

Ada C. Park

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OBITUARY

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Ada Cora, daughter of Carrie R. Beaton and Oliver Winslow Park, was born June 16, 1880 in a sod house near Macon, Neb. She departed this life August 10, 1950.

When she was a small child, she came with her parents to make their home on a farm northwest of Grinnell. At the age of 13 she came to make her home with her mother's father in Grinnell.

She received her education in the Grinnell schools and was graduated from Grinnell college in 1904. After graduation, she spent two years teaching in mission schools in New Mexico.

Early in life she joined the Congregational church, and all through life she was active and interested in her church activities. She was a member of this church for 57 years.

She was a member of the D. A. R., the Daughters of the Union Veterans, the Historical and Literary club, the W.C.T.U., the Omega Sigma society and other organizations.

Most of her life was spent caring for others. She was loved and respected by all who knew her.

She is survived by one brother, Hubbard Beaton Park of Marina, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. J. L. Carpenter of Grinnell; one niece, Mrs. Daniel T. Gnau, Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; three nephews, J. David Carpenter of Ottumwa, Oliver Winslow Carpenter of Denver, Colo. and Donovan Carpenter of Madison, Wis.

Ada C. Park Is Strangled On Train

City Schools Will Open On September 5

Three-Year Redecorating Project Finished During Summer

Grinnell schools will open for their year's activities on Friday, Sept. 5, the day following Labor Day with every effort for a successful year of study and play for the students. Superintendent B. C. Holmes is awaiting the advent of his new season with a contented and a staff with only one anxiety left to fill, that of a cool nurse and he hopes to do this before opening day.

"Three Year Plan"

During the summer the usual program of renovation has been carried through on the school buildings. The summer has witnessed the completion of a three-year project of redecoration. This year the activity has been in Center building where the second floor and all the first floor with the exception of the main floor have felt the touch of the revivifying paint brush. The gymnasium will also be reworked if there is time, which is doubtful.

The outside of the windows in Center building have been painted and a roofing work is now putting a new siding on Center building and will do the same at Davis school. This is being done as a precautionary measure to avoid expensive repairs later. All the buildings are being cleaned and refurbished and will be open and span by opening.

Bus Routes The Same

Superintendent Holmes says that the bus routes will remain essentially the same. Any changes which may be made will be minor. The schools operate several routes with six busses four large and two small ones.

Line One After Damage

One young man was fined \$25 in justice of peace court Tuesday night on charges of damaging public property as a result of an incident Monday night at a rural school northwest of Grinnell. Charges against another young man were dropped after the student took full blame.

Given the fine was Alvin Terrell of Unionville, Mo., who also agreed to repair the damage. A similar case against Elmer Billings, Route 1, Grinnell, was dropped.

Woodrow Fleener who lives at the school was awakened Monday night by the sound of a car being torn from outdoors adjacent to the school. Fleener drove his car across the school driveway blocking the entrance, and at the same time turning his horn and flashing lights to awaken George Sker, who also lives nearby. Both young men fled at their approach, abandoning in their car three teen-age girls who were not held. Sheriff Fred Schran and Chief of Police Harold Johnson spent that night at the school searching for the boys, but about 7:15 p. m. they found they walked into the police station to surrender voluntarily.

Brooklyn Men Hurt When Car Leaves Road Wednesday

Two Brooklyn men were injured yesterday morning when their car left the road about 1 1/2 miles west of Brooklyn about 5:30 o'clock.

Sharper Operates — FAKE-RING DEAL!

One Grinnellian was "taken" in an age-old fake ring deal early this week. The same racket was tried on another local resident but he refused to cooperate with the sharper.

The man approached his first victim with a story of some drinking and a wreck near Newton. He said he was caught short of cash and wanted to make a loan of \$10.

To show his good faith, he offered to leave his ring — a family keepsake with three diamonds and supposed to be worth \$350. Not seeing anything wrong with the offer, the first advanced the \$10 to the sharper.

A check with police later revealed that the supposed keepsake ring was worth in the neighborhood of \$2.98 and that, in all probability, the local citizen's \$10 was gone forever.

The second person selected as the sharper's victim rejected the offer and reported the deal to the police.

As yet, the man has not been apprehended. However, police asked that Grinnellians be on the lookout for the character. He is about 5-ft., 6 inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds. His hair is silver grey. His story is that he is a salesman of imported perfumes.

When seen here, he was wearing a light blue or light grey suit with a dark blue tie.

Soil Tour Attracts 75

Conservation Projects In-County Inspected

A group of 75 people spent a profitable day Tuesday on the soil tour sponsored by the Poweshiek county Farm Bureau. The occasion was high lighted by a picnic dinner at noon in the Montezuma park.

