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Pair Observes 50th Anniversary*

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NEW LONDON — Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an Open House from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion Club.

The couple was married June 5, 1917, in Waupaca. They have lived in New London for 48 years.

Mr. Christian was employed by Krause Market and Ameri-

can Plywood. He also worked on the Alcan Highway before his retirement. He is presently fifth ward alderman.

The couple's children are William, Elkhorn; Mrs. Gordon Eggert, Neenah, and Mrs. Guy Ingersall, Mrs. Herman Gagnow and John. Another son, Byron Jr., is deceased. They also have 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Byron Christian views
the rising Wolf River

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The great flood of '79?

Byron Christian stands next to the rising Wolf River last week, pondering whether the Wolf and Embarrass rivers will repeat

their flood damaging ways of 1912 or 1922, which Christian remembers. (Post-Crescent photo by Bob Baeten)

A flood of memories

BY MIKE HINANT
Post-Crescent staff writer

NEW LONDON — In this Fox Valley community which has grown up at the juncture of the Wolf and Embarrass rivers, floods have become the stuff of history and neighborhood folklore.

You don't have to be an old-timer to remember the last time the rivers swelled over their banks and inundated the north side of town — the area north of the Wolf River still commonly referred to as the Fifth Ward. Your memory need go back only six years, to spring 1973, for that.

And many citizens in this city of 6,000 can recall very clearly the flood of 1952, which also gave New London a case of watery fits as winter thawed its way into spring.

But townspeople who can give you first-hand accounts of what are regarded as New London's two greatest floods of this century — the floods of 1912 and 1922 — are becoming a vanishing breed.

For those stories you have to seek out men such as Byron Christian, 85, or Ray Prah, 82.

Both were teen-agers on July 29, 1912, when the Appleton Evening Crescent reported that the Wolf River reached its highest stage in New London's history — one-half inch higher than in April 1888 when the river crested at 11.6 feet.

Prah, a onetime letter carrier and retired bowling alley proprietor who now lives at 1100 N. Water St., remembers that flood particularly well because he had "horse trouble" in the middle of it.

And Christian, who lives now on "high ground" at 306 W. Spring St. south of the Wolf, has a recollection of the 1912 flood

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1912 . . .



Some youngsters posed for the photographer in this residential neighborhood on New London's north side during the 1912 flood.

1922 . . .



The water was ankle-deep in this 1922 photo along N. Water Street. A Red Owl store is now located where Ramm's hardware store used to be.

1952 . . .

This scene of N. Water Street shows pedestrians and vehicles trying to cope with the 1952 flood. The photo was shot from the corner of Shawano and N. Water streets.



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which revolves around his missing a circus because of it.

"My memory ain't as good as it used to be," Christian said Thursday as the prospect of major flooding once again was being talked about in New London. "If I'd known enough, I'd have kept a diary. But I remember that flood was a bad one."

Christian grinned as he searched back through nearly seven decades of memory.

"People had to use boats if they wanted to get downtown," he recalled. "The circus was supposed to open right in the middle of all that, I remember, but after the train finally pulled into town, it didn't unload. There was too much water. They left town the same day."

"I don't remember much more about that one," Christian went on. "I've seen lots of floods here over the years, and you kinda lose track which one was which. But I remember that one in 1912 'cause the circus couldn't stop."

Prahl has a personal recollection of that great flood of 67 years ago for a different reason. And what's slipped a bit from his memory can be readily brought back by some old photographs he still has of downtown flood scenes.

He was working as a delivery boy at the time and recalls that during the height of the flood he had stopped his horse-drawn grocery wagon outside a house on Waupaca Street.

"Waupaca Street was under water," he said. "The whole north side of town was under water that year except for maybe 10 square feet at the corner of N. Pearl and Water Street."

"I was wearing high boots," Prahl recalled. "I'd just left my horse and wagon to go up to that house to make a delivery. That's when the horse heard the noon whistle blow, and he took off for the barn."

The elderly man smiled, remembering his horse problems that day which were complicated because the animal had left the boy knee-deep in water.

"I had to go chasing after him," Prahl said with mock contempt for the beast. "I finally caught up with him back at the barn and he knew he was in for it."

In 1912, Prahl lived with his family on McKinley Street —the area of New London north of the Wolf River and west of the Embarrass River which is prone to severe flooding when the rivers go on a rampage.

The Prahl home was among many during that July flood which were surrounded by a "lake" that was 3-4 feet deep in places.

Some people left their houses for a time, while hundreds of others moved to the second floor of their homes until the waters receded and the massive cleanup could get under way.

There were fears during the 1912 flood that more than 200,000 feet of logs jammed up against the Chicago & North Western Railroad bridge, which spanned the small, normally placid Embarrass River north of New London Junction, would wash out the bridge. But the bridge held and trains were soon moving over it again.

Meanwhile, two washouts on the Green Bay & Western Railroad tracks west of New London Junction resulted in all trains being abandoned until the swollen Wolf and Embarrass returned to their channels.

Ten years later, Prah and Christian would see another major flood in New London — the great flood of 1922.

That year, in early April, rain and melting snow swelled the Wolf to a depth of nearly 11½ feet, 2½ feet above flood stage. To make matters worse, a dam broke up-river on the Embarrass and the swollen torrent charted a new

course — through downtown New London — to empty into the flooded Wolf.

The city's Second and Fifth wards were again inundated by water and boats became much more practical than motorcars for traveling the "canals" of New London's central business district.

Families who lived in one-story houses were forced to flee their homes. The Hatton Lumber Mill closed down as lumber in its yards began floating away. Firefighters manned pumps at the city power house after water surged over the wall of the facility. Sandbagging around homes and businesses was in some cases futile; flood damage was extensive.

"That was one of the worst floods we had," Prah said, pulling some old photographs from a desk drawer to offer some evidence.

Christian doesn't have any photographs of the 1922 flood to show — "I was never one for taking pictures," he said. "But I remember it."

Christian, who was out of the Army then after serving in Europe in World War I, was about to start a long stint as a meatcutter in New London.

"I remember my boss sitting in a boat on main street fishing," he said with a grin. "He had a herring on the end of his line."

In later years, Christian would serve for a time as alderman of the Fifth Ward in New London's flood-prone lowlands. "They always used to say you had to have web feet, like a duck, to live in the Fifth Ward," he laughed.

It was the flood of '22 which is credited as the impetus for a grand but ill-fated engineering effort in New London.

Leona Mech, a 72-year-old native of the city who still writes a column for the local newspaper, recalled that story last week.

She said a man named Rasmussen decided to build a canal that would connect the Embarrass, at a point upstream from town, to the Wolf about 1½ miles downstream.

"His idea was to divert the water from the Embarrass from going into the Wolf where it does," Mech said. "He thought it would help stop the flooding. He used his own money to build it."

The canal was never finished.

According to Bob Martin, director of public works in New London, Rasmussen's flood-control project was stopped about 700 feet short of completion by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service. Martin said he thinks the canal might have helped "at that time," but he doesn't think it would do any good now. "I've actually seen a reverse flow in that (canal), in 1973," he said.

"It came to be known as Rasmussen's Folly," Mech said, "but we all felt it was a good idea. Even now, whenever there's talk of a flood, you'll hear people say we ought to unplug that canal and let it flow."

Thursday was mild and sunny in New London. It was a day before a rainy Friday and a snowy Saturday. Neither Christian nor Prah! was eager to play prognosticator over predictions that "the flood of 1979" was on its way.

"It all depends," Christian mused as he watched some fishermen work their lines from a floating dock on the Wolf at the edge of N. Wolf Avenue.

"If what snow is left melts fast here and up north, and we get a couple days of rain, then that's going to flow right through here," he said. "You never know."

Standing in his backyard, which slopes gently down to the northern edge of the Wolf and stops abruptly at the top of a concrete wall, Prah! watched the dark water rise from beneath the slushy March ice and lap at the side of the wall, about 1½ feet below his lawn.

He said that in normal "dry weather" of summer, the river's shoreline is a good 12 feet from the wall.

"It came up about four inches last night," Prah! said of the rising tide. He added matter of factly: "It'll have to go up another two feet to get over the wall, and two feet more to get to the base of the house. I don't think that's going to happen."

If Prah!'s hunch is wrong, the long-time New London resident and flood-watcher isn't too worried.

It would take a record flood for the living quarters of the Prahls' home to be endangered. And, Ray added with a note of satisfaction, "We don't have a basement."

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Byron E. Christian

King, Wisconsin

Formerly of New London, age 94, passed away at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King on Thursday, February 4, 1988. He was born November 25, 1893 in Hortonville. He lived in New London most of his life and was a resident of King for the last two and one-half years. At the age of 19, Byron rode a bucking mule in the Midwest Vaudeville Circuit. He had worked for area farmers, on the Alcan Highway, the Krause Meat Market and the Curtis Companies. He was a World War I veteran and had served on four major fronts. He was a charter member of the New London VFW. He will be sadly missed by his family who he

loved dearly. They include: two sons and daughters-in-law: John and Mary Christian, New London; Bill and Marion Christian, Elkhorn; three daughters and sons-in-law: M Mrs. Guy (Helen) Ingersoll, New London; Mrs. Gordon (Ruth) Eggert, Neenah; Mrs. Herman (Marge) Gagnow, New London; three sisters: Marie Toltzman, New London; Mrs. Sylvester (Jen) Cinko, Eagle River; Mrs. Harold (Gladys) Hodge, Three Lakes; 19 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred, in 1972; a son, Byron; three brothers: Stan, Ray and Charles. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. from the Cline-Hanson Funeral Home, New London with the Rev. Edward Klat-

zien officiating. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London. Friends may call at the Cline-Hanson Funeral Home, New London after 4 p.m. Friday until the time of service on Saturday. Military rites will be held.

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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. Gonja. 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.	* * * * * WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 — The following list of survivors of the torpedoed transport <i>Tuscania</i> was made public by the war department this afternoon: Appleton— ARTHUR J. HANTSCHHEL HENRY J. PETTIGREW JACOB F. SCHNEIDER IRVIN H. MEIDAM New London— BYRON E. CHRISTIAN FRANK I. DAVIS GEORGE E. DOMAN MARTIN D. BONGERS ARCHIBALD BEAUDOIN CHARLES FOLEY LEONARD MSHKE
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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 Sier-ra, bringing 1,511 men, mostly from the 82nd division, including Major General George B. Ducan, 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.

MAN LOSES FINGER; ANOTHER INJURES HAND

New London—E. W. Hall, an employe of the Wisconsin Panel and Cabinet company, suffered a serious accident Wednesday when he caught the index finger of his left hand in the machinery, causing such an injury that amputation of the member was necessary. Mr. Hall will not be able to return to work for several days.

Another accident Thursday morning occurred when Byron Christian, who is employed by Krause's North Side market, caught his left hand between two barrels which were filled and which were being rolled along on the floor. The hand was lacerated and several stitches were taken by the surgeon.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 3 Sep 1926 p 10

The following people from this city attended the butcher's picnic held at Weyauwega fair grounds Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krause and family and Miss Mary Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Christianson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Krause, the Misses Sylvia and Felice Gotowski and Arthur Sweeney, Dan Redman, Donald Barlow, Charles Klatt and Byron Christian.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 12 Jul 1927 p 15

DECADE HAS PASSED SINCE THE TUSCANIA SANK NEAR IRELAND

New London Survivors Give Disaster Details on Tenth Anniversary

Special to Post-Crescent

New London—With the passing of the tenth year since the sinking of the *Tuscania*, survivors of that ocean tragedy Sunday recalled the event in which about twenty five men of this city were directly involved, as members of the expeditionary force enroute to France. In that disaster died Corporal Clifford Norris and Corporal William Spencer, in memory of whom the local chapter of the American legion was named. Surviving relatives are Mrs. Louis Kurszeveski, John Spencer, Oscar Norris, Mrs. John Norris, and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Norris, Sr.

Grief of the relatives of Corporal Spencer, who received the news officially Feb. 18, was unsoftened by details which reached the parents in a majority of the cases surrounding the 209 deaths, due to the fact that no details surrounding the manner in which the young soldier met death were ever given. Even the manner in which he died has never been determined and the body was never found. The body of Clifford Spencer, however, was returned to his home here, and buried in the family lot at Manawa. It has annually been decorated by members of the Norris-Spencer Post.

Commander H. A. Borchard of the

Legion post stated Sunday that the post colors would fly at half mast on Monday in memory of the heroes, who were first of this community to die in the service of their country during the war.

Memories of the tragic night of Feb. 5, 1919, were reviewed by veterans who were on the ill fated boat at the time it was sunk by a torpedo from the German submarine, UB-77, at 6:45 p. m. Byron Christian, a member of the contingent of Wisconsin men, was perhaps the last person to talk with the two men. According to Mr. Christian, both Norris and Spencer were on life boat duty on an upper deck, thus removed from the remainder of the *New London* boys. He had been with the two not more than fifteen minutes before the vessel was torpedoed, and recalled the conversation which took place at that time. The two, always pals, had been relating to Mr. Christian, a hunting and trapping trip in the northern woods on which they had become lost. Norris concluded the talk thus:

"Well, Bill, we got out of that scrape together, and if the old ship sinks we'll both go down the same way."

It was shortly after this that with the Scottish coast appearing in a long gray mass, to the port side, and with the welcome sight of land after the long days at sea, that the two torpedoes from the UB-77 were fired. Immediately the vessel began to list; decks and hatchways were crowded with men, lights were extinguished, and there was a chill of fright in the silence. Life boats were launched, but through wreckage and mismanagement, many of them were wrecked in launching. The sea was soon filled with drowning or swimming men, some on rafts, others with or without

lifebelts. In boats half filled with water, men sat long weary hours, and it was from exposure that many deaths occurred.

In the village of Buncrana, Scotland, men were billeted in peasant homes, and also in Scotland. Forty-nine men were laid side by side in one grave in Scotland, and a flag was made by four Scottish women of a village that the colors of their own nation might drape the coffins of the dead Americans.

Survivors of the tragedy from this city or community are: Com. Henry J. Pettigrew, Jacob Schneider, Leland T. Meany, Arthur J. Hanschel, Ralph A. Mayo, Francis Barlow, Laurel J. Conate, Charles P. Foley, Elmer Hebbe, Arthur Otto, John Allen, Archibald Beaudoin, Martin D. Bongers, Byron E. Christian, Harry B. Collar, Frank J. Davis, George Doman, Leonard T. Meshke, George Schoenrock, Arthur L. Steffen, Harvey J. Travers, Martin Winter, Gustave Rollefson, Arthur Gantwell and George Grawvunder.

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PAY TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF TWO VETERANS

Legionaires Hear Speaker Urge Continued Need for Patriotism

Special to Post-Crescent

New London—Need for the same unquestioning, undaunted patriotism that stirred the ragged, bleeding men of Valley Forge, during the Revolution, and in France, during the World war, was urged by the Rev. Francis S. Dayton at the memorial service held on Tuesday evening at Legion hall. The service was planned to honor the memories of Norris and Spencer, the two New London boys who lost their lives, for whom the New London legion post was named.

The speaker drew a picture in words taking the listeners back to the days when Company D. was being whipped into formation. He recalled the spirit of the people of those days and the pride with which the city sent her young men. Following them through the months of grime and dust and monotony of Texas training camps, the speaker said that those were the days of test, and that families and friends at home were glad to remember that the men had stood the ordeal well.

He made comparisons between the lads who left the cheering crowds in home streets with their quiet departure from an eastern coast upon the Tuscania. Bronzed and hardened underneath a Texas sun the New London contingent was among the first of the troops to go overseas.

The sinking of the Tuscania off the shore of Ireland by a German submarine lives forever in the minds of these men, said the Rev. Dayton. The city heard the dread word, and scanned papers searching for names of those nearest and dearest. Then came the formal government slips received by the relatives of the two missing, and the word went round that though the body of Norris had been recovered and interred in Irish soil the body of Spencer was never found.

LAST NIGHT ON SHIP

The Rev. Dayton recalled the words of companions of the two boys. "A close call, Buddy. We've been through some mighty tough places together, but always came out." This was a sketch of a conversation heard on deck during the afternoon previous to the ship's sinking. The two boys who were close companions had recalled an episode of the north woods which had never proved fatal to one or both of them. But, the speaker continued, their immortal souls went on united even after death, though the one slept beneath the waves and the other on foreign land. The Rev. Dayton closed his address urging fathers and mothers to teach the beauty and duty of sacrifice during the country's need.

The address was heard by members of the post and their families. Lunch, provided by the Legion Auxiliary, was served by the men of the post. The Rev. H. P. Freeling led the pep singing. Miss Jean Dessel sang two vocal solos, Miss Eunice Rickaby played violin solos, both women being accompanied by Alton Engen. Short talks were given by Byron Christian, Frank Davis and Laurel Conant, Tuscania passengers who were last in conversation with the two victims.

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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 Conant 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

CHRISTIAN RESIDENCE THREATENED BY FIRE

Special to Post-Crescent
New London — Fire originating about an oil stove in the kitchen at the home of Byron Christian, St. John's place, called out the fire department Wednesday morning. Mrs. Christian was away, having gone with one of her children to attend the baby clinic. Fire and smoke caused damage amounting to about \$25.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 10 Jul 1930 p 17

Veterans May Organize Post At New London

Foreign Wars Soldiers Consider Proposal—Call Another Meeting

Special to Post-Crescent
New London—The first steps toward forming a Veterans of Foreign Wars post were taken last night at a meeting at the city hall. Members of posts already established at Clintonville and Bear Creek met with those from this city who are eligible. Another meeting will be held here next week when a chapter will be granted to the local post. It is estimated that between 25 and 50 men of this city and community are eligible.

