

# TUSCANIA

## Thorson, Stener Qvale 1891 WI – 1972 MN

Also reported was the death of a Superior, Wis., man of injuries suffered in an accident July 13 on U.S. 53 near Duluth, Minn. Stener Q. Thorson, 80, died Sunday in a Duluth hospital.

Death of Stener Qvale Thorson – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Wednesday 30 Aug 1972 p 2

THORSON STENER QVALE		C 21-664-699
Pvt 18 Co 20 Engrs		K 430 843
1514 17 St Superior Wis		A 1 510 030
Sa 250 887	Died	T 472 936
Born 12/19/91		E
Est 12/14/17	Dte 6/11/19	CL 72 875
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Life:

**WHILE PLAYING AT TAG.**

The 8-year-old son of T. M. Thorson, of West Superior, fell from a ladder and striking on the iron edge of a tub broke a bone in his chin and crushed in the whole row of lower teeth and the gums.

Stener was born in 1891 – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Friday 8 Jun 1900 p 4 – the story ran statewide in several versions

**Peculiar Accident to a Child.**

West Superior, Wis., June 6.—[Special.]—The 8-year-old son of T. M. Thorson of this city fell from a ladder while at play, and struck his lower jaw on the edge of a tub which had an iron rim. The lower row of teeth, with the gums, was broken in, but the doctors hope to save teeth which were pulled back into place.

“Benton (WI) Morning Times” Friday 31 Aug 1900 p 5

**WASHINGTON GIVES OUT OFFICIAL LIST OF  
WISCONSIN SOLDIERS ON BOARD TORPEDOED  
TUSCANIA; 415 IS TOTAL FROM MANY TOWNS**

**Steven Hugh Thorson, Superior.**

Tuscania passenger Stener Qvale Thorson is listed as Steven Hugh Thorson – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2

## SURVIVORS OF TUSCANIA

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Following is a list of Wisconsin and Michigan survivors of the troop ship Tuscania, received by the war department and given out as soon as confirmed. All the names of those rescued have not as yet been reported. Further names will be made public as soon as they are received.

The list is as follows:

S. Q. THORSON, Superior.

“Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 2

Mr. and Mrs. Stener Thorson of Superior, Wisc., came to the Tom Lacy home August 28 and were house guests in the Lacy home until September 7, when they left for their home via the Black Hills. While the Thorsons were here they attended the "open house" Sunday afternoon August 29 for Mr. and Mrs. Berent Ottuns' golden anniversary. On Monday they visited relatives and friends in Broken Bow. Tuesday, August 31, the Thorsons and Tom Lacys went to Kearney and visited in the Elmer Ellingson home Wednesday afternoon the Thorsons and Lacys visited in the Guro Smets home in Anselmo. The Thorsons visited other relatives in this community and also several friends in Sargent.

The Thorsons and Mr. and Mrs. Will Font of San Francisco, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reinhard of Tappan Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Berent Ottun and Gaylord were Thursday dinner guests in the Darrel Ottun home. On Thursday evening the Thorsons, Tom Lacys Will Dents', Mrs. Frank Reinhard, the Don Holcombs, the Delbert Jacobsens, Mr. and Mrs. Berent Ottun and Gaylord and the Darrel Ottuns were supper guests in the Harold Ottun home.

On Friday the Stener Thorsons of Superior, Wisc., and Mr. and Mrs. Berent Ottun and Gaylord were dinner guests of the Frank Reinhard in Tappan Valley. Monday evening they were supper guests in the Delbert Jacobsen home.

"Sargent (NE) Leader" Thursday 16 Sep 1965 p 4

Wife:

**Stener Q Thorson**  
in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name:	Stener Q Thorson
Marriage Date:	11 Aug 1920
Marriage County:	Douglas, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse:	Mabel E Ottun

Marriage to Mabel E. Ottun - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1198203:61484?ssrc=pt&tid=105962582&pid=282390228462>

The G. E. L. Club and friends were entertained at the home of Miss Mabel Ottun on Sixth Avenue, by Miss Perle Sheppard and Miss Mabel Ottun. A splendid program of games and interesting stunts, were used to pass the evening. Both instrumental and vocal music were rendered by Herbert Bishop and splendid readings, both humorous and dramatic were rendered by Miss Grayce David. A most delicious two course luncheon was served at a very late hour. All report a very enjoyable evening.

