

## Doerrs Request No Services; Ask Bodies Be Cremated



Jo Doerr

Stan Doerr

By their own request, no visitation or funeral services will be held for Stan and Jo Doerr, 326 Harrison Drive, who died Sunday night in a double suicide at their home.

The couple was found Monday morning sitting in the family car in the garage, with their two dogs and their cat in the back seat, according to Marshalltown Police, who said the deaths were "planned out thoroughly." All died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The house was left immaculately clean, and notes to relatives along with their wills and the specific funeral arrangements, including how to dispose of the bodies of their pets and requesting cremation for themselves, were laid out on the table, authorities said.

Dr. Robert McCormack, Marshalltown High School principal, and Assistant Principal Brent Mutsch discovered the Doerrs when Stan Doerr failed to appear for his first period class at MHS Monday. He had missed classes all last week, complaining of a stomach ailment, but had said he would be there for classes Monday.

### In Failing Health

"We were told she (Mrs. Doerr) was in failing health," said Capt. Ronald Galloway, adding "but that's all we know."

Contents of their suicide notes have not been made public.

Stanley Gordon Doerr and Joann Marie Ogan were married Dec. 23, 1965, in Marshalltown. A graduate of the State University of Iowa, he was teaching at West Marshall School at the time. In addition to five years at West Marshall, Mr. Doerr also taught at Hubbard Community Schools for one year. Since 1966, he had been a speech, English and drama instructor at MHS. In 1970, he and his wife led a theater workshop tour of Europe for four MHS students. He was one of three adult facilitators for the Peer Helper program started at the school in 1979.

Mrs. Doerr was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Ogan and had graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1955. After graduating from State College of Iowa, Cedar Falls, she taught in Webster City, Cedar Falls and West Marshall and from 1966-74 was a 6th grade teacher at Woodbury and Williams Schools in Marshalltown. Mrs. Doerr was owner/operator of Stage Doerr Deli, 2007 S. Center, until she took a position with Marshalltown Community College as food service manager, student senate and student activities council adviser, which she held until two years ago.

### Active In Community Theater

The Doerrs were both active in Marshalltown Community Theatre, displaying their versatility in various acting and directing roles, and Mrs. Doerr had served as president of that group. The last appearance for both of them was in October, 1982, in "Life With Father."

Survivors of Mr. Doerr include his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Doerr, Minneapolis, Minn.; and a brother, Lawrence Doerr, Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Doerr is survived by a sister, Sterlene (Mrs. Milton) Thomas of Marshalltown, an aunt and uncle and three nephews.

Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

"Stan was an outstanding teacher," eulogized Dr. McCormack. "He was a friend to all students... I think the students will miss him and I know the staff will miss him a lot. He contributed greatly to our school."

Similar sentiments were being echoed in local theater circles about both the Doerrs.

A memorial fund is being established in the name of Stan Doerr and contributions may be sent to Dr. Robert McCormack, MHS principal, to be used to provide a scholarship for higher education in the areas of *ENGLISH*.