

TUSCANIA

Van Wyk, Paul
1896 WI – 1921 WI



Paul Van Wyk – “Chicago Tribune” 10 Feb 1918 p 2



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Obituaries:

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sarau spent Tuesday in Appleton, where they attended the funeral services of Paul VanWyk, 25 years of age, veteran of the World war and a survivor of the Tuscania. Mr. VanWyk had been ill for a period of six weeks, after which he succumbed Sunday morning at his home on Hancock street. Funeral services were held under the auspices of the American Legion from the late residence, Rev. H. E. Peabody officiating. The A. Galpin Sons Hardware store in which he was employed was closed Tuesday from 2 until 4 o'clock in respect to Mr. VanWyk.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Wednesday 2 Nov 1921 p 6

DEATHS

PAUL VAN WYK

Paul Van Wyk, 25, survivor of the Tuscania and veteran of the World war, died Sunday morning at his home, 694 Hancock st. after an illness of six weeks. He is survived by his

widow formerly Miss Lucille Rockstroh, 6-months-old daughter, Mary Lou, father, Richard Van Wyk, four brothers, Harry of West Point, Hubert, Theodore and Robert of Appleton, four sisters, Mrs. Earl Fransway, Marion, Helen and Virginia, all of Appleton.

Funeral services, which are to be under auspices of the American legion, will be at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the late residence, with Dr. H. E. Peabody in charge. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

The young man had been a member of the National guard some time before the World war started, serving nine months on the Mexican border. At the start of the war he became a member of sanitary squad No. 1, of the Thirty-second division and was with that unit on the Tuscania when that vessel was sunk.

After his return from the war he

entered the employ of A. Galpin Sons, hardware merchants, and was with them until his latest illness. He was married 17 months ago to Miss Lucille Rockstroh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Rockstroh, Hancock-st.

"Appleton Post-Crescent" Monday 31 Oct 1921 p 12

Life:

**NON-COMS NAMED
IN BOYS' BRIGADE**

**ORGANIZATION COMPLETE EXCEPT
SECOND LIEUTENANT.**

**Rifles Issued Wednesday—Scouting to Be
Taken Up in Summer—To Camp
With Neenah in June—Boys
Make Excellent Showing.**

With the exception of second lieutenant the Boys' Brigade of the Congregational church is fully officered and equipped. The officers and non-commissioned officers are:

Capt.—John Voge, Jr.
First Lieut.—Allen Ellis.
Sergeants—Otto Harp, George Van Heuklom, Jack Faville, Carl Conkey, William Heiss, Benjamin Bissing.
Corporals—Alfred Bradford, Francis Bradford, Michael Fisher, Carl Glaser, Roy Hauert, Allen Miller, Carl Sherry, Paul Van Wyk.
Lance corporals—Omar K. Graef, Reginald Talbot, Jack Stivers.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 27 Jan 1911 p 1

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES ON CONGREGATION SOCIETY

Officers and committees of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Congregational church were elected Sunday night as follows:

President—Irving Schwerke; vice-president, William Helm; secretary, Agnes Van Ryzin, treasurer, Wilson Patterson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. S. Patterson, Jr.; pianist, Irving Schwerke.

Prayer meeting committee—Wilson Patterson, Anna Helm, Edith Clack, Gertrude Estey, Alma Albrecht.

Lookout committee—Alden Thompson, Dorathy Packard, Frank Younger, Jack Faville, Clara Nelson.

Missionary committee—Mildred Faville, Mrs. Lipke, Rose Helm, Elsie Harp, Doretta Court, Evalyn Van Stratum.

Social committee—Mrs. W. S. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. Dean, Irving Schwerke, Frances Brooks, Erdyne Hoffman, Ella Clack, Reeve Colvin.

Music committee—Nina Packard, Edith Sawyer, Grace Warmington.

Sunday school committee—Will Helm, Amy Waite, Lucile Valentine, Lillian Hagen, Paul Van Wyk, Jeanette Bergacker, Geo. Colvin.

Visiting committee—Hilda Hettinger, Mrs. Faville, Maud Van Ryzin.

Flower and Literature committee—Vera Le Roy, Edna Van Ryzin, Esther Ross, Rose Rohm, Grace Kuehnal.

Temperance committee—Dr. Faville, Mr. Ralph, Mrs. Ralph, Charles Lindell.

Congregational Church
 Morning service 10:30. The pastor will preach Sunday school at 12. Prof. Rogers will lead the Men's class.
 Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 led by Paul Van Wyk and Jack Faville at 7:30. The Rev. Charles A. Payne of Milwaukee will give a Nature Service on "God in His World", illustrated by stereopticon and
 Monday 7:30 Young Women's Guild
 Tuesday 7:00.
 Boy's Brigade at the Armory Tuesday 3:00 the R-Z division of the Women's Union will meet with Mrs. W. H. Zuehlke.
 Thursday 7:30 Prayer meeting.

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Names Of Those Who Will Go

PRIVATES

Harry Alquist.
 Ben G. Bilter.
 Worth L. Bushey.
 Ray H. DeCoster.
 Eric R. Galpin.
 Fred B. Lalk.
 Howard J. Lowry.
 Leo. P. Murphy.
 Abbot R. Peck.
 Emery S. Rogers.
 Richard H. Peeters.
 Carl A. Rehfeldt.
 Alex F. Sauter
 Emery Snyder.
 Joseph H. Vandenberg
 Norbert F. Vanderberg.
 Paul Van Wyk.
 Earl Engel.
 David L. Feavel.
 Chester Rogge.

Border action with Mexico – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 19 Jun 1916 p 1

Paul Van Wyk, of the Hospital Corps section, Second Wisconsin Regiment, is home on a furlough.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 4 Sep 1917 p 5

**PART OF UNIT HAS
LEFT CAMP MAC ARTHUR**

Members of the sanitary corps attached to the 127th regiment have left Waco and are now somewhere in the east according to word received here by parents of some of the boys who are members of this unit. Fred Bush-ey received a letter from his son Worth who stated that he was somewhere in the east and that it would not be long before they would leave for "over there." He gave his address but in order to comply with the request of the government the destination of the unit is withheld.

This unit will leave for France for the purpose of making a study of trench sanitation and first aid work. Among the Appleton boys who will be in the east in the sanitary corps are Eric Galpin, Paul Van Wyk, and Theodore Briggs.

Five days until "Tuscania" sails - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 19 Jan 1918 p 3



Appleton Soldiers on Board Tuscania Rescued



Left to Right. First (Top) Row—Worth L. Bushey, Henry J. Pettigrew, Irwin H. Meidam. Second Row—Eric Galpin, Arthur J. Hantschel, Paul Van Wyk. Third Row—Jacob F. Schneider, Theodore L. Briggs, McKinley Robinson.

