

Thursday, November 17, 1966

# Locate Missing Grinn

## Find Body On Jasper County Farm

After a search of nearly four weeks, the body of Loren Newton of Grinnell was found Monday on the county line road off Highway 6 near Grinnell.

Newton, 77, was reported missing on October 17, and the Jasper county coroner set his death as on or near that date. Examination showed that Newton had died of a heart attack or exposure or both.

Body was located on the Rickard Saunders farm by Jim Saunders who was setting trap lines. Saunders notified Grinnell police, who in turn notified the Jasper County Sheriff's office.

Newton had been the object of a state wide search for some time and was thought for a while to be heading west to visit relatives. He was a resident of the Lone Elm Nursing Home in Grinnell.

Newton was reported missing after he failed to return to the nursing home by the usual curfew hour. Subsequent search by local law enforcement agencies and airplanes revealed no trace of the man except that he had been seen walking west along Highway 6.

Authorities held little hope that the man would be found alive after the search had lasted for quite some time. Jasper county coroner reported that there was no evidence of foul play connected with the death.

Loren J. Newton of Grinnell was the son of Elwin and Harriett Clay Newton and was born on October 1, 1889, in Newburg. He attended Newburg and Gilman

schools.

For many years Newton worked on farms in the Newburg, Gilman, and Ferguson communities. About seven years ago, he moved to Grinnell to make his home.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Ester Marie Harold of Des Moines and three sisters: Mrs. Eugene (Allie) Bush of Brooklyn, Mrs. Earl (Lola) Lackey of Rock Island, Illinois, and Mrs. Alma Lackey also of Rock Island. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Loren J. Newton were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Chester Custer, minister of the Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.