

# Kills Three

## Father of Brooklyn, Malcom Women Is One Of Victims

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) for Rev. and Mrs. Earl Edgerton of Grinnell, two of three persons killed in a one car crash Sunday on highway 6 one-half mile west of the Flo-mar Restaurant near Brooklyn.

The Edgertons were killed instantly in the crash. Elmer McDonald, 53, of Grinnell, a passenger in the auto, died later Sunday afternoon in a Grinnell hospital from injuries received in the crash. McDonald was the father of Brooklyn and Malcom women.

Injured in the mishap were Edgertons' daughter, Eunice, 17, who is hospitalized in Iowa City, and Mrs. Bernice Inman, 41, a Grinnell nurse who is in a Grinnell hospital.

Rev. Edgerton, pastor of the Grinnell Church of the Nazarene, was driving the car, which apparently blew a right front tire, causing the auto to veer onto the shoulder and sheer off a mailbox in front of the Frank Van Tomme farm. The mailbox then crashed into the windshield, probably blinding the driver, and the auto continued down the shoulder until it struck the concrete bridge abutment, witness reported.

After the accident the mailbox was found on the east side of the Big Bear Creek.

McDonald was pinned inside the auto and it took a cutting torch to cut him loose.

The two men were riding in the front seat and the women in the rear. It was believed they were all enroute to the Kent Chapel services.

The services for the Edgertons were held at the Grinnell Methodist church with Dr. Gene E. Phillips of West Des Moines, district superintendent of the Iowa District of the Church of the Nazarene officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Donald Bell of Marshalltown and Rev. Paul Madden of Newton. Burial was in the Silent

City cemetery at Monroe.

In addition to their daughter, the Edgertons are survived by three sons, Howard Glenn of Bethany, Okla.; Daniel Eugene of Grinnell and Phillip Earl. The latter and Eunice still lived at the family home in Grinnell. Also surviving are five grandchildren, four sisters and a brother of Rev. Edgerton and one sister and a brother of Mrs. Edgerton.

Funeral services for McDonald were held Wednesday afternoon from the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Myron Harris, pastor of the Northside Friends church, officiating. Burial was in the Ivy Hill cemetery at Malcom with the American Legion conducting graveside rites.

McDonald was born on a farm north of Malcom and graduated from Brooklyn high school. After his marriage to Beatrice Clevenger in 1933 they made their home in Malcom for five years before moving to Grinnell.

He was active in the Church of the Nazarene in Grinnell serving as board member and usher.

He is survived by his widow, four daughters, Mrs. Bill Coleman of Pasadena, Tex., Mrs. Harold Kibbee of Brooklyn, Mrs. Marion Bennett of Project City, Calif., and Mrs. Keith Smith of Malcom.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, two sisters, one brother, and one half brother.

# Crash Near Brooklyn Sunday

## 3 Local Residents Die In Mishap, 2 Injured

Three Grinnellians died in a one-car crash on highway 6 near Brooklyn Sunday afternoon as Iowa recorded its bloodiest Labor Day weekend on the highways.

Twenty-six persons died on Iowa roads over the long holiday weekend and Poweshiek county's death toll was boosted to six for the year.

Killed instantly in Sunday's crash were the Rev. Earl Edgerton, 50, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene here; his wife, Dollie, 52; and Elmer McDonald, 55.

Also injured were the Edgertons' daughter, Eunice, 17, who is now hospitalized in Iowa City, and Mrs. Bernice Inman, 41, a Grinnell registered nurse, who is in a local hospital.

According to an eyewitness, the Edgerton car was traveling east on highway 6 about 2:30 p.m. one-half mile west of the Flomar Restaurant when a tire blew out. The car veered off onto the shoulder and sheered off a mailbox. The mailbox then crashed into the windshield, probably blinding the driver, and the auto continued down the shoulder until it struck the concrete bridge bannister.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Edgerton were killed instantly. McDonald was pinned inside the auto and it took more than 30 minutes to free him. It finally was necessary to bring in a cutting torch to cut him loose. McDonald died at

a Grinnell hospital about 45 minutes later.

The two men were riding in the front seat and the three women in the rear.

It was believed they were all en route to the dedication ceremonies at Kent Chapel near Holiday Lake when the fatal crash occurred.

The late-model Edgerton station wagon was demolished.

Crash was investigated by Sheriff Wiley Taylor, Deputy Max Allen, and Highway Patrolmen Gerald Kahler, Paul Gearhart, Robert Kinseth and Tom Law.

Three other persons had died in separate accidents in Poweshiek county this year. They were:

Mrs. James Munger, 35, of Newton, killed Feb. 16th in a one-car crash on highway 6 about 2½ miles east of Grinnell.

George Robinson, 51, of Denver, Colo., killed June 6th in a two-car accident on Interstate 80 about three miles east of the highway 146 interchange.

Michael Davidson, 12, son of the Rev. and Mrs. James Davidson, now of the Malcom area, who died Aug. 22nd of injuries sustained the previous day in a one-car mishap on highway 63 about one-half mile north of the highway 6 junction.

Sunday's triple-fatality was the county's worst since Aug. 28th, 1964, when a Catholic nun from Victor and two Illinois men were

### ELMER McDONALD

Funeral services for Elmer McDonald will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Myron Harris, pastor of the Northside Friends church, officiating. Organ music will be provided by Mrs. L. V. Willison.

Pallbearers will be Elmer Criswell, Champ Delk, Francis Barkley, George Harbison, Richard McMains and Willard Robison. Honorary pallbearers will be Obie Criswell, Claire Jackson, W. H. Noel and Ted Spading.

Burial will be in Ivy Hill cemetery at Malcom with Jack Day and members of Focht-Tennant Post 53 of the Grinnell American Legion conducting graveside rites.

The son of Nelson Wellington and Anna Almira Griffin McDonald, he was born July 25th, 1911, on a farm north of Malcom. He attended the schools near his home and graduated from Brooklyn high school. On Aug. 22nd, 1933, he was married to Beatrice Clevenger at Lancaster, Mo. They made their home in Malcom for five years and then in 1938 moved to Grinnell where they had resided since.

He served in the United States Army during World War II, spending 21 months overseas in the South Pacific. For the past 11 years he had been employed by the Maytag Co. in Newton. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Grinnell, serving as board member and usher.

Mr. McDonald is survived by his wife Beatrice at the family home; and four daughters, Mrs. Bill (Doris) Coleman of Pasadena, Tex., Mrs. Harold (Frances) Kibbee of Brooklyn, Mrs. Marion (Darlene) Bennett of Project City, Calif., and Mrs. Keith (Sherilee) Smith of Malcom.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Gerald (Sadie) Taylor of Brownstown, Ill., and Mrs. Viola Custer of Des Moines; one brother, John J. McDonald of Denver, Colo.; and one half-brother, Glenn Griffin of Pittsburgh, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

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