Paul Van Wyk, 2nd row, far right - "Appleton [WI] Post-Crescent" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

SOLDIERS LETTERS

The following letter from Paul Van Wyk, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Van Wyk, 518 Hancock street was received last Monday and was written "Somewhere on the Atlantic", the ship Tuscania which he was on had already been torpedoed when the letter reached Appleton:

Somewhere on the Atlantic
Dear Mother:

Just a word to let you all know I am well and quite happy. We are having swell feed which is one consolation after the rotten stuff we had in the east. And as yet I haven't been sick so as not to enjoy it.

The Red Cross gave us all helmets as we were going on board the ship. So with a helmet and good winter cap I'm real well off. We don't have much work to do. An hour per day exercises and that all. A gal. play tag for another hour which is a good deal better exercise than the one the army gives us.

I have to put a sample address in here so here it is

Paul VanWyk,
First Sanitary Squad.
32nd Div.

American Expeditionary Forces.

No via New York or France or any thing else is necessary and only a three cent stamp. You need not pay any foreign postage at all.

The weather has been real cold but we are real well dressed so we don't mind it.

It is hard as the deuce to write so as to be sure and have this go through. If there is anything wrong in it, it won't go. So I'll just send love to all,

Paul.

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Tuscania Survivors Write Home After Landing Safely

Paul Van Wyk's Letter:

Dear Mother:—We arrived safely at this place. I nearly said it and I'm glad to find good solid earth under my feet. The ocean is a nice place but there is too much of it for me.

We find the Allied soldiers do everything in the world for us. They sure are good to us. And the TEA is fine, just as good as they are. The country around here is very pretty. We have done some inland traveling. It just seems to be an old, old country, with its stone walls and stone houses, built for stability.

We have not bumped into Earl



PAUL VAN WYK

(Engel) as yet. We probably will though. I hope we see the Rainbow division, and see Mike Pingel and some of the boys of our old outfit. Small chance of that though.

I wrote a letter from the other side, I suppose you got that all right. We find the Y. M. pretty much the same all over. They are doing everything they can for us. I was going to send a cablegram but it cost a lot of money, and you know I am all right anyway. I suppose as soon as we get to permanent camp we will be getting some mail. It will seem good to hear from you. I suppose you have heard you need only put a 3-cent stamp on your letters, but for parcel post you have to pay full postage.

Just at present I am having hard work with what little money, I have getting used to it, I mean, anyone could rob me blind. Must close for now. Have to write to Cile. Call her up; something might happen to her letter. Love to everyone.

PAUL

Apparently "Cile" is Lucille Mae Rockstroh – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 1 Mar 1918 p 8

The parents of Paul Van Wyk and Worth Bushey received letters this morning, which were written the day after those which were printed in these columns yesterday. Both young men describe some of the details of the Tuscania disaster.

Dear Mother:

In yesterday's letter I didn't mention our accident; I just wanted to let you know I was all right. But now I suppose the rest of the gang will write it home and you'll hear it anyway, so I'll tell you. I don't know for sure if it will get by the censor and yet the president knows it. At any rate I'm all O. K. I was on the boat about half an hour, I guess, after she was torpedoed and I came away in a life boat. We were in the life boat about an hour when we were picked up by a torpedo boat destroyer or submarine chaser—whatever you want to call it. They took us to a harbor which we reached at about five o'clock the next morning—just about eleven hours after we were hit. The Irish regiment whose quarters we usurped were lively towards us as I told you in yesterday's letter. As far as we know two of our men are missing, one of whom we are sure is dead. We left that first camp after staying over one night. Tonight is our second night in this camp. It's not likely they will keep us here more than a couple of days.

Of course we have absolutely nothing but what we have on. I have a complete uniform and an overcoat and I'm better off than most. They procured clothes enough from the British soldiers and civilians to give each man enough clothes to keep him warm at least. And feed. Ye gods, they feed us four times a day, breakfast, dinner, tea and supper. I guess I'm fatter than I've been in years.

The papers over here give us a whole lot of write ups. Perhaps the United States papers are doing likewise. But I don't suppose you have any way of knowing I was on the torpedoed boat. Strange as it may seem, I have had less to worry about these last three days than at any time before in my army career. Everything I own I carry with me all the time. I have my ever-ready pencil, my fountain pen, my razor and about six clean handkerchiefs, all of which I had in my pockets. So you see I am quite well off; not to mention my pocketbook with about twenty bucks in it. I have lent money to eight fellows since we hit here.

We don't make a very pretty sight—the most of us partly clad in U. S. and British soldiers' uniforms, British sailor's uniforms and Irish civies. But they treat us like long lost Dutch uncles.

They tell us that they are going to give us a little money while we are here; maybe so. We haven't seen any mail yet. But you can see we are a long way from where we should be. I can be glad I got off with as many clothes as I did. Eric got away without a hat, but he got one from some R. A. M. C. man as soon as he landed.

Well, this is all now.

Love to all, from Paul.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 2 Mar 1918 p 8

PAUL VAN WYK GIVES DETAILS OF SINKING

TELLS HOW IT HAPPENED IN A
MOST INTERESTING
WAY

Dear Folks:

I hope that you read this second, I'm sending both at once. You will know by now that I am all right. I will try and tell you as near as I can how it happened. At about six o'clock we heard the explosion, and nobody needed to tell us what it was. All the lights went out. I took time to put on my overcoat, and life belt, and I had some trouble finding my cap. Next, I remember getting into the rush for the upper decks, and asking Eric if he had his flashlight with him. I watched six or seven life boats lowered—some safely, some not, and then I saw a chance to get in one that was riding good and I took it. I landed all O. K., and soon we pulled away from the side of the boat. We were picked up about an hour later by a submarine-chaser. That was about eight thirty. At four-thirty the next morning, we had honest to goodness terra firma under our feet and let me tell you it was the best feeling we felt in many a day. And, well that's about all. Ever since the Britishers have been feeding us—then the Irish and then the Scotch. They are giving us about four meals a day.

I have my purse with about twenty dollars, my cup you gave me, my pen, and pencil, my razor and half a dozen handkerchiefs. Besides the duds I have on—that makes all my worldly belongings. But there is many a boy that can't show that much. Our army is composed of men in U. S. and British uniforms, sailors uniforms and Irish civies. Some men who were sick came off with an overcoat and a pair of bedroom slippers. Maybe I can't consider myself well off, eh? I wish I could have saved my diary, but it went down with a lot of good tobacco, cigarettes, and my toilet articles. It's a good thing that I didn't get my socks and helmet, isn't it? Oh, I always was a lucky chap.

Up to now all but two of our men are with us. One of them we are pretty sure was killed. All the fellows that you know are safe. Briggs and Shorty Robinson were both in the water, and Shorty had a pretty close shave I understand, but I didn't see it. I didn't get a drop of water on me until a long, long time after—maybe about midnight. I was nicely asleep on a pipe of some kind when a big wave comes along and drenches me. Such is the way of the world.

We haven't gotten any mail, 'cause we're along way from our base. I hope there will be lots when we do get it. I presume they will keep us here until we get fitted out—in part at least, but I'm not sure.

Love to all,

PAUL.