Men eligible are those who have seen service overseas in any war from 1899. None who entered service and did not serve in foreign lands or on sea may belong. About 15 men from the two visiting posts were present and five local men have evidenced their interest in forming a post here. These persons are Oscar Sennett, Walter Toepke, Leonard Borchardt, Byron Christian and Frank Schumacker.

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ter a nurses training school.
The following spent Sunday at the Joe Cartwright home: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian and family and Richard Cartwright.

“Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Saturday 17 Sep 1932 p 4

Delay Appointment of Convention Delegates

New London — District Commander, Walter Brown, Oshkosh, discussing veterans legislation was guest at the meeting of the Learman-Schaller post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Tuesday night at the city hall. About 75 members were present. Other speakers were Com. E. J. Meredit of the Major U. G. Carl post of the Waupaca Veterans home, and Armin Schuerle and Senior Vice Commander Louis Jeske of the Harvey-Pierre Post of Appleton. W. T. Cornstock and Walter P. Melchoir completed the host of speakers.

Commander Melchoir of the local post appointed a staff of officers to complete those already selected. These include William Corcoran, advocate; Chauncey Kellogg, patriotic instructor; Ralph Ploetz, sergeant major; Howard Baker, quartermaster sergeant; Dr. Theodore Slemmons, post surgeon; Harry Young, guard; Edward Geske, sentinel; Byron Christian and John Bork, color bearers; Stanley Christian and Nick Huss, buglers.

The matter of appointing delegates to attend the state encampment at Janesville was delayed until the next meeting on March 28.

It was brought out that veterans of the Spanish wars are all in the neighborhood of 60 years and are therefore beyond the age of seeking employment. The matter of proper legislation in order that such pensions will not be endangered was the main issue discussed. Commander Brown explained what methods are being followed to best protect these veterans and their interests.

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 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.

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Founding Date of Foreign War Vets Observed by Post

Auxiliary Joins Veterans' Group at New Lon- don Meeting

(Special to Post-Crescent)

New London—To celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which this week is being observed nationally, Learman-Schaller post and auxiliary members gathered at the city hall Tuesday night.

Commander Arthur Lasch and the president of the auxiliary, Mrs. Lasch, presided jointly, and gold star mothers of this community were honor guests.

Mr. Lasch traced the history of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization from its origination 35 years ago by veterans of the Spanish-American war. He told of the struggles of this small group, of the increased membership by recruits from various military campaigns, including the World war. Now, he stated, it is the most rapidly growing veterans organization in the United States.

Post members added interest to the meeting by a recital of some of their wartime experiences. Among those to speak was Byron Christian, member of the 107th Supply Train, local unit of the World war, who was one of those who narrowly escaped death in the sinking of the troop ship Tuscania. Walter Mechoir recalled experiences in the battle line from October, 1917, until the Armistice was signed in November, 1918. He related details of the battles and sieges in the Champagne sector, where he received a decoration.

Recall Experiences

Earl Frederick traced the history of his company, reading from clippings gathered in training camps in America and France. George Beattie gave a description of the activities of the heavy artillery in action in France, and Captain Frank O. Smith, U. S. A. retired, a veteran of many campaigns in the Philippines, Boxer rebellion and World war, related his experiences.

Illustration and photographs taken on her pilgrimage to the battle fields of France and a description of this trip which was the gift of the government to gold star mothers, was an added feature contributed by Mrs. Edward Roe of this city. Her collection of mementos was also displayed. A buffet lunch concluded the evenings program.

Commander and Mrs. Lasch have been delegated to represent the post and auxiliary at the National Encampment at Louisville, Ky., beginning Sunday, Sept. 30. Other members also plan to attend.

The auxiliary will sponsor a public card party in the city hall chambers on Friday evening, Oct. 5.

At the next meeting of the post, Tuesday evening, Oct. 9, officers for the ensuing year will be nominated.

Plans are being made for the Armistice Day observation and for this committees are to be named soon.

The post will sponsor a drive for the collection of old papers and magazines this autumn.

Court Clarifies Legal Status of Municipal Utility

Decision in New London Case Regarded as Im- portant Precedent

Post-Crescent Madison Bureau
Madison—State experts, studying the decision of the state supreme court yesterday holding the New London electric utility commission liable for the payment of damages arising out of the accidental death of a boy who picked up a live wire in the city, decided that the decision clarifies the legal responsibilities of municipal governments engaged in commercial enterprises.

The court yesterday upset a judgment of Judge Herman Severson of the Waupaca county circuit court which had set aside a jury verdict for damages claimed by the parents of Byron Christian, 14 year old New London boy who was killed when he came into contact with a fallen wire from the New London utility's street lighting system.

In at least one previous decision, it was pointed out, involving the city of Menasha several decades ago, the Wisconsin court had held that the part of a municipal electric system serving the street lighting facilities is an instrumentality of government, and therefore not ordinarily liable for damages in accidents.

Judge Severson had based his dismissal of the jury verdict on that premise, arguing that it was the only question at issue in the suit in the circuit court.

Makes New Ruling

The supreme court, however, in a long and explanatory opinion written by Justice Edward Fairchild, denied Judge Severson's interpretation, and ruled that the proprietary and governmental aspects of the municipal utility's operations are indivisible.

"The city of New London", Fairchild wrote in an opinion in which his colleagues assented, "is operating a plant for the production, transmission and delivery of light and power. The legislature has recognized this activity as a public utility (Sec. 196.01.) This activity of the municipality places it in the commercial world, for we find no distinction between a utility owned by a corporation, a company, or an individual and a utility owned by a village or city which in any way would exempt it from being classified as a proprietary affair.

"This city-operated power plant is not under the protection of the doctrine which exonerates a city from liability for the negligence of its agents where the acts are done in the performance of 'governmental functions'," the opinion said.

tection insofar as it lights its own streets.

No Division

"But what occasion is there for such sub-division of its acknowledged business—that of furnishing its customers with light and power" the court asked.

"The city is operating as a public utility and the fact that it is one of its own customers does not create a division of its plant into proprietary and governmental departments."

To make damages and recovery depend, the court added, "upon what wire happened to fall would be to ignore the true relation of the utility to the public, and to overlook the rather obvious fact that the hazard of the business is the same, so far as the individual is concerned, no matter who owns the utility."

functions," the opinion said.

"Here the city admits that it is a utility, but seeks to divide its individuality as such so as to preserve the 'governmental functions's pro-

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Change Residences

New London—Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian moved last weekend from 409 Waupaca street into the home at 308 Lyons street formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beattie moved last week from 501 Waupaca street to 102 Division street in the home formerly occupied by Ed McClone.

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Seventy-three persons attended the fifth annual family reunion of the Christian family Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Christian, route 2. Among those who were present are Miss Anita Abraham, Neenah; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Draves, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilkey, Val Gilkey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ward, all of Fort Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gilkey, Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breitenheim, Sun Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Velie, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Christian and family and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klinger, Oshkosh; Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cinko and Mrs. Frank Cinko, Eagle River; Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Slater, Christ Oppen and Miss Laura Oppen, Hortonville; Byron Christian and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christian and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ingersoll and family, all of New London.

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The department answered a call at 7:10 Thursday evening at the Byron Christian home at 218 Wyman street, where they extinguished a chimney fire caused by a plugged chimney.

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Ostrander Couple to Move to New London

Royalton — Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian are moving from the Ostrander district to New London.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gagnow, who recently sold their home at Ostrander, have bought a home in Northport.

Byron & wife Mildred plus daughter Marjorie Christian Gagnow & her husband Herman –
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Veteran Recalls Earlier Cuban Crisis, Occupation

BY JOHN SAWALL
 Post-Crescent Staff Writer

NEW LONDON — To Edward Pankow, 901 Smith St., the recent Cuban situation brought back memories of an earlier Cuban crisis. Pankow's recollections go back to the turn of the Century when, as a cable telegrapher, he participated in the occupation of that Caribbean Island during the Spanish-American war.

Pankow is the only surviving veteran of the early Cuban fracas who now lives in the New London area. He not only served in Cuba but also served with the American forces in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American war.

Nearing his 86th birthday, he is still active and can vividly recall chasing the Philippine rebel forces, led by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, across Luzon Island. At that time he was serving with the Eighth Infantry Division as a footsoldier. After serving a three-year tour and returning to the United States, he re-enlisted in the Signal Corps and was later sent to Cuba during its second occupation.

There he was operator in charge of all messages between the United States and Cuba. After completing his second three-year hitch, Pankow went to work in Chicago for the Chicago and North Western Railroad as a telegrapher. He then returned to Wisconsin, where, prior to his retirement, he operated a farm near Royalton for 30 years.

Recently, along with eight other charter members, Pankow attended the 30th anniversary of the local VFW post. Pankow has the distinction of having presented the post with the first flag and colors, shortly after it was organized.

Other charter members of the post who gathered for the anniversary were Leonard Borchardt, Martin Abraham, Byron Christian, Percy Holverson, Arthur Lasch, Edwin Lund and William Runge.

Despite his age, Pankow is still able to drive his car, the 13th he has purchased new from the same dealer.

The aged veteran is no longer fond of leaving the house after dark, but he is always anxious to attend the more important activities held in the post clubhouse. He plans to be on hand tonight for the yearly Veterans Day program, sponsored by the post.

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Races Develop In New London April Election

NEW LONDON — Races have developed for three of five aldermanic seats and four of five supervisors posts in the upcoming April 2 election at New London. A total of 19 candidates seek 10 offices.

Mrs. Grace Stern, Ward Three; Avolt Tohm, Ward Four; and Ray Prahl, Fifth Ward supervisor; are the only incumbents running unopposed. In the Fifth Ward George Wochinski, 321 Shawano St.; Alfred Hill, 326 Lyon St., and Byron Christian, 218 Lyman St., are opposing each other for the aldermanic post vacated by Lansing McFaul.

Berglund won the aldermanic post by one vote over James Collier in the Second Ward. Byron Christian won in the Fifth Ward, defeating Alfred Wochinski. Gilbert Kroll won over William Steinbach in the First Ward.

“Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” left: Thursday 31 Jan 1963 p 24 and right: Thursday 4 Apr 1963 p 29

One New Alderman Seated at New London

New Council President, Matt Burton, Runs Meeting in Absence of Mayor

NEW LONDON — A new councilman took office and new committees for the coming year were named at Tuesday night's city council meeting.

Ald. Byron Christian, (5th) replaced Lansing McFaul on the council. McFaul, who has served on the council for the past six years did not seek re-election in the spring election.

Ald. Matt Burton (5th) was elected president of the council for one year.

Burton presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Wilmer Schlafer, who was unable to attend.

New standing committees are Jerome Zaug, chairman, Gilbert Kroll and Avolt Tohm, finance committee; Burton, chairman, Kroll and Oscar Zuege, board of public works; Mrs. Grace Stern, chairman, Fred Noack and Christian, board of health and Richard Berglund, chairman, Noack and Stern, park and recreation committee. Lyman Johnson and Larry

Stern, industrial committee; Johnson, chairman, Christian and Zaug, Judicial committee; Zuege, chairman, Christian, and Johnson, relief committee.

Named to the light committee were Burton, Police Chief Jack Algiers and L. K. Thomas, utility manager.

Henry Miles was renamed to the police and fire commission for a five year term. William Freiburger and Roy Queeman were re-named to three year terms on the planning commission. Jerome Zaug was the councilman chosen by the council to serve on the planning commission for a one year term.

Board of Appeals

Robert Vanderveer and Jay Mattick were renamed to three year terms on the board of appeals and Oscar Schneider was named to a one year term as weed commissioner.

Arthur Gesse was renamed superintendent of the street department.

Graves were the citizens named to the park and recreation committee.

Other Committees

Other standing committees are Noack, chairman, Tohm and Berglund, traffic and safety committee; Zaug, chairman Ilo Johnson and Zuege, license committee; Kroll, chairman, Burton and

On the council confirmation of the board of public works all council members voted in favor of the committee with the exception of Alderman Zuege, who voted no.

The official newspaper also was named, and the First State Bank was named official depository. The rules of council were adopted.

Fifth Ward

In the only other contest, Fifth Ward Ald. Byron Christian defeated George Wochinski, 95 to 29. Christian, who is retired, was elected to his second term. Wochinski, the loser, is employed in Appleton.

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New London Council Plans Reorganization

New Mayor, Solons To Assume Duties at Meeting Tonight

NEW LONDON — Council reorganization is expected to be the major item of business at today's meeting.

The present council will conduct its business and then move to disband.

Harry S. Emans will then assume the mayor's chair and call the new meeting to order. There will be 11 members on the council during the 1966-67 session compared with the present 10.

Edwin Knapstein will be the only council member leaving. He was beaten in a five-way race for the Fifth Ward alderman's post.

New aldermen, both added to the council as the result of re-districting in the city, are Mrs. Walter Schoenrock (2nd) and Ilo Johnson (4th).

Aldermen carrying over from the present council will be Gilbert Kroll and Jerome Zaug (1st); Avalt Tohm (2nd); Mrs. Grace Stern and Fred Noack (3rd); Herman Gagnow (4th), and Robert Raithel and Byron Christian (5th).

The makeup of standing committees will be disclosed at the meeting. Major committees include finance, public works and board of health. Others are park and recreation, public property, traffic and safety, license, industrial, judicial, relief and light.

Byron's fellow alderman is son-in-law Herman Gagnow — "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent"
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Rivers Cause Minor Trouble In Official 'Disaster Area'

No Damage Tally Available Until New London Dries Up

NEW LONDON — Trouble expected here from the cresting Wolf and Embarrass rivers may be more embarrassing than it is wolf-like.

New London residents were somewhat taken aback last week when they learned Gov. Warren P. Knowles declared the area in a state of flood emergency. As word of the proclamation spread, they began cracking jokes about their "disaster area."

No real assessment of damage caused by the rivers will be possible until water recedes. Damage, however, is expected to be light.

Residents of New London and Shiocton areas are resigned to the annual high waters and so-called floods. Byron Christian, an alderman in the Third Ward which is partially submerged each spring, said he tried pumping water out of his basement but it ran back inside through another window as quickly as he could pump it out.

Annual Event

"Of course it's an annual occurrence," he said.

Officials contacted late last week after the Wolf River reached 10.1 feet in New London indicated they expected damage to be light and widely scattered.

Ray Pelishek, New London public works director, said the city would have to wait until waters recede before damage to streets and sewers can be determined.

Several streets along the rivers were under water and storm sewers overflowed backing up into the sanitary system. Some roads may need repairs and sewers could be clogged with mud and debris when the water abates.

Vern Johnson, Waupaca County Civil Defense chairman, said he had made a survey of the city last week after receiving reports of high water. He said city officials and residents were surprised when the area was declared in a state of flood emergency.

Federal Aid

Proclaiming an area a disaster makes the city eligible for federal assistance, he said.

Federal aid is limited to

public owned property such as roads, Johnson indicated. Twenty-seven counties were declared disaster areas early last week by Governor Knowles.

Johnson said he couldn't find a threatening emergency which required civil defense assistance. His office is staying in contact with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Appleton district office.

Ross Plaines, district engineer of the army engineers Appleton office, said he didn't think there is much damage from the flooding. Cleaning up will consist mainly of pumping water from basements, he thought.

Plaines reported the engineers made a survey of the area twice last week to check the seriousness of flooding and determine

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the area which was under water.

A survey will be made later to assess the damage, he said. Plaines is kept informed of river conditions in New London by Ruben Voss, the official guage reader, and has been in contact with Pelishek on other developments.

After reaching a crest of 10.1 feet Tuesday, the Wolf began to recede at a very slow pace. Wednesday it was 10.0 feet and Thursday slightly less than 10 feet.

Plaines reported the snow has melted in the 3,700 square mile Wolf River drainage area and that rain would be the only thing to affect the river.

Water is being drawn off Lake Winnebago at dams in Neenah and Menasha. Plaines said the lake was about eight inches above its crest.

Study Plains

A flood plain study of the area is being performed for the Wolf River Basin Regional Planning Commission. Plaines reported the study was currently underway and the surveys had been made.

Purpose of the study is to identify areas subject to flooding, provide engineering assistance and collect information on flooding and flood damage.

The study would enable persons not acquainted with the area to select sites for development which would be out of the flood plain.

Highest river level previous to the 10.1 recorded last week was in May, 1960 when the river crested at 10.5 feet. The last major flooding resulted in 1960, but didn't compare with that in April, 1952 when water flowed down N. Water Street, New London's main business area, and persons traveled up and down the street by boat.

The 1952 flood caused an estimated \$10,000 damage to city streets alone. Present high water is expected to result in only minor damage to less traveled thoroughfares.

In 1922 the river crested at 11.4 feet and in 1888 the record was established when the river reached 11.6 feet before cresting.

Attorney Rules Mayor May Hold Two Posts

NEW LONDON — The city attorney has ruled here that Mayor Harry Emans may continue to hold a \$25 a month post on the city Utility Commission while serving as the city's chief executive.

Sigrud Krostue, city attorney for New London, said that "under the circumstances," no law was being broken.

Alderman Byron E. Christian had challenged Emans' right to hold both offices at the same time.

The alderman cited a city ordinance which was passed when the commission was created in 1942. The ordinance states: "No member of the council during the term he is elected shall be eligible for a post on the Utility Commission." The mayor is a member of the council here.

Krostue said that he interpreted the ordinance to mean that the mayor is not eligible "for appointment" to the commission during his term in office.

Emans has held both jobs since his election as mayor in April, 1966. However, he was appointed to the Utility Commission before he became mayor.

5th Ward Council Papers Taken Out At New London

NEW LONDON — Kenneth Roberts, Fairview Drive, has taken out nomination papers for the 5th Ward aldermanic seat.

Roberts, a used car dealer and salvage yard operator, will be seeking the position left vacant by the resignation of Byron Christian.

An interim replacement for Christian will be elected by the city council at Tuesday's meeting.

