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## TWO POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

Wedding of Miss Beulah Shipley and Mr. Lester E. Armstrong at Mason City.

A wedding of interest to many Webster City people occurred in Mason City Tuesday afternoon, June 27th, at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. It was the marriage of Miss Beulah Shipley of that city, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Shipley who are joint proprietors with C. W. Black of this city, of the Shipley & Black dry goods store, and Mr. Lester E. Armstrong of Ames. The wedding was one of the most beautiful home weddings ever celebrated in Mason City and was witnessed by about fifty guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Fred Austin, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson and Miss Clo Scriven, all of this city.

The home was profusely decorated with pink and white peonies and sweet peas and with smilax. Shortly before the appointed hour, Mrs. Fred Smith of Oskaloosa at the piano played McDowell's "To a Wild Rose," with a slight pause between that and the stately strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The bridal party then descended the stairs, two girlhood friends of the bride untied the pink ribbons which were tied between the two rooms at the foot of the stairs. Miss Mildred Simpson of Iowa Falls, a high school and college friend of the bride as bridesmaid, led the wedding party, beautifully attired in pink taffeta with white net overdress, head ornaments and tulle cap. She carried an arm bouquet of pink roses. Following her came the tiny three year old flower girl, Barbara Jane Phelps, of Grinnell, the daughter of college friends of the bride, attired in dainty white with pink ribbons and carrying a basket of pink and white sweet peas. Lastly, the bride on the arm of her father, dressed in a charming creation of white charmeuse with tulle overdress and iridescent bead trimmings. The bodice of the gown and the court train were both hand embroidered and the loveliness of the bride was enhanced by a long tulle veil, with cap effect, caught with orange blossoms, which latter was a gift from California relatives. She carried a shower bouquet of white brides roses and lilies of the valley.

The bridal party were met at the altar in the living room, by the groom and his best man, Mr. Walter Helmer of Winona, Minn., and the double ring ceremony was pronounced by Rev. William James, rector of St. John's Episcopal church of Mason City. The couple stood in front of the fireplace which was banked high with ferns and greenery on a background of white, with tall jardiniere filled with pink and white peonies at the sides. Between the columns supporting the flowers, were the two white satin pillows on which the pair knelt.

Directly following the ceremony the newly pronounced husband and wife, with their guests, made their way to waiting automobiles and proceeded to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Armstrong, where a reception was held. This home was also tastefully decorated with pink and white, and following congratulations a dainty three course rose and white luncheon was served at small tables. These held as central decorations, single pink roses in bud vases, all place cards also carrying out the pink rose in bud vase effect, and white lace nutbaskets were tied with pink ribbons. At the bride's table the centerpiece was an elegant silver basket, one of her wedding gifts, filled with pink roses and tied with pink tulle. The bride, following the time honored custom, cut her own wedding cake, a pretty sentimental touch having been the decoration of the cake, which was a bouquet of lilies of the valley, which also decorated her mother's wedding cake twenty-seven years ago. The bouquet was reinforced by fresher flowers and the decoration of this wedding cake will be preserved.

As soon as the luncheon was over, the guests and the wedding party returned to the Shipley home where Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong prepared to depart on their wedding trip. Odd-

ly enough before they were able to leave the automobiles to go into the home, they were intercepted by the members of the Philharmonic Society of Mason City, who arriving in automobiles, serenaded the bride and groom, with a delightful rendering of the Bridal Chorus from the Rose Maiden. This was an entire surprise to the party.

The happy couple left soon after for a brief wedding trip in Chicago where they will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Shipley with their car and will proceed to the New England states for a six week's wedding trip overland. The bride's traveling costume was a black taffeta suit with white georgette crepe blouse, and small white hat, with corsage of white and yellow daisies.

