

Body of Bellevue Girl Is Found in Cove Near Beach

The body of pretty Mary Louise Agan, 11, of Bellevue, was found Monday evening in the water of a cove around the point from Merritt's beach, north of Plattsmouth.

She had been missing since Sunday afternoon when she disappeared while on an outing with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ogden of Omaha.

The body was found by John Gobble, editor of the Bellevue Press, who, with John Bressman and Ira Schiefelbusch, also of Bellevue, was in a boat.

The girl's body was discovered about six feet from the west side of the cove in about three feet of water.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Masek, who had been on an outing with the girl, were in the cove at the time she was discovered. They were in a boat and were looking for her.

Examination of the body revealed that the girl had died from drowning and had not been otherwise harmed, Masek said.

Although it was not known where the girl had drowned, her parents believe it possible she may have fallen into deep water as she was walking around the point away from the main beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Masek said the cove in which the body was found is separated from the beach proper by a sand point jutting out into the water.

The girl's parents told officers she had been afraid of water.

She had gone to the beach Sunday afternoon with the Ogden and two neighbor children. When the group was ready to leave, it was discovered that Mary Louise was missing, although she had been seen only 15 minutes earlier.

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Legion to Elect Officers Tonight

The annual election of officers for the Hugh J. Kearns post No. 56, American Legion, will be held Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the 40 and 8 clubroom.

Legionaries will vote for Milton M. Muncie and Dale R. Bowman, both nominated for the post of Legion commander at the nominating meeting June 6. Both are World war 11 veterans.

Clyde Rosborough is the present commander.

For first vice-commander (navy) John E. Urish and Robert E. Slavicek are nominees and for second vice-commander (army) Thomas S. Solomon and Wilbur F. Claus are nominees.

An executive committee of nine members will also be elected from 18 nominees.

Refreshments will be served.



JUNE BRIDE

Miss Betty Cadwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cadwell, was married recently to Lee Roy Gunnoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gunnoe of Charleston, W. Va.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the Presbyterian minister in the Plattsmouth high school and for the past year has been employed by American air lines as a reservationist at Columbus, Ohio.

After a short honeymoon, the couple will be at home at 601 Brooks St., Charleston, W. Va.

Services Held For Mrs. Burkel

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p. m. at the Sattler funeral home for Mrs. Nannie Burkel who died in Chicago Saturday.

The services were conducted by Dr. F. E. Pfoutz of Lincoln, former pastor of the First Methodist church here. Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang "He Is the Child of the King," accompanied by Mr. Wescott.

Pall bearers were John Schutz, Louis Egenberger, Robert Mann, Bradley Fitzgerald, E. H. Wescott and G. O. Schwenneker.

Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery. Services at the grave were conducted by the Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Nannie Burkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Sampson was born in Glenwood, Iowa, Sept. 9, 1865. She came to Nebraska in 1877 and lived here most of her life.

Her husband, Valentine Burkel, died two years ago.

She is survived by a son, Robert, who lives in Chicago; two brothers, F. C. Sampson of Marion, Ohio, and R. H. Sampson of Orling, Wash. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and three brothers.

She was a member of the Methodist church, a charter member of the Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary and the Women's Relief Corps.

Housing Problem Bad To Worse

WEeping WATER. (Special)—The housing situation is going from bad to worse here.

Mrs. Franklin Witter, wife of the pastor of the Christian church, and her two children left Monday for Wahoo to stay with her parents until Rev. Witter can find a home. They have been searching for a place for two months since they were notified.

At least two more couples are also unable to find living quarters. It is reported, although both men are employed here.

The possibility of using the old high school building, now idle, and the former kindergarten building on the corner of the school grounds for apartments has been raised.

Files Petition

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Muncie succeeds Clyde Rosborough.

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Officers World War II Vets

The Legionnaires also elected John Urish first vice-commander and Thomas S. Solomon second vice-commander.

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All three new officers are veterans of World war II.

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The committee includes: L. A. Behrens, R. A. Campbell, W. R. Holly, Stephen Davis, L. W. N. Fred Lursch, James J. Holy, P. T. Heineman and William Schmidtman.

Installed in August

The executive committee includes the nine members elected and the new officers.

The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in August, scheduled for Aug. 1. Delegates to the state convention in Lincoln, Aug. 18 will also be named at that meeting.

William Howland Named Delegate

William Howland, vice-president of the Nebraska City Presbytery of the Westminster Fellowship, has been elected as a delegate to the convention of the young people's society to be held at Geneva, Colo., the week of July 14-21.