"Custer County Republican" (Broken Bow NE) Friday 16 Feb 1912 p 5



Miss Mabel Ottun called at this office Tuesday and arranged for the Leader to go to her brother Edwin, who is in France. Miss Mable is living at Dedham, Wisconsin and teaches at Dewey a nearby town. She arrived in Broken Bow recently and came to Sargent Tuesday of last week. She expects to remain in this country a month.

"Sargent (NE) Leader" Thursday 11 Jul 1918 p 4

week.

Mrs. S. Q. Thorson arrived Tuesday from Superior, Wis., to visit her sister, Mrs. Earl Culp.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Sunday 27 Aug 1950 p 45

On Friday evening a group of people gathered at the school house, where Wayne Collins with his projector showed some movies taken in Montana by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Helming. The films had been sent to Mrs. Mabel Ottun Thorson of Superior, Wisc, as some of the views were taken when Mrs. Thorson visited the Helmings in Montana, and all of the pictures were of the family of Mrs. Ella Ottun Kramer and her daughter, Mrs. Julia Kramer Helming.

"Sargent (NE) Leader" Thursday 23 Aug 1951 p 4

♦ Mr. Julius Ottun, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson, of Stillwater, Minn., and another daughter of Mr. Ottun, Mrs. Mabel Thorson, of Superior, Wisc., were dinner guests and visitors Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James S. McGregor.

"Sargent (NE) Leader" Thursday 23 Aug 1951 p 2

### Round Valley

Mrs. Tom Lacy

Last Week's Items

Mr. and Mrs. Berent Ottun entertained for Julius Ottun, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson of Stillwater, Minn., and Mrs. Mabel Thorsen of Superior, Wis., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ottun and children at supper, Wednesday.

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Julius Ottun, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson, Mrs. Mabel Thorson and Mrs. Tom Lacy visited at the Cy Miller home near Broken Bow,

Julius Ottun and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson of Stillwater, Minn., and Mrs. Mabel Thurson of Superior, Wisc., arrived Aug. 14 for a visit. They were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lacy. They left last Tuesday for their home.

About 70 persons gathered at the park in New Helena for a picnic dinner last Sunday in honor of Julius Ottun, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson of Stillwater, Minn., and Mrs. Mabel Thorson of Superior, Wis.

Friday afternoon and were dinner guests of Mrs. Clamma Ellingson and Hazel in Broken Bow, Saturday.

"Custer County Chief" (Broken Bow NE) Monday 27 Aug 1951 p 2



Julius Ottun, of Round Valley,  
has sold his Custer county interests  
and expects to leave next week for  
Wisconsin where he will locate.

"Custer County Chief" (Broken Bow NE) Friday 1 Mar 1901 p 1

Children:

Donald S Thorson in the U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1	
Name:	Donald S Thorson [Donald Thorson]
Birth Date:	21 Jan 1926
Residence Date:	1981
Phone Number:	478-1804
Address:	5000 Buckeye Rd
Residence:	Madison, WI
Postal Code:	53716-2224
Second Residence Date:	1981
Second Phone Number:	781-8044
Second Address:	5000 Buckeye Rd
Second Residence:	Madison, WI
Second Postal Code:	53716-2224
Third Residence Date:	1993
Third Phone Number:	478-1804
Third Address:	3365 Cardinal Dr
Third Residence:	Brookfield, WI
Third Postal Code:	53005-7706
Fourth Residence Date:	1993
Fourth Phone Number:	781-8044
Fourth Address:	3365 Cardinal Dr
Fourth Residence:	Brookfield, WI
Fourth Postal Code:	53005-7706

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/321572404:1788>

## MISS CRANDALL WEDS



**Mrs. Donald Stener Thorson.**

The marriage of Miss Joyce M. Crandall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Crandall, 125 Forty-second st., and Donald Stener Thorson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Q. Thorson of Superior, Wis., was Friday evening at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

The Rev. Gordon V. Smith, officiated before an altar decorated with white larkspur, snapdragons and regal lilies. White tapers in wicker holders decorated the church pews.

Dudley Warner Fitch was organist and Warren L. Crandall and John Rundberg, soloists.

The bride's gown, of imported Chantilly lace over net and satin, was made with an off-shoulder illusion yoke and her tulle veil was held to a Juliet cap of Chantilly lace trimmed with orange blossom clusters. Her French bouquet of white orchids was backed with Chantilly lace.

### **Bouffant Gown.**

Miss Rosalind Borchert of Gaylord, Minn., the maid of honor, wore a maize starched sheer bouffant gown. Her headdress matched her gown and she carried yellow calachortuz.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. James E. Johnston and Miss Marlewyn Rosein, both of Minneapolis, Minn., Miss Nancy Pettersen of Golden Valley, Minn., all Alpha Xi Delta sorority sisters of the bride, and Miss Norma Lee Thorson of Superior, the bridegroom's sister.