Deadline for filing nomination papers with the city clerk is 5 p.m. Jan. 28.

Left: "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Thursday 22 Jun 1967 p 2 and right: "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 6 Jan 1969 p 2

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The Tuscania?

Remember the Tuscania?

McKinley Robinson of Appleton does. So does Archie Beaudoin of New London.

Robinson and Beaudoin and numerous other Fox Valley soldiers bound for European duty were aboard the Tuscania when the big British transport steamer was torpedoed by a German submarine off the Irish coast about supertime on Feb. 5, 1918.

The Tuscania stayed afloat for about two hours, enough time for most of the more than 2,000 British and American troops to abandon ship safely. But more than 200 of them died, including James P. Hawley of Neenah and Clifford Norris and W.B. Spencer of New London.

"All Appleton Boys Saved," screamed the banner headline across the top of the front page of the Appleton Evening Crescent on Feb. 11. One who was saved was Arthur Hantschel. He's dead now, but his brother, Erwin, of Appleton, came to the office recently with a fragile, yellowed newspaper front page dated Feb. 10, 1918 that listed the names of all Wisconsin soldiers who survived the disaster.

Many of them are no longer living. I found two who are, and asked them what they remembered about the day the Tuscania was torpedoed.

Beaudoin was 20 years old — "I still had my mother's apron string in my hands." The soldiers were supposed to land in Liverpool the night of Feb. 5.

There was an uneasiness on the Tuscania, because everyone knew there were German U-boats in the area. Against regulations, Beaudoin and a buddy went up to the third deck, thinking it would be safer there. "I looked straight ahead and could see a light flashing," probably from shore, seconds before the torpedo hit, Beaudoin said.

There was no warning it was coming. No sighting. No sound. "But, so help me God, I felt it coming," Beaudoin said.

"The whole boat sort of shivered " when it was struck, he recalled. A second torpedo missed its mark. The first one hit the coal bin. That, Beaudoin said, was fortunate, because the pumps could be used for a while as the men escaped.

Beaudoin saw men disappear when they leaped into the water or when they couldn't make the leap from the listing Tuscania to the destroyer that pulled alongside for the rescue. Beaudoin made the leap, when the Tuscania was "about 45 degrees down."

The Tuscania survivors used to hold reunions. Now there is seldom even any talk about that cold night off the Northern Ireland coast 60 years ago, Beaudoin said.

Robinson also was 20 years old on Feb. 5, 1918. He had left his homeland in Waco, Texas, a member of the 127th Medical Company.

He doesn't recall just where he was on the Tuscania when she was torpedoed, "but I probably was under cover somewhere, because it was cold out.

"There was a lot of screaming and hollering" where he was, Robinson recalled. He said he "nearly drowned" before being rescued from a lifeboat. Robinson escaped the Tuscania with soaked clothes, nine cents and a pouch of Durham chewing tobacco.

According to The Crescent, there were many tense days in Appleton as families and friends waited for the War Department to release the names of Tuscania casualties and survivors. The Crescent of Feb. 8, 1918, stated, "Mothers who could scarcely restrain sobs, fathers whose voices trembled and sisters and sweethearts vainly besieged newspaper offices by telephone and in person to learn the fate of a boy thought aboard the Tuscania."

On Feb. 11, The Crescent published the pictures of the Appleton survivors and the names of other area soldiers who were safe in Scotland and Ireland.

Survivors from Appleton were Robinson, Hantschel, Eric Galpin, Theodore Briggs, Henry J. Pettigrew, Jacob F. Schneider, Irwin H. Meidam, Worth L. Bushey and Paul VanWyk. New London soldiers who were saved were Beaudoin, Byron E. Christian, Frank I. Davis, George E. Doman, Martin D. Bongers, Charles Foley, Leonard Meshke, Elmer A. Hebbe and R.A. Mayo.

Others from the area who survived were Laurel Conant, Harry B. Collier and Arthur L. Steffen of Hortonville; Alexander Steward Jr., Martin C.W. Winter, John C. Barth and Hilding Fagerdahl of Clintonville; W.A. Reichel of Leeman; George D. Danley of Iola; Martin T. Evenson of Manawa and A.E. Steffenhagen of Neenah.

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Wife:

Mrs. Byron (Mildred) Christian

308 Lyon St., New London
Age 69, passed away Friday evening in New London following a lingering illness. She was born April 22, 1902 in Waupaca and she was a charter member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Survivors are her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Guy (Helen) Ingersoll, New London, Mrs. Gordon (Ruth) Eggert, Neenah, Mrs. Herman (Margorie) Gagnow, New London; two sons, John, New London, and William, Elkhorn, Wisconsin; two brothers, Russell, and Richard Cartwright, both of New London; 18 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren. A son and a brother preceded her in death. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Cline and Hanson Funeral Home, New London, with Pastor Laverne Miller officiating. Interment will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London. Friends may call at the Cline and Hanson Funeral Home after 2 p.m. Sunday until the hour of service.

Mrs. Byron Christian

NEW LONDON — Mrs. Byron (Mildred) Christian, 69, of 308 Lyon St., died Friday afternoon in New London after a lingering illness.

She was born April 22, 1902, in Waupaca. Mrs. Christian was a charter member of the VFW Auxiliary Post, New London.

Survivors include her widower; three daughters, Mrs. Guy (Helen) Ingersoll, and Mrs. Herman (Marjorie) Gagnow, both of New London, and Mrs. Gordon (Ruth) Eggert, Neenah; two sons, John, New London, and William, Elkhorn; two brothers, Russell and William Cartwright, both of New London; 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Cline-Hanson Funeral Home, with the Rev. Laverne Miller officiating. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Sunday, and until the time of services Monday.

Left: "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 11 Mar 1972 p 11 and right: "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Saturday 11 Mar 1972 p 26

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

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Name	Byron Edward Christian
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	5 Jun 1917
Marriage County	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Mildred Eleanor Christian

On WWI national draft registration day, first Byron got married –

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Form 1 **2053** REGISTRATION CARD No. **35**

1 Name in full **Byron Edward Christian** Age in yrs. **23**

2 Home address **Lincoln New London Wis**

3 Date of birth **March 25 1894**

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? **Natural born citizen**

5 Where were you born? **Fortville Wisconsin**

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? **Common laborer - 18**

8 By whom employed? **Hallen Lumber Co**

9 Where employed? **New London Wis**

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18 or a sister or brother under 12, totally dependent on you for support (specify which)? **Wife**

11 Married or single (which)? **Married** How (specify which)? **None**

12 What military service have you had? Rank **None**; branch **None**

13 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? **No**

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Byron Edward Christian

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? **Medium** Slender, medium, or stout (which)? **Slender**

2 Color of eyes? **Blue** Color of hair? **Light** Bald? **No**

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? **No**

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Jacob Werner
(Signature of registrar)

Practiced **5**

City or County **New London**

State **Wisconsin**

June 5-1917
(Date of registration)

Local Board,
For Waupaca County
Waupaca, Wis.

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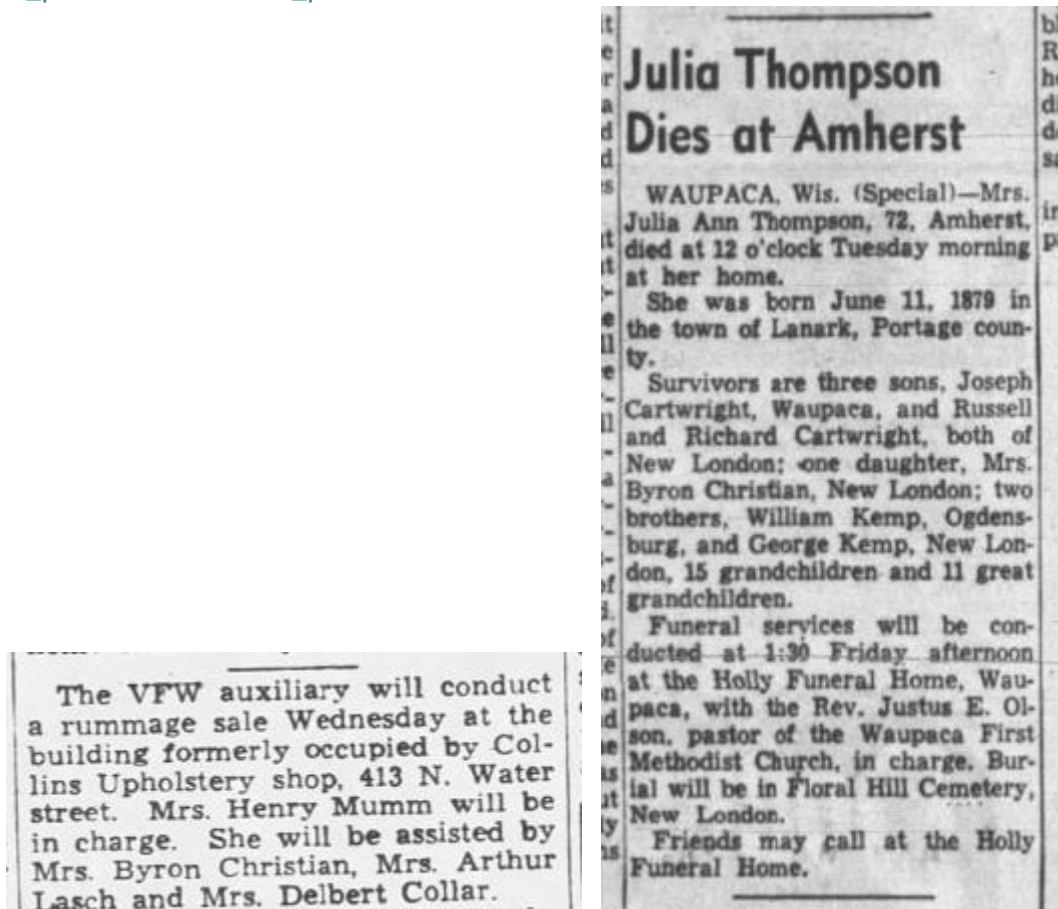
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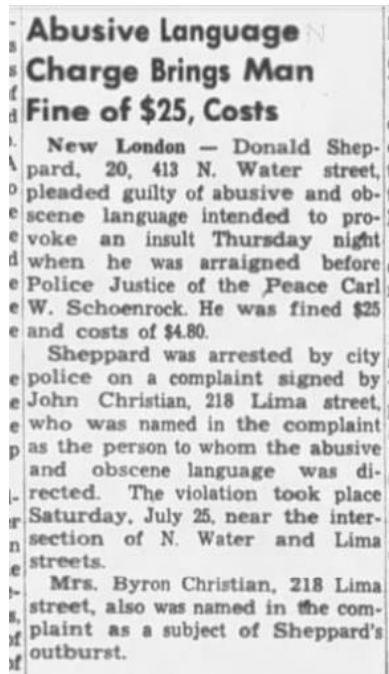
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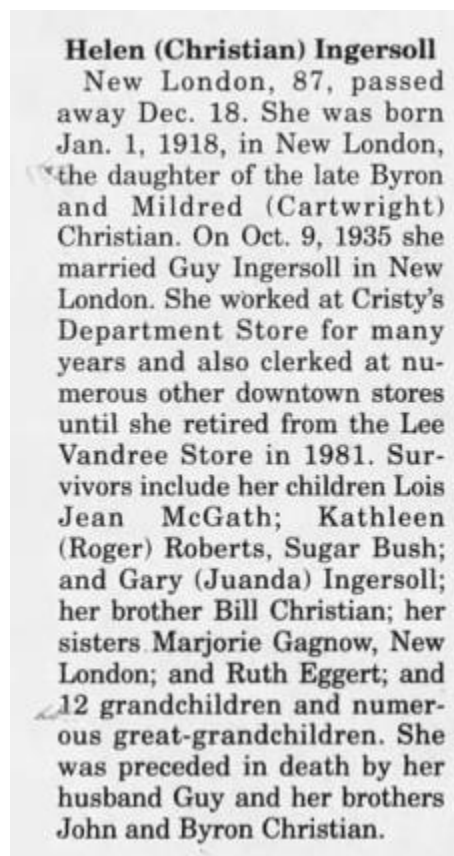


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Children:



Daughter Helen Eleanor Christian Ingersoll (1918-2005) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”

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Ingersoll, Guy L.

516 E. Cook Street
New London

Age 86, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 16, 2002. He was born on November 25, 1915; son of the late Albert and Phoebe (Cornell) in Abbotsford, Wisconsin. On October 9, 1935 he married Helen Christian in New London. He worked at American Plywood in New London for 25 years as a personnel manager. He then worked at Simmons Juvenile Products in New London for 17 years; retiring in 1981. Guy was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. He was always there with a helping hand for everybody. He will be sadly missed. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Helen; two daughters: Lois Jean McGath, Columbus, Ohio; Kathleen (Roger) Roberts, Sugar Bush; a son, Gary (Juanda) Ingersoll, Manawa; 12 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert and Clark Ingersoll; three sisters: Lillian Ward, Ruth Taubel, and Sister Germaine. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2002 at Cline & Hanson Funeral Home in New London at 1 p.m.

with the Rev. Tim Lofgren officiating. Burial will be in the Hobart Cemetery. Friends may call directly at the funeral home on Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

Cline & Hanson Funeral Home
209 W. Cook Street
New London, WI 54961
(920) 982-3232

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 18 Jan 2002 p 18

Eggert, Ruth J.

Ruth J. Eggert, 90, of Neenah, passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at ManorCare of Appleton.

Ruth was born September 3, 1920, in New London, the daughter of Byron and Mildred (Cartwright) Christian. She was united in marriage to Gordon W. Eggert on September 25, 1948, in New London. He preceded her in death November 13, 2000. Ruth was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, and in the past was active with different ministries there, including the Altar Guild. She was a homemaker and belonged to the Mixerette Homemakers in Neenah. Ruth enjoyed bowling and craftwork, and especially being with her grandsons.

To be Wed Sept. 25



Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian, 218 Lima street, New London, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage Sept. 25 of their daughter, Ruth, to Gordon Eggert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eggert, 115 E. Cameron street, New London. The wedding will take place at the Emanuel Lutheran church at New London.

Daughter Ruth J. Christian Eggert (1920-2011) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” – left (obituary) Sunday 27 Feb 2011 p 16 and right engagement/marriage - Monday 20 Sep 1948 p 10

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Miss Ruth Christian, who will be given in marriage by her father, will become the bride of Gordon Eggert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eggert, New London, in a double ring ceremony performed by the Rev. W. E. Pankow at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Emanuel Lutheran church at New London.

During the service Mrs. Gordon Bellille will sing "The Lord's Prayer" and "O Perfect Love," accompanied by Ben Boese at the organ.

Miss Marjorie Hintzke, sister of the bride, will serve as matron of honor and Miss Phyllis Eggert, sister of the bridegroom, will be the bridesmaid. Herman Gagnow will be best man and Thomas K. Mathewson will be the other attendant. Dale and Roger Christian, cousins of the bride, will usher. Susan Meartz will be flower girl and Leo Hintzke will be ring bearer.

A dinner will be served at 5 o'clock this afternoon for friends and relatives at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall at New London. A reception will be held at 8 o'clock this evening followed by a wedding dance at the hall.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Eggert will leave for a week's wedding trip to Nashville, Tenn., and when they return they will reside at Neenah where Mr. Eggert is employed at the Lakeview paper mill.

The bride graduated from Washington High school, New London, with the class of 1939 and since 1940 has been employed at Lercher's store, New London. The bridegroom graduated from Wash-

ington High school with the class of 1938 and served in the navy for 30 months during the war. After he was honorably discharged, he worked in the New London area until last fall when he became employed at the Kimberly-Clark mill.

Students Form Council, Elect Officers in Study Of Municipal Government

New London — City politics and government is a real problem to students of the eighth grade civics class at Lincoln Junior High school who have set up a complete aldermanic government in a practical study of the subject. Council meetings, committee reports, commission investigations, all follow the closely contested election for city positions which was conducted several weeks ago when the project was launched.

To begin with a regular election campaign was organized after nominations by the class with Richard Demming, Wilton Quant and Allen Ziebur candidates for mayor. Campaigning posters filled the halls of the Junior High school and candidates delivered campaign speeches designed to lure the indifferent voters. Each candidate surrounded himself with a campaign committee and supporting group to make the contest more interesting.

Election officers were chosen, voters registered and balloting took place in the regular city polls in the basement of the school. Wards were distinguished by rows in the

class room and complete ballots were furnished for each ward.

List Candidates

Following is the list of candidates for all city positions and the votes received by each. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes became aldermen in their ward. In the Third ward a tie vote between Norma Hole and Jack Sneesby was decided by drawing the names from a hat. Principal George Schriver drew Norma Hole. Mayor, Allen Ziebur 20, Richard Demming 14, Wilton Quant 9; city clerk, Betty Brown 18, Arden Smith 12, June Vandenberg 8, Jack Dent 6; city treasurer, Byron Christian 17, Irma Smith 15, Lois Steingraber 11; city attorney, Ralph Holiday 29, Richard Wyman 15; city assessor, Joyce Pahl 22, Everett Thayer 21.

First ward aldermen, Irene Smith 7, Simon Gruentzel 6, George Webber 3, Dorothy Sawall 2; Second ward, Ethel Fox 5, Betty Hammerberg 5, Harold Pues 4, Wallace Salzman 4; Third ward, Pearl Flohr 5, Norma Hole 4, Jack Seesby 4, Shirley Oestreich 2; Fourth ward,

Valois Miller 6, Evangeline Soffa 5, Clifford Kroll 4, Mary Therens 2; Fifth ward, Irma Baird 6, Emmy Kleinbrook 4, Amy Suring 2, Doris Plowman 1.

