OBITUARY

WILBUR CLYDE JAMISON

Wilbur Clyde Jamison, son of the late Fred and Katharine Jamison, was born in Chester Township, Nov. 27, 1914, and departed this life April 29, 1945, at the age of 30 weeks, 3 months and 11 days. He was buried in the "Jamison" plot at the Chester Township Cemetery and attended Chester No. 6 school. After finishing school, he was employed in farming, in which he had much interest. He entered the United States Army in May, 1942, and served for 14 months.

On Sept. 9, 1941, he was united in marriage with Margaret Miller. And lived on a farm in Chester Township until his death. He was very well liked by his friends, work-associates, and by those who knew him.

He leaves to cherish, five sisters-who also reside on the farm, two brothers, Leonard, Chester, and Ethel, Lapwai, Kather, Idaho, John, Mary, Blanche Meshak and Mabelle Perkins. His parents preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock at the Jamison funeral home. The Rev. F. A. Marks was in charge of the service. The bearers were: John Allen, Fred Nestor, Paul Fox, Elmer Fogle, Jesse Erf, and Joseph Vanpelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey Singer and Mrs. John Carter sang two selections, "In the Garden," and "Beautiful Home in Somewhere." "Revel was in American Cemetery.
Farm Couple Found By Her Sister

Rites Held Sunday For Wilbur Jantzen: Services Today For Mrs. Jantzen

Wilbur C. Jantzen, 32, Poweshiek county farmer and World War II veteran, Friday noon shot and killed his wife, age 23, with a shotgun and then turned the gun on himself in the kitchen of their farm home seven miles north of Grinnell in the Chester community.

Coroner H. G. Phillips viewed the bodies and pronounced the tragedy a case of murder and suicide. No inquest will be held. Mrs. Jantzen was shot through the right cheek and Jantzen was shot through the heart, both wounds being made with a 12 gauge single-barreled shotgun.

Her Sister Found Them

The murder and suicide was not discovered until about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon by Mrs. Jantzen's sister, Mrs. Gerald Groenback of near Grinnell. She had driven out to the Jantzen home to spend the afternoon, having been invited by Mrs. Jantzen that morning.

Details of what happened just prior to the shooting probably will never be known, since there were no witnesses, but it is known that the couple had not been getting on well together of late and that Mrs. Jantzen had a divorce suit pending against her husband in Poweshiek county district court.

Two Children

They were married Sept. 29, 1942, and had no children by this marriage. Mrs. Jantzen's two sons, Larry Sedel, 5, and Donald Sedel, 3, by a previous marriage, were in school at Grinnell when the shooting occurred. Her former husband Verlin Sedel remarried and resides in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Jantzen had been in Grinnell Friday morning. A
Shown above is the farm home seven miles north of Grinnell where Mr. and Mrs. Jantzen and her two sons resided prior to a tragic shooting Friday upon which Mr. Jantzen shot and killed his wife and then turned the shotgun on himself.

There was no sign of friction at that time.

Neighbors Saw Them

Later on in the morning, at about 11:30, several of the neighbors along the road to their farm saw them drive by. Mrs. Jantzen is believed to have been starting to prepare lunch when she was shot. A cupboard was open and a loaf of bread was on the kitchen table, but the table had not yet been set. There was no sign of a struggle in the house and nothing appeared to have been disturbed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jantzen were in their work clothes and he was wearing his work cap, as if he had just come in from outdoors.

Neighbors said Saturday morning that Mr. Jantzen was an energetic farmer and that he had his spring plowing done and most of the crops in. Nearby friends are taking care of the chores on the farm pending a decision as to what will be done with the farm.

Witmer Jantzen Funeral Sunday

Funeral services for Mr. Jantzen were held at the James funeral home in Grinnell Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and interment was made in the Sheridan cemetery. Rev. F. A. Moore was in charge of the final rites.

Pallbearers were: John Allen, Delmar Puls, Louis Puls, Paul Erickson, Elmer Luttmann and Clayton Duml.

Services For Mrs. Jantzen

Funeral services for Mrs. Jantzen were held at the James funeral home this morning at 10 o'clock and burial was made in the Forest cemetery at Oxford. Rev. D. E. Shible was in charge of the final rites and pallbearers were Walter Barnes, Harold Starnes, Adolph Krumm, Arthur Groenbach, Gene Stecker and Arthur Strubber.