Warren L. Crandall was best man. Ushers were Robert Borchardt of Willow River, Wis., Robert Langsdorf of Pine Island, Minn., Thomas Mulcahy of Minneapolis, and Donald Simon of Altura, Minn., all Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers of the bridegroom.

#### Flower Girls.

The flower girls, Wynona and Mina Muench, of Des Moines, wore aqua organdy dresses. Charles Crandall was junior usher and acolytes were Theodor Rehmann, jr., and Edward Deskin.

A reception and dance at Hoyt Sherman place followed the ceremony.

Hostesses were Mesdames Henry Leivestad, L. Tom Weatherwax, Edward Neufeld, Harry Gruber, W. H. Koenig, W. H. Carver, Raymond Dalbey and Misses Katherine Moody, Mary Jean Carpenter and Anne Louise Gagnon, all of Des Moines, and Miss Mary Sanderson and Miss Lois Johnson of Minneapolis.

Wedding of son Donald Stener Thorson to Joyce M. Crandall on 17 Jun 1949 in Des Moines, Polk IA –  
 “Des Moines (IA) Register” Tuesday 21 Jun 1949 p 9

## Warren F. Crandalls Honor Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fout Crandall, 125 Forty-second st., were hosts at a bridal dinner Thursday night honoring their daughter, Joyce, and Donald Stener Thorson, whose marriage will be Friday at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

The dinner for 30 guests followed the wedding rehearsal and was at the Commodore hotel.

Out-of-town guests were the bride-elect's grandfather, C. R. Crandall of St. Louis; the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Q. Thorson, and their daughter, Norma Lee, of Superior, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston, Miss Marlewyn Rosien and T. R. Mulcahy, all of Minneapolis, Minn.; Nancy Pettersen of Golden Valley, Minn.; Robert Borchardt of Willow River, Wis.; Robert Langsdorf of Pine Island, Minn., and Donald Simon of Altura, Minn.

"Des Moines (IA) Tribune" Friday 17 Jun 1949 p 15



## Will Marry D. S. Thorson

Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Crandall, 125 Forty-second st., announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce Mariasne, and Donald S. Thorson of Milwaukee, Wis., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Q. Thorson of Superior, Wis.

Miss Crandall was graduated from Roosevelt High school and is a junior at the University of Minnesota. She is a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Mr. Thorson was graduated from the University of Minne-

sota. He was an ensign in the United States naval reserve.

A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and American Institute of Electrical Engineers-I.R.E., Mr. Thorson is employed by Cutler-Hammer, Inc., of Milwaukee, Wis.

Engagement – “Des Moines (IA) Register” Sunday 26 Dec 1948 p 29

**Wisconsin  
Visitors Here**

Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Crandall and children, Deborah Ann and Rebecca Louise, of Madison, Wis., are visiting Mr. Crandall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Crandall, and their son, David, 138 Short View drive, and Mrs. Warren L. Crandall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gustafson, 659 Forty-first st.

Other guests at the Crandall home are their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Thorson, and children, Ann Linneer and David Warren, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Rebecca Crandall and David Thorson were christened at St. Paul's Episcopal church Friday, and the Warren F. Crandalls had a small reception at their home following the ceremony.

"Des Moines (IA) Register" Sunday 28 Dec 1952 p 34





## Norma L. Fechtelkotter

September 27, 1929 - May 7, 2018

Norma Leone Fechtelkotter, 88, longtime Poplar, WI resident, died peacefully in her sleep, Monday, May 7, 2018. She was born in Duluth, MN September 27, 1929, the daughter of Stener and Mabel (Ottun) Thorson.

Norma graduated from high school and went on to attend the former St. Luke's School of Nursing and worked as a nurse for Dr. Levine's office in Superior until she began to raise her family.

She married the love of her life, LeRoy Elmer Fechtelkotter in Superior on December 30, 1955 and the celebrated forty-nine years of marriage before his passing in 2005.

Norma and LeRoy owned and operated the family farm in Poplar. She was a dedicated homemaker and, in her spare time, she was a former Douglas County 4-H Leader and a Cub Scout leader.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her sons, Gregg Le (Amy) Fechtelkotter, Maple Grove, MN, and Paul LeRoy (Caroline) Fechtelkotter, Medfield, MA; daughters, Joan Marie Fechtelkotter, Poplar, WI, Peggy Jo (James Bittner) Fechtelkotter, Poplar, WI, and Susan Jean (Jeffrey) Johnson, Maryville, TN; brother, Donald (Joyce) Thorson, Brookfield, WI; sister-in-law, Geraldine Fechtelkotter; nineteen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; expecting one additional great-grandchild in June; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, LeRoy; and her beloved K-9 companion, Max.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursday, May 10, 2018 in the Lenroot-Maetzold Funeral Home, 1209 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior.

