

TUSCANIA

Conat, Laurel James
1896 MN – 1951 WI

CONAT LAUREL JAMES.		3-26-51 any Xc	1697397
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317 Avon St New London Wis		A	1 618 189
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ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name: Laural J. Conat Grade: Cpl.
 Enlisted, or inducted, May 5, 1917, at New London, Miss
 Serving in First enlistment period at date of discharge.
 Prior service: None

Noncommissioned officer: Apptd. Cpl. Oct 13 - 1918
 Marksmanship: Not required
 Horsemanship: Not required
 Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: Luscarra, Survivor 9/5/18
Chase 5/12 to 5/24/18. Aime 7/29 to 8/7/18
Decorations, medals Badges Citations none
 Knowledge of any vocation: Farming
 Wounds received in service: None
 Physical condition when discharged: Good
 Typhoid prophylaxis completed 9-8-17
 Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed 9-8-17
 Married or single: Single
 Character: Excellent

Remarks: Anticipated to transfer to pay
Chase Aime off 9/25 to 9/26/18. Thence Argonne
off 9/26 to 11/1/18. Arrived at occupation zone
Nov. 17-1918 to Apr 23rd 1919
 Signature of soldier: Laural J. Conat

C.&N.W.R.R.
 Transportation
 Issued
 MAY 29 1919
 ROCKFORD, "C.G."
 ILL.

Camp Grant, Ill. MAY 29 1919
 Paid in Full \$ 107.50
 including Bonus of \$50.00 Act of Feb. 24, 1919
S. H. FRANCIS
 Captain Quartermaster Corps

Robert J. Hocking
2nd Lt. Infantry
 Comm. 161st L.O.B.

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Honorable Discharge from The United States Army

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 WISCONSIN
 SERVICE DISCHARGE BOARD
 1.135-207-3-D
 BONUS PAYMENT ALLOWED
 225.00

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

This is to Certify, That Laural J. Conat
 † 25/172, left Dec 10, 1917, S. T.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL
 SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military service of the
 UNITED STATES by reason of Convenience of the Soldier 106212

Said Laural J. Conat was born
 in New London, in the State of Wisconsin
 When enlisted he was 20 years of age and by occupation a Farmer
 He had Brown eyes, Brown hair, Fair complexion, and
 was 5 feet 10 inches in height.

Given under my hand at Camp Grant, Ill this
29th day of May, one thousand nine hundred and Nineteen

Extracts certified by me
 on April 25, 1921 for the
 purpose of obtaining victory
 metal by mail.

James E. Schuchman
 Major F. A. R. S. C.
 Commanding.

Thomas H. Bell
 Notary Public,
 My Comm. Expires July 1, 1922

Form No. 222, A. G. O.
 Oct. 1-12

Insert name, Christian name first; e. g., "John Doe."
 Insert Army serial number, grade, company and regiment or arm or corps or department; e. g., "1,234,567"; "Corporal,
 Company A, 1st Infantry"; "Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps"; "Sergeant, First Class, Medical Department";

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Laurel Conat

Laurel Conat, owner of the Conat Auto Wrecking company at New London, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at 10 o'clock Monday night at his home. He was 55.

Conat was born at Spencer Brook, Minn., on Aug. 13, 1896 and came to New London when he was 8 years old.

Survivors are the widow; his mother, Mrs. Mary Bates, New London; three sons, Lloyd, Milwaukee, Gordon and Duane, at home; one half-brother, Orville Bates, Milwaukee; three half-sisters, Mrs. Violet Bonvicin and Miss Audrey Bates, Milwaukee, Mrs. Walter Grimm, Marion; and one sister, Mrs. William Kramer, New London.

The Cline and Learman Funeral home at New London will handle the funeral arrangements. Friends may call at the residence.

CONDUCT LAST RITES FOR NEW LONDON MAN

New London, Wis.—(Special)—Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal church for Laurel Conat, 54, who died unexpectedly at his home Monday night. The Rev. Paul Metzger, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church was in charge. Burial was in Floral Hill cemetery.

Conat, owner of the Conat Auto Wrecking Company, was born at Spencer Rock, Minn., Aug. 13, 1896 and came to New London when he was 8 years old.

Survivors are the widow; his mother, Mrs. Mary Bates, New London; three sons, Lloyd, Milwaukee, Gordon and Duane, at home; one half brother, Orville Bates, Milwaukee; three half sisters, Mrs. Walter Grimm, Marion, Mrs. Violet Bonvicin, and Miss Audrey Bates, Milwaukee; and one sister, Mrs. William Kramer, New London.

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Life:

Others Near Here

Who the victims were will not be known for several days. With 111 soldiers killed or drowned out of approximately 2,200, each soldier aboard may be estimated to have had a 20 to 1 chance to escape.

Men from other nearby points believed to have been aboard, the list being far from complete, were:

New London—Ralph A. Mayo, George E. Doman, Elmer A. Hebbe, Clifford Norths, Byron E. Christian, Laurel J. Conat, William B. Spencer, Frank I. Davis, Charles Foley, Archibald Beaudoin, Martin D. Bongers, Leonard T. Meshke.

Manawa—Martin T. Evenson.

Mellen—Joe Kramer, Carl J. Gonia.

Westboro—George C. Nelson.

Colby—Tracey C. Greene.

Marshfield—Lieutenant Fred J. Braem, Sergeant Columbus Vannedom, Corporal Ray Anderson.

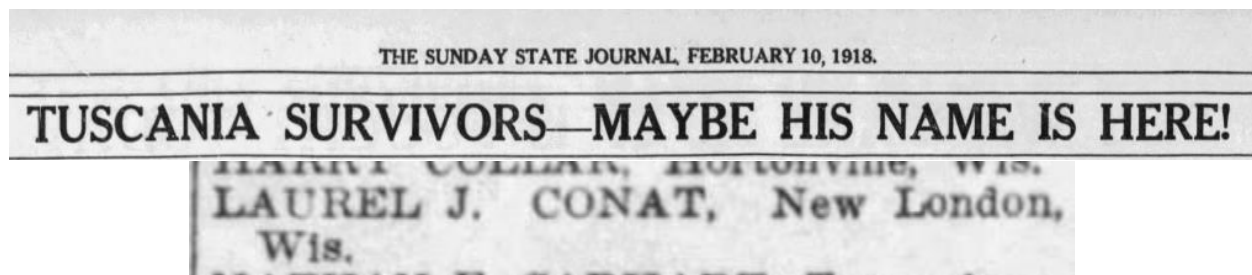
Abbotsford—Melvin Arneson, Owen R. Thompson.

Iola—George Danley.

“Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

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* LIST OF OUTAGAMIE * * COUNTY BOYS WHO * * WERE ON TUSCANIA * * * * * *	
* Appleton—	* JACOB SCHNEIDER
* ARTHUR J. HANTSCHER.	* IRVIN MEIDAM.
* ERIC R. GALPIN.	* WORTH L. BUSHEY.
* PAUL VAN WYK.	* MCKINLEY ROBINSON.
* THEO. L. BRIGGS.	* GEORGE ROEMER, Merrill
* Co., formerly of Appleton.	* HENRY J. PETTIGREW.
* Hortonville—	* HARRY B. COLLAR.
* ARTHUR B. STEFFEN.	* LAWRENCE MILLER.
* RALPH PRINTUP.	* Leeman—
* WILLIAM A. REICHEL,	* New London—
* GEORGE E. DOMAN,	* ELMER A. HEBBE.
* WILLIAM B. SPENCER.	* BYRON C. CHRISTIAN.
* LAUREL J. CONAT.	* CHARLES FOLEY.
* ARCHIBALD BEAUDOIN.	* LEONARD T. MESHKE.
* Neenah—	* JAMES P. HAWLEY.
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"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1



"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 4

Tuscania Passengers Back in United States

**107th Supply Train with Appleton and New London
Men Is Back---Attract Attention on Account of
Sturdy and Husky Appearance---Will Remain
in Camp Hill for Few Days---19 New London
and 6 Appleton Men with Command**

ARE GIVEN A GREAT OVATION

(Special to the Crescent)

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—The 107th Supply train arrived at this port late Tuesday afternoon aboard the battleship Virginia after two weeks sailing from Brest. Other units aboard were the 107th Sanitary Train, 107th Train Headquarters and 126 casualties, totalling 1,359 men.

They were quartered last night at Camp Hill to remain several days before being sent to western camps. In command of the troops was Colonel Peter Piasecki of Milwaukee. Most of the troops in the several organizations were from Wisconsin and Michigan and as they marched from the streets here on their way to camp they were greeted with cheers from thousands of people who lined the "way of triumph." The streets had been profusely decorated and scattered with flowers for Virginia troops who arrived earlier in the day and the Wisconsin men shared in the reception. They drew attention because of their sturdy and husky appearance.

Several of the men who landed were passengers on the ill-fated Tuscania when she was torpedoed. They demonstrated wonderful discipline at that time. Capt. Pettigrew formed his company on deck and held the men there for nearly two hours instead of risking the life boats. When a destroyer ran up to the side of the sinking transport the men of Pettigrew's company stepped from one boat to the other. Among the Appleton men on the Tuscania who returned yesterday were Capt. Pettigrew, Jacob Schneider, Arthur Hantchel and Irwin Meidam.

Following is a list of names of New London and Appleton men who arrived on the ship:

NEW LONDON

Francis Barlow, 19 Wolf River.
Ralph Mayo, South Pearl Street.
Leland T. Meany.
George E. Dotman.
Louis W. F. Hoffman, Avon Street.
Harvey J. Travers, Cook Street.
Laurel J. Conat, 1121 Shiocton St.
Geo. C. Grawdunder, 338 Smith St.
Herman W. Resbein.
Arthur H. Ziemer.
Leonard Meshke, E. Washington St.
Leo A. Krueger, 317 West Pine St.
Ohren R. Huntley, 1009 S. Pearl St.
David H. Van, N. Deveer.
Paul D. Rohany.
Martin D. Bongers, Quincy Street.
George H. Bonyers, Quincy Street.
Byron E. Christian.
Frank J. Herres.

APPLETON

Capt. Henry J. Pettigrew.
Sergt. Charles C. Baker, 670 Drew.
John J. Haug, Jr., 690 Lincoln St.
Jacob F. Schneider, 929 Richmond.
Arthur J. Hantchel, 920 S. Division.
Irwin Meidam, 426 Eldorado Street.

NEW YORK—The transport Sierra, bringing 1,511 men, mostly from the 82nd division, including Major General George B. Duncan, picked her way through a heavy fog that delayed several arriving transports and docked here today. Close behind her came the Valacia, with the 119th Machine Gun Battalion, company K and M and the Medical detachment of the 126th Infantry and Casuals.

Burial was in Federal Hill Cemetery.

The names of the soldiers and sailors that have returned are as follows: Francis Barlow, Leland Meany, George Bongers, Laurel Conat, George Dowman, Frank Herris, Arthur Ziemer, Elmer Hebbe, John Allen, Frank Davis, David Vanderveer, Louis Hoffman, Leo Dreuger, Orrin Huntley, Harvey Travers, Charles Loley, Leonard Meshke, George Shoenrock, Irvin Meldam, Ralph Mayo, Arthur Beaudoin, Herman Rehbein, Paul Rohan, George Grawunder, George Bongers, Gust Kreuger and Byron Christian.

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Tuesday 10 Jun 1919 p 4

New London, Wis.—Seventeen candidates have filed nomination papers with City Clerk C. J. Thompson for the coming special election next Monday, April 19, when the voters of the wards will select one alderman from each section. At the recent referendum the electors voted for ten aldermen instead of five and according to specification the additional five will be chosen by ballot next Monday.

LIST OF CANDIDATES.

J. J. Burns, one of the candidates from the Fourth ward has come out with the plan of serving on the council without pay.

Papers have been filed as follows: First ward, August Behnke, H. W. Gneich, Gust Fuerst and Otto Froelich; Second ward, Milo Smith and H. L. Kellogg; Third ward, William H. Sennitt, Jr., P. J. Laux, John Herres, W. I. Kimber and Walter Cornwall; Fourth ward, John J. Burns, Herman Ladwig and John Parfitt; Fifth ward, William Ploetz, Laurel Conat, Louis Hoffman.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Friday 16 Apr 1926 p 17

1,295 BALLOT FOR ALDERMAN AT NEW LONDON

Fuerst, Smith, Laux, Ladwig,
and Ploetz Successful Can-
didates

Special to Post-Crescent

New London — There were 1,295 votes cast at the special aldermanic election Monday. This was slightly less than that of the regular spring election of April 6.

The largest vote, 426, was cast in the Fourth ward. The Third ward ran a close second, with 359 ballots and the First ward turned in 317. The Fifth ward had 117 votes and the Second added 76 more.

Gus J. Fuerst was elected alderman; in the First ward other results were: Second ward, Milo Smith; Third ward, Peter Laux; Fourth ward Herman Ladwig; Fifth ward William Ploetz. The detailed results of the election are as follows:

First ward: Gus J. Fuerst, 107; Otto Froelich, 102; H. W. Gneich, 24; and August Behnke, 14.

Second ward: Milo Smith, 54; and H. L. Kellog, 22.

Third ward: P. J. Laux, 106; William Sennett, 23; W. I. Kimber, 64; John Herres, 58; and W. R. Cornwall, 35.

Fourth ward: Herman Ladwig, 174; John J. Burns, 133; and John Parrott, 199.

