

**Car Struck Bridge Rail
Landed In Creek.
Not Found For 8 Hours**

**Mr. and Mrs. Norman
Larsen and son Russell
die in night-time crash**

Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Larsen of Kennard and their four-year-old son, Russell, died in an automobile accident early Thursday morning when their car missed a bridge on Highway 30 west of Kennard. The Larsens and their three young sons were returning from Arlington where they had been visiting Mrs. Larsen's mother, Mrs. Jim Pettit.

**FRED MULLER DIED
AT GOOD SHEPHERD
HOME MONDAY**

Fred Ferdinand Muller, long-time resident of the rural area north of Blair, died Monday at the Good Shepherd Home. He had farmed north of the Goll school for a time and also at another location east of Herman.

He was born December 27, 1890 at New York City and was 80 years of age at the time of his death. He came to this area at an early age and engaged in farming.

Mr. Muller was a member of the Armed Forces during World War I and he received the Purple Heart in recognition of injuries sustained in action.

He is survived by his wife who lives at Parkview Manor in Blair.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children. A son, Leland Muller lives at Tekamah

and a son Melvin Muller resides in Omaha. A daughter, Mrs. Marilyn DeWitt also lives in Omaha. There are ten grandchildren. He has no brothers or sisters.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, September 23 at the First Baptist Church in Tekamah. The Rev. Dudley Carter will conduct the service and burial will be made in the Tekamah cemetery under the direction of the Campbell Mortuary of Blair.

Pall bearers will be Ronald and Rodney Therkelsen and William, James, Ronald and Lyle Anderson.

NIELSEN—John O., age 93 years, Lyons, Neb. Survived by daughter, Mrs. Will N. (Inez) Corson, Mission, Kan.; son, Cliff W. Nielsen, Omaha, Neb.; 3 grandchildren, Stephen Corson, Overland Park, Kan., Susan Corson, Mission, Kan., Mrs. Howard Parker, Denver, Colo.; 4 great-grandchildren.
Services 10 a.m. Wednesday, Bethany Lutheran Church, Lyons, Neb. Interment Lyons, Neb.
PIPER FUNERAL HOME

This damaged guard rail was the tip-off that a car might be in the creek below.

The car, traveling east, veered off the bridge railing and flew through the air for a distance of 75 feet before landing on the bank of a small creek. The car landed on its top, crushing it to the doors.

Time of the accident was established at about 3:00 a.m., the Larsens having left shortly before 2:30, according to available information. The car was not found until almost noon and at that time the engine was cold, indicating that the family had been pinned in the car for six to eight hours.

The accident had been discovered by a passing motorist who noted the place on the bridge which had apparently been struck.

Mr. Larsen was the owner and operator of the New Deal Bar in Kennard, having purchased it last

Fall from Leonard Brummer.

The Blair Rescue Squad was called and the work of extricating the victims began.

Randy, age nine, was rushed to the Blair hospital and given preliminary treatment and then rushed to Immanuel Hospital in Omaha. Richard 3, was treated for facial cuts at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Larsen were dead when reached by the Rescue Squad. Russell died of his wounds before help could be given.

The three bodies were taken to the Bendorf Funeral Home in Blair.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Larsen were natives of the Kennard area. Mr. Larsen was the son of the late Earl Larsen and Mrs. Larsen was the daughter of Lambert Coufal, a Kennard resident now deceased. Mothers of both of the victims are among the survivors.

Norman D. Larsen was 26 years old, having been born at Blair on July 2nd, 1945. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ardith Larsen and by four brothers and a sister. The brothers are Eldon and Milton Larsen, of Omaha, Lynn Larsen of Elm Creek, Nebraska and Arlen Larsen of Kennard. The sister is Mrs. William Wrich (Joyce) of Kennard.

The surviving sons are Randy 9,

and Richard, 3.

Mrs. Larsen was Sandra Mae Coufal. She was born September 9, 1945 at West Point, Nebraska. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. James Pettit. Her father, Lambert Coufal, is deceased.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Pat McGuire of Barstow, California and a brother, Mike Pettit of Arlington.

Four-year-old Russell was born at Blair November 13, 1965. He is survived by his two brothers and his maternal grandparents.

Funeral services are being held this (Monday) afternoon at the Kennard Methodist Church. The Rev. James Warn, Jr., pastor of the church, will conduct the service. Burial will be made in the Kennard Cemetery with Kennard Firemen acting as pallbearers.

STASKIEWICZ MORTUARY
SCHMIDT—Rose H., age 55 years, Rt. 2, Omaha. Survived by her husband, John H.; daughter, Mrs. Don (Norma) Vasek, Elkhorn; son, Robert J., Bennington; brothers, Fred Lamp, Blair, Walter Lamp, Omaha, William Lamp, Norfolk, Neb.; sister, Mrs. August (Margaretha) Hadan, Omaha; nieces and nephews.
Funeral services Saturday 2 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church, Bennington. Rev. Norman Schroeder officiating. Interment Elk City Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to St. Johns Lutheran Church or Bennington Rescue Squad.
HADAN-GOLDEN MORTUARY
Bennington 238-2291 or 342-1060
SINGER—Mary, age 73 years, 7705

HANSEN—Hulda E., age 90 years, Blair, Neb. Survived by daughters, Mrs. Harry (Helen) Wrich, Blair, Mrs. E. D. (Inez) Zeman, Lincoln; brother, Lawrence Hansen, Kennard; sisters, Mrs. Olga Hanks, Tilden, Neb., Mrs. Agnes Oelsligle, Tilden, Mrs. Sidney J. Wood, San Francisco, Calif.
Services 2 p.m. Tuesday First Lutheran Church, Blair. Interment Prairie View Cemetery, Kennard.
CAMPBELL MORTUARY SERVICE
BLAIR, NEB.