

Mr. Christian Olson and Miss Martha C. Thompson were married by Justice W. R. Phillips at his office on Saturday evening last. We are informed that they had been at work at Mr. Clark Richardson, during the past summer and that Mr. Olson disappeared rather suddenly and mysteriously a few days since when Miss Thompson entered a complaint against him before Justice Phillips and Marshall Benney was at once dispatched to hunt up Mr. Olson who was found in the vicinity of Cooksville and returned to Justice Phillips office resulting the above named marriage.

October 20, 1888, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

**MRS. PETER OLSON  
COMMITTS SUICIDE**

Mrs. Peter Olson, Grove street, committed suicide at about 7:30 this morning. Surviving are her husband, two daughters, and four sons. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon with burial in Maple Hill cemetery. The Review will publish a more complete obituary of Mrs. Olson in its next issue.

June 5, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

## FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. PETER OLSON

Services Conducted Saturday in  
Methodist Church; Buried in  
Maple Hill Cemetery

Funeral services for Mrs. Peter Olson, 44, who committed suicide early last Thursday morning, were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Methodist church, the Rev. G. C. Saunderson officiating. Mrs. William Bewick sang, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" accompanied by William Antes at the piano. Mrs. John Thurman played sacred music before and after the service.

Interment was made in Maple Hill cemetery with Robert Rowley, Charles Merrick, Fred Schultz, Charles Gray, Walter Hoesley, and Elmer Jacobson as pallbearers. Those in charge of flowers were the Mesdames Bert Eastman, Henry Knudson, Elmer Jacobson, Charles Gray, and Spershrud.

Relatives from out-of-town who attended the services were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Tingley and son, Dan, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Olson and son Lester, Mr. and Mrs. O. Martinson and daughter Phylis, Mt. Horeb; Mrs. C. A. Bates, Madison; Mrs. Vernon Martin, Stoughton; Mrs. E. J. Hakewill, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Sever Olson and daughter, Selma, William Olson and daughter Lorraine, and Antone Anderson, Belleville.

Among the many friends from all parts of the state who were in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. William Lehr, Wautoma; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jacobson and Miss Shine, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee, Mr.

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## FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. PETER OLSON

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and Mrs. Emmette Ham, and employes of the Parker Pen firm Janesville; and Mrs. Brannan and daughters, Pine Bluff.

Mrs. Olson, formerly Miss Signe Ronning, was born May 28, 1886 in Norway and came to America at the age of 20. Following her marriage to Peter Olson, Feb. 29, 1908 in Mt. Horeb, she made her home at Vermont, Wis., later moving with her husband and children to Pine Bluff. The family came to Evansville in 1919.

Mrs. Olson lived an eminently useful life and was loved by all who knew her. She had been failing in health for sometime. Besides a host of friends Mrs. Olson is survived by her husband; four sons, Helmer, 10,

Rudolph, 15, and Martin, 21, at home, and Svgiald, 20, Janesville; two daughters, Lillian, 16, and Valborg, 18; her father, Holstein Ronning, Norway; and one brother, Thrygva Ronning, Seattle, Wash.

June

## SISTERS AND BROTHERS WED OVER 50 YEARS

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and Mrs. Henry Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Olson were celebrated at the latter's home last Friday night when they entertained 28 relatives and friends. It was the fifty-fourth anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and the tenth for Mr. and Mrs. Olson. The occasion also marked the birthdays of Mrs. Clyde Funk and Mrs. Henry Pulsfus.

December 18, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 1 & 8, Evansville, Wisconsin

## BAKER COMPANY ANNOUNCES 1ST GRADUATE HERE

Kenneth Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morrison, 430 Almeron street, has recently been graduated from the apprentice training course conducted by the Baker Manufacturing company. He is the first of the apprentices indentured in the Baker company to complete the course.

Morrison's apprenticeship term began June 22, 1936 and terminated early this fall with the completion of 7,200 hours of employment. His course was general; he worked for six months each in the foundry, gasoline engine machine shop, windmill machine shop, tool shop, pattern shop, wood shop, punch room, and in the shipping department.

As one part of the course, the apprentice attended the Janesville Vocational school for four hours each week where he learned the fundamentals of drawing and how to use machine tools such as lathes and milling machines.

In the factory Morrison was given an opportunity of making practical applications of the principles he learned. He was awarded a bonus from the Baker company and has received a diploma with the approval of the Industrial commission.

The graduate is now employed on the regular schedule as an assembly man in the windmill machine shop.

The Baker firm has seven other regularly indentured apprentices employed in the plant at this time. They are Phil Hall, Rolly Worthing, Fay Hubbard, Kenneth White, Wallace Olson, Phil Roberts, and William Carey.

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An apprentice is defined as any "minor, 16 years of age or over, who shall enter into any contract of service, expressed or implied, whereby he is to receive from or through his employer, in consideration for his services in whole or in part, instruction in any trade, craft, or business."

The contract which the apprentice makes with the employer, signed by the parent or guardian of the apprentice and approved by the Industrial commission of Wisconsin, is known as an indenture. This indenture contains the agreement as to the hours to be spent

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November 14, 1940, Evansville

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**Local Pair Wed In  
Cooksville Church**  
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**Marian Taplin Becomes Bride  
Of Orville Olson at 2:30  
Friday Afternoon**  
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Miss Marian Taplin, daughter of Mrs. Earl Taplin, this city, became the bride of Orville Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Torfin Olson, Evansville, R. 1, at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Cooksville Lutheran church.

ed by Miss Betsy Wolff and Walter Erdman, this city. Decorations of carnations, snapdragons and gladioli rendered the church attractive for the nuptial rites.

