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2 Killed In Midnight Ambush!

Irate Farmhand Shoots 4 In Wessel Family, Takes Own Life

Four-H Exposition Is Under Way Here

Livestock Shows, Sales; Demonstrations on Program

The Carroll county FFA and Farm Bureau 4-H Junior Exposition was under way here today, with the livestock being shown at the horse show barn this afternoon, the feature of first day activity.

Large entries were received in most divisions. W. Howard Brown, county extension director, reported. Grand champions were to be named this afternoon.

The judging of 4-H girls' club exhibits got under way this afternoon, but the demonstration competition will be held Tuesday. Girls' exhibits are at the roller skating rink.

JUDGES in the girls division are Mrs. William Kile of Audubon, William Imbus, Des Moines, field man for the Iowa Beef Producers' association, was to judge the beef and sheep division in the boys contests, while Walter Harvey of the animal husbandry department of Iowa State college acted as judge of swine.

The winner of the demonstrations tomorrow will represent the county at the state fair. Five demonstrations will be held tomorrow, starting at 10 a. m. and continuing through 2:15 p. m.

Demonstration teams and their topics are as follows: Donna Gynne and Carolyn Hotter, Union Club, "A Pound of Cure"; Patty Kasperbauer and Ruth Schmidt, Manning Cade's, "Helpful Hint in Bed Making"; Norma Schelle and Alyce Wilderling, Birds, Happy Hiders, "The Tale of a Shirt"; Velma Wittrock and Doris Steffen, Row Valley Ranchers, "It's Don't Discard It"; Sylvia Julich and Phyllis Bruning, Maple River, "Top Notchers"; Brighter Wash Days With Aids—Not Maids.

The livestock sale, another highlight of the two-day exposition will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow with C. E. McLaughlin of Carroll in charge.

A **LIVESTOCK** parade will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at Gram park. The municipal band will present a concert at the park following the parade.

Logan Man Is Killed by Train

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA. (P)—A man tentatively identified as P. S. Whiteman of Logan, Ia., about 40, was killed early today when he was struck by a Northwestern railway passenger train near Crescent, Ia. Potawatamie County Coroner Stanley Woodring said.

Woodring said the identification was made from a letter found in the dead man's pocket. The coroner ordered the engineer as saying the man stepped in front of the train, and the engineer was not able to stop in time.

The Weather

CARROLL FORECAST

Partly cloudy, continued hot and humid through Tuesday. Low to night 74. High Tuesday 95.

IOWA FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with a few widely scattered thunderstorms in west and north central portions tonight and Tuesday morning. Continued hot and humid. High today 95-100. Low to night 72-76. High Tuesday 95-100.

The Weather in Carroll

At 7 a. m. today 97
At 10:30 a. m. today 95

Weather A Year Ago

It was clear and cool a year ago today, with temperatures rising from 48 to 72.

IOWA TRAFFIC DEATHS

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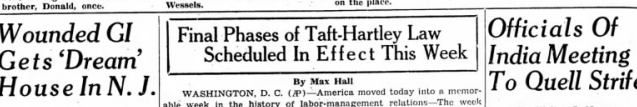
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SCENE OF TRAGEDY... This is the modest farm home of the Clayton Wessel family, six miles south of Glidden, where late last night Jack Heuton shot and killed Elgie and Lois Mae Wessel, wounded Clayton and Donald, then killed himself. Elgie was lying on the cot between two trees at right. Heuton hid behind a summer kitchen and sped fire when the family alighted from their car after a trip to Scranton. Heuton's body was found near a barn on the place.

Wounded GI Gets 'Dream' House In N. J.
PATERTON, N. J. (P)—Ex-GI Johnny Chis, disabled veteran of the North Africa campaign, got his dream house today. It took two years and the combined efforts of townpeople, veteran and civic organizations and construction trades.

But now Johnny has a \$18,000 five-room brick veneer home, with a two-car garage, for himself and his new bride, all free of charge.

The project of building Johnny's dream house started while Johnny was in The Bronx, N. Y., veterans hospital being treated for the shrapnel wounds which left him paralyzed from the hips down.

The word got around about the GI, without any family, who was drawing plans for a house he hoped to own some day.

JOHNNY, 30, was born here so his home-town got in on the show and joined promoters who were trying to make the GI's dream come true.

When members of the New Jersey and Paterson Building and Construction Trades council (AFL) decided to donate labor, Johnny's house began to take shape.

One year ago tomorrow, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis drove the first nail into the construction frames for Ex-Sergeant Johnny's house.

Today, in special ceremonies, the Mason, president of the Construction Trades council, handed Johnny the key to his home, which is partially furnished by gifts from local merchants.

Johnny, who joined the army in 1937, was wounded in April 1943, in North Africa.

LAST June 6, he married the sister of a GI buddy, Helen Lesot of Chester, Pa.

Jack Heuton Fired Shots, Sheriff Says

Fusillade Kills Elgie, Lois Wessel; Injures Don, Clayton

By Staff Writer

GLIDDEN—Two members of the Clayton Wessel farm family were shot and killed and two others wounded—one critically and not expected to live—last night by a former employee who later committed suicide, Sheriff Tom J. Finegan reported. Sheriff Finegan said Leslie Jacob (Jack) Heuton, 27, Coon Rapids, fired on the family and then took his own life.

Dead were: Elgie Wessel, 55, Lois Mae Wessel, 16, and Heuton.

The injured: Donald Wessel, 13, and Clayton Wessel, 40, father of Lois Mae and Donald and Elgie's brother Clayton Wessel's condition was extremely critical, it was reported at St. Anthony hospital where he and Donald were taken.

SHERIFF Finegan said the shooting was done by Heuton, who had worked for the Wessels on the farm home six miles south of Glidden before and after service in the navy.

