

E. C. Hunt

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Muscatine, Iowa, and on July 16, 1909 was married to Vera K. Burke of Hannibal, Missouri. He made a major decision in his early life to leave the electrical field and go to the field of communication, so when the opportunity came to be manager of the Hampton, Iowa telephone exchange, he took the position. Later, in 1910, he moved to Creighton, Nebraska where he became a partner in that exchange, and in 1926 came to Blair, which he made the headquarters for his expanding business interests.

Men of his generation who showed leadership learned to trust their own judgment and to make shrewd appraisals of those who worked with them in the business affairs. Mr. Hunt never lost his desire to be a rugged individualist and a person of independent action and expression. He left the active duties of his business to his two sons some 25 years ago when he devoted himself to travel and to many enterprises which occupied his attention. However, he still retained the presidency of the firm until 1966 when he was struck by a city bus in Tampa, Florida. He sustained serious injuries and had been hospitalized ever since.

The death of his wife in 1962 was a great loss to Mr. Hunt.

The couple had lived happily together for some 53 years.

Surviving are two sons, Emory Jr. and Robert of Blair, 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; a brother, Earl of Albert Lea, Minnesota and a sister, Letha Knable of Peoria, Illinois.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 21st at 2 P. M. at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Atherton officiating. The Campbell Mortuary was in charge of arrangements and interment was in the Blair Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Fred Brunk, Wayne Lambertz, Don Feer, Clark O'Hanlon, Gordon Vinton and Alfred Sick.

Services For E. C. Hunt Held Tues., May 21

55-23-68
An era passed when the last of the pioneer telephone men of Nebraska, Mr. E. C. Hunt, died this week. He established a group of 38 telephone exchanges with headquarters in Blair, which today is one of the community's leading industries. His initiation in the industry came as he started as a wire chief in Hannibal, Missouri in 1907, in the days when a telephone and a light were relatively new media in American life. During a lifetime of some 85 years he watched from the invention of the

John Nibbe Rites Held At Arl.

62-6-68
Services for John Nibbe, 97, were conducted from First Methodist Church. Rev. Leo Zillig officiated and burial was in Arlington Cemetery.

Music was by Mrs. Jack Cady, soloist, and Loell Jorgensen, organist. Pallbearers were Dr. Jack Cady, Lloyd Braun, Leo Schmidt, Carson Gaines, Albert Stack and George Schoettger.

Mr. John Nibbe was born in Germany, August 7, 1870. He died at Paramount, California, May 26, 1968, 3 months before his 98th birthday.

In 1904 he brought his wife and two sons Arthur and Benjamin to the United States. Three more sons were born here.

He followed his trade of carpenter, having helped build many schools in Nebraska as well as homes. He was the contractor when Arlington's present Methodist Church was built in 1929.

He worked in the church all the years he lived here. He held the position of lay preacher. He left Arlington to live with his son Arthur in Minnesota in 1958. After Arthur's death in 1961 he went to California where his son, Gilbert lives. One other son, Benjamin, preceded him in death.

His other three sons, Robert Nibbe of Denver, Colorado, Edward Nibbe of Springfield, Illinois and Gilbert of Paramount, California are survivors.

Except for failing eyesight, Mr. Nibbe was very alert and interested in world events and sports, especially baseball, until the last 10 weeks of his life.

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modern day miracles to their perfection in our present society.

It was not enough that he should have lived through this period of industrialization and change, but that he should have been a pioneer in its earliest development and later consolidation.

His father, Marshall Hunt, of Belle Plaine, Iowa was the engineer in charge of the Municipal Light Plant, and young E. C. was early initiated into the mysteries of electrical work and telephone communication.

He was born July 20, 1883 at

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MRS. R. M. RICHARDS 40, DIED IN OMAHA

55-30-68
Mrs. R. M. Richards, well known Blair woman, died Sunday at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha. She had been in poor health for a number of months.

Betty Jane Richards was born at Davenport, Iowa November 10th, 1927. She grew to womanhood there and was a graduate of the Davenport Public Schools. In 1950 she was married to R. M. Richards and the couple lived in Omaha for a time. Five years ago they moved to Blair and purchased a new home at 1159 South 16th street in Blair.

Mrs. Richards is survived by her husband and by two children, Jeffrey, 15 and Sandra 12. Her father, Ray Meisner also survives. His home is in Florida.

Two brothers survive. They are Vincent Schnoor, of Davenport, Iowa and Wayne Schnoor, of Coal Valley, Illinois. Also a sister, Mrs. Leona Boedt, of Davenport, Iowa survives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Richard Davison conducting the service. Burial was in the Blair

the Campbell Mortuary.

Pallbearers were Dave Carlson, Roy Duffey, Raymond Kuhl, Ray Sapp, Gene Baumer and Howard

62-1-68
HANSEN—Vigo, 1342 East 5th, Fremont, Neb., 78 years of age, passed away May 31 at Fremont. Survived by wife, Helen; 1 daughter, Mrs. Gene (Ruth) Kenealy, Omaha; 2 sons, Floyd Hansen, Winslow, Neb., Jack Hansen, Tulsa, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Funeral services 2 p. m. Monday, First Lutheran Church, Fremont. Memorial established for the First Lutheran Church. LATIN-DUGAN-CHAMBERS