

### Farmer Takes Own Life; Body Found in Burning Auto

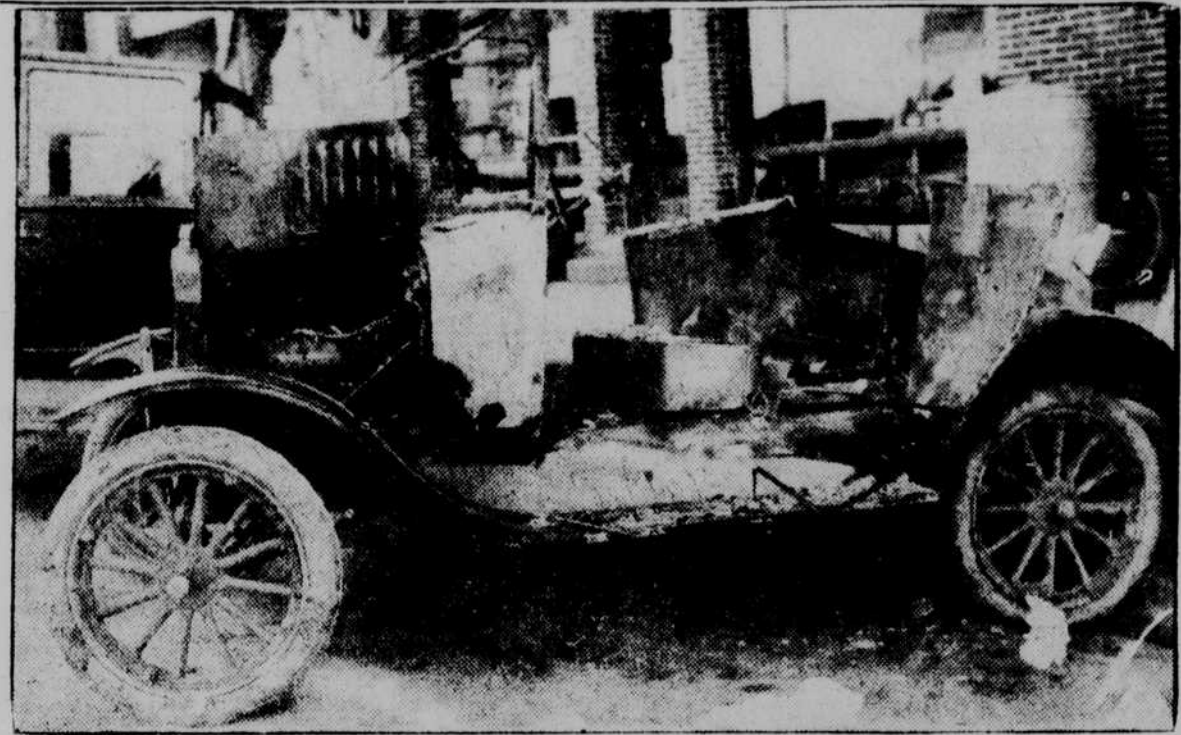
Authorities Abandon Theory of Murder in Youth's Death; No Inquest to Be Held.

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found records that showed that a pistol bearing numbers identical with those of the Pearson pistol was sold to a young man last Monday after noon.  
Kirschenbaum described the man as about 25 years old, five feet seven inches tall. He said that he wore a gray cap and a light brown topcoat. This description tallies well with Pearson as he appeared at that time.  
Kirschenbaum identified a photograph of Pearson as that of Carl Thompson, of Lincoln, the name given by the man who bought the pistol.  
Kirschenbaum said he sold the revolver for \$3.50 after a long parley with the purchaser. The pawnshop man first wanted \$5, he said.

**Behnke's Story.**  
Authorities put much credence in the theory of murder during the day. However, this theory was given a severe setback when Behnke told The Omaha Bee over the long distance telephone that he had been misquoted regarding what he saw Tuesday. He declared at noon that there was only one man in the car.  
Behnke told this story:  
"About 2 Tuesday morning I saw a car parked in a by-road about 40 or 50 rods from my home. At the time I did not think anything about it because it is common for cars to park there. At noon, when I saw the car still was there, I drove up near the place. As I drew near I saw a man, apparently sleeping, rise up, stretch and start his car. I started to drive away and he followed for a short distance.  
"I went back home, but noticed that the man drove down another by-road and again parked his car. I guess he stayed there until about 4, when he must have driven back to the place where he was at first and where he met his death. The man acted as one who had been disappointed in love. He seemed greatly depressed. I did not speak to him because I never knew young Pearson."  
**Continued to Bed.**  
Behnke gave it as his opinion that Pearson ended his own life.  
Charles Parkening, Marshal at Elkhorn and the first official to reach the scene of the highway inferno, reiterated during the day that he believed it was a clear cut case of suicide. Saunders county authorities also were inclined to this belief.  
The Pearson family, Emma Weidman, the girl Victor was to have married April 5, defy the authorities in their claims. The refuse to accept even a hint of suicide and point convincingly to the young man's life and habits to support their claims.  
"I know he didn't kill himself," said Miss Weidman, who was confined to her bed today. The shock of her fiancée's death has brought to her a complete nervous breakdown.