Visitation will resume at 10:00 AM, Friday, May 11, 2018, at Peace Lutheran Church in Poplar, 9523 US-2, and will continue until the 12:00 PM funeral service with Pastor Donna Rutten officiating.

Burial will be in Poplar Cemetery.

The Lenroot-Maetzold Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a condolence or sign the guestbook, please visit our website at [www.lenroot-maetzold.com](http://www.lenroot-maetzold.com).

Obituary of daughter Naomi Leone Thorson Fechtelkotter (1929-2018) - <https://www.lenroot-maetzold.com/obituary/norma-fechtelkotter>



### **NORMA LEONE THORSON**

Naturally "Squirt's" favorite subjects would be physics and Latin, as she plans to be a nurse. Besides her studies she finds time for music and sports, both of which are her hobbies.

Norma Leone Thorson – Superior (WI) Central High School, 1947 yearbook -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/32564\\_B039108-00040?treeid=&personid=&rc=&usePUB=true&\\_phsrc=hFB62387&\\_phstart=successSource&pld=97825139](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/32564_B039108-00040?treeid=&personid=&rc=&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB62387&_phstart=successSource&pld=97825139)

<h1>Norman Leone Thorson</h1> <h2>in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Birth Index, 1900-1934</h2>	
Detail	Source
Name:	Norman Leone Thorson
Birth Date:	27 Sep 1929
Birth Place:	St. Louis, Minnesota, USA
Father's Surname:	Thorson
Mother's Maiden Name:	Ottum
Certificate Number:	1929-47632
URL:	<a href="http://people.mnhs.org/bci/Results.cfm?CERTID=1929-47632">http://people.mnhs.org/bci/Results.cfm?CERTID=1929-47632</a>

Birth record of NORMA (not Norman) Leone Thorson – 27 Sep 1929 St. Louis Co. MN -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2538:9196?tid=&pid=&queryId=9e4fd460cf6e476bbc0f5e32a692851c&\\_phsrc=hFB62388&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2538:9196?tid=&pid=&queryId=9e4fd460cf6e476bbc0f5e32a692851c&_phsrc=hFB62388&_phstart=successSource)

Father:

*College of Law.*

[1887-88.]

- Gideon E. Newman, LL. B. Manufacturer, Rochester, Ind.
- Frank Olin Osborne, B. A., Racine, '71; M. A. Racine, '74; B. D., Nashota Theo. Seminary, '74; LL. B. Lawyer, 510 Manhattan Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.
- William G. Palmer, LL. B. U. S. Special Att'y; Lawyer, (Palmer & Whitman), Boscobel, Wis.
- James A. Peterson, A. B., '84; LL. B. 1st Asst. Co. Att'y, Hennepin Co., 1893-97; Co. Att'y, Hennepin Co. and Member of Minn. Legislature. Lawyer, 2727 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
- William Andrew Peterson, LL. B., A. B., Lawrence Univ. Clergyman, M. E. Church, Grand Rapids, Wis.
- Kate Pier, LL. B. Court Comm'r, since 1891. Lawyer, 577 Van Buren St., Milwaukee, Wis.
- Kate H. Pier, LL. B. (Mrs. Jas. A. McIntosh). Lawyer, 20 Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
- Arthur Remington, LL. B. Lawyer, (Remington & Reynolds), 608 Fidelity Bldg., Tacoma, Wash.
- Charles Henry Schweizer, A. B., Coll. of the Sacred Heart, Prairie du Chien, Wis., '85; LL. B. City Att'y, La Crosse, Wis., 1891-95. Lawyer, (McConnell & Schweizer), La Crosse, Wis.
- Jared D. Taylor, LL. B. Lawyer, Sheboygan, Wis.
- Theodore Magnus Thorson, LL. B. Lawyer, West Superior, Wis.
- Nels Marcus Thygeson, B. Met. E., '85; LL. B. Lawyer, (Munn & Thygeson), St. Paul, Minn.
- James Desnoyer Van Dyke, A. B., '81; LL. B. Lawyer (Van Dyke & Van Dyke), Long Prairie, Minn.
- Aad John Vinje, B. S., '84; LL. B. Judge of 11th Judicial Circuit, Superior, Wis.
- Frederick Julius Walthers, LL. B. Lawyer, 322 Reed St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Father Theodore Magnus Thorson, U of WI College of Law 1887 -

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**Scott in The Fifth Ward.**

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In the Fifth ward there is a non-partisan Citizens Reform Club, its object being to bring about a change in our city government. A few days before the conventions the club held a meeting and voted to support Mr. Dobie for mayor. As is well known Mr. Dobie declined the nomination tendered him. This action on his part left the club without a candidate, and another meeting was held last Monday evening at which time, after discussing the situation, Mr. John W. Scott was enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed for mayor.

