

Notice of Floyd Cunningham's death, Stevens County, Kansas

This newspaper article from the "Hugoton Hermes" reports the death of Floyd Cunningham, 1903-1917, older brother of miler Glenn Cunningham, 1909-1988. The brothers were severely burned in a fire at the Sunflower schoolhouse located in southwest Stevens County. Thirteen year old Floyd Cunningham died of his injuries two weeks later. The physician treating seven year old Glenn told him that he would never walk again. With rehabilitation and personal determination, however, he recovered to become one of the nation's premiere runners. Between 1932 and 1936, Glenn won Big Six indoor mile titles and participated in the 1932 and 1936 Olympics. In 1938, Cunningham became the world's fastest miler as he set a new indoor record at Dartmouth College. In 1978, he was named the outstanding track performer in the 100-year history of Madison Square Garden and, in 1979, he was inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Creator: Hugoton Hermes

Date: February 23, 1917

Callnumber: Microfilm H1265

KSHS Identifier: DaRT ID: 210306

Item Identifier: 210306

www.kansasmemory.org/item/210306

KANSAS
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY



Notice of Floyd Cunningham's death, Stevens County, Kansas

HUGOTON HERMES.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF STEVENS COUNTY

VOLUME 30 NUMBER 19

HUGOTON, KANSAS, FRIDAY, FEB. 23, 1917

\$1.50 PER YEAR

E. B. McCONNELL, PUBLISHER

Mrs. Phillips Injured By Auto
Last Sunday night while Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips and their daughters were walking to the Christian church service, Mrs. Phillips was struck down by a car driven by T. G. Hicks who was bringing his family in for the service. Mrs. Phillips' injuries while very painful are not considered dangerous; the most serious consisted of a cut at the back of the head five inches long where the scalp was torn loose in a semi-circular gash; several front teeth were broken out and her lips and tongue cut; and a number of bruises; these injuries were the result of blows from projections on the bottom of car; then one ankle was badly wrenched and dislocated where a wheel passed over it.

The accident occurred at the J. B. Porter corner where the car turned off the avenue and Mrs. Phillips was carried into the Porter residence and surgical aid summoned, and removed to her home Monday evening. Mr. Hicks is much grieved over the accident, particularly that when he tried to check the car his foot slipped from the brake to the accelerator, which caused the car to strike with greater force.

Boy Died From Burns

The local undertaking firm were called to the H. C. Cunningham home in southwest Stevens county Sunday night to prepare for burial the body of Floyd Cunningham, the thirteen year old boy who was burned in the explosion of gasoline while starting a fire at the Sunflower school house two weeks ago. Burial was made in the Barden cemetery in Oklahoma, Monday. Glenn, the seven year old boy, was still living but suffering great pain.

Floyd was born at Atlanta, Kas. December 29, 1903. Besides the father and the mother, Clint and Rosa Cunningham, he had three brothers, Raymond, Glenn, and John; and three sisters, Marjorie, Letha and Melva. A short funeral service was conducted at the home by Elder A. C. Martin.

A large number of people at-

Saturday Special!

For Saturday ONLY, we make the following offer:

WE WILL GIVE $\frac{1}{4}$ OFF

on every STOVE we have in stock, (as long as they last) to every cash purchaser of 2000lb of coal.

This includes two Perfection Oil Heaters, also.

Now is your chance if you need a stove. Not many in stock

Come early if you want a stove.

AMSDEN LUMBER CO.

W. S. FORTNA, LOCAL MANAGER

Phone 55

Res. Phone 34

Clyde E. Bundy came Tuesday from Kansas City, Mo. to be with his father; Dr. Bundy is yet very ill with articular rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank White are prospecting in Colorado with a view of purchasing a ranch near La Junta; W. J. Holman purchased their half-section south of town and rented it with the adjoining half-section, to Arthur Davis.

Ernest Phillips went to Kansas City, Saturday, on business.

The west side barber shop still remains closed since the "strike" of the barbers Monday evening of last week. Prospects are good for a barber to open it up soon.

