

Archie Edward Starcher: A Profile
by Tom Starcher (grandson)
March 12, 2019



Archie Starcher
Carthage, Missouri
(circa 1960)

According to his birth certificate (see Appendix), Archie Edward Starcher was born September 12, 1897 in Randolph, Kansas to Enoch and Ada (Beckman) Starcher. At that time, Randolph had a population of less than 375 people. Enoch and Ada had married on April 21, 1892 in Randolph, Kansas - - Ada was 17 years old (Enoch was 29) and per their marriage license (see Appendix), she had to have written parental consent to marry. Ada was 22 years old when Archie was born. Archie was the third of five children born to the couple - - Herman T. "Gint," born in May 1893; Ferrel John, born in July 1895; Enoch J. "Babe," born in July 1901; and Lulu Verde, born in December 1903.

Along with his family, Archie moved to Carthage, Missouri when he was six years old. According to the 1910 census, the family lived at 411 Case Street in Carthage¹. Archie spent his formative years in Carthage and attended Benton, Columbian, and Central schools. Early in his education, one of his classmates was Marlin Perkins of whom he said, "Marlin always had some critter in his pocket - - a frog, a snake, etc." (personal communication - - AES); of course, Marlin went on to become famous for his television shows Mutual of Omaha's *Wild Kingdom* and *Zoo Parade*.



Second Grade, Columbian Elementary School - - 1905
Archie is in the second row, 5th from the right - - with suspenders
Cora Mayerhoff - - Teacher
Carthage, Missouri



Archie Starcher - - Age 16
Carthage, Missouri (circa 1913)

Archie's father, Enoch Starcher, was a jeweler and had a jewelry store on North Main Street in Carthage. Archie dropped out of school after the 8th grade and worked in his father's store learning the jewelry trade. Archie's father passed away July 6, 1915 at the age of 52 and Archie became the sole proprietor of his own jewelry store, "*Archie E. Starcher Jewelry Company: Quality Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry*" which was located on the South side of the Carthage Square.



Archie's Jewelry Store Stationery Letterhead



Archie's father, Enoch Starcher
(circa 1890)

In time, Archie became interested romantically in Mary Margaret Keller who went by her middle name of Margaret. She was born in Liberty, Kansas on July 31, 1897, and moved with her family to Carthage around 1902 when she was 5 years old. She grew up in Carthage and attended schools there including Benton Elementary school.



Benton Elementary School - - 4th Grade Class - - 1907
Margaret Keller is in front row on the far right
(Ms. Lula Baker was the teacher)
Carthage, MO



Left to right: Archie with Clarence Clifford Keller
(older brother of Margaret Keller)
Carthage, MO (circa 1915)



Archie & Margaret Keller
(circa 1915)

Archie had a fascination with trains and related that during his youth, he used to drop from train trestles in Carthage onto slow moving trains (personal communication - - AES). In fact, he and Margaret took a train from Carthage back to Kansas, specifically Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, to get married on July 15, 1916 - - both were still 18 at the time.



Archie & Margaret Starcher
circa 1916
(possible wedding photo)



Archie with Mary Margaret Keller Starcher
on a train boxcar (circa 1917)

On April 27, 1917, Archie and Margaret had a son, Enoch Thomas "Tommy" Starcher who was born in the home of Tom Keller (Margaret's father) in Kendricktown (Carthage), Missouri.



Margaret & Archie Starcher with baby Tommy
in front of Tom Keller home where Tommy was born.
May 12, 1917



Archie with mother, Ada;
grandmother, Hattie Beckman;
and son, Tommy
Carthage, MO - - 1917

The 1920 census showed the family living in Carthage (Ward 4), Missouri where Archie was a jeweler and a successful businessman². There is documentation of Archie E. Starcher's Diamond Shop being advertised in the Carthage High School yearbook, *The Carthaginian*, for the class of 1922 (pg. 181). As an indication of his business prowess, Archie would give a gold ring to each newborn baby in Carthage. Undoubtedly, the practice resulted in parents returning to his shop for future jewelry purchases.

It was also in the early 1920s that Archie helped his brother, Ferreld, prepare for boxing matches - - a sport that was quite popular at the time. Ferreld was a bantam weight and Archie spoke of doing road work with him as well as helping him prepare in the gym (personal communication - - AES). Ferreld was quite a good boxer and of ten fights on a Pacific Coast tour during the Winter of 1922-23, he won four by knockout, five by decision, and had one draw³.



Ferreld Starcher with May Beckman
Tamarind Street, Compton, CA
(circa 1920s)

A few years after Enoch's death in 1915, Ada Starcher, Archie's mother, moved from Carthage to Kansas City, MO and on June 3, 1923, married Thomas R. Eastland. A year later on July 19, 1924, Ada was run over by a car after jumping out of it because she feared it would careen down an embankment. At the time, she was holding her daughter's baby who was not injured in the accident. Ada died on July 21, 1924. Her remains were returned to Carthage where she is buried in the Park Cemetery next to her first husband, Enoch.

**MOTHER OF CARTHAGE
BUSINESS MEN DIES**

**Auto Accident Fatal to Widow of
Enoch Starcher Former
Carthage Jeweler.**

Carthage, Mo., July 22.—Funeral services for Mrs. Thomas Eastland, former Carthage woman and mother of Herman and Archie Starcher of this city, who died Monday night in Grace hospital in Kansas City from injuries received in a motor car accident about ten days ago, will be conducted at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Knell chapel. The Rev. J. D. McCaughtry, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will be in charge. Burial will be in Park cemetery.

Mrs. Eastland was 50 years old. She was born in Randolph, Kan. Her first husband, Enoch Starcher, moved the family to Carthage in 1902. Mr. Starcher engaging in the jewelry business here. He died July 5, 1915. His wife continued to make her home here until two years ago when she moved to Kansas City. She was married to Thomas Eastland, June 3, 1923.

Besides the husband, four sons and one daughter survive. The children of Carthage; Ferrel Starcher and Herman and Archie Starcher of Long Beach, Cal.; Enoch Starcher of Covina, Cal., and Mrs. Lulu Williams of Kansas City. Her mother, Mrs. C. H. Beckman, of Randolph, Kan., and four brothers and four sisters also survive.

Joplin Globe (Joplin, Missouri)
Wednesday, July 23, 1924 (page 9)

A statement (below) from The Knell Mortuary in Carthage, MO dated July 23, 1924, suggests that Archie paid the funeral expenses for his mother's burial in Carthage.

THE FINEST EQUIPPED MORTUARY IN THE SOUTHWEST NO CHARGE FOR PRIVATE CHAPEL

THE KNELL MORTUARY

CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

Name Thos. R. Eastland *Stucher*

CALLS ANSWERED DAY OR NIGHT
PHONE NO. 2105

Postoffice 107 Clinton Place
Kansas City, Mo.

