

Arthur Doctor Killed in Automobile Wreck

James Arthur Doctor 19, of Independence, Mo., and Harry F. Hare, 22-year-old law student at the University of Missouri were killed and a companion, Leonard Hollenbeck, 19, also of Independence, was injured Sunday morning when the motor car driven by Hare, plunged from U. S. Highway 40, 1 1/2 miles west of Marshall, Mo.

The youths, travelling in Hollenbeck's 1933 model coupe were taking Hare to Columbia. The three started for Columbia about 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

The accident occurred about 5:30 on a curve west of Marshall. The coupe rammed thru three guard posts, over a small embankment, overturned and stopped 100 feet south of the slab. No other motor cars were involved.

Hollenbeck was asleep when the accident occurred, and did not realize what happened until he found himself lying on the ground near the battered coupe. He walked to the nearby farm of Ed Livingston, who called the state highway patrol. Livingston went to the accident and found both youths dead, both having suffered skull fractures. Hollenbeck told patrol officers that he had become sleepy and turned the wheel over to Hare at Concordia. He did not awaken until after the accident. Then finding his companions lying unconscious went for help.

Hollenbeck suffered a sprained back, bruises and a cut nose. He was taken to the Fitzgibbon hospital in Marshall and later removed to his home northeast of Independence.

James Arthur Doctor, who was born in Oklahoma, is survived by his father, Clinton Doctor of Independence, and two brothers, Robert Doctor, a chemist in Denver, Colo., and Richard Doctor of this city. He is the grandson of Mrs. R. S. Margruder also of this city. He lived in Clarence a number of years during his boyhood.

Doctor was a senior in the William Christman high school and would have graduated this spring. Funeral services were held in Kansas City Wednesday.

Hare was graduated from William Christman in 1934 and was a student in his second year at the University of Missouri. He is survived by his mother, two sisters and four brothers.

Dr. E. C. Bradshaw, Saline County Coroner, announced after a hearing held Sunday afternoon that there was no criminal liability.

DEATH OF BABY SHEARON

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Little Richard Arnold Shearon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Shearon, who was a year old July 8, passed away Thursday afternoon, July 30 at 4:30 o'clock at the home southwest of Macon.

The little fellow became ill four months ago and all that could possibly be done to relieve his suffering and bring him back to health was done. Surviving are his parents, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. Hood Shearon, of Macon, and great grandparents on each side of the family, W. C. Shearon of Macon, Mrs. S. D. Randall of LaPlata and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas White, of Kirksville, and the following uncles and aunts, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miller, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Max Timmons, Paul Shearon and Kenneth Timmons.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the residence conducted by Rev. J. E. Catron, pastor of the First Christian church of Macon. Little Richard's four uncles were pallbearers. His two aunts and Miss Edna Pettifrew, Miss Clare Frances Flores were flower girls. Burial was made in Oakwood cemetery in Macon.

Chas. Culver Dies In California

Former Clarence Citizen Passed Away Sunday Morning

Charles Culver, for years closely identified with the history and the business affairs of Clarence, died at Monrovia, California, Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock after several weeks of illness following an operation for appendicitis. He was nearing 80 years of age and had been in failing health for several months previous to his last illness.

Chas. Culver was the son of Asa and Julia Stewart Culver and was born on a farm in Ash-tabula county, Ohio, in 1848. In the year 1851 his parents moved to Stephenson county, Illinois, where the family resided for 17 years. When the Civil war was at its worst, or in 1863, the Culver family came to Shelby county. Culver Senior purchased a large tract of farming ground north of the then small village of Clarence and made his home there for many years.

Chas. Culver became interested in the growing little town of Clarence early in its history. He was one of the first dry goods merchants of the town, his store being located where the postoffice is at present. He was also connected with the first banking institutions of the town and after he purchased the farm near the west edge of town he became a feeder and shipper of mules, at that time one of the most prominent industries of the community.

The growth of the town made additions to the city necessary and Mr. Culver laid out that part of Clarence known as the Culver Addition, now one of the best residential districts in the city. Early in his business life, he became the owner of several business houses on the main street north of the railroad. Feeling that Clarence should have a hotel and theatre second to none in towns of its size, Mr. Culver built the present Culver Hotel on the site of an old frame hotel and made the Culver Theatre the equal of any to be found outside of the larger cities. The passing of the spoken drama has toppled the theatre from its once proud position as the finest on the road but the hotel remains a monument to the work done by Mr. Culver in the upbuilding of Clarence. At his death Mr. Culver still owned several properties here including the buildings housing the theatre, Clarence Auto Co., the Culver Hotel, the postoffice, Independent-Courier, Ridgway's Cafe, the Harris Bakery and Henderson Produce Co.

In 1873 Mr. Culver was married to Miss Ella Balcon of this county and she, with their daughter, Miss Mertie Culver, survives him. Clarence friends were notified of his death Sunday but no details concerning the funeral arrangements have been received.