Mrs. Armstrong has visited friends and relatives here at intervals for years, since her father's interests were concerned in this city, and is a young woman of much charm and beauty. She is a graduate of S. U. I. and a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. For the past three years she has been a teacher of history in the high schools of Newton and Mason City. Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of the Boston School of Technology and a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is at present business manager of the Shipley & Nelson dry goods store of Ames, where the young couple will be at home after September 15th.

## ODD FELLOWS REACH THE REQUIRED SUM

Booster Meeting Effective in Rounding up Work of Past Two Months in City.

There was a fair attendance at the booster meeting at Elmo hall Friday night, in spite of the intense heat. Representatives from the Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges were present to hear the report of the soliciting committee, who already have \$2,800 in subscriptions.

One member, after hearing the reading of the report, offered to loan the lodge \$500 at 6 per cent interest for 90 days to allow them to close the deal for the lots desired. Later several other members offered to loan amounts of \$100 at 6 per cent interest payable on or before 10 years from now. Practically every member of the Rebekah lodges gave \$1 or more toward the building fund, so all have a part in it.

This coming week will therefore see the consummation of a thing the Odd Fellows of Webster City have talked of for years and have been actively engaged in bringing to a close for the past two or three months.

## FALLS THIRTY FEET FROM TREE

Geo. Weaver, Employed on a Farm Near Blairsburg, is Seriously Injured.

Geo. Weaver, who is employed on the Mrs. Williamson farm, two miles from Blairsburg, fell from a tree Friday and was badly hurt. He had gone up into the tree to hive a swarm of bees, lost his hold and fell a distance of about thirty feet to the ground, breaking several ribs and badly crushing him in the region of the chest and abdomen. He was brought to Mercy hospital and is in a very serious condition.

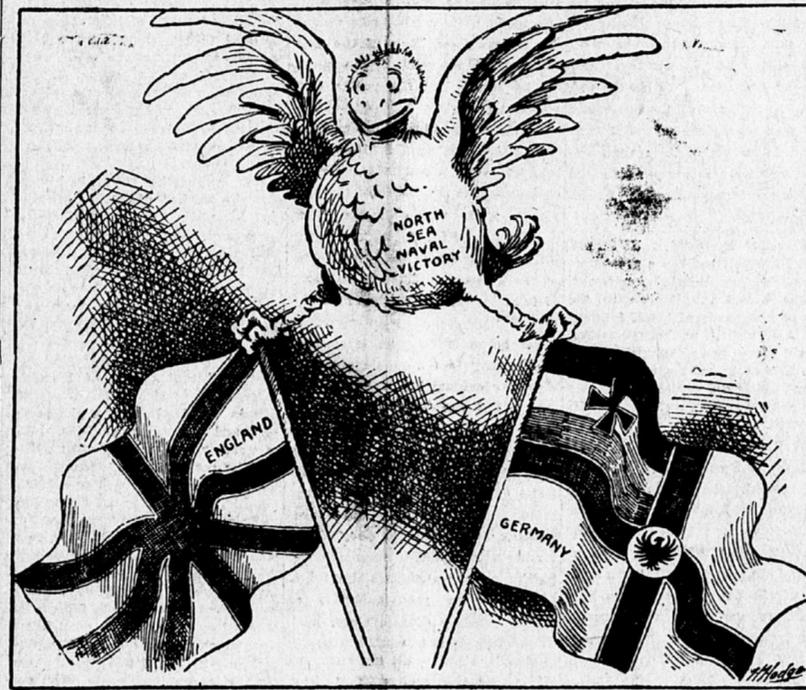
Mr. Weaver has been in the employ of Mrs. Williamson during the last four years and before that had worked upon the A. F. Bartlett farm. He is about 45 years of age and has no relatives in this vicinity. He is an industrious worker and a good man.

Mr. Weaver's friends will be sorry to hear of his serious condition.

Show me a young man who has not succeeded at first and has then gone on, and I will back that man to do better than those who succeed at the first trial.—Charles James Fox.

The attempt, and not the deed, confounds us.—Shakespeare.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS.



