

Thursday, July 23, 1970

Lynnville Man Dies After Woman Shot in Murder-Suicide Try

A rural Lynnville man was killed Wednesday by two self-inflicted gunshot wounds in the latest short-ly after he reportedly shot his sister-in-law during a family argument.

Dead is Edward Onthank, 69, of Rte. 1, Lynnville. Mrs. Paul (Vivian Onthank, his sister-in-law, was reported in satisfactory condition at Grinnell General Hospital with a wound in the abdomen.

According to Jasper County Deputy Sheriff John Bagley, the incident occurred at about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. Bagley said Onthank shot his sister-in-law during the argument and, as she was being taken by ambulance to Grinnell General, turned the .22-cal. rifle on himself, managing to fire two shots into his chest.

Mrs. Onthank's husband, Paul, was reported to have suffered a heart attack shortly after the incident occurred.

Obituary

The son of Halsey and Viola Robison Onthank, Edward W. Onthank was born June 22, 1901, in the Westfield community south-

west of Grinnell. He attended the rural schools and farmed all his life in Poweshiek and Jasper Counties.

He was married to Edith Spears in 1917. The couple had one daughter, Mrs. Wendell (Mildred) Claybrook of Oskaloosa. His wife Edith died in 1920.

On Aug. 19, 1921, he married Ollie Mae Phipps. Seven daughters were born to the couple: Mrs. Delmer (Elsie) Van Gorp of Grinnell, Mrs. Paul (Darlene) Hamor of Grinnell, Mrs. Lyle (Rose) Johnson of Grinnell, Mrs. Richard (Mollie) Saunders of Grinnell, Mrs. Marvin (Grace) Davis of Marshalltown, Mrs. David (Irene) Kester of Newton, and Mary Doris, who died in infancy. His wife Ollie May preceded him in death on May 11, 1967. On March 7, 1963, he was married to Bonnie Mae Sharp, who survives him.

In addition to his wife and seven daughters, he is survived by 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Elmer (Grace) Mitchell of Grinnell and Mrs. William (Florence) Van Wyke of Sully; two brothers, Paul Onthank of Grinnell and G. W. Onthank of Des Moines; and five step-children, Mrs. Wendell (Alma) Bates of Newton, Mrs. Henry Doris Krumm of Grinnell, Floyd Sharp of Grinnell, Mrs. Opal Lusk of Des Moines and James Sharp of Newton.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mrs. Edna Youngberg and Mrs. Charles Marie Kimball; one brother, Charles H. Onthank; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Onthank will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Hugh H. Shiveley, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Leonard Pattee, and interment will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Pallbearers will include Harry Ashby, Robert W. Ashby, Donald Onthank, Wilburn Van Wyke, Marion Onthank and Raymond Mitchell.

Friends may call at the James-Schallinske Funeral Home until 9 a.m. Friday, and thereafter at the First Baptist Church.