**Identified by Buckle.**  
Marshal Parkening told newspaper men that two other men besides Behnke had seen Pearson alone in his car. He said that Dr. M. Burke of Elkhorn had passed the scene about 3:45 and had seen only one man in the car. The other man, he said, was Johan Riecken, of Elkhorn.  
All doubt as to the identification of the man in the car was swept away

### Charred Death Car, Young Farmer Suicide and Fiancee



Emma Weidman



Victor Pearson

when Marshal Parkening found in the debris a belt buckle bearing the initials "V.P."

Miss Weidman identified the buckle as one she had given to her fiancée as a gift last Christmas. A reporter for The Omaha Bee, scraping in the debris, found a small ring with a stone setting. This ring Miss Weidman was unable to identify. She said she had never seen it before.  
Mr. Pearson, respected and widely known farmer in the vicinity of Yutan, was utterly unable to offer any explanation of the series of wild, wind events which culminated in the tragedy. He said that his son had no troubles or worries to his knowledge.

A bank record showed that young Pearson had \$322 deposited in a Mead bank. The last check he wrote was on March 17 for money which he used in the purchase of horses.  
Sheriff M. L. Endres, after the report of two deputies who went to the scene immediately after having been notified, said at first that he thought death might have been accidental. Murder for robbery was the theory to which he attached most importance.  
Deputy Sheriffs Larry Flynn and Dan Phillips surveyed the scene Tuesday night and again early Wednesday. They turned over to Sheriff Endres the pistol with its two discharged cartridges.  
Examination clearly showed that one had been set off by the firing pin, while the second was without the mark usually found when a cartridge is exploded by pressure on the trigger.

west from the fire is believed to have caused its discharge.  
A close examination of the burned car revealed today what authorities thought were two bullet holes. One was on the inside of the car and the other on the outside. The charred condition of the automobile made it

impossible to determine the direction in which the bullets might have been traveling.

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### "I Watched His Car Light Go Over the Hill"

Fiancee and Sweetheart Went to Church Together Sunday Night; Last Time She Saw Him.

Robbed by tragic death of the man she loved, Miss Emma Weidman, 22, of Mead, Neb., wept unashamed Wednesday morning.  
Having lived on neighboring farms for years, Miss Weidman and Victor Pearson were friends in their teens.  
The years slipped by until last Sunday night, when the young couple, sweethearts then, sat in young Pearson's car, parked in the driveway of the Weidman home. They had just returned from church and the talk that kept them there until 12:30 Monday morning was of their wedding.  
They had planned an Easter season nuptial—just two weeks away.  
**Sit in Automobile.**  
"He came over to my house at Mead last Sunday, as usual," she said.  
"After attending church in the evening we sat in his car until shortly after 12:30 a. m., and then he said he wanted to be home by 1, so he could help his father with the work on the farm Monday morning.  
**Watches Tail Light.**  
"He left for home and seemed to be in the best of spirits. I stood and watched the tail light of his car disappear over the hill. I then retired.  
"During his visit he showed me several time deposit slips. He said that he was afraid to leave them at home because the house might be robbed."  
The emotion-swept girl, half-choked

with sobs, rendered her verdict: "I will not believe he took his own life, and am certain he was murdered."  
Their wedding had been set for April 5, Palm Sunday. Rev. C. H. Ostach of Wilmer, Minn., and former pastor of the Mead Baptist church, had been notified of the wedding date and had agreed to return to Mead to perform the ceremony. The relatives said Wednesday there would be no change affecting the minister, but that instead of performing a wedding ceremony he would officiate at the funeral of the intended bridegroom.

**Two Gothenburg Women in Missionary Service**  
Gothenburg, March 25.—At the annual thank offering service of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Shoof, made an address on the subject, "Women and the Kingdom." The offering amounted to \$205. At the society's founders' day meeting Miss Ruby Anderson of Gothenburg, who is soon to leave for Japan to resume her duties there as a missionary, made an address. Mrs. H. C. Booker is president of this flourishing society, which has assumed one-half this year's salary of Miss Isabel McKnight, a missionary in India. Miss McKnight was formerly of Gothenburg and taught in the public schools here.

**Kansas Marriage Kept Secret for Seven Months**  
Waterbury, March 25.—It has just been learned here that Albert Herdick, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Herrick, and Miss Virginia Rosster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rosster of York, were married at Concordia, Kan., last summer and they kept the wedding a secret for about seven months, even from their closest friends. The romance began when they were students in the high school at O'Neill. The couple will reside at the Grandview farm.

### Nebraska News Nubbins

**Columbus**—Sam Inhof, for many years a prominent farmer and land owner of the Grunell neighborhood, northwest of Duncan, died Tuesday afternoon.  
**Alma**—The Epworth league of the Methodist Episcopal church, under the auspices of its president, Superintendent John L. Showalter, held a social in the church parlors with rooms representing art galleries, trip around the world, etc.  
**Oscola**—Junior class play of the Oscola High school, "Out of the Stillness," was given Wednesday evening at the Oscola auditorium and every seat was sold for the annual event in Oscola school life.

**Alma**—District lumbermen and guests were entertained at the Bur hotel by the Alter-von-Steen Lumber company of Alma.  
**York**—John Hubertus died at the family home in York following an illness of about 24 hours from influenza. He is survived by his wife and one son.  
**Beatrice**—Mrs. H. G. Still, who has been ill for some time, died at a hospital here. She is survived by her husband and a number of children.  
**Oh, why do sick people continually roam in search of their health when they lost it at home?**

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