

TUSCANIA

Thompson, Olin Raymond
1897 WI – 1985 AZ



Olin Raymond Thompson, of Rib Lake WI – left: “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” 6 Feb 1956 p 1 and right: “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” 7 Feb 1955 p 3



AT TUSCANIA SURVIVORS GATHERING—These 16 survivors of the sinking of the troopship *Tuscania* by a German torpedo in the Atlantic Feb. 5, 1918, gathered in Medford Saturday for the annual meeting of the Wisconsin *Tuscania* Survivors Association. Seated, left to right, are Art Hansen, Withee; Martin De Boer, La Crosse; Charles Meyenberg, Stone Lake; A. R. Willey, Washburn; Oakley Parkhill, Neills-

(Doyle Studio, Medford)

ville, reelected president of the association Saturday; Charles M. Jonas, Washburn; Nat Carhardt, Neillsville, reelected secretary-treasurer; and Edmond Johnson, Rosholt. Standing, same order, are Fred Braem, Marshfield; O. R. Thompson, Rib Lake; William Rueschel, Shawano; Alvin W. Grambsch, Neenah; J. W. Kramer, Medford; Herb Hurd, Wausau; Hobart Edmunds, Waupaca; and Lehland McCue, Poy Sippi.

Olin Raymond Thompson is 2nd from left in the back row (standing) - "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald"
Monday 7 Feb 1955 p 3 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/267705968/>



HOLD REUNION HERE—Survivors of the torpedoing of British ship *Tuscania* during World War I met at the Elks Club here Saturday night for a reunion and memorial service marking the 38th anniversary of the disaster. Seated, left to right, are N. T. Carhart, Galesville, secretary-treasurer; Oakley L. Parkhill, Galesville, president; Fred Braem, Marshfield, in charge of local arrangements; and V. M. Kelly, Wisconsin Rapids. Standing, left to right, are O. R. Thompson,

Rib Lake; William Gereau, Chippewa Falls; Herb Hurd, Wausau, T. S. Greene, Oconto Falls; I. W. (Jim) Wendi, Marshfield, who was ill in a New Jersey camp when his outfit boarded the ill-fated transport; Arthur J. Siplon, Muskegon, Mich.; William Ruechel, Shawano; Leland McCue, Poy Sippi; J. W. Kramer, Medford, and John Jacobson, Waupaca. (News-Herald Photo)

14 Tuscania Survivors Gather Here for Disaster Anniversary

Fourteen survivors of the sinking of the British troopship *Tuscania* on Feb. 5, 1918, gathered at the Elks Club here Saturday night for a reunion and memorial service marking the 38th anniversary of America's first major military loss in World War I.

Members of the Wisconsin *Tuscania* Survivors Association voted to confer with representatives of three other *Tuscania* veterans groups in Wisconsin with the hope of consolidating them into one association. Approximately 200 survivors are on the rolls of the group which met here. Other *Tuscania* societies are in the Milwaukee, Baraboo and Chippewa Falls areas.

Officers, who have served since the Wisconsin association was formed in 1948, were reelected Saturday. They are Oakley L. Parkhill, president, and N. T. Carhart, secretary-treasurer, both of Galesville, and Oscar Bjork, Chippewa Falls, vice president.

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The gathering here opened with a memorial service conducted by the Rev. Howard A. LePere, Marshfield, who was also the principal speaker at the dinner which followed. John Morzinski of Marshfield played Taps.

Twenty-nine persons, including wives and guests of the "Tuscans" attended the dinner. Fred Braem, Marshfield, served as toastmaster.

More than 200 of the 2,179 American soldiers aboard the *Tuscania*, members of the 32nd Division, lost their lives when the ship was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland.

The men gathered here Saturday were members of the 107th Supply Train, with one exception. They came from Headquarters Company, and Companies A, C, D and F of the World War I outfit. The exception was Arthur J. Siplon, Muskegon, Mich., who was a member of the 100th Aero Squadron, one of three similar independent units aboard the troopship which were aviation sections of the Signal Corps.

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One "non-survivor" was also present at the dinner—I. W. (Jim) Wendt of Marshfield, a member of Company F of the 107th Supply Train who was quarantined at Camp Merritt, N. J., and thus did not sail with his unit.

One survivor present, Martin J. DeBoer, La Crosse, became ill at the reunion and left before the affair ended.

The gathering here voted to hold its next meeting, a picnic, at King July 8.

Also discussed was the possibility of interesting a "name" writer in the *Tuscania* disaster. Proponents pointed out that the sinking, which did much to unite America for the World War I drive for victory, has been largely ignored and forgotten and a popular book on the subject might give the disaster a larger place in history.



These men were among those elected directors of the new Wisconsin Dairy Industries Association, organized in September at Marshfield. Front row, left to right: George W. Ruppel, Shawano; August Kannig, Ladysmith; George R. Mooney, Plymouth; E. R. Eckwright, Ladysmith; Bryce Landt, Wisconsin Dells; F. W. Huntzicker, Greenwood; Wilbur G. Carlson, Madison, director of the Wisconsin Agricultural

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Olin Raymond Thompson is standing in the back row at far left – “Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette”
Friday 14 Oct 1938 p 20

Wisconsin Dairy Industries Group



WISCONSIN DAIRY INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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Another version – Olin Raymond Thompson at far left, back row – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Friday 14 Oct 1938 p 12

State Directors of Dairy Group Elected Here



Directors of the American Dairy Association of Wisconsin, who were elected Tuesday afternoon at the 12th annual meeting of the organization, are shown.

They are, seated, (left to right), Joseph Niemmer, Plainfield; Matt Stauffacher, Monroe; Alvin Smith, Portage; Lyman McKee, Madison; Leonard Kopitzke, Marion; Arthur Trebilcock, Madison.

son.

—State Journal Staff photo

Back row, (left to right), George Page, Merrill; Charles DeGolier, Deerfield; O. R. Thompson, Rib Lake; William Barnes, New Lisbon; William Groves, Lodi; Allen Fahland, Clam Falls; Homer Melvin, Glenbeulah; Howard Carpenter, Ellsworth; Gordon Reuhl, general manager, Madison; Otto Wirth, Antigo.

Olin Raymond Thompson is standing in the back row, 3rd from left — "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Wednesday 22 Feb 1960 p 3 -<https://www.newspapers.com/image/406369289/>



GUIDE ADA PROGRAM—The expanded ADA program is guided by these men. They set all policies and govern all expenditures of money of the ADA program. They represent all branches of the farm industry, as well as producer and industry organizations. The majority are producers and all serve without pay. Seated (left to right) are G. B. Reuhl, Madison, general manager; A. J. Smith, Portage; C. M. DeGoller, Deerfield; L. E. Kopitzke, Marion; Paul Lemmel, Madison; A. F. Trebilcock, treasurer, Madison; L. D. McKee, president, Madison; J. A. Niemer, secretary, Plainfield; Omar Gaston, Watertown; Otto Wirth, Antigo; Homer Melvin, vice president, Glenbeulah; standing (same order) are J. D. Wuethrich, Greenwood; A. W. Agnew, Milton Junction; O. R. Thompson, Rib Lake; B. R. Dugdale, Madison; A. E. Fahland, Clam Falls; M. H. Stauffacher, Monroe; Curtis Hatch, Dodgeville; H. C. Jackson, Madison; William Groves, Lodi; Paul Pratt, Milwaukee, and William Seffern, Van Dyne. Not present when picture was taken were George Ruppel, Shawano; Kenneth Hones, Chippewa Falls; O. C. Kline, Waukesha; M. K. Swanton, Madison, and C. M. McDowell, Madison. The ADA, with the aid of contributions from farmers during May and June on the basis of milk deliveries to dairy plants and cheese factories, carries on an advertising program for dairy products.