Starting at 10 a. m., the group made its first call at the Millard Farmer place to inspect a new structure to stop gully washing and then looked over a farm pond and a grassed waterway at the Bruce Livingston farm.

In the afternoon they inspected a complete farm plan at the Lauren Wright place, including Multiflora rose planting and reed canary grass and strip cropping on the J. J. Boatman and Ed Lowe farms. The final stop was made at the Roy Utter farm to inspect another farm pond and witness an exhibition of fly casting by Conservation Officer Gene Hlavka.

Swimming To Be Continued

The water circus at Arbor Lake Sunday afternoon, while it marks the end of the Red Cross swimming program, does not mean that supervised swimming will be suspended. Activities will be continued with free swimming in the afternoon, starting at 1 p. m. and Lifeguard Jerry Laros will remain on duty as long as there is a reasonable demand for his services.

The boys at the lake have donated their labor for painting the inside of the dressing rooms. The work was done by Hollis Sisco, Charles Routier, Eddie Vande Nord, Paul Wilderdyke, Jimmie Wilcox, Guy French and Jim Van Draska.

The program Sunday afternoon is scheduled to start at 1 p. m. Participants will be boys and girls from Grinnell and over the county who have received the benefit of the free Red Cross swimming instruction provided during the summer.

The program is divided into four acts. Act I, entitled "Re-

Tenth Annual Newburg Fair On August 15

Full Day's Program Includes Cowboy Jamboree; 15 Departments

All roads will lead to Newburg Tuesday, August 15, when the Newburg fair, sponsored by the Newburg Congregational church, will stage its tenth annual showing.

In addition to exhibits in fifteen departments there will be a full program of races, contests, 4-H demonstrations and horse shoe pitching, topped off with a big chicken dinner and a strictly home talent cowboy jamboree in the evening.

All Day Program

An all day program has been arranged. All exhibits must be placed by 10 o'clock. Other events follow: 11 a. m., judging of exhibits and horse shoe pitching contests start; 12 noon, lunch on the grounds; 1:30 p. m., children's parade, races and contests; 2 p. m., girls' 4-H demonstrations by the Hickory Grove Sunbeams, Zelma Malloy, leader, and the Chester Stars, Mrs. Ruth Sears, leader; 2:30 p. m., ball game, Newburg high school vs. Kellogg high school; 5:30 p. m., fried chicken supper served in the gymnasium; 8 p. m., cowboy jamboree.

Fifteen Departments

The fifteen departments into which the fair is divided include farm grains, fresh fruits, fresh fruit collection, fresh vegetables, fresh vegetable collection, garden collection, eggs, canned vegetables, canned vegetable collection, canned fruits, canned fruit collection, products of the oven, home-made candy, needle work, and flowers.

Fair Officers

Harold Palmer is president of the fair association, with Ed Peak vice-president. Mrs. Hugh Louden, secretary, and Ithel Gillispie, treasurer. Department heads are as follows: Program director, Mrs. Wendell Paul; Midway, Bill Suttin, Mrs. Doyle Weaver, Virgil Strand and Jonas Hendrickson; refreshment stand, Mrs. Ithel Gillispie, Mrs. Paul Carnahan and I. P. F. youth center; selection of judges, Mrs. Clarence Sharp; children's parade, Mrs. Frank Newcomer and Mrs. Clarence Gross; children's races, Virgil Palmer, Warren Louden and Ed Breeden; adult races and contests, Harold McCulloch and Kenneth Iske; ball game, Wendell Paul; 4-H girls' demonstrations, Mrs. Harold Palmer; children's penny booth, Mrs. Kenneth Iske; needle work, Mrs. Walter Keup and Mrs. George Rasp; canned fruit, Mrs. Harold McCulloch; oven products, Mrs. George Lane and Mrs. R. M. Burroughs; garden exhibit, Mrs. Dewey Clay; flower exhibit, Mrs. Victor Halblom; farm grains and fresh fruits, Clarence Gross; electrician and properties, Charles Smith and Taylor Clark; advertising, Frank Newcomer and Hugh Louden.

Four Grinnellians To Take Draft Physicals

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METER COLLECTIONS: The two-wheeled cart shown above is the strong box on wheels used by meter officer Harold Rose for making his meter collections. Built especially for the type of meter used here, the gadget speeds up the collections considerably. Officer Rose simply unlocks the money box of the meter and the coins roll out into the funnel and down into the strongbox.