Regular Meetings

The council holds regular meetings each first and third Wednesdays after school. Commissioners and committees were named this week by Mayor Allen Ziebur. The finance committee is working out a New London city budget as a sample.

The various committees are as follows: board of review, Mary Therens, June Vandenberg, Norma Hole, Irma Smith; finance, Emmy Kleinbrook, Jeanne Fox, Valois Miller; public property, Irene Smith, Pearl Flohr; relief, Simon Gruentzel, Byron Christian. Commissioners are Wilton Quant, police; Dick Demming, fire; Richard Wyman, street; Arden Smith, health. On the board of public works are Evangeline Soffa, Betty Hammerberg, and Norman Hole.

The entire project is under the supervision and direction of Miss Ellen Lucas, history instructor.

Son Byron Edward Christian Jr. (1923-1937) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 5 Mar 1937 p 17

Byron Edward Christian

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



Detail Source

Name	Byron Edward Christian
Death Date	3 Aug 1937
Death County	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/records?recordId=3818781&collectionId=61483&tid=&pid=&queryId=0222a5b1-8bfa-4511-bd8c-259356459c27&phsrc=cPx26541&phstart=successSource>

Youth Killed by Fallen Live Wire

**Byron Christian, Jr., Acci-
dentally Electrocuted
At New London**

New London — Byron, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian, Sr., New London, was accidentally electrocuted about 9:15 last night when he touched a power line which had broken and fallen in front of his house. An inquest was being held this afternoon at the city hall.

The youth had been playing with some boys when they noticed what they believed to be fireflies. He stepped out to where he had seen the glow and came in contact with the fallen wire that contained 1,100 volts. The boys ran for assistance and the fire department was called. The victim was pronounced dead by a physician when he arrived.

Besides the parents survivors are three sisters, Mrs. Guy Ingersol, Miss Ruth Julia and Miss Marjorie, New London; and two brothers, John and William, New London.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Cline-Learman Funeral home with the Rev. W. E. Pankow of the Lutheran church in charge.

Youth Touches Power Line, Killed Instantly

New London, Wis., Aug. 4—(P)— Byron Christian, Jr., 14, was killed instantly last night when he touched a power line which had broken and fallen in front of his house.

Playmates said the boy thought sparks from the wire were emitted by a firefly and attempted to pick it up.

Left: "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 4 Aug 1937 p 1 and right: "Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Wednesday 4 Aug 1937 p 5

BOY ELECTROCUTED
NEW LONDON — Byron Christian Jr., 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian, New London, was electrocuted last night when he touched a broken light wire, apparently weakened by yesterday's storm, on Waupaca street here.

Companions with whom Byron was playing said the youth grasped the end of the wire, mistaking it for a firefly because of the sparks it threw off.

Attempts to revive the youth were futile. Dr. M. A. Borchardt summoned to the scene, pronounced the youth dead.

Funeral services will be held at the Cline-Learman funeral home Saturday afternoon for Byron Christian Jr., 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian, Waupaca street. The Rev. Walter Pankow of the Emanuel Lutheran church will conduct the services and burial will be in Floral Hill cemetery.

Byron Christian was electrocuted Thursday night when he clapped his hands together against a broken electric light wire, thinking the sparks emitted were fireflies.

Byron was out cycling with four other boys and seeing flickering lights along the Embarrass river, he stopped to try to capture the supposed flies. The electric wire carried 2,300 volts of current, which killed him instantly. Wallace Hammerberg, 15, rode to the fire station and a rescue squad and two physicians rushed to the scene. The accident took place on the St. John's place near the Green Bay and Western railroad tracks.

Left: "Madison (WI) Capital Times" Wednesday 4 Aug 1937 p 12 – right: "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Friday 6 Aug 1937 p 21

City Defendant In \$15,000 Suit

Parents of Youth Who Was Electrocuted Bring Damage Action

New London—A claim of \$15,000 for the death of Byron Christian, Jr., on the grounds of neglect on the part of the city, was filed with the city clerk yesterday by a New London attorney in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian, parents of the 14-year-old boy who was electrocuted Aug. 3 when he mistakenly grabbed a fallen electric wire for a firefly near the Embarrass river at St. John's Place.

The claim probably will be introduced to the council at its regular meeting at the city hall this evening.

The line on which the boy was electrocuted is owned and operated by the New London Light and Water department.

Name New London Defendant in Suit For \$7,700 Damages

Action Against City Based On Death of Byron Christian, Jr.

New London—An action for damages of \$7,760 for the death of Byron Christian, Jr., was started yesterday in the circuit court of Waupaca county against the city of New London by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian, Sr., of this city, through their attorneys, Walter Melchoir of this city and Goggins, Brazeau and Graves of Wisconsin Rapids. Papers were placed in the hands of Irvin Ziebell, constable, to serve on city officials.

The 14-year-old youth was electrocuted the evening of Aug. 3 when he took hold of a fallen electric wire north of the Embarrass river beyond St. John's place.

A claim of \$15,000 presented to the New London common council in August was shelved by that body. According to the complaint no offer of settlement ever was made by the city after the claim was filed.

The new action is based on allegations of negligence on the part of the city in failing to maintain trans-

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" left: Tuesday 17 Aug 1937 p 18 and right: Friday 10 Dec 1937 p 25

Action Against City Dismissed In Circuit Court

Attorney Says He'll Bring New Suit in Death of New London Boy

New London — The case of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian against the city of New London for damages of \$7,500 for the death of their son, Byron, Jr., was dismissed by Circuit Judge Byron B. Park at Stevens Point this week according to notice received here. The judge dismissed the case on the grounds that no verified claim had been filed against the city.

From his office at Madison, Attorney Walter P. Melchoir who is representing the Christians declared that dismissal will only prolong the procedure. A new notice will be filed against the city, for \$15,000 instead of the original \$7,500, he said, and the court will be asked to reopen the case on the grounds that new evidence has been obtained concerning the filing of the claim against the city. The firm of Goggins, Brazeau and Graves of Wisconsin Rapids have joined in the fight for the plaintiffs, Melchoir announced.

\$4,760 Is Awarded To Mother in Suit

Mrs. Byron Christian Wins Action Against City of New London

Waupaca — A circuit court jury late yesterday awarded Mrs. Byron Christian, Sr., New London, \$4,760 in her damage suit for \$15,260 from the city of New London for the death of her son Byron Christian, Jr. who was electrocuted Aug. 3, 1937.

Judge Herman J. Severson, who presided at the trial which opened last Thursday, said in his instructions to the jury that he reserved the right to determine the law in the case and the instructions submitted were in the form of a special verdict.

The youth was killed when he grabbed a live wire which he thought was a firefly. The accident occurred along the Embarrass river at New London.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" left: Friday 8 Jul 1938 p 22 and right: Wednesday 26 Apr 1939 p 10

State High Court Will Hear Appeal In Christian Case

Family Seeks Damages From City Utility in Death of Boy

New London—The appeal of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian for triple damages in the amount of \$14,280 for the death of their son, Byron, Jr., who was electrocuted by a broken electric light wire on Aug. 3, 1937, will be heard in the Wisconsin State Supreme court at Madison at 1:30 Monday afternoon, Feb. 12, according to notice received yesterday by Giles H. Putnam, city attorney.

The appeal was entered last August after Circuit Judge Herman J. Severson of Waupaca set aside the action of a fact-finding jury which in April, 1939, awarded damages of \$4,760 to the Christians on the grounds that the city was negligent in maintaining the line.

Byron Christian, Jr. was electro-

cuted when he picked up a fallen live wire owned by the New London Light and Water Utility. Judge Severson ruled on a point of law defining the service of the utility as a governmental function and as such the utility is not responsible for the negligence of its servants. The plaintiffs claim the city violated regulations of the public service commission and the statutes and that the municipally owned utility is liable the same as a privately owned plant. If so, the city is liable for treble damages.

The question of the city's liability under such circumstances has never been decided by the supreme court under the present statute.

The plaintiffs will be represented by Attorneys Brazeau of Wisconsin Rapids and Walter Melchoir of Appleton.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 23 Jan 1940 p 18

New London Must Pay \$4,760 Claim

Court Awards Damages to Parents of Boy Killed By Live Wire

Madison —(P)— The state supreme court ruled today that the city of New London must pay Byron Christian and his wife, Mildred, damages for the death of their son, Byron, Jr.

The 14-year-old boy was killed August 3, 1937, when he picked up a fallen live wire leading from the city's electric plant.

The court's ruling reversed that of Circuit Judge H. J. Severson who set aside a Waupaca county circuit court jury's award of \$4,760 and dismissed the Christian's suit. The jury award was approved by the supreme court.

Discussing Judge Severson's ruling that the city was not liable because it was operating in a "governmental rather than a proprietary capacity," the court said:

"The city of New London is op-

erating a plant for the production, transmission and delivery of light and power. The legislature has recognized this activity of a municipality as a public utility. This activity places the municipality in the commercial field. We find no distinction between a utility owned by a corporation, company, or individual, and one owned by a village or city which would exempt it from being classified as a proprietary affair."

The court also held the fact that the fallen wire was part of the city's lighting system did not exempt it from liability.

"To make recovery from an injury dependent upon which wire happened to fall would be to ignore the true relation of the utility to the public, and to overlook the rather obvious fact that the hazard of the business in which the city is engaged is the same, as far as the individual plaintiff is concerned, no matter who owns the utility."

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 12 Mar 1940 p 1

Utility Pays 5,285 In Electrocution Case

New London—A check for \$5,285 was issued by City Clerk Mrs. J. C. Freeman yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian in full settlement of damages awarded them by the state supreme court in the death of their son, Byron, Jr., who was electrocuted on Aug. 3, 1937, when he picked up a live city electric light wire that had fallen. The sum was paid from the account of the municipal light and water Utility. The amount of the check included the death award of \$4,760 plus interest and court costs.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 14 May 1940 p 20

**Marjorie (Christian)
Gagnow**

New London, 84, passed away Nov. 17. She was born July 17, 1924, in New London, the daughter of the late Byron and Mildred (Cartwright) Christian. On Jan. 22, 1949, she was united in marriage to Herman Gagnow in New London. Survivors include her sons Randy (Nancy) Gagnow, New London; David (Nancy) Gagnow; and Leo Gagnow (Donna Buelow), New London; her brother Bill Christian; her sister Ruth Eggert; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Herman; her brothers John Christian and Buddy Christian and her sister Helen Ingersoll.

**Seven Applications
For Licenses to Wed**

Waupaca—Seven couples applied last week at the office of County Clerk L. J. Steiger for marriage licenses:

Raymond Hintzke, New London, and Marjorie Christian, New London; Allen L. Niemuth, Saxeville, and Lucinda D. Oehlke, Lind; Russell Ewald, Waupaca, and Margaret Hanson, Waupaca; Bernard Stevenson, Union, and Hazel Heiman, Dupont; Arlington C. Stearns, Lind, and Emma Klug, Lind; Marvin T. Pirk, Lind, and Joyce P. Abrahamson, Waupaca; Ralph A. Boelter, Lanark, and Jean R. Monroe, Waupaco.

Daughter Marjorie M. Christian Hintzke Gagnow (1924-2005) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday 26 Nov 2008 p 95 and right: marriage license Monday 8 Mar 1943 p 3

Hintzke-Gagnow

Mrs. Marjorie Hintzke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian, 218 Lima street, New London, became the bride of Herman Gagnow, Jr., son of the senior Gagnows, 215 E. Spring street, New London, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Emanuel Lutheran church parsonage with the Rev. W. E. Pankow, pastor, in charge of the ceremony.

The bride chose her sister, Mrs. Gordon Eggert, Neenah, for her matron of honor, and Mrs. Theodore Roloff, Appleton, cousin of the bridegroom, as bridesmaid. Mr. Eggert served as best man and Mr. Roloff was the other attendant.

Following a 5 o'clock supper for the immediate families at the home of the bride's parents, a wedding dance and reception were held at the V. F. W. hall, New London.

The bride was employed at Lercher's store at New London for the

last two months. Mr. Gagnow is employed with the Schneider Construction company, New London.

The couple is residing at 512 E. Hancock street, New London.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 24 Jan 1949 p 12



Son John Lamont Christian (1930-2001) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday 28 Jan 1949 p 12



“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” left: Wednesday 28 Jan 1948 p 7 and right: Monday 3 May 1948 p 4

John Lamont Christian

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



Detail

Source

Name	John Lamont Christian
Death Date	27 Aug 2001
Death County	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

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John L Christian

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



Detail

Source

Name	John L Christian
Marriage Date	28 May 1977
Marriage County	Jefferson, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Carol M Hennings

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Christian, John

306 W. Spring Street
New London

Age 71, went to be with Jesus on Monday, August 27, 2001 at Wood Veterans Hospital in Milwaukee. He was born on January 30, 1930 in New London; son of the late Byron and Mildred Christian. John was a life-long resident of New London and served his country in the United States Air Force where he met his wife of 51 years Mary Holohan while stationed in Washington, D.C. He was a truck driver for Schuelke Trucking in New London and Fore Way Express. He was a member of the American Legion Norris - Spencer Post in New London and also a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in New London. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters: Mary (Tim) King, Waupaca; Teresa (Bryan) Kessler, New London; six sons: Byron Christian, New London; Michael Christian, Appleton; Stephen (Ann) Christian, New London; Jon (Faith) Christian, Racine; Patrick Christian, Appleton; Timothy Christian, Appleton; a brother, Bill Christian, Elkorn;

three sisters: Helen (Guy) Ingersoll, New London; Ruth Eggert, Neenah; Marge Gagnow, New London; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother Buddy, two grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, and a sister-in-law. A memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. noon on Thursday, August 30, 2001 at the Cline and Hanson Funeral Home in New London. Interment will be in the Floral Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Full military honors will be held.

We will miss you and always love and remember you.

Love your wife, children and grandchildren.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 28 Aug 2001 p 20



John Lamont Christian (1930-2001) – Find A Grave 136837461

William Russell Christian

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



Detail Source

Name	William Russell Christian
Gender	Male
Death Date	8 May 2010
Death County	Walworth, Wisconsin, USA
Father	Christian

Son William Russell Christian (1934-2010) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/records?recordId=205245648&collectionId=61483&tid=&pid=&queryId=94677487-a6f3-488e-b80d-995750c0b01d&_phsrc=cPx26404&_phstart=successSource

William Christian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian, 218 Wyman street, is vacationing for a few weeks with his brother, Corporal John Christian, in Washington, D.C. The New London soldier is with the army air force and works in the Washington weather bureau.



MR. AND MRS. Myron Greene, route 1, Ogdensburg, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marion Delores, to William Christian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian, 218 Lima street, New London. No wedding date is set.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Left: in Army - Friday 29 Jul 1949 p 4 – right: engagement - Tuesday 13 Jan 1953 p 16 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/396041864/>

William Russell Christian

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



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Detail Source

Name William Russell Christian

Gender Male

Divorce Date 28 Feb 2000

Divorce Place Walworth, Wisconsin, USA

Registration Date 17 Mar 2000

Spouse Marion Delores Christian

Certificate Number 2840

Divorced 28 Feb 2000 in WI https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/records?recordId=50416887&collectionId=61485&tid=&pid=&queryId=9719d7e8-3d10-4a27-9eb6-f59cf86c71a0&_phsrc=cPx26549&_phstart=successSource

Marion Delores Christian

in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001



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Detail Source

Name Marion Delores Christian

Maiden Name Greene

Gender Female

Race White

Marriage Date 3 Jan 2000

Marriage Place Volusia, Florida, USA

Spouse Fred Wanton Wadsworth

Certificate 001370

Source Florida Department of Health

But Marion Delores Greene Christian married 3 Jan 2000 in Volusia Co. FL – might this be 3 Feb 2000? -

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Waukegan Licenses

Russell Bezotte and Pauline Lament, Kenosha; Myron Greene, Burlington, and Arline Schmuck, Walworth, have been granted marriage licenses at Waukegan.

Marion's parents marry Jan 1936, she born Oct 1936 - "Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 2 Jan 1936 p 4

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Greene at the Memorial hospital Thursday, October 1.

Birth of Marion Delores Greene - "Burlington (WI) Free Press" Thursday 8 Oct 1936 p 5

Christian, Marion D. and Wadsworth, Fred W.

