

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## 1881 1881 Grant County Review

Zumbrota/Goodhue County, reports of grave fears due to chinch bugs.

(George came in 1881. Albin came to SD in 1882. Curtis, Eugene, Mary and Ida came in 1883). Brother Zetto left Swift Co. Minnesota around 1884- his daughter Susanna was born in Codington County, SD in 1885, then he moved on-his son Mark born in Indiana in 1889 and Chester born in Colorado in 1891).

## 1883 Aug 20, 1883 Grant County Review

Mrs. Stoddard has been on the sick list for some time past, but is much better now.

### Nov 13, 1883 Grant County Review

Mrs. Stoddard has gone to Minnesota to winter. Other members of the family will follow soon.

### Nov 20, 1883 Grant County Review

Rev. Mr. Stoddard expected to start for his old home in Minnesota yesterday.

## 1884 1884 Grant County Review

NW Emery arrived.

### April 14, 1884 Summary Grant County Review

Mazepa Town Meeting house of John Meyer, officers elected (among them)

A. Stoddard Chairman

Overseers of Hiways 3<sup>rd</sup> District George Stoddard

## 1885 March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1885 Grant County Review

Election Results

Supervisor: Albin Stoddard

Treasurer: NW Emery

Assessor CD Stoddard

Overseers/Highway: No 3 George Stoddard

Pound master A Stoddard and others

## 1886 March 18, 1886 Grant County Review

Election Results

Supervisor: Albin Stoddard

Treasurer: NW Emery

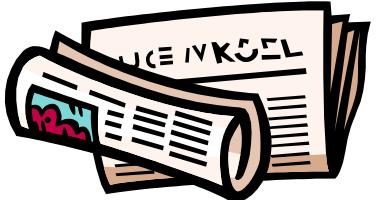
Justice of the Peace: PH Emery

Overseers/Highway: No 3 JB Stoddard

Poundmaster George Stoddard and others

*The pay of supervisors, clerk, assessor and treasurer (while sitting with the county treasurer) was fixed at \$2.00/day.*

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## March 24, 1886 Grant County Review

Beautiful Weather

Spring work has commenced

Geese are beginning to fly

Buying and trading horses appear to be the order of the day.

Married in Mazeppa at the residence of the bride's parents, by P.H. Emery, Justice of the Peace, Mr. George Stoddard and Miss Eliza M Frazer (?), both of Mazeppa. The presents were useful and numerous, including a nice sewing machine, set of chairs, etc.

People are returning from the US to their summer places in Dakota.

**1905 June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1905** Rev. Albin Stoddard passes away.

**1906 April 5<sup>th</sup> 1906 South Shore Republican, reported in Milbank Grant Review**

E. Heske, running the old Stoddard place in Mazeppa township, "hiked out" for parts unknown last Sunday, leaving everything excepting a team of horses which he took with him to the mercy of his creditors. News of his leaving reached the South Shore creditors Wednesday and the following day all of them were in possession of enough stuff to square things up as far as they were concerned. Mr. Heske's family are staying at the Henry Thaves' home but are expected to join the head of the house when he alights again.

## April 24, 1906

The man who bought the old Stoddard place has moved in with his family. He is from Illinois- we are unable to give his name.

## May 1906 Summit Signal

Letters received lately from the Emery's indicate that they like the city of Eugene and its surrounding very much. At present they are industriously engaged in land-looking and hope to soon be located on a place of their own. Just now that county is very beautiful with the greatest profusion of flowers and fruit blossoms and it seems more like June-time than April. Mrs. Emery says that Mrs. Fuller has commenced to grow young and is feeling much better and stronger than when she left here.

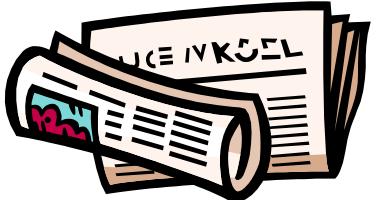
## July 13, 1906 South Shore Republican

The Southwick, Emery, George and Curt Stoddard families enjoyed a day's outing on the banks of our beautiful lakes last Friday.

## Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 1906 South Shore Republican

C.D. Stoddard of Mazeppa was again taken to Minneapolis Tuesday morning for a second operation for gall stones. Mr. Stoddard submitted to an operation some months ago for his ailment and it was thought at the time by the physicians that a second operation would be necessary sometime or other. Curt's many friends hope that the operation will prove successful this time and that he will soon return home restored to his old time vigor and health. He was accompanied to Minneapolis by his physician , Dr . O. G. Frink.

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## Information from the Big Stone County website:

On October 30, Dr. Jacob Karn and Dr. Charles Bolsta opened a 17 bed hospital on Washington Avenue between Second and Third streets. Grand View Hospital. Miss Josephine Bolsta, R.N., a sister of Dr. Bolsta, was the first superintendent. In 1919, Dr. Charles Bolsta and Dr. Bert R. Karn transferred title of Grand View to the South Dakota Evangelical Church Society. It was called the Ortonville Evangelical Hospital until 1944, when the church transferred title to the property and the operation of the hospital back to Dr. Charles Bolsta and Dr. B. R. Karn. Drs. Bolsta and Karn, in turn, transferred the hospital to the City of Ortonville. In September 1944, the council passed an ordinance creating a hospital board. Dr. A. E. Pettingill was the first doctor in Ortonville.

## August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1906 Reported by Grant County Review as Strouseton

Curt Stoddard, who was away to Minneapolis last spring for an operation of gallstones, was taken sick again last weekend and hurried to Minneapolis. Report says he had forty gallstones and his appendix removed, and also that his stomach and liver had gone together than and this trouble was remedied. He is improving. His daughter Blanche is staying at Frank Fransen's.

**Strouseton- Aug 21 1906** D. Macklin and George Stoddard made a trip to Summit the first of the week on business in connection with their thresher.

Miss Flossie Riley, of Summit, who has been engaged to teach the Fransen school, is at her sisters helping to harvest and will commence school about September 1.

## August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1906 South Shore Republican

Curt Stoddard's many friends will be pleased to learn that the operation performed on him in Minneapolis was entirely successful and that he is recovering nicely. It will not be long before he can return home. Mrs. Stoddard is with him, Dr Frink having returned home after the operation Saturday.

## Sept 7, 1906 The South Shore Republican

Mrs. Stoddard went to Minneapolis Monday am to visit her son who is still in St Barnabas recovering from his recent operation

**Oct 4, 1906 South Shore Republican** C.D. Stoddard is home again from Minneapolis where he underwent a 2<sup>nd</sup> operation for gallstones some weeks ago. While Curt has not fully recovered from the effects of his long illness and two operations he is feeling pretty well and is beginning to feel more like his former self every day. The doctors assure him that the operation was entirely satisfactory and that his ailment will trouble him no more.

## 1907 March 1, 1907 Summit Signal

George Evans and family of Shelby, Iowa arrived with a carload of machinery and household goods Thursday, they intend to make the old Tolbout farm their home.

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Iowa men are fast coming to the county with carloads of household goods and machinery. They all seem well pleased with the country and in the near future will see the majority of Iowa citizens in South Dakota.

## May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1907 Summit Signal

W.E. Raymond came up from Twin Brooks Tuesday and while here he sold HA Sharf his farm. In the deal, Mr. Raymond gets the following Summit property: Lots 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Block 25 on the Original Town site, also the residence property recently occupied by Mr. Alexander in the west part of town. Mr. Raymond intends to make some improvements on the property just purchased. He will convert the buildings back of Sharf's hall into a general repair and wood working shop. He will move his household goods and family to Summit during the next month.

## June 11, 1907 The South Shore Republican

Curt D. Stoddard the assessor was making his round in East Mazeppa last week.

## July 24, 1907 The South Shore Republican

Curt Stoddard's many friends will be pleased to learn that the operation performed upon him in Minneapolis was entirely successful and that he is recovering nicely. It will not be long before he can return home. Mrs. Stoddard is with him, Dr Frink having returned home after the operation Saturday.

## August 27, 1907 Twin Brooks

J. Pugh of Atlantic Iowa arrived here last Friday. He has rented the old Raymond farm.

## Sept 7, 1907 The South Shore Republican

Mrs. Stoddard went to Minneapolis Monday am to visit her son who is still in St Barnabas recovering from his recent operation.

## Oct 17 1907 Grant County Review: BAD PRAIRIE FIRE

*A strip of Country in the Hills Eight Miles Long by Four Miles Wide Swept Clean*

One of the worst prairie fires that ever occurred in the county broke out Wednesday about three miles north of South Shore and swept wild and fierce across country to within a mile west of Twin Brooks where it was stopped at the railroad track and within a few rods of the buildings of the J. N. Safford Place. The extent of the fire was about eight miles long and four miles wide. With few fortunate exceptions all hay and straw stacks were burned and a large number of grain settings. Pastures were swept bare. A barn on the Chris Buchele place, one on the Jim Lockhart place and a granary on the old John Storm place were burned. Carl Pfeiffer lost six grain stacks and three hundred tons of hay. One farmer had four horses badly burned but there is some hope of their recovery. Reports vary as to the origin of the fire. One report is that sparks from an engine on the Great Northern road at South Shore started it. Another report is that it started by an old bachelor residing north of Stockholm who was burning a straw stack and that the fire got away from him. The eastern boundary of the fire was about two miles west of the old Indian church.

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Farmers all over that section of country turned out with breaking plows water tanks, sacks etc to fight the fire, which was fierce and strong. The fire was confined to the hills and did not spread down into the flats. The losses in many instances will be severely felt by the unfortunate farmers who were in the track of the fire.

## Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 1907 Grant County News

*Visit of Fire Fiend. Destructive Prairie Fire Lays Waste Thousands of Tons of Hay, Grain and Property in the Hills. Started in the Vicinity of South Shore, It Traveled Northward to Marvin and East to the Village of Twin Brooks.*

[Probable] the most destructive prairie fire that has visited this section of the county for years raged Wednesday and today in Mazeppa and Twin Brooks townships and as a result thousands of tons of hay, considerable grain in fields and several farm buildings lay in ashes and many acres of pasture are entirely destroyed.

The fire was started on the Potratz farm in Codington County, near South Shore, Wednesday afternoon and traveled with such rapidity that it reached Twin Brooks about 1:00 in the afternoon, having swept away everything in its path.

Everybody who was able got out and fought fire to save their lives and property and the fire was controlled before it reached the village of Twin Brooks.

It destroyed the buildings on the Busta farm one mile south and a mile west of the village together with several hundred bushels of barley and other feed, burned Willie Neckels flax which was stacked in the field, destroyed the buildings and hay and grain on the farm operated by Chas. Pfifer and thousands of tons of hay for others in the neighborhood among whom was Loren Jones and Chas Stevens.

At this writing it is impossible to give anything like an accurate account of the full damage suffered by the people of the burned district but it is safe to state that most of the hay in the hills was destroyed. Is impossible to tell whether there was much loss of livestock as authentic reports have not yet come in.

Fortunately there was not loss of life in the fire, which is almost wonderful considering the condition of the prairies. The entire tract was covered by a heavy growth of wild grass, dry as tinder.

The fire traveled with such rapidity that it was impossible to form any kind of firebreak to stop its advance. A strip of plowing a rod wide would not have stopped it, as the flames would jump many feet.

## Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 1907 Grant County News

The terrible prairie fire which swept this section of country yesterday and today has done much damage to the farmers and came very near wiping out the town. Every able bodied [sic] man and boy has been out fighting the fired fiend and much property in the country was saved by hard work. Nearly every bit of hay lying between South Shore and Marvin and east as far as Twin Brooks has been destroyed together with considerable grain and some buildings. It is to be feared that some stock also perished in the fire. At this time it is impossible to give an accurate account of the damage done. Will Neckels lost a stack of hay and his flax, Mrs. Busta, her grain, hay and buildings and very nearly her own life and her horses and cattle.

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Chas. Pfifer also lost nearly everything he had. Mr. Sharf lost about 200 tons of hay and his pasture was entirely ruined. He has two or three hundred head of cattle and is left without any feed for them for the winter. Many others were heavy losers. The fire is supposed to have started on the Potratz farm in Codington County near south Shore. It is fortunate that human life was not added to the heavy loss as the prairie grass grows rank all over the hills and everything is as dry as timber.

## October 18, 1907 Summit Signal

Prairie fires have been doing quite a bit of damage east of here. It made a clean sweep of about 75 square miles. Among those whose property was destroyed was HA Sharf, he lost about 200 tons of hay and a setting of oats.

## October 23, 1907 Twin Brooks Summit Signal

The fire that passed through the hills last Wednesday was the worst and did more damage than any fire in the past ten years. It burned all the hay stacks from South Shore to Twin Brooks that were not protected with at least twenty rods of firebreak. Chas. Phifer lost eleven stacks of wheat and Loren Jones six stacks of barley and fours stacks of flax and Henry Busta lost his granary with about 600 bushels of grain.

**Nov 22, 1907 Grant County Review.** P.H. Emery left for Oregon.

### 1908 1908 Summit Signal

William Emery left to reside with folks.

PS Morrissey (*and family I presume*) was living in Milbank.

### Jan 24, 1908

Ellsworth Rowe, the chief lineman of the Dakota Central at Watertown, has been out installing new phones on the farm line west of town. Those receiving phones are Reuben Lentz, Charley Meseberg, Rudolf Zielsky, John Selchert, August Kaaz, Wm. Korth, Henry Kettlehut, George Stoddard, Thomas Adolphsen, and Sid Smith.

### Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 1908 Summit Signal

Mrs. Farley and daughter who has been visiting her sister Mrs. John Pugh returned to her home in Minneapolis last week.

P. Morrissey of Milbank spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. K Fransen and family spent Sunday with C. Adolphsen and family. (*She was also friends with Arffs*)

### 1909 1909 Summit Signal- exact date not recorded

BW Emery left for Oregon

Miss Katie Stoddard is spending the week in summit

Mr. John Pugh is visiting at the home of his father

Mr. and Mrs. Leffingwell went to Aberdeen last Friday returning Monday

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## Jan 1909 Summit Signal

Mrs. Stoddard, the mother of George and Curtis Stoddard and Mrs. Southwick, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Southwick, Monday P.M. at 2 o'clock. The funeral was held in the Southwick schoolhouse yesterday, she was buried in the Mazeppa cemetery.

## January 8, 1909 Grandma Stoddard passes away

Mrs. Albin Stoddard passed away Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B.D. Southwick, 7 miles northwest of South Shore, after a week's illness from pneumonia. The deceased was the widow of the late Rev. Albin Stoddard, one of the early pioneers of Mazeppa Township, and had she lived until the fourth day of next March, she would have reached the ripe old age of 81 years, having been born on March 4, 1828. She is survived by a family of eight children, among whom are the following: George and Curtis Stoddard, prominent residents of Mazeppa; Mrs. B.D. Southwick, also of Mazeppa; Charles and Jean, who live in Minnesota; Mrs. Newell Emery, of Oregon; a daughter in Nebraska and a son in Colorado. All were present at the funeral except the last three named.

Grandma Stoddard was a good woman, firm in her Christian belief, and a noble, sympathetic, generous neighbor and friend. She has gone to her reward and her memory will be a cherished one to her children and all who enjoy her acquaintance. The funeral was held Thursday from the Zielsky schoolhouse and the remains were laid beside those of her husband in the Antelope Valley Cemetery. Rev. Ellis Grossley conducted the services which were largely attended in spite of the bitterly cold weather prevailing.

