

ESDAY, JUNE 19, 1934.

## J. Q. Melcher, Kellogg Grocer, Accident Victim

(By a Staff Correspondent)

Kellogg, Ia., June 19, Special:

J. Q. Melcher, 61, local business man, was killed instantly about 10:30 o'clock Saturday evening when struck by an automobile, two miles south of Iowa Falls on Highway No. 65.

Mr. Melcher, in company with Robert Reichelt and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Coon of this place, were enroute to Pequot, Minn., for a fishing trip. The party was traveling in two cars with Mr. Coon in the lead. He saw a car approaching from the north "straddling the center lines" and pulled off the highway until his right wheels were on the shoulder. The car hit the left front wheel of the Coon car, causing a blowout and skidding the machine across the road, down an embankment and into the fence. It then hit the Melcher car, completely wrecking the left front wheel and pushing it almost off the road to the right. The car was reported to have been driven by the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. Ziesman, 30 year-old farmer residing south of Iowa Falls. Besides Mr. Ziesman and the daughter, the car contained another man and woman and four children. No one was injured. The men involved got out of their cars and were standing on the shoulder in front of the Melcher car about twenty minutes later when a car driven

by W. D. Gault of Des Moines collided with a car coming from the north at the scene of the accident and as it skidded on the pavement struck Mr. Melcher, knocking him and Mr. Ziesman down and hurling Mr. Melcher about thirty feet along the shoulder. All five cars had to be pulled in.

Mr. Melcher suffered severe skull wounds, a broken shoulder blade and a broken leg, with numerous other bruises.

Ziesman had a deep scalp wound and was taken to an Iowa Falls hospital, suffering from internal injuries. His condition is considered serious.

The remains were brought to the Madsen Funeral Home here early Sunday morning. No inquest was held according to a statement made by acting coroner Frank Patton of Hardin county.

Funeral services were held from the Melcher home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial was made in Our Silent City.

Surviving relatives include his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Himstreet of Martinsdale; Miss Betty, a junior at Iowa State College at Ames; a son, Jack Melcher of Marshalltown; two brothers, Joe of Lovilia and Ernest of Storm Lake; four sisters, Mrs. J. D. Rodgers and Mrs. L. A. Suitor of Oskaloosa; Mrs. Sophia Collier of Des Moines, and Mrs. Mac Mathews of Glendale, Calif.

He had been in the grocery and meat business here for the past 23 years.