

# Frank Berlin a Free Man

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)  
**ELDDORA** — Frank W. Berlin, 19-year-old former West Des Moines football star who had been tried on a murder charge was a free man Friday.

The jury in his two-week-old trial acquitted him late Thurs-

day of all charges in the death of James Robert Ward, 31, a roofing company employe at Iowa Falls.

### Tears in Eyes

The youth's father, Frank Berlin, II, state aeronautics di-

rector, had tears in his eyes as he embraced his wife and took his son's hand after the verdict was announced.

Ward, who lived at Williams, was found dead in a car near Iowa Falls Sept. 30. Testimony at the trial concerned a fight young Berlin had with him in Iowa Falls outside a tavern on Sept. 25.

The prosecution argued that head injuries Ward suffered in the fight caused his death five days later. The defense was that he died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Berlin and another youth, Roger Kent Wyke, 20, of State Center, were in Iowa Falls the night of Sept. 25 for a football game at Ellsworth Junior College, where both formerly played.

### Charge Pends

A murder charge against Wyke was still pending Friday. Young Berlin testified he had consumed a lot of beer and was intoxicated. He said he acted in self-defense in striking Ward.

Ben Harris, 60, foreman of the jury which acquitted Berlin told the youth:

"The hope of the jury is that you understand we do not condone some of the things that happened, such as drinking on the highways and fighting on the streets . . .

"Henceforth, we hope you make a man out of yourself and live above reproach."

District Judge G. R. Hill had charged the jury on possible conviction for second degree murder, manslaughter, assault with intent to do great bodily harm and assault and battery.

# Youths Fined In Chickasaw

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)  
**NEW HAMPTON** — Three Summer youths and a Frederickburg man, who had been jailed here on charges of ransacking cars in the nighttime, were each fined \$200 in Chickasaw District court.

They had been jailed in lieu of \$1,000 bonds.

Appearing in court here were Richard Meighan, 20; William M. Meyer, 18, and Daryl L. Reicks, 18, all of Summer, and Donald R. Peterson, 24, of Frederickburg.

They pleaded guilty and were fined \$200 each, costs, and ordered to make restitution of

# Floyd Speed Signs Draw Objections

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)  
**CHARLES CITY** — The 35 miles per hour speed limit on three miles of highway between here and Floyd is meeting with criticism.

Dissatisfaction has been expressed by the Chamber of Commerce here and Floyd County Sheriff L. L. Lane.

### Calls Zone 'Unrealistic'

Lane terms the three-mile speed zone "unrealistic" and difficult to enforce. He says the restriction could not only cause additional accidents but "create one of the biggest speed traps in the state."

Lane says it is difficult to maintain a speed of 35 miles per hour for three miles, especially in open country. Local drivers probably would cooperate, but what about the motorists who ignore signs?

Undoubtedly illegal passing would increase, and soon would the number of rear-end collisions, the sheriff said.

Lane said that nearly all of the many serious accidents in the three-mile stretch have involved south-bound vehicles at "cemetery curve" near Floyd.

He said a 35-mile limit at that curve is reasonable, but an extension of the limit is unrealistic. The state had posted signs after protests here about the number of accidents on "cemetery curve."

Lane said, "It's not our intent to promote speeding, but by the same token we don't want to see a higher accident rate on that stretch. I personally would favor a limit of 50 miles per hour from here to Floyd."

### Protest Signs

The sheriff and the Chamber of Commerce recently sent a telegram and letter to the commission headquarters protesting the installation of five 35-mile speed limit signs along the strip.

The Chamber of Commerce

urged Commissioner John Folb of Postville to meet with county law enforcement officers to establish more realistic controls.

Folb Wednesday said he had created a three-mile speed zone instructed planning engineers to review the situation with Sheriff to break it off.

# Soo Line Asks Merger Information

CHICAGO (AP) — The Soo Line Railroad has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to combine proceedings on proposed mergers of the Chicago Great Western Railway and the Chicago North Western.

the North Western and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad.

Soo's financial and competitive position.

The Soo Line further requested the ICC to require additional information on the merger plans of the North Western.

It asked the commission to impose conditions on the mergers to "fully protect the

Last year the Soo Line terminated studies of a possible merger with the Chicago, Great Western. Both lines operate in the Middle West and are large carriers of agricultural products.

# NORTHEAST IOWA DEATHS

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)  
**NASHUA**—Services for Harvey Wilson, 68, who died Wednesday at the Cedar Valley hospital in Charles City, will be 2 p. m. Saturday at the First Methodist Church here; burial in Greenwood cemetery.

Mitchell; survivors include husband; sons: George, Mason City; Claude, Waterloo; daughter: Mrs. Clem Lovik, Mitchell; step-sister, Mrs. Doris Bean, Cedar Falls; 2 brothers: L. E. Myrtle, Osage, and John Myrtle, Rockford, Ill.; services pending at Champion funeral home.