Marriage license in FL - "Orlando (FL) Sentinel" Friday 4 Feb 2000 p 56

Fred W. Wadsworth

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



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Detail Source

Name	Fred W. Wadsworth
Social Security Number	032-01-9992
Birth Date	11 Apr 1920
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Massachusetts
Last Residence	32720, Deland, Volusia, Florida
Death Date	28 Feb 2008

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693/records/82155710>

William Russell Christian

in the U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-Current



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Detail	Source
Name	William Russell Christian
Gender	Male
Death Age	75
Birth Date	31 May 1934
Birth Place	New London
Residence Place	Elkhorn
Death Date	8 May 2010
Obituary Date	11 May 2010
Child	Julie Hibler Cherry Georgen Scott Lori James
Siblings	Ruth Swaggert

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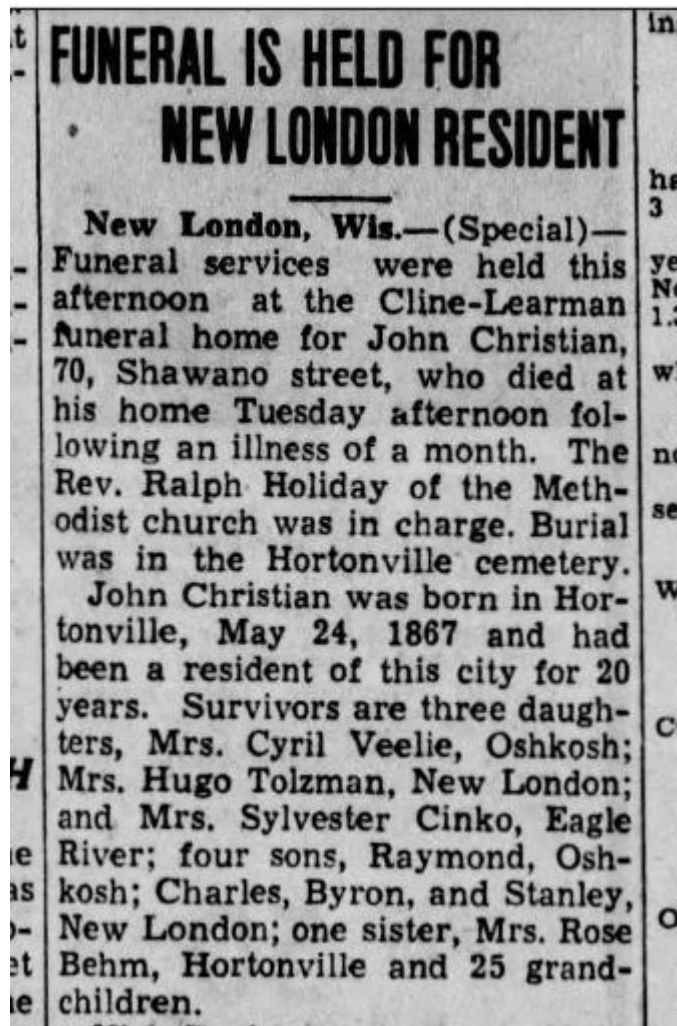




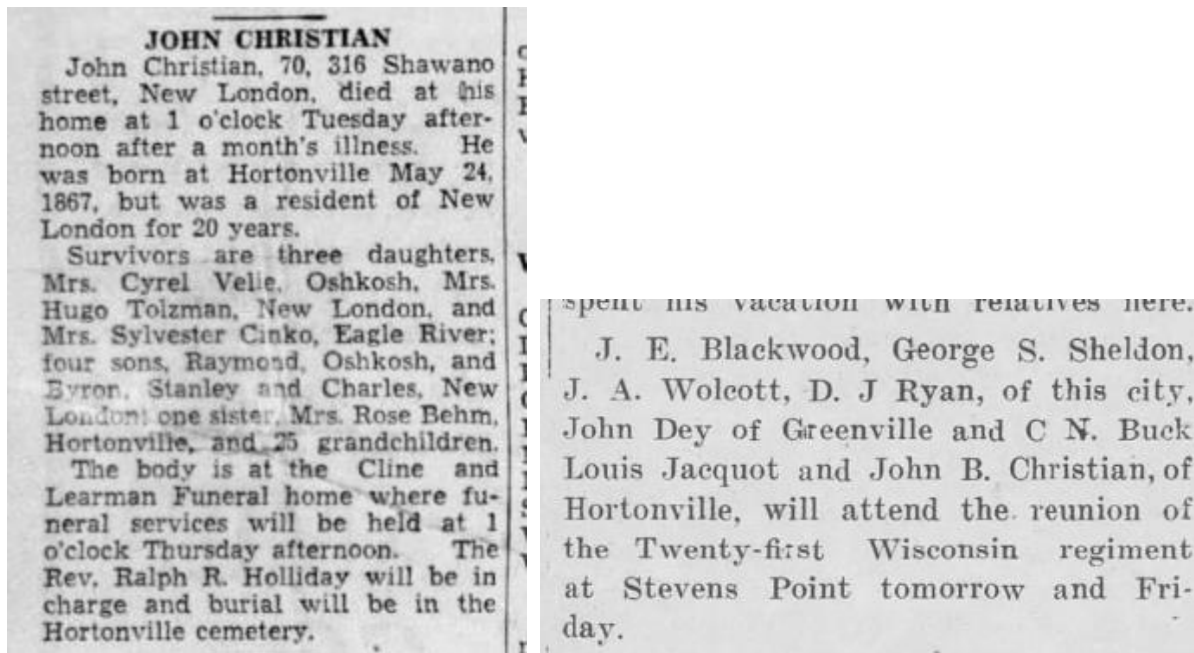
New London (WI) High School, 1951 yearbook, William
4th from left in middle row -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1572550791:1265>

Father:



John Byron Christian – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Friday 21 May 1937 p 23



"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" left: obituary - Wednesday 19 May 1937 p 12 – and right: "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 23 Sep 1908 p 5

Mother:

Ella Etta Castleton

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



Detail	Source
Name	Ella Etta Castleton
Death Date	16 Jul 1939
Death County	Vilas, Wisconsin, USA

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Stepfather:

Emil Castleton dies at age 90

Emil Roy Castleton, 90, died Friday, June 29 in Wausau.

He was born, January 10, 1883 in Hortonville, Wis. He has been a resident of Eagle River for 50 years.

He is survived by his daughters Mrs. Harold (Gladys) Hodge, Eagle River, Mrs. Sylvester Cinko, St. Germain, 13 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 30 at Gaffney Funeral Home with Rev. Len Johnson officiating. Interment was in the Eagle River cemetery.

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Emil Roy Castleton – Find A Grave 21119078

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Siblings:

Christian

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



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Detail Source

Name	Christian
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	18 Sep 1892
Birth Place	Ellington, Outagamie, Wisconsin
Father	John Christian, Jr
Mother	Ella Slater
FHL Film Number	1305138

Male b. 18 Sep 1892 Ellington, Outagamie WI - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/records?recordId=855597&collectionId=2544&tid=&pid=&queryId=d4d7edd3-1bf0-4ca7-9e2a-c6f6dd2ad300&_phsrc=cPx26481&_phstart=successSource

1. FULL NAME OF CHILD 2. COLOR 3. SEX 4. NAMES OF OTHER ISSUE LIVING	No. <i>740</i> 02364 <i>White</i> <i>Male</i>
5. FULL NAME OF FATHER 6. OCCUPATION 7. FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER 8. DATE OF BIRTH 9. PLACE OF BIRTH 10. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER 11. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	<i>John Christian Jr</i> <i>Labourer</i> <i>Ella Slater</i> <i>Sept. 18, 1892</i> <i>Town of Ellington</i> <i>W. Va.</i> <i>W. Va.</i>
12. NAME: ATTENDANT SIGNING CERTIFICATE 13. RESIDENCE OF SUCH PERSON 14. DATE OF CERTIFICATE 15. DATE OF REGISTRATION 16. ANY ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES	<i>H. D. Hardacker M.D.</i> <i>Hortonville</i> <i>September 25-1893</i> <i>November 9-1893</i>

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Christian

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



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Detail Source

Name	Christian
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	19 Dec 1895
Birth Place	Hortonville, Outagamie, Wisconsin
Father	John Christian
FHL Film Number	1305139

His family? – Son born to John Christian 19 Dec 1895 -

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Stanley A. Christian

Stanley A. Christian, 56, town of Mukwa, died at Wood, Wis., at 1:15 Wednesday afternoon after a 6-month illness. He was born Dec. 19, 1896, at Hortonville. He operated the Christian turkey farm for 21 years.

He served in World war I with the Antigo trench mortar battery of the 32nd division. He was a member of Norris-Spencer Post of the American Legion.

Survivors include the widow; one daughter, Mrs. Orville Klinger, Oshkosh; two sons, Roger and Dale, New London; three brothers, Byron and Charles, both of New London, and Raymond, Oshkosh; four sisters, Mrs. Cyril Velie, Oshkosh, Mrs. Marie Tolzman, New London, Mrs. Sylvester Cinko and Mrs. Gladys Hodge.

both of Eagle River; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call after 7 o'clock tonight until 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the Cline and Learman funeral home, New London. Members of the Norris-Spencer Legion post will take part in the funeral. Services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Emanuel Lutheran church, New London, by the Rev. W. E. Pankow, pastor. Burial will be in Union cemetery, Hortonville.

Brother Stanley Albert Christian (1896-1953) - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 22 Jan 1953 p 35

Marriage Licenses

Applications for marriage licenses were made this morning to Herman J. Kamps, county clerk, by Stanley Christian of New London and Alma A. Oppen of Hortonville; Edward S. Maas and Lydia Fuller of Black Creek.

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Stanley A. Christian

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



Detail

Source

Name	Stanley A. Christian
Marriage Date	10 Mar 1920
Marriage County	Outagamie, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Alma A. Opper

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Stanley A Christian

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



Detail

Source

Name	Stanley A Christian
Death Date	21 Jan 1953
Death County	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

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wedding gown.

Last Wednesday afternoon a pretty wedding was solemnized at the Lutheran church when Miss Alma Oppen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Oppen of this village, was united to Stanley Christian, son of John Christian of New London. The Rev. G. E. Boettcher officiated. The bride wore a white silk dress, wreath and veil, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The young couple was attended by Miss Laura Oppen, sister of the bride, and Joseph Cartwright of New London.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 16 Mar 1920 p 9

Raymond B. Christian

Raymond B. Christian, 88, Oshkosh, died Saturday morning in Park View Health Center.

He was born March 4, 1898, in Hortonville, the son of John and Ella Slater Christian. He married Louise Pепенburg Oct. 30, 1924, in Escanaba, Mich. She died Oct. 20, 1975.

Mr. Christian was employed by Rockwell International until retiring in 1963. He was a member of Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two sons, Don and Leland, both of Oshkosh; one brother, Byron, King; one sister, Marie Tolzman, New London; two half-sisters, Mrs. Sylvester (Genevieve) Cinko, St. Germaine, and Gladys Hodge, Eagle River; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, the Rev. Daniel Habeck officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Park.

Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m.

A memorial has been established.

Christian-Pепенburg

The marriage of Miss Louise Pепенburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pепенburg, Harrison street, to Raymond Christian of New London took place Thursday at Menominee, Mich. The wedding came as a surprise to local friends. Mr. and Mrs. Christian will make their home for the present with the bride's parents.

Brother Raymond Byron Christian (1898-1986) - Note; Genevieve Christian Cinko is his full sister, not a half-sister as Gladys Hodge is - "Oshkosh (WI) Sunday 28 Sep 1986 p 29 and right: marriage - "Neenah (WI) News-Record" Monday 3 Nov 1924 p 3

Michigan, U.S., Marriage Records, 1867-1952 for John Christon

Registers, 1887-1925 > 1921-1925 > 1924 Kalamazoo-Monroe

795	Oct 30	1924	Raymond Christon	26	W	Neenah, Wis.
			Louisa Pietpenburg	27	W	" "
Hortonville, Wis.	Labor	John Christian				Alice Slater No
Neenah, Wis.	Shirk	Herman				Augusta Bartz No
		Pietpenburg				
Oct 30	1924	"	Geo. E. Schroeder			Mrs. Agnes Schroeder
			Pastor Christ			Scotfield Todish.
			Luth. Church			

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WED AT MENOMINEE.

Friends of Miss Louise Pepenburg

and Raymond Christian were surprised when announcement of the marriage of the young couple was made this week. The marriage took place last Thursday at Menominee, Mich., without previous announcement of their plans. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pepenburg, Harrison street. Christian's home is in New London.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Tuesday 4 Nov 1924 p 5

Velie services

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home for Lila E. Velie, 84, Oshkosh, who died Monday.

Capt. Ed Tutewiler will officiate and burial will be in Hobart Cemetery, Royalton.

Mrs. Velie was born March 23, 1900, in Hortonville, the daughter of John and Ella Slater Christian. She married Cyrel A. Velie, May 12, 1912, in Hortonville. He died Jan. 22, 1960.

Mrs. Velie was a member of the Salvation Army and its Home League.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Ernie (Yvonne) Kallin, Eunice Coates and Lucille Hinz, all of Oshkosh, and Lois Lenahan, Chicago; two sons, Joel, Ripon, and James, Oshkosh; two brothers, Byron Christian, New London, and Ray Christian, Oshkosh; three sisters, Mrs. Harold (Gladys) Hodge and Mrs. Sylvester (Genevieve) Cinko, both of Eagle River, and Marie Toltzman, New London; 27 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services.

Sister Lila Elzina Christian Velie (1900-1984) – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Tuesday 30 Oct 1984 p 28

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

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Name	Lila Elzina Christian
Marriage Date	12 May 1917
Marriage County	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Cyril Alonzo Velie

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/105829633/person/190048924742/facts>

Cyrel A. Velie

Cyrel A. Velie, 62, of 2331 Geneva St., died Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. at Mercy Hospital. He had been in ill health for a year and one-half and seriously ill one week.

He was born June 13, 1897, in Town of Mukwa, Waupaca County, son of Albert and Eunice Velie. He was married in Hortonville on May 12, 1917, to Miss Lila Christian. They came to Oshkosh from New London in 1923.

Mr. Velie operated the elevator at Oshkosh National Bank Building before his retirement. A veteran of World War I, having served in the Army, he was a member of Cooke Fuller Post 70 of American Legion and Chapter 17 of Disabled American Veterans. He attended Apostolic Gospel Church.

Surviving are his wife, Lila; his father, Albert, New London; two sons, Joel Velie, Rt. 4, Appleton, and James Velie, Oshkosh; four daughters, Mrs. Evon Kallin, Oshkosh, Mrs. Eunice Coates and Mrs. Lois Whitney, Chicago, and Mrs. Lucille Hinz, Roswell, N.M.; one sister, Mrs. Leon Meyer, New London; 23 grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Spikes, McDonald & Harford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert Roh, pastor of Apostolic Gospel Church, and the Rev. George Gordon officiating. Burial will be in Hobart Cemetery, Town of Royalton.

Friends may call at the funeral home from Friday at 7 p.m. until the hour of services.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Thursday 21 Jan 1960 p 4

Charles D. Christian

910 North Street, New London

Age 70, passed away in New London on Monday after a short illness. He was born March 14, 1903 in Hortonville and had been a long time employee of the City of New London Street Department, having retired January 14, 1968. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Francis (Jackie) Quaintance, New London, Mrs. Kenneth (Carol) Jenkins, Bryson City, North Carolina and Mrs. Russell (Donna) Kettner, Shiocton; two sons, Robert Christian, Lake Oswego, Oregon and Keith Christian, Manitowoc; two step-daughters, Mrs. Anita Vohs, Fremont, Mrs. Marlyn (Marilyn) Looker, Waupaca; a step-son, Kenneth Abraham, Lebanon, Tennessee; two brothers, Byron, New London, and Ray of Oshkosh; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Tolzman, New London and Mrs. Lida Velie, Oshkosh; two step-sisters, Mrs. Jen Cinko and Mrs. Gladys Finkle, both of Eagle River; seventeen great-grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. from the Cline & Hanson Funeral Home, New London with burial in Union Cemetery in Hortonville, with Rev. George B. Robison, officiating. Friends may call at the Cline and Hanson Funeral Home, New London after 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, until the time of service on Wednesday.

Brother Charles Delton Christian (1903-1973) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 31 Jul 1973 p 25

Wisconsin, Birth Index, 1820-1907[View record](#)

Name	Charles D Christian
Birth Date	14 Mar 1903
Birth Place	Outagamie, Wisconsin, USA
Reel	0230
Record Number	000413

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/105829633/person/190048928678/facts>

Pre-1907 > Outagamie

No. 00413

1. FULL NAME OF CHILD *Charles Delton Christian*

2. COLOR *White*

3. SEX *Male*

4. NAMES OF OTHER ISSUE LIVING *Byron; Stanley; Raymond; Mabel*

5. FULL NAME OF FATHER *John Christian*

6. OCCUPATION OF FATHER *Farmer*

7. FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Ella Davis*

8. DATE OF BIRTH *9th Mar 1903*

9. PLACE OF BIRTH *Hortonville*

10. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER *Hortonville*

11. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER *Van Buren, Wis*

12. NAME: ATTENDANT SIGNING CERTIFICATE *John Cunningham*

13. RESIDENCE OF SUCH PERSON *Hortonville*

14. DATE OF CERTIFICATE *April 9 1913*

15. NAME OF HEALTH OFFICER OR CLERK *A. Hanson M.D.*

16. RESIDENCE *Hortonville*

17. DATE OF REGISTRATION *April 9 1913*

18. ANY ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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Charles Delton Christian

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



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Detail Source

Name	Charles Delton Christian
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	14 Mar 1903
Birth Place	Hortonville, Outagamie, Wisconsin
Father	John Christian
FHL Film Number	1305139

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Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952


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Name Katherine Branvold
 Gender Female
 Race White
 Age 19
 Birth Date abt 1899
 Birth Place Wisconsin
 Marriage Date 12 Oct 1918
 Marriage Place Menominee, Menominee, Michigan, USA
 Residence Place New Landon, Wisconsin
 Father Martin Br??
 Spouse George Abraham
 Record Number 459

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/105829633/person/190063761454/facts>

**Mrs. Charles
(Katherine) Christian**
(Katherine)
910 North St., New London
Age 72, passed away in Appleton Thursday following an illness of four months. She was born November 27, 1899 in Appleton and had been a New London resident most of her life. Survivors are her husband, Charles; five daughters, Mrs. Anita Bols, Fremont; Mrs. Marilyn (Marilyn) Looker, Wau-paca; Mrs. Francis (Jackie) Quaintance, New London; Mrs. Kenneth (Carol) Jenkins, Bryson City, N.C.; Mrs. Russell (Donna) Kettner, Shiocton; three sons, Kenneth Abraham, Lebanon, Tenn.; Robert Christian, Sacramento, Calif.; Keith Christian, Manitowoc; three brothers, William Bronold, Appleton; Harold Bronold, San Francisco; George Bronold, Kelso, Washington; seven sisters, Mrs. Anna St. George, Riverside, California; Mrs. Herbert Bellringer, Canada; Mrs. Melvin Euron, Bear Creek; Mrs. C. Chappie, Wisconsin Dells; Mrs. Ernest Rusch, Appleton; Mrs. Edward Sechedgick, Appleton; Mrs. Floyd Nelson, Winneconne; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Donald, in 1945. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cline and Hanson Funeral Home, New London, with burial in the Union Cemetery, Hortonville. The Rev. Robert Quinlan will officiate.

