

LESTER THOMPSON DIES

6-4-20
End Comes as Result of Accident
While Bathing in Skunk River
Near New Sharon.

SAW SERVICE IN NAVY ON SHIP AGAMEMNON

Was Universally Liked by All Who
Knew Him, Young And
Old.

Lester C. Thompson was born at Oak Grove, January 6, 1899, and died at the Community hospital June 29th following an accident received while bathing in the Skunk river near New Sharon.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson and spent his boyhood days on the home farm near Oak Grove, this county.

At the death of his father, September 6, 1914, the mother with two of her sons, Lester and Silas, moved to Grinnell, Lester entering high school as a member of the class of 1919.

May 8th, 1918, Lester heard the call of his country and enlisted in the navy in which he served one year and four months, serving seven months as a member of the naval band of the U. S. S. Agamemnon, making nine voyages to France. He received an honorable discharge from the navy last September, returning to his home in Grinnell where he remained until February when he went to Akron, Ohio, and took a course in vulcanizing. At the completion of the course he returned, and in connection with his cousin, Fred Thompson, opened a vulcanizing shop at New Sharon and was doing a prosperous business at the time of his death.

His mother, Mrs. W. H. Alley of Grinnell; the three brothers, E. D. Thompson, of Oak Grove, Benjamin H. of Fergus Falls, Minn., Silas his constant companion, and his sister, Mrs. C. E. Phipps, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in this sudden bereavement.

Lester was a member of the local Methodist church and Sunday school, and was greatly admired because of his sterling worth and manly character.

It seems impossible that one so full of life's ambitions and hopes should be so suddenly taken from the activities of this world, but the time is coming when this will all be explained in the light of a more perfect knowledge of the meaning of life.

The funeral occurred this afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. C. Wasser and Rev. J. M. Brown.

A guard of honor composed of former sailors under the command of Wilbur Marvin had charge of the services at the grave. Those composing the guard were C. C. Hutchinson, John Hofstatter, Carroll Dickerson, A. L. Child, Jr., Thomas Burroughs, L. L. Carlson, H. O. Watson, Richard Martz, Russell George sounded taps at the Blue point church.

Those present from out of town: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Thompson of Oak Grove, Mr. Benjamin H. Thompson of Fergus Falls, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Phipps and sons, Paul and Howard, of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Noah of Port Byron, Ill.; Mr. Peter Noah of Des Moines, Mrs. Mary Kell of Reynolds, Ill., Mrs. Luella Zeitler of Kalispell, Mont., Mrs. Hattie Dickson, Winthrop, Wash.