**CHARLES CITY** — Funeral services will be 1:30 p. m. at Grossmann-Hage funeral home for Mrs. Blanche Estelle Spurbek, 84, who died Wednesday at her home here; burial in Riverside cemetery; Mrs. Spurbek had operated a custodial home for several years; survivors include three sons: Delbert Spurbek, Minneapoli; Lynn Charles City; Leslie, Costa Mesa, Calif.; three daughters: Mrs. Ernest Guthart, Mrs. Henry Thatcher, both of Charles City; and Mrs. Harold Ashley Bettendorf.

**CRESO** — Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Sloan, 89, who died Thursday at Reutlinger Nursing Home, of complications of age, will be 2 p. m. Saturday at Bradley funeral home; burial in Kendallville cemetery; survived by 3 brothers: Sam Moore, Cresco; Ernest, Kendallville; Amos, Mabel, Minn.; sister, Miss Margaret Moore, Cresco.

**SUMNER** — Funeral services for Mrs. Robert Reif, 77, who died Thursday night at Sumner Community hospital, will be at 2 p. m. Sunday in the Salem Evangelical United Brethren church, with burial in Union cemetery; survived by 2 daughters, Mrs. Ray Buhropf, Sumner; Mrs. Gerald Moser, Des Moines; a brother, Clarence Leyh, Sumner; Emerson-Gersonde chapel in charge.

**GRUNDY CENTER** — Funeral services for Henry Kruse, 89, who died Thursday at the County-side Nursing Home, where he had been 8½ months, will be 1:45 p. m. Monday at Colfax Center Presbyterian church; preceded by 1 p. m. prayer service at Engle's Funeral home; burial in church cemetery; survived by wife; 8 children: Mrs. Elso Groote, Grundy Center; Mrs. Harold Shaw, Fremont, Neb.; Mrs. Chester Brockway, Chicago; Mrs. Allen MacNaughton, Cresco; Conrad, Waterloo; Harm, Truth or Consequences, N. M.; Arnold, Grundy Center; Vernon, Chicago; sister, Mrs. John J. Abels, Grundy Center.

**WAVERLY** — Services for George J. Schauer, 70, former Waverly city councilman and district court bailiff, who died Thursday morning at Mercy hospital, Waverly, will be 2 p. m. Monday at St. Paul's Lutheran church; burial in Harlington cemetery; body will be taken to the church at noon Monday from the Kaiser-Corson funeral home; survived by wife; one daughter, Mrs. Donald Hoh, Clear Lake; memorial set up for organ fund at St. Paul's church.

**CRESO** — Funeral services for George C. Hamilton, 70, retired Milwaukee Railroad cashier, who died unexpectedly at his home Wednesday night, will be 2 p. m. Saturday at Peckosh Funeral Home; burial in Oak Lawn cemetery; survived by his widow; a sister, Miss Mabel Hamilton, and a brother, Harry, both of Cresco.

**REINBECK** — Services for Lena Folkerts, 77, who died Thursday evening, will be 2 p. m. Sunday at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church here; burial in Reinbeck cemetery; survived by two daughters: Mrs. Marvin Jans, Reinbeck; Florence, Cedar Rapids; two sons: Adolph, Morrison, and Walter Reinbeck.

**VINTON** — Services for Alfred E. Utter, 86, who died Thursday at Virginia Gay Hospital here, will be 11 a. m. Saturday at the Fry-Holland funeral home here; burial in Fairfield cemetery, New Hartford; survived by widow; one son, Roy, of Pompano, Fla.

**TAMA** — Services for William P. Harrison, 92, who died Friday morning at his home, will be 2 p. m. at the Harrison Funeral home here; burial in Oak Hill cemetery; survived by one son, Robert, Toledo; one daughter, Mrs. C. J. Hegardt, Tama; one sister, Mrs. Florence Trimble, Tama.

**PARKERSBURG** — Funeral services for Sam Christensen, 79, who died Thursday evening here of a heart attack, will be 1:30 p. m. Monday at Engelkes Funeral Home; burial in Oak Hill cemetery, Parkersburg; survived by 3 sons: Lloyd, Marshalltown; Gordon, Hampton; Chester, Cedar Falls; daughter, Mrs. Glen Finasrock, Seattle; brother, Al, Applington; friends may call at Engelkes Funeral Home after noon Saturday.

**OSAGE** — Funeral services for May L. Byrnes, 76, who died Friday morning at Mitchell County Memorial hospital following a heart attack Sunday, will be 10:30 a. m. Monday at Sacred Heart church; burial in Sacred Heart cemetery; Champion funeral home in charge; she taught school over 40 years in Mitchell county; survived by six sisters.

Mrs. Elmer Black, 67, died Friday morning at Mitchell County Memorial hospital following stroke Thursday; has been hospitalized past month with broken hip; resident of

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