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Gun Wound Fatal  
To Carl Sheeler  
Monday Morning

12-24-1959  
Accidental discharge of a shotgun Monday morning claimed the life of Carl Sheeler, 67, a longtime resident of Montezuma.

Sheeler was cleaning out a small attic in the home from which he had moved only the day before. The shotgun was in the attic and it was speculated that the gun was discharged accidentally while he was working in the cramped quarters of the attic.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheeler had recently sold the home and were planning on departing on a trip to Florida this week. He had gone back to the house that morning to pick up a few items left behind in moving.

He had been employed by the Montezuma Mutual Telephone Co. until his retirement about two years ago.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at Montezuma.

Survivors include his widow, the former Hazel McFarlin; one son, Alvin, of Grinnell; two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Wasson of Montezuma and Mrs. Alene Keefe of Arlington, Va.; and two brothers, Lee of Grinnell and Leonard of Newton.

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Services Held  
Wednesday For  
Carl Sheeler

Funeral services for Carl Sheeler, 67, pioneer resident, were held at 10:30 Wednesday morning, Dec. 23, at the Steffy Funeral home with the Rev. George S. Snyder in charge.

Interment was in the Jackson township cemetery. Casket bearers were Charlie Zorn, Milo Phillips, Bill McCaulley, Clarence Duinink, John Montgomery and Henry Hutchinson.

Mr. Sheeler died Monday morning following the accidental discharge of an old time shotgun he inherited from his father. He and Mrs. Sheeler had gone to their former home to remove some final things and to put the house in good shape for its new owners. They had sold the property recently, preparatory to taking things easy, and had moved into an apartment over the Ben Franklin store. They were preparing to leave Dec. 22 for Florida to spend the winter.

He spent most of his life on the Sheeler farm in the Forest Home vicinity, and was known as one of the better farmers before moving to Montezuma. Here he was associated with the Montezuma Mutual Telephone Co. until he retired.

Besides his wife he is survived by a son, Alvin Sheeler, Grinnell; two daughters, Mrs. Phil Keefe, Arlington, Va., and Mrs. Fay Wasson, Montezuma; two brothers, Lee Sheeler, Grinnell, and Leonard Sheeler, Newton, and two granddaughters, Linda and Susan Sheeler, Grinnell.