**APPLETON BOYS ARE
NOW IN TRENCHES, SAYS
LETTER RECEIVED TODAY**

A letter to the parents of Paul Van Wyk, received today, states that he and the others who crossed with him are actually in the trenches now. He is still with the Sanitary Squadron and says that they are kept busy cleaning up the towns. They are hearing the big guns and have seen several fire according to the letter. A large portion of the letter was censored.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 12 Jun 1918 p 3

The following letter was received early in the week by Mrs. Richard Van Wyk from her son Paul in France. It is the first letter that Mrs. Van Wyk has received for some time that has not had parts of it taken out by the censor:

June 4, 1918.

Dear Mother:

We, Shorty and I, are having a rather unique experience never before equalled in all my years, pretty near two of them, of soldiering. For two whole days and three nights we were stranded in a town with out any Americans outside of ourselves. We have been expecting troops in today but evidently they are not coming. At any rate we are leaving in the morning for parts unknown.

The battalion that was here moved out one night at about nine o'clock. They left us bread and syrup enough to last us three days. And we piece that out with milk, so we are living comfortably if not in luxury.

We got some mail day before yesterday and some tonight. Got some pictures from Cile. You are looking real well and I hope you will soon be feeling as well as you look. I got a big long letter from Dad. Pretty near knocked me stiff. It surely was some letter and it will go down in the annals of time. I'll have to take a week off somebody and answer it. But all kidding aside it was a dandy letter.

I must still have one or two letters from you floating around loose in this land. I knew what Bee was doing but didn't know what Harry was doing until Dad's letter said he was back at the store.

Just now in this part of the country eggs are five francs, which is about 90c. A franc is worth 17 1-2 cents U. S.

That was lovely of Aunt Jennie. She sure is a good sister to have.

I wrote to Cile yesterday (not mailed yet and told her that I couldn't complain about the racket now. Of all the dead places on this wide, wide world you couldn't find one more dead in seven years. I'll have to move to some big place like Little Chute or Kimberly when I get home. I could never stand the excitement at home.

Major Scott was over here one day to find a place to put up a couple of baths. We found the place allright. But now that orders have been changed as regards troops, they won't be put up here. I musn't oversleep in the morning. I have to shave and get my worldly belongings packed on my back and get over to Brigg'stown early. No one to wake us up except a shepherd who goes through here about six o'clock, tooting an old army bugle. I'll probably hear him.

Love to all,
Paul Van Wyk.
Sanitary Squad No. 1
American E. F.
32nd Div. Med. Dept.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 28 Jun 1918 p 7

PINGLE ON HIS WAY HOME—According to a letter written by Paul Van Wyk to his father, dated January 12, Sgt. Alfred Pingel who was gassed in France, is on his way home.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 5 Feb 1919 p 2

9 NEAR DEATH ON SHIP; SEVEN ESCAPE WOUNDS

**ANNIVERSARY OF SINKING OF
TUSCANIA—LOCAL MEN ON
HER LUCKY IN BATTLE**

Today marks the first anniversary of the sinking of the British transport Tuscania off the coast of Ireland by a torpedo from a German submarine. Of the nine local young men who were on board the ill-fated ship, only two were wounded during the nine months of war that followed that first great disaster to American troops when they came so near death. Irvin Meidam, 107th Supply Train 32nd Division, was wounded in action in August, but has recovered from his wounds and is now with his unit in Germany. Theodore Briggs, Sanitary Squad No. 7, was struck by a piece of high explosive shrapnel in the left shoulder, July 30, at the battle near Chateau-Thierry when he was engaged in caring for the wounded. He spent six weeks in the hospital after that, but upon his release caught cold and a relapse followed, confining him to the convalescent hospital for two or three months. At present he is doing clerical work in the central department office.

The other four members of the Sanitary Squad, Sgt. Eric Galpin, Paul Van Wyk, Worth Bushey, and McKinley Robinson, came through the war without a scratch. Soon after their arrival in France they were transferred from Sanitary Squad No. 1 to Squad No. 7 of the 32nd Division. Their work consisted mainly of seeing the billets for the rest of the troops were in proper sanitary condition. During the battles they were engaged as ambulance drivers and stretcher bearers, doing general first aid work. September 1 they were transferred from the 32nd Division, doing detached duty at various hospitals. They were at the base hospital at Is-sur-Tille, France, until recently, when they were detailed to do outside work, and are now awaiting orders to return home.

The other members of the 107th Supply Train, Lieut. Henry J. Pettigrew, since promoted to Captain of Co. D, Sgt. Arthur J. Hantsche and Sgt. Jacob Schneider, also escaped injury of any kind. They are still members of the same unit in which they served when they left this country and are now in Germany with the 32nd Division.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 5 Feb 1919 p 5

BACK TO DIVISION—Word has been received that the 7th Sanitary Squad has been assigned to the 32nd Division and will return home with them. The squad includes the Appleton hospital corps boys who went over on the Tuscania, Eric Galpin, Paul Van Wyk, McKinley Robinson, Theodore Briggs and Worth Bushey.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Saturday 26 Apr 1919 p 2

MEETS BROTHER—In a letter written April 26 to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bushey, Corporal Cameron Bushey reports having met his brother, Worth Bushey, and Eric Galpin and Paul Van Wyk and other members of the Seventh Sanitation Co. On the day of writing the letter, he had received a telephone message in the office of General Walker, Tours, where he is stationed, announcing that his brother was at the railroad station enroute for Brest. By hastening to the station he was able to spend about half an hour with him and his comrades. Corporal Cameron reports that all the men were looking fine. They are due to arrive at Boston, May 19.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Monday 12 May 1919 p 2

Ten Appleton young men who were on the Tuscania when it was torpedoed in February, 1918, have returned to America and are now at Camp Grant. The veterans, all members of the 107th sanitary train, are Capt. Henry J. Pettigrew, John J. Haug, Arthur Hantschel, Irwin Meidam, Charles Baker, Jacob Schneider, Worth Bushey, Eric Galpin, Paul Van Wyk and McKinley Robinson.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Friday 23 May 1919 p 6

AT CAMP GRANT—Telephone and telegraph messages have been received from Eric Galpin, Paul Van Wyk, Worth Bushey and McKinley Robinson stated that they arrived at Camp Grant yesterday morning and expect to arrive home tomorrow or Monday.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 24 May 1919 p 2

**BEWARE MR. BACHELOR, LEAP YEAR
IS UPON YOU AGAIN**

Pity the poor bachelor!

Leap year is with us again and the bachelor isn't quite sure which way to step.

Appleton girls, unlike those of Canada and England, are not confronted with a dearth of eligible candidates for a matrimonial flight. The "woods are full of 'em" and it only remains for the coy maidens to pick out the men whom they desire.

According to old Scotch law there is mighty little chance for a bachelor when a maiden pins him down to brass tacks. This law provides that in leap year the maiden may propose and the proposee must either accept or buy her off—providing however that if he is already engaged he may use that as an excuse and go free.

There is also an old law in England which says that the man of the maiden's choice must accept, give her a silk dress, a kiss, or all three.