## Jan 15, 1909 South Shore Republican

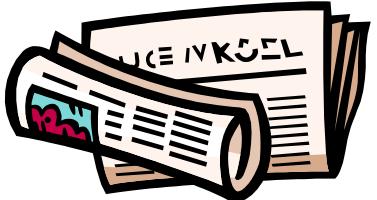
Mr. E. Stoddard, of Hotchkiss, Colorado, arrived here Monday morning hoping to see his mother, Mrs. Albin Stoddard, still alive. Word had been sent him of her illness but not of her death, the relatives here thinking that it would be impossible for him to reach her in time for the funeral. He had started out, however, a few days after being apprised of her illness, and on his arrival here Monday learned of her death and burial a few days previous. He will visit here several weeks with his brothers Geo and Curt, and sister, Mrs. B.D. Southwick, before returning to his home in Colorado (this article refers to Zetto)

**April 1909 Grant County Review.** Mrs. Kate Fransen spent Tuesday on Summit visiting her sister, Mrs. Adolphsen.

**May 18th, 1909 Atlantic Evening:** James Pugh is Thrown under Car at Rock Island Depot, Loses Right Arm and May be Fatally Injured as Result-Tried to Board the Engine.

James Pugh, aged twenty-one years, brother of John Pugh, who is employed in the office of Roadmaster Gibbs, and a son of John Pugh, Sr, formerly section foreman here, and is now of South Dakota, was badly, perhaps fatally injured at 10:50 this morning, when, in trying to board the switch engine at the local station of the Rock Island, he missed his footing and fell under a stock car the engine was hauling to the other end of the yards.

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As a result of the accident, he lost his right arm at the shoulder, sustained a bad gash on the right hip and was bruised and shaken up terribly. His injuries may be fatal.

Pugh was standing at the depot, watching his brother, John Pugh, and Virgil Hayward, assistant baggageman, playing baseball. The freight train bearing the car containing the fire team for the Atlantic fire department had deposited the car at the west end of the yards and the switch engine running backwards, was taking the car which was hitched onto the pilot of the engine, towards the east end of the yards. As the engine and car came by the depot they were running at a high rate of speed. Pugh, with the intention of boarding the engine and riding down to see the horses unloaded, grabbed the rod near the pilot of the engine and tried to swing on. He missed his footing, and quick as a flash, was thrown under the car. The wheels must have passed over the shoulder, as the arm was hanging by mere threads of skin when he was picked up. He was also caught by the boxes on the trucks of the freight car and dragged for perhaps twenty feet. The engine was topped within three car lengths, and Engineer Smith, John Pugh, Virgil Hayward and others ran to the injured man's assistance. He was carried to the baggageroom and Dr Emmert, the company surgeon, was called. He did what he could at the baggageroom and later the injured man was taken to the hospital where Drs Emmert and Campbell looked after his injuries. The last report this afternoon was that he had hardly come out from the shock of the accident and it was hard to tell as to his chances for recovery but he may be said to be in serious shape and there is grave possibility of the accident having a fatal termination. He lost a great deal of blood and this fact has weakened him terribly. The young man has been employed by the Rock Island for some three or four years as an extra man, working on the section, braking and doing other things which were required of him. At the time of the accident he was not working. He is a member of the Hook and Ladder company of the fire department and has a host of friends who hope he may pull through and recover from the awful experience he passed through.

### May 19th, 1909 Atlantic Evening

John Pugh went to Neola this morning to arrange for the interment there Friday morning of the remains of his brother, the late James Pugh, who died at the hospital last evening

### May 19th, 1909 Atlantic Evening

*Attention Fireman!*

All members of the Atlantic Fire Department are requested to appear in uniform at the Fireman's hall at seven o'clock to attend the funeral of our late brother, James Pugh.

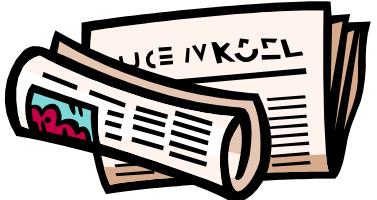
David Snyder, Chief  
Leslie Smith, Sec

### May 19th, 1909 Atlantic Evening

Young Man Who Was So Horribly Injured Yesterday Morning, Passes Away at Hospital at Five O'clock Last Evening.

James Francis Pugh, the young man who was so horribly injured yesterday morning, when he fell under the wheels of the car at the Rock Island depot while trying to board the switch engine, passed away at the hospital at five o'clock last evening.

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Death was probably postponed as long as it was in his case, because of his strength and youth, had it not been for which he would have succumbed before he did.

Deceased was born in this state and at the time of his death was aged 19 years, 11 month and 5 days. He leaves his parents in South Dakota, his brother John, here, his sister, Mrs. Pete Morrissey and two other brothers. The remains were taken yesterday evening to his brother's home at 310 Locust Street. The funeral services will be held Friday morning at 8 o'clock, at SS Peter and Paul's Catholic church, and the interment made at Neola, to which place the remains will be taken that morning at 9:53. It is expected that the Atlantic fire department will attend the funeral services in a body.

## **May 27th, 1909 Atlantic Evening** (summary of the week's news, date was May 21st)

Mrs. John Pugh of Summit SD arrived in the city this morning in response to word of the death of her son, James Pugh, the young man who was so terribly injured at the railroad depot Wednesday morning and died that afternoon as a result of his injuries and to attend the funeral which is to be held at the Catholic church at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

## **May 20th, 1909 Atlantic Evening**

*Firemen Will Honor Comrade- Will Attend Funeral of James Pugh in a Body and will Accompany Remains to Neola-Fire Hall Draped in Mourning for Deceased.*

The Atlantic Fire Department, at its meeting last evening, made arrangements for attending the funeral of the last James Francis Pugh, to be held tomorrow morning at eight o'clock at the Catholic church. The program is for the members of the department, in full uniform, to meet at the fire hall about seven tomorrow morning, and to march to the house from where they will escort the body to the church. From the church they will march to the depot and as many as can will accompany the remains to Neola, where the interment is to be made. As a further mark of respect to the memory of their departed comrade, the fire hall has been draped in mourning and will be kept that way for a period. Deceased was a member of the Hook and Ladder Company.

## **May 21, 1909 Summit Signal**

Mrs. Pew left Wednesday morning to attend the funeral of her son, James, who was killed on the switch yards at Atlantic Iowa. Mr. Pew was 19 years of age and was a brakeman on the railroad. He leaves his parents, three brothers and one sister.

## **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1909 Atlantic Evening**

**Funeral of Jas Francis Pugh**

*Funeral Services Held This Morning At Catholic Church and Remains taken to Neola for Interment- Fireman Act as Escort to the Body.*

With his comrades of the Atlantic Fire Department acting as an escort, the remains of James Francis Pugh, the young man who met death in so tragic a form Wednesday of this week, were taken this morning to Neola for interment.

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The funeral services were held at eight o'clock at SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, the Rev. Father Daly saying the beautiful and impressive requiem of his church for deceased. The firemen, in full uniform, escorted the remains from the residence of John Pugh, 310 Locust street, to the church and from the church to the depot, where as many as could went with the body to its last resting place at Neola. The pallbearers were members of the Hook and Ladder Company, J B Simonton, Carl Phares, Bert Ramsey, OP Doran, Ira Rowe and Carl Rowe. The three companies of the department each had a good turnout and made a nice appearance.

## *May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1909 The Daily Telegraph, Atlantic, Iowa*

### **James Pugh's Funeral**

James Pugh the unfortunate victim of yesterday's accident at the Rock Island depot succumbed to his injuries at 6 o'clock last evening in the Atlantic hospital without having rallied from the shock of the accident and consequent loss of blood. The remains were taken directly to his brothers at 310 Locust Street where they await his mother's arrival before being removed farther. She left Summit South Dakota at 3:30 this morning and is expected to arrive this evening

His brother has spent today in Neola making arrangements for the interment which will be made in the cemetery there, beside six members of the family who have preceded him. Arrangements have been made, dependent upon his mother's arrival for the funeral services tomorrow, which will be held at the church of Saints Peter and Paul where a requiem mass will be sung at 8 am, the Atlantic fire department attending in a body and escorting the remains to the depot for transportation to Neola. A committee will accompany the body to its last resting place. Later...the funeral will be held as announced above, but not till Friday morning.

## **Friday, May 21, 1909 The Telegraph**

### **Last Rites Performed -Atlantic Honors Her Dead Firemen**

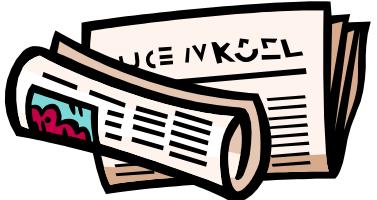
*Mortal Remains of James Pugh Consigned to Mother Earth Floral Tokens Many and Beautiful.*

At the church of St.'s Peter and Paul this morning a large congregation assembled to join in the last solemn rites which the Roman Catholic Church holds for those who die in its faith. A solemn high mass was sung followed by a short sermon from Rev. Father Daly controlling the sorrowing relatives and directing their attention to the promises of the church and its Founder concerning those who believe in its teachings, follow its precepts, and die in its embrace.

The Atlantic fire department of which he had been an active, efficient and a valued member, attended in a body and escorted the remains from the residence on Locust Street to the church from the church to the station followed by a long procession of sorrowing friends and his former associates.

The pallbearers were members of the Phoenix Hook and Ladder company of which deceased had belonged and were: Richard Doran, Ira L. Rowe, Carl Roe, James Simonton, Carl Phares, and Bert Ramsey. Chief Snyder with 40 members of the department accompanied the remains on the journey to Neola and assisted in the last services at the cemetery there.

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The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The railroad employee's momento being a large Roman cross, that of the Phoenix Hook and Ladder Co., a ladder crossed diagonally by hook. The Atlantic fire department sent a beautiful design of the "Gates Ajar", the Phoenix hose company Shield bearing its initials and the Whitney hose company a wreath carrying its initials. The city council was represented by Mr. Burnea, also a member of the fire department. No young man could have been taken from a larger circle of friends and acquaintances in Atlantic than James Pugh. May he rest in peace.

**1909 Mazeppa Summit Signal** Mr. John Pugh is visiting at the home of his father.

**1909 Mazeppa Summit Signal** John Pugh and family, who have been visiting the Pugh home for some time, have returned to their home at Atlantic, Iowa. Quite a crowd spent Sunday at Mr. CD standards.

**1909 Summit Signal**

Mr. M Merritt of Mechanicsville Iowa came up Monday night for a visit with relatives.

**Oct 1909 Grant County News.** Among those who have gone to register at the land drawing from here are August Johnson, Olaf Magil, Axil Lingreen, Wm Sharf, Martin Stinten, P.S. Morrissey, Cal Chadwick and Fred Madsen. On Oct 28, 1909 they announced the winners.

**Oct 28, 1909 Grant County Review (*article not copied in entirety*)**

Land Drawing is on at Aberdeen

Milbank and Grant County Represented in the Big Lottery. Nebraska Man Draws No. 1 but is Disqualified Later

The registration for land in the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Indian reservation came to a close at twelve o'clock Saturday night and on Tuesday the drawing for the same commenced. 81,456 are the current number of applicants who registered. The drawing is being conducted by Judge James W. Witten and two little girls. Josephine Louise Burke of Pierre, daughter of Congressman Burke, and little Alice Jackson, of Aberdeen, were present to start the wheels of fortune by selecting the first envelope.

The coveted No. 1 fell to one William J. Engel of Butte, Neb. He is a single man, 29 years of age and registered at Pierre. The second number went to Calvin Bowdry of Bismark, N.D. He is a colored man and employed by a hardware dealer of that place. He registered at Bismark.

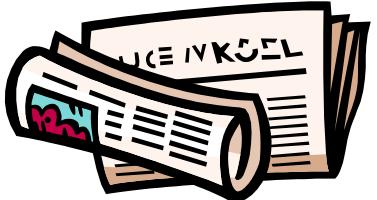
Later

Others of this section who have drew number are as follows.....

No 1182 Peter S. Morrissey, Summit

**September 1909** BD Southwick has rented his farm to son Curt and will probably move to Summit with his family to live. Mr. Southwick is a pioneer of Mazeppa and has one of the finest farms in the township.

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**Nov 11, 1909** Mrs. George Evans departed for Minneapolis Friday to have an operation.

## December 1909 Summit Signal

Mr. Sears Burdine who has sold out his entire merchandise stock and building to Mr. Richard Ohm. Mr. Ohm is not in the habit of being called Mr. Ohm, but more commonly known as Dick. While we are sorry to see Mr. Burdine leave the mercantile business as he was a thrifty businessman and by hard work and good management has built up a nice little business here; nevertheless Mr. Ohm will be the namely welcomed in our midst and is well known by our townspeople here. We predict for him success and believe he will prosper, as he has always been known to sell goods. If his prices don't suit, he being an auctioneer, is liable to sell at your prices.

## 1909 or 1910 The South Shore Republican

- Curt Stoddard was a town caller Tuesday; he was shopping for Christmas.
- Miss Lizzie and Minnie Stoddard of Mazeppa Twp spent the holidays at their home and returned to school the first of the week.
- GE Riley went to Bristol Saturday for a visit with his son Frank, and from there will go to Aberdeen for a visit with the Anderberg family during the holidays.

## 1910 Jan 21, 1910 Grant County Review (summary)

**90,000 American Settlers go to Canada** for the purposes of taking up and settling upon the vacant lands, 160 acres of which are given free by the government and land adjoining held by railways and land companies are getting 9-15 and 20 cents/acre. Even if 30-40 dollars per acre were paid the price would be low, as the lands produce wonderfully. 60,000 left in the previous year. There must be a reason for it, it may be found in a phrase "they are satisfied. The splendid land in Iowa, Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and other states has risen to a high value and it is worth every dollar asked for it, but there is not enough room now for all on these lands.

**Jan 27, 1910** Married: Miss Vinnie Evans and Mr. Charles Edwards at Webster Wednesday morning. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Evans and is highly respected by all who know her. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards of Botna, Iowa, where he and his bride both resided until coming to Summit some three years ago. After a reception held at the home of the bride's parents the happy couple left for a visit with relatives in Iowa. We join in extending congratulations.

## Summit Signal Jan 28 1910

Chas Edwards and Miss Vinnie Evans were married at Webster Wed am, returning to Summit the same day, and are receiving the congratulations of friends.

**25 Feb 1910 Summit Signal** Morrisseys are sick with lagrippe.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1910 Grant County News

P.S. Morrissey journeyed to Aberdeen Sunday night and was on hand at the land office when his name was called to file a homestead on the Cheyenne reservation. He made his choice 2 1/2 miles from Dupree on the S. Branch of the Milwaukee road.

## April 7, 1910 South Shore Republican

A party by the name of Harvey from Iowa has moved to the old Stoddard farm North of town.

## May 26, 1910 Grant County News

Geo Stoddard of Mazeppa township who is a candidate for the legislature on the Republican ticket ought to get an unusually large vote in Milbank. During the three years he served on the board of County Commissioners Mr. Stoddard became well acquainted with the business men and others who had business with the county and his courtesy, square dealing, and business ability are well remembered. He is thoroughly independent and he will be in a position to serve Grant county fairly for he is not tied up with any factional strings of any kind. Milbank and in fact the whole county out to give him a rousing majority.

## Sept 23, 1910 The South Shore Republican

Mrs. Rowena Henderson and Mr. Allie Stoddard, who have been visiting the Wm Henderson family, returned to their home in Knoxville Iowa, Monday am. Percy Henderson accompanied them.

## Nov 29, 1910 The South Shore Republican

CD Stoddard and family spent Saturday evening at the Alexander home. C.D Stoddard and family spent Thanksgiving day with Frank Fransen's. Fern Fransen, Mabel Alexander, and Lizzie and Blanche Stoddard spent Saturday afternoon with Effie and Irene Oldfield. (RFD No 3)

## Nov 29, 1910 Summit Signal

Clem Pugh is doing Dowling's chores during their absence.

(RFD No 3) CO Dowling and family left Monday night for an extended visit in Iowa. We suppose Otto will try his hand at picking corn again.