—Hodge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

## SOME SELF-EXPLANATORY LETTERS

Attitude of the Modern Woodmen of America Criticised by a Soldier at Camp Dodge.

Camp Dodge, Des Moines, June 30.—Editors Freeman-Tribune: Inclosed you will find a copy of notices sent out by the fraternal insurance society, M. W. A. A number of the boys belong to this organization and have been paying assessments for years. Such societies, I believe, should go out of business, because they threaten national existence. Japan, (I don't wish to wave the yellow flag, but feel constrained to do it), if she ever intends to threaten the United States, will do so now. If she does, we all know what will happen. Please publish the statement from the head official, that all patriotic Americans who are in such organizations may know the dangers ahead of them in the event of a great war. A man's life insurance should not be forfeited because of his loyalty to the flag. Every able bodied American citizen of military age is liable to be called to arms. Let all who take out insurance bear this in mind. The boys' feeling is intense in this matter. It is no trifling affair with them.

The following are the communications in question:

Webster City, June 27, '16.—Esteemed neighbor: On June 21, I wrote to the head office asking for information regarding standing in the Society, M. W. of A., of the National Guard, and in reply thereto received a letter from the head clerk which I think sets clearly forth the status of your insurance, and that you may fully understand it, I have made copies of the letter and am attaching a copy herewith. And I also attach hereto a copy of the By-Law "17," referred to in the head clerk's letter.

This letter, as you will note, holds that "war" is a hazardous occupation, and should death be traceable to such occupation your insurance would be invalid. At least that is the inference I draw from it.

Trusting that you will still continue as members of the Society, and with best wishes for your safety and success, I am,

Fraternally yours,  
John D. Porter,  
Clerk Camp 416, M. W. A.,  
Rock Island, Ill., June 24.—  
John D. Porter, Clerk Camp 416,  
Webster City, Iowa. Esteemed Neighbor: Your letter of June 21 is received, concerning the members of your camp, who I understand belong to the National Guard, and in reply you are advised that the present By-Laws of our society class

## BEARS ON WAY TO NORTH DAKOTA

Leave Their Webster City Quarters to Join The Yankee Robinson Circus.

The three eighteen months old Polar bears which have been quartered in Webster City since the Wheeler Bros. show left here, were Friday shipped to Columbus, N. D., where they will have an act in the Yankee Robinson circus. These three cubs and also two Great Dane dogs have had quarters near the Hawkeye Cabinet factory in a big wire arena, twelve feet high, where they have attracted much attention from people who knew the bears were there. They can do many tricks—play on a teeter-totter, chute-the-chutes, etc., and do some clever antics with a water hose. The bear will wash his face and then hand the hose to another bear to do likewise. Should the second bear think the first had been careless in his washing, he will do the work over for him.

## W. C. BURLERSON BUYS GIANNINI BUILDING

Deal Closed Today Whereby W. C. Burlerson Becomes Owner of Another Brick Block.

Another change in ownership of buildings on east Second street took place Friday when a deal was closed by W. C. Burlerson and G. S. Giannini, the latter of St. Paul, Mr. Burlerson purchasing of Mr. Giannini the two story brick building in the 500 block on Second street now occupied by the E. L. Chase ice cream parlor and confectionery store. This building was occupied by the owner for many years, Mr. and Mrs. G. having left here several years ago. No changes will be made in the building at the present time.

## Attention, Outing Club Members!

The board of directors have decided to make the 4th of July an open day at the club grounds. Basket picnic, and all members are allowed to invite their friends without having to secure visiting cards. Ice cream and coffee will be on the grounds, for sale at 30c per quart for ice cream and 10c per quart for coffee. Members will take their own cream and sugar. A fine display of fireworks on exhibition in the evening. A general good time is in store for everybody.  
1d2 By order of Board of Directors.

keeper, James Wright, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. They cost \$650 apiece now and they are but eighteen months old. The reason for this is that they do not breed in captivity. When full grown and educated these bears will be valued at \$1000.