Fifth ward: William Ploetz, 41; Louis Hoffman, 38; and Laurel Conal, 38.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 20 Apr 1926 p 8

**WILLIAM SMITH WEDS
ALICE THORSTENSON**

New London—The marriage of Miss Alice Thorstenson, daughter of Nels Thorstenson of Rosholt and William Smith, son of Mrs. Charles Smith, Avon-st, took place at 2:30 Monday afternoon at the Emanuel Lutheran parsonage. The Rev. Adolph Spiering performed the ceremony. The couple was attended by Edward Thorstenson, Nekoosa, and Miss Helena Smith. A wedding dinner was served by the bridegroom's mother and an informal reception was held at which relatives and friends of the young people were guests. Mr. Smith has a position in Jennings' South side market while the bride has for several years been employed at the Borden factory, having made her home at the home of her sister, Mrs. Laurel Conat of this city. Upon their return from their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home on Avon-st.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Wednesday 24 Aug 1927 p 15

...ately \$2,000.
 Rev. Francis S. Dayton was the speaker at the Tuscania memorial program given by the Norris Spencer post of the American Legion. The speaker stressed the urgent need for devoted patriotism as shown in the time of our participation in the great war. He mentions especially the

lives of Clifford Norris and William Spencer who lost their lives when the Tuscania was sunk off the coast of Ireland, while carrying among other troops, Company D which included many New London boys. Byron Christian, Frank Davis and Laurel Conat of the local post and

who were also passengers on the ill-fated ship and were stated to be the last in conversation with their lost buddies gave thrilling details of the horrible disaster. Following the program, lunch was served by the auxiliary.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 11 Feb 1929 p 4

Mr. and Mrs. William Kramer entertained Saturday night at a card party. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hall and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Conant and son Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meating, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. George White, Mrs. James Curry and daughter Beverly, Mrs. M. B. Hall and daughter Vera, Mrs. Carl Lintner and daughter, Jean, Mrs. Mae Bates, Orville and Anita Bates and Glen Hall, Miss Marian Jero, Miss Dorothy Bessett and Miss Blanche Hall of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nelson of Fremont. Prizes in schmeer were won by Miss Bessett, Miss Jero, Lloyd Nichols and Orville Bates. Awards in schafkopf went to Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Nelson, Lyle Hall and Albert Nelson.

Laurel, not Loyal, Conat – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 3 Mar 1931 p 14

Two Legion Posts Named After Tuscania Victims

Memories of the World war that recall the death of three men in this district who have been honored by having American legion posts named after them, will be brought back Monday, Feb. 5, when the National Tuscania Survivors' association meets at Kenosha.

The three men are Corporal Clifford Norris and William B. Spencer, after whom the New London legion post is named, and Sgt. James P. Hawley after whom the Neenah post is named. The three lost their lives in the sinking of the Tuscania.

Only two of the Appleton men on the ship, McKinley Robinson and Arthur J. Hantschel, still live in the city. Others who were residents of Appleton when they went into service and who survived the incident are Eric Galpin, Jacob Schneider, Irwin H. Meldam, Theodore Briggs, Worth Bushey and Paul Van Wyck. Several of the survivors have moved from the city and one or two are dead.

Among other men from this vicinity listed as on the Tuscania in dispatches received a few days after the sinking were Ralph Mayo, New London; Harry B. Collar, Hortonville; George E. Doman, New

commander of the destroyer, ordered Petty Officer Jones to take charge of the lifeboats lowered from the Pigeon davits. Men were clamoring for help from the tilting deck of the Tuscania and hundreds more were afloat in the water, clutching anything they could hold. The lifeboat in which Jones was lowered rapidly filled with men picked up from the water, and with the shrieking cries of men asking to be saved, the officer looked around for his ship.

Left Alone at Dusk

It was gone, due to menace of another torpedo from the enemy submarine.

Seeing several other lifeboats nearby Jones ordered the boat to the vicinity of the others and organized rescue work. Every boat that could pick up another man was soon filled, and Jones found 11 life-boats filled. He shouted encouragement to the men at the oars and with the boats joined in a single chain they pulled away from the scene to avoid being sucked in as the Tuscania finally lifted its stern into the air and with a groan sank under the surface, taking with it scores of men who could not swim away fast

London; Hilding Fagerdahl, Hortonville; Elmer A. Hebbe, New London; Arthur Steffen and Alexander Stewart, Hortonville; Martin Winter, Clintonville; William A. Ruechel, Leeman; Byron E. Christian, Laurel J. Conat, Frank I. Davis, Charles Foley, Archibald Beaudoin, Martin D. Bongers, and Leonard T. Meshke, all of New London; Martin T. Evenson, Manawa, and John C. Barth, Clintonville.

Will Honor Jones

One of the features of this year's meeting of the veterans will be honoring John Newton Jones, now a resident of New York, formerly of the British navy who helped

enough.

The exploits of Jones were not at once recognized. Of a retiring nature himself, the officer merely submitted a report later that he had led 210 survivors in 11 lifeboats to safety.

But the men in those lifeboats, many of them Wisconsin war veterans who were saved to go further into the war, did not forget.

The medal to be given Jones at the reunion of the Tuscania survivors in Kenosha Monday night is the fourth such award to come out of that exploit, and the first to be given by the association of survivors.

rescue a great number of the survivors.

Attached to the Pigeon, British destroyer, Jones was a chief petty officer on Feb. 5, 1918. The Pigeon was part of the escort of the Tuscania as it neared the Irish coast just as day was ending. The torpedo that seemed to come from out of nowhere rising from the depths of the sea dealt its deadly blow to the troop ship and the panic was on.

The Pigeon was one of the first of the escorting squadron to arrive on the scene. Capt. John Eddis,

Pine Grove

Mr. and Mrs. William Tenpas and family of Sigel were recent visitors at the Harry Swanson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clark have taken up residence at Vesper where Mr. Clark is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. William Heeg of Nekoosa are the parents of a son born Monday, July 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Conat and family of New Lisbon were recent visitors at the O. Thorstenson home.

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" Tuesday 26 Jul 1938 p 7

Quiet Aldermanic Election Is Forecast for New London

New London—A peaceful aldermanic election is forecast in New London for April 4 with most of the opposition confined to the Fifth ward, according to final nomination papers filed with City Clerk Mrs. J. C. Freeman yesterday. All incumbents but one are seeking reelection.

The position for supervisor in the Fifth ward will be most contested with the withdrawal of John Rickaby, incumbent. Seeking the post are Roy Akins, Lewis Prah, Louis Kurszevski and Leonard Borchardt.

Opposing Frank Meating for Fifth ward alderman are Frank Specht and Laurel Conat. The only other aldermanic opposition will be offered by William Lipke against Theodore Thomas in the First ward.

Bidding for the supervisor's job in the Second ward is William Eggers against M. J. Heinz, incumbent; and in the Third ward John Sawall against O. H. Pribnow, incumbent.

Aldermen unopposed are William Litts, Second ward; Harry Emans, Third ward; A. R. Margraff, Fourth ward; supervisors, Ike Poepke, First ward; Walter Schoenrock, Fourth ward.

School commissioners E. H. Smith and Dr. M. A. Borchardt are unopposed for reelection.

City Officials Retain Posts in Quiet Election

Roy Aikens Gets Fifth Ward Board Job in Field of Four

New London — All New London's aldermen and supervisors were returned to their jobs in a quiet city election yesterday. Roy Aikens won the Fifth ward supervisorship in a field of four new candidates to replace John Rickaby. A fair return of 1,000 total ballots were cast with the Fifth ward voting heavily with a count of 280.

Frank Meating kept his seat as Fifth ward alderman against his two opponents, gathering 162 ballots against 98 for Laurel Conat and 15 for Frank Specht. Theodore Thomas retained his First ward alderman's job with 192 votes against William Lipke's 83. M. J. Heinz stayed on as Second ward supervisor with 68 votes to 51 for William Eggers in the closest contest of the election.

For Fifth ward supervisor Aikens polled 102 votes with Louis Kurszevski and Leonard Borchardt tied with 80. Lewis Prah collected 10. O. H. Pribnow beat John Sawall for reelection as Third ward supervisor by the big margin of 135 to 49.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" left: Tuesday 21 Mar 1939 p 7 and right: Wednesday 5 Apr 1939 p 1

New London Couple Honored On Anniversary of Wedding

New London — Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Conat 409 Avon street, were surprised with a party at their home Saturday night in honor of their twentieth wedding anniversary. They were presented with many china gifts.

In the surprise party were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeffers, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Linberg, and Mrs. Lyle Hall, Mrs. Norman Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schellin, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rice, Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bonvicin, Mr. and Mrs. John Bork, Mr. and Mrs. William Kramer and

son Eugene, Mrs. May Bates, the Misses Audrey Bates, Dorothy Williams and Beverly Curry, and Philip Tomviasini. Schafskopf entertained.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 22 Oct 1940 p 28

Zoning Board Upholds Inspector's Decision

New London — The action of Building Inspector Victor Thomas in denying a building permit to Laurel Conat, 409 Avon street, for the construction of a 3-car garage 20 by 30 feet, was upheld by the zoning board of appeals at a hearing at the city hall council chambers Wednesday night.

The permit was denied by Thomas on the grounds it violated the state building code which limits the size in that zone to 500 square feet. The board upheld Thomas on the same point.

The building proposed by Conat was an enlargement of the present 2-car garage used in his auto wrecking business at his residence. Cost of the proposed improvement was estimated at \$150.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 1 Nov 1940 p 19

Alvin Grambsch, of New London, and Edward F. Reimer, Markesan, renewed a friendship which began with their entrance into the army, survived the Tuscania disaster, lasted through France and ever since. . . . It was a happy day for William Ruechel, Shawano county; Laurel Conat, New London, and Arthur H. Otto, Seymour. It was the first time the three had been together since war days.

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" Monday 9 Feb 1942 p 10

Nine tables were in play at the public card party Tuesday evening sponsored by the Royal Neighbors at the Odd Fellows hall. Prizes in cards were won by the following: Mrs. Paul Koehnek, Mrs. Earl Linberg, Bernard Klatt and Laurel Conat in schafskopf and Mrs. Edward Steingraber and Clarence Beaudoin in 500. Mrs. J. J. Kircher won the special prize.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 18 Mar 1943 p 24

Stripped Trailer Is Recovered in River

New London—Part of the 4-wheel trailer reported stolen from the Laurel Conat residence last Tuesday was recovered Sunday by New London police. The department here was notified that a trailer was discovered in the river near Leaman; and when Harry Macklin, police chief, investigated, he found that it was the missing trailer but that the wheels and tires had been removed.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 11 Sep 1945 p 20

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent"

Wife

Mrs. Alma Conat

NEW LONDON — Mrs. Alma J. Conat, 67, of 409 Avon St., New London, died Monday at 3:30 p.m. at New London Community Hospital, after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 5, 1896, at Rosholt and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, New London.

Survivors include: three sons, Lloyd, Milwaukee, Gordon, New London, and Duane, Santiago, Calif.; one brother, Odin Thorstenson, Nekoosa; two sisters, Mrs. Leonard Rice and Mrs. William Schmidt, both of New London, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, the Rev. P. Buening, of Manawa, officiating. Burial will be in the Floral Hills Cemetery.

Friends may call at Cline and Hanson Funeral Home, New London, after 2 p.m. Wednesday until 10 a.m. Thursday, and then at the church until the time of services.

“Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Tuesday 25 Jun 1963 p 2

Alma Thorson, Rosholt, and Laurel Conat of this city, were married at the Trinity Lutheran church Wednesday evening, Rev. Sharritt officiating.

Gertrude Morack and William Diestler, Hortonville, were married Wednesday, Rev. Brenner officiating. They will reside at Hortonville.

“Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette” Monday 24 Oct 1921 p 4

Laurel J Conat

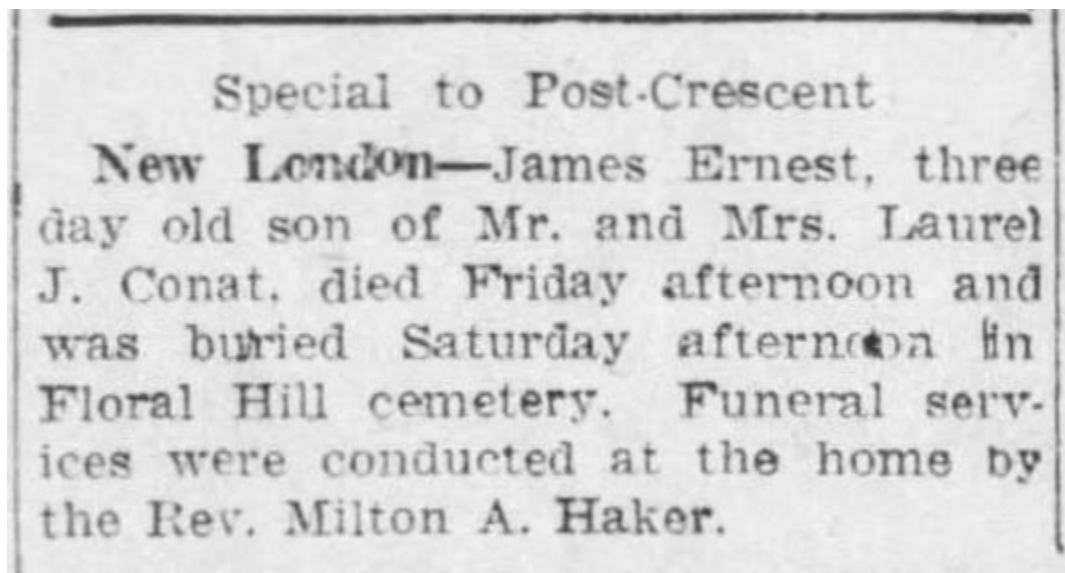
in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