Olin Raymond Thompson is standing in the back row, 3rd from left (his head is in front of the woman's head in the ad behind him) — "Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" Tuesday 12 Jun 1951 p 18

Olin R. Thompson

MESA, Ariz. — Olin R. Thompson, age 87, formerly of 332 Summit St., Portage, died Jan. 25, 1985 in Mesa Lutheran Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Desert View Chapel, Mesa, Ariz. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 at Abbotsford, Wis. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the United Methodist Church, Portage.

Mr. Thompson was born near Abbotsford, Wis., on Dec. 13, 1897 to Thomas and Mary Thompson. He attended the Abbotsford schools until he enlisted in the Army at the age of 17. He

was a survivor of the sinking of the ship *Tuscania*. After World War I, he returned to Abbotsford and he drove the Standard Oil gas truck. He married the former Mamie Stewart on June 1, 1921. After his marriage he was a brakeman on the Sioux Line until the depression. Then with the help of relatives, Olin and Mamie started a cheese factory in Greenwood, Wis., in Taylor County. In 1944 they merged with the Riblake Creamery and expanded into packaging of cheese. Late in the 1950s, the Riblake Cheese Co. moved to Medford, Wis. and was later sold to the C.J. Berst Co. of Portage. Olin and Mamie moved to Portage in 1957 where they made their home until November, 1984. Olin continued to be involved with the quality and marketing of cheese. When

C. J. Berst merged with Armour Cheese Co., Olin served as national sales consultant for Armour Cheese. After full retirement at age 73, Olin and Mamie divided their time between Mesa, Ariz., and Portage, Wis.

Mr. Thompson belonged to the American Legion, the Masonic Lodge at Medford, Wis., OES of Medford, the White Shrine, the Commandery of Wausau, the Zor Shrine Temple of Madison, the Wausau Council of Wausau, and the United Methodist Church in Portage. He was a lifetime member of the Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association and one of the original organizers of the American Dairy Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mamie of Mesa, Ariz.; two daughters, Geanne Jetsen and JoAnn Thorndyke, both of Minneapolis; one brother, John of Camarillo, Calif.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the United Methodist Church of Portage, the Heart Association or Kidney Foundation.

Obituary of Olin Raymond Thompson – “Portage (WI) Daily Register” Wednesday 30 Jan 1985 p 16

Orlin R. Thompson

ABBOTSFORD — Orlin R. Thompson, 87, of Portage, formerly of Abbotsford and the Rib Lake area, died Friday at Mesa Lutheran Hospital, Mesa, Ariz. He and his wife spent the winters in Mesa.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford, with the Rev. Robert L. Everhard officiating. Masonic rites will follow. Burial will be in Abbotsford Public Cemetery with full military rites.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at United Methodist Church, Portage.

Visitation will be after 11 a.m. Saturday until service time at First Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford.

He was born Dec. 13, 1897 in Abbotsford, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Mary) Thompson, and as a youth lived in Abbotsford. He married Mamie Viola Stewart June 1, 1921 in Redville, Town of Maplehurst. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 5, 1971 in Portage.

He was a survivor of the troopship Tuscania, which was torpedoed by a German submarine during World War I.

He was a brakeman for the Soo Line Railroad and later operated a cheese factory in the Town of Greenwood, Taylor County. In 1944 he began the Rib Lake Cheese Factory and later operated a cheese factory in Medford until it was purchased by C.J. Berst Co. In 1959 they moved to Portage, where he managed the C.J. Berst Packaging Co.. When the business was sold to Armour and Co. he continued working there as national sales consultant until he was 73.

He was a member of Medford Masonic Lodge 217; the Order of Eastern Star; Lehman-Clendenning American Legion Post No. 274 at Rib Lake; the Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association, having served as secretary and director, and a life member of American Dairy Association. He also was a director of Wisconsin Cheese Exchange and a member of National Dairy Association.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Arthur (Geanne) Jepsen and Mrs. Lloyd (JoAnn) Thorn-dyke, both of Minneapolis; one brother, John Thompson of Camarillo, Calif.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by two brothers and a sister.

Maurina Funeral Home, Abbotsford, is handling arrangements.

Obituary of Orin Raymond Thompson – which misspells his name as ORLIN – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Tuesday 29 Jan 1985 p 6

Olin R. Thompson

MESA — Olin R. Thompson, 87, a retired cheese company owner and World War I Army veteran, died Jan. 25, 1985, at Mesa Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Thompson, of Mesa, was born in Wisconsin and had been an Arizona winter visitor for 23 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shrine and American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Mamie; daughters, Jeanne Jepsen and JoAnn Thorndyke; a brother; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Bunker's Desert View Chapel, 9702 E. Apache Trail, where friends may call from 11 a.m. to service time. Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association or the Kidney Foundation are suggested.

"Arizona Republic" (Phoenix AZ) Monday 28 Jan 1985 p 14

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TUSCANIA DISASTER SURVIVORS	
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OLIN R. THOMPSON,	Abbottsford,
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ALFRED C. THORSTAD,	Wautoma,
	Wis.
HARRY R. TURNER,	Wautoma, Wis.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 3

CREATE DAIRY AGENCY TODAY

Marshfield is Birthplace of
Wisconsin Dairy In-
dustries Assn.

CHOOSE 17 DIRECTORS BULLETIN

Wisconsin dairy representa-
tives, in session here this af-
ternoon, chose 17 incorpora-
tors and directors of the Wis-
consin Dairy Industries Asso-
ciation. The 17, representing
various branches of the in-
dustry, are:

Bryce Landt, Wisconsin
Dells; Archie Brovold, Et-
trick; August Kanning, Lady-
smith; E. R. Eckwright, La-
dysmith; E. H. Tucker, Lodi;
F. W. Huntzicker, Green-
wood; John Fluckiger, Ver-
ona; Harry Jack, Hortonville;
O. R. Thompson, Rib Lake;
George R. Mooney, Plymouth;
C. J. Ebert, Gresham; Melvin
Mason, Whitewater; George
W. Ruppel, Shawano; Elmer
Larson, LaCrosse; Paul Pratt
Wisconsin Rapids; Paul Car-
ver, Oshkosh; James Prosser,
Antigo.

The group then voted to
adopt articles of incorporation
and the by-laws as read and
amended earlier in the day.

Groundwork for the organ-
ization of a Wisconsin Dairy
Industries Association, de-
signed to promote the con-
sumption of Wisconsin dairy
products, was laid at a meet-
ing of more than 100 repre-
sentatives of the Badger
State's primary industry at
Eagle's Hall here this morn-
ing.

The men heard a tentative
set of by-laws read by Wilbur G.
Carlson, manager of the Wiscon-
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"Marshfield (WI) New-Herald" Thursday 15 Sep 1938 p 1

Report Gains In Campaign For Dairy Ads

Madison Area Included In WDIA Promo- tion Drive

Directors of the Wisconsin Dairy Industries association, meeting Saturday at the Lorraine hotel, reported processors handling more than 60,000,000 pounds of butterfat annually had been signed up on the association's program to promote the consumption of dairy products.

The program is to be financed by an assessment of a half cent per pound on the butterfat which members handle in August, 1940. In his report, Bryce Landt, Wisconsin Dells, WDIA president, said the association hoped to sign up processors handling 400,000,000 pounds of butterfat. A fund of \$200,000 would be raised from this source if the goal is reached. Part of the money will be sent to the national association and the rest is to be used for advertising within Wisconsin.

Sign Madison Area

The Madison area was signed up almost completely Saturday when Emil Dreger, Middleton, president of the Madison Milk Marketing Co-operative, signed an agreement with the association. The co-op represents the Madison Milk Producers' association and the Bowman Dairy Co., which covers nearly all local dairy farmers. The local agreement was signed after WDIA officials met with both groups. Dreger is one of the 17 WDIA directors.

Among the groups signing up yesterday were the Wisconsin Swiss and Limburger Cheese Producers association, representing 3,000,000 pounds and 85 member factories, with headquarters at Monroe; all Juneau county creameries, 4,500,000 pounds; Adams county, 31 factories, 500,000 pounds; Manitowoc Pure Milk association, 500,000 pounds; Polk, Jefferson, Trempealeau, Pierce and Outagamie counties.