**December 2, 1910 Summit Signal** BD Southwick accompanied by his son, Sherman, left Tuesday with his household goods for Hanley Falls, Minnesota where he will have charge of a flower in feed mill at that place. Mrs. Southwick in children left Wednesday morning.

**1911 Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 1911** Miss Agnes Evans, the efficient clerk at the A.H. Anderson store, is spending her vacation with home folks near Milbank.

**January 1911** Henry Beal of Mazeppa left last Saturday for an extended visit with relatives

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



**1911** Will Evans is living in Madison Twp in 1911, lived in Ortley in 1910. in Avoca.

**1912** **May 1912** Agnes Evans and sister Mrs. Chas. Edwards returned to their home at Waubay Wed evening after a short visit at the Morrissey home.

**March 1, 1912** Charles Stoddard of Canby, Minnesota came up Tuesday for a short visit with his brothers Curtis and George.

## **Aug 21, 1912 Grant County Review**

P.S. Morrisey returned from an extended sojourn on his homestead near Dupree last week. He says that part of SD is the garden spot of the state and what is better, the homesteaders are all democrats.

**June 1912 Atlantic News Telegraph** (did not transcribe entire article)

### **Fireman Memorial on Sunday**

### **Atlantic Fire Dept Will Observe Annual Memorial Day Next Sunday**

Arrangements have been made to have the grave of James Pugh at Neola decorated.

## **June 28, 1912 The South Shore Republican**

Misses Flora Morrison, Margaret Allison, Lizzie Stoddard and Blanche McDuffen are attending teachers' institute at Big Stone this week.

## **Aug 21, 1912 Grant County Review**

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**September 27, 1912** B.D. Southwick came up from Hanley Falls last Friday to attend to the threshing his farm Northwest of town. The wet weather interfered however and he went home Saturday evening. He says he is doing well with his feed mill at Hanley Falls and likes the town real well.

## **Dec 20 1912 The South Shore Republican**

We believe that Curt Stoddard has the honor of bringing the first sled to town this season. He did the stunt Tuesday morning and was soon followed by others.

**1913 Feb 1913**

Curtis Stoddard and Frank Franson hauled potatoes to market this week.

Curtis Stoddard has been hauling hay onto the L. Adolphsen farm, which he purchased last fall.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## Feb 13 1913 The South Shore Republican

A formal dance was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. CD Stoddard last Friday night. A large number of their friends and relatives were present.

## Feb 13 1913 The South Shore Republican

Mr. Stoddard has exchanged his farm for one nearer to Summit and will move there some time in March. It will seem strange not to have Mr. Stoddard and his estimable family in our neighborhood. Mr. C. Hanson has also exchanged his farm for property in Revillo for which he and his family will move in the spring. What has affected the old settlers? Are they forsaking Mazeppa?

## Feb 17, 1913 The South Shore Republican

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fransen had a dance at their home last Friday. A very large attendance was reported.

## Feb 17 1913 The South Shore Republican

Mr. C Stoddard and family are busily engaged in moving this week. They expect to finish moving this coming Monday. Kurt Stoddard has been hauling hay onto the L a Dawson farm which he purchased last fall Curt Stoddard and Frank Fransen hub potatoes to market this week.

**March 1913 Grant County News** We understand that C.D. Stoddard was out marking a fox and a goose circle with his horse and sleigh after the snowstorm, but Fern says that is not the way they used to play it. (*Fox and Geese- adapted from the book Plains Folk: A Commonplace of the Great Plains, by Jim Hoy and Tom Isern, published by the University of Oklahoma Press.* No other recess game stirs such fond memories as does "Fox and Geese" because the game built upon the excitement engendered among children by new-fallen snow, which the game required. The players first tramped the snow in an open place into a pattern resembling a wheel with a hub and four spokes- if there were many players, the wheel might have two rims to accommodate them. Most of the players then were designated "geese" and congregated in the hub. One was called the "fox" and roamed about the spokes and rim of the snow--packed wheel. The idea was for the geese to run from the hub out the spokes, around the rim, and back another spoke to the hub, the fox in pursuit. The hub was a safe area for the geese. If the fox caught a goose, then the goose became another fox, and so on until all were caught.

## May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1913 Grant County Review

The commencement exercises of the Summit High school was held in the opera house Thursday evening. The graduates are the Misses Stella Larson, Hazel Stone and Lizzie Stoddard. Owing to the exercises being held on Thursday evening a full account cannot be published until next week.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## May 1913 Grant County News : 3 Graduate At Summit

Commencement Exercises Held at Opera House, May 22

The commencement exercises were held at the opera house last Thursday evening. There were three graduates, namely, Stella Larson, Lizzie Stoddard and Hazel Stone. The following program was rendered.

March ..... Huldah Siede

Invocation..... Rev Ratcliffe

Salutatory... "Silent Influences" Lizzie J. Stoddard

Quartette..."Commencement Song" High School

Oration....." The Value of Music" Hazel V. Stone

Vocal Solo....Laura Seide

Valedictory....Stella M. Larson and Hazel V Stone

Delivering of Diplomas, L. M. Larson, President of board.

## June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1913 The South Shore Republican

Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard were taken quite unaware last Tuesday evening when a large number of their friends appeared. The evening was enjoyably spent at cards.

## July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1913 Grant County News

Miss Lizzie Stoddard went to Big Stone Monday to attend the summer school.

## July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1913 Grant County News

Lizzie Stoddard attended the examination at Milbank this week.

Miss Hazel Stone went to Milbank to attend the teacher's examination to be held Thursday and Friday.

## August 28, 1913 Grant County Review Many Secure Certificates

The following applicants made 2<sup>nd</sup> grade certificates at Milbank on the examination of July 24-25 1913

Lillian Fuerstenau, Edna Chapman, Hannah Grandquist, Charlotte Henkels, Alice Huntosh, Bertha Johnson, J.O. Kleppe, Lillian V. Kahl, Mary E Lux, Mary Lowthian, Edna H Martinson, Leah Noll, F.E. Roberts, Christina Rise, Victor Swanson, Helen M. Smith, **Lizzie Stoddard**.

The following made third grade certificates at the same examination:

Alma Anderson, Selma Anderson, Olga Christenson , Marybelle Donaldson, Nellie B Ede, Lillian Egermayer, Steward Hubbard, Emma Helgeson, Stella Larson, Anne J. Otley, Jennie Paddock, Georgiana E. Rawson,

Hazel V Stone, Homer F Saxton, Selma Shauf, Laura Steanson, Mrs. Blanche Walker, Ellen Walstad.

The above shows considerable improvement in the teachers' examination record in Grant county. These young people are to be congratulated upon the showing here made. It is hoped that the time is near at hand when we will be able to fill our school positions with applicants from the homes of Grant county.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## December 10, 1913 Atlantic News - Telegraph

Mrs. John Pugh of summit South Dakota, has been visiting in the city with her son John's Pugh and family for the past three weeks, left this morning for her home. She was accompanied as far as Des Moines by Mrs. J.B. Pugh.

**1914 Jan 1914 Grant County Review.** Agnes Evans is working for the Lynches in Madison Twp, Grant County.

**Feb 1914 Grant County News.** P.S. Morrissey came down from Summit Monday am enroute for Sisseton. The News acknowledges a pleasant call from this Jeffersonian democrat.

## June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1914 Grant County Review.

Misses Kate and Mary Stoddard came down from Aberdeen to spend some time with their family. The young ladies have been making their home in Aberdeen lately.

**1915 April 15, 1915 Summit Independent**

P. Morrissey has moved in the house recently vacated by I Waters.

## May 13, 1915 Summit Independent

- P.S. Morrissey is building a cement cistern for Ed Brennen of Lura Township.
- Mrs. Morrissey and Mrs. Pugh were at Marvin Saturday attending church.
- Dances at Pugh's Thursday night and at Marvin Friday night drew a number of young people who enjoy tripping the light fantastic.
- Mrs. B. Southwick has been moved to her residence. She has been living in Minnesota but will hereafter make her home in Summit

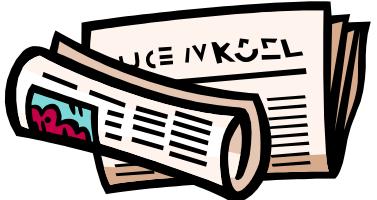
## May 1915 Grant County Review

A large number of farmers from the west end of Grant county went to Milbank to attend the school land leasing. Among those who went were Emil Heuer, E Britzmann, Ed Brennan, W.C. Schulz, F. Healthcote, Arthur Oslund of Lura, Frank Fransen, Curt Stoddard and Aug Arff from Farmington and O.R. Olson of Blooming Valley.

## 23 Jun 1915 Grant County Review Evans-Popp

A large gathering of friends were assembled at the Annunciation church of Revillo last Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock to witness the marriage ceremony that united John Popp and Agnes Evans in wedlock. The usual Catholic service was used and the bride gowned in white, and standing beside the groom in blue presented a picture that well illustrated the sanctity of the holy rites of marriage. The brides maid was Kathryn Evans, who wore a gown of reseda green satin and net. Mr. Jake Popp, of St Cloud, attended the groom. Not often are congratulations more heartily given than those which the happy pair received as they stood in front of the altar after the solemn words had been uttered. After the bridal party antoed (?) to the Evans home where a wedding breakfast was served.

## Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



The only out of town guest was Jake Popp of St Cloud. The bride and groom departed the same day on an auto tour to St. Cloud where the groom's parents reside. The bride wore a going away suit of Belgium blue poplin. They will be at home after August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The bride is well and favorably known and a young lady of whom we can only say words of praise. In her social life she had the admiration of many but now in the .....

### **November, 1915 Summit Independent Popular Pair Wed Wednesday**

Miss Lizzie Stoddard and Clement Pugh Have a Brilliant Wedding

On Wednesday, November 17, at St. Lawrence Catholic church at Milbank, Rev, Fr. O'Neill officiating, Miss Lizzie J. Stoddard and Clement P. Pugh were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Ray Pugh acted as best man and Miss Blanche Stoddard was bridesmaid. After the ceremony the young couple drove to the home of the bride parents Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard in Farmington township where a reception was held.

The happy couple were greeted by their relatives and friends with many useful and valuable presents. Among those at the reception from the town were Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh of Atlantic, Iowa, Mrs. Evans, daughter Catherine and son Will of Revillo, Mr. and Mrs. John Popp of Waubay, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin of Aberdeen and Mr. and Mrs. P.S. Morrissey of Summit.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh of Mazeppa will open their home to the young people and a social dance will be enjoyed.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard, early residents of Farmington township, she has grown to womanhood in the vicinity and her friends are legion. She is an accomplished young lady and will make an ideal helpmate.

Mr. Pugh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh of Mazeppa township. He is an industrious, ambitious young man of good habits and a genial disposition.

Seldom have two young people been untied who start life's new journey under such favorable auspices and with such sincere well wishes.

**1915 Christmas Summit Independent** J.B. Pugh visited.

### **1916 Jan 1916 Summit Independent**

Two more of Farmington's popular young people have decided that matrimony is the true road to happiness. Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup>, Ray Pugh and Miss Blanche Stoddard quietly slipped away to Milbank and before they returned had plighted their vows to love one another until death do part them. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Pugh and the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Stoddard. This is the second wedding in the Pugh and Stoddard families within a few months A few months ago a brother of the groom and a sister of the bride were married. Ray is a likeable young man, honest and industrious. Mrs. Pugh has a host of friends and will no doubt make an ideal helpmate. The Independent joins their many friends in wishing them all possible happiness in their new relation. They will live on the Jas. Pugh farm, Ray, being in partnership with his father in farming operations.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## Jan 20, 1916 Summit Independent

Curt Stoddard returned from Mpls. Monday morning. He reports his daughter, Mrs. C. Pugh is rapidly recovering from her operation. She is in NW hospital. If nothing develops she will be able to leave the hospital in a week.

## May 26th 1916 Atlantic News Telegraph

Firemen to Observe Memorial- Atlantic Fire Department to Hold Memorial Exercises For Departed Members on June 11 This Year. Committees appointed committee to take charge of floral offerings, music and conveyance for relatives of deceased members. The members of the Atlantic fire department met last evening and arrange for the coming Memorial Day exercises. They will be held on the second Sunday in June. The grave of James Pugh at Neola will also be decorated with flowers from here by the Atlantic Fire Department.

## July 6, 1916 Summit Independent

Mrs. J.B .Pugh of Iowa City is visiting the PS Morrissey and Pugh families.  
summary P.S. Morrissey: New cement walk in front of First State Bank Building.

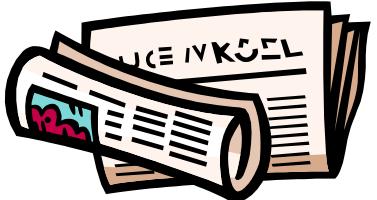
## Sept 21, 1916 Summit Independent

P.S. Morrissey, Olaf Melby and PM Gleason were the standard bearers of the Summit democracy at the democratic love feast at Sisseton Tuesday.  
summary Pete accompanied Mr. Melby on campaign. Democratic. Melby stood for "Peace, Prosperity and Preparadness"

## October 19, 1916 Summit Independent: Wedding Bells in Farmington

Happy Event at home of Mr. and Mrs. Fransen. Relatives Present  
A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fransen of Farmington township, Wednesday evening Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock when their daughter Hazel Fern was united in marriage to George Leinen of Summit. The ceremony was read by Rev. Rinearson. The bride was attended by Miss Kate Stoddard and Mr. Allie Stoddard was the best man. Immediately after the ceremony an elegant supper was served. The guests present at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Riley and daughters from Milbank, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Matteson of Twin Brooks, Mrs. T.A. Anderberg of Aberdeen, Mr. GE Riley and Mr. and Mrs. F.C Riley of Summit, Mrs. Catherine Fransen, Chris Fransen, CD Stoddard and family, Geo Stoddard and family of Moapa, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pugh of Farmington. The Fransen home was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. The table decorations were red roses. The bride wore a purple gown trimmed with Georgette Crepe and she carried a bouquet of white roses. The presents were numerous and valuable. The bride in one of the popular young ladies in her set and by her happy disposition and her many virtues has endeared herself to a very large circle of friends. The groom has resided in Summit for the past two years, he is a young man of good habits and sure to succeed. The young people will make their home in Summit. The best wishes of everyone in the vicinity go with the young couple in their new relation.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## 1917 June 21, 1917 Summit Independent

Word from Iowa City, Iowa, to friends here, conveys the news that John Pugh underwent an operation for cancer and is getting along well. Mrs. Pugh is with him.

## October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1917 Grant County News (?)

Mr. Geo. Stoddard sold some sheep which brought him returns worth of mention. Three lambs were sold, the weight of which was 315 pounds at 4 cents/pound plus 10 pounds wool at 52 cents per pound. The total was \$49.30. The sheep were sold to F.A. Siebel. Another "boost" for our neck of the woods.

## 1918 Jan 17, 1918 Grant County News (?) Mazeppa Couple Wed

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stoddard in Mazeppa township Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm, when their daughter Ethel was united in marriage to Peter M. Larsen. Rev. Ryerson performed the ceremony. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and sixty guests were present. After the ceremony an elaborate dinner was served. Both the bride and groom are well known young people and have a host of friends. They have the best of wishes for a long and happy married life.  
- Summit Independent.

## 1919 1919 Summit Independent

Curt Stoddard's team showed the effect of too much oats, Monday and run a half mile down Main street in 30 seconds flat. No damage.

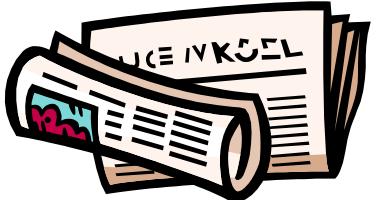
**January 1919** A 10 pound baby boy came Sunday to gladden the George Lane and family grandpa and grandma Fransen.