T. M. Thorson, a prominent attorney, presided, and the leading speaker of the evening, was another attorney, Mr. C. J. Monson. Mr. Monson alluded to Mr. Matchette's unsolicited promise at the Scott banquet in the West Superior hotel to give his hearty support to Mr. Scott, and also his subscription of \$50 to Scott's campaign fund and the request to ask for more if it was needed.



After alluding to Mr. Matchette's questionable methods of securing signers to his call, by first filling them up with beer, etc., the speaker alluded to the candidate, Mr. Scott, and said he

"Believed Mr. Scott was the ablest, cleanest and best candidate before the people. Scott was not bound to any corporation or interest. He did not believe Mr. Scott had made a single pledge to any one. A paper finds fault with his record as a money loaner in North Dakota. In the two years he has been here they can't find anything against him. They have to go to Dakota. There are many Dakota people here and they all say he was clean and untarnished. We, as sensible and reasonable men, cannot conceive of a rascal coming here and leading an upright and honorable life here in a city where the chances to do wrong are most numerous."

"Superior (WI) Times" Saturday 2 Apr 1892 p 3

#### WEST SUPERIOR NOTES.

Special Telegram to the Tribune.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., March 15.—The Populist and Democratic county conventions to nominate candidates for municipal and county courts were held this afternoon. The two parties fused, agreeing on Henry G. Jordan for municipal judge, and Theodore M. Thorson for county judge. Free silver resolutions were adopted.—E. J. Lilly was examined on the new charges of indecent liberties with

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Tuesday 16 Mar 1897 p 2



### These Want to be Elected.

On Monday afternoon last the Democratic and Populist judicial county conventions met in the city hall, and nominated Henry J. Jordan for Municipal Judge, and Theodore M. Thorson for County Judge.

Since then T. L. McIntosh and John A. Dahl have announced themselves as candidates for municipal judge. The candidates now in the field for municipal judge so far are:—

Justice Fred S. Parker, P. H. Perkins, T. L. McIntosh, Judge B. F. Hutchins, W. M. Steele, J. E. French and John A. Dahl, James W. Osborne.

The candidates for County judge so far are: D. E. Roberts, W. B. Kellogg, Louis Larson, W. E. Hochle, Theodore M. Thorson.

“Superior (WI) Times” Saturday 20 Mar 1897 p 3

WILLIAM A. CHAMBERS, Republican.
SEVENTH WARD.
For Alderman—
Ezra E. Arner, Democrat.
Hugh Fitzpatrick, People's Party.
James F. Bingham, Republican.
Dennis A. Short, Independent.
For Supervisor—
Theodore M. Thorson, Democrat.
Alexander McKenzie, Republican.
For Justice of the Peace—
Horace B. Grandall, Republican.

“Superior (WI) Times” Saturday 2 Apr 1898 p 3

There will be a large number of strawberry farms started on a small scale in this county the coming spring. Farmers are getting their plants ordered for May planting. One of the largest patches will be planted by T. M. Thorson on his place near Dewey. He has ordered about 3,000 plants.

"Superior (WI) Times" Saturday 7 Mar 1903 p 3

**PUBLIC SERVICE RULING.**  
**This Given Out by the State Rate Commission—The Cases.**  
 (Special to The Northwestern.)  
 Madison, Wis., July 14.—The railroad commission today dismissed the petition of T. M. Thorson, a Douglas county farmer, for additional freight and passenger station facilities at Dewey, Douglas county, on the Great Northern line. The company has agreed to install a suitable platform and shelter. The present passenger schedule of one train each way daily in each direction is called adequate for the present.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 14 Jul 1913 p 5

# Class of '87 Will Receive 50th Jubilee Certificates

## Presentation Will Be Feature of Senior-Alumni Dinner

In recognition of their half century of loyalty to the University of Wisconsin, members of the class of 1887 who return to the Wisconsin campus for reunions in June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation will be presented with golden jubilee certificates by the Wisconsin Alumni association, it was announced Saturday by John Berge, executive secretary of the association.