Detail	Source
Name	Laurel J Conat
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	18 Oct 1921
Marriage County	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Alma Thorstenson

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Children:



Son James Ernest Conat (1924-1924) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Wednesday 13 Feb 1924 p 6

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M'KINLEY SCHOOL PUPILS TO STAGE OPERETTA TONIGHT

New London—Amid the royal splendor of the king's court, the palace guards in full military dress entertain for the princess in the McKinley school pupils' annual operetta, "The Princess Has a Birthday," which will be presented at the Washington High school auditorium at 8 o'clock this evening. This scene, taken at dress rehearsal yesterday afternoon, is only one of many colorful numbers in which all of the 145 pupils have a chance to entertain. Pixies, fairies, gypsies and members of the rhythm band await their turn in the above picture. Gordon Rusch is king; Lois Linberg, queen; Ruth Laughlin, the princess. At left and right are the court jesters, Sharr and Flat, Barbara Meinhardt and Sally Estlund, respectively. In full regalia is Robin Lyon as Major Scale with Lloyd Conat, the court cut-up as Master Melody. Palace guards are Billy Irving, Bobby Hammerberg, Delores Koplen, Marion Rice, Dona Behm and Kenneth Dent. Cordell Schimke and Charlotte Jensen are hidden from the camera. (Post-Crescent Photo)

Son Lloyd E. Conat (1929-1979) – as "the court cut-up as Master Melody" - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 21 Oct 1938 p 34



BEES AND BEARS IN MCKINLEY SCHOOL OPERETTA—The beehive is the center of the action in the McKinley grade school operetta, "Honey Pirates," which 120 pupils will present at the Washington High school auditorium at 8 o'clock tonight. Demonstrating their roles and costumes here are Elsie-Standke as Queen Bee, left, with little LaVonne McFaul, one of the Blue Bell chorus; John Christian in the hive as Bruin with Darrell Berglund, the Cuckoo bear; and Lloyd Conat at right as Officer Buzz with his pal Drowsy Drone portrayed by Wesley Spoehr, Carol Westphal and Joan Rusch are more Blue Belis adorning the hive. Marion Rice is Evening Star in the background and Phyllis Beattie is Lady Moon. (Post-Crescent Photo)

Lloyd Conat standing at far right as "Officer Buzz" (striped stockings) - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 9 May 1941 p 12

122 Students to Get Diplomas At New London

High School Will Graduate Largest Class in Its History

New London—At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Washington High school auditorium, 122 senior students will be graduated from the school.

The students, who represent the largest class ever to be graduated from the school, will be attired in caps and gowns of red and white. Dr. C. E. Hammerberg, president of the school board, will present the diplomas.

Although the class numbers 130, eight of the students in the service had their diplomas mailed to them. They are Wallace Bergman, Roger Clark, Jerome Freiburger, Richard Joubert, Junior Kleinbrook, Doris Plowman, Adolph Wochinski and Keith Schoenrock.

Members of the 1947 graduating class are Arden Ann Polzin, Bruce Lercher, Roberta Ritchie, James Pomerene, Sharon McDermitt, James Gruentzel, Doris Mae Wright, Henry Lippold, Avis Popke, Harold Tech, Arleen Gorges, Robert Hammerberg, Ramona Webb, James Everts, Shirley Ann Sawall, Richard Dorsey, Janet Danke, Robert Christ, Carol Lasch, Lloyd Conat, Lois Spitzer, James Johnson, Viona Oberstadt, Edward Macklin, Alice Cristy, Richard Brazil, Alyce Em-

List continues – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 26 May 1947 p 7

Lloyd E. Conat

2814 S. 15th St., Milwaukee

Formerly of New London, age 50, died unexpectedly at his residence Saturday. He was born April 27, 1929 in New London and had been a Milwaukee resident for many years. Survivors include two brothers: Gordon, New London; Duane, El Cajon, California; three nephews; a niece. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Cline and Hanson Funeral Home, New London, with the Rev. Richard Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at the Cline and Hanson Funeral Home, New London, from 4 p.m. Monday until the time of the service Tuesday.

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Conat, Gordon H.

Gordon H. Conat, age 79, passed away on February 2, 2012, at the home he so proudly built for his family. He was born January 19, 1933, to Laurel Conat and Alma (Thorstenson)

Conat. He graduated from Washington High School with the



class of 1951. Gordon joined the Navy in July 1952 and served in the Seabees on the islands of Midway, Guam, Philippines and Subic Bay until July 1956.

As a youth he enjoyed ski jumping and was President of the Wooden Wings Ski Club. He enjoyed trap shooting and was secretary of the New London Fish and Game Club. He was very talented in iron work, wood work and was very generous with his time and talent. Es-



He presently belonged to VFW Post 2732 and American Legion Post 283, New London. he was also a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, New London.

He is survived by his wife Corinne, sons, Dennis and Donald, New London; grandchildren: Kelly, Kim, Kris, Shannon, Emily and Ryan. He is also survived by sister-in-law, Lillian Conat, brother-in-laws, Earl Thorpe and Larry (Donna) Thorpe and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

pecially to the VFW Post 2732 where he served as Commander 3 times and was responsible for many improvements to the VFW Post.

He was married to Corinne Thorpe, June 22 1957, at Emanuel Lutheran Church by Reverend Frederick Heideman. They celebrated their 54th anniversary this past June.

Gordon suffered a major heart attack in 1979, at age 46. He thankfully got a second chance at life for 33 more years which he lived to the fullest.

He enjoyed traveling, hunting trips and camping with friends.

He was very proud of his twin boys and taught them to duck hunt, deer hunt, and fish. Quite often (Before they could drive) he would have to get up after only a couple hours of sleep after tending bar at the VFW and take them to Lake Poygan to duck hunt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Laurel and Alma; brothers: James, Lloyd and Duane; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clemens and Ruth Thorpe and sister-in-law, Barbara Thorpe.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and friends.

Funeral services for Gordon will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at Cline & Hanson Funeral Home, New London. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 10, 2012 from 4-8 p.m. at Cline & Hanson and also on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be Floral Hill Cemetery, New London Military Graveside Rites will be held.

Cline & Hanson
Funeral Home
209 W. Cook St.,
New London
920-982-3232
www.clinehansonfuneralhome.com



GOLFERS FROM THROUGHOUT STATE ATTEND NEW LONDON GOLF JAMBOREE — Springvale Golf club at New London held its annual jamboree yesterday and, as in the 13 year history of the event, fun loving golfers from all over the state joined their New London friends in the frolic. Here are some pictures taken at random during yesterday's spectacle, attended by more than 250 men. **(Upper left hand corner)** Tony Ellis, Clintonville; Dan Mullarkey, Milwaukee; and Dr. G. W. Spang, Clintonville, keep their fingers crossed as Amos Schoenike, Clintonville, putts on the second green. **(Top center)** The kitchen crew, all from New London, gets ready to serve the tasty noon meal. Left to right, are: Mrs. Erich Lightfuss, Betty Brautigan, Henry Brautigan, Robert Brautigan, Mrs. Henry Brautigan, Carol Brautigan, Dolores Schulke, E. A. Hageman, Mrs. E. A. Hageman, Marion Flater and Mrs. Herman Lightfuss. **(Top right)** A group from Antigo finished up its meal with a hot cup of coffee poured by Gordon Meiklejohn, New London. Left to right, are: Manley Bacon, Norbert Lista, Meiklejohn, B. J. Lindsay, and Ed Conrad. **(Center left)** Close to 50 caddies from New London responded to the call for special help. Part of the group is shown above. Left to right, kneeling, are: Gordon Conat, Fred Poole, Le Roy Ritchie, Gary Shirland and Jimmy Yost. Standing: Dick Polley, John Meinhardt, Jack Roe, Robert Hoerning, Jim Brush, Harry Van Alstine, Lee Dexter and

Golf caddy Gordon Conat is kneeling in front, at far left – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent"

Friday 12 Jul 1946 p 13

New London Juniors Prep for First Ski Meet



The New London Wooden Wing Junior Ski club can be seen practicing at the County Line leap at New London preparatory to the first meet which is to be held on the hill Jan. 23. Although the two pint sizers in the front row may not look like professionals, both have made successful jumps off the New London scaffolds. And little Bobbie Enos, the third from the left in the front row, does not jump as yet but he is a prospect. In the front row, from left to right, are Ted Algiers, Jimmie and Bobbie Enos. Left to right in the second row are David Wege, Dale Schoenrock, Duane Kaepemick, Keith Pieper, Jimmie Jost, Gordon Conat and Marlyn Brown. (Post-Crescent Photo)



Gordon Conat in back row, 2nd from right - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 10 Jan 1949 p 12

Compete in New London Ski Meet Sunday



Being the host club, the New London Wooden Wing Junior Ski club members are all eligible to participate in the official Wisconsin State Junior championship meet to be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Mosquito hill. In the first row, from left to right, are Dale Schoenrock, David Wege, James Enos and Teddy Algiers; second row, Gordon Conat, Edgar Algiers, Wayne Southard, Marlin Brown and Richard Winter; last row, Marvin Kaepernick, instructor, Dick Hoerning, Claire Baehman, Jim Yost, Keith Pieper, Duaine Kaepernick and Alfred Pieper, instructor. (Post-Crescent Photo)

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 5 Mar 1949 p 3

New London Ski Club Will Sponsor District Meet



The two junior members of the Wooden Wing Junior Ski club of New London recently showed the other members of the club how to wax skis as the unit prepares to sponsor a district meet here Sunday at the County Line Leap. Bobby Enos, 9, left, and Dan Ingersoll, 7, right, will compete in the Class C division. Watching in the first row, left to right, are David Wege, Charles Schneider, Marvin Handschke, Ted Algiers, Dale Roberts, Jim Enos and Bobby Ingersoll. In the same order in the second row are Marlin Brown, Douglas Stern, Gary Barrington, Keith Pieper, Gordon Conat and Dick Winter. (Post-Crescent Photo).

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 26 Jan 1951 p 5



Engaged, but not married, to Barbara Jean Umland - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent"
Wednesday 23 Jul 1952 p 19

Appleton Post-Crescent 21
Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1957



Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Thorpe, route 1, New London, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Corinne, to Gordon Conat, son of Mrs. Alma Conat, 409 Avon street, New London. A June wedding is planned.

Engaged & married to Corinne Thorpe - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 16 Jan 1957 p 21

Marriage Licenses

Applications for marriage licenses have been made at the office of County Clerk Mollie E. Pfeffer by Delbert C. Zuleger, route 1, Bonduel, and Beverly E. Gagnow, Seymour; Robert H. Coonen, route 3, Kaukauna, and Marilyn F. Hartjes, Kaukauna; Gerald E. Kamps, Kimberly, and Rosemary A. Everts, Appleton; James A. Hoffman, West DePere, and Yvonne R. Vandenberg, route 1, West DePere; John R. Schreiter and Patricia N. Kolosso, both of Appleton; Gordon H. Conat, New London, and Corinne A. Thorpe, route 1, New London; David L. Verhagen, Neenah, and Margaret B. Hermus, Little Chute; Harold E. Fromm, Clear Lake, S. D., and Sandra L. Grimmer, Appleton; Daniel S. Voet and Joan M. Van Zeeland, both of Kaukauna.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday 14 Jun 1957 p 17

Twin Sons Born at New London to Have Different Birthdays

New London—The twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Conat, 608 Algoma street, will have different birthdays as they were born Thursday night and Friday morning at the Borchardt Memorial hospital and clinic.

The first boy was born at 11:50 p. m. Thursday and the second boy arrived at 12:15 a. m. Friday.

Twin sons have different birthdays, one born 25 Jan 1951 & one born 26 Jan 1951 –
“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday 26 Jan 1951 p 5

session.

Per and Eddie's Service Station, Fremont, was sold to two New London men this week. Pershing Cox, who has operated the station for the past 15 years, and Edwin Rupno, who has been associated with him for the past three years, sold to Glenn Thorpe and Gordon Conat.

Thorpe is a former employe of the Bi-County Co-op Service Station in New London, while Conat worked for the Appleton Division of Allis Chalmers.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Tuesday 23 Mar 1965 p 10



Corinne and Gordon Conat

NEW LONDON – Gordon and Corinne Conat, 418 Lima St., New London, celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 22, 2007. The former Corinne Thorpe became Gordon's bride June 22, 1957 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, New London. Original attendants were Glen Thorpe (deceased), Dawn Dreier (deceased), Lloyd Conat (deceased), Jean Mansee Gorman, Maynard Klingbeil and Lorraine Kratzke Stern. Junior attendants were Patrick Suprise and Diane Herminath Stevens.

Gordon and Corinne have two sons: Dennis and Donald (Jane), New London. There are 6 grandchildren: Kelly, Shannon, Kimberly, Emily, Kristina and Ryan.

50th wedding anniversary – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Sunday 24 Jun 2007 p 44

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Three From Area Enlisted in Navy

Three young men from this area were enlisted in the Navy recently by Chief Victor S. Hill, recruiter in charge of the Oshkosh Navy recruiting office, and they are now taking training at Great Lakes, Ill.

They are Duane R. Conat, New London; Bernard J. Seaman, Rt. 3, Berlin; and Delbert D. Schultz, Wautoma.

In the nine weeks of recruit training the new enlistees will receive instruction in gunnery and ordnance, seamanship, damage control, military drill, bearing and conduct.

Re-enlisted was Leonard H. Amacher, Waupun, electrician's mate third class, who was sent to San Francisco, Calif., for further assignment.