Directors present at the meeting were Fred W. Huntzicker, Greenwood, association secretary; C. J. Ebert, Gresham, treasurer; William Preston, Juda, Wisconsin Swiss and Limburger Cheese Producers' association; Harry H. Jack, Green Bay, Wisconsin Co-operative Milk Pool; O. R. Thompson, Rib Lake, Independent Cheese factories; George L. Mooney, Plymouth, National Cheese Institute; Melvin Mason, Whitewater, Pure Milk Producers Co-operative; George Ruppel, Shawano, Evaporated Milk Manufacturers.

Ammon, Jackson Attend

Associate directors Ralph E. Ammon, head of the state department of agriculture, and Prof. H. C. Jackson, of the university college of agriculture, attended the meeting. Russell Frost and Lee Yorkson, members of the department of agriculture staff, have been loaned as aids to the association. Directors serve without pay.

The association's representatives on the national dairy industries board of directors are Landt, Huntzicker, and Paul Pratt, Wisconsin Rapids. Several other states have already raised their dairy promotion fund.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Sunday 7 Jan 1940 p 19

O. R. Thompson, Rib Lake, testified that he was opposed to any change in the grading law or in the branding of cheese. "We have just started to use State Brand," he said, "and certified brand would only result in confusion."

Ammon explained that by providing for certified brand the department did not intend to set up a new grade, but merely to certify that high quality cheese, such as that packaged for Christmas sale, was really State Brand although the original marking had been lost in cutting.

Opposes Holding Order

Thompson said that in his opinion the four-day holding order would result in cheese being delivered to the wholesaler in worse condition than now because makers lack facilities to dry such an accumulation. He said he favored holding cheese until it is dry enough to paraffine, the buyer to be the judge of its suitability.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Friday 1 Mar 1940 p 2

CAR OF MILK PRODUCTS TO JOIN BADGER TRAIN

Medford — O. R. Thompson, chairman of the Taylor County Christian Rural Overseas Program reports that he expects a carload of milk products will be sent from Medford Thursday or Friday to join the Badger milk train at Madison.

He stated that the donations from the county will amount to approximately \$4,000, which would not be enough to purchase an entire carload of powdered milk. He understood that Iron County was to send 50 cases of canned milk which will be loaded with the Taylor County contribution to make a full carload.

The Badger milk train will be dedicated at Madison on Monday, July 12. The program will be held at the Chicago and North Western station at Madison at 2 p. m.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Tuesday 6 Jul 1948 p 2

SHOE FIRM LEASES RIB LAKE FACTORY

Weinbrenner Company Drops Negotiations for Medford Site

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

Medford — O. R. Thompson, president of Lakeland Shoes, Inc., announced this week that the corporation's shoe factory at Rib Lake has been leased by the Weinbrenner Shoe Company and that present plans call for manufacture of men's shoes by the first of the year.

The Weinbrenner Shoe Company first started to negotiate for a site at Medford, but since they wished to begin operations sooner than would be possible here, they turned to Rib Lake where a building was at their disposal.

Arranging Production

Representatives of the company are now at the Rib Lake factory arranging machinery and setting up a production line. The building, which is 33x180 feet, was completed in November, 1947, and was designed for the manufacture of shoes for children.

The production of shoes for men demands more space, and Mr. Thompson said expectations are that the plant will have to be enlarged in the near future.

Employ 70 Persons

Weinbrenner engineers have estimated that the maximum labor the plant can handle is 70 persons and they will work towards this quota as rapidly as possible. The first employe roll will probably not exceed 24 persons as it would not be possible to handle a larger group for training purposes.

The Weinbrenner Company is one of the larger shoe manufacturing concerns in the State. Other plants nearby are at Merrill, Antigo, and Marshfield.

Prospective employes between the ages of 18 and 40 are being registered at the Olsen Hardware Store at Rib Lake.

Drawn for jury duty at the coming term are Henry C. Manecke, 616 Jefferson St.; Daniel F. O'Leary, 2006 Third St.; Mrs. Stuart Rosemurgy, 214 Kent St.; John C. Sturtevant, 1005 McClellan St.; Edward A. Thiele, 720 Werle Ave.; Mrs. W. A. Steffke, Town of Maine; Rachel M. Benson, Elmer C. De Bot and Alois A. Razner, Stevens Point; Raymond T. Buckman, Ringle; George A. Elbe, Wausau Route 4; Isadore M. Firnstahl, Colby.

Gertrude M. Finucan and Gordon F. Stark, Merrill; John R. Gesicki Jr., Edgar Route 5; Fred Goerg, S Medford; Lois D. Graham, Marshfield; Ethel A. Hoff and Marie M. Hopfensberger, Mosinee; Milvern I E. Jacklin, Plover Route 1; Fred D. Locke, Rhineland; Edward G. Melander, Unity Route 1; Rosetta M. Meyer, Granton; Gustav H. Paul, Hamburg Route 1, and Olin R. Thompson, Rib Lake.

“Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Friday 31 Oct 1952 p 1

Two Die in Trunk V Mishap; Minor Crashes Hit County

A scant two miles of highway was all that separated Columbia county from the addition of two highway fatalities to its 1953 safety record over the weekend.

About two miles south of the county line on county trunk V two DeForest men, David Hahn, 24, and Norman Sigurslid, 34, were killed when their auto went out of control and hit a tree.

A third man, reportedly asleep on the rear seat of the Hahn auto, was injured but not critically.

Meanwhile a series of minor crashes and a hit bicyclist plagued the sheriff's department.

Six Mishaps

Six mishaps were reported Saturday and Sunday. There were apparently no serious injuries though.

Sheriff Peter Boylan said that 10-year old Gerry Wruck, rural Pardeeville, was struck while riding his bicycle on routes 16-51 near the Speedway Lunch just before noon Saturday. Driver of the car was Harland B. Martinson, Milwaukee.

Martinson reported he applied his brakes and swerved his vehicle

in an effort to miss the boy but that his fender caught the front wheel of the bike.

Martinson took the youngster to Divine Savior hospital where he was examined and announced uninjured.

Mrs. Olin R. Thompson, Rib Lake, was also taken to Divine Savior with a neck injury sustained when the auto operated by her husband was struck two miles south of Poynette on highway 51.

Had To Slow

Thompson told a sheriff's deputy that he was traveling north on 51 following two other autos and that the lead car pulled onto the shoulder of the road, causing the second vehicle to slow almost to a stop, which in turn caused Thompson to slow.

He said it was at that point that his car was struck from behind by another driven by Mike Marchise, whose address was not listed on the report.

Thompson said that he rushed his wife to the hospital rather than wait for a traffic officer because

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of the injury to her neck.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Monday 27 Apr 1953 p 1 & p 2

16 Tuscania Vets Attend Ceremonies

(See picture on page 3)

MEDFORD — (Special) — On Feb. 5, 1918, a German U-boat lurking off the north coast of Ireland torpedoed and sunk the American troopship Tuscania. More than 200 of the 2,179 doughboys, mainly from Wisconsin, Michigan and California, lost their lives in this first serious military loss for the United States in World War I.

Saturday, on the 37th anniversary of the tragedy, 16 of the survivors rescued from the frigid Atlantic gathered here to renew wartime friendships and honor the memory of those whom death has cut down in the intervening years.

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They reelected Oakley Parkhill president and Nat Carhardt secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Association. Both of the officers are from Neillsville. They made plans for a picnic to be held on the grounds of the Veterans Hospital at King in July; at that time the location of the annual meeting, held on the weekend nearest the date of the sinking, will be selected.

At 5:45 p. m. Saturday, close to the actual time when the German submarine crept into the convoy and struck the Tuscania a death-blow, the group conducted memorial services at the Black River bridge here. A floral remembrance was dropped into the open water as taps was sounded by bugler Verne Krackenberger. The Rev. Fred Kollath, chaplain of the Medford American Legion post, conducted the memorial rites.