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Record Number.	Date of License.			Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride if a Widow.	Age of Each in Years.	White, Black, Mulatto, Etc.	Residence of Each.	Birthplace of Each.
	Month.	Day.	Year.					
45-9	Dec	12	1918	George Abraham 19 Ferdinand Brunel 19	19	"	"	Stevens R. Shi This

Occupation of Each.	Name of Father of Each.	Maiden Name of Mother of Each.	Time Previously Married.	Date of Marriage.			Place of Marriage.
				Month.	Day.	Year.	
Grace	Mr. George	Grace	no	Dec	12	1918	Stevens R. Shi
none	Ferdinand Brunel	no	no				

Names.		Residences.	
R. P. Ernest Herman	Portage, Wisconsin	Stevens R. Shi	Stevens R. Shi
Grace	Portage, Wisconsin	Stevens R. Shi	Stevens R. Shi
Spice. Church			

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George Abrams

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Birth Index, 1808-1907



Detail	Source
Name	George Abrams
Birth Date	7 Nov 1897
Birth Place	Portage, Wisconsin, USA
Reel	0322
Record Number	DX1492

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George Abrams

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



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Detail	Source
Name	George Abrams
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	7 Nov 1897
Death Date	4 Nov 1961
Claim Date	27 Nov 1961
Father	George Abrams
Mother	Mary
SSN	020162783
Notes	Jul 1973: Name listed as GEORGE ABRAMS

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30074518:60901>



Mr. and Mrs. George Abrams

LOWELL — A delightful silver jubilee party was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Abrams, 286 Fletcher street, in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of the couple which occurred on Feb. 1. Many relatives and friends were in attendance, and the couple is observing open house all day today.

They were the recipients of many gifts, cards, and beautiful flowers. They were married in Chicago, Ill., and have four chil-

dren, Jack, Beverly, George and Joseph. Before her marriage Mrs. Abrams was Marie Johnson. For the past 12 years the couple has resided in Lowell.

POLLY'S POTATO CHIPS

BUY THE BAG WITH THE
TALKING PARROT
Made in Lowell

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Residence

1922 • Lowell, Massachusetts, USA

George Abraham, living in Lowell with 1st wife, Katherine at 100 Suffolk St., where his mother and her second husband (Mary & Assad Shalhoup) also lived

1 source



arrest

25 Feb 1924 • Marshfield, Wisconsin

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Birth of son [Donald Robert Abraham](#) (1924–1945)

13 December 1924 • New London, WI



still in jail

7 Jan 1925 • Appleton, Wisconsin

1 source 1 media

Death of half-brother [George A Abraham](#) (1898–1925)

abt 1925 • Massachusetts, USA



wife desertion

23 Mar 1926 • Appleton, Wisconsin

1 source 1 media



jail break

7 Jun 1926 • Green Bay, Wisconsin

Peggy O'Shea

1 source 1 media



Criminal history

11 Jun 1926 • Kenosha, Wisconsin

1 source 1 media



George and Katherine divorce

2 Dec 1926 • Appleton, Wisconsin

1 source 1 media

Birth of son **John "Jack" Carlton Abrams** (1928–2012)

14 Mar 1928 • Buffalo, Erie, New York, USA

Birth of daughter **Beverly Abrams** (1932–2022)

abt 1932 • Wisconsin

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PRISONER ESCAPES FROM APPLETON JAIL

CHICAGO—(U.P.)—Acting on telephoned advice from police officials at Appleton, Wis., local officers here today were on the lookout for George Abraham, who last night escaped from the Appleton jail. Abraham, who is 28 years old, was serving a term for forgery, according to the Wisconsin message and had been corresponding with Peggy O'Shea, an actress in Chicago. A search is being made for the girl.

Green Bay Press-Gazette

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courts.

Wanted in Many Cities

Abrams was known variously as George Abrams, George Abrahams, George Harris and Jack Harrison. He is charged here with cashing a check for \$35 upon the Hotel Kenosha on December 17, 1923, which proved worthless, and with passing a false and forged check upon Joseph Greenwald for the sum of \$100 about the same time.

News that the man was wanted here was sent by the Kenosha police to other departments throughout the state, and from time to time, information of Abrams' activities have drifted in.

It was learned that he was wanted at Sheboygan, Appleton, Neenah, Menasha and Oshkosh on charges similar to those held in pickle for him in Kenosha.

Served Time at Oshkosh

On December 31, 1924, the police here received information that Abrams had been arrested at Fond du Lac, and turned over to Oshkosh where he was serving a four months' imprisonment for issuing worthless checks.

At the time of Abrams' arrest at Fond du Lac, he was believed to have been one of a pair who had been victimizing merchants and automobile dealers in Milwaukee, Chicago and throughout the Fox River valley.

Abrams is said to be a former bond salesman. His home was formerly at New London, Wis., and there his respectable parents, who are in the grocery business, still live, the police say.

Turned Over to Evanston

Recently when the Kenosha police asked for the return of Abrams for prosecution here, Evanston presented a claim for the man. He was sentenced to imprisonment on a bad check charge.

This week the prisoner broke jail, adding one more feat to his long list of misdemeanors. A description of Abrams has been sent out by the Evanston police, but description and photograph were already among the active record of the police department.

The name of an actress, who is said to be a correspondent of Abrams, was furnished with the Evanston dispatch.

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GRANT TWO DIVORCES IN WAUPACA-CO COURT

Special to Post-Crescent

New London—Absolute divorce was granted in Waupaca-co court recently to Mrs. Catherine Abraham from George Abraham on the grounds of desertion and non-support. Mrs. Mildred Jero of this city also was granted a divorce on the same grounds from Floyd Jero.

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MILWAUKEE COPS NAB NEW LONDON MAN SOUGHT HERE

George Abrams, Sought in
Five Cities, Stole Car Here
Monday Night

George Abrams, a former resident of New London, wanted in five Wisconsin cities for passing bogus checks, and stealing automobiles, was apprehended by Milwaukee police on

tiens the wets complain of. We have one-half of 1 per cent beer now. It

Tuesday morning after he had passed a bad check at Neenah and stolen a car from the Dean Auto Livery, 111 W. North-st., Monday evening.

Abrams, has been taken into custody a number of times in this city for passing bogus checks but always won his release when he made the checks good. Monday night he passed the check at Neenah and "rented" a car from the Dean livery. Chief Watts of Neenah notified Chief Prim of the passing of the bogus check and a call was received from the Dean livery soon after. Chief Prim immediately broadcast the news and Abrams was picked up in Milwaukee.

The Cream City police refused to release him to local officers as he was wanted for passing bogus checks there. After serving his sentence there, he will be brought to Appleton and Neenah. At present he is wanted in Milwaukee, Neenah, and Kenosha for passing bogus checks, in Appleton for stealing a car and in New London for wife desertion.

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A letter from D. K. Allen, district attorney of Winnebago-co, was read to the council. The letter stated he had several letters from Mrs. George Abraham of New London, wife of George Abraham, who is in jail at Oshkosh, claiming that she was badly in need of outside assistance, and desiring some of her husband's wages. However, he has only earned \$28.50 so far, and the district attorney says that he has been informed that this money is not even sufficient to pay for Abraham's board in jail. As Abraham is to be arrested again as soon as he is released at Oshkosh, his wife will receive aid from the city of New London, the council decided and perhaps a mother's pension later on.

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Cathrine Abraham

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



Detail	Source
Name	Cathrine Abraham
Divorce Date	2 Nov 1926
Divorce Place	Wisconsin, USA
Registration Date	25 Aug 1926
Spouse	George Abraham

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Other sources:

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/marshfield-news-herald/91738021/>

Vohs, Anita K.

Anita K. Vohs, 85, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005 at Theda Clark Regional Medical Center, Neenah. Anita was born on November 22, 1919, in New London, to the late George and Katharine (Bronold) Abraham. She was raised in New London by her mother and step-father, Charles Christian. Anita was a graduate of Washing High School, New London. She was united in marriage to Lawrence H. Vohs on October 14, 1942 at St. Peter's Lutheran parsonage, Larsen. They made their home

in Zittau. Lawrence preceded her in death on August 18, 1970. This union was blessed with three children who survive. Anita was employed as a cook for many years at Immel's Supper Club and then at Wally and Jeanette's Supper Club. She retired in the 1980's.

Survivors include, a son, Gary (JoAnn) Vohs, Kaukauna;

two daughters, Karen (Raymond) Pagel, Weyauwega; and Cathy Vohs (Bill Pastor), Washington, D.C.; five grandchildren, Stephanie (Dale Sanderfoot), Little Chute; Anthony (Cheree) Vohs, Hubertus; Lisa Liepert, Weyauwega; Laurie Pagel, Weyauwega and Michael Pagel, Fond du Lac; six great-grandchildren, Lance, Adam, Laura,

Heather, Mitchell, and Abby. She is further survived by, two brothers, Kenneth Abraham, Madison, Tenn.; and Keith (Shirley) Christian, Manitowoc; two sisters, Marilyn Looker, Waupaca; and Carol (Gene) Trammel, Topton, N.C.; an uncle, Harold Bronold, Calif.; and a brother-in-law, Francis Quaintance, New London.

Anita was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and Robert; and two sisters, Jackie Quaintance and Donna (Kettner) Christian.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Feb. 25, 2005 at 11 a.m. at the Lewin Funeral Home, Fremont. Pastor Timothy Routh will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeview Memorial

Park, Oshkosh. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established.

Lewin Funeral Home
210 Main St.
Fremont, WI 54940
920-446-2288

www.lewinfuneralhome.com

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Lisle D Christian

Birth • Wisconsin Birth Index, 1820-1907

SAVE
EDIT
SHARE

Name **Lisle D Christian**
 Event Type **Birth**
 Event Date **10 Aug 1905**
 Event Place **Outagamie, Wisconsin**
 Affiliate Film Number **0231**
 Record Number **000101**

Brother Lisle/Leslie Dewitt Christian, 1905-1907 -
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH4Y-XQR>

Lisle Dewitt Christian

Vital • Wisconsin Births and Christenings, 1826-1926

Name	Lisle Dewitt Christian
Sex	Male
Race	White
Father's Name	John Christian
Father's Sex	Male
Father's Birthplace	Wisconsin
Mother's Name	Ella Slater
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Birthplace	Wisconsin, United States
Event Type	Birth
Event Date	10 Aug 1905
Event Place	Hortonville, Outagamie, Wisconsin, United States
Event Place (Original)	Hortonville, Outagamie Co., Wis

Lisle Dewitt Christian's Parents and Siblings [OPEN ALL](#)

John Christian	Father	M	Wisconsin	▼
Ella Slater	Mother	F	Wisconsin, United States	▼

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LRF7-G86>

Lisle De Witt Christian

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



Detail

Source

Name	Lisle De Witt Christian
Death Date	10 Oct 1907
Death County	Outagamie, Wisconsin, USA

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61483/records/2348537?tid=&pid=&queryid=2fcc3a4e-9af6-46b6-b9bc-6e23d82889d3&_phsrc=cPx26503&_phstart=successSource

Marie C. Toltzman

St. Joseph Residence,
New London

Age 87, passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 1995 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 1, 1908 in Hortonville, the daughter of John and Ella (Slater) Christian and moved to New London around 1915. She was a New London resident for the rest of her life. She married Hugo Toltzman who preceded her in death in 1972. Marie was known for her concern and caring for others. She sent out cards for every occasion and took photographs of everyone. She will be greatly missed by all of her

friends and relatives. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Wayne and Clarice Toltzman, New London; two grandchildren and their spouses: Christine and Bill Knapp and Shawn and Cherie Toltzman; eight great-grandchildren: David, Jennifer, Jesse, Kevin, and Kathryn Murphy, Taylor Porter and Nicholas and Ashley Toltzman; a great-great-granddaughter, Kayla Murphy; a sister and brother-in-law: Gladys and Harold Hodge, Three Lakes; many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, Marie was preceded in death by four brothers: Byron, Raymond, Stanley and Charles Christian; two sisters: Lila Velie and Gen Cinco; a grandson, Steven Toltzman. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the St. Joseph Residence Chapel in New London with the Rev. Donald Gauerke officiating. Friends may call at the Chapel on Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be in the Union Cemetery in Hortonville. Cline-Hanson Funeral Home of New London is assisting the family with arrangements.

Sister Marie Christine Christian Toltzman (1908-1995) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”
Thursday 27 Apr 1995 p 22

NEW LONDON COUPLE IS WED AT WAUPACA

Waupaca — Miss Marie C. Christian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Christian, Waupaca, and Hugo Toltzman, New London, were married here Monday morning by M. B. Scott, justice of the peace.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 16 Dec 1929 p 14

Two Divorce Decrees Given in Circuit Court

Judge Henry P. Hughes granted two divorces in municipal court yesterday afternoon.

Hugo Toltzman, 53, New London, was granted a divorce from Marie Toltzman, 35, New London. The couple married at Waupaca Dec. 16, 1926 and separated last August.

Ella Schaenzer, 36, Hortonville, was granted a divorce from Ray Schoenzer, 39, Manitowoc. The mother was given custody of two minor children and awarded support of \$15 per week. The couple married at Milwaukee Dec. 27, 1926 and separated last January.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 13 Oct 1942 p 12

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Jenny Cinko

Jenny Cinko of Mishicot, a former area resident, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 1993 in Two Rivers Community Hospital. She was 82.

Mrs. Cinko married Sylvester Cinko on Oct. 19, 1929 in Eagle River; he preceded her in death in 1989.

She was employed as a clerk at the Red Owl grocery store and the post office in St. Germain for more than 20 years.

After her husband's death she moved to Mishicot.

Survivors include four daughters, Marian Rand of Mishicot, Bev Ritter

of Salem, Patricia Cowan of Holiday, Fla., and Rose Dionne of Marinette; three sons, Joe of Springfield, Ozzie of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Paul of Bristol; two sisters, Marie Tolzman of New London and Gladys Hodge of Eagle River; 22 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Tim.

The funeral service was held Sept. 26, at Lambert Funeral Home in Misicot with the Rev. Ronald Helgerson officiating. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery in Eagle River.

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Sister Genevieve (Jenny) Christian [Castleton] Cinko (1911-1993) – Find A Grave
156049829

Sylvester Cinko

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



Detail	Source
Name	Sylvester Cinko
Marriage Date	20 Oct 1933
Marriage County	Vilas, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Genevieve Castleton

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/records?recordId=1039157&collectionId=61484&tid=&pid=&queryId=d3945726-b86d-452c-a9da-223eb153816f&_phsrc=cPx26535&_phstart=successSource

MYRTLE CINKO

Mrs. Myrtle Cinko was born at Jacksonville, Mo., July 28th, 1889, and died at Koshkonong the 22nd of January, 1946.

She is survived by three sons, Sylvester Cinko of Eagle River, Wisc., John Cinko of Koshkonong, and Paul who is in the Marine Corps; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Juve of Eagle River, Wisc.; a sister, Mrs. Alpha Blanquert of Peoria, Ill., and two brothers, Roy Durham of Chicago and William Durham of Peoria.

The funeral was held at West Plains Friday morning, with Father Stevens in charge, and burial was in the White Church Cemetery.

"West Plains (MO) Journal-Gazette" Thursday 31 Jan 1946 p 5

Rover Woman Dies From Heart Attack

**Mrs. Paul Cinko Moved Here
From Chicago In April,
1945**

(From Last Thursday's Daily Quill)
Mrs. Myrtle Cinko, 56, wife of Paul Cinko of the Rover community east of West Plains, died at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, death resulting suddenly from a heart attack.

Mrs. Cinko was a native of Moberly, Mo., having been born there July 28, 1889, but she and her husband had been living in Chicago just prior to moving to Howell county in April, 1945.

Besides her husband Mrs. Cinko is survived by three sons and one daughter, John Cinko of the family home, Sylvester Cinko and Miss Helen Juve Cinko, both of Eagle River, Wis., and Warrant Officer L. P. Cinko of the U.S. Navy who is with the USS Mindora. Also one sister, Mrs. Alpha Blanquart of Peoria, Ill., and 17 grandchildren survive.

grandchildren survive.

Two of the sons, John and Sylvester and the daughter, all were here when Mrs. Cinko passed away, and Mrs. Sylvester Cinko arrived last night. The son in the navy also is expected to be here, but the time of his arrival has not been determined.

Funeral at White Church

Funeral arrangements are incomplete today, but it is expected that the service will be held Friday in St. Joseph's Catholic church at White Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery under direction of Mrs. Paige Robertson of the Robertson funeral home.

5 BOYS REPORT KIDNAPING BY MEN, 2 GIRLS STILL HELD

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—(By U. P.)—Five of seven small children feared to have drowned at a Lake Michigan beach yesterday, returned home today and told a story of being kidnaped by two men. The five who returned were boys. They said two missing were girls still at a house where all were kept overnight.

The party, which started for the lake together, included Nellie Kluth, 13, and her brothers, Bernard, 7; Lester, 5; Francis, 3, and her sister, Marie, 2, and Helen and Paul Cinko, aged 13 and 4 respectively. An all-night search for them was unsuccessful.

"St. Louis (MO) Star & Times" Monday 13 Aug 1923 p 2

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Half-sister:

Gladys Mae Hodge

Gladys Mae Hodge of Woodruff died Friday, March 20, 2009, at Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff. She was 93.

Mrs. Hodge was born June 8, 1915, in Tipler, the daughter of Emil and Ella (nee Slater) Castleton. She married Frances Cinko March 22, 1934, and later married Harold Hodge Feb. 16, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; two sons, Charles Cinko and Bert Hodge; two daughters, Elaine Sweet and Jeanette Hodge; and two

grandsons, James Bailey and Jeff Sweet.

