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He left his office at twelve o'clock with his deputy, Elmer Zinn, and at that time was feeling about as well as usual. Erickson told Zinn as they were leaving the courthouse that he planned to go to Spirit Lake this afternoon and not to expect him in the office this afternoon.

The sheriff had served this county in that office for 18 years and had just been re-elected to another term. The high esteem in which he was held throughout the county is indicated by the fact



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Suffered Attack

Erickson had suffered a severe heart attack early in the summer and was in the hospital three weeks at which time he was able to be returned to his home. When he was again able to travel, he and Mrs. Erickson went on a trip north mainly as a trip of relaxation and rest for the sheriff. It took him away from the strains and responsibilities of his office which he could not escape while in Spencer, for his home was on the first floor of the jail building.

His doctors advised rest and complete giving up of active exercise which eliminated golf and bowling for him, two sports which held his enthusiasm.

He is survived by his widow and their two adopted children, Tommy and Lynn who came to make their home here only a few months ago.

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Erickson took an active part in the community. He was a member of the Congregational church, the Spencer Chamber of Commerce, the Spencer Golf and Country club, the Masonic Lodge. He was also a leader in the State Sheriff's Association having recently served that organization as state president.