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Later, at the American Legion clubrooms, the survivors and their wives gathered for their annual dinner and business meeting. Thirty-one persons were present.

At one time the Tuscania Survivors Association was a national organization, but it apparently faded early in the 1940s. The state association became active about 1939, according to J. W. Kramer, Medford, one of the survivors who played an active part in arrangements for this year's gathering. The largest recent meeting was at Baraboo two years ago, when about 60 "Tuscanians" appeared. Kramer said that 202 members are still on the rolls of the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Association.

Group photograph is on p 1 — "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Monday 7 Feb 1955 p 3

Cheese Plant Of Rib Lake Firm to Close

MEDFORD — The Medford plant of the Rib Lake Cheese Company will be discontinued July 31, according to O. R. Thompson, manager. The Medford warehouse has been a receiving depot for about 10 individual cheese factories in the area. Procurement will be shifted to other warehouses.

Some of the smaller packaging work will be transferred to the Rib Lake plant, which will remain in operation.

Medford employees of the company have been given an opportunity to work at Rib Lake or some other plant.

“Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Saturday 13 Jul 1957 p 8

O. R. Thompson was one of ten men accompanied by their wives who met at Eau Claire Saturday evening to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania, the British troopship sunk by a German U boat off the coast of Ireland. All enjoyed the dinner and meeting.

“Portage (WI) Daily Register” Wednesday 10 Feb 1960 p 3

Wife:

Mamie Thompson

ABBOTSFORD — Mamie V. Thompson, 92, Minneapolis, formerly of Abbotsford, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday at North Memorial Hospital, Robbinsdale, Minn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford, with the Rev. Robert Everhard officiating. Burial will be in Abbotsford Public Cemetery. Grandsons will be pallbearers.

Visitation will be at the church one hour before service time Saturday. An Eastern Star service will be at 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Maurina Funeral Home, Abbotsford, is handling arrangements.

The former Mamie Stewart was born Sept. 29, 1897, in the town of Hull, Marathon County. She graduated from Medford Normal School in 1917.

She was married to Olin R. Thompson, who died in February 1985.

Before her marriage, she taught school in Rib Lake area schools. She and her husband owned and operated cheese factories in the Rib Lake area, where she had done office work for many years. They had lived in Portage and spent winter months in Mesa, Ariz. She had lived in Minneapolis for the past four years.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Portage, and had taught Sunday School there. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women's Club and the 20th Century Club. She had been a 4-H leader in Taylor County for a number of years and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Rib Lake, and the Polly Anna Club, Civic Lodge and Sewing Club, all of Portage.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Arthur (Geanne) Jepsen and Mrs. Lloyd (Joann) Thorndyke, both of Minneapolis; four brothers, Robert and Wilbur Stewart, both of Greenwood, Arthur Stewart of Withee and Oral Stewart of Milwaukee; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by one sister, Hazel.

Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002	
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Name	Mamie V Thompson
Death Age	92
Record Type	Death
Birth Date	29 Sep 1897
Death Date	21 Nov 1989
Death Place	Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1989
Mother's Maiden Name	Krucker
Certificate Number	028887
Record Number	2338525

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Olin R. Thompsons Are Feted for Golden Event

Mr. and Mrs. Olin R. Thompson, 332 Summitt St., Portage, former residents of this area, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, June 5, at Portage.

The dinner was followed by a program which included musical selections with a commentary by the honored couple and relatives. The reception took place from 3 to 5 p.m.

With their parents for the day were the couple's two daughters and their families. They are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (Geanne) Jepsen and daughters, Karl and Karen of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (JoAnn) Thorndyke and sons Lloyd Jr., and Keith, Edina, Minn. The Jepsens oldest daughter, Kathy, and her husband, the Rev. Bruce Bartel, were unable to attend.

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Mr. Thompson was born Dec. 13, 1897, in the town of Hull, Marathon County, and his wife, the former Mamie Viola Stewart, was born Sept. 29, 1897, in the town of Mayville, Clark County.

They were married June 1, 1921, by the Rev. H. B. Norby at the home of the bride's parents, the Mike Stewarts at Redville in the town of Maplehurst.

Mr. Thompson was associated with the Greenwood Cheese factory and later with the Rib Lake Cheese operation at Rib Lake and Medford. At present he is consultant with the dairy division of Armour and Co.

He is a member of the Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association, having served as secretary and director, and is director and life member of American Dairy Association. He is also a director of Wisconsin Cheese Exchange and member of National Dairy Association, Medford Masonic lodge and Zor Temple of Madison and the Lehman - Clendenning American Legion Post at Rib Lake and Columbia County GOP organization.

Mr. Thompson is a survivor of the troopship Tuscania, which was torpedoed by a German submarine during WWI.

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He and his wife are members of the Medford Chapter of Order of Eastern Star and state organization and the First Methodist Church at Portage.

Mrs. Thompson is a life member of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Polly Anna Club and Odanah Circle of the Church, Civic League, Serving Club and the Past Matrons Club of Portage.

Area residents attending the celebration were Mr. and Mrs.

Gus Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Way, Ogema; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Curran of Whittlesey; Mrs. Maurice Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Carlson of Abbotsford; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Greenwood; Mr. and Mrs. Les Hirt and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boxrucker of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smock of Holcombe, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stewart of Withee.

Children:

Geanne L. Thompson
in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

Name:	Geanne L. Thompson
Maiden Name:	Thompson
Gender:	Female
Marriage Date:	1 Jun 1943
Marriage County:	Taylor, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse:	Arthur Jepsen

Marriage of Geanne L. Thompson to Arthur Jepsen -

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GEANNE THOMPSON "JEANNIE"
"Donner Wetter Nachamal"
Basketball 3, Kittenball 2-3, Forensics
1, Glee Club 2-3-4, Class Play 3, Band
3-4, Scouts 2-3.

Geanne L. Thompson – Rib Lake (WI) High School yearbook 1941 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/706521155:1265?tid=&pid=&queryId=41009bb6d9007c8b704971e25c1a266e&phsrc=hFB62249&phstart=successSource>

Geanne L Jepsen	
in the U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1	
Detail	Source
Name:	Geanne L Jepsen [Geanne Jepsen]
Birth Date:	11 Apr 1924
Residence Date:	1992
Address:	7097 218th Street P L N
Residence:	Forest Lake, MN
Postal Code:	55025-9120
Second Residence Date:	1987
Second Address:	1542 Trollhagen Dr
Second Residence:	Minneapolis, MN
Second Postal Code:	55421-1350

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/112413349:1788?tid=&pid=&queryId=e72e7e3953a01e93252a364b91203b98&_phsrc=hFB62253&_phstart=successSource

Geanne Jepsen	
in the U.S., Phone and Address Directories, 1993-2002	
Detail	Source
Name:	Geanne Jepsen
Residence Years:	2000-2002
Address:	1814 S 77Th St
Residence Place:	Mesa, Arizona, USA
Zip Code:	85208-4251
Phone Number:	480-986-3272
Spouse:	Arthur Jepsen
View Neighbors:	View Neighbors

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<div> <div>Geanne Laverne Jepsen</div> <div>in the Minnesota, U.S., Death Index, 1908-2017</div> </div>	
Detail	Source
Name:	Geanne Laverne Jepsen
Gender:	Female
Marital Status:	Married
Spouse:	Arthur Jepsen
Certificate Number:	2008-Mn-024852

Death of husband Arthur Jepsen 26 Aug 2009 MN - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/48000584:7316>



Car driven by Geanne Thompson Jepsen – passenger died, mother Mamie Stewart Thompson injured – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Wednesday 9 Jun 1948 p 3

RIB LAKE WOMAN IS KILLED AT ST. PAUL

**Mrs. Tracey Berfield, 54,
Dies in Auto Accident**

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

Medford — Word was received here today of the death of Mrs. Tracey Berfield, 54, Rib Lake, in an automobile accident near St. Paul Monday afternoon.