Tuesday, February 21, was the 92nd birthday of Stevens county's oldest citizen, A. A. Kimzey of Hugoton, who came from Illinois to his homestead four miles north of town in 1885. All of his descendants were present for a family dinner at the home of his only son, E. R. Kimzey, mayor of Hugoton; they are his grand children, Guy and Bert Kimzey, Mrs. Carrie Holman and Mrs. Ethel Holman, and their families. About twenty-five postcards were received from people here in remembrance of the day.

Mrs. C. M. Hill is building a six-room house just northwest of the court house, 24 x 26 feet.

THE POPULAR CAFE

Serves all kinds of Short Orders. Something special every day for dinner. Will have plenty of Pies and Bread on hand. Fancy Cakes and Pastries Baked to order. Special Dinner next Sunday, 35c. Come to dinner.

The two months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Jennings, west of town, died of pneumonia and was buried Tuesday in Hugoton cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Parsons were in Guymon last Thursday to attend the funeral of F. H. Paris, who died from pneumonia; it was at the Paris home that

A son was born in the Verne Broilier home north of town Wednesday morning; and a son in the E. N. Stanley home, southeast.

A cross-collision of autos took place at the street intersection near the city well Monday evening. Ruben Young smashed the bumper of his Overland on the

T. B. Stockstill Killed at Liberal
Thomas B. Stockstill of Hugoton was killed by a train at Liberal Wednesday. He had gone over with the mail carrier Tuesday, and Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock while crossing to the second track to board a freight train for Tyrone, was struck by a passenger train from the west. He lived until 1 o'clock but was unconscious. His sons George and Claude, of Ematon, took the body to Sharon, Kansas, this morning for burial.

Mr. Stockstill was past eighty years of age and his sight was poor, which probably contributed to this accident. He had large property interests and at times gave much to benevolent enterprises. He lived alone here, but was known to many who regret to hear of his passing in this way.

J. W. Keefer, the drayman, is having a house 16 x 32 feet built on his place about ten miles northwest of Hugoton.

Moscow News

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bolinger are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born Sunday.

Mrs. Sherfy is staying in town this week to assist with the care of her mother; Mrs. Stull is a little better at this writing.

A. J. Schmoock, who had the misfortune to run a rusty nail into his knee, is recovering.

Sickness and la grippe still prevail; among the sufferers this week are Mr. and Mrs. McCue, Tolman Dudley, Mrs. Fred Miller, Mrs. L. G. Sherman and Mrs. Chas. Stull.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrill and Mrs. Roberts made a visit in Oklahoma Sunday.

Several car loads of Moscow youngsters attended the basketball game at Hugoton Friday night.

F. R. Brownell, Mr. and Mrs. Whetstone and son Roy made a trip to Colorado last week.

Miss Ina Nevins of Minneola, came Saturday to take care of her Grandmrs. Sherman, who has been quite sick.

Mrs. Jack Bell was called to Liberal on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Eliza



Buy the Best Shingles

the market offers if you want the worth of your money. Cheap grades mean early repairs, and frequent repairs cost heavily in the long run.

Come and See Us

when you are ready to buy shingles—whether you want them in asbestos, metal, slate or wood. As experts, we will honestly tell you what material is most suitable for your purpose and show you how to buy economically.

**Satisfaction in Price and Quality
Guaranteed to All Buyers**

WESTERN LBR. CO. F. M. Williams, Mgr.
HUGOTON, KANS.

DE LAVAL CREAM SEPARATORS



We have recently secured the agency for the De Laval Cream Separator and have put in a stock of repairs and De Laval Oil so we are in a position to take care of machines now in use.

The De Laval will do better work and last longer than any separator made and you will find it by far the cheapest and most satisfactory in the long run.

We have machines on hand at all times and will be pleased to demonstrate their superiority to anyone.

**We solicit your custom for anything else in
Implements, Paints, Tools, Etc.**

J. B. PORTER HARDWARE