[the article & a list continues]

Carleton Stowe; Carold Stowe; Carl Tennie; Edgar R. Thom; Arthur Vincent; Paul Van Wyk; John F. Voge; Martin Vossbeck; Harry Sylvest; Edward Nielsen; Louis Waltman, Jr.; Fred Felix Wettengel; John A. Weber; Harry Weber; Victor Whoeler; Ralph Woelz; George Wissman; Herbert Woelz; Fred Woelz; Elmer Wolf; Frank Yelg; Ferdinand Yelg; Cleve Yule; Dewey Zwicker; William Zuelzke; Carl Zschaechner.

Among the list of eligible bachelors – Paul Van Wyk – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”
Tuesday 6 Jan 1920 p 7

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF SINKING OF TUSCANIA



Two years ago today the Tuscania carrying American troops to Europe, including eight Appleton boys, was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland. All of the Appleton men were saved. The ship was torpedoed about six o'clock in the evening.

The eight local boys on board were Worth Bushey, Eric Galpin, Paul Van Wyk, McKinley Robinson, Theodore Briggs, Arthur Hantschel, Irvin Meidam and Jacob Schneider.

Even the unpleasant acquaintance-ship with the beaucoup water around in the Atlantic has failed to create a distate for liquids. A reporter called one of the group this afternoon. After securing the names and other particulars he asked if a get-together party would be held to commemorate the event.

"Have you anything in the form of refreshments to offer?" the reporter was asked.

"Liquid of course."

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 5 Feb 1920 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Wyk returned Wednesday morning from Chicago, after a week's honeymoon trip. Mrs. Van Wyk was formerly Miss Lucille Rockstroh. They will make their home on Hancock street.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 22 Apr 1920 p 2

Wife:



Altrusa Club Members Delivered Toys for the children's ward of St. Elizabeth hospital recently as one of its Christmas projects. From the left are Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk, Sister Mary Clementia, Mrs. John Engel, Jr., chairman of the club's toy cart committee, Mrs. George Hoffer, Altrusa president, and Sister Superior Mary Salome. (Post-Crescent Photo)

Lucille Mae Rockstroh Van Wyck – standing at far left – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”
Tuesday 18 Dec 1956 p 30



Costumes of Yester-Year Were Donned by Altrusa club hostesses for their centennial-themed, seventh annual guest night dinner at the Conway hotel Thursday. An old-fashioned coffee grinder, one of the many antique articles which trimmed the dinner tables, is examined in left photo by Miss Doris Keup, left and Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk. In the next photo, Miss Marie Biese lifts the skirt of her floor-sweeping gown to show the pointed shoes worn as part of her costume, which originally belonged to the wife of an early Fox Valley settler who owned the first steam ship to navigate on the Fox river.

Lucille Mae Rockstroh Van Dyke is the woman in the center – dressed in old-time costume
 – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday 18 Jan 1957 p 12

Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk

314 E. Hancock St., Appleton
Age 63, passed away at 12:45 a.m. Sunday after a short illness. She was born March 13, 1897 in Green Bay and lived in Appleton all of her life. She was Deputy Clerk of Courts for Outagamie County for 23 years prior to her retirement 4 years ago. She is a member of St. Therese Catholic church; The Christian Mothers Society; 3rd Order of St. Francis and the Catholic Daughters of America. Mrs. Van Wyk is survived by her mother, Mrs. C. J. Rockstroh, Appleton; one daughter, Mrs. Charles De Young; one sister, Mrs. Hugh Tscherning both of Appleton; 6 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday at St. Therese church. The cortege forming at 8:30 a.m. at Brettschneiders. Burial in St. Joseph cemetery. Friends may call at the Brettschneider Funeral home after 3 p.m. Monday. Rosary at 8 and 8:30 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home.

Obituary of Lucille Mae Rockstroh Van Wyk – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 14 Nov 1960 p 33

The cast for the senior class play, "Naney Starts a Boom", to be given at the Appleton Theatre May 17, was announced this morning by Miss Rose Ellen McNevin, director of the play. Miss Gladys Bagg will play the leading role, the character of Nancy, who wakes up the town. The cast:

[cast continues]

Anistatia—Lucille Rockstroh.

Members of the cast have been working hard for the success of the play, which promises to be well worth while because it is a side splitting comedy, with many interesting situations. Those who enjoyed the success of "Contrary Mary," will also enjoy the senior class play this year. Ticket reservations begin Monday at Roemer and Bellings drug store.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 13 May 1916 p 1

Miss Lucille Rockstroh assumed her duties as stenographer at the Citizens' National bank today.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 2 Nov 1918 p 5

Miscellaneous Shower

Mrs. A. M. Schmieding entertained last night at a miscellaneous shower for her niece, Miss Lucille Rockstroh, at the Rockstroh home, 694 Hancock street. The evening was spent in playing cards and dice, first prize going to Mrs. Hiram Felk. The mar-

riage of Miss Rockstroh to Paul Van Wyk will take place in spring.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 5 Feb 1920 p 6

Wedding Thursday

The wedding of Miss Lucille Rockstroh and Paul Van Wyk, both of this city, will take place Thursday.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 12 Apr 1920 p 2

Rockstroh-Van Wyk Wedding

Miss Lucille Rockstroh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rockstroh, 694 Hancock street, and Paul Van Wyk, son of Richard Van Wyk, were

married at 9:30 o'clock this morning in the parsonage of St. Joseph church. Miss Irene Rockstroh, sister of the bride, and Hubert Van Wyk, brother of the groom, attended the couple.

The bride was dressed in a suit of blue tricotine, with hat to match, and wore a corsage bouquet of sweet peas. The bridesmaid wore a suit of the same description, and also carried flowers.

A wedding dinner was served to thirty guests at the Rockstroh home at noon, following which Mr. and Mrs. Van Wyk left for Chicago on a week's honeymoon trip.

They will make their home at 694 Atlantic street.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 15 Apr 1920 p 2

Resignation of Deputy Clerk Is Announced Today

The resignation of Mrs. H. M. Yungwirth, formerly Miss Agnes Glasnap, deputy clerk of courts, was announced this morning by Sydney M. Shannon, clerk of courts. Mrs. Yungwirth had served as deputy clerk for almost five years. She and her husband will live in Oshkosh. Mr. Shannon also announced this morning the appointment of Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk, 314 E. Hancock-st, a widow, as the successor to Miss Glasnap. Mrs. Van Wyk will start her duties Wednesday.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 28 Feb 1933 p 2

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Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk and her daughter, Mary Lou, 314 E. Hancock street, are spending the week in Chicago and Milwaukee.

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"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 18 Aug 1937 p 8

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Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk, 302 E. Hancock street, returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., where she spent two weeks visiting her daughter, Mary Lou, who is employed in the ordnance department in Washington. Miss Phyllis Walton, Neenah, accompanied Mrs. Van Wyk on the trip.

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"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 1 Sep 1943 p 13

Name 2 Officers of Courthouse Employes

Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk has been named vice president and Miss Ethel Steidl has been named treasurer of the Outagamie County Courthouse Employes association, President Elden Broehm announced today.