Mrs. Hodge is survived by two daughters, Jean (Charles) Bailey of Alpha, Mich. and Millie Turney of Eagle River; a son, Russell (Kathy) of Oshkosh; 16 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held March 24 at Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home in Eagle River. The Rev. David Johnson officiated.

Interment will be in Eagle River Cemetery.

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Half-sister Gladys Mae Castleton Cinko Hodge (1915-2009) – Find A Grave 147799132

Francis Cinko

in the Cook County, Illinois Marriage Index, 1930-1960



[Purchase original record from Cook County](#)

Detail Source

Name	Francis Cinko
Marriage Date	22 Mar 1934
Marriage Location	Cook, Illinois, USA
Spouse	Gladys Castleton
Marriage license	1400414
File Number	{18203e09-Abf9-4f79-8665-2aa2b6319bdd}

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/records?recordId=97094&collectionId=1500&tid=&pid=&queryId=715f5b83-b4a9-43f2-93e4-8cc7539bc8a3&phsrc=cPx26519&phstart=successSource>

CHARGE AFTER MAN IS KILLED

**Magnus Peterson Released on
\$1,000 Bond; Frank Cinko
Fatally Hurt.**

EAGLE RIVER, Nov. 6 — (By News Correspondent) — Magnus Peterson, Woodruff, was at liberty today on \$1,000 bond awaiting his preliminary hearing on charges of leaving the scene of an accident without giving assistance and without furnishing his name.

It is claimed he drove the state conservation department truck that fatally injured Frank Cinko, 26, of Eagle River, on STH 70 near Deadhorse Bend Monday night.

Cinko died in St. Mary's hospital at Rhinelander yesterday. His mother, Mrs. Myrtle Cinko, was slightly injured in the same accident.

Peterson was arrested by State Officer John Brown and brought into court here. According to Vilas county authorities, Cinko was driving to Eagle River STH 70 Monday

westbound truck struck both Cinko and his mother.

Mrs. Frank Wierichs and Mrs. Harry Hanson, Eagle River, and Fred Page, Sayner, came along immediately after the accident and helped pick up the injured man. They furnished authorities with what they said was the license number on the truck, and which they said was still at the scene of the accident when they arrived.

An inquest is planned for tomorrow by Dist. Atty. Edmund Draeger and Coroner P. J. Gaffney.

Cinko was moving to Eagle River from Sayner. He was married, and the father of two small children, Jean Marie, six months, and Charles Edward, 22 months. He also leaves his parents, one sister and three brothers.

"Rhinelander (WI) Daily News" Friday 6 Nov 1936 p 3

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Mr. and Mrs. Byron Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Tallzman and son, Wayne, and Charles Christian, attended the funeral of Frank Cinko at Eagle River yesterday. Cinko was a brother to Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Tallzman and died from injuries received in an auto accident.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 10 Nov 1936 p 12

AUTO INJURIES FATAL.

Eagle River, Wis., Nov. 5.—[Special.]—Frank Cinko, 26 years old, died in St. Mary's hospital in Rhinelander today as the result of an automobile accident near here Monday evening. Cinko was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cinko, formerly of Chicago.

"Chicago Tribune" Friday 6 Nov 1936 p 18

TRUCK DRIVER FACES CHARGE ON SATURDAY

**Manslaughter Case Pending
in Eagle River against
Woodruff Man.**

EAGLE RIVER, Nov. 13—(By News Correspondent) — Magnus Peterson, Woodruff employe of the state conservation department, was held on manslaughter charges today, following the verdict of a coroner's jury last evening that "Frank Cinko came to his death from injuries" received when struck by a car "recklessly driven" by Peterson.

Peterson will have his preliminary hearing at 9 o'clock Saturday morning in court here.

Mrs. Mary Cinko, mother of the accident victim, testified at the in-

quest yesterday that she was waving a lantern at the time it is claimed Peterson's car struck her and her son. She also claimed he did not get out of his car to aid after the accident.

Peterson did not testify at the inquest.

Members of the coroner's jury were Herbert Bowker, Eben Arndt, William Wight, Edward Bradford, Otto Schmidt and Ben Surges.

The accident occurred on STH 70 at Deadhorse Bend, west of Eagle River. The Cinkos were moving a saw rig from Sayner to Eagle River, and Frank Cinko had stopped to see if the outfit was all right, when the forestry truck allegedly driven by Peterson came along.

Cinko was taken to St. Mary's hospital in Rhinelander, where he died.

"Rhinelander (WI) Daily News" Friday 13 Nov 1936 p 2

VILAS COUNTY JURY STUDIES DRIVER'S CASE

**Outgrowth of Fatal Auto
Crash Last Fall Heard in
Circuit Court.**

BULLETIN

EAGLE RIVER, April 30—
(By Correspondent of The
News)—Shortly before noon the
jury which heard the case of
Magnus Peterson, charged with
manslaughter and with being a
hit and run driver, reported
that it had been unable to agree
on a verdict. Members of the
jury were dismissed and plans
were made to draw another
panel of jurors for immediate
re-trial of the case.

EAGLE RIVER, April 30 (By
Correspondent of The News)—A
Vilas county circuit court jury late
this afternoon was still considering
the case of Magnus Peterson, of
Woodruff, charged with first and
fourth degree manslaughter and
with being a hit and run driver.
The case went to the jury late yes-
terday afternoon.

Among those who appeared were
Sheriff Hans Rodd, former Sheriff
John Farnen, County Traffic Of-
ficer Merrill Hibbard, State Traffic
Inspector John Brown and Deputy
Sheriff Fred Johnson, of Woodruff.

The case, which was heard be-
fore Judge A. H. Reid at the first
regular term of court in the new
court house here, grew out of an
accident which occurred late Nov.
2 west of Eagle River. Frank
Cinko, 26-year-old son of Mr. and
Mrs. Paul Cinko, who have a re-
sort on Little St. Germaine lake,
was struck and fatally injured by
the Wisconsin conservation depart-
ment truck which Peterson was
driving.

Testimony was that Cinko
stopped the truck to fix it, while
his mother stood nearby with a
lantern. Peterson, rounding the
corner, claims he did not see the
truck and crashed into it, shoving
it several feet off the road and pin-
ning the young man underneath it.

Died in Hospital.

Shortly after the crash Mrs.
Frank Wierichs and Mrs. H. Han-
son appeared at the scene and
dragged Cinko out from under the
truck. He was rushed to St. Mary's
hospital, Rhinelander, where he
died three days later.

Peterson went on trial Tuesday,
with Dist. Atty. Edmund Draeger
appearing for the state and Atty.
Frank Carter for the defendant. A
number of Oneida county authori-
ties testified in the case, as they
made the preliminary examination
of the accident before it was dis-
covered the crash occurred in Vilas
county, just over the Oneida coun-
ty line.

M. PETERSON IS CONVICTED ON DRIVING COUNT

**Woodruff Man Fined \$500 in
Vilas County Circuit Court
This Week.**

EAGLE RIVER, Oct. 15—(Special to The News)—Magnus Peterson of Woodruff, charged with leaving the scene of an accident and failing to report an accident within a reasonable length of time, was found guilty by a Vilas county circuit court jury here this week after a lengthy trial.

The court imposed a \$500 fine and costs, revoked Peterson's driver's license and ordered a sentence of one year in the county jail if the fine is not paid.

The case grew out of an accident which occurred last fall when Frank Cinko was killed on STH 70 near Dead Horse Bend. Cinko was driving toward Eagle River and was accompanied by his mother.

On their way to Eagle River, they had trouble with a saw rig attached to the car. Cinko got out to fix it, while his mother held a lantern. Peterson's car, a truck belonging to the conservation department, it was charged, was going west on STH 70 and struck the saw rig, dragging it some distance, and also dragging Cinko along with it.

Cinko along with it.

Then, it was charged, Peterson remained in his car and refused to give aid. Mrs. Frank Wierichs and Mrs. H. Hanson, driving toward Eagle River, stopped and discovering Cinko badly injured. They stated at that time that they made several attempts to get help from Peterson, but that he refused to get out of the truck he was driving. Cinko was taken to St. Mary's hospital, where he died a few days later from injuries received in the accident.

Among those who testified in the trial this week were Sheriff Hans Rodd, former Sheriff John Farmen, State Traffic Inspector John N. Brown and County Traffic Officer Merrill Hibbard.

"Rhineland (WI) Daily News" Friday 15 Oct 1937 p 9

CIRCUIT COURT OPENS MONDAY IN EAGLE RIVER

**Judge Leicht to Make First
Appearance on Vilas
County Bench.**

EAGLE RIVER, April 22—(Special to The News)—An "average" calendar is scheduled for the first appearance of Circuit Judge George J. Leicht on the Vilas county bench here Monday, April 25.

Featuring the criminal calendar is the case of William Storm, charged with a liquor violation—selling liquor to minors. The case grew out of the automobile deaths of Robert Van Bussum, 17, and Melvin Kingman, 15.

John Anderson and George Wierichs are charged with non-support. Harlan Lunde is accused of holding up E. D. Cera and taking 70 cents from him near Phelps, after a drinking party, and faces a larceny charge.

Most important of several personal injury suits is that of Mrs. Gladys Cinko, who is suing Magnus Peterson for damages resulting from the death of her husband.

Ten Vilas county residents have petitioned for citizenship papers. They will have final hearings before Judge Leicht. They are: Allie Heikken, Fred Hopp, Fred Conrad Smith, Victor Alexander Eby, Charles Edward Lattimer, Carl Buchardt, Anna Isabelle Gauthier, Lydia Kroon, Karl Pelkonen and Elizabeth Brown.

"Rhineland (WI) Daily News" Friday 22 Apr 1938 p 5

Harold William Hodge

Harold William Hodge of Eagle River died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000, at Friendly Village Nursing Home. He was 87.

Mr. Hodge was born March 11, 1913, in Milwaukee. He was preceded in death by daughters, Jeannette and Elaine; son, Bert; brothers, Gene, Herb and Alvin; and sisters, Helen and Vernice.

He was married Feb. 16, 1946, to his wife Gladys M.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific.

Mr. Hodge retired from Cranberry Products of Eagle River. He made his home in the Vilas County area for 45 years.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Gladys; a daughter,

Millie (Gene) Turney of Eagle River; a stepdaughter, Jean (Charlie) Bailey of Alpha, Mich.; a stepson, Charles Cinko of Eagle River; a son, Russell (Kathy) of Oshkosh; a brother, Faye Russell of Marquette, Mich.; two sisters, Beatrice Ratezyck of Warland, Wyo. and Joyce Hodge of Calif.; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service and visitation were held Dec. 30 at Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home in Eagle River with the Rev. David Johnson officiating.

Inurnment was by Alpha Crematory with burial in Eagle River Cemetery.

Harold William Hodge – Find A Grave 21118192

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Byron Edward Christian (Sr.)

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. D - private

Serial number: 251,171

Entered service from: New London, Waupaca WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Byron E. Christian

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Mrs. Byron E. Christian, New London WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Byron E. Christian

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. Mildred Christian, New London WI (cpl, Co. D, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Byron Edward Christian - b. 25 Nov 1894
 Hortonville WI; res: New London, Waupaca WI. Common laborer, Hallier [spelling] Lumber Co., New London WI. Has wife – married. [His draft registration day was also his wedding day.] Medium height, stout build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: New London WI (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors) - also Last Man's Club (1888) member

World War II draft registration (1942): as Byron Edward Christian - b. 25 Nov 1894
 Outagamie Co. WI; res: 308 Lyon, New London, Waupaca WI. NOK Mrs. Mildred Christian of the same address. Employed by Fred W. Krause, 50 W. Beacon, New London WI – at 302 N. Water St., New London, Waupaca WI. Height: 5'4". Weight 145 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 29 May 1919

Address: 721 Shiocton, New London WI

Rank/unit: corporal, Co. D, 107th Supply TrainBirth & death:

Born: 25 Nov 1893 (obituary, tombstone, WI birth record, SSDI) [alternative: 25 Nov 1894 WWI, Veterans Administration Military Index] Hortonville, Outagamie WI or New London, Outagamie WI

Died: 4 Feb 1988 King, Waupaca WI (Schwartz, SSDI, Wisconsin Deaths, obituary) (at the WI Veterans Home)

Find A Grave record: 136837311, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: New London, Waupaca WI
 Cemetery: Floral Hill
 Tombstone:

Father: John Byron Christian, Jr., 24 May 1867 Hortonville (Hortonia), Outagamie WI – 18 May 1937 New London, Waupaca WI.
 Son of John Byron Christian, Sr. & Sarah Ann (Sally) Thompson.
 Buried in Union Cemetery, Hortonville, Outagamie WI.
 Find A Grave: 48317870

Mother: Ella Etta Slater Christian Castleton, Dec 1875 Hortonville (Hortonia), Outagamie WI or Mukwa, Waupaca WI – 16 Jul 1939 Eagle River, Vilas WI.
 Daughter of Albert H. Slater & Mary McClain.
 Her next husband is listed under various names.
 He is buried as Roy Emil Castleton (b. 10 Jan 1883 Bozeman, Gallatin MT - d. Jun 1973 Eagle River, Vilas WI). He is buried in Eagle River WI., F: 21119078.
 He registers for the WWI draft as Ray Ardel Castellian, b. 10 Jan 1882 US, living & working in Phelps, Vilas WI. His NOK is his mother, Angie Castellian, of Hortonville, Outagamie WI [where Ella had lived with her husband John Christian-].
 He may be the “Roy Castleton” in the case of State of WI vs. Roy Castleton for adultery, “Stevens Point (WI) Journal” 9 Nov 1917 p 3. - He is also listed as Emil Ardell Castleton. He is listed as Emil R. Castellion in the 1930 census.
 He registers for the WWII draft as Ray Emil Castleton.
 Buried in Eagle River Cemetery, Eagle River, Vilas WI.
 Find A Grave: 21119077
 Parents’ marriage: 30 Mar 1892 Hortonia (Hortonville), Outagamie WI – divorced after late 1910 but before 1914 (according to online family tree)

Stepfather: Emil Roy Castleton, 10 Jan 1883 Hortonville, Outagamie WI – 29 Jun 1973 Wausau, Marathon WI. His varied forms of name are listed in wife Ella’s record. Buried in Eagle River Cemetery, Eagle River, Vilas WI.
 F: 21119078

Spouse: Mildred (“Millie”) Eleanor Cartwright Christian, 22 Apr 1902 Waupaca, Waupaca Co. WI – 10 Mar 1972 New London, Waupaca WI.
 Daughter of William Wilbur Cartwright (1869-1913, F: 192030640) & Julia Ann Kemp (later Thompson, 1879-1952, F: 155854657).
 From Her Find A Grave obituary: Died at age 69 in New London after a lingering illness. Born 22 Apr 1902 in Waupaca. Charter member of VFW Auxiliary. Survived by husband Byron, 3 daughters: Helen (Mrs. Guy) Ingersoll of New London – Ruth (Mrs. Gordon) Eggert of Neenah WI – Marjorie (Mrs. Herman) Gagnow of New London – and 2 sons: John Christian (New London) & William Christian (Elkhorn WI). A son [i.e. Byron Edward Christian, Jr., “Buddy”) preceded her in death.
 Buried in

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 5 Jun 1917 [the day he registered for the WWI draft, his status: married, with wife)

Children:

- Helen Eleanor Christian Ingersoll, 1 Jan 1918 New London, Outagamie WI – 18 Dec 2005 New London, Outagamie WI. – She was born while Byron was in the Army, seven months after his wedding. - Wife of Guy Lowell Ingersoll (1915-2002, F: 83555721), whom she married in New London, Waupaca WI on 9 Oct 1935. - Buried in Hobart Cemetery, Ostrander, Waupaca WI. F: 83555722
- Ruth Julia Christian Eggert, 3 Sep 1920 New London, Outagamie WI – 23 Feb 2011 Appleton, Outagamie WI [in ManorCare of Appleton & not in Neenah, Winnebago WI.] - Wife of Gordon William Eggert (1921-2000, F: 102434982), whom she married in New London, Waupaca WI on 25 Sep 1948. - Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Neenah, Winnebago WI. F: 102434975
- Byron Edward ("Buddy") Christian, Jr. 1923 WI – 7 Aug 1937 New London, Waupaca WI. - **"Appleton Post-Crescent"** 5 Mar 1937 p 17 – At Lincoln Junior High School, Byron was elected treasurer of the "mock" government council. Following Buddy's death when he touched a live powerline thinking it was firefly sparks, a series of lawsuits were brought by his parents Byron & Mildred, and a series of court cases, culminating in a decision in their favor by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. - **"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent"** 4 Aug 1937 p 1 – "Youth Killed by Fallen Live Wire" – Byron Jr. was electrocuted at 9:15 p.m. when he touched a power line which had broken & fallen to the ground. Inquest to be held today at City Hall. He & other boys who were biking saw what they thought to be fireflies. When he stepped to the glow, he touched a 1,100-volt line. The boys ran for help; the Fire Department came. A doctor pronounced him dead at the scene. **"Oshkosh Northwestern"** 6 Aug 1937 p 21 – Byron Jr. clapped his hands together against a broken electric light wire at the Embarrass River. The line was 2,300 volts; he was killed instantly. Wallace Hamberger, age 15, rode to the fire station on his bicycle; the rescue squad & 2 doctors came. This took place on the St. John's place near the Green Bay & Western Railroad tracks. **"Madison (WI) Capital Times"** 4 Aug 1937 p 12 – adds that wire was apparently weakened by yesterday's storm. **"Appleton Post-Crescent"** 17 Aug 1937 p 18 – A claim of \$15,000 on the grounds of neglect on the part of the city of New London was filed 16 Aug 1937 with the city clerk by an attorney on the behalf of his parents. The 14-year-old grabbed an electric wire at the Embarrass River at St. John's Place, from wires owned & operated by the New London Light & Water Dept. **"Appleton Post-Crescent"** 10 Dec 1937 p 25 – Damages of \$7,760 were asked in an action in the circuit court of Waupaca County against the city of New London by John's parents through an attorney. A claim of \$15,000 brought to the New London common council was shelved in August & no offer of a settlement was made. The new action claims the city was negligent in failing to maintain transmission lines & inspection & allowed the line's insulation to be ineffective. This will be held in the May 1938 term of circuit court. **"Appleton Post-Crescent"** 8 Jul 1938 p 22 – the suit for \$7,500 in damages was dismissed by Circuit Court which claimed there was no

verified claim filed. The parents will file a new case. **“Appleton Post-Crescent”** 26 Apr 1939 p 10 – The Circuit Court awarded Mrs. Byron Christian \$4,760 from her suit of \$15,260. The judge said he was entitled to a special verdict. **“Oshkosh Northwestern”** 12 Mar 1940 p 1 – The WI State Supreme Court in Madison WI ruled today that the city of New London must pay Byron & Mildred Christian for the death of Byron Jr. The Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Circuit Court judge who had dismissed the Waupaca County award of \$4,760 & had dismissed the suit. The jury award was approved by the Supreme Court, which said it didn’t matter if the power lines were owned by a governmental or proprietary unit; it was a public utility. - Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 1368837106