Another occupant of the car, Mrs. O. R. Thompson, also of Rib Lake, was taken to Ancker Hospital suffering broken ribs. Mrs. Arthur Jepson, Rib Lake, a daughter of Mrs. Thompson, was uninjured in the crash.

The occupants were passengers in a car driven by Mrs. Lillian Trombley, St. Paul. They had gone to Hamline University at St. Paul to meet Miss Jean Thompson, daughter of Mrs. O. R. Thompson, who was to return home with them.

Mrs. Berfield's body is being returned to Rib Lake today and funeral arrangements will be made later.

More details – heading to Hamline University in St. Paul MN to take Geanne Thompson home – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Tuesday 8 Jun 1948 p 11

Arthur Jepsen

Jepsen, Arthur Age 89, of Oak Park Heights, passed away on Aug. 26, 2009. He enjoyed working in the Dairy business for 50 years, and retired from Land O' Lakes. Arthur, a proud WWII Navy Seabee and member Medford Masonic Lodge, was preceded in death by parents, sister, and brother. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 66 years, Geanne; and children, Kathleen Bartel, Karol Coffin, Karen Bowsby, Joseph Jepsen and their families; many relatives and good friends. Memorial Service 2 pm Friday, Sept. 4 at Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Ave NE, St. Anthony Village (612-781-3167) with visitation at church 1/2 hour before. Memorials preferred to the church and to Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Research. Cremation Society of Minnesota Brooklyn Park 763-560-3100

Published on August 30, 2009



<https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/12154712/>

RIB LAKE WOMAN DIES IN CRASH

Two Cars Collide at Intersection

Mrs. Tracy Berfield, 54, Rib Lake, Wis., was fatally injured in an automobile collision Monday at the intersection of highway 212 and E. county line road in Ramsey county.

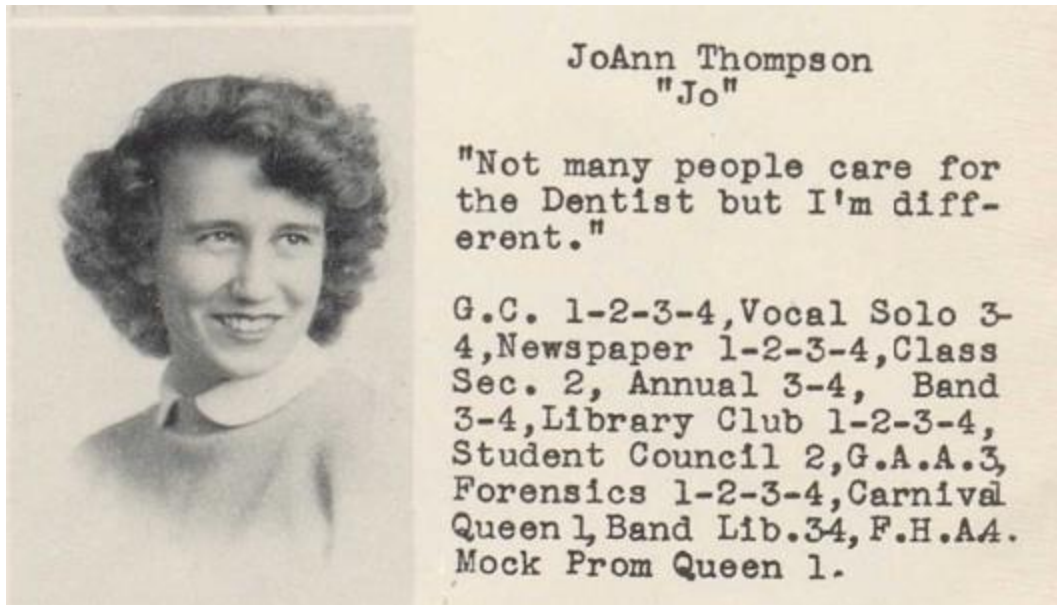
Mrs. Berfield was a passenger in a car driven by Mrs. Geanne L. Jepsen, 24, of Rib Lake. The second car was driven by Mrs. Lillian Trombley, 37, route 6, St. Paul.

Mrs. Jepsen's mother, Mrs. O. R. Thompson, 50, also of Rib Lake, was treated for rib injuries at Ancker hospital. Mrs. Berfield died at Ancker one-half hour after the accident.

Mrs. Jepsen and Mrs. Trombley were uninjured.

This fatality came after accidents took 15 lives in the Upper Midwest over the week-end. Ten deaths were reported Monday, adding to five previously reported. Yesterday's reports included three drownings, five traffic victims and two persons killed in train accidents.

Daughter Geanne driver of car, wife Mamie injured – "Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune"
Tuesday 8 Jun 1948 p 1



Daughter JoAnn Mary Thompson Thorndyke – Rib Lake (WI) High School yearbook 1947 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/467803768:1265?tid=&pid=&queryId=c08b836ee66700195c1bcda90b83507b&phsrc=hFB62256&phstart=successSource>



JoAnn Thompson Thorndyke, Rib Lake, Wisconsin, Art; WAA 1,2; Alpha Delta Zeta 2,3,4; Philo Browning 2,3,4; Pan Hellenic Council 3; HUEA 3,4; Kappa Delta Epsilon 4. **Stanley N. Thorup, Minneapolis, History, Political Science;** Golf 4; Intramurals 2,3,4; IRC 2,3,4; Young Republicans 1,2; SDA 1,2,3,4; Student Senate 4, vice-president 4; Debate 3,4; Toastmasters Club 4; Oratory 4; Pi Kappa Delta 3,4; Alpha Sigma Chi 2,3,4; NSA 4, regional executive 4. **Earl H. Toy, Kellogg, Philosophy and Religion;** Oxford Fellowship 2; Wesley Fellowship 1.

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Joann M Thorndyke

in the U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1

Name:	Joann M Thorndyke
Birth Date:	28 May 1929
Residence Date:	1993
Address:	7409 Kellogg Ave
Residence:	Minneapolis, MN
Postal Code:	55435-4049

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Jo Ann Mary Thompson

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name:	Jo Ann Mary Thompson
Marriage Date:	23 Jul 1949
Marriage County:	Taylor, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse:	Lloyd M. Thorndyke

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OBITUARY

Lloyd Thorndyke

MAY 28, 1927 - DECEMBER 11, 2020



IN THE CARE OF

Wulff Funeral Home

Lloyd Milton Thorndyke was born on May 28, 1927 in Osborne County on a farm near Edgerton, Minnesota in the Southwestern corner of Minnesota. He had one brother born before him, William Keith, and two sisters born after: Geanne, and Marilyn. His father, William Keith Thorndyke, was a register of deeds and a full-time tinkerer. Lloyd grew up first learning how to help in a kitchen and how to herd sisters while the family was busy.

He grew into adolescence, surviving the typical childhood dangers to grow into a wiry 125 lb quarterback for the Pipestone Arrows. Band also claimed his time as a trombone specialist. World War 2 was a signal change for the entire country, and Pipestone was no exception. The draft quickly snapped up all eligible men in the draft, including the physics teacher for the Pipestone High School. In his place the Chemistry teacher attempted to teach the class, but it was soon apparent that chemical formulas and physics did not mix well for him. Lloyd and his friend whose last name was Earhart offered to teach the physics class for the instructor and he would administer the tests and post grades. He did this from 1943 through 1945, when he graduated and was drafted into the Navy.

Lloyd served at naval bases in Illinois and in Washington, DC, where he made an impression on peers and officers alike when he helped tutor his class in the metric system, which was (relatively) new to America and had become a priority since the United Kingdom had sent some radar systems to the US. These systems used metric measuring which meant that knowledge of the metric system was important to understanding them. Lloyd was soon a hunted man. With the war over and as a draftee, he was due to be released from service. His intelligence and value had been recognized and an unofficial 'bounty' was put on his head of \$100 and 30 days leave to the person who could convince Lloyd to re-enlist. The bounty remained uncollected and he mustered out.

