Obituary
Margaret Louise Janzen
Margaret Louise Janzen, oldest daughter of Charles Bart and
Mary Louise Parshuram, was born Sept. 3, 1877, in Lacey,
Iowa, and departed this life on

April 10, at the age of 33 years,
six months and 22 days.

She received her education in
the school at Lacey and the high
school at Toledo, Iowa.

On September 29, 1914, she
was united in marriage to Wil-
ley Janzen and strove very hard
to make a success of her married
life.

Having no previously pleasant
and affectionate disposition she
loved her friends and family intensely and whole heartedly.

She leaves to mourn her loss,
her two young sons, Larry and
Donald by a former marriage,
herself and mother two broth-
ers, Arthur and Willard Park-
der Rapids, two sisters, Miss
Rosenberg and Mary Gertrude
Grossenbach and her families of
Grinnell, her grandmother, Mrs.
Louise Sullivan and uncle and
aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tal-
bert of Grinnell, a number of
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Man and Wife Dead In Shooting Tragedy

Farm Couple Found By Her Sister

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

Wilbur C. Jantzen, 32, Poweshiek county farm worker and World war II veteran, Friday noon shot and killed his wife, age 33, 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 W. B. 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 chest and Jantzen was shot through the heart, both wounds being made with a 12-gauge single-barreled shotgun.

Pinckney Found Them

"The murder and suicide" was not discovered until about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon by Mrs. Jantzen's sister, Mrs. Gerald Grosenback 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 Sedrel, 8, and Donald Sedrel, 9, by a previous marriage, were in school at Gilman when the shooting occurred. Her former husband Verlin Sedrel, remarried and resides in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Jantzen had been in Grinnell Friday morning an...
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 noon when Mr. Jantzen shot and killed his wife and turned the shotgun on himself.

Two sons, Larry Sedred, 8, and Donald Sedred, 5, by a previous marriage, were in school at Grinnell when the shooting occurred. Her former husband Vernon Sedred, remarried and resides in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Jantzen had been in Grinnell Friday morning, according to Sheriff Fred Folkers, and had called at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parish, at 419 East street. Apparently 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 lying 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.

Wilbur Jantzen Funeral Sunday

Funeral services for Mr. Jantzen were held from 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 Pula, Louis Pula, Paul Erickson, Elmer Luttman and Clayton Demit.

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 Oak- aloons. Rev. D. E. Shively was in charge of the final rites and pallbearers were Walter Barnes, Harold Starnes, Adolph Krumm, Arthur Groenbeck, Gene Steeke and Arthur Stuber.