Mrs. Van Wyk succeeds Miss Donyna Herberg and Miss Steidl replaces Miss Janet Backes. Both of the former officers no longer are working at the courthouse.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 20 Sep 1952 p 11

Appleton Woman Visits Europe on Marian Tour

Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk, 314 E. Hancock street, left Monday by plane for New York, where she boarded a ship on Tuesday to take part in a 6-week Marian Year tour of Europe.

The Appleton woman will join other tour participants after landing in Ireland and will visit eight countries, including England, France, Germany, Holland and Italy. She will fly home from Paris in August.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 7 Jul 1954 p 18

Catholic Daughters Conduct Service

Catholic Daughters of Appleton held a Memorial service for 43 deceased members Monday at Xavier Catholic High school. Mrs. John Milhaupt was conductress, with the choir accompanying. Mrs. Robert Bodoh and Miss Josephine Steckbauer were soloists, with Mrs. Clifford Vincent, director of the choir, giving a choral reading. Mrs. Eleanore Downs was the pianist.

Mrs. Arliss French reported on the plans for the annual Mother-Daughter communion and breakfast, which

will be held at St. Pius church May 1.

Mrs. Hubert Wetak, Mrs. T. H. Cavanaugh and Mrs. J. J. Cummings were appointed members of the nominating committee. Mrs. J. K. Rath, grand regent, and Mrs. Stanley Staidl, vice regent, were named delegates to the 19th biennial state convention at Lake Geneva.

Sister Peter and members of her staff conducted a tour of the building after the meeting. Mrs. H. A. Gresenz and Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk were social chairmen and Mrs.

social chairmen and Mrs. Herbert A. Simon was program chairman.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 18 Apr 1960 p 12

Daughter:



Mary Lou Van Wyk De Young – Find A Grave 57008768



CAST PREPARES FOR SODALITY PLAY AT ST. THERESE PARISH HALL SUNDAY

These young people will appear in the cast of characters for "Cyclone Sally," 3-act comedy to be presented by Young Ladies sodality of St. Therese church Sunday afternoon and evening and next Wednesday evening at the parish hall. They are, front row, left to right, Miss Mary Lou Van Wyk who plays the role of Vivian Vernon, the belle of Cedar Point; Miss Delores Paltzer who is Effie Varden, a neighbor; Miss Arline Bosser who takes the title role of Cyclone Sally; Miss Margaret Wood who is Ruth Thatcher; and Miss Jeanette Wood who appears as Jenny Thatcher; rear row, Wayne Belanger who takes the part of Willie Clump; Allen Warner who appears in the role of Reggie Manners, a young Englishman; Robert Crabb who is Jack Webster, owner of the Webster estate; Miss Helen R. Paltzer, director of the play; and Carl Nagel, Jim Jerkins. (Post-Crescent Photo)

Mary Lou Van Wyk is seated in the front row, at far left (white necklace) - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 14 Apr 1939 p 8



At Lawrence College -

Active members of their sororities since initiation ceremonies in February and March, these girls from Appleton and the vicinity are among the freshman co-eds at Lawrence college this year. The only Appleton girl initiated into Alpha Chi Omega sorority after the end of the first semester was Miss Mary Lou Van Wyk, shown at the left coming down the steps of Main hall on the Lawrence campus. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk, 302 E. Hancock street.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 23 Mar 1940 p 10



HEAD LAWRENCE TOWN GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

These are the new officers of the Town Girls' association of Lawrence college, an organization made up of Appleton co-eds at Lawrence. Left to right, they are Miss Janet Fullinwider, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Percy Fullinwider, 837 E. Hancock street, treasurer; Miss Pat Heenan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Heenan, 531 W. Prospect avenue, secretary; Miss Betty Stilp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stilp, 418 N. Lawe street, Lawrence Women's association representative; Miss Mary Lou Van Wyk, daughter of Mrs. Lucille Van Wyk, 302 E. Hancock street, social chairman; and Miss Catherine Roemer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Roemer, 720 S. Summit street, president. The association has monthly supper meetings during the school year. (Post-Crescent Photo)

Mary Lou Van Wyk is 2nd from right – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 4 Jun 1940 p 8

A daughter was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Wyk at Maternity hospital.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 13 Apr 1921 p 10

Mary Lou Van Wyk Is Bride Of Ensign Charles de Young

Miss Mary Lou Van Wyk, daughter of Mrs. Paul Van Wyk, 302 E. Hancock street, and Ensign Charles Conrad de Young, 836 South street, exchanged marriage vows in a nuptial mass at 9 o'clock this morning at St. Therese Catholic church. The young couple spoke their responses after the Rev. M. A. Hauch.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her grandfather, C. J. Rochstroh, 314 E. Hancock street, was attended by Mrs. John Sherry as her matron of honor. Her three bridesmaids were the Misses Joan Sigl, Patricia Heenan and Mary Jane de Young, sister of Ensign de Young.

For his best man Ensign de Young chose Lieutenant James McFadden, Kaukauna. Ushers were Jerry Schute, Milwaukee, and Paul West, Appleton.

Twenty guests, close friends and immediate relatives of the couple, were served a wedding breakfast at the Guest house after the ceremony; and about 200 guests have been invited to a reception at the Conway hotel this afternoon.

Ensign and Mrs. de Young will make their home temporarily in Bremerton, Wash., where the navy man will wait to rejoin his ship. He returned to the states in November after spending five months with the Pacific fleet.

The bride, who has been a society reporter for the Appleton Post-Crescent in its Neenah-Menasha office, attended Lawrence college, where she became affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega. Her husband is a graduate of Campion High school, Prairie du Chien, and Marquette university school of engineering.

Marriage of Mary Lou Van Wyk to Charles C. De Young – 'Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent'
Saturday 2 Dec 1944 p 5

ROCK HILL — Mrs. Mary Lou VanWyk DeYoung, 64, retired York General Hospital auxilliary worker, died Tuesday. Memorial service is 7 p.m. Friday at Bass Funeral Home.

Survivors are sons, Mark DeYoung of Appleton, Wis., David DeYoung of Cedartown, Ga., Charles DeYoung, Michael DeYoung; daughters, Mrs. Barbara Anthony of Appleton, Mrs. Tina Walker.