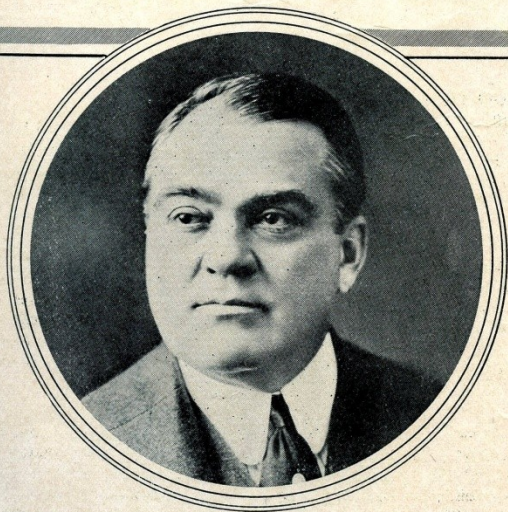
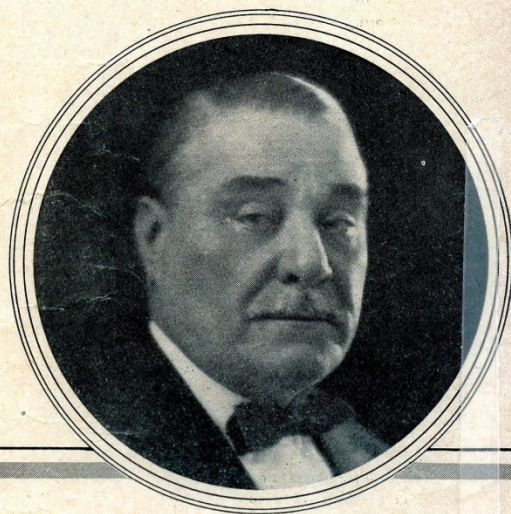
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	7 Pass Closed Auto	700		
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	5 Pass Closed Auto	500		
	Grave opening	<u>1000</u>		5900

Paid in full by Archie Stucher
Knell Mortuary 3/3/1923.
By P.W. Knell

Not only was Archie a fan of boxing but he was a fan of sports in general and a big baseball enthusiast and even attended the St. Louis Cardinals – New York Yankees World Series in 1928. Here is a copy of the program he purchased at that event:

For the **Yankees**

Jacob Ruppert
President
New York American Baseball Club



Edward G. Barrow
Secretary
New York American Baseball Club

New York Yankees

American League Champions - 1928



1928 New York Yankees World Series Roster
from Archie's game program

Archie got to see one of baseball's greatest ever baseball line-ups in the New York Yankees and some of the greatest players who ever donned a baseball uniform including Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. The Yankees swept the Cardinals 4-0 - - together Ruth and Gehrig hit seven home runs in the Series with Ruth

hitting three in one game and Gehrig hitting two in another game. The 1928 Yankees set a major league record by having nine players on the team who would eventually be inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame⁴.

Although Archie had dropped out of school after the eighth grade to learn the jewelry business as an apprentice to his dad, he was a voracious reader and became quite learned about a wide array of topics. He was also very civic minded, quite active in the community, honest to a fault, and highly principled.



Archie E. Starcher Jewelry Company, South Side of Square, Carthage, Missouri
A dapper Archie and Margaret awaiting customers
(circa 1927)

While all the reasons may not be known but with the stock market crash in 1929 and the country in the midst of a great depression, Archie chose to close his jewelry shop in Carthage and in 1930 moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas where he went to work for John Fink Jewelry Company. The population of Carthage in 1930 was 9,736 and it had shown a slight decrease since 1920. On the other hand, Fort Smith had shown a significant population increase over the previous

decade and in 1930, it tallied 31,429 people - - over three times the size of Carthage.



John Fink Jewelry Store - - Fort Smith, Arkansas
Always the snappy dresser, Archie in three-piece suit leaning on counter
(circa 1932)

On Saturday, March 5, 1934, Brooks L. Van Hoose, a 64-year old real estate and mining capitalist was attacked by six men in his home near Carthage, Missouri. Apparently, the men were trying to kidnap the reputed millionaire. Mr. Van Hoose fought back and got off one shot from his revolver that hit a car outside the home but he was shot multiple times and died near his front door. Newspaper accounts noted that he was still wearing a large \$4,000 diamond ring and there was money in a purse in his pocket. He had been warned about wearing the ring after he had been slugged and the ring stolen years before. He had also been warned recently that there was a plot to kidnap him and that he shouldn't stay home alone but he said he could take care of himself and just tucked the gun into his pocket⁵. The murder and subsequent investigation received widespread newspaper coverage from virtually all corners of the U.S. - - Missouri (St. Louis, Kansas City, Jefferson City, Sedalia, Macon, Moberly, Macon, Chillicothe, Maryville), Nebraska, Louisiana, Ohio, New York, Oklahoma, California, Indiana, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Iowa, Kentucky, Montana,

and Georgia. All six of the perpetrators of the crime were captured including one man in Denver and one in Los Angeles.

At some time following the death of Mr. Van Hoose (date unknown), Archie acquired the diamond ring and had the diamond placed in a new setting that he had designed. It became a signature identity ring for him.



Archie's Ring with the Van Hoose Diamond*

The family appeared to transition well in the move from Carthage to Fort Smith. Son Tommy, who was quite an accomplished pianist after his training in Carthage, formed a band that had a weekly half-hour show on a local radio station in Fort Smith. He also was very involved in the Eagle Scouts and was active in music and drama at Fort Smith High School (today known as Fort Smith Northside High School), and was a member of *The Bruin* yearbook staff.

**Hand-crafted 14kt yellow gold "Egyptian" design featuring a bezel set American cut round brilliant diamond of K color, VS-2 quality and weighing approximately 3.0 carats and surrounded by inlaid Onyx. The ring is enhanced by four round diamonds weighing .12 carats, four baguette diamonds weighing .22 carats total and a hand-carved reddish brown head carving. Each side of the ring has two carved palm trees and a camel rider. The ring measures 1/14 x 7/8 and weighs 17 dwt.*