## April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1919

Mrs. Ness Adolphsen who has been in failing health for some years died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Savidge, early Tuesday morning, April 22nd. Ever since the death of her husband, 5 years ago, she has been in poor health and subject to periods of melancholy. The funeral was held at the Methodist Church this Thursday afternoon, Rev. Rinearson officiating [sic]. An appropriate musical program was arranged by Mrs. H.A. Sharf and Mrs. Wm. Schmeitzer and the many beautiful floral offerings told of the sympathy of the many friends of the family. The interment was in the Summit cemetery.

Margaretha Hemling [sic] was born in Schleswig Holstein, Denmark, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 1839; she was married to Ness Adolphsen April 20<sup>th</sup> 1865, they came to the United States and settled in Iowa in 1874 and to Grant County in Mazeppa township in 1880. They resided in Mazeppa township, Grant County until 1898 when they came to Summit. Ness Adolphsen died Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1914 and since then the widow has resided with her daughters, Mrs. Geo. Savidge and Mrs. Richard Ohm. The deceased leaves three daughters; Mrs. Savidge and Mrs. Ohm of Summit, and Mrs. Frank Redlin of Prichardville, Canada; one sister Mrs. C. Fransen and one brother; Aug. Hemling [sic] of Spokane, Wash.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



Mrs. Adolphsen was a woman of domestic tastes, and her life was spent for her family. The many old friends of the family in western Grant County will regret the death of this good woman. Owing to the impossibility of reaching Mrs. Redlin and brother August Hemling at Spokane they could not arrive in time for the funeral.

George Savidge returned from Sioux City Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ness Adolphsen.

## June 1919 Leffingwell - Stoddard

The Milbank Herald Advance has the following account of the marriage of two popular young people who are well known in Summit and vicinity. We omitted to chronicle last week the marriage of Miss Mary Stoddard and Mr. Frank Leffingwell, both of Summit, on June 24, the ceremony being performed in Milbank by Rev. W. J. Calfee. The bride is the daughter of Mr. George Stoddard, of Mazeppa Township, where she lived during her girl hood years. She is a graduate of the Summit high school, and also attended the Aberdeen Normal, and for the past year has been teaching in northern Brown county. The groom is well known in Summit, young man of fine parts, and a large circle of friends unite in wishing him a long and happy wedded life.

## July 24, 1919 George Savage family going to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. George Savage and family expect to start Monday on an auto trip to Washington state. If they like the country they may make it their permanent residence. The family have formed any close ties in summit and everyone will regret to have them give up their residence.

## Oct 16, 1919 Summit Independent

Saturday night while Curt Stoddard was at his farm moving some hogs to town his team got away and threw him out of the wagon, so that it passed over him. He was brought to town and his wounds dressed. No bones were broken, but he has some severe bruises. After a few days on crutches he will be around again. He was extremely fortunate to escape without serious injury.

## September 25, 1919 Edgar Fransen and Minnie Kittlehut (sic)

Wed. at the home of Rev. Rinearson on Wednesday evening September 24 Edgar Fransen was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Kittlehut. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fransen of Farmington and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kittlehut of Lura. Both people have grown up in the neighborhood and are well and favorably known. They will engage in farming on the Goery place. Elvin Fransen and Miss Katie Stoddard were guests at the wedding. The best wishes of a host of friends are with the couple for a happy and successful married life.

## Sept 25, 1919 Grant County Review

The Pew brothers have bot [sic] the Lampert lumber company house in the SW part of town and their father and mother will occupy it.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



**Dec 4, 1919 Grant County Review:** Curt Stoddard added a garage and chicken coop.

## **1920 1920 The South Shore Republican**

Curt Stoddard went to Ortonville to have dental work done

**1920** Mrs. Charles Hembling expects to depart the first of next week for points in Washington for a visit with relatives and friends (?)

## **1920? Summit Independent**

PS Morrissey journeyed to Aberdeen on Sunday night and was on hand at the land office Monday to answer when his name was called to file on a homestead on the Cheyenne reservation. He made his choice two and one half miles from Dupree, on the south branch of the Milwaukee road.

## **1920 Grant County Review**

George Stoddard and Fred Zirble of Mazeppa township were among the enthusiastic boosters of the bond sale the past week and after an all day canvas Tuesday drove down from Mazeppa Township Tuesday night to make their committee report, returning home the same night. Mr. Zirble's quota was \$1500.00 which he paid cash last Friday. Mr. Stoddard also paid his quota \$500.00 in cash the same day. Other Mazeppa citizens took hold in like manner. In fact , the citizens of the county as a whole have reflected great credit upon themselves so far this drive.

## **March 1920 The South Shore Republican**

County Commissioner Frank Fransen, of Grant County, is making an effort to get a rock crusher to be used in crushing up the boulders for surfacing material for the Yellowstone trail. The state will build the road though Roberts county and to Grant county to a point east of Marvin. Mr. Fransen idea is that crushed rock can be used for surfacing instead of gravel and will not cost any more.

## **March 1920 The South Shore Republican**

While in from his Mazeppa farm Tuesday Curt Stoddard made the Republican office a pleasant call. Among other yarns, Curt told us that one day last week he killed a stray dog that exhibited alarming symptoms of hydrophobia. He first noticed the animal out in his pasture acting very queerly. It was having a genuine dogfight with an invisible foe, which Curt presumed might have been the devil. Not wishing to get mixed up in this kind of a row, he watched the dog until it came up to the yard. Noticing that it still acting groggy and was foaming at the mouth, he decided it would be best to put the critter out of business, so he shot it with a convenient two by four. So if anybody is missing a small black dog wearing a leather collar he will know what has become it. Curt also said he was going to Minnesota next week to visit a brother at Pine Island and an aunt at Mazeppa.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1920 Grant County Review.** Merritt Farley was the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, and other relatives

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**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 1921**

Twin Babies 8 lb boy and 5 lb girl to Mr. and Mrs. David Southwick on Monday.

**June 9, 1921- Morrissey is Busy Again. Summit Independent**

The school election which occurs in Summit Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> will likely be interesting. A petition was circulated by O.P.J. Engstrom and filed by him for the old board members whose term expire. They are Mrs. J.D. Smull, A. Prestwick and John Johnson. This petition was liberally signed by a large number of heavy tax payers but it did not suit P.S. Morrissey so he got out another petition for Curt Stoddard, G.E. Riley and Frank Hills. Mr. Morrissey has filed this so the voters will have an opportunity to express themself [sic].

**Spring of 1921** Steve Morrissey played the role of lead man in the Summit High School play.

**June 23, 1921 - Summit Independent** Summit Voters say "Set Down Morrissey"

The annual school election for the Summit Independent District was held Tuesday. The vote cast, 209, was the largest in the history of Summit. Not withstanding, P.S. Morrissey had for a long time circulated unfair and untruthful reports among the voters of the district and sought by deceit and misrepresentation to influence them. The members of the old Board of Education who were candidates, received a flattering endorsement. Those elected were:

Anton Prestwick 3 years

Anna C Smull 3 years

John Johnson 1 year

The defeated candidates were all men of highest standing, and not a word was said against them during the campaign. The question of the personality of the candidates was entirely lost in the question as to whether Morrissey and his methods should be endorsed. The answer of the voters will for a long time settle the question. The people in Summit have dwelt together in peace and harmony for a long time, the public questions which have come up have been settled without leaving any serious differences and honesty and good purposes have always been conceded to public officers. A good healthy rivalry for office is a good thing all around but the rivalry should be based upon principle and not to vent a personal grudge. The members of the Board of Education who are elected will enter upon their duties with experience and carry on the many reforms they have planned, the defeated candidates may be the lucky ones later on providing they are not encumbered with a manager whose every campaign has been a Waterloo and whose political methods the good citizens of Summit will not for a moment tolerate.

**December 22, 1921 Summit Independent**

Deputy Charles Fromke arrived from Sisseton last Friday night and will remain for a month.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## 1922 1922 Summit Independent

Mrs. C.A. Stoddard of Canby Mn., a sister [that would be sister-in law] of C.D. and George and her son and daughter were guests and Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard's Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo Stoddard came and the sisters and brothers had a very pleasant reunion.

## Summit Independent May 18 1922

John Pugh Jr. of Iowa City, Iowa has been visiting his parent Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh

## Summit Independent July 20 1922

Mrs. Fairley visited Mary and John Pugh of Iowa City ? (did she come with?)

## Summit Independent August 17, 1922

A number of friends of John Pugh made up a neat little purse for him Tuesday and presented it to him. It was his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Notwithstanding his years, Mr. Pugh is hale and hearty and looks at life thru rosey glasses.

## September 28 1922 Summit Independent

Leroy Steenberg and Katie Stoddard Married

The wedding bells rang in Summit Thursday evening. Sept 21<sup>st</sup> when Miss Katie Stoddard and Leroy Steenberg were united in wedlock. They are both well known in this locality having resided here for many years. Both people possess a splendid character they and make a good couple. The bride was dressed in a beautiful white, silk crepe de chine dress and the groom was dressed in a blue serge suit. After the ceremony supper was served. Immediately after supper they were give a shower by the young people of Summit. The young couple left on the night train amid a shower of rice on their honeymoon and other parts of Minnesota where the groom lived before coming to Summit. They have decided to make Summit their home which will delight their friends. They are heartily congratulated by their many friends.

## Summit Independent Nov 2 1922 *J. Pugh and Wife Wed 50 Years*

*Golden Wedding Was Celebrated Friday: Friends Gather and Present Handsome Purse.*

Fifty years is not a long time in the life of rocks or nations but to most of us mortals it is a very long and important period. When two young people in the bloom of youth join their lives and travel down life's pathway with its storms and trials and at the end of half a century their hearts are just a loving and their gray hairs are but evidence of long lives well spent their friends may well gather round them and make the event as happy as was the one 50 years before. It was with this idea that the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh gathered last Friday and helped them celebrate their golden wedding.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. P.S. Morrissey at noon a splendid dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. Pugh. This was attended by the near relatives of the couples and at 5 o'clock a lunch was served to neighbors and friends. The home was decorated in yellow and white and everything was done to make the guests of honor happy.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



During the day purses aggregating upwards of \$160.00 were presented to them by the men and women of Summit. Mr. and Mrs. Pugh were delighted with the expression of good will from their Summit friends and they will always remember the day as one of the bright spots in their lives.

John Pugh and Julia Merritt were married at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1872 at the Immaculate Conception Church by Rev. Father Lowrey. They had 11 children, 7 have died, three were at the anniversary and one John Pugh, Jr. of Iowa City, Iowa was unable to come. The children at the wedding were Katherine Morrissey , Clement Pugh and Ray Pugh, all of Summit. John Pugh was born Aug 15th 1842 in County Mayo, Ireland and his wife was born Sept 18 1854 in Ohio. They lived for a long time in Atlantic Iowa and 13 years ago came to Farming township and engaged in farming .

They moved in Summit three years ago. Miss M. Merritt of Mechanicsville Iowa , sister of Mrs. Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. John Popp of Waubay, niece and nephew were the out of town guests present.

## **Nov 1922 Summit Independent: Card of Appreciation**

We cannot express in words our gratitude for the many kindnesses and the liberal present which were given us at our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The most we can say is that we hope your lives may be as pleasant as ours and may God bless you. Mrs. and Mr. John Pugh

## **Thursday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 1922 Summit Independent: Fransen Has Bad Auto Collision**

*Little Ford Has No Chance with Big Car; Both Cars are Badly Demoralized, No One Hurt*

Last Friday night when Frank Fransen was driving home in his Ford he had a serious collision with a Haynes car. It happened on the Trail near the slaughter house. Mr. Fransen did not see the other car until it was close to him and he tried to turn out but the other fellows turned the same way and the two cars came together with a terrific smash. The Fransen car was completely demoralized. The Haynes, which was not so badly damaged but it was have to be overhauled before it will be fit for service. It was extremely fortunate that no one was hurt.

## **Thursday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 1922 Summit Independent**

*Grandma Fransen Was 80 Years Old Saturday*

Last Saturday, Grandma Fransen was eighty years of age and her relatives and friends gathered at the home of her son Chris Fransen and spent a very pleasant day with her. There were 3 children, Frank Fransen, Chris Fransen and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard and seven grand children and 10 great grand children. The families present were the C.D. Stoddard , George Stoddard, C. Pugh, Ray Pugh, F. Fransen, Ed Fransen, Geo Leinen, and Mrs. Roy Steenberg. Mrs. Katherine Fransen, or Grandma Fransen as she was affectionately called, was one of the very early settlers in Mazeppa township, Grant county and she has resided there continuously since the early days. Her children have been her comfort and they took this occasion to bring joy and gladness to her declining years.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## 1923 Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1923 Summit Independent

Frank Fransen went to Milbank last week and finished his work as a county Commissioner for Grant County. Mr. Fransen has given his county and his district splendid service and the county loses a faithful public servant. For the first time since the west townships were settled they got their share of the county work. It will be a long time before another commissioner is elected from the west end and Mr. Fransen will be remembered as one of the follows who 'done things' for the west end.

## January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1923 Summit Independent

A baby girl arrived at the Clem Pugh home in Farmington township Sunday morning. (That would be Max- she said Grandma and Grandpa were at a neighbors playing cards and Grandma gave him a look and Grandpa knew it was time)

## Jan 25th, 1923 Summit Independent

Miss Gladys Ohm began a term of school in the Tostenson district, about 8 miles northeast of Summit Monday.

## Feb 1 1923 Summit Independent

Steve Morrissey and Harold Jons believe that there is a good opportunity to open a radio supply store in Summit. There is much general interest among the farmers and townspeople in the radio and many would install an outfit if they were sure they could get just the right thing and learn how to operate it. Steve and Harold have been studying it up and they are now prepared to furnish outfits and make them work satisfactory. They will also keep repairs on hand or get them at short notice. Anyone who is interested in the radio should see the boys. They can supply the local trace cheaper than outside concerns.

## Feb 22, 1923 Summit Independent

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard entertained a party of friends at 500 (?) Tuesday evening. After cards a dainty luncheon was served. Everyone voted the evening delightfully spent and Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard royal entertainers. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Sharf, Mr. and Mrs. W. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Jepson, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Smull, Mr. and Mrs. P.W. Poor, Miss Sheelar, Miss Lorden, B.D. Willson and H.H. Millard.

**March 7, 1923** Many friends among review readers everywhere of Hon. George Stoddard, of Mazeppa Township, will be grieved to learn that Mr. Stoddard is in very poor health and for about 10 days past has been a patient in the Webster hospital. George Stoddard is a big hearted, royal good fellow, and we know we speak the sentiment of everyone who knows him expressing the hope for his early incomplete recovery.

## March 29 1923 Summit Independent

Mrs. John Pugh has been in Milbank undergoing medical treatment.

## April 12, 1923 Summit Independent

Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh arrived Tuesday.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## April 12, 1923 Summit Independent

Mrs. John Pugh who had been taking treatment returned home feeling greatly improved.

## May 19, 1923

Hon. George Stoddard and wife were down from their home in Mazeppa Township Saturday attending to business matters. Mr. Stoddard is slowly recovering from a very severe spell of illness, extending over many weeks, by which he spent in the hospital at Webster. He was down to 160 pounds in weight at one time but is up to 180 now, which is still 40 to 50 pounds below his normal but he is gaining steadily and beginning to feel quite like himself.

**June 18, 1923** Frank Fransen went to Milbank last week and finished his work as County Commissioner for Grant County. Mr. Fransen has given his County and his district splendid service and the county loses a faithful public servant. For the first time since the west townships were settled they got their share of the county work. It will be a long time before another commissioner is elected from the west end and Mr. Fransen will be remembered as one of the fellows who "done things" for the west end.