- Marjorie M. (Marge) Christian Hintzke Gagnow, 17 Jul 1924 New London, Waupaca Co. WI – 17 Nov 2008 Waupaca Co. WI. – Wife of Raymond David Hintzke of New London WI, obtaining a marriage license in Mar 1943. He was the son of David Hintzke; his mother’s maiden name was Rossey. Raymond was born 20 May 1923 & died 3 May 2000, buried in FL National Cemetery, Bushnell, Sumter FL, F: 50014298 - Wife of Herman Frank Gagnow Jr. (1927-1992, F: 155836727), whom she married 22 Jan 1949 in New London, Waupaca WI. - Died at age 84 in St. Joseph Residence, New London. - Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 155836732
- John Lamont Christian, 30 Jan 1930 New London, Waupaca WI – 27 Aug 2001 New London, Waupaca WI. Married to wife Mary & residing in New London WI when his father died in Feb 1988. – According to his obituary, John met Mary Holohan while he was stationed with the US Air Force in Washington DC. - His tombstone is shared with Mary M. (b. 15 Dec 1932). Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 136837461
- William (“Bill”) Russell Christian, 31 May 1934 New London, Waupaca WI – 8 May 2010 Elkhorn, Walworth WI. Resident of Elkhorn WI in Feb 1988 & Aug 2001. – Engaged to marry Marion Delores Greene in Jan 1953. She was born 1 Oct 1936 WI. Her parents were Myron Arthur Greene (1912-1998, F: 134561955) & Arlene Alice Schmuck (1919-2000, F: 134561938). In 1940, “Marian” Greene, age 3 WI, lived with parents Myron & “Arlan” & sister Sandra (age 1) in Sugar Creek, Walworth Co. WI. Was married to wife Marion when his father died Feb 1988. – William & Marion divorced 28 Feb 2000 in Walworth Co. WI. However, she is listed as obtaining a marriage license in FL & marrying 3 Jan 2000 [before her divorce in WI] to Fred Wanton Wadsworth (1920 MS – 28 Feb 2008 FL). One record online also indicates she once had a surname of Eaton. – Burial details uncertain. F: 276702513 (created 17 Nov 2024)

Siblings:

- Male Christian, 18 Sep 1892 Ellington, Outagamie WI – .Born 6 months after his parents’ marriage. When their next child, Byron Edward, is born 25 Nov 1893, no previous living children of theirs are listed on Byron’s WI birth certificate.
- Male Christian, 19 Dec 1895 Hortonville, Outagamie WI -

- Stanley Albert (Stan) Christian, 19 Feb 1896 New London, Outagamie WI – 21 Jan 1953 Wood, Milwaukee Co. WI [in error found on family trees as New London, Outagamie WI.] – WWI veteran. Husband of Alma Anna Oppen (1896-1976, F: 48872052) whom he married 10 Mar 1920 in the Lutheran Church, Hortonville, Outagamie WI. - Buried in Union Cemetery, Hortonville, Outagamie WI. F: 48872027
- Raymond Byron (Ray) Christian, 4 Mar 1898 Hortonville, Outagamie WI – 27 Sep 1986 Oshkosh, Winnebago WI. Husband of Louise E. Piepenburg (1894-1975, F: 184858127), whom he married on 30 Oct 1924 in Menominee, Menominee Co. MI. - Buried in Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh, Winnebago WI. F: 184858103
- Lila Elzina Christian Velie, 23 Mar 1900 Hortonville, Outagamie WI – 29 Oct 1984 Oshkosh, Winnebago WI. - Wife of Cyril Alonzo Velie (1896-1960, F: 37673179) whom she married 12 May 1912 (according to her obituary) or 12 May 1917 (according to Find A Grave) in Waupaca Co. WI (also found as Hortonville, Outagamie WI). - Buried in Hobart Cemetery, Ostrander, Waupaca WI. F: 37673378
- Charles Delton Christian, 14 Mar 1903 Hortonville, Outagamie WI – 30 Jul 1973 New London, Outagamie WI. - Husband of Katherine Mary (Kate) Bronold (1899-1972), daughter of Martin Bronold Sr. (1873-1950). She had earlier been married to George Abraham (7 Nov 1898 – WWI draft or 7 Nov 1897 other records or 17 Nov 1897 WWII draft. – 4 Nov 1961 Lowell, Middlesex MA), the son of George Abraham/Abrams & Mary Moses, born Abrams, reverted to that. He is mentioned frequently in WI newspapers for a series of crimes, incarcerations, jail escapes & then desertion of his wife. He then moved to Lowell, Middlesex MA, found there in 1940 & 1950 censuses) & had another family with Marie Johnson (1907 WI – 2001 MA).. Erroneous Ancestry.com family trees give a death year of ca. 1925 in MA. – Katherine Bronold married George Abraham on 12 Oct 1918 in Menominee, Menominee MI. Both were age 19, residents of New London WI. He was a grocer. They had 4 children. - Buried in Union Cemetery, Hortonville, Outagamie WI. F: 48317849
- Leslie/Lisle Dewitt Christian, 10 Aug 1905 Outagamie Co. WI – 10 Oct 1907 Outagamie Co. WI. Son of John Christian & Ella Slater on his WI birth records. Burial details unknown. F: 276702754 (created 17 Nov 2024)
- Marie Christine Christian Toltzman, 1 Mar 1908 Hortonville, Outagamie WI – 26 Apr 1995 New London, Outagamie WI. - Wife of Hugo Emil Toltzman (1889-1971, F: 48786851). They married 16 Dec 1926 in Waupaca Co. WI, separated in Aug 1941 & divorced 12 Oct 1942 in Appleton, Outagamie WI. Hugo then lived in Clintonville WI. - Buried in Hortonville WI. F: 48317933
- Genevieve (“Jenny”/”Gen”) L. Christian [later known as Castleton] Cinko, 19 Mar 1911 [also found as 11 Mar 1911] WI – 23 Sep 1993 Two Rivers, Manitowoc WI. Biological daughter of John Byron Christian but later found with the surname of her stepfather Castleton & found in newspaper mentions as Castleton’s daughter. Find A Grave records indicate Castleton raised her. - Wife of Sylvester Joseph Cinko (1909 IL-1989 WI, F: 156049901). Sylvester was the son of Paul Cinko (born Austria) & Myrtle. It appears Sylvester’s brother Frank Cinko married Genevieve’s half-sister

Gladys Castleton. – According to Sylvester’s obituary, he married Genevieve on 20 Oct 1933. According to Gen’s obituary, they married 19 Oct 1929. - Buried in Eagle River WI (same cemetery as mother Ella). Listed as Byron’s sister in his 1988 obituary. – Buried in St. Peter the Fisherman Cemetery, Eagle River, Vilas WI. F: 156049829

Half-sibling – daughter of mother Ella Slater Christian with Castleton

- Gladys Mae Castleton Cinko Hodge, 8 Jun 1915 Tipler, Florence WI – 20 Mar 2009 Eagle River, **Vilas WI [or Woodruff, Oneida WI?]** (same cemetery as mother Ella). - Married to Francis A. (“Frank”) Cinko (14 Oct 1910 – 5 Nov 1936, F: 156049785), son of Paul (Parshan) Cinko (b. Austria) & Myrtle [Mary] Reldy Durham (who was present when Frank was killed), whom she married on 22 Mar 1934 in Chicago, Cook IL. “Rhineland (WI) Daily News” 6 Nov 1936 p 3 – Myrtle Durham Cinko was born 28 Jul 1889 MO & died 22 Jan 1946 in Rover, Oregon Co. MO, F: 90335380), survived by sons Sylvester (Eagle River WI), John (Koshkonong MO), Paul (US Marine Corps) & daughter Helen Cinko Juve (Eagle River WI). Helen Cinko Juve (1908 IL – 1963 WI, F: 164215023, the wife of Obert C. Juve (1904-1978) whom she married in 1925. - Magnus Peterson of Woodruff was released on \$1,000 bond awaiting his preliminary hearing. He is charged with leaving the scene of an accident without giving assistance or his name. He was driving a WI State Conservation Department truck which fatally injured Frank Cinko, age 26, of Eagle River WI on Hwy. 70 near Deadhorse Bend on Monday night (2 Nov 1936). His mother, Mrs. Myrtle Cinko, was slightly injured. Cinko was driving to Eagle River towing a saw-rig behind his car; he stopped near Deadhorse Bend to fix the rig. The westbound truck hit him & his mother. Two women & 1 man stopped to pick him up & gave the license plate number of the truck to police; it was still on the scene when they came. Cinko was moving to Eagle River from Sayner. Married, with 2 children, Jean Marie (6 months) & Charles Edward (22 months). “Rhineland Daily News” 13 Nov 1936 p 2 – Mother’s testimony at inquest said she was waving a lantern. Peterson did not get out of his truck; he is being held on manslaughter charges. “Rhineland Daily News” 15 Oct 1937 p 9 – Magnus Peterson, charged with leaving the scene of an accident & failing to report it, was found guilty by Vilas County Circuit Court by the jury in a lengthy trial. He was fined \$500 & costs & his driver’s license was revoked. If the fine is not paid, he is to serve 1 year in the county jail. Cinko who has having trouble with his saw rig had stopped to fix it; his mother was holding a lantern. Peterson, heading west, hit the rig & dragged it & Cinko along. Peterson remained in his truck & refused to help give aid. Two women who had stopped tried several times to get him to help, but he would not leave his truck. “Rhineland Daily News” 22 Apr 1938 p 6 – A personal injury suit was brought by Mrs. Gladys Cinko against Magnus Peterson for damages from the death of her husband. – Married Harold William Hodge (1913-2000, F: 21118192), whom she married 16 Feb 1946 in Woodruff, Oneida WI. Listed as Byron Christian’s sister [actually half-sister] in his 1988 obituary. In an obituary summarized (but not viewed) on Ancestry.com, Gladys Mae Hodge, age 93, b. 8 Jun 1915 Tipler, Florence WI, the daughter of Emil & Ella Castleton. Died 20 Mar 2009

Woodruff, Oneida WI. – Buried in Eagle River Cemetery, Eagle River, Vilas WI. F:
147799132

Notes:

Wartime:

Post-war:

“Appleton Post-Crescent” 10 Nov 1936 p 12 – Mr. & Mrs. Byron Christian, Mr. & Mrs. Hugo Tallzman [sic] & son Wayne, and Charles Christian attended the funeral of Frank Cinco at Eagle River 9 Nov. He was a brother [sic/brother-in-law, married to Gladys] of Mrs. Christian & Mrs. Tallzman. Frank died from injuries in a car accident.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” 4 Oct 1967 p 13 – photo (copied above) – The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Byron Christian was celebrated with an open house from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at the American Legion Club. The couple was married 5 Jun 1917 in Waupaca; lived in New London for 48 years. He worked at Krause Market & American Plywood & on the Alcan Highway. At present, he is the alderman for the 5th Ward. Their children are: William Christian (Elkhorn WI) – Mrs. Gordon Eggert (Neenah WI) – Mrs. Guy Ingersoll, Mrs. Herman Gagnow, John Christian of New London. Their son Byron Christian Jr. is deceased.

Obituary:

From his Find A Grave record 135736311: died at age 94. Former New London WI resident. Died at the WI Veterans Home at King WI on 4 Feb 1988. Born 23 Nov 1893 in Hortonville WI. Lived in New London WI for most of his life; lived the past 2 ½ years at King. At age 19, he rode a bucking mule in the Midwest Vaudeville Circuit. He had worked for area farmers, on the Alcan Highway, Krause Meat Market & Curtis Companies. WWI veteran, serving on 4 major fronts. Charter member of New London VFW. Survived by 2 sons: John (wife Mary) of New London & Bill (wife Marion) of Elkhorn WI – and 3 daughters: Helen (Mrs. Guy) Ingersoll of New London, Ruth (Mrs. Gordon) Eggert of Neenah WI, Marge (Mrs. Herman) Gagnow of New London – and 3 sisters: Marie Toltzman of New London, Jen (Mrs. Sylvester) Cinko of Eagle River WI, Gladys (Mrs. Harold) Hodge of Three Lakes WI. Preceded in death by wife Mildred (d. 1972) & son Byron Christian, by 3 brothers (Stan, Ray, Charles Christian). Funeral Saturday, with burial in Floral Hill with military rites.

Social Security Number: 394-07-1269

Censuses:

1900 Hortonia township, Hortonville, Outagamie WI - conducted 6 Jun 1900
John Christian, 32 WI, May 1868, parents b. NY, married 8 years, day labor

Ella, 24 WI, Dec 1875, parents b. NY, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living
 Byron, 6 WI, Nov 1893
 Stanley, 4 WI, Dec 1895
 Raymond, 2 WI, Mar 1898
 Lillie, 2 months WI, Mar 1900

1905 Hortonville, Outagamie WI
 John Christian, 37 WI, father b. NY, mother b. PA, lab. [laborer]
 Ella, 29 WI, parents b. PA
 Byron, 11 WI
 Stanley, 9 WI
 Raymond, 7 WI
 Lila, 5 WI
 Charles, 2 WI

1910 Hortonville township, Hortonville, Outagamie WI – New London St. – conducted 15 Apr 1910

John Christian, 41 WI, father b. NY, mother b. PA, in 1st marriage, married 18 years, laborer, odd jobs
 Ella, 33 WI, father b. NY, mother b. PA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 8 children, 6 are living
 Byron, 16 WI
 Stanley, 14 WI
 Raymond, 12 WI
 Lela, 10 WI
 Chas., 7 WI
 Mame, 2 WI

1920 Mukwa, Waupaca WI – conducted 20 Jan 1920

Byron E. Christian, 26 WI, parents b. WI, dryer, Edison Power Co.

Mildred E., 17 WI, parents b. WI

Helen E., 2 WI

Marie Christian, 11 WI, parents b. WI [Byron's sister]

They lived next door to:

Mrs. Julia Cartwright, 40 WI, widow [Mildred's mother] & Julia's 3 sons [Mildred's brothers]

1920 Phelps, Vilas WI – his mother, her 2nd husband, sister Genevieve & half-sister Gladys – conducted 9/10 Feb 1920

Emil R. Castellion, 36 WI, parents b. WI, laborer, railroad

Ella E., 44 WI, parents b. NY [his wife]

Jenevive L. Castellion, 8 WI, parents b. WI [daughter – actually Emil's stepdaughter]

Gladys M. Castellion, 4 WI, parents b. WI [daughter]

1930 New London, Waupaca WI – 30 St. John's Place – no date given for when conducted

Baryon E. Christian, 35 WI, parents b. WI, age 22 at 1st marriage, meat cutter, meat market,
NOT a veteran

Mildard, 28 WI, parents b. WI, age 15 at 1st marriage

Hellen, 12 WI

Ruth, 9 WI

Baryon Jr., 7 WI

Margorie, 6 WI

Lamont, 9 months WI

1930 Lincoln, Vilas WI – Byron's mother, stepfather, sister Genevieve, half-sister Gladys –
conducted 16 Apr 1930

Emil R. Castellion, 50 WI, father b. France, mother b. NY, age 31 at 1st marriage, laborer,
saw mill

Ella E., 44 WI, parents b. NY, age 35 at 1st marriage [inaccurate – that is 9 years earlier – ca.
1921 – and makes it impossible for her to have had a 19-year-old or 14-year-old daughter]

Genevieve L., 19 WI, parents b. WI

Gladys M., 14 WI, parents b. WI

& boarder Ira McDermott, 34 WI, single

1940 New London, Waupaca WI – same house in 1935

Byron Christian, 45 WI, meat cutter, meat market

Mildred, 37 WI

Ruth, 20 WI, waitress, restaurant

Marjorie, 15 WI

John, 10 WI

William, 5 WI

L. Guy Ingersoll, 24 WI – lived in same house in 1935 [Byron's son-in-law] – public
emergency work, truck driving

Helen Ingersoll, 22 WI – lived in same house in 1935 [Byron's daughter]

Lois Ingersoll, 4 WI [Byron's granddaughter]

1950 New London, Waupaca WI

Byron E. Christian, 55 WI, joiner, machine operator, veneer factory

Mildred E., 47 WI

William R., 15 WI, delivers Sunday papers, newspaper delivery

Julia Thompson, 70 WI, marital status: separated [mother-in-law]