HARRY B. FINK
PRESIDENT

ARCHIE E. STARCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

JEWELERS
OPTOMETRISTS



DIAMOND
MERCHANTS

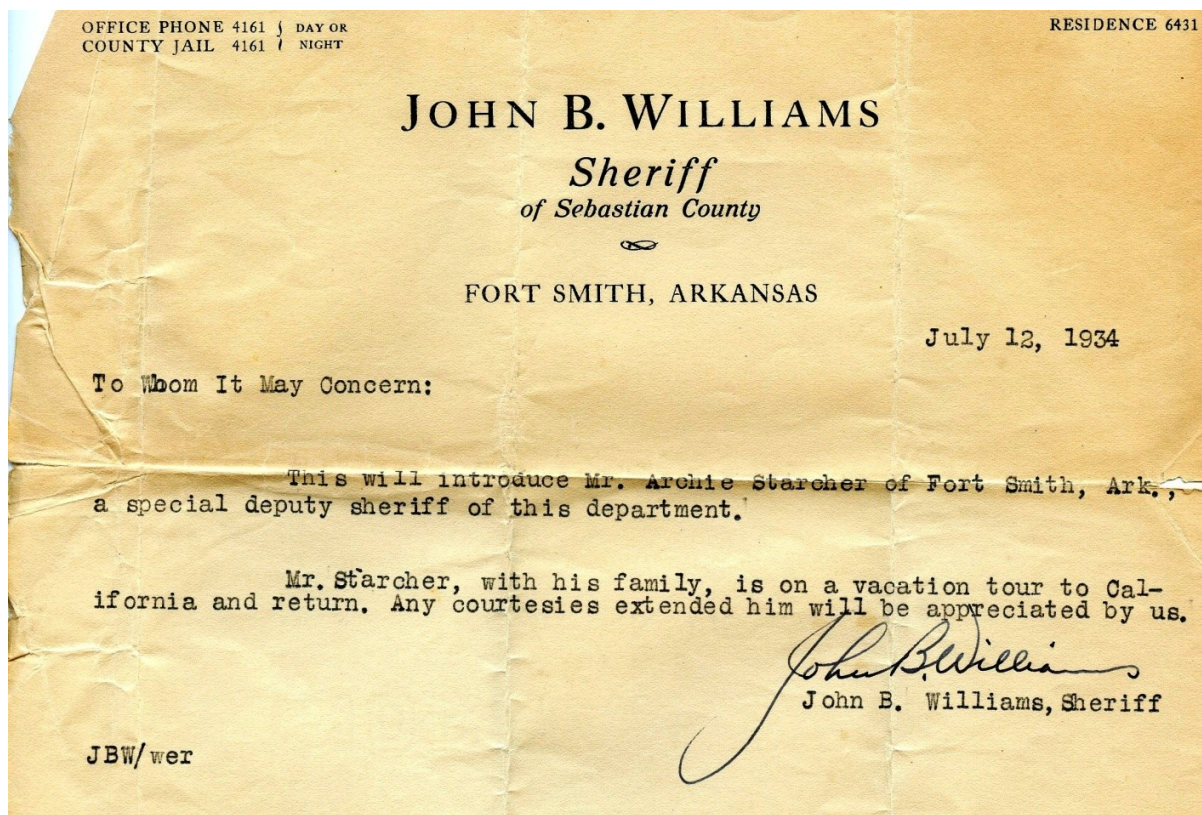
John Fink Jewelry Company

INCORPORATED

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

John Fink Stationery with Archie shown as General Manager

With his business acumen and community activities involvement, Archie quickly became completely assimilated into the Fort Smith community. In addition to excellent job performance reviews, he was often recognized for his work on behalf of the community. Here are some examples of that recognition:



Introductory letter from County Sheriff on Archie's behalf
(*n.b.*, Archie was a "special deputy sheriff")
1934

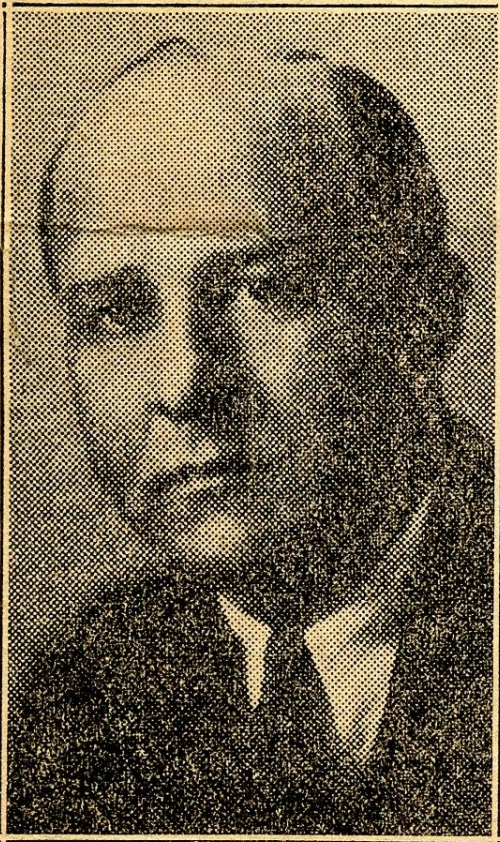
(*n.b.*, four-digit phone numbers; no prefix and no area code and a home number for the sheriff)

Modern City Builders

—of—

FORT SMITH

A. E. STARCHER came to Fort Smith five years ago from Carthage, Mo., to become assistant manager of the John Fink Jewelry



A. E. STARCHER

Company, Inc., one of the oldest jewelry firms in the South.

Mr. Starcher had operated his own jewelry business at Carthage. When

the now famous "crash" came in 1929, Mr. Starcher enjoyed the distinction of having already disposed of his business. He sold it just before the "collapse" came, he recalls.

When the John Fink company was reorganized in 1932, Mr. Starcher succeeded the late Harry Fink as manager of the concern.

Mr. Starcher was born in Missouri and was reared in Carthage. His father was in the jewelry business, so it was natural that Young Starcher should follow in his footsteps. Starcher obtained his education in the schools of Carthage.

He resides with his family at 804 South Twenty-third street.

His hobby is reading.

Established in 1878, the John Fink Jewelry company has been situated at the same location Seventh and Garrison avenue for more than a half century. It is the oldest jewelry firm in Arkansas and is believed to be the oldest in the South. It has a staff of nine persons, four of whom have been employed by the store for between ten and 20 years.

Mr. Starcher is a Mason. On arrival in Fort Smith he immediately entered into civic activities and is widely known in this connection.

(Editors note: This is one of a series of brief biographies of men prominent in Fort Smith's business life who have distinguished themselves as trade expansionists and is offered by this paper as a news feature better to acquaint the general public with the men who are making Fort Smith an attractive place to live and trade.)

*Southwest American newspaper - - Fort Smith, AR
March 6, 1935 (pg. 5)*

The newspaper article was quickly followed by a letter from the Mayor of Fort Smith supporting the article's assessment:

MRS. FRANCES T. BUCK
COMMISSIONER NUMBER ONE
W. H. VAUGHN, VICE-MAYOR
COMMISSIONER NUMBER TWO

JIM JORDAN
MAYOR

C. W. STEUART
CITY CLERK
IRVIN E. GEREN
ASS'T CITY CLERK

CITY OF FORT SMITH
OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

March 6, 1935.

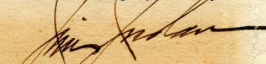
Mr. A. E. Starcher,
John Fink Jewelry Co.,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Friend Archie:

The Southwest-Times Record has a write-up on you today as one of the "Modern City Builders" of the City of Fort Smith.

I agree with their opinion and am justly proud of your citizenship in this City.

Sincerely yours,



Mayor

JJ/jw

Letter to Archie from Fort Smith Mayor Jim Jordan
March 6, 1935

As stated earlier, Archie was highly principled and one of his strong tenets was that "a man's word was his bond." At the end of 1935, Archie was not given his promised bonus from the John Fink Jewelry Company, Inc. With son Tommy now graduated from high school in Fort Smith, and with no job prospects, Archie tendered his resignation after the first of the year - - January 1936. A February 25, 1936 letter from George Matt, a good friend with the Federal Housing Administration in Tulsa, Oklahoma, asked, "*What do you intend doing?*" and "*...and if I can ever be of service or assistance to you in any way, call on me as readily as you know I would call on you.*"

Archie's next step was apparently a short-term position with a jewelry store in Joplin, Missouri (probably Butterfields Jewelry Store) and then another short-term move to Kirkpatrick Jewelry Company in St. Joseph, Missouri. By August, Archie had secured a position with H.F. Wichman & Co., Ltd., Jewelers in Hawaii



that was to start in early September, and he tendered his resignation with Kirpatrick Jewelry Company which elicited a regretful acknowledgement:

KIRKPATRICK JEWELRY COMPANY
THE HALLMARK STORE
JEWELERS AND SILVERSMITHS
624-626 FRANCIS STREET
ST. JOSEPH, MO. Aug 17-1936

Mr. A. E. Starcher -
St. Joseph, Mo.
Dear Mr. Starcher.

We are in receipt of your
resignation forwarded to us by Mr. Thorp
which we accept with Regrets.
Our wishes are for your success in your
new position.
We appreciate your loyal support while
in our employ.