Presentation of the certificates will be one of the features of the annual

H. Gabriel, Ida E. Johnson, Charles E. Nichols, Edward M. Platt, Mrs. John M. Whitehead, Arthur West;

Frank E. Bamford, William R. O'Neill, William R. Rosenstengel, Horace J. Smith, William W. Strickland, Arthur E. Thomas, George F. Witter, Otto Bierbach, Charles A. Boehme, Albert Ellsworth Jr., Charles A. Erdmann, Harry H. F. Frederick, Charles H. Rex, Grant R. Bennett.

Edward E. Burns, Charles J. Farmer, Oscar A. Fechter, John Harrington, Simeon M. Hayes, William G. Palmer, Arthur Remington, Theodore M. Thorson, Richard Keller, Charles H. Schweizer.

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senior-alumni dinner, which is held during commencement week-end, on Saturday night, June 19, Mr. Berge said. The class of 1887 will be the oldest class reuniting this year. It will be the first time in the history of the university and its alumni association that such certificates have been presented Wisconsin graduates.

#### **Dinner Is Climax**

The senior-alumni dinner will be the climax of annual Alumni day during the commencement week-end. Hundreds of Wisconsin alumni, members of the classes of 1897, 1902, '07, '12, '17, '25, '26, '27, and '28, besides 1887, are expected to return to the campus for their reunions.

Other events on the Alumni day program on Saturday, June 19, are: The annual meeting of the alumni association at 10 a. m.; the annual meeting of the association board of directors at 11 a. m.; class luncheons and picnics during the afternoon, ending in a parade of the classes from the Union Terrace into the Great hall of the Union at 6:30 p. m.; Pres. Clarence A. Dykstra's reception for the alumni at 9:30 p. m., and the annual Pipe of Peace ceremony on the Union Terrace at 9:45 p. m.

The Alumni day events annually lead up to the main events of the commencement week-end program—the baccalaureate sermon for the senior class, to be held in the university field house at historic Camp Randall on Sunday afternoon, June 20, and the 84th annual commencement exercises, also to be held in the field house at 9 a. m. on Monday, June 21.

Living members of the class of 1887 who are eligible to receive the golden jubilee certificates this year are as follows:

#### **List of Eligibles**

Ralph E. Blount, Oscar Hallam, Charles M. Morris, Edward W. Schmidt, Ambrose P. Winston, Katherine Allen, Ada May Brown, Mrs. Charles Carpenter, Mrs. G. Fisk, John

## Theodore Magnus Thorson

in the U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969

Name:	Theodore Magnus Thorson
Record Type:	burial
Birth Place:	Pierce Co Wisconsin, USA
Death Date:	18 Apr 1942
Burial Date:	21 Apr 1942
Church Name:	Borea Lutheran
Church Location:	Superior, Wisconsin

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Marriages.

No. 01129 ✓

1. Full name of husband.....	Theodore Magnus Thorson
2. Name of the father of husband.....	Stener Thorson
3. Name of the mother of husband before marriage.....	Thine Andrea Haugen
4. Occupation of husband.....	Lawyer
5. Residence of husband.....	West Superior Wis
6. Birthplace of husband.....	Wigsted, Linn Co Wis
7. Full name of wife previous to marriage.....	Gauthil Quale
8. Name of the father of wife.....	Gaut Quale
9. Name of the mother of wife before marriage.....	Sverine Bergethe Olson
10. Birthplace of wife.....	Haugesund Norway
11. Time when the marriage was contracted.....	October 14th 1890
12. The place, town or township, and county, where the marriage was contracted.....	City of Superior Wis
13. The color of the parties.....	White
14. By what ceremony contracted.....	Evangelical Lutheran
15. Names of subscribing witnesses.....	Carrie L. Thorson Lewis Larson
16. Name of person performing marriage.....	M. M. Midthun Pastor
17. Residence of person last named.....	West Superior Doug Co Wis
18. Date of certificate or affidavit of marriage.....	October 14th 1890
19. Date of registration.....	October 23rd 1890
20. Any additional circumstances.....	taken in oath by me

Name: Theodore Magnus Thorson

Marriage Date: 14 Oct 1890

Marriage County: Douglas, Wisconsin, USA

Spouse: Gauthil Quale

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Mother:



## **TRAPPED BY FIRE, BURNS ARE FATAL**

**Superior, Wis.**—(AP)—Mrs. T. M. Thorson, 69, was fatally burned today when trapped by fire in the bedroom of her farm home near Dewey. She had escaped from the house when the blaze was discovered, but reentered in an attempt to save articles in her bedroom.