Obituary of Mary Lou Van Wyk De Young – “Charlotte (NC) Observer” Thursday 23 May 1985 p 12

Father:



Richard VanWyk

**Richard Van Wyk,
Former Supervisor,
Dies at His Home**

Richard Van Wyk, 84, 744 E. Hancock street, a former member of the Outagamie county board of supervisors, died at his home at 3:30 Saturday morning following a 6-months illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Wichmann funeral home with Reed Forbush, acting pastor of the Congregational church, in charge. Burial will take place in Riverside cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon until time of services. Members of Konemic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will hold services at the funeral home at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Mr. Van Wyk was born March 7, 1868 in Holland and came to Appleton when he was 12 years old and has lived here ever since. He was a candy maker and owned a store at 226 E. College avenue. He was last employed as gardener at the Appleton Coated Paper company. He represented Appleton on the county board from 1939 through 1946.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Earl Fransway and Mrs. W. E. Lyman, both of Appleton; Mrs. Norman Shure, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mrs. A. W. Drew, Cleveland, Ohio; two sons, Colonel Harry Van Wyk, stationed in Heidelberg, Germany; and Robert Van Wyk, Appleton; two brothers, J. C. Van Wyk, Seymour; and William Van Wyk, Appleton; two sisters, Miss Jennie Van Wyk, Appleton; and Mrs. A. E. Lembcke, Tulsa, Okla.; and 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mr. Van Wyk was a member of the Congregational church, Odd Fellows Konemic Lodge and treasurer and trustee of the Grand Lodge, Odd Fellows, for the last 20 years.

Obituary of father Richard Van Wyk – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 30 Jun 1952 p 14

Married.

At the parsonage, Tuesday night, Rev. John Faville performed the marriage of Miss Myrtle Morse to Mr. Richard Van Wyk. The newly wedded pair are to make their home at No. 798 Lawe street. They are well known to Appleton people and will be the recipients of many congratulations.

Marriage of parents "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 23 May 1895 p 7

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 Name **Van Wyk, Richard**
 When Born **March 7, 1868** Where Born **Netherlands**
 Residing at **518 Hancock St., Appleton Wis.**
 Date Certificate Issued **September 18, 1911**
 Circuit Court, Outagamie County, Wisconsin
 Names of Witnesses **B. J. Zuehlke**
Henry Kriess
 Certificate No. **191106**
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 H. C. M. CO. 733040

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/5191700:1629>

Mother:

VAN WYK FUNERAL
 Funeral services for Mrs. Richard VanWyk will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the home, the Rev. Dr. John Faville officiating. Burial will be made at the Riverside cemetery where services will be in charge of the Rebekah lodge, assisted by the Women's Relief Corps.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 7 Aug 1919 p 2

TO ATTEND FUNERAL—All members of the Rebekah society are requested to be at the Riverside chapel at 2:15 o'clock Friday afternoon to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Richard Van Wyk.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 7 Aug 1919 p 2

Siblings:



Brigadier General Harry Van Wyk

Pebble Beach, California

Formerly of Appleton, age 86, died Thursday, February 7, 1985 following a lingering illness at his home in Pebble Beach. He was born June 16, 1898 in Appleton. He attended Lawrence University and subsequently received a commission to attend West Point Military Academy. He served as Brigadier General in the U.S. Army during World War II in Germany and later on the Staff of General MacArthur in Australia. General Van Wyk is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Burleigh Van Wyk; a son, Derek Van Wyk; a grandson, Christopher; four sisters, Helen Shure; Myrtle Fransway; Marian Lyman; all of Appleton; Virginia Drew, Cleveland, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers. Funeral services will be at West Point Military Academy

Brother Harry Van Wyk (1898-1985) – graduate of West Point Military Academy 1924, ultimately a brigadier general – left: Find A Grave 181409122 and right: obituary in “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 12 Feb 1985 p 32



Obituary of brother Hubert John Van Wyk (1900-1948) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Thursday 22 Jan 1948 p 12

Mrs. Earle Fransway

(Myrtle Van Wyk)

Formerly of 1905 N. Appleton St. age 84, died Wednesday morning, May 14, 1986 after a lengthy illness. She was born December 21, 1901 in Appleton and had been an Appleton resident all of her life. She was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church and the Deborah Rebecca Lodge. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Pete and Lois, Tom and Carol, all of Appleton; a daughter-in-law: June Fransway, Appleton; three sisters: Virginia (Gin) Drew, Cleveland, Ohio; Helen Shure and Marian Lyman, both of Appleton; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; a son, James; a grandson, James A. and five brothers: Paul, Harry, Hubert, Ted and Bob. The complete funeral will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at Valley Funeral Home with Rev. David Koch officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery. Friends may call at the Valley Funeral Home, 2211 N. Richmond St. from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until the time of service. The prayer service will be 7 p.m. Thursday.

Obituary of [sister Myrtle M. Van Wyk Fransway \(1901-1986\)](#) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Wednesday 14 May 1986 p 26

Antigo

Marian Lyman, 84, Mattoon, died March 26, 1988. She was a former Mattoon restaurant operator.

Death of [sister Marian Van Wyk Lyman \(1903-1988\)](#) – “Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Sunday 10 Apr 1988 p 24

The engagement of Miss Marian Van Wyk, 744 E. Hancock-st, daughter of Richard Van Wyk, who is now in Florida, to Eugene Lyman, 507 W. Winnebago-st, was announced at a party given Saturday night at Miss Van Wyk's home in honor of her birthday anniversary. About 20 persons were present. Cards and dice was played and the prize at cards was won by Gertrude Van Wyk.

Engagement of Marian Van Wyk – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 22 Dec 1925 p 5

THEODORE VAN WYK

Theodore Van Wyk, 33, 2016 N. Appleton street, died at 5:50 yesterday afternoon in Appleton after a week's illness.

Born in Appleton July 4, 1906, he lived in the city all his life. He was employed at Fox River Paper Corporation. Mr. Van Wyk was a member of the First Congregational church.

Survivors are the widow; the father, Richard Van Wyk, Appleton; one son, David Richard; three brothers, Captain Harry Van Wyk, Ft. Hoyle, Md.; Hubert and Robert, Appleton; four sisters, Mrs. E. A. Fransway, Mrs. Eugene Lyman, Appleton; Mrs. Norman Shure, Chicago; Miss Virginia Van Wyk, Evanston, Ill.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at Wichman Funeral home with Dr. John B. Hanna in charge. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery. The body will be at the funeral home from this afternoon to the hour of services.

Obituary of **brother Theodore Roosevelt Van Wyk (1905-1939)** – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday 23 Jun 1939 p 4

St. Louis-Van Wyk

The marriage of Miss Eunice St. Louis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter St. Louis, 1430 E. Wisconsin avenue to Theodore Van Wyk, son of Richard Van Wyk, 744 E. Hancock street, took place Sept. 10 at Madison. Attendants were Mrs. Robert Van Wyk and Joseph Mossen, the latter of Madison at whose home the ceremony was performed. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wyk will make their home on N. Appleton street.

Marriage on 10 Sep 1937 in Madison, Dane WI of Theodore Roosevelt Van Wyk & Eunice Barbara St. Louis – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 28 Sep 1937 p 8

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Van Wyk-Mass

In ceremony last Saturday morning at St. Therese church parsonage Miss Eunice Van Wyk, daughter of Mrs. Peter St. Louis, 1200 N. Owaissa street, became the bride of Edward Mass, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mass, 535 N. Bates street, with the Rev. Henry Arens performing the single ring ceremony.

Attending the couple were Mrs. Charles Verbeten as matron of honor and Louis St. Louis as best man. A dinner and reception was held in the afternoon at the home of the bride's mother for relatives and friends. After the wedding celebration the couple went on a short honeymoon trip to Kenosha.