Respectfully,
Kirpatrick Jewelry Co.
W. F. Kirpatrick



ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. ARCHIE E. STARCHER WILL BE ON THE ISLAND OF KAUAI THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER TO CALL ON YOU WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVE LINE OF MERCHANDISE FOR THE HOLIDAYS, CONSISTING OF DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, STATIONERY, CHRISTMAS CARDS, GIFTS, ETC..

ANY ORDER ENTRUSTED TO MR. STARCHER WILL HAVE OUR USUAL PROMPT AND CAREFUL ATTENTION.

RESPECTFULLY,
H. F. WICHMAN & CO. LTD.,
JEWELERS

1936 Announcement of Archie at Wichman Jewelers in Hawaii

Archie initially traveled alone to Hawaii and may have been living in a boarding house. In a September 20, 1936 letter to Margaret who was still in Missouri, he mentioned the possibility of getting a nice fully furnished apartment with electric ice for \$25.00/month and up or a place on Waikiki Beach for \$35.00/month and up. She arrived by ship later that fall.

While it is not known exactly but Archie apparently worked for Wichman Jewelers for a little over two years before leaving to become the Manager of Detor Jewelers, Ltd. around November 1938.

ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. GEORGE MICHOPoulos,
PRESIDENT OF
DETOR, Ltd.
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
THE APPOINTMENT OF
MR. ARCHIE E. STARCHER
(FORMERLY WITH
H. F. WICHMAN & CO.)

Mr. Starcher

AS MANAGER OF DETOR JEWELERS

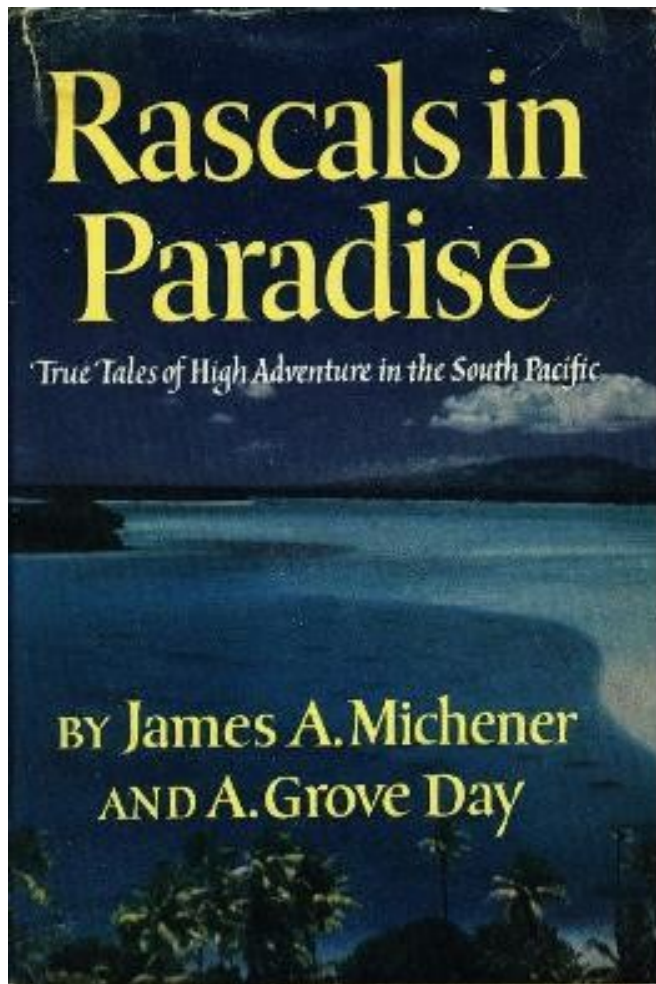
Mr. Starcher, an expert in Diamonds and other precious gems, will now be delighted to personally greet his many old customers and new friends at his new location and particularly assist them with their holiday selections...

SEE MR. STARCHER AT
DETOR JEWELERS, LTD.
Honolulu's most progressive Diamond and Gruen Watch establishment.
FORT AND HOTEL STS. TELEPHONE 3521

The Show Parade of All Hawaii
Sunday, November 13, 1938
Vol.3, No. 46 (pg. 9)

Archie did well with Detor Jewelers, enjoyed his work, and as detailed in a *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* article⁶, Detor had expanded from its original Honolulu store to stores on other islands. It was on one of these other islands (island not known) that Archie had an interesting experience (personal communication - -

AES). A "beach bum" came into one of the Detor shops and expressed interest in a particular ring valued at \$75.00. However, the man didn't have the money to pay for it and said he was a painter and would trade a couple of his paintings for the ring. Archie went to the man's beach shack and after looking over the paintings, traded the ring for two of the paintings. The paintings were 24" x 36" and were painted on black velvet. One was entitled *Jaqueline Madonna* and the other *Polynesian Sisters**. The painter was Edgar Leeteg and an entire chapter in James Michener's book, "Rascals in Paradise," was devoted to him. Some have referred to Leeteg as the father of American velvet painting and one art dealer referred to him as the American Gauguin.



Random House
1957

**In the late 1960s, the paintings were insured for \$15,000 (Madonna) and \$12,500 (Sisters), respectively. While their value has decreased in recent years, in 2016, the two paintings were donated to the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum - - designated the Hawai'i State Museum of Natural and Cultural History; a museum of history and science in the historic Kalihi district of Honolulu on the Hawaiian island of O'ahu (www.bishopmuseum.org)*



Archie at his Detor office desk in Hawaii
(circa 1940)

In 1941, Archie and Margaret lived at Waikiki Beach. In an article published in the *Carthage Evening Press*⁷, Archie related, "*Our home was a pleasant cottage at beach level about a block from the beach itself. We had purchased a leasehold on the property. It belonged to the estate of Liliuokalani, last queen of Hawaii, who was deposed in 1893 and died in 1917*. The cottage was quite an old one but we had fixed it up and liked it much. We were told that it had been built for one of the queen's ladies in waiting.*" He went on to say that he and Margaret had arisen early on Sunday morning, that he had been working in the yard earlier, and they were just finishing breakfast shortly before 8:00 a.m. when they heard gunfire. It was not unusual for the military to be taking target practice but that it was unusual for a Sunday. He saw planes coming in from the south and would learn later that it was another wave of Japanese planes. "*There were planes in the sky - - Japanese planes - - and the air was spotted with the burst of anti-aircraft shells. From the direction of Pearl Harbor came the sound of explosions and dark columns of smoke rose. Some bombs fell nearer...One burst only several blocks from our house.*"

*Editorial note: On September 20, 1940, Archie and Margaret Starcher signed a 30-year lease agreement for this property with Cooke Trust Company Limited that had the responsibility for overseeing the Liliuokalani Trust. It is believed that the address of the home was 201 Ohua Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Son Tommy had graduated from the University of Southern California in 1939 and moved to Maui where he was the budget manager for Von Hamm-Young Company (a wholesale and retail merchandising company) in Wailuku in 1940-41. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he resigned his position and moved to Honolulu and became a police officer with the Honolulu Police Department. So, the Starchers were now all in Honolulu and experiencing the same problems as everybody else in Hawaii: blackouts every night, schools closed, rationing of numerous items (food, drugs, 10 gallons of gas/monthly allotment, etc.), martial law in effect with nobody allowed on the streets at night, censored mail, etc.