From there Lloyd went to Hamline University on the GI scholarship fund, finishing a physics degree in three years, and finding the love of his life, JoAnn Thompson, on an arranged blind date. They married while still in college and remained married for 71-1/2 years. He went to work at a business that made neon signs and wanted to get into making electronic components. He helped get them started with working to help produce resistors. A few moves later he ended up with a fast-growing computer company called Control Data Corporation, run by William C "Bill" Norris.

At Control Data and others, the future of the computer industry took shape as these pioneers developed large-scale computers. Lloyd was one of the early ones to realize that high-performance peripheral systems such as tape drives and card readers were needed to send the data at a speed and volume the computer could make best use of it. His vision and expertise helped propel Control Data into supplying peripherals to other businesses, and put Control Data at the forefront of computer and peripheral development through the 1960's and 70's. Lloyd helped develop the 606 tape drive which NASA used up to the end of the 1980's due to its speed and reliability. During the '70's Lloyd was put in charge of the Advanced Projects Laboratory which turned out a number of innovations. At the close of the 1970's Lloyd became an Executive Vice President and turned his abilities towards the first Super Computer, the STAR 100. With this, Control Data took the lead in computer development.

The 1980's saw Lloyd continue with Super Computers, following the STAR-100 with the Cyber 203 and 205 series. These computers had stiff competition from Cray Computings own Super Computers. Control Data took a look at itself and found that its own size limited its ability to innovate. Lloyd was asked to start an entirely new company, called ETA, to develop the next generation of super computers. He jumped at the chance to lead this company and ETA was soon spun off as a company separate from the Control Data Corporation with the mandate to develop the world's fastest and most powerful supercomputer. His innovative background helped push the ETA-10 to come in early and under budget. It used a new technology, CMOS for it's memory, and liquid nitrogen cooling for the CPU and memory boards.

ETA-10 had troubles with how the software system should be implemented. Despite this difficulty, a number of universities in the United States and Japan excitedly ordered the ETA units. Control Data, finding that it's spin-off company was outselling the parent, reversed its hands-off approach to ETA, and eventually reabsorbed it, effectively shutting it down and releasing all the employees. Lloyd was retired in 1988, and he moved permanently to Arizona in 2003, where he became an avid horseman, riding well into his late 80's. Later, as his and wife JoAnn's needs became more difficult to meet without help, they moved to Wichita in 2018. He passed away on Dec 11, 2020.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/st-paul-mn/lloyd-thorndyke-9953589>

Father:

DORCHESTER/ABBOTSFORD CLARION (Abbotsford, Clark Co., WI) 09/28/1923

Thompson, Thomas (13 APR 1856 - 18 SEP 1923)

Mr. Thomas Thompson died Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 1923, and was buried from the Abbotsford Presbyterian Church, Thursday, Sept. 20th, Rev. Von Bush officiating, assisted by Rev. Knutson, an old friend of the deceased. The remains were then taken to Dorchester and laid at rest in the Baptist Cemetery, Louis Larson, Chris Bremer, Mr. Carlson, John P. Olson and John A. Olson acting as pallbearers.

Mr. Thompson was a fine Christian man and met the end gladly.

Thomas Thompson was born in Dragra, Norway, April 13, 1856 and died Sept. 18, 1923. He came to this country with his parents and sisters in 1872 and remained in Oconomowoc a year and a half. In 1873 the family came to Abbotsford and settled on the homestead which has been his home since then.

On Jan. 2, 1892, he was united in marriage to Mary Thompson. Six children were born to them, Maurice C., Olin R. Minnette Alice, Lloyd Thomas and John Raymond, and a baby girl, who died in infancy..

Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his loss, two sisters, Mrs. Nels Laveen and Mrs. Helen Anderson of Chicago, and her daughter, Alice, also of Chicago. Two grandchildren, Margery and Maurice Thomas of Abbotsford.

Obituary of father Thomas Thompson – Find A Grave 84835252

Mother:

Mrs. Mary Thompson

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

ABBOTSFORD — Mrs. Mary Thompson, 85, a former Abbotsford resident, died at 6:15 p. m. Thursday at the home of a son, Olin Thompson, at Rib Lake. She had been ill for a long time.

Funeral services will be held Monday at the Methodist Church, Rib Lake, and interment will be made in the Dorchester cemetery.

In 1893, Mrs. Thompson and her husband moved to a farm one and one-half miles northwest of here where they lived for several years. Mr. Thompson died in 1924.

For the past two years she had been living at Rib Lake, and prior to that lived with a daughter at Greenwood.

Surviving are four sons, Olin, Rib Lake, Maurice, Abbotsford, John, Arcadia, Colo., and Lloyd, Denver; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Minnette) Stewart, Greenwood; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren.

Obituary of mother Mary Thompson – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Saturday 30 Jul 1955

p 10

Siblings:



Brother Maurice Chester Thompson (1895-1970) – Find A Grave 75622294

Maurice C. Thompson of Abbotsford, 74, died Thursday, February 12, 1970 at 3:50 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield. The body lay in state at the Polnaszek Funeral Home at Abbotsford and funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church at Abbotsford, followed by interment in the Abbotsford Cemetery.

The Rev. Boyd Jordon of Stevens Point conducted the services at the church, during which Robert Benson of Sun Prairie sang "In Time Like These" and "How Great Thou Art," with self-accompaniment. Mrs. Eugene Strathman was organist.

The pallbearers were Kenneth Anderson, Mel Atzen, Arvid Carlson, Guy Dorazio, Jerry Fehlen and Howard Kramer.

The Rev. Emil Hodnik of Abbotsford conducted the committal service, and the American Legion Hansen-Terrio Post No. 139 provided the honorary pallbearers and conducted military rites at the graveside, with Frank Nikolay acting as chaplain. The Wisconsin National Guard provided the firing squad. Geoffrey Kieser was the bugler.

After the final rites, relatives and friends returned to the church for lunch, before which the Rev. Lillian Jensen of Abbotsford asked the blessing.

Mr. Thompson was born June 11, 1895 in the town of Mayville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson. He attended local schools and was married to Bessie Nemesch in 1920. He was a veteran of World War I.

Mr. Thompson was an insurance underwriter for many years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he held various offices, the American Legion Hansen-Terrio Post No. 139, and the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce. He took an active part in the work of the Easter Seal Society.

Survivors include his wife, one son, Maurice T. "Tommy" Thompson of Tomahawk, and one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Margery) Holding of Rothschild; eight grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Robert (Minette) Stewart of Greenwood, and three brothers, Olin of Phoenix, Arizona, Lloyd of Greeley, Colorado, and John of Covina, California.

Abbotsford Tribune-Phonograph; Feb 19, 1970

Obituary of Maurice Chester Thompson – Find A Grave 75622294

Maurice C. Thompson

Maurice C. Thompson, 74, 301 S. Fourth St., Abbotsford, died at 3:50 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church in Abbotsford. The Rev. Boyd Jordan, Stevens Point, will officiate and burial will be in the Abbotsford cemetery. Graveside rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post of Abbotsford.

Mr. Thompson, a life-long Abbotsford resident, was a retired life insurance salesman. He was born June 11, 1895, in the Town of Mayville in Clark County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson. He was married to Bessie E. Nemesch in 1920.

Mr. Thompson served in the U.S. Navy during World War I. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Abbotsford and the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and American Legion. He had served as campaign chairman for the Easter Seal fund drive.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Maurice T., Tomahawk; a daughter, Mrs. Jack Holding, Rothschild; three brothers, Olin, Portage, Lloyd, Colorado, and John, California; a sister, Mrs. Minnette Stewart, Greenwood, and eight grandchildren.

Stewart Funeral

GREENWOOD — Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Grace United Methodist Church for Mrs. Robert (Minnette) Stewart, 74, of Greenwood, who died Thursday morning at the Neillsville Memorial Hospital.