## June 28 1923 Summit Independent

Steve Morrissey, who has been confined to his bed by an attack of rheumatism is able to be out and get around with the aid of crutches.

## August 2 1923 Summit Independent

### Mrs. John Pugh Ends Useful Life

Mrs. John Pugh, who has been very low for some time, passed away Friday evening, July 27<sup>th</sup> at her home in Summit. She has been ill for more than a year, and everything that the best medical skill could do failed to restore her failing health. The funeral was held Monday at St. Lawrence Catholic church at Milbank, Rev F. O'Neil officiating.

Mrs. Pugh was born in Ohio, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1854 and her childhood was spent there. She came west and on Oct 27, 1872, she was married to John Pugh at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Eleven children were born to their union of whom four are living. They are Mrs. P.S. Morrissey of Summit, John B. Pugh of Iowa City, Iowa and Clem and Ray Pugh of Farmington township.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh came to Dakota in 1907 and settled on a farm in Mazeppa township, they lived there until two years ago when they moved to Summit. Last October, Mr. and Mrs. Pugh celebrated their golden wedding and were the recipient of many congratulations. Besides her aged husband and children, Mrs. Pugh leaves a sister, Mrs. Fairly of Minneapolis and a brother and sister, John and Mary Merritt of Mechanicsville, Iowa. During their long married life, Mrs. Pugh was a loyal helpmate and her husband will sadly miss her. She was a devout Catholic, a loving wife and mother and kind neighbor and her wide circle of acquaintances will miss her. The entire community extends their sincere sympathy to the husband and family.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



**CARD OF THANKS:** We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the many kind deeds and words of sympathy and also for the beautiful floral offerings tendered us during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother. Mr. John Pugh and family.

**Aug 10th, 1923 Wilmot Enterprise:** Saturday afternoon Chas. Brookshire's car left the grade on a 15 foot embankment, near the Sid Alan place and turned over once and a half before it stopped but did not injure any of the occupants, who were Ray and Clem Pugh and P.S. Morrissey besides Mr. Brookshire. They had been to Milbank to arrange the funeral of Mrs. Pugh and when they came to the grade it was slippery and they drove very slow. The wheels started to skid and notwithstanding Mr. Brookshire did everything he could do, the car went to the side and in a twinkling of an eye the deed was done. Messr's Brookshire and Ray Pugh were clear of the car when it stopped rolling and Clem and Morrissey were under it. In some miraculous way they all escaped with a few scratches. Aside from smashing the windshield the car was not damaged. A farmers team pulled it out and it came home on its own power. Some luck ----- Summit Independent.

## August 16<sup>th</sup> 1923 Summit Independent

What might have been a serious accident happened on the Pugh brother farm south of town, Thursday. Mrs. Clem Pugh was temporarily driving a binder for her husband when the bridle came off one of the horses and the team started to run. Ray Pugh was cutting near and the frightened team ran towards his binder and finally into it. Mrs. Pugh stuck to her seat and fortunately was not injured One horse scratched and some damage to the binders was the only damage.

## Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1923 Summit Independent *Obituary of the Late Mrs. B.D. Southwick*

Mrs. B.D. Southwick, before marriage Mary F. Stoddard was born at Zumbrota, Minn. on August 7<sup>th</sup> 1862 and passed away on Wednesday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of 61 years, 8 months and 7 days. To this union fourteen children were born, five having preceded her in death, namely Mable, Reuben, George, Sherman and Walter.

Mrs. Southwick spent her early life in Zumbrota and when she was 18 years old she came to South Dakota. In the same year she was married at Appleton Minn., on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1880. They secured their marriage license in Big Stone county which was the first license issued in that county They came to Antelope Valley in the summer and filed on the homestead, being the same farm now owned by Mr. Southwick.

She is survived by her husband, four daughter and five sons, Mrs. Clarence Morrison, Mrs. Lau Lauson and Esther of South Shore and Mrs. Swift of Wakpota, S.D., Paul of Minneapolis, Curtis of Twin Brooks, Logan of Milbank, David of Chicago, and Ralph of South Shore, sister Mrs. Ida Emery of Eugene, Oregon and two brothers George and Curtis Stoddard of Summit.

Funeral series were held last Sunday afternoon at Mazeppa No 3 and the body was laid to rest beside her children in Antelope Valley cemetery. - South Shore Gazette

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## Nov 22, 1923 Summit Independent

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard and Miss Hazel Stoddard attended the funeral of Mrs. B.D. Southwick at South Shore Sunday afternoon. The funeral was held in the school house south of the village and was attended by a large number of the old friends of the family.

## Dec 20 1923 Summit Independent

Miss Hazel Stoddard will be the extra help in the post office this Christmas. She has considerable experience and will no doubt prove to be thoroughly efficient.

## 1924 Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1924 Summit Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Ray put were at Milbank Saturday

P.S. Morrissey has been in Sisseton lately looking after matters connected with the County Constables office.

## Jan 1924 Summit Independent

Roy Wiley, Steve Morrissey and others of the Wiley graveling outfit came home from Brookings county Saturday night. They are out of gravel and are laying off a week to enable the Brookings county authorities to get another gravel pit.

## Jan 24 1924 Grant County Review

At St. Lawrence church in this city yesterday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Fr J.J. O'Neill officiating, occurred the marriage of Miss Mabelle Stoddard and Mr. Paul Schliesman. The attendants were Mr. \_\_\_\_ Schliesman, brother of the groom, and Miss Thelma Stoddard, a sister of the bride. The bride wore a frock of navy blue beaded Canton crepe and the bridesmaid a dress of navy blue Canton crepe. A three course wedding dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Roth Jr., in this city.

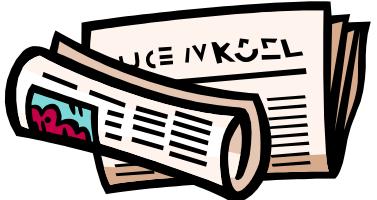
The bride is a daughter of Hon. George Stoddard and wife, of Mazeppa township, and is a very estimable young lady. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schliesman, residing a few miles north of this city, and a young man of high standing in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Schliesman departed following the reception and dinner for the home of the bride's parents and after a short absence will return to make Milbank their home after January 25<sup>th</sup>. Their many friends will be glad to welcome them here.

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1924 Summit Independent** There was a happy gathering of the Riley and Fransen families at Frank Fransen's on Monday. The occasion was the birthdays of Harold Fransen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fransen and Earl Leinen son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leinen.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1924 Summit Independent** : Mrs. Catherine Fransen has been ill recently and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard has been in the country nursing her.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



## May 8<sup>th</sup> 1924 Summit Independent

Herbert Fransen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fransen, fell off a horse Friday and broke the bone in his foot. He was taken to the Peabody Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Frank Riley, Mrs. Frank Fransen, Cliff Riley, and Ben Anderberg spent Sat with Herb Fransen who is at the Peabody hospital.

## May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1924 Summit Independent

Frank Franson [e] was at Webster Saturday visiting his son Herbert who is in the Peabody hospital. Herbert's foot is not healing as fast as was hoped.

## May 15 1924 Summit Independent

Mrs. P.S. Morrissey and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pugh were at Waubay Sunday visiting relatives.

**May 15, 1924** Julia Hannora Morrissey graduated from high school, she gave the address "Criminology". Class color was Old Rose and Gray. Class Flower: American Beauty Rose. Class Motto " Build for character, not for fame".

## June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1924 Summit Independent

Pete Morrissey must have been born under a lucky star. Saturday afternoon when the rain started Pete was hoeing potatoes on the Thompson place. When it began to rain he got under a tree. It began to look like more rain and Pete deserted the tree and walked over to some buildings. He had hardly got to the building when a bolt of lightning struck the tree he had been under and almost completely demolished it. What would have happened to Peter had he remained under the tree nobody knows but from the splinters that flew around Pete is inclined to believe a wake would have been in order. Anyway it was a lucky move.

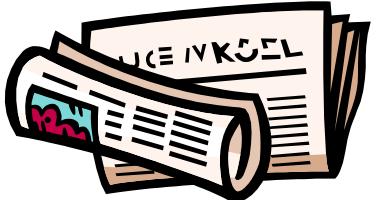
## August 14<sup>th</sup> 1924 Summit Independent SHARF'S TO OPEN IND. OIL STATION

Summit is to have an independent oil station. H.A. Sharf and Son, who have been agents for the Standard oil company have concluded that they could best serve their customers by handling oil as independent dealers so they have erected a warehouse on their property near their elevator and this week they are installing two 3000 gallon tanks. They will handle a full line of the highest grade lubrication oils as well as gas.

After a careful investigation they have selected "Firesure" gasoline, the highest grade Oklahoma product and the brand of gas they will sell and they feel sure this will please their customers better than any they have had.

Summit offers a fine field for an independent station and the consumers of gasoline will appreciate the competition which Sharf and Son will offer and patronize them liberally. The two tanks give them a capacity of 4 cars of gas. The two tanks are electrically welded and their equipment is the latest. Sharf and Son expect to be ready for business in a few weeks.

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## June 26 1924 Summit Independent

The Clem and Ray Pugh families and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard attended the Grant County Farmers picnic east of Milbank Friday.

**Sept 4 1924 Summit Independent:** Miss Mary and Julia Morrissey who have been visiting at the J.J. Popp home, returned to Summit Fri pm.

P.S. Morrissey has been repairing the side walk at the power house.

**October 16, 1924.** Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stoddard of Mazeppa Minnesota Mr. and Mrs. Noyes Stoddard and son Sherman of Everett Washington, visited with the CD Stoddard family last week. They were on their way to Washington.

**December 1924 Summit Independent:** P.S. Morrissey will take the Federal Farm Census in Summit, Summit twp, Spring Grove and Springdale twp. There are 158 questions to be answered by each farmer and it will expedite matters considerably if farmers will fill in the sample questions that have been given them. Any farmer who has not received the sample questions can get them by calling the post office.

## 1924 - Summit Independent- no date

Steven Morrissey left for the Black Hills Monday night. He has some business ventures out there which may keep him all winter. Steven is a rustler and he will make good anywhere.

## 1925 Jan, 1925 Summit Independent

The Misses Julia and Mary Morrissey went to Waubay Saturday to spend a few days with relatives.

## Jan 1925 Summit Independent

Miss Hazel Stoddard departed for Aberdeen Sunday night to enter the Northern Normal School. Miss Stoddard graduated from Summit HS with high honors and will no doubt make an excellent student.

**Feb 5, 1925 Summit Independent:** Miss Hazel Stoddard came from Aberdeen Saturday night and spent Sunday and Monday with her parents. She likes her school at the Aberdeen Normal and is doing nicely.

**Feb 1925 Summit Independent:** The other evening, Dr Messerschmidt was driving toward town in a horse and buggy. The same evening Clem Pugh was going home in his Ford car. They met by the schoolhouse south of Summit. There was a hole and a deep rut and neither the occupants of the Ford or the buggy noticed the other until it was too late. Dr Messerschmidt was stunned and bruised and the buggy was somewhat worse for the encounter. The Ford was scratched. Dr Messerschmidt's bruises were painful and not serious and he was able to be out in a couple of days.

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## March 5, 1925 Summit Independent

John Pugh has been quite seriously ill but is now some better. His son John Pugh and wife of Iowa City came to be with him.

## May 7, 1925 Summit Independent

Miss Stoddard has been engaged to teach the primary at Ortley.

## May 14, 1925 Summit Independent

Curt Stoddard has been appointed to look after the streets by the city committee on streets.

## June 25, 1925 Summit Independent

Dr. Sorose and Clem Pugh returned Wed evening last. About a year ago, Mr. Pugh had the misfortune to injure his left eye. It has been growing more troublesome of late and Dr Sorose thought it better to remove it, so Mr. Pugh accompanied him to St Paul, and the operation was performed under Dr Sorose direction at St Bernards Hospital.

## 1925 Grant County Review: Summit Man Buried Here

Peter Morrissey, a well known citizen of Summit for about fifteen years past, passed away quite suddenly at his home at that place last Sunday morning of heart trouble, aged about 55 years. Mr. Morrissey had been ailing with his heart and complications at times for two or three years past, but had been about as well as usual up to within a few hours of his death. Saturday he was about Summit attending to his personal affairs, but was taken ill about 10:00 o'clock that evening and passed away the next morning. Mr. Morrissey was engaged in cement work, and was well known in the Summit territory and very highly regarded. The funeral was held Tuesday morning of this week from St Lawrence church in this city and interment was made in St Lawrence cemetery. It was largely attended by friends and neighbors of Summit and locality. Mr. Morrissey is survived by his wife, one son, Stephen and two daughters, Julia and Mary.

## June 25 1925 Summit Independent: P.S. Morrissey Passes Suddenly

The citizens of Summit were much shocked Sunday morning by the news that P.S Morrissey had passed away at 5 o'clock. He had not been well for a long time and it was known his heart was not in normal condition, but no one anticipated the end was so near. Mr. Morrissey was up and around town Saturday and he seemed quite cheerful. He was taken sick about midnight with severe pains in the chest and Dr Sorose was called. All that he could do was to administer sedatives and make the patient comfortable as possible. Dr Sorose was called again around 2 o'clock and found the patient in intense pain. He gave him all the relief he could and went home. He was called again toward 5 o'clock but when he reached the house it was too late. The funeral was held at the Milbank Catholic Church Tuesday and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery in Milbank. A large number of friends from Summit accompanied the remains to Milbank to pay their last respects. Beautiful floral offerings were sent by lodges and by the businessmen and by friends.

# Stoddard/Fransen-Pugh/Morrissey Families: In the News



*Peter S. Morrissey was born in New York City June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1870, Died in Summit SD June 31, 1925.* At the age of 10 he went to live in Atlantic, Iowa and he remained there for many years. He was married to Catherine Pugh, who survives him, May 27, 1903. To them were born four children, one of whom died in infancy. The surviving children are Stephen, Julia and Mary. The family came to South Dakota in 1907 and lived on a farm, later they moved to Summit, where they have since resided. Mr. Morrissey was engaged in the cement business, he was an efficient workman. He took a lively interest in public affairs he held the office of county constable two years and made an excellent official. He was warm-hearted and always was ready to assist in aiding those in distress. Summit will miss Pete and the sympathy of everyone in the vicinity will go to the sorrowing widow and the children. A number of relatives were notified and those who could come attended the funeral in Milbank.

## Nov 19, 1925 Summit Independent

### Pioneer Woman Enjoys Observance of Birthday

Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>, was the 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Mrs. Catherine Fransen, mother of Frank and Christ Fransen and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard and the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to the number of half hundred gathered at her home and spent the day with her. There was a picnic dinner and a glorious time recalling childhood days. Mrs. Fransen was born in Schleswig Holstein and came to South Dakota and Mazeppa township, Grant County, when the county first settled. Her husband died many years ago. She has now living one daughter, two sons, eight grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. Among the presents Mrs. Fransen received was a box of apples from August Hemling of Spokane. They were of enormous size and beautifully colored. The families present were. Mr. and Mrs. CD Stoddard and daughter Hazel, Mr. and Ms. Frank Fransen, and Herbert, Chris Fransen, Mr. and Mrs. Geo Leinen and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pugh four children, Mrs. Roy Steenberg and two children, Miss Dora Adolphsen, and brothers. The Independent joins Mrs. Fransen's many friends in congratulating her and it is extremely grateful for the beautiful large apple she so kindly remembered us with.

## Nov 26 1925 Summit Independent

Charles Fromke of Ortley, who is attending Aberdeen Normal, was a guest of the CD Stoddard family Sunday.