Persons interested in a Naval career or enlisting under one of many Navy programs offered should contact the local Navy recruiting office, 28 State St.

Son Duane Roger Conat (1938-1985) – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Friday 20 Jan 1956 p

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NEW LONDON PERSONALS

New London—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Conat at their home at 317 Avon street yesterday morning.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 6 Dec 1938 p 12

Lillian Conat

New Manager

OCEANSIDE — Mrs. Lillian Conat is the new manager of First Federal Savings, Oceanside office.

Mrs. Conat is the fourth female promoted to that position by First Federal. Other First Federal branches employing female managers are Mission Valley, Escondido, and Mira Mesa.

Mrs. Conat was born in Pueblo, Colo. and moved to the San Diego area in November, 1963. She became employed at the time by First Federal's El Cajon Boulevard Branch in the Tax and Insurance Department.

After two years in that capacity, she was transferred to the Savings Department and later the Savings Administration Department, before being promoted to assistant manager of the Oceanside branch in October, 1973.

"I am very excited about my new responsibility," stated Mrs. Conat, "since I have much enjoy this help people with their financial problems."

Mrs. Conat is married, the mother of two children, Russ (15) and Laura (13) and resides in Carlsbad. The Conat family owns a 19-foot inboard-outboard pleasure boat and the family's principle hobbies are



LILLIAN CONAT

"North Country Times" (Oceanside CA) Sunday 5 Jan 1975 p 14

Lillian Conat wrote on Feb. 3, 2012

Gordy was one of the most gentle and kind people I've ever known. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Although my husband, Duane Conat and I did not get to make that trip between California & Wisconsin too many times, it was always wonderful to see the whole family. My family and I owe so much to Gordy because I lost my husband, Duane in 1985 after 18 years of marriage. I not only had wonderful support from Gordon & Corinne but they made a special trip to California in 1987 so Gordy could walk our daughter, Laura down the isle. That meant SO much to me and both of us were so thankful to him. I send my sincerest condolences to the Conat family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. My daughter Laura Irwin and I and two of my grand-daughters, Kristina Irwin and Shelby Irwin will be there next week. Love, Lillian Conat & family

<https://www.clinehansonfuneralhome.com/obituary/4784471>

Father:



Photo is captioned "James Conat father of Laurel Conat" but it appears on the Find A Grave record of his son James E. Conat, who lived 2 days (6 Feb 1924 – 8 Feb 1924) – Find A Graver 169041091

James B. Conat died last Sunday morning at his home in Bradford, victim of that dread disease consumption. Mr. Conat was 34 years old and leaves a wife and two children to mourn his death. He came to Bradford ten years ago from Osakis.

“Princeton (MN) Union” Thursday 17 Aug 1899 p 1

Mother:

Web: Minnesota, U.S., Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2019

[View record](#)

Name	James B Conat
Marriage Date	25 Feb 1892
Marriage Place	Isanti, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Ella May Hall
Certificate Number	B-420

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75604953/person/132491678095/facts>

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



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Name	Harriet C Stowe
Marriage Date	9 Dec 1874
Marriage County	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Norman Bruce Hall

Registration of 1

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1. Date of registration.....	Dec 29/74
2. The color.....	White
3. Full name of husband.....	Norman Bruce Hall
4. Full name of wife previous to marriage.....	Harriet E. Howe
5. Occupation of said husband.....	Farmer
6. Residence of said husband.....	Little Wolf Wis
7. Birthplace of said husband.....	N. Y.
8. The place, town or township, and county where the marriage was contracted.....	Manawa Waupaca Co Wis Little Wolf
9. Time when the marriage was contracted.....	Dec 9/74
10. By what ceremony contracted.....	Justice of the Peace
11. Name of person pronouncing marriage.....	C. D. Gorman
12. Residence of person last named.....	Manawa Waupaca Co Wis
13. Names of subscribing witnesses.....	M. A. Gorman, Ellen Edwards L. M.
14. Date of certificate of marriage.....	Dec 17/74
15. Name of the father of said husband.....	Leah Hall
16. Name of the mother of said husband.....	Harriet M. Hall
17. Name of the father of said wife.....	Orion Howe
18. Name of the mother of said wife.....	Delia E. Howe

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61484/images/45638_00204-00757?pld=92173515

Mrs. May Bates

308 Wallace St., New London

Age 87, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in Milwaukee after a short illness. She was born

October 14, 1876 in Manawa. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors; VFW Auxiliary; was

a member of the First Methodist Church. At the age of 70 she began bowling and bowled on the VFW team and also bowled

in the Women's All Star League at New London. Mrs. Bates is survived by her step-mother,

Mrs. Mathilda Hall, New London; three daughters, Mrs. William (Mildred) Kramer, New London; Mrs. Carl (Violet) Bon-

vecin, and Mrs. Audrey Hiser, both of Milwaukee; one son, Orville, Milwaukee; three brothers,

Lyle Hall, New London; Glen Hall, Georgia; Lynn Hall, Oshkosh; four sisters, Mrs. Victor Piotrowski, Morrison, Okla.;

Miss Blanche Hall, Oshkosh; Mrs. Walter Schellin, Readsfield; Mrs. Donald Harris, New London; 11 grandchildren and 14

great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Wes-

ley L. Sharpe officiating. Interment will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at the Cline and Hanson Funeral Home, New London, after 2 p.m. Monday until 10 a.m. Tuesday and then at the church until the hour of the service.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 2 Aug 1965 p 22

Mrs. May Bates

NEW LONDON — A woman who began bowling at the age of 70 and was a member of the New London All-Star League, Mrs. May Bates, 88, of 308 E. Wallace St., died at a Milwaukee hospital at 7:30 a.m. Saturday after a short illness.

A member of Royal Neighbors of America, the VFW Auxiliary and First Methodist Church, she was born Oct. 14, 1876 in Manawa, and married to Elmer Bates July 4, 1900, in Manawa.

Surviving are her stepmother, Mrs. Mathilda Hall, New London; three daughters, Mrs. William Kramer of New London and Mrs. Carl Bowein and Mrs. Audrey Hiser of Milwaukee; a son, Orville, Milwaukee; brothers Lisle Hall of New London, Glenn Hall of Dublin, Ga., and Lynn Hall of Oshkosh; sisters Mrs. Victor Piotrowski of Morrison, Okla., Miss Blanche Hall of Oshkosh, Mrs. Walter Schilien of Readfield and Mrs. Donald Harris of New London, 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Wesley Sharpe will officiate at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday services at First Methodist Church, with burial in Floral Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at Cline & Hanson Funeral Home until 10 a.m. Tuesday, then at the church.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 2 Aug 1965 p 2

Stepfather Elmer Ellsworth Bates:

NEW LONDON LUMBER YARD WORKER KILLED AS HEAD HITS CHUTE

**Elmer Bates, 56, Sustains
Broken Neck While Riding
on Dump Cart**

Special to Post-Crescent

New London—Elmer Bates, 56, for several years an employe of the Hat-ton Lumber company of this city, was almost instantly killed when his head struck an overhead chute in the lum-ber yards shortly before 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

Mr. Bates, with Will Roberts, an-other employe, were driving through the yards, both seated on one of the two wheeled dump carts which are used to convey wood about the yards and the city. As the cart passed be-neath the chute where the men were to receive a load of edgings, Mr. Bates turned to speak to his companion. At that moment his head struck the chute, thrusting his head backward and breaking his neck. A physician was called at once, but he died within a few minutes. Survivors are the wi-dow and six children. Four daughters are Mrs. Wilham Kramer and Mrs. James Curry, Milwaukee; Miss Audrey Bates, Oshkosh; Nelta, at home; his sons are Laure and Orville, also at home.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday 30 Mar 1928 p 10

Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1959-2004

[View record](#)

Name **Elmer E. Bates**
Death Date **29 Mar 1928**
Death County **Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA**

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75604953/person/132491677692/facts>

FUNERAL IS TUESDAY.

Funeral services for Elmer Bates, 56 years old, who was killed Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Hatton Lumber company yards, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home and at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist church. Rev. Virgil W. Bell officiated. Burial was in the Floral Hill cemetery. The deceased was born in Manawa, June 16, 1871. In 1901 he was united in marriage to Mrs. May Comat at Manawa. They came to New London twenty-three years ago and had lived here since that time. Mr. Bates had worked for the Hatton Lumber company all his life. He entered their employ while still a boy at Manawa. The survivors are the wife; and seven children, Mrs. Laurel Comat, of New London; Mrs. William Cramer, of Oshkosh; Mrs. James Currie, of Milwaukee; the Misses Violet and Audrey Bates, both of Oshkosh; and Orville and Anita Bates, both at home.

Errors among the children's listing: stepson MR. Laurel CONAT – stepdaughter Mildred Nettie Conat KRAMER – daughter Violet Bates CURRY – and then again Violet unmarried? -
 "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 2 Apr 1928 p 5

HOUSE IS BURNED AT NEW LONDON; LOSS IS HEAVY

Elmer Bates Residence Demolished; Defective Chimney Is Cause.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

NEW LONDON, Wis., Dec. 10.—

The Elmer Bates residence was completely destroyed by fire Thursday. By the time the fire department had arrived, the blaze had gained such headway that although the men worked heroically they could not save the building. The inside of the building was completely destroyed and the outside is now a shell. A defective chimney is believed to have caused the fire.

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Wednesday 10 Dec 1919 p 10

Sibling:

Mildred Nettie Kramer
 San Diego, California

Formerly of New London. Age 89, died Friday, July 1, 1988, in San Diego, California, following a lengthy illness. She was born March 1, 1899, in Bradford, Minnesota. She was married July 6, 1916, to William J. Kramer. She a former member of the Royal Neighbors, and the VFW Auxiliary. She worked at the Hortonville Toy Factory for most of her life. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Helen and Phil Clark, Auburn, California; Marjorie and William Weizenecker, San Diego, California; a daughter-in-law, Ruby Kramer, Pecatonica, Illinois; three grandchildren: Bill Kramer, Ted Kramer, and Billy Kay Weizenecker; six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William; a son, Eugene; three brothers: Arnold Conat, Laurel Conat, and Orville Bates; and three sisters: Audrey Heiser, Violet Vonvicin, and Anita Grimm. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 7, 1988, at the United Methodist Church, New London, with Rev. Charles Shultz officiating. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London. Friends may call at the Cline & Hanson Funeral Home, New London, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, and then from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Thursday at the church.

Sister Mildred Nettie Conat Kramer (1899-1988) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 5 Jul 1988 p 28

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

[View record](#)

Name	Nettie Mildred Conat
Marriage Date	6 Jul 1916
Marriage County	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	William John Kramer

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75604953/person/132491678407/facts>

California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

[View record](#)

Name	Nettie Mildred Kramer
Social Security #	399103315
Gender	Female
Birth Date	1 Mar 1899
Birth Place	Minnesota
Death Date	1 Jul 1988
Death Place	San Diego
Mother's Maiden Name	Hall
Father's Surname	Conat

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75604953/person/132491678407/facts>

William J. Kramer

308 Wallace St., New London

Age 88, died Wednesday at his residence after a lingering illness. He was born March 16, 1890 in New London. Mr. Kramer retired from Railway Express Company in 1960 after 40 years of service. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, New London. Survivors include his wife, Mildred; a son and daughter-in-law, Eugene and his wife, Ruby Kramer, Davis, Illinois; two daughters: Mrs. Phil (Helen) Clark, Millbrae, California; and Mrs. William (Marjory) Weizenecker, El Centro, California; two sisters: Mrs. Emma Elworthy, Millbrae, California; and Sister Mary Irene, San Francisco, California; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; also many nieces and nephews. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church, New London, with the Rev. George Robson officiating. Interment will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at the Cline and Hanson Funeral Home, New London from 4 p.m. Thursday until 10:30 a.m. Friday and then at the church until the time of the service.

William J. Kramer – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 19 Apr 1978 p 32

Mr. and Mrs. William Kramer entertained at their home Saturday evening in honor of the former's birthday anniversary. Out of town guests were Mrs. Mae Bates, Miss Audrey Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bonvicin, Milwaukee, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grimm,	Clintonville. Cards furnished part of the evening's entertainment and prizes were won by Mrs. Laurel Conat, Mrs. Jack Jeffers, Mrs. Carl Bonvicin and Earl Linberg.
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"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 18 Mar 1942 p 20

Half-siblings:

the size of New London.
 Violet Bates and Victor Viel who
 were both severely injured in auto
 wrecks, and who have been at St.
 Elizabeth hospital at Appleton, are
 reported improving slowly.

Half-sister Violet M. Bates Curry Bonvicin (1903-1983) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”
 Wednesday 10 Nov 1920 p 6

776	"	4	"	James Curry	22	"	Kaukauna, Wis.
				Violet Bates	18	"	New London, Wis.
				Telephone work	Charles Curry	Nellie Van Alstine	No
				Factory	Elmer Bates	May Hall	No
"	4	"	Menominee	V.A. Greenwood	Mrs. V.A. Greenwood	Menominee	Mich.
				Minister of the Gospel	Miss Ethel Murray	"	"

Marriage in Menominee Co. MI on 4 Dec 1922 to James Curry-

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9093/images/41326_342229-00400?pId=1354676979

The penalty for neglect to make return to the Clerk of District Court, within 15 days by the person solemnizing marriage is \$10.
Code, Section 3146

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 31-1451

Return of Marriage to Clerk of District Court

DUBUQUE COUNTY

1. Full name of GROOM *Carl Bonvicin*
2. Place of Residence *Milwaukee Wisconsin*
3. Occupation *Furnace Tender*
4. Age next birthday *35* years. Color *White* Race *American*
5. Place of Birth *Ironwood Michigan*
6. Father's name *Louis Bonvicin*
7. Mother's maiden name *Angelina Augustus*
8. Number of Groom's marriage *First*
9. Full name of BRIDE *Violet Curry*
Maiden name if a widow *Violet Bates*
10. Place of residence *Milwaukee Wisconsin*
11. Age next birthday *36* years. Color *White* Race *American*
12. Place of birth *Figerton Wisconsin*
13. Father's name *Elmer Bates*
14. Mother's maiden name *Ella Mae Hall*
15. Number of bride's marriage *Second*
16. Witnesses to marriage *Audrey Bates Philip Tomassino*

N. B. At No. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, etc., marriage of each. At 16 give names of subscribing witnesses to the marriage certificate. If no subscribing witness, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

May 27 19 *39*

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Carl Bonvicin Groom
Violet Curry Bride

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a marriage solemnized by me.