Howland, president of the Westminster Fellowship of the First Presbyterian church here, received a letter Monday from the Board of Christian Education in Lincoln notifying him that he had been elected to attend the convention.

He was nominated last month along with three others from counties in this part of the state as a candidate for election as delegate. He was elected at a meeting held in Lincoln last week.

Hadraba Nominated For Promotion

Theodore J. Hadraba, son of Joseph P. Hadraba, is one of the five Nebraskans in the American Foreign Service who have been nominated by the state department for promotion.

Hadraba was nominated for promotion from class VII to class VI. He is serving in the diplomatic service at Bern, Switzerland.

Rhodens Managing Siemerville Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. Schrader Rhodens are the new managers of Siemerville, cafe located south of Plattsmouth on highway 75. They assumed management July 1 and plan to continue the same policy as has been set up in the past.

The cafe was formerly operated by Mr. and Mrs. Bronson Timm, who have moved to 814 Second avenue.

Louisville Wins

LOUISVILLE (Special)—The Louisville ball team scored a 12-inning 3-2 victory over Bennington Sunday.

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L. R. Stanley Retires After 35 Years as Postmaster at Wabash

WABASH. (Special)—Some 35 years ago when L. R. Stanley took over the duties of postmaster of this town, he had no intention of making it a long-time job. But it must have agreed with him because year after year he continued as postmaster until recently resigned and W. S. Hardaway, assistant postmaster for 25 years, was named acting postmaster.

Stanley's association with the post office started about two years after he began operating a grocery store here. The post office was moved from the Charles Brand store to Stanley's store and the latter took over the postmaster job which Brand had handled.

After 37 years as a grocer, Stanley sold out about a year ago to Hardaway, thus keeping alive the grocery-postmaster relation in Wabash.

Stanley enjoys farming and has land near town that he tends with horses. Several years ago he purchased a farm northeast of Wabash and has rented it to William McBride.

Rites Held for Mrs. John Elliott, sr.

ALVO. (Special)—Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. for Mrs. John B. Elliott, sr., 81, who died in Lincoln Friday at 7 p. m. after a short illness following a heart attack. Burial was in the Elmwood cemetery.

Susan Nellie Edwards was born April 10, 1865 in Tolono, Ill. She was married Oct. 9, 1884 to John B. Elliott, who died June 13, 1941. They moved to a farm near Alvo in 1887 and lived there most of their lives.

Mrs. Elliott is survived by three sons, John B. Elliott, jr., of Alvo, Earl Elliott of Elmwood and Dick Elliott of Lincoln; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Slothowe of Lincoln and Mrs. Grace Melvin of Bellevue and one sister, Mrs. Minnie Maxwell of Urbana, Ill.

Driver's Action Slows Truck Fire

WEeping WATER. (Special)—Fast action by the driver averted the possibility of an explosion when the Nelson quarry truck he was driving caught fire while he was returning to the quarry after unloading some stone.

The driver quickly shoveled dirt on the blaze, apparently resulting from a broken gas line, until the fire department arrived to extinguish the fire.

Alvo Mrs. Verna Heier

The inside painting of the Alvo water tank has been completed during the two weeks it was being painted. The water supply came directly from the water main and caused considerable trouble in some homes because of the force.

Charles Stout, Mrs. Mable Winn and Ralph and Clayton Cheener of Lincoln spent Sunday fishing near Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Heier and Mrs. Esther Clark spent Wednesday evening in Omaha.

Karl Lee and Dickie Gene Clark went to Lincoln to spend a few days visiting at the home of their sister, Mrs. John Rooney, and returned to Alvo Wednesday morning.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ayres Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Art Keyner to Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keyner.

A lawn supper was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Fifer at their home June 16. They celebrated Mrs. Fifer's birthday, which was June 15 and also Father's day. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Fifer, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrell Fifer and family Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rodaway and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ward and Dwayne Williams of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keyner, Charles Stout and Martha and Henry Detmer were Lincoln shoppers Tuesday.

Mrs. Mable Peterson of Fremont, formerly of Alvo, has been spending the past week in Alvo visiting with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Leming.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Leming expect to leave next week on a two week vacation touring Nebraska. Leming is employed by the Rock Island railroad and works on the section.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Heier in honor of their daughter's confirmation were Mrs. Bertha Heier, Alvo Mrs. Lydia Reinke and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McKee of Murdock Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schliefer and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heier of Wabash, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heil and Marvina of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Heil of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Paul and children and Betty Ann Card.

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Louisville Mrs. Bessie Core. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sprick have returned home from their trip to California. Both feeling fine.