Despite the war, Detor Jewelers stayed busy and even flourished. Archie said that they did more business during the war than the L.G. Balfour Company - - famous for making class and championship rings (personal communication - - AES). He was issued multiple identification cards including a Territory of Hawaii Identification Certificate on January 2, 1942 and a Personal Identification card issued by the Honolulu Police Department on April 2, 1942. Both cards displayed his fingerprints and physical description (height, weight, age, color of hair and eyes, and blood group). The Territory of Hawaii ID card also showed the date of issuance of a gas mask and inoculations against typhoid and smallpox. It also included a date that suggested he went to the mainland in 1942. He was known to have gone stateside on jewelry buying trips prior to the war - - especially buying trips to New York City - - these trips normally lasted about three months. However, in a December 16, 1944 newspaper article⁸, he was reported to have returned to Honolulu earlier that week following a two and a half year extensive buying trip that kept him on the mainland the entire time - - consistent with a 1942 departure date noted on his Territory of Hawaii ID card. During the trip, he contacted leading jewelry and watch manufacturers in Chicago, Boston, Providence, and New York where he made his headquarters.

Over the years, Archie was gifted a number of remarkable jewelry items from businessmen in the trade. Here is one from George Gruen of the famous Gruen Watch Co.



Archie Starcher's World War II Identification Cards

Territory of Hawaii
IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

Issued Jan 2 1942 Sr. No. 22-169

This certifies that:

Name: Archie E. Starcher
 Residence: 229 Ohua Avenue
 whose signature and fingerprints appear hereon, has been duly registered and identified under the Hawaii Defense Act.

Citizenship Status: U. S. Date of Birth: 9-12-1897

Hair	Eyes	Height	Weight	Age	Occupation	Blood Group
<u>Blnd. Gray</u>	<u></u>	<u>6"</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>Manager</u>	<u></u>

Visible Marks: Scar on right of forehead

Archie E. Starcher By Clayton M. Zeman
 Registrant's Signature. Governor of Hawaii. Registrar.

Visible Marks*

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION

Card No. 62798 Issued APR 2 1942⁹

As Issued by
HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT
HONOLULU, HAWAII, U.S.A.

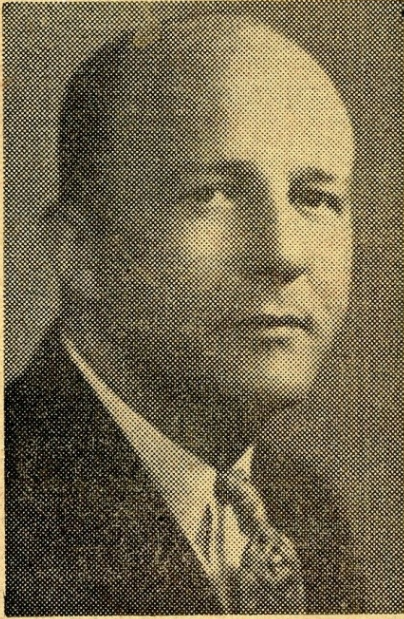
THIS CERTIFIES that the signature below and fingerprints and description on reverse hereof are those of

STARCHER, Archie Edward
 a resident of this City, and are registered with this Department.

Countersigned: W. J. Nelson Archie E. Starcher
 Chief of Police Signature

In case of sickness, accident or death, telegraph the number of this card and particulars to this Dept.

*The reference to a scar on the right of Archie's forehead came from a boyhood accident. In his youth, many homes had a cast iron boot/mud scraper on the porch which was usually a lengthy piece of metal on which to drag your footwear to clean off most of the mud. Archie had fallen and hit his head on a boot/mud scraper and left an indentation in his forehead of about 1.5 - 2.0 inches in length.



Attention, Please

You may have a purchasing problem you would like to have us help you with. If so, you are cordially invited to use our shopping service without obligation.

If you are contemplating the purchase of any article in silverware, jewelry, diamond, or precious gems not obtainable in Honolulu, or an individual article of special order, you are cordially invited to place this request with us before July 10th at which time our buyer, **Mr. A. E. Starcher**, will

depart for the markets of New York. Your request will be taken care of at this time. Selections will be made and returned for your approval without obligation and at prices as low as expert buying conditions will permit.

Our purpose in offering you this service is to assist you in every way possible to obtain the unusual article you may desire. **Remember**, you are not obligated to buy when you place your request to see special order merchandise. We'll get it for you—gladly.

DETOR JEWELERS, LIMITED



Fort and Hotel Streets

— DEPENDABLE JEWELERS —

Detor Jewelers advertisement announcing Archie's impending travel to New York
Honolulu Star Bulletin (Honolulu, Hawaii)
June 21, 1941 (pg. 28)

Archie and Margaret's son, Tommy, now a Honolulu Police Department officer got married on February 3, 1942 to Hanby Jane Glick on Maui. The couple first met at a casting call for a play on Maui earlier in 1941 and announced their engagement August 30, 1941. Hanby was born on Maui in 1922 to George and Hanby (Stewart) Glick - - he was a chemist with the sugar plantation and she was an immigrant from Scotland who had arrived in Hawaii in the late 1890s at the age of two.

During Archie's absence from Hawaii, Tommy and his wife had son in 1943 and a daughter in 1944.

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Congratulatory Telegram from Archie in New York
to his son in Honolulu
January 30, 1943



Archie on a buying trip to New York City
Watching master jewelry craftsman
(circa 1942-1944)

Consistent with his past community-support efforts, Archie continued to volunteer on behalf of worthwhile non-profit organizations as well as the military while he was in Hawaii. There are numerous examples of this personal commitment.



ARMY DAY COMMITTEE: Members of the Army Day committee of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce who prepared Army Day events held here Saturday and Sunday and who have provided entertainment programs at Oahu army posts and camps tonight. Front row, left to right, A. E. Starcher, Arthur C. Hilliger, chairman, and O. J. Burnett. Back row, left to right, A. E. Melim, H. E. Hoffman and Kenneth B. Barnes. Not in the picture, Allan Renton, Samuel G. Stewart and P. L. Halpern.—Star-Bulletin photo.

Honolulu Star Bulletin article detailing Army Day Committee members of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS
TERRITORY OF HAWAII

OFFICE OF THE
COMMANDING GENERAL
HAWAIIAN DIVISION

April 10, 1941

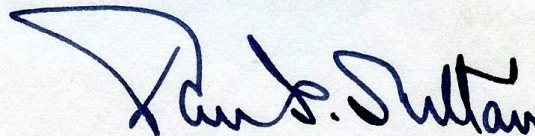
Mr. A. E. Starcher
Detor Jewelers
Fort & Hotel Streets
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Starcher:

On behalf of the Enlisted personnel of Schofield Barracks, I wish to express my appreciation to you for your part in providing the excellent entertainment at this Post on Army Day, April 7, 1941.

Please allow me to add my personal thanks for this enjoyable program which was greatly appreciated by some three thousand of our Enlisted Men.

Very truly,



DAN I. SULTAN,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

Thank You Letter from Brigadier General Sultan
April 1941



Another example was his effort on behalf of the United Welfare Fund in which Detor Jewelers donated a percentage of all of the *Remember Pearl Harbor* pin sales.



While in Carthage in 1944, Archie & Margaret had portraits made for their 28th wedding anniversary that they gave to their son, Tommy, and his family

Tommy continued working with the Police Department through the end of WWII. In 1946, he resigned from the police force and moved with his family to Fayetteville, Arkansas to get his Master's degree at the University of Arkansas and teach and in 1949, he and his family moved to Washington, D.C. where he took a teaching position with the University of Maryland.