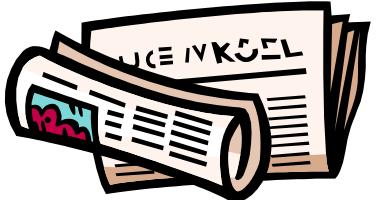
## Dec 31, 1925 Summit Independent

### George Stoddards have Silver Wedding

On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. George Stoddard celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. The immediate relatives present were Alice Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Steenberg and 2 children, Mrs. Frank Leffingwell, and children, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lawson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schleisman, Thelma, Curtis and Zela Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. CD Stoddard. Including the above there were about 75 relatives and friends present. In the evening there were cards and dancing.

Many beautiful gifts of silver were presented to the worthy couple. Their many friends

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extend congrats, hoping they may enjoy many more years of wedding bliss.

## **1925 Summary Summit Independent**

Steve Morrissey worked for the Wiley graveling outfit. "They have 3 miles graveled."

### **1926 Jan 21, 1926 Summit Independent**

Summit can congratulate itself for having a real live road overseer. This week, for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in a generation, Road Overseer CD Stoddard cleaned up the snow on the sidewalk and crossings. Good for Stoddard.

### **Jan 21, 1926 Summit Independent (summary)**

Charles Fromke visited friends in Summit, and the next weekend also.

### **March 18, 1926 Summit Independent**

Miss H. Stoddard was compelled to quit her school Thursday on account of the flu which is prevalent in the Mazeppa neighborhood in which she is teaching.

### **1926**

Summary "Community Club" Julia Morrissey and Borghild Halverson appointed to the program committee.

1926 Summary Summit Independent

Mazeppa Elections 1926

Treas: Fred Beskow

Clerk Fred Zielske

Justice of the Peace George Stoddard

Construction George Wohlleber

### **April 1926 Summit Independent**

Esther Kalberg, Hazel Stoddard, Esther Herried and Julia Morrissey were among the teachers in Grant County who attended the teachers meeting in Milbank Saturday.

### **April 1926 Summit Independent**

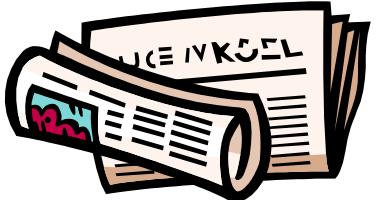
Street Commissioner Stoddard has been doing some much needed work on our streets in the past week, several streets, which were in bad shape, have been graveled and the rocks removed. The saving on tires should pay for the work.

### **May 1926 Summit Independent**

Miss Hazel Stoddard who has been teaching south of Summit in the Adolphsen neighborhood will finish her schoolwork this week. The patrons of the school speak highly of Miss Stoddard's schoolwork.

Miss Julia Morrissey will close her school Friday and Saturday will give a picnic for her pupils. Miss Morrissey has a fine reputation as a teacher.

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## June 3, 1926 Summit Independent Stoddard-Fromke

Chas W Fromke of Ortley and Miss Hazel Stoddard of Summit were married at Aberdeen Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>. After a short stay at Aberdeen they will return to Summit for the summer and in the fall they will both teach west of the river. The groom is a clean-cut young man of good ability and fine character. He has been attending the Northern Normal the past year. The bride was born in the vicinity and graduated from Summit school. She is a bright charming young lady who is in every way fitted to make a good wife. The young people have a legion of friends and they will all join the Independent in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Fromke all the joy and prosperity possible in their married life.

## June 10, 1926 Summit Independent Party for Mrs. Fromke

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Clem Pugh gave a post nuptial reception for their sister, Mrs. Chas Fromke, at the house of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. CD Stoddard of Summit. Those at the reception were mostly members of the Stoddard Family but a few close friends were invited. It was a merry party and Mrs. Fromke was given assurance that she is starting her married life with the best wishes of those who know her best. The refreshments were delicious and the afternoon was happy one indeed. Mr. Fromke was the recipient of a large number of valuable and useful presents from her relatives and friends.

## 1926 Summit Independent

Miss Borghild Halvorson was taken with the measles Sunday so her many friends will miss her for a week to ten days.

## June 1926 Summit Independent

- Mrs. PJ Morrissey is home from a week's visit in Mpls with relatives.
- Mrs. CD Stoddard went to Aberdeen last week to remain with Mrs. Frank Leffingwell during the illness of her baby.
- August Hembling visited June, 1926. (*He was living in Spokane in 1920*)

## June 1926 Summit Independent

The four-week-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leffingwell of Aberdeen died Sunday night from an attack of whooping cough. The little one was too frail to stand the ravages of the disease. The many Summit friends will sincerely sympathize with them.

## June 1926 Summit Independent

Mr. and Mrs. CD Stoddard and Mr. and Mrs. Chas Fromke drove to Canby Mn Sunday to visit a sister of Mr. Stoddard. They tell the usual tale of poor crops in western Minnesota.

## July 1926 Summit Independent

Clem Pugh was taken suddenly ill Thursday and Dr Smith was called. He diagnosed the case acute appendicitis and recommended that the patient go to the hospital immediately.

Mr. Pugh was take to Webster and the clinic confirmed Dr Smith's diagnosis and operated

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at once. The appendix was badly swollen and the operation was just in time. Mr. Pugh stood the operation nicely and is well on his road to recovery. (note: Clem told his family that the appendix actually did rupture, he had peritonitis and was in the hospital one month).

## **Aug 1926 Summit Independent**

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Fromke left Wed am for Morristown, SD. They both will teach in schools 8 miles apart. The school district provides a home for the teacher and Mr. and Mrs. Fromke will occupy it and keep house.

## **Aug 1926 Summit Independent**

Dr Smith reports a girl baby at Ray Pugh's this Wed morning. The new baby is very pretty, according to Dr Smith, and the whole family are proud of it. (note: that would be Ethel Irene, born Aug 11, 1926.)

## **1926 Summit Independent**

Miss Alma Halverson is assisting at the PJ Bakken store during the absence of her sister, Borghild, who is taking a short vacation.

## **Dec 1926 Summit Independent**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pugh, a baby boy, on Friday December 10th. (note: That would be Norm, his date of birth is supposed to be Dec 11<sup>th</sup>).

## **Dec 1926 Summit Independent**

Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh of Iowa City, Iowa are here for a holiday, visiting in the Morrissey and Pugh homes (Note: according to the paper, they left Feb 3, 1927)

## **1927 Jan 1927 Summit Independent (summary):**

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fromke have been engaged to teach next year at the same schools. " Their friends will be glad to know they gave so good satisfaction that they were unanimously re-elected.

## **1927 Summit Independent**

Corr-Halvorson Wedding the 13<sup>th</sup>. Married at Watertown South Dakota on Thursday Jan 13, Borg Halvorson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Halvorson, living east of Summit, to Ed Corr, Wilmot. The young people succeeded in keeping their marriage a secret for a few days and it was not until last week that the news became general. Mrs. Corr is one of Summit's most popular and charming young ladies, well known through-out the community. Mr. Corr is a livestock man who has been operating in the Wilmot vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Corr left Monday evening for a wedding trip to Mpls and other Minn. and Iowa points, after which they will return to Summit to live through the winter.

## **1927 Summit Independent (summary)**

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- Julie Morrissey was home to be with her mother, who is in the hospital at Waubay.
- CD Stoddard confined to home again with attack of rheumatism. It is not dangerous, but disagreeable.

Fromkes: unanimously re-elected for next year. Chas. Fromke spending a few days with George Lassell family. (*He was the banker in Ortley, and had the Opera House*)

## 1927 Summit Independent

Mrs. P.S. Morrissey, who has taken treatment at the Peabody hospital, has returned feeling much better, but she will be confined to her home for a couple weeks until she regains her strength.

## March 10, 1927 Summit Independent

Sunday the Clem and Ray Pugh families gathered at the home of Mrs. CD Stoddard and helped the estimable lady celebrate her birthday. It was a very happy gathering and Mrs. Stoddard appreciated it. (age 57)

## March, 1927 Summit Independent

- Steve Morrissey and Oscar Anderson have rented the upper floor of the Lars Larson Cream station and will use it to conduct their auto accessory business. The Morrissey-Anderson CO, as they style themselves, built up quite a business last year but were unfortunate in getting started late. This year they propose to get in the field early and push their specialties to the limit. Summit needs some concern as this and the young men should be given every possible assistance.
- Steve M and Carl Lien have bought trucks and fitted them for graveling.
- Mary Morrissey who is training at St Mary's hospital in Mpls is home for a short vacation. She says she likes nursing very much.

**June 1927 Summit Independent (summary)** Mrs. Chas. Fromke ran a needle in to her finger Tuesday and had to go to Peabody hospital to get it out.

Miss Julia Morrissey left for Mpls the first of the week, to be with her sister Mary who is not well, she is a student nurse at St Mary's Hospital.

Tom Harrer's mother (cousins on the Merritt side) remembers Mary coming to her house on many weekends. "Mary was probably about 17 and my mother was 9 years old. Mom would have to give up her bed so that Mary could spend the night there. Mary had been going with a boy she wanted to marry but he did not want to marry her because of her ongoing illness. Mary never did marry. Mom thought she was a very nice person". I let him know that Mary did eventually marry John Bland"

## July 1927 Summit Independent

The Stoddard family held a family gathering Sunday at the home of the George Stoddard family of Mazeppa Township. The family were among the earliest settlers of Mazeppa and they have numerous connections so the attendance was large.

Most of the family members reside in the neighborhoods of Summit or South Shore.

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Darwin Southwick of Illinois was the only member from any distance. A very enjoyable gathering was reported.

## July 1927 Summit Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Fromke expect to teach a second year at Morristown, and start on a pleasure trip to the Black Hills this week. They will take along a camping outfit and stop at all points of interest. They will return to Summit before resuming their school work in Morristown.

**August 1927 Summit Independent (summary)** Mary Morrissey came home due to illness.

## October 16<sup>th</sup> 1927 Summit Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stoddard of Mazeppa, Minnesota and Mr. and Mrs. Noyes Stoddard and son Sherman of Everett, Washington, visited with the C.D. Stoddard family last week. They were on their way to Washington.

## Dec 8, 1927 Summit Independent (summary)

Mrs. Kate Morrissey taking treatment for rheumatism.

## 1928 April 1928 Summit Independent (summary)

Mary Morrissey was at the Peabody hospital for a short consultation, she had surgery and recovered nicely.

Mrs. Ray Pugh operated on for gallstones.

**May 1928 Summit Independent** Mrs. P.S. Morrissey seriously ill.

## December, 1928, Summit Independent: Happy Party at Stoddards

Relatives surprised Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard on the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

It was a happy party of relatives that gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Stoddard Sunday and completely surprised them. It was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage, but little did they suspect the treat in store. Everyone brot a basket of good things and when the table was spread there was around thirty, including a liberal sprinkling of grandchildren. A fine set of dishes and other useful articles were left as mementos of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard were married in Mazeppa township, Grant county, just 40 years ago, and they have resided in the vicinity ever since. None are more highly esteemed or have more friends than this splendid couple. Through good and bad times, and cheerfully passing through the trials of pioneering they are now comfortably situated and it was indeed a pleasure for their relatives and descendants to honor them. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fransen, Mr. and Mrs. Geo Lienen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo Stoddard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Steenberg and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pugh and family, Chris Fransen.

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Julia Morrissey taught in Stockholm.

Gus Janowsky of Unity Sask, Canada remembered by old settlers of Farmington, will visit Catherine Fransen, C.D. Stoddard, Ohms, and wife's relatives, the Claussens in Kilborn Township.

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## August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1929 Summit Independent

Sunday, members of the Stoddard family from the vicinity gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.D Stoddard and had a family picnic in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fromke. The Stoddard's and their connections are a sizeable party and they are all ages, so it was a very happy affair and everyone enjoyed it immensely.

## August, 1929 Summit Independent

The city fathers have entrusted Curt Stoddard with the task of trimming up our streets and cutting surplus grass, and he is, as usual, making a good job of it.

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- Steve Morrissey managed a garage in Hermosa, South Dakota.
- Hazel Fromke had scarlett fever.
- Mrs. Joseph Fairley and her son, Rev. Fairley, of St Paul, are spending the week at the Morrissey home.

## August 15, 1929 Summit Independent

John Pugh was born August 15, 1842 in county Mayo, Ireland and died August 5<sup>th</sup>, at Summit, SD. Had he lived 10 days more, he would have been 87 years of age.. He came to the US at an early age and for a long time lived at Atlantic, IA. In 1872 he was married at Cedar Rapids to Julia Merritt whose death occurred six years ago. They moved to Farmington twp Grant county in 1909 where Mr. Pugh was engaged in farming. In 1919 they moved to Summit and have resided here ever since. Since the death of his wife, he has resided with his daughter, Mrs. Kate Morrissey. In November 1922 Mr. and Mrs. Pugh celebrated their golden wedding.

The deceased leaves to mourn his three sons, Clem and Ray of Farmington and John of Iowa City, Ia, and one daughter, Mrs. Kate Morrissey of Summit. There are 21 grandchildren and one great grand child.

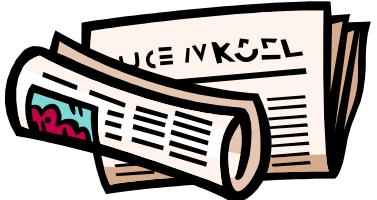
He was a life long member of the Catholic Church and his funeral was held at the St Lawrence Church in Milbank, many of his old friends and neighbors from Summit and Farmington attending. He was interred beside his wife in the Milbank Catholic cemetery. John Pugh was a good citizen, a kind, faithful father and a faithful husband. His last years were a trial to him owing to the fatal disease which finally caused his death, but he bore his suffering with fortitude and faith in the future life.

During his early life he had many interesting experiences on the frontier and he helped build the Union Pacific Railway.

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- Steve Morrissey managed a garage in Hermosa, South Dakota.
- Mrs. Joseph Fairley and her son, Rev. Fairley, of St Paul, are spending the week at the Morrissey home.

## 1930 March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1930 Summit Independent

*Curtis Stoddard Called by Death. Early Settler Passed Away on Sunday Morning, Funeral was held on Tuesday Afternoon.*

Curtis D. Stoddard was born at Zumbrota, Minn., Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1861. He was one of a family of eight children only two of whom survive him; they are George Stoddard of Mazeppa Township and Mrs. Ida Emery of Eugene, Oregon. As a young man he came to South Dakota and filed on a homestead in Mazeppa Township, Grant County, and resided on it many years. In 1888 he was married to Maggie Fransen and their many years of happy and loving companionship was blessed with four children, three of who are living, Mrs. Clem Pugh and Mrs. Ray Pugh of Farmington Township and Mrs. Chas. Fromke of Morristown, South Dakota. There are ten grandchildren.

After living a number of years on his homestead, Mr. Stoddard bought a farm in Farmington Township and the family lived there until 1919 when they moved to Summit, where they have resided since.

Mr. Stoddard passed away at the family home Sunday morning, March 16<sup>th</sup>. His faithful wife was with him to the last. He has been suffering from heart trouble for a number of years and this winter it became serious. He sought the best skill obtainable but received little aid and as the winter progressed he grew worse.

Curtis D. Stoddard, of "Curt" as he was familiarly known, was a model citizen. A kind and loving father and husband, a liberal provider, his home was indeed a happy one. He was the soul of honesty and generous to family and friend. Although not allied with any denomination, he contributed liberally to religious purposes. During his long residence in this vicinity he filled many public positions of trust with fidelity and efficiency.

When Mr. Stoddard came to South Dakota it was a land of prairie and scantily settled. He lived to see the raw prairie turned into fine farms and beautiful groves dot the landscape. He did his full share toward the transformation and he was proud of the results which have been achieved. Those who knew this good man will always cherish his friendship and remember him as a pioneer whose many virtues made the world a better place to live in.