TRAGIC DEATH OF CLARENCE MAN

George Swearingen, Well Known Resident of This City, Found Drowned in Mississippi River. 1935

George Swearingen, well known resident of Clarence, and a lifelong resident of Shelby county, met a tragic death by drowning in the Mississippi River near Hannibal, some two weeks ago. He had been missing from home, and at the time of his disappearance his relatives and many friends were distressed and alarmed over his absence. However, hope was entertained that he would return unharmed.

The first day of his absence from home, he was seen in Hannibal by his uncle and other friends. Nothing more was seen or heard of his whereabouts until Friday morning when Mrs. Swearingen was notified that his body had been found in the Mississippi River near Hannibal. The body had been found Thursday evening about 9 o'clock by Downing Glascock, who was fishing in the river. Glascock had drawn in his throw line to bait it when he discovered the body caught on the line. The coroner took charge of the body and had it removed to the Swartz funeral home at Hannibal. He was identified the next morning by his uncle, E. D. Swearingen. Papers were found in a billfold in his clothing indicating his name. There were no marks on the body to indicate foul play, and the coroner deemed an inquest unnecessary, signing the death certificate "Death by drowning."

He was well known in the county, especially Clarence and Shelby. He had been a resident of Clarence a number of years, and during his residence here had been deputy sheriff of the county and formerly was employed by the Shelby Chevrolet Co., of Shelby.

He was born August 23, 1872 in Shelby county, the son of the late William E. and Isabelle Wood Swearingen. He was married to Miss Augusta Gunby, who survives; three sisters also survive, Mrs. H. R. Keith, Miss Freda and Miss Mable Swearingen, all of Shelby; also his father-in-law, W. K. Gunby. His parents preceded him in death only a few years.

He was a member of the Clarence Methodist church, and was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias lodge of Shelby.

The body was brought from Hannibal to the family residence here Friday evening, and funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the Clarence Methodist church conducted by Rev. Wm. Rutherford and Rev. L. C. Maggart. Interment was made in Shelby I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Attend Funeral of Harry Saffer

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lochner accompanied by M. M. Hogan and Mrs. John Lochner, attended the funeral of Harry Saffer, Sunday at Kankakee, Ill.

Mr. Saffer, whose home was in Wells, Minn., died Thursday night, May 14, following an operation. He lived in Clarence for about two years and was married to Miss Marie Hogan, daughter of Mrs. Maggie Hogan, about fifteen years ago. He was a member of the Catholic church.

YOUNG BRIDE DIES

Untimely Death of Bride of Sammy Rickey. 1935

Mrs. Marguerite Jones Rickey, young bride of Sammy Rickey, passed away at the Grim-Smith hospital in Kirksville Tuesday evening, May 22.

Mrs. Rickey had been ill for the past two weeks, but no alarm was felt over her condition. She was seemingly getting better until Tuesday morning, when she became worse. Her condition demanded that hospital care should be given and she was taken in the Edwards ambulance to the Grim-Smith hospital at Kirksville, where she passed away shortly after she arrived.

Mrs. Rickey, who had been secretly married to Sammy Rickey of this city since last Easter Sunday, is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones of Bevier, and was a young woman of pleasing personality. She has visited in Clarence on numerous occasions and had acquired a large circle of friends. She was born in Bevier and was an honor graduate of Bevier high school class of 1930, and had for the past several years held the position of relief operator at the Bevier telephone exchange.

The body was taken to the Edwards Funeral home, where it remained until Thursday morning, and was taken from there to the family home, from which place the funeral cortege proceeded to the Christian church and burial was made Friday afternoon at 2:30 in East Oakwood cemetery.

Marguerite was a favorite with all who knew her and will be greatly missed in the community. Her many friends called at the Edwards Funeral home to pay their last tribute to a true friend.

She leaves her husband, Sammy Rickey, Jr., her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones of Bevier; two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. F. L. Eksell, Fort Des Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Taz Garvin, Bevier; Waldo Jones of Des Moines, Ia., and Monte Jones of Bevier.

The funeral services were held at the Christian church in Bevier conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Wright, at 2:30 p. m. Friday.

DEATH OF MRS. J. N.

1936 EARP, 90 YEARS OLD

Mrs. Caroline Griffith Earp, 90, widow of J. N. Earp, a native of Indiana, died north of Clarence at 9:20 o'clock Thursday morning in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Kemp, where she had lived for 16 years. She had been failing in health for several months.

Formerly Caroline Griffith, she was born in Indiana January 6, 1846, and after her marriage to James A. Kemp they came to Shelby county living near Cherry Box. After his death she married J. N. Earp who died 16 years ago. She was a member of the Methodist church. Surviving are her son, William Kemp and nine grandchildren. Another son, Luther Kemp of Leonard, preceded her in death.

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