Out-of-town guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Wyke, Detroit, Mich., and William Mass, Chicago, Ill. Mr. Mass is employed with Kurz and Root company. Mr. and Mrs. Mass are residing at 2114 N. Appleton street.

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Mrs. Edward Nass Sr.

(Eunice St. Louis)
1903 N. Charlotte St.
Appleton

Age 72, died unexpectedly at 12:10 a.m. Thursday, February 26, 1987, at the Appleton Medical Center following a short illness. She was born October 15, 1914, in Kimberly. On May 19, 1945, she married Edward Nass Sr. in Appleton and spent all of her life in the Appleton area. Survivors include her husband, Edward Sr.; three sons and four daughters-in-law, Jim and Linda Nass, Neenah, Bob and Lolamae Van Wyk, Menasha, Dave and Sandi Van Wyk, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Joyce Neuman, Greenville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Henry and Roni St. Louis, Appleton, and Arthur and Gertrude St. Louis, Menasha; five sisters, Rosemary Ladewig, Tustin, Wisconsin, Blanche and Herman Mielke, St. Paul, Minnesota, Irene Thein, Kimberly, Violet Freund, Neenah, and Laida Chestnick, St. Clair Shores, Michigan; 17 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Edward Nass Jr., in 1981; two brothers; and five sisters. The complete funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 28, 1987, at the Wichmann Funeral Home with the Rev. Gerald Falk officiating. Friends may call at the Wichmann Funeral Home, 537 N. Superior St., from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. Saturday until the time of service. A memorial fund is being established.

Right: Remarriage of Theodore's widow "Miss" Eunice Van Wyk to Edward Nass (not Mass) Jr. - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 26 May 1945 p 5 and right: obituary in "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 26 Feb 1987 p 32

Helen Shure

(Helen Van Wyk)
1420 W. Pershing St., Appleton

Age 85, died Thursday, April 28, 1994 at her home. She was born October 18, 1908 in Appleton, to the late Richard and Myrtle (Morse) Van Wyk. Helen had trained as a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago where she met and married Dr. Norman Shure. The couple then moved to Los Angeles, California where Dr. Shure began practice. As a doctor's wife, Helen involved herself in several volunteer programs working with Hispanics. Her greatest joy and pleasure was her love of classical music notably operatic and the beauty of Northern Wisconsin and its wildlife and sparkling lakes. Helen was a voracious reader of books. Her sage wisdom and keen wit will be deeply missed. Survivors include a sister, Virginia Drew, Cleveland, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers: Paul, Brigadier General Harry, Hubert, Ted and Bob; and two sisters: Marian Lyman and Myrtle Fransway. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m.

at the WICHMANN FUNERAL HOME, 537 N. Superior Street. The family requests memorials be sent to the Appleton Library Foundation. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the VNA women who were so dedicated to the care of Helen.

Obituary of sister Helen Van Wyk Shure (1908-1994) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 20 Apr 1994 p 19

Robert Van Wyk

2021 S. Kernan Ave., Appleton

Age 68, died unexpectedly about 11 a.m. Thursday. He was born April 9, 1911 in Appleton and had been a life-long resident. Mr. Van Wyk was a well-known car salesman. He owned and operated Kimberly Motor Service prior to joining Stumpf Ford in 1960. He was an avid hunter-fisherman, and was a member of Ducks Unlimited. He was also a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ and the UCT. Survivors include his wife, Shay Stutz Van Wyk; a daughter, Mrs. Mark (Sherrie) Jurgella, Stevens Point; a son, Thomas R., Winneconne; a brother, Brigadier General Harry Van Wyk, Pebble Beach, California; four sisters: Mrs. Earl (Myrtle) Fransway and Mrs. W.E. (Marian) Lyman, both of Appleton; Mrs. Norman (Helen) Shure, Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Ambrose (Virginia) Drew, Cleveland, Ohio; two grandsons: Timothy and Peter Van Wyk. He was preceded in death by three brothers: Paul, Hubert and Ted. The complete funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Wichmann Funeral Home, with Dr. John Edward Feltz officiating. Interment will be in Highland Memorial Park. Friends may call at the funeral home from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and after 9 a.m. Saturday until the time of the service. A memorial fund is being established.

Obituary of brother Robert L. Van Wyk (1911-1979) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday
11 May 1979 p 25

Van Wyk, Shay

APPLETON - Shay Van Wyk died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, the first day of autumn, at Cherry Meadows, Appleton. She was born to the late Fred and Mary (Dowhy) Stutz in Madison, Wis. Shay married Robert Van Wyk Nov. 29, 1941

in Appleton; he preceded her in death in 1979. She is survived by her son, Tom (Linda) Van Wyk; her daughter, Sherrie (Ammar) Saadeh; three grandchildren, Tim (Lisa) Van Wyk, Peter Van Wyk and Annis Saadeh; two great-grandchildren, Peter and Nicole Van Wyk; a brother, Don (Nellie) Stutz; three sisters, Gloria Stutz, Alyce (Bill) Beld and Ruth (Jim) Bengel; two sisters-in-law, Therese Stutz and Gin Drew; many wonderful caring nieces and nephews; and dear friends, Phyllis (Tom) Gamsky.

She was preceded in death by her son, Richard "Dick" Van Wyk; a brother, Howard Stutz; and a sister, Marie Stutz. The memorial service will be 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST, 724 E. South River St., Appleton, with the Rev. Jane Weeden officiating. Friends and family will be received from 10 a.m. until the time of the service Friday at church. A memorial is being established in her name.

Obituary of Robert's wife Shay Stutz Van Wyk – "Madison (WI) Capital Times" Tuesday 24 Sep 2002 p 14

THE HOWARD STUTZES, 1913 Vahlen St., celebrated more than Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day.

The Stutz families also observed the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Wyk, (Shay Stutz) Appleton; David Beld's 17th birthday, and a 25 year service recognition for the host, Howard Stutz, who is employed at Ray-O-Vac Co.

In addition to the host and hostess and their three children, Jim, Nancy and Bob, were the two grandmothers, Mrs. Mary Stutz and Mrs. Lawrence Endres Sr., Waunakee; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Wyk and daughter Sherrie, Appleton; Mr. and Mrs. William Beld, (Alyce Stutz) and their four children, David, Julie, Dan and Jim; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stutz and their three children, Janet, Jack and Jane; and Miss Gloria Stutz.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Tuesday 29 Nov 1966 p 22

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Paul Van Wyk

Name variations: VanWyk (Veterans Administration Master Index)

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Sanitary #1 – private

Serial number: 18,190

Entered service from: Appleton, Outagamie WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Paul Van Wyk

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Richard Van Wyk,, 518 Hancock St., Appleton WI

Returned from war on: "Rhode Island" [also listed as "Woonsocket"] May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Paul Van Wyk

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Richard Van Wyk, 518 Hancock St., Appleton WI
(PFC, San. Sq. 7)

World War I draft registration (1917):

Veterans Administration Military Index: VanWyk

Enlisted: no date listed

Discharged: no date listed

Address: Box 124, Appleton WI

Died: 1921

Rank/unit: private 1st class, Medical Department, 127th Infantry, 32nd DivisionBirth & death:

Born: 16 Jun 1896 Appleton, Outagamie WI

Died: 30 Oct 1921 Appleton, Outagamie WI (at his home at 694 Hancock St., after illness of 6 weeks)

Find A Grave record: 170850702 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Appleton, Outagamie WI

Cemetery: Riverside

Tombstone: tombstone: Priv. San. Squad No. 7 32nd Div.