Margaret developed some serious health problems and the couple decided to go back to Carthage, Missouri for treatment. In February 1947, Archie submitted his letter of resignation from Detor and the couple returned to Carthage. A September 1947 news article quoted Archie as saying that Detor had accepted his resignation as their Executive Vice President and Director⁹. He went on to say that he hoped to return to Hawaii as soon as possible and get back into the jewelry business.

In September 1948 with Margaret doing much better, the couple returned to Hawaii and were living at 229 Lewers Avenue. In 1951, the couple returned permanently to Carthage to live. Archie would make periodic trips back to Hawaii during the remainder of his life. For example, in February 1952, he was in Hawaii to do an estate appraisal and in the mid-1960s he returned with his Leeteg paintings to explore selling them.

In Carthage, Archie owned several properties including commercial buildings on the square. He also lived on several estate properties throughout Carthage including farms and he was again active on a number of fronts including continuing his work on behalf of the community. To name a few, he was a member of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce's National Affairs Committee; he was active with the American Cancer Society and even headed the Cancer Crusade; he was active in assisting crippled children; he was a 32nd degree Mason; an active Shriner; a charter member of DeMolay and a DeMolay Dad.

Each year, starting in 1960, Archie and Margaret were participants in a "Remember Pearl Harbor" get together at Carthage's C&W Cafe. Among participants were survivors of that day including a number of military personnel who were now businessmen in and around Carthage. The event was recognized by the Missouri Governor who wrote in 1969, "*...we of Hawaii join you in your remembrance of that day and the events of the day 28 years ago which had such a tremendous impact on Hawaii, our nation and the world. For a good many years, our own people have been inspired to recount their individual recollections and their own participation in that most tragic hour of history. As a police officer whose duties required presence at Iolani Palace, I recall my own sense of grief and desire to help in the emergency that had engulfed us all...There have been many changes in Hawaii and in our nation since 1941, but we can never forget one of the most important lessons of Pearl Harbor - - that our liberty lasts only as long as we are willing to protect it...*"



—Staff Photo

They 'Remember Pearl Harbor'

Several Pearl Harbor veterans gathered early Tuesday at a cafe in Carthage to "remember Pearl Harbor" on the 30th anniversary of the attack by the Japanese.

Among the "old timers" were (left to right), Francis Sweet, Girard, Kan., Fred Russell, Carthage, and Mr.

and Mrs. Archie Starcher, Carthage. There were five Pearl Harbor veterans at the first meeting of the group, held 14 years ago, and the number keeps increasing as the "word gets around," according to Dick Ferguson, 51, Carthage advertising agency owner.

"These get-togethers were not planned," said Ferguson. "We just visit. There is a bond of friendship, however, in that at that point in history all of us shared a common experience. Pearl Harbor solidified American opinion and put us in a position where we had to fight two wars at once."

Archie & Margaret Starcher at Pearl Harbor Remembrance
Springfield News-Leader (Springfield, Missouri)
Wednesday December 8, 1971 (pg. 26)

In 1961, Tommy and Hanby divorced and she and the two children moved to California and he stayed on at the University of Maryland and continued teaching and directing plays.

On July 16, 1966, Archie and Margaret celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the First Presbyterian church in Columbus, Kansas where they had been married 50 years before by the Reverend Ralph A. Waggoner - - this time they did not take the train.



Archie & Margaret on the steps of First Presbyterian Church
Columbus, Kansas
July 16, 1966

For 10 years, Archie was active with the Jasper County Selective Service Board including being elected as its Chairman. In the photo below, Archie is meeting with General Lewis B. Hershey, the Selective Service Director, in Washington, DC.

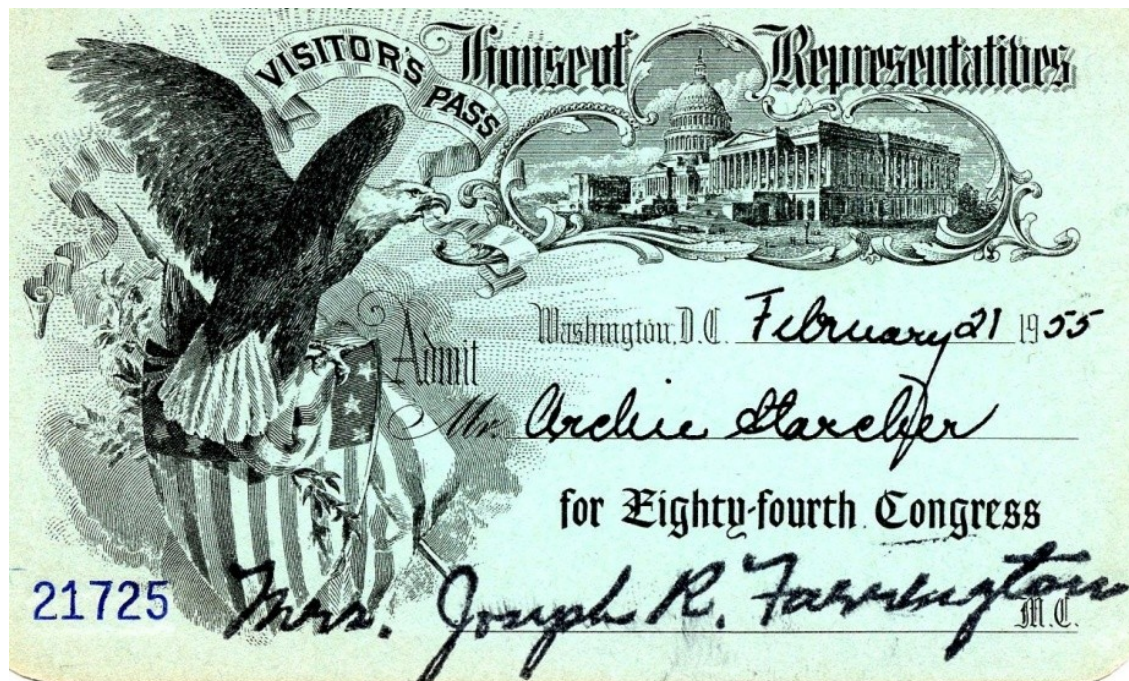


General Hershey and Archie Starcher
Selective Service Office, Washington, D.C.
1968

Archie was very interested in the internal workings of the U.S. Government and over the years would often go to Washington, D.C. to sit in on both Congressional and Senate hearings.



One of the last portrait photos taken of Archie and his beloved wife, Margaret
circa 1970

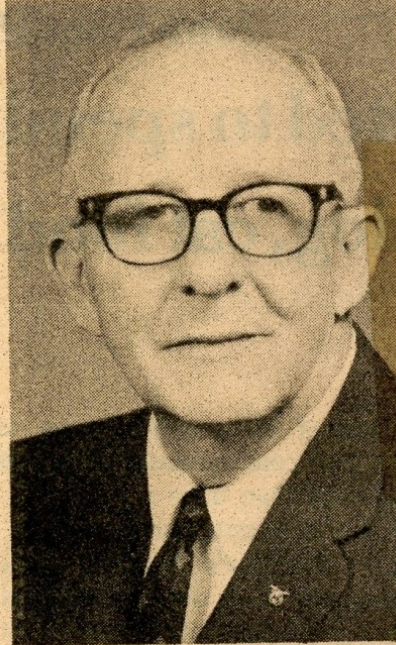


Visitors passes to the Senate and House of Representatives
1951 and 1955, respectively

Archie was also a member of the Jasper County Highway Commission and in 1971 accepted a Presidential invitation to attend a White House Conference on Aging in Washington, D.C. The conference explored issues related to health and medical services, housing, and environmental problems.