Officiating was the Rev. Eugene S. Antrim, pastor, and burial was made in the Greenwood cemetery.

Pallbearers, all grandsons, were Ronald and Randall Decker, Donald Decker Jr., James, Edward and Mark Stewart, and Richard Korn.

Several selections were sung by Gary Schultz, who was accompanied at the organ by his wife. Other vocalists were granddaughters of the deceased, Mrs. Dean (Suzanne) Johnson, Mrs. Tom (Mary) Felton

and Mrs. Neal (Corinne) Armitage, who were accompanied by Mrs. Rita Stewart at the organ.

Funeral of sister Minnette Alice Thompson Stewart (1900-1975) – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald”
Tuesday 18 Feb 1975 p 7

Mrs. Robert Stewart

GREENWOOD — Mrs. Robert A. (Minnette) Stewart, longtime resident of Greenwood, died at 4:10 a.m. Thursday at the Neillsville Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient since Jan. 14. She was 74 years of age.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Grace United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eugene S. Antrim, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenwood cemetery.

Friends may call at the Hill Funeral Home, Greenwood, beginning Saturday afternoon and at the church from 11 a.m. Sunday until time of services.



Mrs. Robert A. Stewart

The former Minnette Alice Thompson was born Aug. 20, 1900, in Abbotsford and graduated from the Abbotsford

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High School in 1918. After her marriage to Robert A. Stewart on June 20, 1922, at Abbotsford, the couple settled on a farm in High Bridge, Ashland County, in 1925.

In 1945, they moved to the Withee-Greenwood area, and in 1946 they came to the city of Greenwood.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, American Legion Auxiliary, and the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Donald L. (Mary Lou) Decker, Greenwood, and Mrs. Gary E. (Helen) Rohde, River Falls; five sons, Robert T., of Stanley, Glenn M., Eau Claire, Keith M., Middleton, Duane D., Springfield, Va., and Lloyd P., Greenwood; three brothers, Olin and Lloyd Thompson, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and John Thompson, Camarillo, Calif.; 36 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Esper (Kathryn Minnette) Jepsen, an infant daughter, Hazel, and a brother, Maurice Thompson.

Obituary of Minnette Alice Thompson Stewart – "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Friday 14 Feb 1975

Thompson Funeral

ABBOTSFORD — Services for Lloyd Thomas Thompson, 66, Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Abbotsford, were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford. He died at his home Dec. 18. The Rev. Robert Swalve, pastor, officiated, and burial followed in Dorchester Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Sonny Thompson, Keith Stewart, Lloyd Stewart, Gil Lang, Jack Holding, and Robert Stewart.

Mrs. Martin Schultz, vocalist, was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Eugene Strathman.

Funeral of brother Lloyd Thomas Thompson (1909-1975) - "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Friday 28 Dec 1975 p 14

Lloyd T. Thompson

Lloyd T. Thompson, 66, Mesa, Ariz., a former Abbotsford resident, died Dec. 18 at his home.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford. The Rev. Robert Swalbe will officiate and burial will be in Dorchester Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call now at the Kraut - Maurina Funeral Home, Dorchester, where there will be Masonic services at 8 p.m. today followed by American Legion services at 8:30.

Mr. Thompson was born April 16, 1909, in Abbotsford. He attended Abbotsford High School, Central State College, Stevens Point, and the University of Northern Colorado. He taught school in the Wausau area, Dorchester and Butternut. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the American Legion.

Survivors include two brothers, O.R. Thompson, Portage, and John, Camarillo, Calif.

Lloyd T. Thompson

ABBOTSFORD — Services for Lloyd Thomas Thompson, 66, Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Abbotsford, will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Thompson died of an apparent heart attack Thursday at his home in Mesa.

The Rev. Robert Swalve, pastor, will conduct the services. Burial will follow in Dorchester Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at the Kraut-Maurina Funeral Home, Abbotsford. A Masonic service will be conducted at 8 and an American Legion Service at 8:30 tonight, at the funeral home.

Born April 16, 1909, in Abbotsford, Mr. Thompson attended Abbotsford schools. He also attended Central State College, Stevens Point, and received his master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado, at Greeley, Colo. He was a school teacher at Edison School, near Wausau; Pickard School, Dorchester, and the Butternut School system.

He served in the Air Corps during World War I and then moved to Greeley, Colo., where he worked for State Farm Insurance Co. He was a member of the Abbotsford Masonic Lodge and the Hansen-Terrio American Legion Post No. 139.

Survivors include two brothers, O. R. Thompson, Portage, and John Thompson, Camarillo, Calif.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Obituary of Lloyd Thomas Thompson – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Monday 22 Dec 1975 p 8

John Raymond Thompson

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name: John Raymond Thompson
[John R Thompson]

Gender: Male

Race: White

Birth Date: 23 Jul 1915

Birth Place: Abbotsford, Wisconsin

Death Date: 29 Mar 2004

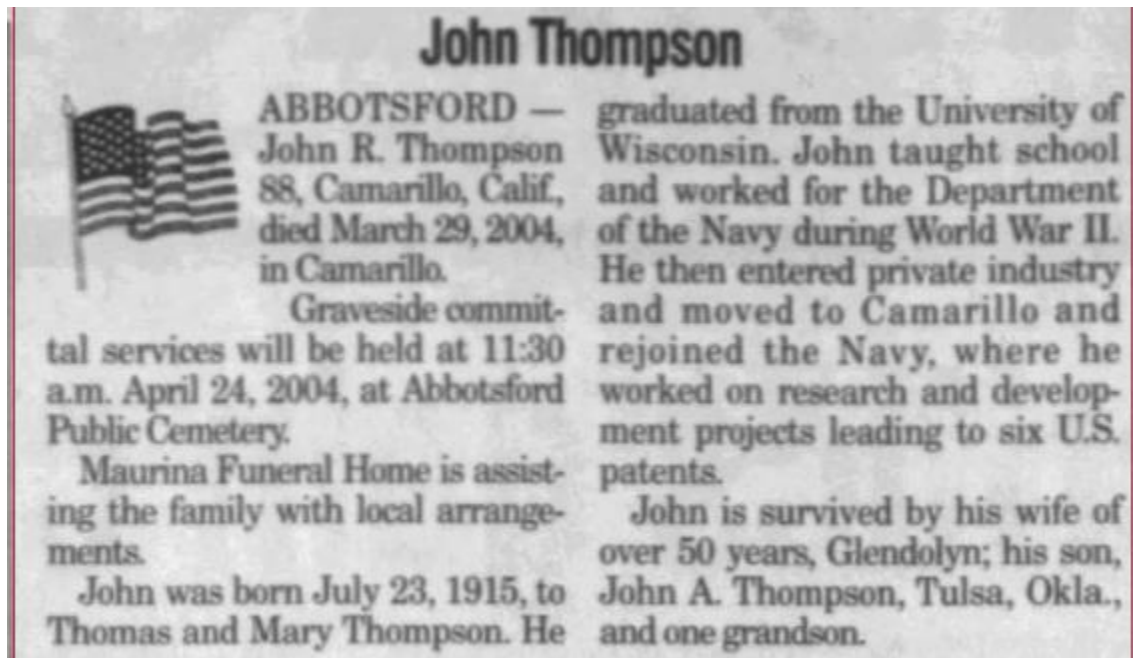
Father: Thomas Thompson

Mother: Mary Thompson

SSN: 389125610

Notes: Oct 1938: Name listed as JOHN
RAYMOND THOMPSON; 23 Apr 2004:
Name listed as JOHN R THOMPSON

Brother John Raymond Thompson (1915-2004) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/16940956:60901?tid=&pid=&queryId=fdcc5936ada13f0f14f954fc35060a0e&_phsrc=hFB62244&_phstart=successSource



Obituary of John Raymond Thompson – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Wednesday 21 Apr 2004 p 2