Human sympathy can do little to allay the grief of the sorrowing widow and children, but they may feel sure the everyone in Summit and the surrounding country extends to them the most sincere sympathy and the hope that He who controls our destinies will alleviate their sorrow.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Gugin of Corona officiating. A short service was held at the home and public services at the Methodist Church. Special music was provided. Seldom has there been such a large gathering to pay their last respects to a citizen. Old friends and neighbors from the country and town were alike anxious to do honor to this good man. The floral offerings were many and beautiful beyond description. After the church service the cortege drove to the Antelope Valley Cemetery in Mazeppa. A

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prayer was read at the grave. Relatives from away at the funeral were Ray Stoddard of Pine Island, Minnesota and Mrs. Chas. Stoddard and daughter Mabel of Canby, Minnesota.

## August 1930 Summit Independent

Last spring, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pugh's little boy, Don, injured his eye and a growth appeared. Saturday, they took him to Watertown and had it removed.

## September 1930 Summit Independent: Mrs. Katherine Fransen Dies

### 87 year old Woman Passes Away Monday Paralytic Stroke Causes Death

Mrs. Katherine Fransen, who has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. C.D. Stoddard, passed away Monday morning, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Fransen was nearly 87 years of age and she had not been well for some time. A paralytic stroke was the immediate cause of her death. The funeral will be held at the Summit Lutheran church this Thursday afternoon, Rev. Ness officiating.

Katherine Hambling was born November 11, 1842 in Schleswig, Holstein, Germany. She died Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 1929 at Summit, South Dakota. She was married to Henning Fransen in 1865 and in 1891(error) the young couple came to America. In 1882 they settled in Mazeppa township, Grant county, and were among the earliest settlers in that township. The husband died in 1888 and Mrs. Fransen made her home with her son Chris, until she came to Summit. To the union we born five children, three of who are living, they are Mrs. C.D. Stoddard, Frank, and Chris Fransen. There are ten grandchildren, and twenty-six great-grand children.

The deceased was a life long Lutheran and she lead a Christian life. Her tastes were domestic and her life was devoted to her home and family. She endured all the hardships incident to pioneer life with fortitude and lived to see what was once a vast prairie grow into a settled community. Many of her old neighbors have preceded her to the Great Beyond, but those who are left will miss her kindly greeting.

Mrs. Fransen will be long remembered as one of that sterling band of pioneers whose industry and foresight had made this section of South Dakota what it is today.

## November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1930 Summit Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pugh of Farmington celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their wedding at their home Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>. A number of their friends and relatives gathered at the home and helped them properly observe the event. Mrs. C.D. Stoddard and Mrs. K Morrissey of Summit were there.

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A handkerchief shower was given in honor of Mrs. Katherine Morrissey.

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Last Friday was Mrs. C.D. Stoddard's birthday and it was the occasion of a large gathering of relatives at her home to remind her of the event. About 30 children and grownups were there and they enjoyed a big dinner and a happy reunion. Mrs. Stoddard is one of the very earliest settlers in the vicinity and she has resided here continuously. The Independent is glad to join her many friends and relatives in extending greetings.

## **June, 5<sup>th</sup>, 1931 (in the Watertown Public Opinion as "75 years ago" June 2006)**

The Pioneer Spirit of those who first settled in the little community bounded by Mazeppa township, northwest of South Shore, was revived during the celebration of the Mazeppa Golden Jubilee, held at the Curt Stoddard farm Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. A crowd estimated of 1,500 persons gathered for the celebration, which included an interesting program of talks, music, sports and a pageant of pioneer times. Pioneers who answered the roll call included G.E. Riley, George Stoddard, Fred Beskow, H. J Herring, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Wilson, Ed Murray, Chris Fransen, Thomas Adolphsen, William Boice, M.M. Wartenbee, F.A. Zielsky, John Allison. G.E. Wilson, F.L., F.R., and A.S. Bamberger, and C.E. Tenney.

## **1932 May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1932 Summit Independent-**

Hazel and Charles still living in Morristown, they came home to go to summer school in Aberdeen. (they spent six weeks in Aberdeen, and then finished at the state school at Enemy Swim).

## **June 2, 1932 Summit Independent**

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Corr of Ellen dale visiting the Ole Halveson family. Mr. Corr is working in a garage.

## **1932 Bits and Pieces:**

Steve Morrissey still hauling gravel.

Mrs. Clem Pugh was taken to Peabody hospital last week to be treated for an obstruction of the bowels. She was returned home Sunday much improved.

## **1933 March 9, 1933 Summit Independent**

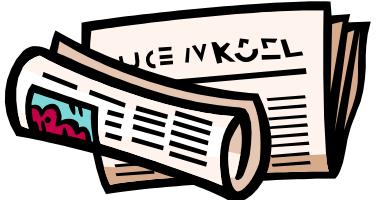
Sunday was Mrs. C.D. Stoddard's birthday and her daughters and their families and a lot more of her relatives came in and spent the day with her. It was a strictly family affair and most enjoyable one. Mrs. Stoddard is one of the earliest and most respected residents of this vicinity and the Independent is glad to join with her friends in hearty congratulations upon her birthday.

## **March 30th, 1933 Summit Independent: Community Club Meets Friday**

Ten rural schools will take part in the annual country school program at the Community Club this Friday night. Practically every school in the vicinity will be represented. This will bring the pupils from different schools together and give them the opportunity to see what others are doing. Almost everyone has friends among the rural pupils and town as well as county folks will want to be present to encourage them.

The annual rural school program is one of the high spot in the season's activities and there

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should be a record attendance. Extra seats will be provided so that all can hear the program in comfort. Special seats for rural pupils who take part in the program will be reserved for them and they are requested to occupy them so that they may be available when their turn comes on the program. This will prevent confusion when the numbers are called. Everyone should make it a point to turn out and give the young people a warm reception. The program follows:

Address of Welcome: Prof. Cochran

Farmington No 2 Marion Olson, Teacher

A. Harmonica Selection, Hollis Cotton

B. Dialogue, Group of 6 children

Farmington No. 3 Edna Peterson, Teacher

A. Recitation "When Teacher Gets Cross" Richard Bliss

B. Song "If I Were A Little Bird" Maxine Pugh and Maxine Ness

C. Recitation "Goat Song" Kenneth Pugh

Osceola No 3 David Anderson, Teacher

1. A Play---Playmates, 14 pupils

B A recitation "Grumbling" Goldie Busk

## July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1933 Summit Independent

Fransen and Pugh families held a very pleasant family picnic at the home of Chris Fransen, Tuesday (the 4<sup>th</sup> of July).

## August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1933 Summit Independent

*Christ Fransen Takes a Wife*

*United in Holy Wedlock, to Mrs. Elizabeth Schaffer, formerly of Ortonville, Minnesota.*

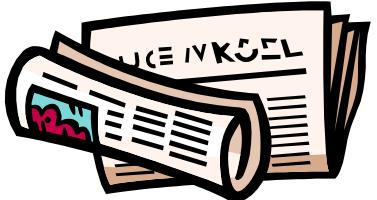
When one of the most popular and highly respected bachelors in the entire vicinity comes to town and buys a box of cigars and a box of candy and passes out cigars with the information he has just been married, the source of the news should be authentic enough to warrant publication in a newspaper, even if it is as careful as the Independent. This is exactly what Chris Fransen, of Mazeppa did Tuesday night.

We have done our best to get the details, but Chris and his bride did not take a hand along so our best detective had fallen sown on the job. However, as we have it, Mr. Chris Fransen, an old and popular resident of the Summit vicinity, was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Schaffer, formerly of Ortonville, but recently living in Mazeppa. Those who have met the ride speak of her in the highest terms. Mr. Fransen needs no introduction to Independent readers. He has been one of the solid and substantial farmers of the vicinity and he should make a mighty good husband. They will no doubt live on Mr. Fransen's farm in Mazeppa.

## August 17th, 1933 Summit Independent

Friday evening the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fransen gave them a wedding party. It was an exceptionally jolly affair and the bride and groom were made to feel they had plenty of friends who wished them all possible happiness.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas Fromke departed for Morristown Monday. They have a house there and will spend their time until school begins in getting settled for the coming term. This year Mrs. Fromke will not teach, but Mr. Fromke has the position he has filled for the last four years.

## August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1933 Summit Independent

Mrs. C.D. Stoddard entertained the Pugh families at a family dinner at her home Sunday.

## October 26, 1933

Margery Pugh, Ada Wolsey and Mae Barrett spent the weekend at their homes. Mrs. Ed Fransen and Mrs. Glenn Thompson were co-hostesses to the Social Circle club last Wednesday afternoon at the latter's home. Mrs. Erwin Woolsey was welcomed as a new member and plans were made to entertain the families at a Halloween party at the A.J. Reynolds home. Mrs. F. Klix and Mrs. Clem Pugh will entertain November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## November 1933 Summit Independent

Mary Morrissey moved to Minneapolis, they had a going away party for her, she had a position as a cashier in a café.

## 1933 Bits and Pieces: Summit Independent

- Kate, Julia and Mary visited John's family in Iowa.
- Katherine Morrissey had a heart attack, taken to Webster and then returned home.
- Hazel and Charles went to the World Fair in Chicago.
- Friday was Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pugh's wedding anniversary, and in the evening, several of their numerous friends gathered at their home to help them celebrate the event.
- The Social Circle met with Mrs. Clem Pugh Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. Klix as assisting hostess. Plans were made for a Christmas program and party and Mrs. Chris Fransen was admitted as a member. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Arnold Rogge, Mr. A. Lau will assist with the serving.

1934 Feb 1934 Summit Independent Clem Pugh went to Milbank on business.

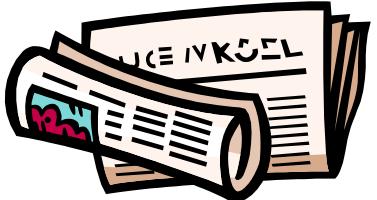
## March 15, 1934 Summit Independent

Passed Away Monday, March 12, After Many Months of Illness At Webster Hospital Leo Edward Leinen, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Leinen, passed away Friday, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> after a lingering illness. For the last year he has been suffering from heart and kidney trouble and though everything possible was done for him he failed to respond to treatment. The funeral was held in the Methodist church, Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Spiller officiating and the interment was in the Summit Cemetery. A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral and there were numerous floral offerings.

Leo Edward Leinen was born in Farmington twp, Grant county January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1919 and died at Webster March 9, 1934.

He was an affectionate boy greatly beloved by his family and friends and his early passing

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is a sad blow to the family circle. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers, Loren, Earl and Clyde and one sister, Irene.

Among those present at the funeral from out of town were Mrs. Allie Bare of Aberdeen, Leone Bare of Aberdeen, Lucille Bare of Webster, Ben Anderberg of Aberdeen, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Riley of Madison.

## **April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1934 Summit Independent: George Stoddard Passed Away**

### *Was one of Grant County's Earlier Residents Outstanding in Public Affairs*

George Stoddard of Mazeppa township, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Grant county passes away at his residence in Mazeppa Monday morning He has not been well for some years..

Mr. Stoddard was 75 years of age and came to Grant county in 1881. He leaves to mourn his death as widow and nine children. He has served as county commissioner and member of the state legislature and has always been prominent in public affairs. The funeral will be held at the Summit Methodist church this afternoon, Thursday, at 2 PM. A complete obituary will be published next week.

## **May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1934 Summit Independent**

George Stoddard was born at Zumbrota, Minnesota, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1839 and died at his home in Mazeppa township, Grant county, Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1934. His father was Rev. Albin Stoddard, who was a pioneer of Mazeppa township in 1881 in his early manhood and filed on a homestead upon which he resided until his death. March 23, 1886 he was married to Eliza Fransen and to them were born three children, Ali, who is a resident of Mazeppa, Mrs. Leroy Steenberg of Summit and Mrs. Frank Leffingwell, of Aberdeen. Mrs. Eliza Stoddard passed away July 3, 1892. Mr. Stoddard lived alone on his homestead until Dec 25, 1900 when he married Mrs. Rose Beal. To them were born four children, Mrs. Paul Schliesman, of Corona, Mrs. Herbert Wartenbee of Milbank, Curtis and Zela at home. There are two stepchildren, Harry Beal of Pactola, S. Dak and Mrs. Peter Lausen of Laurens, Ia, and he has 18 grandchildren.

The deceased leaves beside his sorrowing widow and children a sister, Mrs. Ida Emery of Eugene, Oregon. Two brothers, Eugene and Curtis, died a few years ago.

The funeral was held at the home and at the Summit Methodist Church Thursday, April 26, Rev J. R. Spiller preached the funeral sermon and a special choir furnished some appropriate selections. The interment was in the Mazeppa cemetery. There was a very large gathering of old friends at the funeral, including a delegation from Milbank. They were Dr Flett, Sheriff Wilson, J.W. Liggett, S. Seldon, C.S. Amsden. Relatives from away who were at the funeral were Mrs. P. Lausen, Laurens, Ia, Harry Beal, Pactola, S. Dakota, Mrs. Tom Olson, Miss Bertha Stoddard and Mrs. Nancy Stoddard of Canby, Minnesota. There were many floral offerings including a beautiful wreath given by the business men of Summit.

From the time of his first settlement in the new west George took an active interest in

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public affairs. It was his suggestion which resulted in the newly organized township being named Mazeppa and he was one of the town officers elected at the first meeting. Later he held many township offices always with credit. He was elected county Commissioner in the '90's and in 1910 he was elected to the State Legislature, he was re-elected in 1913. During his long residence he held many other positions of trust and in all of them he gave the best he had.

He was a kind a loving husband and father and a true friend. His disposition was always genial and he was sympathetic to a degree. He had a warm heart and no deserving cause appealed to him in vain. Few men in Grant County had so many friends and held them so firmly. He was a life-long republican.

He was a Christian and took interest in church work. In the death of this good citizen the west part of Grant county has lost a firm friend and his memory will be cherished by all who know him. The Independent joins with the entire community in extending heartfelt sympathy to the widow and children who have suggested an irreparable loss.

## July 12, 1934 Summit Independent

The Social Circle club held their picnic at South Shore Lake Sunday. A delicious picnic dinner and supper were served. Numbers were drawn on the quilt which was to be raffled off, Mrs. All Lane holding the lucky number. Everyone reported a lovely time, other than the sad accident that little Donald Pugh had the misfortune of stepping on a glass cutting his foot severely while he was in bathing. It was necessary to have the aid of a doctor and three stitches were taken to close the wound. We hope Donald gets along well (by Club Reporter) Norm says he remembers this picnic.

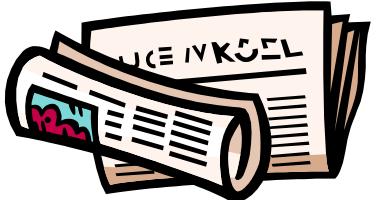
## August 1934 Summit Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fromke left for Morristown, Monday. They have been spending their summer vacation with Mrs. Fromke's mother, Mrs. C.D. Stoddard. They would stay longer in Summit but Charles is a candidate for County Superintendent of Schools on the Republican ticket in Corson county and he wants to do some electioneering before school begins. He has also been reelected to his old position in the Morristown town schools. If we lived in Corson county Charles would have an ardent supporter for we have known him many years and we know that, besides being a model young man, he is entirely competent and will make an excellent officer. Corson County can congratulate itself it has such a fine candidate.

## 1934 Bits and Pieces: Summit Independent

- The Ray and Clem Pugh families went to Summit Sunday to be present at a family gathering at the home of Mrs. C. Stoddard, the occasion being Mrs. Stoddard's birthday.
- Shorty Van Cleve spent the weekend in Summit.
- Margery Pugh went to Morristown with Fromkes.
- Corrs are still in Ellendale.
- At the recent letting of roadwork at Pierre, S.J. Morrissey received contracts amounting to \$20,000 for graveling.
- Aug 1934 Royce Sharf went looking for hay east of Fargo, which could be sold at a

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price farmers could afford to pay but was unsuccessful. There was some in Northern Minnesota, but "entirely too high"

- An unfortunate accident happened to Howard Fransen, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fransen, Tuesday. While chopping wood with the other boys, a hatchet hit his thumb and cut it so badly it had to be amputated.

