John Plum Dies Instantly This Morning

Car Apparenly Stalled On M. & St. L. Tracks; Youth Was From Malcom

John Leo Plum, 22, of Malcom was killed at 7:30 a.m. today when his 1930 Ford coupe apparently stalled in the path of the M. & St. L. passenger train.

Following an inquest, Deputy C. R. Phillips pronounced the death as instantaneous.

B. J. Reynolds of Marshalltown, who piloted the train, reported seeing the car stopped on the tracks as he approached the crossing from the south around the curve near Talbott and saw it slowing at a speed of about 15 to 20 miles per hour. He applied the train's brakes instantly, but was unable to bring the train to a stop before the engine reached the Second avenue crossing.

Car Carried

The car was carried half way to the Second avenue crossing, tearing off a railroad signal before it was freed from the tracks of the train on which it was thought to have derailed. Plum's body was removed from the car before it stopped.

Plum had just unrolled his picture, Miss Irene Malti, to the family of Miss Julia Wheeler, who welcomed him. The Wheeler house is adjacent to the First avenue crossing. Leaving them he had turned west across the tracks on First avenue before the accident occurred.

Plum lived with his parents, Mrs. Kate Plum and three younger brothers and sisters on the Grover, Fenton, and Ralston farms. He was attending Grinnell College.

Raised in Sheridan

He was born in Pima County, Arizona; but had been raised in the Sheridan community, his father, William Plum, preceded him in death in April, 1919, as did another brother, who died in 1917.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by 12 brothers and sisters, Mrs. Nigal Walser of Sheridan; Mrs. Albert Kremienak of Denver, Colo.; Reynolds, Walter and Jim of Grinnell; Lester of Malcom; William, Jr., of Glidden; Kenneth in the navy in California, and Julius, Milo and Max at home.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Pending word from Kenneth no information may be obtained from Smith Funeral Home.