

Brothers Went Into Business 57 Years Ago With Carload Of Paper

A history of Niemeyer Brothers, Inc., together with the scope of its wholesale paper business was told to the Chamber of Commerce board of directors this week as the fifth in the "Know Ottumwa Business and Industry" series.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Linus C. Niemeyer, company president, and Elmer Gamache, secretary and general manager.

Mrs. Niemeyer traced the growth of the firm from its founding in 1900 by the late Linus H. and Frank Niemeyer who

came here from Lake Forest, Ill. These brothers brought a carload of coarse paper suitable for wrapping merchandise, and a rented space in the business where the building is now located.

Slow, Steady Growth.

Mrs. Niemeyer said the history of this business is "much the same as that of any business starting at the turn of the century, and due to the foresight, industry and thrift of its owners, it enjoyed a slow, steady growth."

Mrs. Niemeyer told of the

steady growth of the product paper and how it has climbed to fifth place in the nation. This is due, Mrs. Niemeyer said to the many and diversified uses of the product, and keeping pace with the population growth.

In addition to the wholesale paper business, Mrs. Niemeyer said the firm manufactured candy boxes for a number of years, and for the 18 years following 1931, the firm made folding cartons under the direction of the late Linus C. Niemeyer.

Gamache then exhibited samples of the wide variety of paper items now distributed by this firm through an area within a radius of 90 miles from Ottumwa. Four road salesmen are employed in this work.

He said his firm can completely service practically any type of business from the smallest to the largest with its paper requirements.

How's *Business?*

(A weekly department of news about business activities in Ottumwa and the Ottumwa area.)

BUSINESS IMPROVING.

Improvement in Deere & Co's business that began during the first quarter of the current fiscal year is continuing, William A. Hewitt, company president, reported at the company's annual meeting this week.

During the first three - month period net sales were \$79,000,000, 16 per cent more than in the corresponding period of 1956. Net income was 31 per cent greater than in 1956.

The second fiscal quarter runs until the end of April, Hewitt said, pointing out that it is too early to make reliable estimates of sales and income for this period.

"However," the president said, for the five months ended March 31, our sales were about 30 per cent higher than in the same period a year ago, when strikes in four of our plants reduced sales substantially. This increase in sales and the absence of strike costs should result in a substantial increase in income."

"Our operations," Hewitt said, "for all of 1957 have been geared to an expected sales increase of 10 to 20 per cent above the 1956 level."

JOINS REALTY FIRM.

Howard J. Griggs of 1437 Silverwood lane has joined the Lawrence Realty Co. at 105 North Court street, Edna C. Lawrence announced today. Griggs will sell both city and farm property on a parttime basis. He has been a member of the city fire department for the past 17 years, and now holds the rank of captain.

DAIRY IMPROVEMENT.

The retail room of the Wapello Dairies at 315 Church street has been closed and the room is being converted into an area for making cottage cheese.

Arthur T. Tennyson, manager, said the former retail room will be completely modernized. A tile floor will be laid and the walls covered with ceramic tile.

New cottage cheese equipment is to be installed, and the laboratory now located on the second floor will be placed in a section of this new room.

SPENT IN IOWA.

The Borden Co., which is observing its 100th anniversary this year, paid out \$12,214,401 in the course of its business in Iowa during 1956. This represents an increase of more than \$2,000,000 over 1955.

This total was present for dairy products and other supplies purchased from Iowa farmers, and for wages and salaries to employees within the state. It did not include dividends to its more than 500 stockholders in Iowa.

C. M. Nabholz is manager of the Borden Co.'s ice cream branch at 526 West Second street.

NEW INSTANT COFFEE.

A new instant coffee is now being distributed through retail outlets in the Ottumwa area. The coffee is the product of the Folger Coffee Co., widely known for its "Mountain Grown" coffee.

Instant coffee, Folger officials say, now comprises 31 per cent of all coffee consumed in the home, reflecting a steady climb in popularity since its introduction during the World War II years.

NEW POLICY.