The bride wore a brown tweed suit with brown accessories and carried an arm bouquet of pink roses while Miss Wolff's dress was of plaid material with which she wore a corsage of pink roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson spent the weekend in Chicago and are now residing on the Olson farm where the former is associated with his father in farming.

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April 1, 1943, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

## Mr. And Mrs. Sever M. Olson Wed 54 Years

Evansville Couple To Observe Anniversary At Home Here Friday, July 4

Mr. and Mrs. Sever M. Olson, who reside here at 18½ Montgomery Court, will observe their 54th wedding anniversary at their home July 4. The couple was married July 4, 1893 in Madison. Mrs. Olson was formerly Miss Josephine Hage of Belleville.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Olson resided in Belleville where they operated a hotel for many years. During the time they lived in Belleville Mr. Olson was also employed as a traveling salesman. They came to Evansville three years ago. Both are members of the Lutheran church. The couple has two children, Mrs. Florian Fisher, Chicago, and Miss Selma Olson at home. No anniversary celebration has been planned.

July 3, 1947, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

## Two Businesses Here Under New Management

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Two well-known Evansville business places were operating under new management this week, with the former Taplin market now being operated by Bob Olson, and the purchase of Baker Sales & Service by Mgr. Gordon Jones.

Jones, who has managed the local sales and service operation of the Baker Mfg. Co. here, purchased this business and will continue to provide the same quality pump service as in the past. The business' new address will be 340 W. Main st., and will now be known as Jones Sales & Service.

Olson has leased the former Taplin market, which he has been recently operating with Lloyd Ttaplin. Formerly with Kroger, Carr, and IGA stores here, and with Heffel Chevrolet Sales, Olson plans to continue the sale of quality meats and groceries at the market, and the free delivery service. In addition to the regular store hours, Bob's Market will be open Sunday mornings until 12:30.

Olson is a veteran of World War II and the Korean war as an air force bombardier.

August 27, 1953, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

STATIS.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dale W. Olson, El Paso, Texas, are the parents of a son born May 30. Mr. Olson is the son of Mrs. Bernice Olson, Evansville. Mrs. Olson is the former Lucile Rasmussen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rasmussen, former residents now living in Arpin, Wis. Dale is stationed with the marine reserves in El Paso.

June 7, 1956, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

## Robert William Olson, King/Janesville (1926 - 2010)



August 27, 1926 - September 9, 2010

Robert William Olson, 84, King, WI, formerly of Evansville, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010, at Riverside Medical Center, Waupaca, of congestive heart failure. He resided at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King for 10 years, but spent most of his life in Janesville and Evansville. He was born in Janesville on Aug. 27, 1926, son of Francis and Ethel (Christeson) Olson. He attended Janesville High School, where he played football. At 17, he joined the Navy during World War II, serving in the South Pacific. He witnessed the horrific explosion of the ammo ship USS Mount Hood at Manus, Admiralty Islands in 1944 -- a tragedy he remembered his entire life.

After discharge, he worked in Janesville and Evansville as a painter, carpenter and farmer. He married Gwendolyn Bryan of Evansville on Feb. 3, 1948. The newlyweds were farmers near Edgerton and Janesville. He became a born-again Christian in the mid-1950s and quit farming to attend college at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and later graduated from St. Paul (Minn.) Bible College.

To support a growing family, he worked for the U.S. Post Office in Chicago and St. Paul. His postal career came to last 30 years, when he retired in 1986. He sorted mail on postal buses in northern Wisconsin and later aboard Milwaukee Road trains between Chicago, Milwaukee, the Twin Cities, Kansas City, and Buffalo. He bought a farm west of Evansville in 1959. While working as a city letter carrier in Evansville, he also ran the 80-acre farm, raising Hereford cattle and Columbia sheep. The family moved off the farm to Evansville in 1971. After retirement, he and Gwen bought a cabin near Iron River, MI, where he was caretaker of a private hunting lodge. The couple moved to Waupaca in 1998, where he dedicated his energy to veterans and their causes. He was a man on the move and avid runner, camper, backpacker, and ultimately mountain climber. He climbed Mount Rainier in Washington at age 55, and then summited Oregon's Mount Hood. His favorite outdoor destinations were Montana's Glacier National Park and the Sylvania Recreation Area in northern Michigan. Devoted to family, he was truly a man of Wisconsin. He loved Swiss cheese, bratwurst, ice cream, the Packers, Badgers, but especially the Chicago Cubs -- a team he followed daily until his death. He was a member of the

Parfreyville United Methodist Church, Waupaca, and formerly, First Baptist Church in Evansville.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen of King; five children: Shirley Olson of Madison, John (Lisa) Olson of Poulsbo, WA, Paul (Pam) Olson of Coupeville, WA, David (Mary) Olson of Evansville, and Ruth (Martin) Diefenthaler of Waupaca; and eight grandchildren: Joshua Olson, Breann (AJ) Cordy, Phillip (Michelle) Olson, Leah Olson, Nicolas Olson, Evan Olson, Benjamin Olson, and Daniel Olson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Frances Harris, Marion Garrow, Ethel (Dolly) Buggs; and a brother, Mel Olson.

His ashes will be interred privately at Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in King. A public tribute to his life will be held at the CHAPEL OF THE WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME in King at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, at N2665 County Road QQ. Visitation will precede that service at 12:30 p.m. at the chapel.

Donations may be made to the Wisconsin Veterans Home Memorial Fund or the American Diabetes Association. A.J. HOLLY & SONS FUNERAL HOME OF WAUPACA handled arrangements.

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