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The Killer Said: "I Was Crazy Drunk"

Miss Park Was On Her Way Home From A Summer In The West

Miss Ada C. Park, highly esteemed Grinnell lady, met death by strangulation on the Southern Pacific Golden State Limited between Bisbee and Douglas, Arizona, about 3 o'clock this morning. Miss Park had spent the summer in the west, visiting her brother Hubbard in Marina, Calif., and a niece, Mrs. Daniel T. Gnaou, of Phoenix, Ariz. She was a passenger on an enshrouded train, on her trip home. She was 70 years old in June.

She was attacked in her lower berth. A man giving his name as Howard Lantz was arrested and according to Police Chief Percy Bowden of Douglas, Ariz., has confessed and has expressed his willingness to sign a written statement. Apparently the act was committed in a drunken frenzy. According to Chief Bowden, Lantz said, "I was crazy drunk." The accused man's face bore scratches, showing that Miss Park had fought for her life.

Story Of The Crime

According to the story of the crime given by Chief Bowden, Lantz rushed up to the conductor and said, "A man just killed a woman back there and jumped off the train." He explained the scratches on his face by saying that he had tried to battle the killer. He was taken off the train at Douglas and after questioning broke down and admitted his guilt, according to Chief Bowden.

Traced From Bus

The chief stated further that Lantz had been fired from his job as carpenter for the Southern Pacific at Tucson and was on his way to Charleston, S. C.

Miss Park was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Park. Her father will be remembered as an old sailor who had experienced a miraculous escape from shipwreck. The family home for many years has been at 1216 Main street. Miss Park graduated from Grinnell college in 1904. She taught for a few years and since then has lived quietly at her home here, caring for her aged parents until they passed away. Since their death she has done considerable traveling. She was a woman of culture and fine mental attainments and was active in the DAR, the WCTU and the Historical and Literary club. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Survivors

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. L. Carpenter of Grinnell, Route 2, her brother in California, her niece in Arizona and three nephews, Donovan Carpenter of Madison, Wis., David Carpenter of Ottumwa and Winslow Carpenter of Denver, Colo. Miss Isabelle Beston, gifted pianist who made her home for many years at the Park home, was a sister of Mrs. Park.

The body will be brought back to Grinnell and funeral plans will be made after its arrival.

Police Report 3 Accidents

Three minor accidents were reported by the police. No serious injuries were suffered in any of the mishaps.

A collision in the intersection of 4th and Spring street occurred Tuesday night about 8:00 o'clock. Involved were Carl W. Ross of Grinnell driving a 1935 Ford and Ward B. Arthur of Route 1, Grinnell, driving a 1940 Ford.

Although no injuries were sustained, property damage was placed at more than \$50 for each vehicle.

Bicyclist Gets Hit

An accident occurred at First and Main street last evening when a car driven by Leon Jacobs struck Judy Smith on her bicycle.

Jacobs reported to police that he had just started up going north on Main street when the youngster came east on First avenue. He said that he did not see the youngster.

No serious injuries were sustained by Judy other than a skinned knee and a scare from the mishap.

In conjunction with the accident, police urged that "all youngsters who ride their bikes at night should equip them with lights for their own safety.

Hits Parked Truck

An accident at about 2 o'clock this morning was reported to police. The wreck happened about three miles west of Grinnell.

Stanley V. Mokus and Russell Shannon, both of Des Moines, were driving east along the highway when Mokus, the driver, was blinded by the headlights on an oncoming car. When he pulled over, he struck the parked truck.

Sheriff Ray Barber of Newton was called to make the investigation. No injuries were sustained although the car was damaged in the crack-up.



Mrs. Gordon Harbour Residence At

Trial Of Ada Park Damage Suit Nov. 26

Attorney Lawrence
Pedersen Leaves For
Bisbee, Ariz., for Trial

The \$30,000 damage suit brought by the executors of the estate of Miss Ada Park against the Pullman company and the Santa Fe railroad as an outgrowth of the tragic death of Miss Park, who was strangled in her berth on a Santa Fe sleeping car, is due to come to trial in Bisbee, Ariz., on Nov. 26.

MISS ADA C. PARK

BORN

June 16, 1892
Mrecon, Nebraska

ENTERED INTO REST

August 10, 1950
Douglas, Arizona

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD

2:00 P. M. August 15, 1950
Congregational Church
Grinnell, Iowa

WORDS OF COMFORT BY
The Rev. Leland W. Mann

MUSIC BY

Mrs. Wayne B. Denny
Mr. Norman Goodhead, organist

CASKET BEARERS

Lyman Case Joseph Charlton
Larry Kinsey Wilbur Moulton
Robert Kinsey Croft Pilgrim

FLOWER BEARER

Roy Bates

INTERMENT

Hazelwood Cemetery
Grinnell, Iowa

SMITH FUNERAL HOME
Grinnell, Iowa