At *Dubuque, Iowa* *M. P. Hogan*
this *27* day of *May* 19 *39* *Justice of the Peace*

Marriage on 27 May 1939 in Dubuque Co. IA to Carl Bonvicin -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8823/images/102909806_01804?pld=1504233378

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014[View record](#)

Name	Violet Bonvicin
Social Security Number	388-05-3747
Birth Date	23 Dec 1903
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Wisconsin
Last Residence	53214, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Last Benefit	53214, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Death Date	Nov 1983

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75604953/person/132491677687/facts>

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TWO ARE INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Special to Post-Crescent

New London—Miss Audrey Bates and Leland Blecker both of this city, were badly cut and bruised about 10 clock Wednesday night when the sedan in which they were riding, which was owned and driven by Emil Waterman of Dale, plunged into the ditch turning over on its side. The driver of the car and other occupants, Corliss Leacy of this city, escaped unhurt except for a few minor cuts and bruises.

The accident happened on the Shawano rd about a half mile north of this city as the party was on its way to Clintonville. The car was travelling at a high rate of speed, causing the driver to lose control in rounding the curve. The injured were taken at once to a local hospital where it was found

that Miss Bates had received a bad laceration on the forehead, left arm and right knee. Several stitches were necessary to close the wounds. Mr. Blecker also received a bad gash on the knee. The victims were later taken to their home. The car was completely demolished.

Half-sister Audrey Emily Bates Hiser (1906-1986) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday
27 May 1927 p 27

Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928

[View record](#)

Name	Elmer Bates
Gender	Male
Birth Place	Waupaca County
Spouse	Ella May Hall
Child	Audrey Emily Bates
FHL Film Number	1305605

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75604953/person/132491677692/facts>

No. 1802309	
1. FULL NAME OF CHILD	Bates, Audrey Emily B.
2. COLOR	W.
3. SEX	F.
4. NAMES OF OTHER ISSUE LIVING	
5. FULL NAME OF FATHER	Elmer Bates
6. OCCUPATION OF FATHER	Labourer
7. FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	Ella May Hall
8. DATE OF BIRTH	820 Am. St. Nov. 9-1906
9. PLACE OF BIRTH	Village Manawa
10. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	Waipaka Co.
11. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	" "
12. NAME: ATTENDANT SIGNING CERTIFICATE	Robt. D. Moray
13. RESIDENCE OF SUCH PERSON	Manawa
14. DATE OF CERTIFICATE	Apr. 22-1907
15. NAME OF HEALTH OFFICER OR CLERK	J. C. Kinsman
16. RESIDENCE	Manawa
17. DATE OF REGISTRATION	Apr. 23-1907.
18. ANY ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES	

cc 9-2-42

Audrey Hiser

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014



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Detail Source

Name	Audrey Hiser
Social Security Number	394-16-4106
Birth Date	9 Nov 1906
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Wisconsin
Last Residence	53219, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Death Date	Dec 1985

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693/records/27893770>

Audrey E Hiser

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004



Detail Source

Name	Audrey E Hiser
Death Date	30 Dec 1985
Death County	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61483/records/1264271>

Cars driven by Audrey Bates, Milwaukee, and Walter Tietz, Sugar Bush, were involved in a collision on Highway 45 about 3:30 Sunday morning. Bates was driving south and the Tietz car was going north when the mishap occurred.

Carl Bonvicon, one of six passengers in the Milwaukee car, and Herbert Hoenacker, who was with Mr. and Mrs. Tietz, were taken to Community hospital at New London for treatment of cuts and bruises about the head. Hoenacker suffered a badly mutilated nose.

Audrey Bates & brother-in-law Carl Bonvicin (misspelled) & husband-to-be Herbert Hoenecke (also misspelled) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 8 Sep 1936 p 17

Applications for marriage licenses were filed during the last week at the office of County Clerk L. J. Steiger, by the following: Frank D. Rice, town of St. Lawrence, to Eleanor Behnke, town of Little Wolf; Leonard Solom, town of Iola, to Eleanore Thompson, town of Harrison; Walter Mantin, Clintonville, to Adeline Adams, Clintonville; Chester G. Hottenstein, town of Larrabee, to Elenor Conradt, Embarrass; Lloyd Hansen, Ogdensburg, to Florence Peterson, Ogdensburg; John A. Worm, town of Lebanon, to Gertrude Bigalke, town of Royalton; Cecil McNinch, town of Wyoming, to Augusta Ruppenthal, town of Fairbanks; Herbert Hoenecke, New London, to Audrey Bates, New London; Edwin Hartzke, town of Weyauwega, to Nina Baker, Manawa; Charles Runge, New London, to Amelia Doren, New London; Henry Sengstock, Jr., Clintonville, to Doris Donaldson, Clintonville; Albert Marshall Clark, New London, to Grace Cotton, New London.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 3 Nov 1936 p 18

Entertain for Girl Who Will Marry Soon

New London—Miss Audrey Bates, Milwaukee, daughter of Mrs. Mac Bates, New London, was honored at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. William Kramer at New London Thursday evening. She will be married soon to Herbert Hoenecke, Sugar Bush. Forty-five guests were present and prizes at schafskopf were won by Mrs. Edward Ward, Leonard Rice, Mrs. Walter Schleen and Glen Hall. Miss Bates left New London six years ago and has been employed at Milwaukee during that time.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Saturday 26 Sep 1936 p 9

THREE DIVORCE DECREES WERE filed in Circuit court Monday afternoon, in the cases of John Worachek vs. Mary Worachek, Ruth Hoenecke vs. Herbert Hoenecke, and Arthur Dumas vs. Evelyn Dumas. An earlier decree granted a divorce in the case of Cora Bourguignon vs. Arthur Bourguignon.

Herbert Hoenecke divorced wife Ruth on 28 Sep 1931 – “Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette”
Tuesday 29 Sep 1931 p 17

Bates-Hoenecke

Miss Audrey Bates, Milwaukee, daughter of Mrs. Mae Bates, New London, will be married to Hebert Hoenecke, Sturgeon Bay, at 4:30 Saturday afternoon at the parsonage of the Methodist church, New London. The Rev. Ralph R. Holliday will perform the ceremony. Attendants will be Mrs. Violet Curry and Carl Dongincine, Milwaukee. Following the ceremony a dinner will be served for the wedding par-

ty at the home of Mrs. William Kramer. A wedding dance will be held at the Bowery pavilion in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hoenecke will make their home at Clintonville. Miss Bates, formerly of New London, has been employed at Milwaukee the last six years.

Violet Bates married Herbert (not Hebert) Hoenecke on 31 Oct 1931 – her sister Violet Bates Curry was her attendant – Carl “Dongincine” is likely her brother-in-law Carl Bonvicin – reception by half-sister Mildred Nettie Conat Kramer - “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Saturday 31 Oct 1936 p 9

Audrey E Bates

in the Indiana, U.S., Marriages, 1810-2001

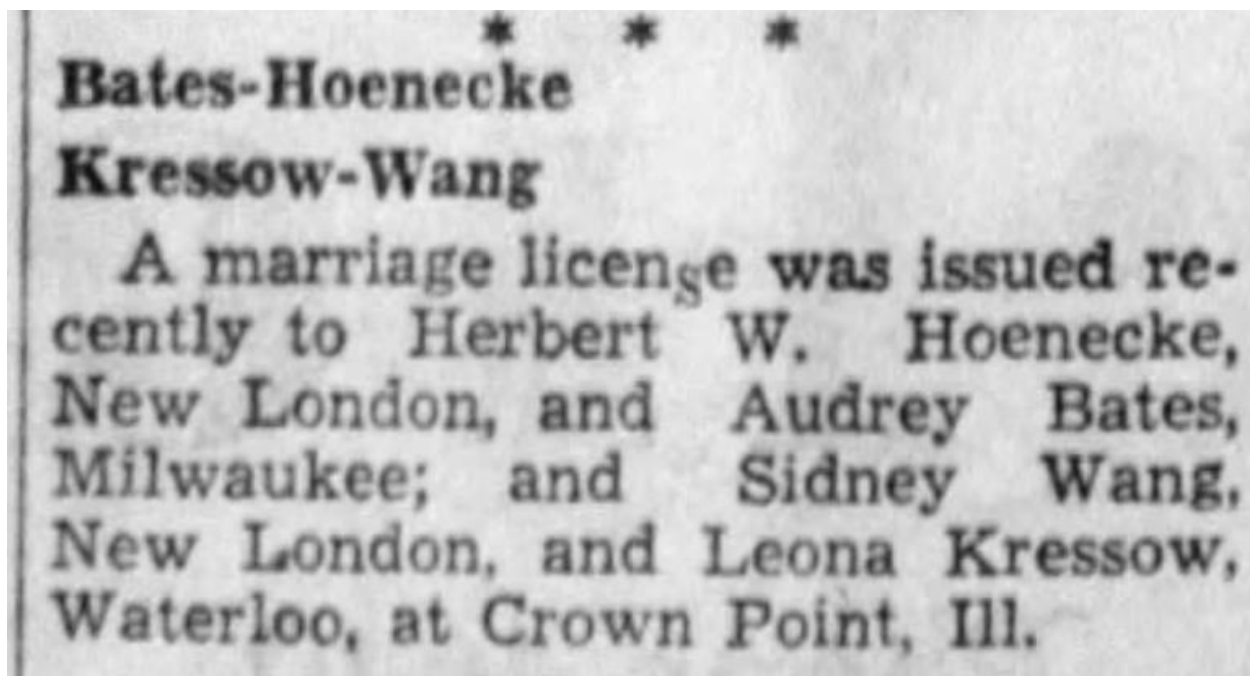


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Detail	Source
Name	Audrey E Bates
Gender	Female
Event Type	Marriage Registration (Marriage)
Marriage Date	27 Jul 1937
Marriage Place	Crown Point, Indiana, United States
Spouse	Herbert W Hoenecke
Page	283
FHL Film Number	002416334

And then she married him again – on 27 Jul 1937 in Crown Point IN -

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“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Monday 2 Aug 1937 p 8

Audrey E Bates

in the Indiana, U.S., Marriage Certificates, 1960-2012



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Detail	Source
Name	Audrey E Bates
Gender	Female
Marriage License Date	27 Jul 1937
Marriage Date	27 Jul 1937
Marriage Place	Lake, Indiana, USA
Spouse	Herbert W Hoenecke

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Pleads Innocent Of Embezzlement

New London Man Re- leased on \$500 Bond Pending Trial

New London—Herbert Hoenecke, 37, pleaded not guilty to an embezzlement charge when he was arraigned before Justice F. A. Archibald in police court here yesterday afternoon and was bound over to circuit court for trial. His bail was set at \$500.

Hoenecke was arrested by Undersheriff Walter Jones on complaint of Walter Wolfgram, his co-partner in the H and W Sales company of this city, who charged Hoenecke drew checks during July amounting to about \$75 from the joint business account and used the money for his own purposes. The partnership was formed late last spring.

Herbert Hoenecke arrested – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Thursday 7 Oct 1937 p 19

Dissolve Partnership Of Wolfgram, Hoenecke

New London — The partnership of Walter Wolfgram and Herbert Hoenecke, known as the H. and W. Sales company of this city, was dissolved this week it was announced by Walter Wolfgram. Hoenecke has been taken into custody at Waupaca pending trial on a charge of embezzlement. He pleaded not guilty when arraigned in police court here this week on Wolfgram's complaint.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 9 Oct 1937 p 11

SUMMONS	
STATE OF WISCONSIN—CIRCUIT COURT	
—WAUKESHA COUNTY	
AUDREY EMILY HOENECKE,	Plaintiff
vs.	
HERBERT W. HOENECKE,	Defendant.
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN: To the said defendant,	
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear within twenty (20) days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and defend the above entitled action in the Court aforesaid; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, of which a copy is herewith served upon you.	
MERLE W. HILLIS	
Plaintiff's Attorney	
Post Office Address:	
1029 West Wells Street	
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	
Phone: Broadway 5320	s16-30

"Waukesha (WI) County Freeman" Thursday 16 Sep 1943 p 3

Voluntary separation.
 Marion Otzelberger, 19-year-old shipyard worker received a divorce from Robert, 22, on charges of cruel and inhuman treatment. The couple was married in August, 1942. Audrey Hoenecke, 36, Milwaukee, received a divorce from Herbert, 42, on charges of desertion. Bernice Herman, 26, was divorced from Ralph, 26, on charges of cruel and inhuman treatment. Both are Milwaukeeans.

