

LEA COTTAM

Lea Cottam was born, December 7th, 1910, in St. George, Utah, the daughter of Heber C. and Asineth Jarvis Cottam.

She was a graduate of the Woodward school, Dixie High school and had one year in the Junior College department. For the past three months she had been enrolled in the Commercial Extension university of Omaha, Nebraska.

Miss Cottam was an employee of the Mountain States Telephone company from September 1929, to September 1934. Following this she was employed by the Arrowhead Petroleum company until the time of her death. She was also a member of the Educational committee of the National Business and Professional Women's club of St. George, and a reporter for the Dixie College Piano club. Miss Cottam had been a Sunday school teacher, and for the past four years a M. I. A. Bee Hive leader. At the time of the tragedy she was a teacher in the South Ward Guardian Bee Hive group.

She was born a member of the L. D. S. church and had always maintained a sound, reasoning belief in its religious principles and teachings.

As a very small child, Miss Cottam exhibited a keen, creative mentality which enriched her entire life. Although never overly vigorous physically, her desire for vital accomplishments kept her at high tension, whether at work or play. She was sincere in her friendships, alert and capable in her business, religious, home and social activities. She knew no subterfuges and her keen repartee was a constant source of mirth among her daily associates and in her home. She was interested in dramatics and had taken various parts in community and M. I. A. plays and pageants. Her love of the out-of-doors was manifest in the way she spent her leisure time.

Along with her work on the switchboard she had studied the piano, both privately and through the music department of the Dixie college, also taking other part time courses through this institution, and in this way equipping herself for the stenographic position with the Arrowhead Petroleum corporation, on whose business she was at the time of the tragedy. She always had a keen interest in her school work, possessed an artistic taste and fine aesthetic appreciation.

Surviving besides her parents are the following brothers and sisters: Alma Cottam, student at B. Y. U.; Iris, Jean, Elizabeth, Lester, Calvin, and Ellen Raye, all of St. George. Her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cottam of Salt Lake City, and Grandmother, Mary Jarvis of St. George. In addition to her family, many relatives and friends both in this city and elsewhere mourn her sudden and unexpected death.

Relatives attending the services held here on Friday, March 8th were: Mrs. Edward Cottam, Mrs.

Will Cottam, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McMurday, and Mrs. Easton Walker, all of Salt Lake City.