Mr. Albers has winter quarters in New York City where he trains the bears and other wild animals—tigers, leopards, lions, etc. He was with the Haggbeck-Wallace circus for fourteen years as an animal trainer and last year he sold this circus forty animals.

These bears, together with twelve others, will be featured in a roller skating act at the Hippodrome in New York for twenty-six weeks, commencing Oct. 1st next. It is the highest priced vaudeville act billed. The Polar bears with which these bears will perform range from ten to sixteen years of age and they have been featured in Germany, England and other foreign countries.

The two great Danes were shipped Friday also and will be featured with the Yankee Robinson circus. While making the stay here the keeper bought the two wolves which were in the Hanrahan & O'Connor show window recently.

To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace.—George Washington.

## ANOTHER FINE FARM HOUSE BUILDING

Ralph Groves Excavating for Residence on Farm Northeast of County Farm.

Excavation has begun for the fine new farm residence to be built by Ralph Groves on his farm northeast of this city and north and east of the county farm. Not only a residence will be erected on the farm but also a large new barn to correspond with the imposing proportions of the farm house.

The plans for the home are most elaborate and are for a nine room house to cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000, with stucco exterior and red cedar shingles. The style of architecture will be very much on the order of the H. A. Eames residence of this city only larger and with much larger porches. A sun room and sleeping porch above will be erected on the south of the farm house which will face the west. Inside, the improvements and finishing will all be of the most modern and approved style.

Work will go forward rapidly upon the house and barn and the Groves family expect to move from their present location upon the Alexander Groves farm west and south of Kamrar to the new one in the fall.

The greatest science we can study is the science of living with other men. There is no other thing that requires so much education, so much wisdom, so much practise as how to live together.—Anonymous.

## A SOLDIER COMES HOME TO MARRY

Webster City's First War Bridal Couple—Officials and Minister are Generous.

If ever it has been thought that the county officials of Hamilton county were hard matter-of-fact citizens devoid of sentiment, let that thought now perish, for they are nothing but a lot of sentimentalists ready to help along a romance at the drop of a hat.

Friday afternoon Webster City's first war romance of the American-Mexican period of 1916 loomed on the horizon when Ernest Oleson, a native of Sweden, for a few months a resident of America, but for all that a member of Company C, came up from Des Moines on a forty-eight hours furlough to obtain a marriage license to marry Miss Ingeborg Torvond, a native of Norway, but for a few years a resident of Webster City and America. When Private Oleson accompanied by W. H. Frazier, of the fire department, approached the desk of the county clerk, it was at once decided by that county official that the young man should not have to pay for the license. The laws of the county make no provision for the free issuance of a marriage license to a soldier on duty, but the different county officials in the court house quickly made up the required amount and the legal permission to marry was given.

At eight o'clock Friday night the young couple, accompanied by the bride's sister, Miss Haldis Torvond and a friend, Miss Rika Ojrdal, went to the Christian parsonage where Rev. C. V. Pence united them in wedlock. True to his convictions also, that the romance of a soldier should receive all possible aid, no fee was asked at the conclusion of the ceremony. The young man offered to give the customary amount but the minister felt that any young man taking to himself a wife on \$15 a month—the pay of a private—was shouldering heavy burdens enough and refused the fee.

Congratulations to the first war bride and groom of Webster City! The county clerk advises the Freeman-Tribune that all marriage licenses issued to a soldier of Company C, will be given free of cost as long as the boys are on duty. Here is a chance for the next couple, although it is not known how many ministers will agree to perform the ceremony for nothing.

**Typhoid Fever in Jewell.**  
Reports coming from Jewell are to the effect that quite a number of people in that place are ill with typhoid fever. Aside from Adolph Philiger, who was brought to Mercy hospital here Friday, his fiancée, Miss Bess Sidenstucker, well known in this city, is very ill with the disease.

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