"Waukesha (WI) County Freeman" Tuesday 2 Nov 1943 p 1

Audrey E. Bates

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



Detail	Source
Name	Audrey E. Bates
Marriage Date	24 Nov 1952
Marriage County	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Paul E. Hiser

Marriage on 24 Nov 1952 to Paul E. Hiser -

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Audrey Emily Hiser

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Divorce Records, 1907-2015



Detail	Source
Name	Audrey Emily Hiser
Divorce Date	25 Jun 1956
Divorce Place	Wisconsin, USA
Registration Date	5 Mar 1956
Spouse	Paul Elmer Hiser

Divorce 25 Jun 1956 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61485/records/50103903>

Audrey Hiser

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014



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Detail Source

Name	Audrey Hiser
Social Security Number	394-16-4106
Birth Date	9 Nov 1906
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Wisconsin
Last Residence	53219, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Death Date	Dec 1985

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693/records/27893770>

Arnold T. Bates

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004



Detail Source

Name	Arnold T. Bates
Death Date	11 Feb 1920
Death County	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA

Half-brother Arnold T. Bates (1912-1920) -

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Orville E. Bates

Rt. 2, New London

Age 60, died Friday morning in New London following a lengthy illness. He was born June 20, 1916 in New London. Mr. Bates was employed by Neenah Foundry until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Florence; a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Doris) Miller, Waukesha; three sisters: Mrs. William (Mildred) Kramer, New London; and Mrs. Audrey Hiser and Mrs. Carl (Violet) Bonvicin, both of Milwaukee; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Arnold and Laurel, a sister, Anita Grimm. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cline and Hanson Funeral Home, New London, with the Rev. George Robson officiating. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, and from 8:30 a.m. Tuesday until time of the service.

Half-brother Orville Earl Bates (1916-1977) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Saturday 28 May 1977 p 12

Code Section 3146

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Return of Marriage to Clerk of District Court
DUBUQUE COUNTY

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1. Full name of GROOM *Orville Bates*
2. Place of Residence *Milwaukee Wis*
3. Occupation *Plater*
4. Age next birthday *28* years. Color *White* Race *American*
5. Place of Birth *New London Wis*
6. Father's name *Dec*
7. Mother's maiden name *Mar Hall*
8. Number of Groom's marriage *1st*
9. Full name of BRIDE *Mary Ann Gavalier*
- Maiden name if a widow *Milwaukee*
10. Place of residence *Milwaukee*
11. Age next birthday *31* years. Color *White* Race *American*
12. Place of birth *Amagon Mich*
13. Father's name *Dec*
14. Mother's maiden name *'*
15. Number of bride's marriage *2nd*
16. Witnesses to marriage *Bart M. Hogan*

N. B.—At No. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, etc., marriage of each. At 16 give names of subscribing witnesses to the marriage certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

January 1 194 *1*

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Orville Bates Groom
Mary Ann Gavalier Bride

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a marriage solemnized by me.

At *Dubuque Ia* *M. V. Hogan*
this *1* day of *January* 194 *1* *Justice of the Peace*

Wisconsin, U.S., Birth Records, 1812-1921

View record

Name Orville Earl Bates
 Birth Date 20 Jun 1916
 Birth County Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75604953/person/132491677690/facts>

Motorcycle Rider Begins Jail Term

New London Man Pleads Guilty of Driving Ma- chine While Drunk

New London—Orville Bates, 23, of this city, pleaded guilty to driving a motorcycle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor when he was arraigned in police court of Justice Fred J. Rogers Wednesday afternoon. Unable to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, he was taken to Waupaca county jail to serve a sentence of 90 days. His driver's license was revoked until he can show proof of financial responsibility.

Bates was arrested by Waupaca County Patrolman Earl Polzin as the result of an accident on Highway 45 near Clintonville on Sunday evening, July 9. In the accident Howard Levezow, 27, who was riding with Bates, suffered a skull fracture and is recovering at a Clintonville hospital. Bates' left ear was nearly severed in the crash. The accident occurred when Bates attempted to pass an autoist who was preparing to make a left turn.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 20 Jul 1939 p 26

ORVILLE BATES JAILED ON TIPSY DRIVING COUNT

CLINTONVILLE, Wis.—Unable to pay a fine of \$50 imposed by Justice Fred Rogers, Orville Bates was taken to Waupaca county jail Wednesday, after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motorcycle while under the influence of liquor. A 90 days' sentence was imposed by Judge Rogers, and the driver's license of Bates, 23, was revoked until such time as he can show proof of financial responsibility.

The case developed out of the arrest made by county highway patrolman Leo Polzin of this city, Sunday evening, July 9, near the south city limits on Highway 45. Bates, operating the motorcycle with Howard Levezow as a passenger, crashed into the car driven by William Mueller, Clintonville plumber, after he had narrowly missed hitting several other cars and pedestrians, it was reported, before the traffic officer caught up with him.

Mr. Levezow, 27, is recovering in Clintonville community hospital from a skull fracture he sustained in the accident. Bates escaped with cuts and bruises. He was able to leave the local hospital on Monday following the accident.

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Friday 21 Jul 1939 p 16

Items of Interest to Residents of Shiocton

Shiocton — The Royal Neighbor lodge will meet at the home of Mrs. Mae Thompson Tuesday evening for a business session.

Spending Wednesday at the Richard Ceaser home were Mrs. Orrin Beattie, a sister of Mrs. Ceaser, and Mr. and Mrs. George Eichinger and son Bobby and daughter Judith Ann, all of Oshkosh.

Guests from Thursday until Saturday at the home of Misses Tena and Catherine Cance were their brother Gordon Cance and Miss Jean Mc Kenzie of Milwaukee. They were on their way to Fox Lake to join a group of friends for a few days outing.

Richard Ceaser, who operated a tavern here for a number of years has leased it to Orville Bates of Milwaukee. The Bates family will occupy the rooms in the rear of the tavern vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Ceaser. The latter have moved into their rooms on the second floor.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 8 Jul 1943 p 18

Families Spend Thanksgiving At New London

**College Students
Home for Holiday;
Many Dinner Parties**

New London — Many families in New London were reunited for the holidays as students arrived and guests from near and far came here to partake in the Thanksgiving festivities. Some New Londoners traveled out-of-town to spend Thanksgiving and the remainder of the week while others visited relatives just for the day.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Kramer, 308 E. Wallace street, were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bates and daughter, Doris, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warmbrunn. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Longrie invited Mr. and Mrs. Phil Court to spend the day at their home.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Saturday 4 Mar 1944 p 3

Shiocton Man Tipsy Driver

**Orville Bates, 27,
Pays Fines on Four
Counts; Pleads Guilty**

When Orville Bates, 27, Shiocton tavernkeeper, goes out to get in trouble with the law, he really does a good job of it.

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Drunken
Drivers
Since
Jan. 1st**

Bates, who was arrested Tuesday by Lucian Collar, village marshal, Wednesday afternoon, among other things, was fined \$25 and costs by Municipal Judge Oscar J. Schmiede for driving a motorcycle while intoxicated.

Judge Schmiede also fined Bates \$5 and costs for drunkenness, \$3 and costs for using abusive language and \$5 and costs for resisting an officer. He pleaded guilty and said he would pay all of the fines.

After the case was filed, someone said: "I wonder if he has a driving license."

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 22 Jul 1945 p 1

Man Convicted of Illegal Fishing

Waupaca — Orville Bates, town of Royalton, was found guilty of illegal fishing by a circuit court jury Tuesday following his trial before Judge H. J. Severson on charges brought by Warden Rex Oatman.

A mag pole, used for gaffing

sturgeon, possession of which is illegal, was found in Bates' automobile by the warden.

Judge Severson withheld sentence until Friday morning and Bates is being held without bail in the county jail until then.

This was the first case brought into circuit court by Warden Oatman in the two years he has been an official of Waupaca county.

Is this him? – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Thursday 22 Apr 1948 p 15

Waupaca Police Probe Report Of Hold-Up

**Tavern Keeper in
Northport Says
Bandits Got \$260**

Waupaca — Working on sketchy information the Waupaca county sheriff's office today intensified its search for two hold-up men who are reported to have taken \$260 in cash from a Northport tavern, according to Sheriff Floyd Taylor.

Sheriff Taylor said Mrs. Orville Bates, the proprietor of the Florence and Red bar, by the bandits late Monday night, told him one of the bandits was tall and thin and the other had a squeaky voice.

She said one was wearing a brown leather jacket and the other a gray gabardine jacket. Both had red caps pulled down over their eyes, according to her story to the sheriff.

In another report, Mrs. Bates claimed the bandits were wearing red sweaters pulled up over their faces with holes cut in the fabric for vision.

Sheriff Taylor said she told him the men had asked for beers and after they were served came in back of the bar to "leave change" for her in the cash register. Once behind the bar they rifled the cash reg-

ister and cigar boxes containing money.

The time of the robbery was placed in one report at 11:45 and in another report an hour earlier. The sheriff was not called until 2 o'clock Tuesday morning.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Thursday 13 Dec 1956 p 33

New London Man Denies Driving Charge

Orville Bates, 41, 316 McKinley street, New London, denied today that he drove while intoxicated and Municipal Judge Oscar J. Schmiede set bond at \$118.20 and trial for Sept. 16.

Bates was arrested by county police Friday in the town of Ellington after a motorist complained about his erratic driving. Bates was arrested on County Trunk C, near Stephenville.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 6 Aug 1957 p 10

**Irate Woman
Catches Driver**

**Orville Bates, 41,
Fined \$100 for
Drunken Driving**

Orville Bates, 41, 316 McKinley street, New London, was fined \$100 this morning by Municipal Judge Oscar J. Schmiege for drunken driving. He also had his driver's license revoked for one year, mandatory under state law.

Bates was arrested Aug. 2 after a woman told county police his car forced her car off County Trunk S west of Stephenville. The woman followed Bates into Stephenville, where he parked and went into a tavern. Police arrested him in the tavern.

Bates refused to take the drunkometer test.

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Drivers
Since
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"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 31 Oct 1957 p 1



Half-sister **Anita Mae Bates Grimm** (1918-1962) with husband Walter August Frank Grimm, perhaps ca. 1962 – Find A Grave 78010093



Anita Mae Bates Grimm – Find A Grave 78010012

Wisconsin, U.S., Birth Records, 1812-1921[View record](#)

Name **Anita May Bates**
Birth Date 28 Aug 1918
Birth County Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75604953/person/132491677691/facts>

Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004[View record](#)

Name **Anita M. Bates**
Marriage Date 19 Oct 1940
Marriage County Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse Walter A. Grimm

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75604953/person/132491677691/facts>

In Memory Of
Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Grimm

Born
WALTER
June 5, 1914
Pella, Shawano Co., Wis.

ANITA
August 28, 1918
New London, Wis.

Died
July 21, 1962
Town Pella, Shawano Co., Wis.

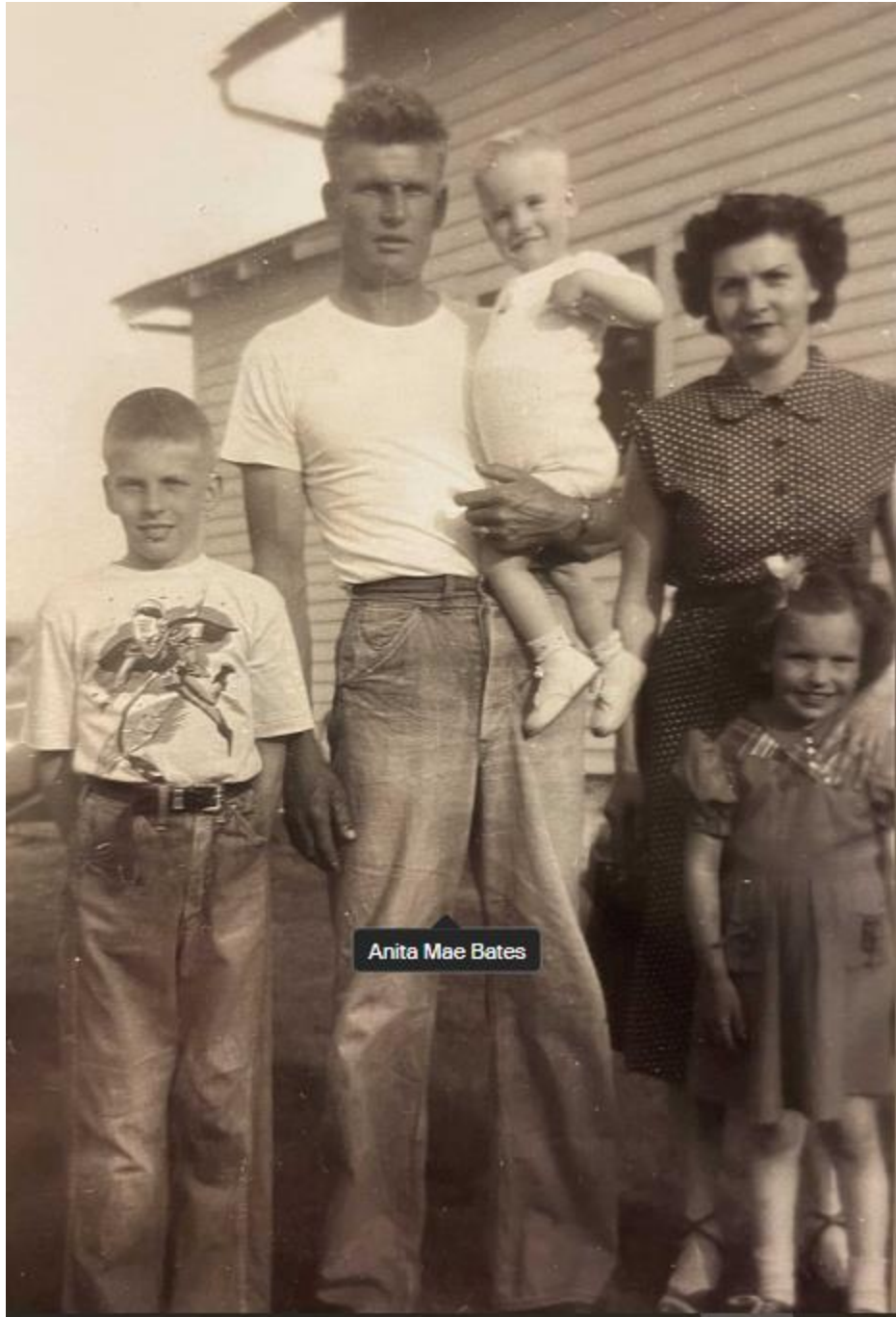
Services
Tuesday July 24, 1962
3 P.M.

