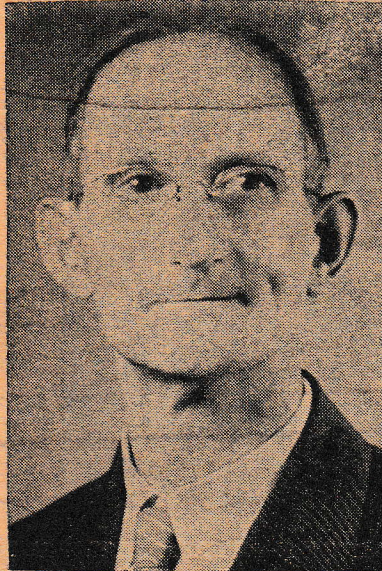


## Double Rites Were Held Monday For Mr. and Mrs. Omar N. Harter



A double funeral was held Monday afternoon at the Metzler funeral home in Bloomington for Mr. and Mrs. Omar N. Harter. Mr. Harter was killed instantly Wednesday night, October 3, in an accident near Waterman when the Harter car failed to make a curve on Route 23, hurtled a dry creek bed and struck its opposite bank. Mrs. Harter, suffering crushing chest injuries, died about twenty-four hours later, without recovering consciousness, at a hospital in DeKalb. The double tragedy occurred when Mr. and Mrs. Harter were enroute to Sycamore to visit their daughter, Mrs. Louis Hollingsworth and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harter were buried together at Park Hill cemetery in Bloomington.

### Omar Newton Harter.

Omar Newton Harter, son of Samuel and Hannah (Newton) Harter, was born August 1, 1880 near Ancona. He attended Osage school in LaSalle county and the Wenona public schools.

Mr. Harter married Helena Karr September 3, 1921 in Wenona. In 1927 he bought the John Hodge house which was the Harters' home until June, 1956, when they moved to Normal.

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ued as she worked for more adequate understanding between the parents, teachers and students, and was a forerunner of P.-T. A. in the Wenona schools. She returned to the classroom in 1947, teaching in the St. Petersburg, Florida high school and taking graduate courses at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

A member of the Christian church in Eureka, Mrs. Harter attended St. John's Methodist church in Wenona and served as church treasurer for a time. In Wenona she was a member of the Methodist Guild and the Housekeepers Club. She became the first woman president of the Illinois Wesleyan Alumni Association and later became president of the St. Petersburg local alumni group. When in Florida during the winter months, Mrs. Harter's activities included Pan Hellenic Association, Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumna Association, American Association of University Women, Carreno Music Club and the St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra. She was a life member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Massachusetts Society for University Education of Women.

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In addition to his duties as an officer of the bank, Mr. Harter was treasurer of the Wenona Building and Loan Association and of the Evans Township elementary school districts.

The Harters were winter residents of St. Petersburg, Florida where they purchased a home at 1431 Twenty-second Avenue North after Mr. Harter's retirement. In St. Petersburg they attended Mirror Lake Christian church. They were patrons of the St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra, members of the Civic Music Association and of the Carreno Music Club. In Wenona, the Harters belonged to St. John's Methodist church.

Mr. Harter was a member of the Illinois and American Bankers Association; he was a Knight Templar and belonged to the Shrine. As a young man he played cornet and valve trombone with the Wenona Band and violin in various ensemble groups.

Mr. Harter is survived by his two sisters: Mrs. J. Frank Ziegler (Vera) of Dwight and Mrs. E. L. Swigert (Mable) of Enid, Oklahoma. His brothers were E. Clark Harter of Wenona and Dr. Randolph Harter, who began his practice in Wenona, but lived most of his life in Schoolcraft, Michigan.

The Harters have four children: Roger Karr Harter of Westfield, New Jersey; Mrs. David Zimring (Emily) of St. Petersburg, Florida; Mrs. H. Louis Hollingsworth (Martha) of Sycamore, and Ellis Newton Harter of Normal.

#### **Helena Karr Harter.**

Helena Karr Harter was born in Eureka, Illinois, July 13, 1891. She was the only child of Lyon and Emma Dillon Karr. Mrs. Harter attended Eureka College before the family moved to Normal, Illinois. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Illinois Wesleyan where she joined the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. At Drake University, Mrs. Harter obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science. Her graduate work was done at the University of Wisconsin. For several years she taught in the English department of Whitewater State Teachers College at Whitewater, Wisconsin where her efforts in assisting veterans of World War I in returning to college life earned for her the unofficial title of "Dean of Men." Later she taught in the high schools of Normal, Pekin and LaSalle.

After Helena Karr's marriage to Omar Newton Harter her interest in young people and education contin

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