## 1935 April 1935 Summit Independent

Iva Mae Pugh, who has been in bed several weeks with leakage of the heart, is able to be up part of the time, and all her friends are hoping for a speeding recovery.

## June 1935 Summit Independent

Mrs. Charles Fromke and baby came to visit, spent two months with her mother.

## August, 1935 Summit Independent

Iva Pugh staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Stoddard, entertained several lady friends at luncheon at her home Friday afternoon.

## November 7, 1935 Summit Independent

Mr. and Mrs. JB Pugh of Iowa City arrived early Sunday am to visit with relatives of Mr. Pugh. Mrs. Katherine Morrissey and the Clem and Ray Pugh families.

## November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1935 Summit Independent

Mrs. Kathryn Morrissey, resident of Summit since 1907, died at her home her on Tuesday, November 12, at 1 o'clock a.m., after having suffered for some time with arteriosclerosis and complications. She had attained the age of 62 years at the time of her death.

Mrs. Morrissey had been quite ill for some time, and but a week or so ago had asked to see her brother John from Iowa, and her son Stephen, who was in the western part of the state. After a day or so she recovered somewhat, and then again last week she grew worse until she succumbed.

Kathryn Cecilia Pugh was born at Mechanicsville, Iowa, on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1873, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh, who later lived in Summit. On May 2, 1903, she was married to Peter S. Morrissey at Atlantic, Iowa. Mr. Morrissey died on June 21, 1925.

Surviving children are Mary, Julia, Stephen Morrissey, all of Summit. One daughter, Gertrude, died in infancy.

In 1907 the Morrisseys moved to Summit and have made it their home since that time. Besides the three children the deceased leaves to mourn her death the following: her brothers, John Pugh of Iowa City, Clem and Ray Pugh of Summit, and a cousin, Mrs. J.J. Popp of Waubay.

The funeral was conducted this morning at 10 o'clock at the St. Lawrence Catholic church at Milbank, at a requiem high mass, with Rev Fr. Msgr. Grabig officiating, and Rev Fr Stenzel of Waubay and Rev. Fr. Paul Quinn of Milbank assisting.

Mrs. Morrissey was a well-liked lady of pleasing manner, who, during her 28 years of

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residence in Summit had made many fast friends, while performing her duties as a faithful wife and Christian mother. She will sorely missed by these friends as time passes.

## December 5, 1935 Summit Independent

Mrs. Stoddard returned on Sunday from Morristown, SD where she spent Thanksgiving at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Fromke and family.

## December, 1935 Summit Independent

- Surprise party at home of Clem Pugh in honor of the Ernest Bliss family who left for Porter Minnesota to make their home.
- Iva stayed with Grandma Stoddard in December of 1935
- Members of the Social Club Circle: Mrs. Al Lau, Fanny Woolsey, Alma Barrett, Mae Barrett Minnie Fransen, Mrs. E Woolsey, Mrs. Clem Pugh.

## 1935 Bits and Pieces: Summit Independent

- Margery Pugh was senior reported for the Beacon Light, the school newspaper.
- Kate Morrissey in and out of the hospital.
- Corrs still living in Ellendale, Minnesota
- Julia was teaching

## 1935 Summit Independent

Senior Who's Who

Name: Margery A. Pugh

Born: October 31, 1917

Important events: The stork delivered her at Summit on a spooky Halloween night. She has lived here ever since. Margery attended the singing chorus at Milbank her last two years in grade school; and she was also chosen a delegate from Y.C.L.

One time Margy decided to be a cow-girl-but she didn't know how to ride. So she ups and bridles a young colt and climbed on his back. The horse was a frisky rascal, who reared, bucked and sunfished. Margy pulled leather, but soon, splash! She landed in a large tank of water.

Nickname" Margy"

High school activities " Leading part in Junior play, school reporter, in Junior play when a sophomore, glee club, operetta, Senior play, volley-ball, president of the glee club, member of the student council.

Hobby: Roller skating and singing

Secret ambition: To be a Summit school teacher

Favorite song: Blue Moon

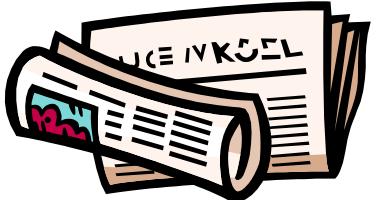
Favorites of the theatre: Clark Gable and Janet Gaynor

Favorite subject: Latin

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Julia and Mary Morrissey spent New Year's at the Russell Van Cleve home near Wilmot.

## Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 1936 Summit Independent

Mrs. Russell Van Cleve and son Franklin of Wilmot spent from Wed until Saturday at the Morrissey home.

## Feb 1936 Summit Independent

Jack Heubner took Mary Morrissey to Minneapolis to enter the hospital for observation. Julia Morrissey expects to spend the intervening with the Russ Van Cleave family near Wilmot.

## March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1936 Summit Independent

Word received that Mary Morrissey recovered from her operation nicely (she was there for a month).

## March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1936

Marguerite, Luis and Charlotte Hills, Margery Pugh and Hazell Udseth , who attended the Wessington Springs normal, were home over the weekend. They came on Thursday after their classes were over, and returned again on Monday. The Hills young folks were making application for schools for the next term. Margery Pugh and Hazell Udseth returned to Wessington Springs with Ludvig Gilbertson, who was on his way to work at Winner.

Julia Morrissey arrived here on Sunday evening from Minneapolis. Mary will remain there for some time until she is strong enough to travel comfortably.

## April, 1936 Summit Independent

- Hazel visited with her baby (Donovan?).
- Julia and Mary Morrissey are spending this week in Aberdeen at a convention for instructors in the government's adult education projects.
- On Sunday Mrs. Stoddard was hostess to her daughter and their families, the Clem and Ray Pugh's, and Mrs. and Mrs. Irvin Wollsey and daughter, and Mrs. Roy Steenberg and two children.

## June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1936 Summit Independent

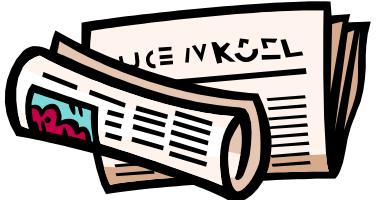
A well-guarded secret wedding came to light this week with the announcement of the marriage of Julia Morrissey of this city, and Maurice Van Cleve of Wilmot, which took place at the St Lawrence Parish house in Milbank on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1935, over a year ago. Rev Fr Paul Quinn performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Cleve were attended by the bride's sister, Mary, and Jack Heubner. The Independent wishes these young couples well in their matrimonial venture, and together with the rest of the community, a long and happy wedding life. (this was one of three marriages reported on this date)

## June, 1936 Summit Independent

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Several friends were in charge of the arrangement for a wedding shower which was tendered Mrs. Maurice Van Cleve at the Russell home last Thursday evening. About fifty friends were gathered there, and were entertained by Esther Russell, who recited original poetry and by Mary Ellen Popp of Waubay, who tap danced. After the many gifts we opened, a tasty lunch was served by the hostesses.

**June 1936** Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Van Cleve of Cedar Rapids, Iowa were visitors at the Morrissey home last Wednesday evening.

## **July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1936 Summit Independent**

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pugh at the Milbank hospital early Sunday morning. Mother and son are fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fromke arrived here last Thursday from Morristown to spend the remainder of vacation at the home of Mrs. Stoddard.

## **October 1936 Summit Independent**

The Social Circle club met at the Glenn Thompson home with Mrs. Bronson as assisting hostess. A short business meeting was held as the secretary was absent. Plans were made to have a masquerade dance in October. A cradle shower was tendered Mrs. Fransen and she received many lovely gifts. Visitors were Mesdames J. Udseth, P.G. Thompson, Verna Amdahl, O Bronson, Wm LaFramboise and Harvey LaFrambois of Watertown. A very delicious lunch was served by the hostesses. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. F. Woolsey, with Mrs. Clem Pugh assisting.

## **Oct 29, 1936 Summit Independent School Days- Hit Parade**

It's a Sin to Tell a Lie- James Kalberg

Beautiful Lady in Blue- Omar Mo

Star Dust Roy Markie

You'd Better Play Ball with Me- Hollis Cotton

I Love You Truly- Donald Pugh

You Started Me Dreaming Gilbert Frantz

## **December 31, 1936 Summit Independent**

Margery Pugh finished her school work.

## **December 1936 Summit Independent**

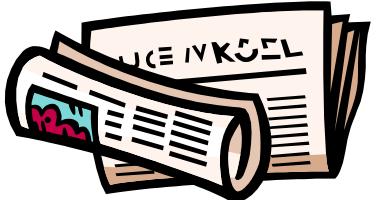
Fromke's and son and Grandma Stoddard at Clem Pugh's house for Christmas.

## **1936 Bits and Pieces: Summit Independent**

Mary Morrissey held demonstrations for adult education, in areas of home making, such as ice cream making, making corsages, purse construction, curtain making, garden figures. She attended adult education classes in Sisseton.

Allie Stoddard worked for Lycem Houcks.

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Rose Stoddard moved to Milbank in April, 1936

Mrs. Rose Stoddard and son Curtis are moving to Milbank to make their home. Friends and neighbors tendered them a farewell party on Sunday.

Hazel Udseth and Dorothy Henle went to School with Marge.

Dance to the music of Lem Hawkins and his Hillbillies.

Tickets: Ladies 25 cents                      Gents 50 cents

Erlings: 36 foot bar, large beer 10 cents, lunch and coffee

Florence was working in Milbank, Frances was working somewhere, he came home to visit.

**1936** Mr. and Mrs. George Lienen and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Wolsey and Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fransen and family were entertained at Frank Fransen family home Sunday afternoon in honor of Irene Lienen's and Harold Fransen's birthdays. A very delicious supper was served. Summit Independent

- 1937** **March 1937** Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Van Cleave and baby have spent the past 2 weeks at the home of Mr. Van Cleave's brother, while the brother and family are making arrangements to move to Illinois.

Hazel Binde, Margery Pugh and Hazel Udseth of Summit were among the 27 Wessington Springs college students whose names appeared on the honor roll according to information recently released by J. Louis Maynard, Registrar. An average grade of B or above in all studies is required for Honor Roll recognition.

## **March 1937**

Joe Amdahl returned home from CCC camp Thursday evening.

## **1937 School Notes "Hit Parade"**

Freshman Comics: Fritz and Hans Katzenjamer: Juell Ness and Donald Pugh

Freshman Circus: "Hypo" Donald Pugh

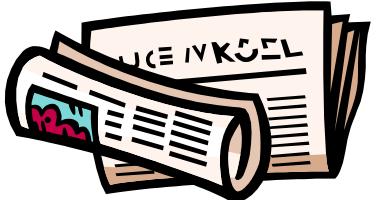
Freshman movies Donald Pugh-Robert Montgomery

## **Unknown Date- Summit Independent**

Charles Fromke, who during his spare moment has taken up slight-of -hand and magic has become quite proficient in fact he excels many professionals. He has made dates in a number of places and will open Saturday night in Marvin. He has a fine line of tricks which mystify his audience and those who attend his performance Saturday night can be sure they will get a splendid evening's entertainment.

Saturday evening Charles Fromke " Karhl the Magician" gave a fine performance of the

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Magic Art at the Marvin Opera House. Karhl has a most interesting line of experiments and he works them very cleverly. There was a good audience and not a dull moment. His entertainment is clean and excellent fun and well worth while.

*Gene*

"In those days there was three forms of communication: telephone, telegraph, and tele-Tillie".

He was referring to Tillie Eilhers, she was the one who put the news in the papers.

## Dec 16, 1937 Grant County Review

Norman Boe, William Loehrer, Marlow Liebing, Dale Peshong, Marwood Wise, Wesley Spahr, Quentin Rethke, Orval Liebing, Glenn Fischer, Don Lowe, Arvid Stengel, Willard Dahlgren, Orvall Trapp, Henry Siewert, Guy Hawkinson, and John Bucy entertained a full crowd at the city auditorium with the amateur boxing exhibition sponsored by Future Farmers of America. Wes Kibbe and Ernie Jibbens acted as referees while Wyman Schliesman was the judge and William Zick was the time keeper.

## 1949 September 1, 1949- paper unknown

Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh Sir and Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh Jr. and family of Milwaukee visited at the Clem Pugh family last week

## 1952 November 17 1952 Aberdeen American News

### Summit has Nine Letterman

Summit - Nine returning lettermen give Summit a fair outlook for the coming basketball season. Coach Bob Huber figures his athletes will improve on last year's 10 - 15 record. The veterans are David Munson, Elmer Binde, Marlow Jacobson, Homer Knopf, Verle Hammer, Gene Pugh, Ronald Liez, Dawin Olson and Kenny Baun. Gay Thompson, now attending NSTC and DeEll Pugh, serving in the Navy, are the two missing letterman. Summit won from Waverly 50-34, here with the Summit seconds scoring a 27-20 victory. Summit Varsity had a 23-19 lead at the half.

fg	ft	f	Summit	Waverly	fg	ft	f
6	7	3	Munson	Comes f	4	1	5
0	1	0	Lien f	Peters f	2	1	4
3	6	1	Olson c	Baumgardner c	3	1	4
2	1	0	Jacobson g	Feyereisn g	1	0	2
1	2	4	Hammer g	Meiseberg g	0	1	3
2	0	4	Pugh	D Mack	0	1	1
1	0	0	Legaard	R Nelson	1	1	1
0	1	0	Knopf	Dagel	1	0	0
0	6	1	Baun	Dagel	0	1	2
0	2	0	Binde	Vivricka	0	1	0
				B Nelson	0	1	3
15	20	13		Totals	12	10	23

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- 1954 Aug 19th, 1954 Aberdeen American News** Summit Firms Report Breakins  
*Pierre-* Two breakins at Summit were reported Wednesday by the state police radio system in the attorney general's office. The loot included \$30, tires and tubes from Pugh's Station, \$16 and some tires and tubes from Fenners Garage.
- 1956 June 6, 1956 Aberdeen American News Whetstone:**  
In a rain abbreviated contest, Summit pounded out 15 hits, including home runs by Gene Pugh, and Bud Mogen. Both had a man on. Tubby Gunderson belted out one for Sisseton with mate aboard. Summit sewed it up with seven runs in the last two innings just before the shower halted the contest.
- 1957 Wilmot Enterprise February 22, 2007- 50 years ago**  
February 28, 1957  
Clem Pugh sold his service station to Woodrow Westberg, the new owner expects to take possession on April 1. The Westberg have purchased the Handsvold house and expects to move in from the farm - Summit News.
- 1958 Thursday, August 14, 1958 Aberdeen American News**  
**NSTC To Hold Summer Commencement Friday.**  
Four-year graduates include Sister Mary Celestine, Sister Jeanne Marie, Sylvia Karras, Sybil Pugh, Arville Shonrock and Melvin Maxon, Sister Phyllis Marie and Hazel Benn.
- 1966 August 11, 1966- paper unknown**  
Ex-Plankinton Resident is on Research Team  
Plankinton - Curtis D. Fromke has recently taken an assignment at the Sonoma State Hospital, Eldridge, Calif. He is part of a six man research team working on the cause of mental retardation in infants.  
He received his doctor's degree in biochemistry from the University of California in June. Dr. Fromke, son of Mrs. Milo Trenk of Plankinton and the late Charles W Fromke is married to the former Janet Bosworth. They have a four year old daughter.