Starcher accepts invitation to White House Conference on Aging

Archie E. Starcher, 406 Walnut, has accepted a Presidential invitation to attend a White House Conference on the Aging Nov. 28-Dec. 2 in Washington, D.C.



ARCHIE E. STARCHER

Starcher, along with Western District Associate Judge Mark Henderson, Joplin, of the Jasper County Court, and other delegates from throughout the nation, will participate in discussion of health and medical services plus housing and en-

vironmental problems.

Active many years as a businessman, Starcher now is a member of the Jasper County Highway Commission and the Selective Service Board

CARTHAGE PRESS

Mon., Nov. 1, 1971-

Area Men to Attend White House Meeting

CARTHAGE, Mo. — Archie E. Starcher, 406 Walnut St., has accepted an invitation from President Richard Nixon to attend a White House Conference on the Aging Nov. 28-Dec. 2 at Washington, D.C.

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Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1971.

The Joplin Globe,

Two articles announcing Archie's participation in White House Conference on Aging

(*Carthage Press* and *The Joplin Globe*)

Many Carthaginians tried to get Archie to run for mayor but he always declined. In retirement, Archie had a daily routine - - he would arise early in the morning, dress impeccably as he had his entire adult life and walk downtown to talk with friends, business representatives, members of charitable organizations, and others at the C&W Cafe. He also remained a voracious reader on a wide ranging number of subjects and was very astute about politics and current events. For

example, when the Treasury Department announced through an Act of Congress in June 1967 that it would provide an ounce of silver for all Silver Certificate one dollar bills that were turned into the Department, he submitted numerous Silver Certificates and received multiple bars of silver in return.

He had numerous sayings he was famous for repeating:

- "Don't take my kindness for weakness"
- "Timeliness is a sign of respect"
- "When your mind doesn't work, your feet have to"
- "If all you do is rubber stamp your boss, you're not needed"
- "The squeaking wheel gets the grease"



Archie with great grandson, Robert, on one of Archie's farms - - Carthage, MO
circa 1971

In early 1974, Archie developed leukemia. Despite his efforts to conquer this blood cancer that included chartering a plane and seeking care from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, he passed away on April 12, 1974 in Carthage. He is buried in Park Cemetery in Carthage in a family plot. His pallbearers were all members of the Pearl Harbor breakfast group.



Starcher plot in Park Cemetery - - Carthage, Missouri
2017 photo



Archie's Grave Marker
Park Cemetery, Carthage, Missouri
(note Mason symbol on tombstone)
2017 photo

Most people who depart from this earth will have an obituary published about them. Fewer will have an editorial written about their time here on earth. Archie was one of those few.

CARTHAGE PRESS, Monday, April 15, 1974—P.

Editorials

Archie Starcher

Progress, founded upon respect for tradition, was a byword with Archie E. Starcher.

His work in promoting designation of Highway 96 through Carthage to the Halltown interchange on I-44 was but one of many examples of the type of quiet, patient labor in which he engaged on behalf of the community.

He never sought rewards or public adulation for his efforts. He desired only the satisfaction of seeing the community move forward and grow steadily more wholesome.

Sometimes, in his quiet way, he preached to us a bit about the need for all of us to labor at selling the fine qualities of our community.

Several years ago, he wrote:

“With each slow step forward we enjoy a better way of life in our community and a better America ... Carthage has a pair of 10-league boots. Let’s put ’em on. We may trip over them a few times before we get them broke-in but we will soon get used to them and they will wear — and we will soon discover that Carthage will wear too ...”

He cared deeply about his community and he cared with equal depth about individuals in need.

During his active business years, he was widely recognized as an expert jeweler and an astute executive.

In all these ways and many more, he made an indelible impact for good upon Carthage.

In the years ahead, we will have the great good fortune to have always before us the example and the wisdom of this man who now has departed, physically, from our midst available to guide us toward constructive, compassionate progress.

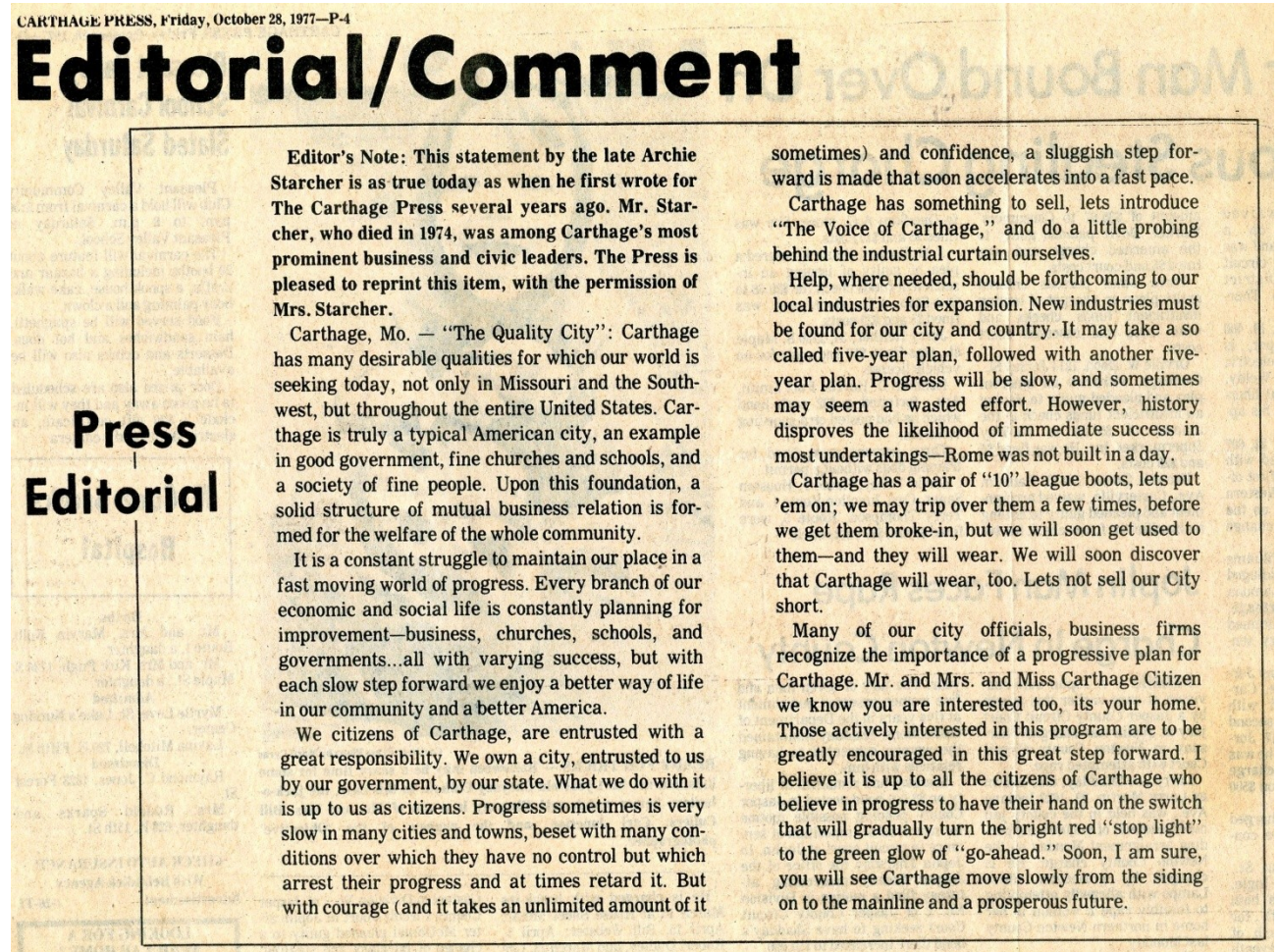
It is good, for all of us, that he passed this way.

