

June 6, 1963

Grinnell Man County's First

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1963

No. 20

1963 Traffic Fatality

Joseph Lacina Dies Tuesday After Highway 146 Accident

A rural Grinnell man, Joseph Lacina, Tuesday became Poweshiek county's first motor vehicle traffic fatality of 1963. Lacina, 79, who lived 1 1/2 miles north of Grinnell, died at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday in St. Francis hospital 3 1/2 hours after being critically injured in a two-car accident south of Grinnell.

The accident occurred at about 2:05 p.m. on Highway 146 six miles south of Grinnell.

Left Turn

Driving south on Highway 146, Lacina turned in front of a car driven by Ronald Mingo, 33, Des Moines, while making a left turn onto a gravel road. Highway Patrolman John Flannery reported.

Mingo's automobile smashed into the right front fender of the Lacina car, shoving the latter vehicle about 55 feet north of the point of impact.

The Lacina car ended up in a ditch while the Mingo auto spun half way around, blocking the highway just north of the intersection with the gravel road.

The two vehicles came to a halt on their wheels.

Cars Demolished

Both are complete losses. The

right front fender and right side of the Lacina car was demolished while the front end of the Mingo vehicle was pushed back toward the driver.

Lacina died of chest and head injuries.

Mingo was also taken to St. Francis hospital with numerous lacerations on his head and hands. He was in surgery for about two hours after the accident and was still a patient at the hospital this morning.

A retired farmer, Lacina was apparently headed for a farm pond southeast of Grinnell for an afternoon of fishing. There was fishing equipment in his car.

On Way to Hospital

Mingo, a salesman for Picker X-Ray Midwest, Inc., of Des Moines, was on his way to make a call at St. Francis hospital when the accident occurred.

Deputy Sheriff Ernest Mitchell investigated the accident with Flannery.

Funeral Services

Funeral services for Joseph W. Lacina will be held at 2 p.m. Friday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Chester E. Custer, pastor of the Methodist

church, officiating. Vocal music will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holley, accompanied by Miss Sue Ann Ryan at the organ.

In charge of flowers will be Mrs. Ralph Spooner and Mrs. Claude Reeves. Pallbearers will be Paran Pederson, Leonard Pederson, Albert Grosenbach, John Peterson, Claude Reeves, and Ralph Spooner. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

The son of Joe and Anna Chamra Lacina, he was born Nov. 1, 1883, in Tama County. He received his education in the rural schools of that county.

Three Children

On Feb. 22, 1910, he was united in marriage with Julia E. Krepela at Tama. To this union were born two sons, Wallace W., who died in 1913, and Floyd Kenneth of near Grinnell; and one daughter, Mrs. Glen (Madeline) Harris, also of near Grinnell.

Other survivors include six grandchildren, Walter, Norma, and Julia Harris, and Ruth, Sam, and Tom Lacina, all of the Grinnell area; and one great-grandson, Christopher Harris, also of near Grinnell.

In addition, he is survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Emil (Emma) Kubik, Mrs. Mrs. Everett (Eleanor) Spires, and Charles Lacina, all of Tama; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were

childhood, Frank, on Dec. 24, 1936. George in infancy. Lester in childhood, Lewis on April 22, 1924, and Della on Dec. 15, 1924.

grandson, Jeffrey Harris, on Oct. 11, 1962. He was also preceded in death by five brothers and one sister: James, who died in

his parents, his son Wallace, his wife Julia on April 13, 1962; one grandson, Kenneth Lacina, on April 13, 1959; and one great-

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