The State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. has a new policy which provides for greater financial protection. The policy carries a major medical payments optional coverage, according to the Bauman & Christy agency at 304 Church street. The new policy will be available in Ottumwa after May 1.

GOOD SAMARITAN Old Folks Home

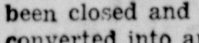
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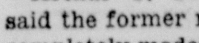
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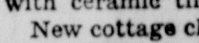
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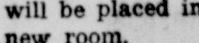
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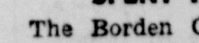
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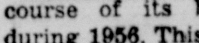
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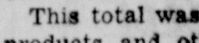
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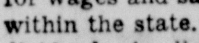
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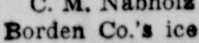
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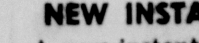
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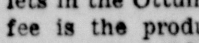
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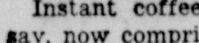
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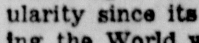
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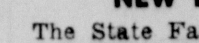
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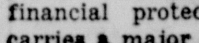
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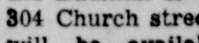
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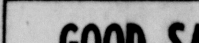
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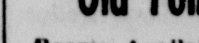
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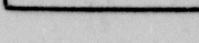
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DEATHS

Worth Stimits.

Worth Stimits, Sr., 64, former Ottumwa resident, died at 5:15 a. m. Friday at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo., following a heart attack.

Mr. Stimits was born in Ottumwa December 1, 1892. He married Mary Jane Reed June 12, 1917. They left Ottumwa in 1917 and have since made their home in Colorado Springs.

Mr. Stimits was executive vice president of the Colorado Commercial Savings bank and treasurer of the Colorado heart fund. He was a member of Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic lodge, and Consistory lodge No. 3.

He is survived by his wife Mary, one son, Worth, Jr., and a grandson. Funeral services will be held Monday, April 22 at 3:30 p. m. at the Swan Funeral home in Colorado Springs. There will be Masonic services at the grave.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carr, 513 Wabash avenue, left for Colorado Springs this morning to attend the funeral. Carr is a nephew of Mrs. Stimits.

John H. Walker.

John H. Walker, 80, died at his home at 213 South Adams avenue at 3 a. m. today. The son of Samuel and Hannah Hendricks Walker, he was born in Davis county July 3, 1876.

He has lived in Ottumwa most of his life. He was a former employee of the Ottumwa Waterworks and the Iowa-Indiana Gas and Electric Co. He was a member of the Pentecostal church.

Mr. Walker was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters. He is survived by one son, James W. Walker, of Ottumwa; two grandchildren, Patricia Lynn and James William Walker of Ottumwa; and two sisters, Mrs. Minnie White and Mrs. Effie Hux, both of Ottumwa.

Funeral services will be held at the Johnson funeral chapel at 3 p. m. Monday. Burial will be in the Ormanville cemetery.

Mrs. Velma Krueger.

Mrs. Velma Briggs Krueger, 46, wife of Arnold Krueger of Ottumwa route 7, died at the Ottumwa hospital at 12:20 a. m. today.

She was born February 14, 1911, near Libertyville, the daughter of Arthur A. and Capple Collinsville Briggs. She had lived her entire life in Jefferson, Mahaska and Wapello counties. She attended the Agency Methodist church. She was married in 1941 at Memphis, Mo.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Robert and Kenneth, both at home, and her father of Ottumwa route 7. She was preceded in death by her mother March 11, 1953.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Monday at the Johnson funeral chapel with the Rev. Chester Waterman, pastor of the Agency Methodist church, in charge. Burial will be in Wymore cemetery near Rose Hill.

Troy Student In 'Kiss Me Kate' Cast

TROY. — Duane Robinson of Troy was a member of the cast of "Kiss Me Kate," presented Wednesday evening at Northeast Missouri Teachers college in Kirksville. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robertson, Mrs. Harold Brown and Donnie and Miss Sherry Poling attended.

