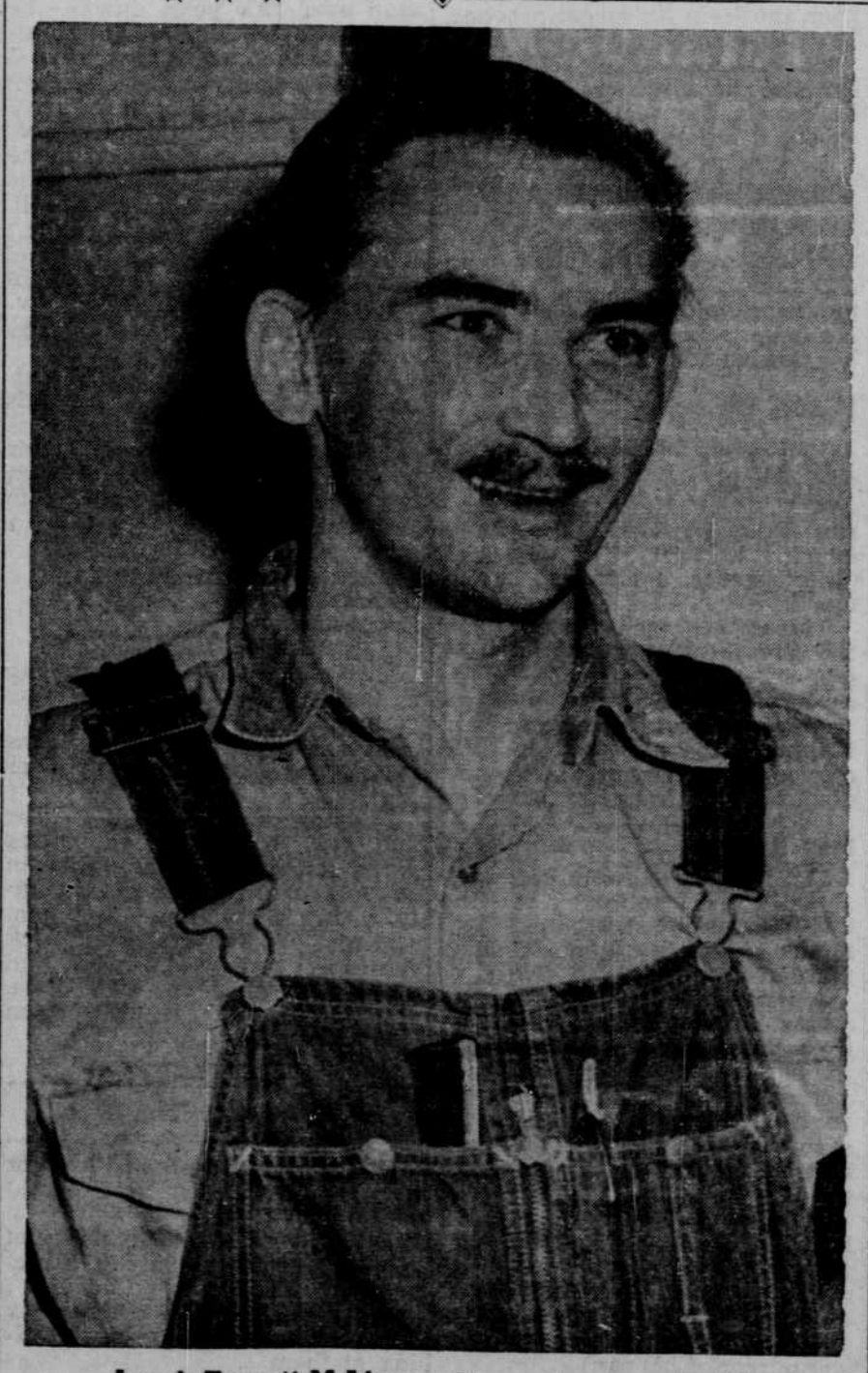
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