Fire death of mother Gauthild Qvale Thorson – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Tuesday 2 Feb 1937 p 2 – this story was published in numerous Wisconsin newspapers

## *State Deaths*

**MILWAUKEE.**—Christ Johnson, 55, Hell Co. employe; Henry J. Riemen-schneider, son of one of Milwaukee's pioneer German families and for 40 years an employe of the Harnischfeger Corp.

**SUPERIOR.**—Mrs. T. M. Thorson, 69, wife of a former Superior attorney.

**LAKE MILLS.**—Mrs. Joseph G. Seward, 79, life resident here and member of pioneer family.

**DE PERE.**—Mrs. John Shea, 70, wife of the late chief of police.

**WAUSAU.**—Herman Stoltz, 57, Marathon county farmer.

**GREEN BAY.**—John Fitzgerald, 59, Spanish-American war veteran and Greenleaf resident.

**DENMARK.**—Mrs. Mary Jorgensen, 75, pioneer resident and native of Denmark, Europe.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Wednesday 3 Feb 1937 p 2

## Woman Burns to Death in Home Fire

Superior, Wis., Feb. 3—(U.P.)—Mrs. T. M. Thorson, 69, was burned to death yesterday when she entered her flaming farm home near Dewey to save bedroom articles. She and her husband were up and dressed when an overheated stove set the place afire. They carried out many of the house hold furnishings before she made her fatal trip. Flames blocked an attempt by Harry Vickland, her son-in-law, to rescue her.

Harry Vicklun was married to Gauthild's daughter, Evelyn Thorson – "Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Wednesday 3 Feb 1937 p 8

### Siblings:



Sister Vera Thorson Hoseid (1893-1984) – Find A Grave 115708986

### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Stener Qvale Thorson**

Name variations: Steven – baptized as Stener Arthur

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

Serial number: 250,887

Entered service from: Superior, Douglas WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Stener Q. Thorson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father T.M. Thorson, Rte 2, Station B, Superior WI

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Stener Q. Thorson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Theodore M. Thorson, RFD 2, Station B, Superior WI (PFC, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Stener Qvale Thorson - b. 19 Dec 1891 Superior WI; res: RFD 2, Sta B, Superior, Douglas WI. Single. Farmer for self, town of Superior WI.

Height: 5'10" – 151 lbs.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Stener Qvale Thorson - b. 19 Dec 1891 Superior WI; res: Sta B, Foute 2, Superior, Douglas WI. Employed by School District #1, Town of Summitt, Forborn, Douglas WI. Height: 5'9 ½" – 160 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 14 Dec 1917

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: 1514 – 17<sup>th</sup> St., Superior WI

Rank/unit: private, 18<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Dec 1891 Superior [or West Superior], Douglas WI

Died: 27 Aug 1972 Duluth, St. Louis Co. MN (in a Duluth hospital, of injuries suffered in a car accident on US Hwy 53 near Duluth on 13 Jul 1972)

Find A Grave record: 38191065 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Superior, Douglas WI

Cemetery: Riverside

Tombstone: not pictured: inscription reported as: Wisconsin PFC 18th Co. 20th Engineers WWI

Father: Theodore Magnus Thorson, 1863 WI – 1942. Son of Stener Thorson & Trine Andria Petersdatter Haugen. Obtained a law degree from the U of WI College of Law in 1887.

Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Superior, Douglas WI

Find A Grave: 38191066

Mother: Gauthild Signy Staledatter Qvale Thorson, 23 Jul 1864 Norway – 2 Feb 1937 near Dewey, Douglas Co. WI. Daughter of Gaut (Gouth) Gautsson Qvale & Sevrine (Severine) Bergette Olsen Staledatter. She had escaped her burning farmhouse but went back into her bedroom to retrieve some things and found herself trapped and died in the fire.

According to Ancestry.com, had a twin. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Superior, Douglas WI

Find A Grave: 38191062

Parents' marriage: 14 Oct 1890 Douglas Co. WI

Spouse: Mabel E. Ottun Thorson, 30 Sep 1894 NE – 26 Mar 1984 Poplar, Douglas WI.  
Daughter of Julius Nicolaus Ottun (1870 MN – 1957 MN, F: 181320729) & Anna Louise Ellingson (1873 WI – 1951 MN, F: 181320581). Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Superior, Douglas WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 38191063

Marriage: 11 Aug 1920 Douglas Co. WI.