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Olin Raymond Thompson

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. F - private

Serial number: 251,341

Entered service from: Abbotsford, Clark WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Olin R. Thompson

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Thomas Thompson, Abbotsford WI

Returned from war on: “Venezia” Mar 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Olin R. Thompson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Thomas Thompson, Abbotsford WI (pvt, 101st Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1955 WI Survivors: Rib Lake WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Olin R. (initial only) Thompson – b. 13 Dec 1897 Clark WI; res: Route 1, Rib Lake WI. NOK Mr. MC. Thompson, Abbotsford WI [brother Maurice Chester Thompson]. Self-employed at Route 1, Rib Lake, Taylor WI. Height: 5'9" – 168 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: born 13 Dec 1898
 Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917
 Discharged: 9 Apr 1919
 Address: Withee WI
 Rank/unit: private, Co. F, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 13 Dec 1897 Hull, Marathon WI (also found as 1898 and 1899) (Veterans Administration Master Index: 13 Dec 1898)
 Died: 25 Jan 1985 Mesa, Maricopa AZ (Mesa Lutheran Hospital)
 Find A Grave record: 71061227 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text
 Burial location: Abbotsford, Clark WI
 Cemetery: Abbotsford City
 Tombstone: veteran flat: Pvt US Army WWI

Father: Thomas Thompson, 13 Apr 1856 Norway – 18 Sep 1923 Mayville, Clark WI. Son of Ole K. Thompson. Emigrated to the US with his parents in 1873. They lived in Oconomowoc WI for 1.5 years, then moved to Abbotsford, Clark WI where he lived the rest of his life. Buried in Dorchester Memorial Cemetery, Dorchester, Clark WI.
 Find A Grave: 84835252

Mother: Mary Thompson Thompson, 16 Nov 1869 Chicago, Cook IL – 28 Jul 1965 Rib Lake, Taylor WI (at the home of her son Olin). Buried in Dorchester Memorial Cemetery, Dorchester, Clark WI.
 Find A Grave: 84837493
 Parents' marriage: 2 Jan 1892

Spouse: Mamie Viola Stewart Thompson, 29 Sep 1897 WI – 21 Nov 1989 Robbinsdale, Hennepin MN (North Memorial Hospital). Daughter of Michael A. Stewart (1859-1936, F: 90520729) & Hanna Krucker (1867-1930, F: 90520792). Buried in Abbotsford City Cemetery, Abbotsford, Clark WI.
 Spouse Find A Grave: 71061307
 Marriage: Jun 1921 in Redville, Taylor WI.

Children:

- Geanne Laverne Thompson Jepsen, 11 Apr 1924 WI - . Married on 1 Jun 1943 in Taylor Co. WI to Arthur Jepsen (1920-2009, F: 225678099). Arthur is buried in Abbotsford Cemetery, Abbotsford, Clark WI. Was a resident of Minneapolis MN in Jun 1971.

- JoAnn Mary Thompson Thorndyke, 28 May 1929 WI - . Married on 23 Jul 1949 in Taylor Co. WI to Lloyd Milton Thorndyke (28 May 1927 Edgerton, Pipestone MN – 11 Dec 2010 Wichita, Sedgwick KS, F: 222507748). Lloyd was a Control Data Corporation executive & is buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.

Siblings:

- Maurice Chester Thompson, 11 Jun 1895 Clark Co. WI – 12 Feb 1970 Marshfield, Wood WI. Married 1 Jun 1921 to Bessie E. (Belle) Nemesch (1896-1988, F: 75622212). Buried in Abbotsford Cemetery, Abbotsford, Clark WI. F: 75622294
- Minnette Alice Thompson Stewart, 20 Aug 1900 Mayville, Clark WI – 13 Feb 1975 Neillsville, Clark WI. Married 20 Jun 1922 in Abbotsford, Clark WI to Robert A. Stewart (1900-1992, F: 105919610). Buried in Greenwood City Cemetery, Greenwood, Clark WI. F: 121782438
- Lloyd Thomas Thompson, 16 Apr 1909 Abbotsford, Clark WI – 18 Dec 1975 Mesa, Maricopa AZ. Resident of Denver CO in Jul 1955 & of Greeley CO in Feb 1970, as mentioned in obituaries. Buried in Dorchester Memorial Cemetery, Dorchester, Clark WI. F: 84837732
- John Raymond Thompson, 23 Jul 1915 Abbotsford, Clark WI – 29 Mar 2004 Ventura Co. CA. SSN 389-12-5610. Was a resident of Arcadia CO in Jul 1955 & of Covina CA in Feb 1970, as mentioned in obituaries. Husband of Gwendolyn Aslaug (1921-2007, F: 71061113). Buried in Abbotsford Cemetery, Abbotsford, Clark WI. F: 67827526
- Sister who died in infancy

Notes:

Hundreds (thousands?) of newspaper articles can be found on Newspapers.com. Searching “O R Thompson” – “Rib Lake” alone produces hundreds of articles. Only a few are copied here.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Arizona Republic" (Phoenix AZ) 28 Jan 1985 p 14 - age 87, retired cheese company owner, WWI veteran. Born WI. An AZ winter visitor for 23 years. Member of American Legion. Survived by wife Mamie, 2 daughters Jeanne Jepsen & JoAnn Thorndyke, brother

Social Security number: 396-16-2925

Censuses:

1900 Mayville, Clark WI

Ole Thompson, 7 Norway, Feb 1830, parents b. Norway, widowed, emigrated 1872, in US for 28 years, naturalized, farmer [head of household]

Thomas, 44 Norway, Apr 1856, parents b. Norway, married 6 years, emigrated 1872, in US for 28 years, naturalized, farmer [son]

Mary, 30 IL, Nov 1869, parents b. Norway, married 6 years, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living [daughter-in-law]

Hellen, 36 Norway, Jun 1863, parents b. Norway, widow, gave birth to 3 children 1 is living [daughter]

Allie, 15 WI, May 1885, father b. WI, mother b. Norway [niece]

Moris, 4 WI, Jun 1895, father b. Norway, mother b. IL [nephew -i.e. Maurice Chester Thompson]

Allen, 2 WI, Sep 1897, father b. Norway, mother b. IL [nephew -i.e. Olin Raymond Thompson]

1905 WI state census – Mayville, Clark WI

Thomas Thompson, 48 Norway, parents b. Norway, farmer

Maria, 35 IL, parents b. Norway

Morris Ch., 10 WI

Alisea [Olis? Olin?], 7 WI

Alice M., 4 WI

1910 Mayville, Clark WI

Thomas Thompson, 54 Norway, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, married 17 years, farmer, general farm

Mary, 40 IL, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 4 are living

Maurice C., 14 WI

Olin R., 12 WI

Minette A., 9 WI

Lloyd T., 1 WI

1920 Mayville, Clark WI

Thomas Thompson, 63 Norway, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1872, naturalized, date unknown, farmer, dairy farm

Mary, 50 IL, parents b. Norway

Maurice, 24 WI, laborer, farm

Olin R., 22 WI

Minnette A., 19 WI

Llyd, 10 WI

John R., 4 WI

& brother-in-law Edward Thompson, 45 Wi, parents b. Norway, single, laborer, farm

1930 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – 721 Mansfield St. – conducted Apr 1930 [day not listed]

Olin R. Thompson, 32 WI, father b. Norway, mother b. WI, age 22 at 1st marriage, laborer, steam railroad, WWI veteran

Mamie V., 32 SD, father b. NY, mother b. WI, age 22 at 1st marriage

Geanne L., 5 WI

Goann M., 11 months WI

1940 Greenwood, Taylor WI

Olin Thompson, 42 WI, chief instructor, operator, factor?/Fastor?

Mamie, 42 WI

Geanne, 16 WI

Joann, 10 WI

1950 Rib Lake, Taylor WI

Allin R. Thompson, 51 WI, promotion & sales, dairy

Mamie V., 51 WI [wife]

Mary, 80 IL, widow [mother]