Held At
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Clergyman
Rev. Ralph Hanus

Interment
Bethlehem Cemetery
Pella

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7 Persons Killed in Headon Crash

SHAWANO, Wis. (AP)—A two-car collision at the crest of a hill on a country road in north-eastern Wisconsin early today killed seven persons — six in one car and one in the other. There were no survivors.

The Shawano County sheriff's office identified the dead as:

Walter Grimm, 48, and his wife, 44; John Koepke, 51, his wife, 46; and Oscar Mehlberg, 52, and his wife, 43, all living in the rural area around the village of Marion on the Shawano-Waupaca county

the back seat, according to the accident investigators.

All Farmed

Koepke and Mehlberg were farmers. Grimm was a truck driver for the Fore-Way Express Co., of Clintonville, but also farmed. The Mehlbergs had four children, all boys; the Grimms, one son in the Navy and a son and a daughter at home. The Koepkes had no children.

Pingel was a part-time garage mechanic and farmer. He was married and had several children.

is on the Shawano-Waupaca county line; and 23-year-old Dilton Pingel, who lived in Marion.

2, The sheriff's office said the two vehicles crashed head - on near the top of a rather steep hill on County Trunk M one and one-half miles east of Caroline and within five miles of the homes of the victims.

Meet on Hill

Pingel driving a 1955 model car, was traveling south and had just passed over the crest of the hill, when it met the other car, a 1951 model, coming up the grade. Despite the terrific impact no one was thrown out of either vehicle.

The accident was reported to the sheriff's office at 3:36 a.m. However, it apparently happened at 1:15 as the watches of two women were stopped at that time.

The couples were trapped inside the wreckage of their car. The driver of the other was thrown partially out by the impact.

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Crash Kills Seven—Three couples riding in a 1951 model car, right foreground, and the driver alone in the 1955 model car at left, were killed early today when the cars crashed head-on at the crest of a hill on a town road, about a mile and a half east of Caroline in Shawano County. All of the victims resided at Marion, Rt. 2,

within five miles of the accident scene. Oscar Mehlberg, 51, was driver of the car at right, and Dilton Pingel, 23, was driver of the other car. There were no witnesses to the accident. Despite terrific impact, no one was thrown out of either vehicle. Car doors were opened to remove the victims. (Shawano Co. Sheriff Photo)

Three Couples, Neighbor Die Near Caroline

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All seven of the victims lived within two miles of each other. Grimm was a truck driver for the Fore Way Express of Clintonville in addition to operating a farm, and Pingel worked part time at a Marion garage.

The three couples had been shopping in Pella and had spent the evening visiting with friends. The Mehlbergs and the Grimms were apparently taking Mr. and Mrs. Koepke to their home when the crash occurred. The three men were riding in the front seat and their wives were in the rear seat.

Weather Was Clear

According to the sheriff the weather was clear at the time of the accident and the black-top road was dry. There were apparently no other cars nearby.

Four ambulances were called to the scene. The bodies of Mr. Pingel and Mrs. Mehlberg were taken to the Utomark Funeral Home in Marion; Mrs. Koepke was taken to Schroeder's Funeral Home in Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Grimm were taken to Karth's Funeral Home in Shawano; and Mr. Koepke and Mr. Mehlberg were taken to the Born Funeral Home in Shawano.

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lided at the crest of County Trunk M. There were no survivors or witnesses of the accident. The victims lived five miles apart. (AP Wirephoto).

Head-on Crash Kills Seven In Rural Shawano County

Marion Victims Found Hours Later

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section of the car in which three couples were riding. All died instantly, as did the driver of the other auto. The other picture is a view of the accident site. (P-G Photos)

Shawano-Co. Tragedy

Anita Grimm Failed To Talk Couples Out of Late Night Snack; Seven Died

By RAY PAGEL
Press-Gazette Staff Writer

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thought that the watch either was set wrong, or that it had been read incorrectly.

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Hill Is Fairly Steep

No one was found who could account for Pingel's last hours. It was assumed that he was on his way home when he met the Mehlberg car.

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Marion Opens Heart to Survivors of Car Crash

By JAY REED

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Through the blinding grief created by the deaths of Oscar and Jeanette Mehlberg, Walter and Anita Grimm, and John and Nora Koepke, sorrowing relatives have turned to the task of developing new lives for the children left behind.

The wife of the seventh victim, Mrs. Dilton Pingle, is understood to have taken her two young children to her parents' home in Clintonville.

The three couples and Pingle died instantly July 21 when their car and Pingle's collided head-on at the crest of Ranch Line Hill between Pella and Caroline.

Dean, 16, Kenneth, 13, Richard, 10, and Michael, 3, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Mehlberg are staying at the farm home of

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wahlers, Marion, Rt. 1. Mrs. Wahlers is a sister of Mrs. Mehlberg.

Walter and Anita Grimm left three children. The eldest, James, 19, has two years remaining to serve in the U.S. Navy. He is currently on a 30-day leave from his base in Alaska from where he was summoned at the death of his parents.

Susan, 15, who will be a junior in high school next year, and Stephen, 11, remain at their parents' farm with their grandmother, Mrs. Mae Bates, 85. A relative said plans for the younger children are not yet complete although they may return to Milwaukee to live with a sister of their mother, Mrs. Carl (Violet) Bonvicin.

No Children

The Koepkes left no children.

Two large fields of quickly ripening grain stand on a hill near the house on Koepke's 160-acre farm. It will be

ready for harvesting within a week or 10 days. The same is true for the grain crops at the other two farms.

Relatives and friends have joined together to handle the immediate chores on all three farms. Robert Grimm (no relation to the two accident victims) is taking care of the chores at the Koepke farm. In addition to the acreage under plow and the young stock, the farm has 20 milk cows. Grimm is a nephew of Mrs. Koepke.

Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Mehlberg, aided by the Mehlberg children, are taking care of the chores at the home farm.

The Grimms' 100-acre farm has no milk cows—only young stock to be watered and fed. James, the eldest son, is seeing to the chores now along with relatives and friends. Other arrangements will have to be made when the boy returns to the Navy.

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Laurel James Conat

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Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. D – private 1st class

Serial number: 251,172

Entered service from: New London, Waupaca WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Laurel J. Conat

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Mrs. Elmer Bates, 1121 Shiocton St., New London WI

Returned from war on: “Virginian” May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Laurel J. Conat

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Mary Bates, 1121 Shiocton St., New London WI (cpl, Co. D, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): enlisted in the National Guard on 5 May 1917, prior to the declaration of war on 6 Apr 1917

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: as Laural Conat - New London WI and in 1955 WI Survivors: New London WI (spelled Laurell in one spot, then noted as deceased in 2nd listing)

World War II draft registration (1942): as Laurel James Conat - b. 13 Aug 1896 MN; res: 409 Avon St., New London, Waupaca WI. NOK Alma Conat, same address. Self-employed.

Height: 5'10" & weight: 155 lbs.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/595453173?terms=1896,conat,wwii,world,war,ii>

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 29 May 1919

Address: 317 Avon St., New London WI

Rank/unit: corporal, Co. D, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 13 Aug 1896 Spencer Brook, Isanti MN

Died: 5 Mar 1951 New London, Waupaca WI (of a heart attack, at his New London home)

Find A Grave record: 83904371, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: New London, Waupaca WI

Cemetery: Floral Hill

Tombstone:

Father: James. B Conat, ca. 1865 MN – 13 Aug 1899 Bradford, Isanti MN.

Son of Cornelius Compton Conat (1823 Canada – 1891 MN) & Martha Jane Struthers (1834 OH – 5 Sep 1910 Beltrami Co. MN, F: 99046950). His parents married 24 Aug 1854 in Rock Co. WI. In 1865 census, James was living with his parents in Pine Island, Goodhue MN.

In 1880 census, James was living with his parents in Belle Prairie, Morrison MN.

In 1885 James Conat (20 MN) resided with his parents, C.C. Conat (65 Canada) & Martha J. (47 PA) in Orange, Douglas MN (along with sister Nettie, age 12 MN).

Nettie Conat married Daniel Neff 29 Dec 1890 in MN.

His brother Henry John Conat d. 28 Dec 1943 in Bemidji MN.

James died of tuberculosis.

Obituary: "Princeton (MN) Union" Thursday 17 Aug 1899 p 1 – "James B. Conat died last Sunday morning at his home in Bradford, victim of that dread disease consumption. Mr. Conat was 34 years old and leaves a wife and two children to mourn his death. He came to Bradford ten years ago from Osakis."

The obituary of James Conat's mother: "Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" 6 Sep 1910 p 1 – Mrs. Martha Conat died at the home of her son, A.J. Conat, on the W.R. McKenzie farm 5 Sep 1910, funeral 7 Sep 1910, interment in Bemidji Cemetery.

James B. Conat's photograph is found on the Find A Grave record of Laurel Conat's son [James's grandson] – F: 169041091
Find A Grave:

Mother: Ella May/Mae Hall Conat Bates, 14 Oct 1876 Manawa, Waupaca WI – 31 Jul 1965 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Often found as Mae or May.

Daughter of Norman Bruce Hall (1853 NY-1929 WI, F: 142109384, buried Floral Hill) & his 1st wife, Hattie C. Stone (1860-1877, buried in Little Wolf Cemetery, Manawa, Waupaca WI, F: 131329519) – as of 30 Dec 2024 entry uses surname “Stone”). Hattie Stone Hall died at age 17 years, 6 months. Norman Hall & Hattie Stone married 29 Dec 1874 in WI. She was the daughter of Orson Stone (1834 NY – 1888 WI, F: 131329518) & Adelaide (Delia) who later married Theodore W. Cornell (1851-1930, F: 163270585).

After the death of her 1st husband James B. Conat, Ella married Elmer Ellsworth Bates. Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI.

Find A Grave: 78010882

Parents' marriage: 25 Feb 1892 in Isanti Co. MN – Ella May Hall to James B. Conat [www.moms.mn.gov]

Stepfather: Elmer Ellsworth Bates, 16 Jun 1870 Manawa, Waupaca WI – 29 Mar 1928 New London, Waupaca WI.

Son of Merrit/Merritt Bates & Susan Guerin.

Killed in an industrial accident at Hatton Lumber.

Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI.

Stepfather Find A Grave: 78010805

Stepfather's marriage: in his obituary, claimed to be 1901 – in her obituary, married 4 Jul 1900 Manawa, Waupaca WI.

Spouse: Alma Josefine Thorstenson Conat, 5 Jan 1896 Rosholt, Portage WI – 24 Jun 1963 New London, Waupaca WI.

Daughter of Nels Thorstenson (1869-1955, F: 74645571) & Ella (1875-1908, F: 74645570). Her surname is listed as “Thorson” in the newspaper account of her marriage to Laurel Conat.

Obituary: “Appleton Post-Crescent” 25 Jun 1963 p 22 – Mrs. Alma J. Conat, 409 Avon St., New London, age 67, d. 24 Jun 1963 at a New London hospital following a long illness. Born 5 Jan 1896 in Rosholt WI. Survived by 3 sons [then obituary only mentions 2] Lloyd Conat & Duane Conat of San Diego CA, a brother Odin Thorstenson & 2 sisters. Funeral 27 Jun 1963.

Obituary correction: “Appleton Post-Crescent” 26 Jun 1963 p 32 – in her obituary, an error was made in the names of her 3 sons. Should have read Lloyd Conat (Milwaukee), Gordon Conat (New London) & Duane Conat (San Diego CA).

Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 83904477

Marriage: 19 Oct 1921 Green Bay, Brown WI. In Trinity Lutheran Church.