#### Children:

- Donald Stener Thorson, 21 Jan 1926 WI - , Married 17 Jun 1949 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Des Moines, Polk IA to Joyce M. Crandall, the daughter of Warren Fout Crandall (1896-1964, F: 107626744) & Ann Beatrice Linneer (1901-1994, F: 107626762). Resident of Brookfield, Waukesha WI.
- Norma Leone Thorson Fechtelkotter, 27 Sep 1929 Duluth, St. Louis Co. MN – 7 May 2018 Poplar, Douglas WI. Wife of LeRoy Elmer Fechtelkotter (1927-2005, F: 96238222) whom she married 30 Dec 1955. Buried in Poplar Cemetery, Poplar, Douglas WI. F: 189557652

#### Siblings:

- Vera Thorson Hoseid, 19 Jul 1893 Superior, Douglas WI – 25 Oct 1984 Hudson, St. Croix WI. Wife of Cornelius ("Neal") Hoseid (1886-1977, F: 115708968). Buried in Martell Lutheran Cemetery, Martell, Pierce WI. F: 115708986
- Sidney Valentine Thorson, 14 Feb 1898 West Superior, Douglas WI – 25 Feb 1979 Beloit, Rock WI. Married in 1925 to Stella M. Hayter (1903-1969, F: 145855690). – Married in 1973 to Florence Latta (1904-1991, F: 95346253) who later married Everett McKinney (1902-1952, F: 95346241). Buried in Floral Lawn Cemetery, South Beloit, Winnebago WI. F: 145855703
- Evelyn Alta Thorson Vicklun, 28 Oct 1905 WI – 6 Nov 1963 Superior, Douglas WI. Married in 1927 to Harry Vicklun (1890-1970, F: 38708512). Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Superior, Douglas WI. F: 38708511.

#### Notes:

##### Pre-war:

Baptized 3 Jul 1892 as Stener Arthur Thorson, Concordia Lutheran Church, Superior, Douglas WI

##### Wartime:

##### Post-war:

##### Obituary:

"La Crosse Tribune" 30 Aug 1972 p 2 - Superior resident Stener Q. Thorson, age 80, died 27 Aug in a Duluth hospital of injuries suffered in a car accident 13 Jul on US 53 near Duluth

Social Security number: 391-10-6024

Censuses:

1900 Superior, Douglas WI

Theodore W. Thorson, 24 WI, Jun 1865, parents b. Norway, married 9 years, lawyer  
 Gautie, 32 Norway, Jul 1867, parents b. Norway, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living  
 Stener Q., 8 WI, Dec 1891, at school  
 Vera C., 6 WI, Jul 1893, at school  
 Sidney, 2 WI, Feb 1898  
 & mother Severine Qvale, 66 Norway, Mar 1864, parents b. Norway, gave birth to 12 children, 7 are living

1905 WI state census

1910 Superior, Douglas WI

Theodore Thorson, 46 WI, parents b. Norway, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 19 years, farmer, farm  
 Gauthild, 44 Norway, parents b. Norway, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living  
 Stenea A., 18 WI, attending school [i.e. Stener Qvale – baptized as Stener Arthur]  
 Vera K., 16 WI, attending school  
 Sidney V., 12 WI, attending school  
 Evelyn A., 4 WI, attending school  
 & mother Mrs. Sevarine Qvale [misindexed as Avalo], 75 Norway, parents b., Norway, widow, no occupation

1920 Superior, Douglas WI – conducted 2 Feb 1920

Theodore M. Thorson, 56 WI, parents b. Norway, farmer, general farm  
 Gauthild, 53 Norway, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1870, naturalized 1890  
 Stener Q [the Q misread as O], 28 WI, single, farm laborer, home farm  
 Sidney V., 21 WI, single, farm laborer, home farm  
 Evelyn A., 14 WI

1930 Superior, Douglas WI – conducted 16 Apr 1930

Stener Q. [misread as G.] Thorson, 38 WI, father b. WI, mother b. Norway, age 28 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, teacher, country school, WWI veteran  
 Mabel E., 35 NE, father b. MN, mother b. WI, age 25 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage  
 Donald A., 4 WI  
 Norma L., 6 months WI



1940 Superior, Douglas WI – same house in 1935

Stener Thorson, 49 WI, farmer, own farm

E. Mabel, 45 NE

S. Donald, 14 WI

L. Norma, 10 WI

1950 Superior, Douglas WI

S.O. Thorson, 58 WI, tower man, railway

Mabel, 56 NE, intermediate teacher, country school