Mrs. Greiner Heads Music Boosters

RICHLAND. — Mrs. Raymond Greiner was elected president of the Music Boosters club Thursday. Mrs. Everett Nichols was chosen vice president and Mrs. Ed Weber, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. John Dupuis is the past president. Members are mothers of members of band or vocal groups.

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Demos Demand Equal Part In Bids Inquiry

DES MOINES. (P)—Iowa democrats have demanded equal representation on any legislative committee to investigate equipment bids received by the state highway commission.

State Rep. Merle Hagedorn (D-Royal), house democratic floor leader, said Friday that democrats "welcome the right kind of investigation." But he added that a house resolution which could provide the vehicle for such a probe doesn't provide for "equal representation" of the two political parties.

"I will file an amendment to provide for a truly bipartisan committee of three democrats and three republicans," Hagedorn said. "The recent tax study committee was described as 'bipartisan' when it consisted of 10 republicans and two democrats."

The move for a probe of the highway commission by the legislature took shape after Highway Commission Chairman Robert K. Beck of Centerville issued a statement Thursday saying he had been informed of a reported attempt to "pad" highway equipment bids by 25 per cent.

Beck said Commissioner Mel Graham of Audubon, a democrat, had been approached by two men, Virgil W. Smith of Milan, Ind., and Roland Reko, Des Moines, a one-time employee of Gov. Herschel Loveless, and asked to halt a contract letting on mower equipment.

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Beck said he was told that most of the profit was to go to the Iowa democratic party, but that Graham "turned the proposition down flat" and then informed the rest of the commission about it.

Meanwhile, Governor Herschel Loveless said he also would conduct a highway commission investigation of his own. He promised he would demand prosecution if any illegal acts are uncovered.

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Ottumwa Hogs Gain Quarter

Ottumwa hog prices were 25 cents higher today. Tops were \$17.75 for butchers, \$16.75 for sows and \$12 for stags.

(Plant-delivered hogs up to 40c per cwt. additional for meat - type 100 - 240 lb. butchers. No. 3 butchers are being discounted as much as 40c per cwt.)

LOCAL PRODUCE.
EGGS—A large 23c, a large 20c. A medium 20c, checks 18c.
POULTRY—Hens 4 1/2 lbs. and up 10c, under 4 1/2 lbs. 7c; roasters 6c.
BUTTERFAT—Sweet, clean and fresh under .002 pct. acidity 58c; legal cream age four days or under 57c; over four days 52c.

School Buses To Have Inspection

BLOOMFIELD. — The annual safety inspection of Davis county school buses will be made Tuesday at the high school here by a representative of the state department of public instruction and the highway patrol. There are 24 cars and buses scheduled for the inspection.

NEW TREASURER.

CHARITON. — Mrs. Jack Jeffries has been elected treasurer of the American Legion auxiliary to replace Mrs. Rex Bonway, who moved to Belmont last week.

BUREAU MEETS.

PACKWOOD. — The Park Township Farm Bureau met Thursday evening in the Harlan Myers home.

HAS SURGERY.

ALBIA. — Herman Bilberman of Avery underwent surgery Thursday at the University hospital in Iowa City.

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Light Receipts Lift Hog Prices

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Saleable hogs 1,000; total 1,000 estimated; compared week ago: barrows and gilts 25-35 higher; sows 25-50 lower; a few lots of No. 1 and 2 100-220 lb. butchers reached 19.00 during the week, equalling the highest price here since January; No. 1 212 lbs. at 18.85, several lots No. 1 to 3 190-225 lbs. 18.50-18.75; receipts mainly mixed No. 2 and 3 lots 190-250 lbs. at 18.25-18.50; same grades 260-300 lbs. at 17.75-18.25; larger lots of No. 1 to 3 350-550 lbs. sows 15.00-16.75; few 300-350 lbs. to 17.00.

Saleable cattle 100; total 100 estimated; compared week ago: prime slaughter steers mostly steady; choice strong to mostly 50 higher; good and below 50-1.00 higher; heifers 50-1.00 higher; sows strong to 50 higher; bulls fully 50 up; few loads average to high prime steers 28.00-28.25; steers showing high choice and prime steers