

IRETON AND VICINITY**News Items Gathered Expressly
For The Independent****Accident Proves Fatal to Mr. Bird**

Thomas Bird of Elk Point, a former resident of Ireton, who was fatally injured Sunday night, Aug. 10th, when he was struck by a car, passed away at the Lutheran hospital in Sioux City at 8:20 last Wednesday evening. Death followed an operation for the amputation of his left leg below the hip during the afternoon but because of his weakened condition his system could not stand the shock.

The unfortunate man and Ronald Ringerud drove a wrecking car eight miles east of Elk Point the night of Aug. 10th to haul in a car which had been damaged in a collision. On the way back they stopped and Mr. Bird got out to raise the damaged car higher off the road. While cranking the hoist a car driven by Arnold Klopstad of Spink, with Peter Qualle of Nora as passenger, came from the same direction and was traveling at a fast rate of speed. As it approached the wrecker it swerved in and Mr. Bird seeing the car coming placed his right foot on the running board of the wrecker but he was struck by the speeding car about three inches below the knee, crushing his left leg against the running board. After the speeding car had struck Mr. Bird it traveled on a short distance and turned over on its side. The injured man was picked up by a passing motorist and taken to Elk Point where he received first aid and then he was removed to the Lutheran hospital in Sioux City. The leg was badly crushed and the foot was hanging by parts of the skin and muscles. His foot was amputated at once but the operation for the removal of his limb was not performed until Wednesday when gangrene had set in.

Evelin Thomas Bird was born May 27, 1885, in Woodbury county near Pierson, Iowa, and so was some past 45 years of age at the time of his death. He lived in that section and later in Correctionville, Iowa, and received his education at these places. In 1911 he moved to Lake Andes, S. D., where he followed his trade of tinner and plumber for three years. On June 11, 1911, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Hansen of Elk Point. In 1914 he and his wife moved to Correctionville, then came to Ireton where they resided for 13 years. Five years ago he and his family moved to Elk Point and during this time he was employed as a mechanic in garages in that city. Mr. Bird was a good hard working man, well known and respected and his many friends in Ireton have the deepest sympathy for his wife and seven children at his untimely death.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and seven children, Marlin, Birdie, Maxwell, Margaret, Darlene, Ruth and Willard; his mother, Mrs. M. M. Bird of Correctionville; two brothers, Victor B. Bird of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Ray W. Bird of Aaronburg, Pa.; and two sisters, Verna B. Bird of Cherokee and Birdie B. Bird of Correctionville, Iowa.

Funeral services were held at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Elk Point at 10 o'clock Saturday morning with Rev. W. I. Amoth officiating. Interment was made at Correctionville, Iowa. Many friends of the departed in Ireton drove to Elk Point Saturday and attended the funeral.

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