

## **LOOKING BACK**

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**d. 23 Nov 33    Dr. A. Shearer loses life in fire Thursday**  
**Local chiropractor found dead as firemen put out office fire**  
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This community was greatly shocked and grieved last Thursday evening, when it was learned that Dr. A.L. Shearer, who came here three years ago to open an office for the practice of chiropractic, had lost his life in a fire which somewhat damaged his office in the basement of the Brimhall building.

Considerable mystery surrounds the exact cause of the fire and how the doctor came to lose his life, but County Coroner J.J. Stegman, County Attorney J.W. Pattie and Sheriff C.E. Wicklund, who conducted an investigation Friday, decided that death was accidental, and no inquest was held.

Arthur Leland Shearer was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, on March 28, 1901, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Shearer. He was graduated from the Marshalltown high school with the class of 1923, and from the Palmer School of Chiropractic at Davenport in 1927.

After practicing his profession at Colfax, Illinois, for a year, he came to State Center in October, 1930, to open an office. On February 28, 1931, he was married to Miss Christina Ruhlander, of Strawn, Ill.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Norene, twenty months old and Carolyn, two months old; his parents, who live at 211 West South St. Marshalltown; a sister, Mrs. E. Bousum, Marshalltown, and a half brother Clarence J. Powell, Muscatine.

Dr. Shearer was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 2:00 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A.H. Schultz. Burial was in Riverside cemetery in Marshalltown.