

SUDDEN DEATH OF FORMER MAXWELL GIRL

The sudden death of Lucile Douglass, County Superintendent, and daughter of Attorney and Mrs. I. W. Douglass, early Monday morning, was a great shock to her parents, relatives and a great host of friends. Miss Douglass, who was suffering from a mild cold, was taken ill shortly after retiring and a physician was called and spent two hours with her, leaving about 2 o'clock, after which Miss Douglass dropped off to sleep.

Death was due, according to the attending physician to heart trouble, aggravated by a severe cold and chronic bronchial asthmatic condition from which she had long suffered.

Lucile, only daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Douglass, was born at Maxwell, Iowa, on July 28, 1894. She attended the Maxwell schools from which she graduated in 1912. Following the graduation from the High School and during her University career she taught school in Indian Creek and Union townships and also at Pomeroy and Kalona. She graduated from the University of Iowa in the summer of 1921. Later she took post graduate work at the University of Southern California. Other teaching experience included five years at Kimball, Nebraska; from there to Saint Monica School, in Des Moines and two years at Sheffield, Iowa where she was Principal in the Sheffield Schools. After her work at Sheffield she accepted the position of County Superintendent of the Story County Schools which position she held at the time of her death.

Taking an active interest in her religious faith, she was converted at an early age and became a member of the Presbyterian Church of Maxwell. Here she has retained an active membership during her lifetime though she has willingly affiliated with other churches in communities where her work has called her. She was affiliated with many organizations being a member of the Annie Laurie Chapter of the O.E.S. the American Legion Auxiliary; Phi Omega Pi, social sorority; Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary sorority for women in Education; The American Association of University Women and the literary department of the Woman's Club of Nevada.

Aside from her position as County Superintendent of Schools, she was Chairman of the Story County Board of Education; Secretary-Treasurer of the Story County School Administrative Association, and Publicity chairman of the Story County Parent Teacher's Association Council. In the State education circles she was a member of the State Committee on Education of the State Planning Board, Chairman of the Standardized Tests Committee for 8th Grade Promotion, a Member of the Department of Superintendents of National Educational Association and a member of the rural department of the National Educational Association.

Miss Douglass had been eminently successful in her work as a county school administrator and she was recognized in State Educational Circles as one of the outstanding administrators in the work within the state of Iowa. Her successful and promising work as an educator was brought suddenly to a close when she passed away after a brief illness, in Nevada on October 18, 1937.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Douglass in her family home in Maxwell and by two brothers, Dudley G. Douglass, of Maxwell, and Emlin Douglass, of Sac City, and by one niece, Anne Douglass, of Maxwell, of whom she was very fond. Many other relatives and a host of friends also mourn her passing today. The news of her death came as a distinct shock to her family and her



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friends and also to those associated with her in County and State Educational work in which she was so well known and wherein her merit was so clearly recognized.

Her life has been characterized with unselfish willingness to help others and to be of service to them. She found her greatest satisfactions in doing more than a sense of duty required of her, both in her home and family relationships, and in her work as an educator.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church, Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 with the Rev. Joseph M. Kennedy, pastor of Central Presbyterian church of Nevada, assisted by the Rev. Harry D. Robinson. Two duets, "Hide Me Oh My Saviour" and "Goodnight and Good Morning: were sung by the Mrs. Jennie Kirk and Mrs. Edith Hale. The text was taken from Mathew, 20th chapter, the Parable of the laborers in the vineyard.

Interment in the Maxwell cemetery.

THE COLLINS GAZETTE

October 21, 1937

Miss Lucile Douglass, 43, for the past four years superintendent of schools of Story county, died early Monday from a heart attack, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Tipton, at Nevada, where she had an apartment.

She was taken ill Sunday night after retiring, and a physician was called. he remained with her until about 2 a.m., about which time Miss Douglass dropped off to sleep. Mrs. Tipton, who was with her during the night, stated that death came probably between 5 and 6 a.m., it being near the latter hour when she went to the bedside and found that her niece was dead.

Cause of death was given as heart trouble, aggravated by a severe cold and a chronic bronchial asthmatic condition from which she had been a long sufferer.

News of her death was a great shock to innumerable friends, and the bereaved family has the heartfelt sympathy of all.

Miss Douglass had been superintendent of the Story county schools since Sept. 1, 1933, after she had served as principal of the Sheffield high school for two years. She was re-elected in 1936 for a second three-year term.

Lucile Douglass was born at Maxwell, July 28, 1894, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Douglass.

She was a graduate of the Maxwell high school, attended University of California one summer and was graduated from the State University of Iowa. during her university career she taught school in Union Township and later at Kalona and Pomeroy.

Following her graduation from the state university in 1926, she was elected to a position as normal training critic in the Kimball county school, at Kimball, Neb., where she remained for five years.

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She leaves besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Douglass of Maxwell; her brothers Dudley G. Douglass, associated with the father, who is dean of the Story County bar association, in the practice of law at Maxwell, and the brother Emlin Douglass, engaged in the mercantile business at Sac Ctty.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the Maxwell Presbyterian church, in charge of the Rev. Jos. M. Kennedy of Nevada. Interment was at Maxwell.