

Killed In Two Area Traffic Accidents

Earl Mintle, Iver Iverson Die In Car-Semi Crash East Of City

Two men—one a Grinnellian and the other a former Gilman resident—were killed Wednesday morning in a car-semi crash at the Highway 6-63 junction seven miles east of Grinnell.

The victims were: Earl Mintle, 67, 102½ Summer Street, Grinnell. Iver Iverson, 72, Longmont, Colo., a former Gilman resident.

Died Instantly Mintle, a rider in the right front seat of the car, died instantly. Iverson, the driver, died in a Grinnell hospital about one hour and 15 minutes after the crash.

The accident occurred about 8:00 a.m. The Iverson auto was traveling east on Highway 6 and was turning north onto Highway 63. A westbound semi truck driven by Darrell Long, 20, Bel-

tendorf, smashed into the right side of the car. Witnesses said Iverson let one car pass and then turned directly into the path of the semi on the divided junction. Long swerved the truck to the right, but had no chance to miss the car.

Skid marks showed the truck braked only about 30 feet before smashing into the automobile. Long estimated that he was driving 40 to 45 miles an hour as he approached the intersection.

Into Ditch

The truck slammed the car off the northwest corner of the intersection. Two stop signs were knocked down as the vehicles remained into a ditch. Both vehicles came to a halt on their wheels. The rear portion of the truck remained on

the highway. Iverson was thrown from the car, landing about 12 feet from the spot where the car stopped. Mintle remained in the car.

Mintle and Iverson were on their way to Tama when the accident occurred. Iverson and his wife, Lena, were in Grinnell for a visit with relatives and friends, including Mintle. Long, the truck driver, was not injured. Highway Patrolman J. K. Koller and Sheriff Bill Welsh investigated the accident.

Fifth, Sixth Deaths

Mintle and Iverson were Poweshiek county's fifth and sixth traffic fatalities of 1963.

Previous fatalities were: Joseph Lacin, rural Grinnell, who died June 4 in a 2-car crash on Highway 146 six miles south of Grinnell.

Mrs. Elsie L. May, rural Malcom, in a car-truck crash at a rural intersection four miles north of the Malcom junction of Highways 6 and 53. She died June 13. Ernest Bodine, Maddonfield,

N. J., in a 2-car accident at the Interstate 80-Highway 146 junction three miles south of Grinnell June 24.

Edwin Wolf, Deep River, in a tractor-truck crash near Deep River. He died July 9, the day after the accident.

Funeral Services

Funeral services for Mintle will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Dewey, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating.

Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery with graveside rites to be conducted by members of the Grinnell American Legion post. Funeral rites for Iverson will be conducted in Longmont, Colo. Further information about the Iverson services can be secured from the James-Schalinske Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Mintle was born June 10, 1896, near Grinnell, the son of Ernest and Laura Smith Mintle. He attended the local rural schools and graduated with the Class of

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Monday, September 23, 1963.

Saturday Rites For Earl Mintle, Accident Victim

Funeral services for Earl L. Mintle, 67, of Grinnell, were held Saturday afternoon from the Smith Funeral Home. Mintle died Wednesday of injuries received in an automobile accident about six miles east of Grinnell.

Officiating at the services was the Rev. Robert Dewey, pastor of the Congregational church. Flower bearers were Mrs. Verlin Adkins and Mrs. James E. Adkins. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner.

Pallbearers were John Schallau, Mike Brooks, Floyd State, Ed Speth, John Peters, and Marion Onthank. Honorary pall-

bearers were Cecil Myers, Earl Kennedy, Pat Brock, Ray Myers, Glenn Anderson, and Alfred Bonayata.

Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery with graveside rites conducted by W. K. Richardson, commander, and members of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, Grinnell American Legion.

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On August 23, 1924, he was united in marriage with Nonna Cox at Oskaloosa, and to this union were born three children: Max, who preceded him in death in July of 1960; Mrs. Donna (Jean) Nisson of Burlingame, Calif., and Tom of St. Louis, Mo. In addition to his widow, son and daughter, Mintle is survived by six grandchildren: Michael, Minnie, Gregory, Paul, and Marie Nisson; and Steven and Karen Mintle.

Mintle was preceded in death by his parents, his son Max, and three brothers and one sister. He was employed at the Grinnell post office for many years until retirement in 1948. He enlisted with the 1st Iowa Cavalry in September 1917, as a bugler, and later served overseas with the Army Engineers. Following his discharge he returned to make his home in Grinnell. He was a member of the Congregational church, the Grinnell Elks Lodge, Hopetown Barrack World War I Veterans of Grinnell, and had been a member of the Grinnell American Legion.