

Searsboro Man Killed In Train-Car Collision

Robert Calvin Arthur, 39, a Searsboro resident, was killed at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday morning when the 1960 Chevrolet station wagon he was driving was struck broadside by a Chicago-North Western freight train in Searsboro.

According to Highway Patrolman Judd Kahler, Arthur was westbound on the main street of Searsboro when his car was hit by the southbound freight train.

Witnesses said Arthur applied the brakes on his car for a short distance and was directly across the tracks when hit by the 17-car train engineered by F. D. Carr of Marshalltown.

According to the witnesses, the train sounded his whistle as he was approaching the track. There

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Poweshiek County recorded its second traffic fatality Tuesday when Robert Calvin Arthur of Searsboro was killed in a car-train collision in Searsboro.

The first fatality in the county was recorded March 7 when Miss Hannah Meltrath died from injuries that were the result of an accident on March 4.

In 1967 there were only three traffic fatalities in the county—two in August and one in October.

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is no signal at the crossing. The train was traveling 35 miles per hour.

Arthur, the only occupant of the vehicle, died instantly of a severe skull fracture.

Funeral services for Mr. Arthur will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow

(Friday) at the Lynnville Friends church with the Rev. Peter Schuler, minister of the Friends church, officiating.

Organist will be Mrs. Carl Jay and pallbearers will be Rex James, Donald Killion, Gerald Arment, Keith Beaderstadt, Wilbur Allen and Jack Wiese. Honorary pallbearers will be Pearl Sivetts, John McDowell, Delbert Rayl, Floyd McGinn, Bryan Beaderstadt and Milo Phillips. Flowerbearers will be Mrs. Arl Crews and Mrs. Arneold Terpstra.

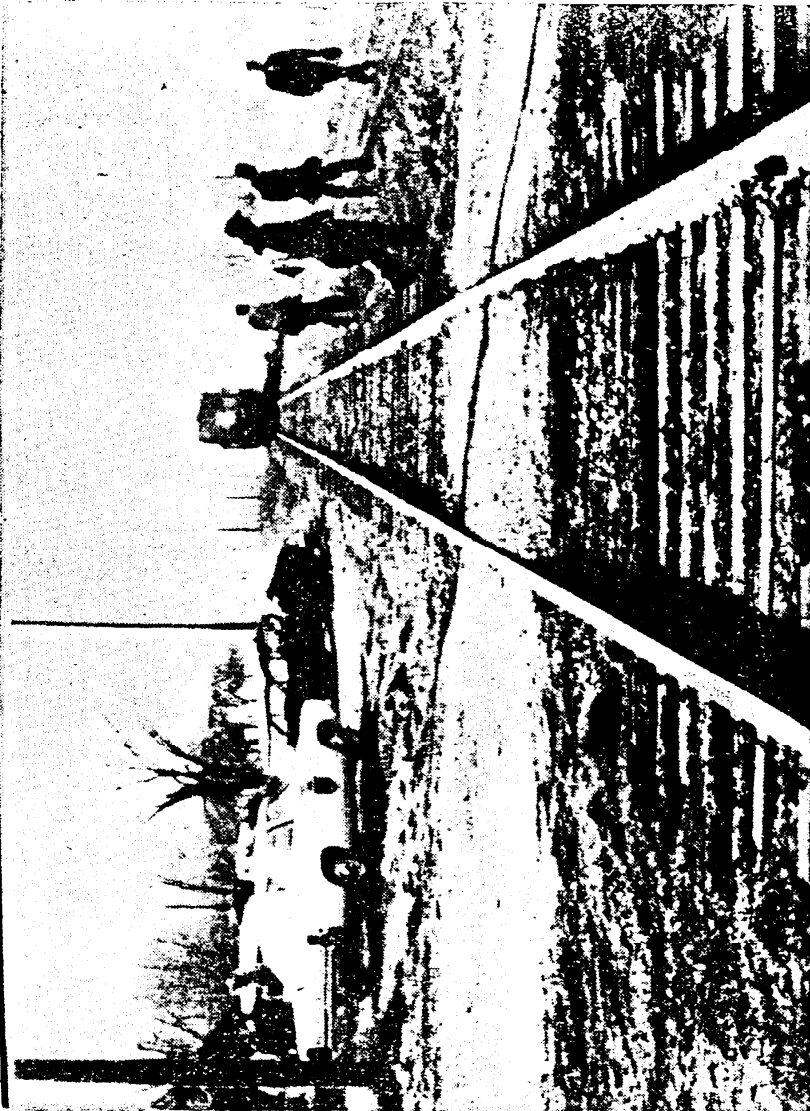
Burial will be in Jackson Township Cemetery at Montezuma. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral home until Friday morning and then at the Lynnville Friends church.

Mr. Arthur was born Oct. 20, 1928 in Sugar Creek Township, Poweshiek County, the son of Cecil Hobart and Pansy Gerard Arthur. He attended the Searsboro schools and graduated from Searsboro high school. He served for two years in the Pacific in the U. S. Marine Corps.

On June 3, 1949, he married Evelyn Brown at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. To this union were born six children—Carolyn Jean, a student at the University of Northern Iowa; Steven Dean, 17; Neil Robert, 14; Boyd Duane, 12; Warren Eugene, 10; and Marsha Sue, 5.

Mr. Arthur had lived in the Searsboro area most of his life and for the last six years was employed at the Physical Plant at Grinnell College.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Arthur of Montezuma; his widow Evelyn and six



REMAINS OF AN ACCIDENT—This was the scene Tuesday morning after a car driven by a Searsboro resident, Robert Arthur, was hit by a southbound Chicago-Northwestern freight train at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday. Arthur died instantly from a severe skull fracture when the impact pushed his car 129 feet down the tracks. Highway Patrolman Judd Kahler, Sheriff Wiley Taylor and Deputy Sheriff Max Allen investigated the accident.

children; six sisters — Mrs. Bert McDowell of Searsboro, Mrs. Rich of Grinnell; and three brothers — (Margaret) Stensrud of Montevard (Doris) Lowry of Searsboro, Kenneth of Grinnell, Keith of Zuma, Mrs. Ed (Betty) Lash of Mrs. Ronald (Shirley) Tice of Searsboro and Ward of Lincoln, Massillon, Ohio, Mrs. Roger (Eva) Corning and Mrs. Aileen Schmidt of Neb.

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Arthur Rites Friday At Lynnville

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Flower bearers were Mrs. Arl Crews and Mrs. Arnold Terpstra.

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He is survived by his parents: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Arthur of Montezuma; his wife, Evelyn and family at the home; and his nine brothers and sisters: Mrs. Bert (Margaret) Stemsrud of Rt. 2, Montezuma; Mrs. Ed (Betty) Lash of Massilon, O.; Kenneth Arthur of Rt. 3, Grinnell; Mrs. Roger (Eva) McDowell of Searsboro; Keith Arthur of Rt. 1, Searsboro; Ward Arthur of Lincoln, Nebr.; Mrs. Richard (Doris) Lowry of Rt. 1, Grinnell; Mrs. Ronald (Shirley) Tice of Corning; and Mrs. Aileen Schmidt of Grinnell.