Father: Richard Van Wyk, 7 Mar 1868 Netherlands – 28 Jun 1952 Appleton, Outagamie Co. WI. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI. Although his headstone is inscribed with a birth year of 1879, multiple sources list it as 1868. Son of William Van Wyk (1829-1905).

Find A Grave: 170850607

Mother: Myrtle Tyler Morse Van Wyk, Aug 1873 Black Creek, Outagamie WI – Aug 1919 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Daughter of Joseph D. Morse & Emily Ann Tyler. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI.

Find A Grave: 170850649

Parents' marriage: 14 May 1895 Outagamie Co. WI

Spouse: Lucille Mae Rockstroh Van Wyk, 13 Mar 1897 Green Bay, Brown WI – 13 Nov 1960 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Daughter of Charles John Rockstroh & Clara Josephine Fransway. Paul refers to as "Cile" in his wartime letters home.

Spouse Find A Grave: 155965185

Marriage: 15 Apr 1920 Appleton, Outagamie WI, in the parsonage of St. Joseph Catholic Church, presumably because Lucille was a Catholic & Paul had been active in the Congregational Church.

Children:

- Mary Lou Van Wyk De Young, 10 Apr 1921 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 21 May 1985 Rock Hill, York SC.. Wife of Charles C. De Young (1922-1973, F: 101954612), son of William F. DeYoung & Gertrude Milhaupt. They married 2 Dec 1944 in St. Therese Catholic Church, Appleton, Outagamie WI. Charles is buried in Appleton WI while Mary Lou is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery, Rock Hill, York SC. F: 57008768

Siblings: Paul was the oldest child.

- Harry Van Wyk, 16 Jun 1898 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 8 Feb 1985 Pebble Beach, Monterey CA. Graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, 1924. Married Elizabeth Elinor Burleigh (1908 CA – 1996 CA, F: 181409177) between Sep 1928 & 1930. She was the daughter of John James Burleigh & Elizabeth Eckerson O'Connor. Ultimately becomes a brigadier general. Buried in the United States Military Academy Post Cemetery, West Point, Orange NY. F: 181409122
- Hubert John Van Wyk, 31 Mar 1900 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 21 Jan 1948 Appleton, Outagamie WI. The 1900 census, conducted 6 Jun 1900, says "John" was zero months old, having been born in May 1900. - Married to Frances M. Van Ryzin (1905-1978, F: 232392642), who married Alton L. Lendved (1912-1974, F: 232392612) after being widowed. They had 1 son. Hubert is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 174740978
- Myrtle M. Van Wyk Fransway, 21 Dec 1901 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 14 May 1986 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Wife of Earle A. Fransway (1893-1975, F: 97522521), whom she married 2 May 1921 in Menominee Co. MI. She was age 19 & he age 28. Both were born in & were residents of Appleton, Outagamie WI. His occupation was sign writer. He was the son of John Fransway & June Thommpson. Married by justice of the peace John E. Jones. - Buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 97522522
- Marian Van Wyk Lyman, 18 Dec 1903 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 28 Mar 1988 WI. Married to William Eugene ("Jim") Lyman (1900-1974, F: 191718087). - The WI death index states her death date as 26 Mar 1988. Her obituary indicates she died in Antigo Co. WI; the WI death index indicates Outagamie Co. WI Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Mattoon, Shawano WI. F: 51594181

- Theodore Roosevelt Van Wyk, 4 Jul 1905 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 22 Jun 1939 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Married 10 Sep 1937 in Madison, Dane WI to Eunice Barbara St. Louis (1914-1987, F: 240469808), the daughter of Peter St. Louis & Flavella (Vella) LeMay. Following Theodore's death, Eunice married on 19 May 1945 in Appleton, Outagamie WI to Edward Nass Jr. - Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 170850578
- Helen Van Wyk Shure, 18 Oct 1908 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 28 Apr 1994 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Married in 1932 to Dr. Norman Morison Shure (1907-1981, F: 238563230), a physician. Burial details unknown. F: 238563306
- Robert L. Van Wyk, 9 Apr 1911 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 10 May 1979 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Married 29 Nov 1941 in Appleton, Outagamie WI to Shay Stutz (d. 21 Sep 2002), the daughter of Fred Apanas Stutz (F: 86592963) & Mary J. Dowhy (F: 86592967). - Buried in Highland Memorial Park, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 203210705
- Virginia Van Wyk Drew, buried as Van Wyk, 10 Oct 1912 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 3 Mar 2003 Frederick, Frederick Co. MD. Married in 1943 to Ambrose G. Drew (1910 IL – 1985 OH, F: 238643665, burial details unknown). Virginia's burial details are unknown. F: 238643573

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 218 Hancock – conducted 6 Jun 1900

Richard Vanwyk, 32 Holland, [no month] 1868, parents b. Holland, emigrated 1882, in US for 18 years, naturalized, married 5 years, clerk

Myrtle, 26 WI, Aug 1873, parents b. NY, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Paul, 3 WI, Jun 1896

Harry, 1 WI, Jun 1898

John, zero months WI, May 1900

1905 WI state census Appleton, Outagamie WI

Richard Van Wyk, 37 Holland, parents b. Holland, creamery

Myrtle, 31 WI, parents b. NY

Paul, 9 WI

Harry, 7 WI

Herbert J., 5 WI

Myrtle, 3 WI

Marian, 1 WI

1910 Appleton, Outagamie WI

Richard Van Wyk, 41 Holland, parents b. Holland, in 1st marriage, married 15 years, emigrated 1883, naturalized, candy store, street

Myrtle I., 36 WI, parents b. NY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 7 children, 7 are living

Paul, 13 WI

Harry, 11 WI

Hubert, 9 WI

Myrtle, 8 WI

Marion, 6 WI

Theodore, 4 WI

Helen, 1 WI

1920 Appleton, Outagamie WI – conducted 6 Jan 1920 – Paul marries on 15 Apr 1920

Richard Van Wyk, 51 Holland, widowed, emigrated 1882, naturalized 1912, confectionery, retail

Paul, 23 WI, single, salesman, retail hardware

Harry, 21 WI, single

Hubert, 19 WI, single, truck driver, retail hardware

Myrtle, 18 WI, single, saleslady, retail confection

Marion, 16 WI

Theodore, 14 WI

Helen, 11 WI

Robert, 8 WI

Virginia, 7 WI