The sheriff said Heuton's body was found near a barn about 4:45 a. m. this morning after an all-night search conducted by himself, Deputy Arnold Witt, and a squad of about 10 highway patrolmen. The sheriff said Heuton had shot himself through the mouth with a .22-caliber automatic rifle which held about 15 shots. He had broken off the butt of the gun before placing it in front of his face.

The shootings took place about 11:30 o'clock last night, Sheriff Finegan said.

HE ADDED that Heuton, who had left Wessel's employment last June, had broken into the farm home "several times" in the past three weeks and stolen various articles, some belonging to Lois Mae. He had been arrested by the officer for investigation and was warned to stay away from the Wessel family. Sheriff Finegan said there had been some sort of a disagreement between Heuton and the Wessels, culminating when Heuton left the farm in June. He had visited the place several times since then, during which time the break-ins occurred.

Since leaving the Wessel farm, Heuton has been employed on the Nielsen Jensen, Jr., farm near Carrollton.

SHERIFF Finegan gave this account of the shootings: Last night all of the Wessels, with exception of Elgie, went to a roller skating rink at Scranton.

While they were parked there, Heuton came alongside the car and asked if they couldn't straighten out difficulties which had occurred between them since Heuton left the farm.

Clayton Wessel was quoted as saying he wasn't interested in renewing any friendship with Heuton.

The sheriff said Heuton replied: "All right, if that's the way you feel about it, I'll go through with my plans."

The Wessels returned home about 11 p. m., and Sheriff Finegan reconstructed the slayings as follows:

Wessel got out of the car, turned on the yard light and went to the house and turned on the house lights.

The others then got out of the car and as they advanced toward the house, Heuton began firing from behind a summer kitchen.

Heuton was seen to be holding. The sheriff said cartridges ejected from the gun were found in this place.

Elgie apparently was dead. He had been sleeping on a cot in the farm yard and either was killed in his sleep or at about the time Heuton began firing at the other Wessels. His body was found near the cot, shot once through the side.

After wounded Clayton Wessel in the yard, Heuton

ran to the dining room window where Lois Mae was apparently trying to phone for help. He shot her through the head of the back and once in the arm. She fell to the floor near the telephone. Her brother, Donald, also in the room, was shot through the side.

Meanwhile, Clayton Wessel, shot three times in the abdomen and twice in the chest, staggered toward the house and fell on the kitchen steps.

Mrs. Clayton Wessel (Pauline) ran upstairs with two children, Kenneth, 10, and Irene, 10, relative. Neither she nor the children were shot.

Mrs. Wessel had gotten on telephone while Heuton was shooting. Sheriff Finegan said.

Final Phases of Taft-Hartley Law Scheduled In Effect This Week

By Max Hall

WASHINGTON, D. C. (P)—America moved today into a memorable week in the history of labor-management relations. The week when the last and biggest chunk of effect.

The big date is Friday, August 22, 60 days after Congress enacted the law over President Truman's protests.

Unions for the first time under federal law, will be subject to prosecution before the national labor relations board for such practices as coercing employees, refusing to bargain, forcing an employer to pay for work not actually performed, and engaging in jurisdictional strikes and certain kinds of boycotts.

SOME provisions of the act took effect June 23, but the full weight of the vast policy changes decreed by the republican-controlled Congress will not be felt until Friday.

The NLRB, which has spent 12 years protecting the rights of workers who want to organize into unions, now will protect—in addition—the rights of workers who don't.

It also will protect the rights of employers.

On Friday the NLRB will split in effect, into two separate agencies (1) A five-man board, which becomes a labor court, and (2) The "office of the general counsel," headed by Robert N. Deming.

This office will investigate and prosecute cases before the five-man tribunal, and eventually will have perhaps nine or 10 times as many other "union security" contracts as the tribunal itself.

NLRB regional officials, back at their homes today after converging in Chicago last week to discuss procedure, prepared to issue some new regulations between now and Friday.

On Friday, only three days remain in which unions and employers can sign closed shop, union head other "union security" contracts in the customary unregulated.

Under the new law, unions can't file such charges—and they can't be certified by the board as bargaining representatives—unless they have registered and furnished financial statements, and unless their officers have made non-communist affidavits.

This is one of the hottest subjects of the week. Most unions haven't yet furnished these documents. Some of the biggest CIO unions evidently don't intend to, at least not now. They have an Labor See Page 7

Officials Of India Meeting To Quell Strife

By Walter J. Mason

NEW DELHI, INDIA. (P)—High officials of India and Pakistan conferred today in an effort to quell bloody communal strife in the Punjab, which observers feared might be aggravated by a boundary commission's decision dividing the province between the new Hindu and Moslem states.

The conferences began in the provincial capital at Lahore, with British military authorities sitting in, as the commission filed a report yesterday awarding the greater part of both the Punjab and Bengal to Pakistan, which originally had claimed all of both provinces on the ground they had Moslem majorities.

While the governments of India and Pakistan had agreed in advance to accept the commission's decisions, it appeared unlikely that the militant Sikh majority in the Punjab would be satisfied with the division of that province.

UNDER the commission's decision the city of Lahore, ravaged by months of communal rioting, goes to Pakistan. Amritsar, the holy city of the Sikhs 35 miles to the northeast, is to be in India, but the Sikh majority there.

"Thousands of Sikhs and Hindus, anticipating that Lahore would be in Pakistan, already had fled the city prior to the commission's report. Hundreds of others have died in the city, once known as the 'Paris of India,' during the past three weeks of fighting between the bitterly opposed religious communities."

IN BENGAL, Calcutta—India's largest city and second in size only to London of all the cities in the British commonwealth—goes to the new Hindu state of India.