

Gresham Pastor Dies In Omaha

Rev. Alexander Korn Found Dazed
on Street—Missing From
Home for Twelve Days.

Rev. Alexander Korn, forty-three, of near Gresham died in a hospital in Omaha late Tuesday, soon after he had been found on the street by Federal Agent Gilbert Zerson. Korn had been missing from his home twelve days.

After he had fainted in the city jail, Rev. Mr. Korn was rushed to the hospital. A postmortem was ordered by Acting Coroner Paul Steinwender to determine cause of death. Rev. Mr. Korn had been pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran church six years.

Rev. Mr. Korn disappeared from his parsonage a week ago Thursday night. He packed his personal belongings and drove away in his automobile. Mrs. Korn heard nothing from him until the following Sunday when the mail brought her a \$100 check, mailed from Omaha. The father of four children, the pastor was highly respected and known as a studious type. Authorities considered the theory that he was the victim of a nervous breakdown, which had upset him.

Dr. Frank Lovely ordered the man to the hospital. Soon after reaching the hospital the pastor died. In his clothes was found \$30 in travelers' checks, and \$8 in cash. The checks were payable to "Fred Allen".

Mrs. Alexander Korn received word Tuesday night that her husband, whom she had not seen for more than two weeks, had died at Omaha. She could advance no theory for his death or reason for his departure from home. She said he had formed no plans what to do and "never bothered her" with financial details.

Two weeks ago Thursday the family awoke and found him gone. Later Mrs. Korn received a \$100 draft from him at Omaha but no note of explanation.

The four children are Elizabeth, eighteen; Helen, fourteen, Petra, eleven, and Naomi, four. Elizabeth has graduated from high school and planned to enter nurses training in the fall. Mrs. Korn said she had no plans for the future. The Korn's came to Gresham nine years ago from Shickley. A brother of Mr. Korn lives at Norfolk.—Lincoln State Journal.

Later—A post mortem examination disclosed death was caused by dilation of the heart and cirrhosis of the liver. Because of the suddenness of his collapse police had feared he had taken poison, but no trace of any foreign substance was found in the body.

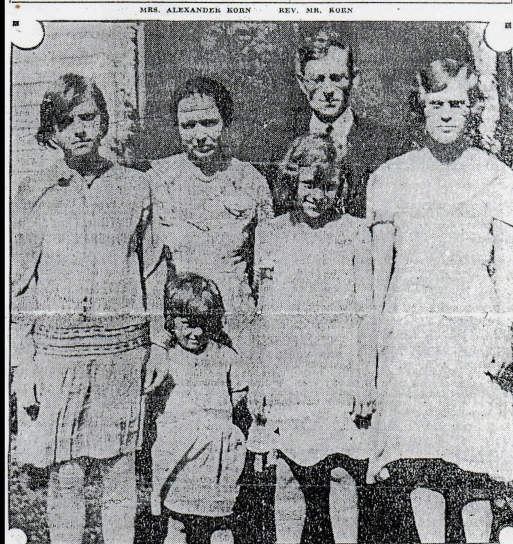


Rev. Alexander Bruno Karl Korn

Born: Dec 23, 1883, Russia
Died: Aug 18, 1931, Omaha,
NE

Married: Clara Wilhemina "Minnie"
Scheel, May 17, 1911, Globe, WI

Family of 5 Bereft by Pastor's Death



This photograph of the Rev. Alexander Korn and his family was taken at their home near Gresham, Neb., three days before his disappearance. It was snapped with the Korn's camera while the Rev. Rudolph Korn of Wisconsin, brother of the Gresham minister, was visiting the Korn's. The Rev. Alexander Korn left his home Aug. 6, sent a bank draft for \$100 from Omaha on Aug. 9, was arrested "for investigation" Aug. 18 and died in a hospital after being taken from the Omaha jail. The children of the Rev. Mr. Korn and Mrs. Korn, who had been married 20 years, are Elizabeth, 18; Helen, 13; Petra, 10, and Naomi, 4.

Early 1920's

PASTOR KORN SERVED ZION IN THE NINETEEN TEEN YEARS

SHICKLEY



Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran
Cemetery, 2426 462nd Rd,
Seward CO., NE, App. 3 miles
east of Gresham, NE