Children:

- James Ernest Conat, 6 Feb 1924 New London, Waupaca WI – 8 Feb 1924 New London, Waupaca WI. Tombstone inscribed: son of L. & A. Conat. His Find A Grave has a photograph of his paternal grandfather, James B. Conat. - Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 169041091
- Lloyd Edwin Conat, 27 Apr 1929 New London, Waupaca WI – 1 Dec 1979 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. – Numerous newspaper articles appear in WI newspapers about his school-time piano recitals, school dramatics, Washington High School (New London WI) marching band. - Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 122954073
- Gordon H. Conat, 19 Jan 1933 New London, Waupaca WI – 2 Feb 2012 WI. - Husband of Corinne A. Thorpe Conat (b. 22 Aug 1936) whom he married 22 Jun 1957 in Emanuel Lutheran Church, New London, Waupaca WI. - His obituary says he joined the Navy in Jul 1952 – at the same time an announcement appears in the “Appleton Post-Crescent” 23 Jul 1952 p 19 that Gordon, son of Mrs. Alma Conat, 409 Avon St., New London, is engaged to Miss Barbara Umland (her photo), daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Umland of Hortonville WI. This marriage is not found in WI records & on 17 Sep 1955, Barbara Jean Umland, daughter of Lawrence W. Umland, married Marvin R. Ebben. - Gordon’s twin sons, Dennis Gordon & Donald Conat, are born on different days in 1951, one before midnight, one after. - Obituary: “Appleton Post-Crescent” 3 Feb 2012 p 13 – photo – age 79, d. 2 Feb 2012 at the home he proudly built for his family (in Appleton?) Born 19 Jan 1933 to Laurel Conat & Alma (Thorstenson) Conat. Washington High School graduate 1951. Joined US Navy Jul 1952 & served with Seabees in Midway, Guam, Philippines & Subic Bay until Jul 1956. Was VFW post commander 3 times. Married Corinne Thorpe on 22 Jun 1957. Survived major heart attack in 1979 at age 46. Also member American Legion Post No. 283, New London WI. Survived by sister-in-law Lillian Conat & brothers-in-law Earl Thorpe & Larry Thorpe. Preceded in death by parents Laurel & Alma & brothers James, Lloyd & Duane Conat. - Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 89526993
- Duane Roger Conat, 5 Dec 1938 New London, Waupaca WI – 11 Jun 1985 San Diego Co. CA. Served in the US Navy in Vietnam. Birth: “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” 6 Dec 1938 p 12 – In New London, a son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Laurel Conat at their home, 317 Avon St., on 5 Dec 1938 in the morning. – At the time of his death, he had been married 18 years to wife Lillian. - Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 169041008

Sibling: full sister by his mother Ella’s 1st marriage to James Conat

- Mildred (“Nettie”) Conat Kramer, 1 Mar 1899 Bradford, Isanti MN – 1 Jul 1988 Poway, San Diego CA. - Wife of William John Kramer (1890-1978, F: 83904822), whom she married on 6 Jul 1916 or 1917. - Obituary: “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” 5 Jul 1988 p 28 – D. 1 Jul 1988 at age 89 in San Diego CA after a lengthy illness.

Former resident of New London. Born 1 Mar 1899 in Bradford MN. Married 6 Jul 1916 to William J. Kramer. Active in VFW Auxiliary. Worked at Horton Toy Factory most of her life. Survived by 2 daughters. Preceded in death by husband William Kramer & 3 brothers: Arnold, Laurel & Orville & 3 sisters: Audrey Heiser [sic], Violet Vonvicin [sic] & Anita Grimm. Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 83904714

Half-siblings: by his mother Ella's 2nd marriage to Elmer Ellsworth Bates

- Violet M. Bates Curry Bonvicin, 23 Dec 1903 Tigerton, Shawano WI – 28 Nov 1983. – Her last residence was in Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. - Wife of James Gordon Curry (1900-1956, F: 196053274), whom she married 4 Dec 1922 in Menominee, Menominee MI. Violet Bates, age 18, resident of New London WI, born Tigerton WI, was a factory worker. James Curry, age 22, resident of Kaukauna WI, was born Wausaukee WI, employed in telephone work. James was the son of Charles Curry & Nellie Van Alston. James Curry married Lillie Myrtle Routt (1909-1986) in 1936. – Violet's daughter Beverly Grace Curry was born 13 Aug 1926 in Milwaukee Co. WI & died 4 Nov 2006. Beverly married Edwin Czarnecki on 14 Sep 1946 in Milwaukee Co. WI. - In the 1930 census of New London, Waupaca WI, Violet CURREY, 26 WI, parents b. WI, age 18 at her 1st marriage, is listed first in the census record but as "wife." Then James Currey (30 WI, parents b. WI, age 22 at 1st marriage, a structural iron worker) is listed 2nd, as "head." Daughter Beverly is age 3, b. WI. The previous census entry is for Violet's mother May Bates & her siblings Anita & Orville Bates. - Wife of Carl M. Bonvicin (1904-1991, F: 170913773) whom she married in Dubuque Co. IA on 27 May 1939. On their marriage application, both stated they were residents of Milwaukee WI. Carl Bonvicin, age 35, born Ironwood MI, son of Louis Bonvicin & Angeline Augustine, was a furnace tender. It was his 1st marriage. Violet Curry, birth surname Bates, was age 36, born Tigerton WI, daughter of Elmer Bates & Ella Mae Hall, her 2nd marriage. One of the witnesses was Violet's sister Audrey Bates. - Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery & Mausoleum, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. F: 170913786
- Audrey Emily Bates Hoenecke Hiser, 6 Nov 1906 Manawa, Waupaca WI – 30 Dec 1985 [according to WI death record but tombstone inscribed 1986] Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. – Married Herbert Warren Hoenecke (1901 IL – 1968 IL, F: 206062212), who had divorced wife Ruth in Brown Co. WI in Sep 1931. Audrey & Herbert married on 31 Oct 1936 in the Methodist parsonage at New London, Waupaca WI. Then they married again, on 27 Jul 1937, in Crown Point, Lake Co. IN. In Sep 1943 Audrey Hoenecke petitioned for divorce in Waukesha Co. WI, which was granted on the grounds of desertion on 1 Nov 1943. - Married Paul Elmer Hiser on 24 Nov 1952 in Milwaukee Co. WI. They divorced in WI on 25 Jun 1956. He has not been traced. - Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 86502405
- Arnold T. Bates, 6 Apr 1912 New London, Waupaca WI – 11 Feb 1920 New London, Waupaca WI. Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 78011478

- Orville Earl Bates, 20 Jun 1916 Outagamie Co. WI (in the New London part that lies in Outagamie) – 27 May 1977 Nicholson, Waupaca WI. – Stating it was his 1st marriage, Orville married Mary Ann Gavalier on 1 Jan 1941 in Dubuque Co. IA. It was her 2nd marriage; she did not provide her parents' names but reported they were deceased. Husband of Florence A. Bjelland Kieth (1912-2002); She was the daughter of Ole Bjelland & Anna Serina Johnson. Orville & Florence married in 1945. - Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 78011222
- Anita Mae ("Nita") Bates Grimm, 28 Aug 1918 New London, Waupaca WI – 21 Jul 1962 Pella, Shawano Co. WI. - Wife of Walter August Frank Grimm (1914-1962, F: 78010093) whom she married 19 Oct 1940 in Waupaca Co. WI. – Walter & Anita were killed in the same car collision, on the same day, between Caroline WI & Pella WI. There were no witnesses & no survivors – only 7 casualties. The Grimms were in a car with two other neighbor couples, Oscar Herman Wilhelm (Pete) Mehlberg (1911-1962, F: 106770371, the driver) & wife Jeanette Lillian Gerbig (1918-1962, F: 106770379) and John J. Koepke (1911-1962, F: 83751530) & wife Nora Marie Brandenburg (1915-1962, F: 83751531), with the men seated in front, women in back, when a car driven by Dilton Leroy Pingle (1939-1962, F: 155036650) crested a high hill, in the wrong lane, on Co. Hwy. M near Pella WI. The accident, which occurred around 2 a.m. was discovered over an hour later. They were seemingly headed out for fishing, and had stopped around 1:15 a.m. for a light lunch in Pella WI, at Grimm's Steak House (no relation) operated by Mrs. Louis Grimm, the sister of Nora Koepke. Anita did not want the group to stop for lunch but to come to her house for some food, but she was overruled. – The accident left their 3 children – James, Susan & Stephen - orphaned. - Both Anita and Walter had a joint funeral & are buried in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Pella Shawano WI. F: 78010012

Notes:

Wartime:

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" 21 May 1919 p 1 – "Tuscania Passengers Back in United States" - The 107th Supply Train with Appleton & New London men is back from war. The unit arrived in Newport News VA in the late afternoon of 20 May 1919 on the "Virginia," which left 2 weeks ago from Brest, France. They were quartered last night at Camp Hill where they will be for several days. The unit consists of mostly men from WI & MI. They were cheered by thousands lining their path as they marched. "They drew attention because of their sturdy and husky appearance." Among them were several Tuscania survivors, among them Laurel J. Conat, of 1121 Shiocton St., New London.

Post-war:

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 11 Feb 1929 p 4 – Rev. Francis S. Dayton spoke at the Tuscania memorial program held by the Norris Spencer American Legion Post. He mentioned Clifford Norris & William Spencer, Tuscania casualties from Co. D. Frank Davis

& Laurel Conat of the local posts who were Tuscania passengers, “and were stated to be the last in conversation with their lost buddies gave thrilling details of the horrible disaster.”

“Appleton Post-Crescent” 21 Mar 1939 p 7 – Laurel Conat & another man run across the incumbent for the seat of 5th Ward alderman in New London.

“Appleton Post-Crescent” 5 Apr 1939 p 1 – In the 5th Ward alderman race, incumbent Frank Meating got 162 votes, Laurel Conat 98 votes & Frank Specht 15 votes.

“Appleton Post-Crescent” 22 Oct 1940 p 28 – Mr. & Mrs. Laurel Conat, 409 Avon St., were surprised with a party at their home Saturday night, 19 Oct 1940, celebrating their 20th anniversary. They received many china gifts. The guest list includes his sister & half-siblings.

“Appleton Post-Crescent” 1 Nov 1940 p 19 – The decision by the building inspector to deny a building permit to Laurel Conat, 409 Avon St., for a 3-car garage, 20-by-30-feet, was upheld by the zoning board of appeals. The original petition was denied because it violated state building code limits of a size of 500 square feet in that area. Conat planned to enlarge the present 2-car garage used in his auto-wrecking business at his residence. The cost was approximately \$150.

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" 9 Feb 1942 p 10 - NTSA reunion there, William Ruechel (Shawano Co. WI), Laurel Conat (New London WI) & Arthur H. Otto (Seymour WI) saw each other for the 1st time since the war

Obituary:

"Appleton [WI] Post-Crescent" 6 Mar 1951 p 10 - age 55, died of an apparent heart attack at 10 p.m. on Monday, 5 Mar 1951. Owner of Conat Auto Wrecking Co. of New London, b. Spencer Brook MN 13 Aug 1896, came to New London at age 8. Survived by his wife, survived by wife (unnamed), mother Mrs. Mary Bates (New London), 3 sons: Lloyd Conat (Milwaukee), Gordon & Duane Conat (at home), half-brother Orville Bates (Milwaukee), 3 half-sisters: Mrs. Violet Bonvicin & Miss Audrey Bates (of Milwaukee WI) & Mrs. Walter Grimm (Marion) and 1 sister Mrs. William Kramer of New London.

Social Security Number:

Censuses:

1900 Little Wolf township, Manawa, Waupaca WI – conducted 14 Jun 1900
Henry R. Elles, Feb 1836, 64 NY, widowed, retired farmer
Adel Starks, 66 NY, Apr 1834, widow, gave birth to no children [sister]

Ella M. Canot (or Conat), 23 WI, Oct 1876, parents b. NY, married 5 years, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living [Henry's niece, Laurel's mother]

Laurel Canot/Conat, 3 MN, Aug 1896, father b. MN, mother b. WI "2nd nephew" [great-nephew]

Mildred Canot/Conat, 1 MN, Mar 1899, father b. MN, mother b. WI, "2nd niece" [great-niece]

& boarder George Wilber, 63 MN, Jun 1887, day laborer

1900 Little Wolf, Waupaca WI – conducted 13 Jun 1900 – same location as Ella May Hall Conat – her 2nd husband

Elmer E. Bates, 30 WI, Jun 1869, single, day laborer

1910 New London, Waupaca WI

Donald Bates [indexed as Dates], 39 WI, father b. PA, mother b. NY, in 1st marriage, married 8 years, farmer, general farming [this is Elmer Bates]

Ella May Bates, 32 WI, parents b. NY, in 2nd marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 4 are living [wife]

L. Violet Bates, 6 WI, parents b. WI [daughter]

Audra, 3 WI, parents b. WI [daughter]

Laurel Conat, 13 MN, father b. MN, mother b. WI, farmer, general farming [stepson]

Mildred Conat, 11 MN, father b. MN, mother b. WI [stepdaughter]

1920 Mukwa, Waupaca WI – conducted 15/16 Jan 1920

Elmer E. Bates, 49 WI, father b. PA, mother b. NY --- logs, --- mill

Ella May Bates, 42 WI, parents b. NY

& their children:

Violet S. [or L.?] Bates, 16 WI

Audrey E. Bates, 13 WI

Arnold T. Bates, 7 WI

Orville W. Bates, 3 years 6 months WI

Aleta M. Bates, 1 year 4 months WI

& stepson:

James S. Conat, 23 MN, parents b. WI, single, machine work, Horton?/Hattus? (spelling?) Lumber Co.

1930 New London, Waupaca WI - conducted 14 Apr 1930

Laurel Conat, 33 MN, parents b. WI, age 25 at 1st marriage, no occupation listed, WWI veteran

Elma, 33 WI, parents b. Norway, age 25 at 1st marriage

Lloyd, 10 months WI

1930 New London, Waupaca WI -1121 Shiocton St.

May Bates, 53 WI, widow

Anita, 11 WI

Orville, 13 WI

The previous entry is for May's daughter Violet "Currey" (Curry), her husband James Curry & daughter Beverly, age 3.

1940 New London, Waupaca WI – 409 Avon – same house in 1935

J. Laurel Conat, 43 MN, dealer & wrecker, second-hand cars

Alma, 43 WI

Lloyd, 11 WI

Gordon, 7 WI

Duane, 1 WI

1950 New London, Waupaca WI

Laurel J. Conat, 53 MN, welder, welding shop

Alma J., 53 WI

Gordon H., 17 WI

Duane R., 11 WI