(page P-4)

Postscript

Archie Edward Starcher

Even after his death, Archie continued to be admired for his many positive attributes including his vision for Carthage. Three and a half years after he died, the *Carthage Press* reprinted one of his statements about Carthage that had been published years before.



Carthage Press Editorial
October 28, 1977
Pg. P-4

In 1996, the Olympic games were held in Atlanta, GA. Archie's descendants chose to remember him with an inscribed brick in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park, "*In Memory of A.E. Starcher.*"

Centennial Olympic Park Brick Certificate

IN MEMORY OF
A.E. STARCHER

A brick bearing this inscription has been placed in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park, where it will remain as a lasting monument to your generous contribution to the 1996 Olympic Games.

Certificate # 0017600



Billy Payne
Billy Payne, President and CEO,
Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games

Bernard Marcus
Bernard Marcus, Chairman and CEO,
The Home Depot

L. T. Walker
LeRoy T. Walker, President,
United States Olympic Committee

Archie's descendants placed a brick in his memory in the Centennial Olympic Park 1996 Olympic Games - - Atlanta, Georgia

Mary Margaret (Keller) Starcher

After her husband, Archie, passed away, Margaret lived alone and on her own in Carthage. After teaching for nearly 40 years, Tommy retired in 1984 and moved back to Carthage and lived in a log home on Center Creek. For a few years, Margaret lived with him in the home but her health deteriorated and she spent the last several years of her life in St. Luke's Nursing Center. She passed away at the age of 97 on December 13, 1994. She is buried in Park Cemetery in the Starcher plot next to her beloved husband of nearly 58 years.



Margaret Starcher in driveway of log home with Sammy, the Calico cat, and Juneau, an Alaskan Malamute puppy of Tommy's Spring of 1985 - - Carthage, Missouri (she was 87 at the time of the photo)



Margaret's Grave marker in the Starcher plot
Park Cemetery, Carthage, Missouri
2017 photo

Carthage,

Obituaries

Margaret Starcher

Longtime resident dies today at 97

Margaret Starcher, 97, Carthage, died at 4 a.m. today at St. Luke's Nursing Center where she had been a resident for several years.

Born July 31, 1897, at Liberty, Kan., to the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keller, the family moved to Carthage when she was a child. She lived here until 1936 when she moved to Honolulu, Hawaii. She returned to Carthage in 1947. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and the Order of Eastern Star.

She was married to Archie Starcher July 15, 1916, at Columbus, Kan. He died April 12, 1974.

Surviving are a son E. Thomas Starcher, Carthage Route 3; two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Park Cemetery. Marvin VanGilder will officiate.

The family will receive friends at



MARGARET STARCHER

7-8 p.m. Wednesday at The Knell Mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital, in care of The Knell Mortuary.

The Carthage Press - - December 13, 1994

(Note: There has been some confusion over Margaret Starcher's name. Her birth certificate (below) clearly shows her name as Mary Margaret Keller but during her lifetime, she always went by "Margaret" and not Mary. Her grave stone clearly shows her name as Margaret Mary. Since all of the other information on her birth certificate is accurate, we are inclined to believe that her given name was, in fact, Mary Margaret Keller.)

DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH
For use in cases where Birth Certificates cannot be supplied

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
63-2181

PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Montgomery
Township of 119-1
City of Liberty No. _____ street, Reg. No. _____

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Division of Vital Statistics
STATE OF KANSAS

Full Name of Child Mary Margaret Keller

ALL DATA USED IN THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE AS OF DATE OF BIRTH OF THIS CHILD

Sex of Child <u>Female</u>	Twin, Triplet, or other? _____	Number in order of birth _____	Date of birth <u>July 31, 1897</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
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<p>FATHER Full Name <u>Thomas McNeal Keller</u> Residence. (At time of birth of this child) <u>Liberty, Kansas</u> Color <u>White</u> Father's age <u>32</u> years. (At time of birth of this child) Birthplace <u>Missouri</u> Occupation. (At time of birth of this child) <u>Farmer</u></p>	<p>MOTHER Full Maiden Name <u>Luzina May Shelley</u> Residence. (At time of birth of this child) <u>Liberty, Kansas</u> Color <u>White</u> Mother's age <u>27</u> years. (At time of birth of this child) Birthplace <u>Iowa</u> Occupation. (At time of birth of this child) <u>Housewife</u></p>
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Name of attending physician
Ageline Baker, Midwife

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE

Affidavit of Mother
Affidavit of sister, Addie Jones
Cert. of birth, son, dated May 5, 1917, showing applicant as
19 yrs. old, Apr. 27, 1917.
Prudential Life Ins. Policy No. 4944010, dated Jan. 30, 1925,
showing date of birth as July 31, 1897.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing facts relative to the birth of the above-named individual are true and correct, according to my best information and belief, and according to the application for delayed certificate of birth, duly completed, and on file in my office, and according to the substantiating documentary evidence viewed and examined by the state or local registrar.

Filed JUL 31 1924 19____
Minnie Fleming
State Registrar



CERTIFIED COPY

Topeka, Kansas, August 7, 1961

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact photographic reproduction of the original certificate on file with the Division of Vital Statistics and Records of the Kansas State Board of Health.

Division of Vital Statistics and Records

Certified copy of Mary Margaret Keller's birth certificate
Kansas State Board of Health

Enoch Thomas "Tommy" Starcher

After a highly successful teaching career that spanned nearly 40 years, Tommy retired from the University of Maryland in 1984 and moved back to his home town of Carthage. He purchased a log home on his beloved Center Creek where he had spent much time as a boy.



Tommy on riding lawnmower at his log home on Center Creek
(circa 1986)

Initially, his mother, Margaret, lived with him but as her health deteriorated, she took up residence at St. Luke's Nursing Center. In retirement, Tommy surrounded himself with six dogs and a Calico Cat, Sammy, who was already a resident when he moved into the home. Much of his time was spent taking his dogs on jaunts across the countryside as he rode on a four-wheel all terrain vehicle; taking photographs of wildlife that visited his home (fox, coyotes, raccoons, opossums, etc.); participating with local drama groups; entertaining guests (family, former students, colleagues, and friends); and working on a musical patterned after one of his favorite plays - - *The Shepherd of the Hills*.

Shortly after his 80th birthday in 1997, Tommy passed away from cancer that he had been fighting for several years. He is buried in the family plot in Carthage's Park Cemetery.



Gravestone for Enoch Thomas "Tommy" Starcher
Park Cemetery, Carthage, MO
(photo courtesy of Findagrave.com and NJ Brewer)

Archie's Siblings

Herman Thomas "Gint" - per the California Death Index, he died on August 24, 1965 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. He is buried in Park Cemetery in Carthage.

Ferrel John - he died February 8, 1939 in Visalia, California at the age of 43 and is buried in the Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

Enoch J. "Babe" - per the U.S. Social Security Death Index, he died on December 25, 1986 in Bakersfield, Kern County, California.

Lulu Verde (Starcher) Nichol - per the California Death Index, she died on April 6, 1990 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

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Appendix

AFFIDAVIT OF BIRTH
For use in cases where Certificates of Birth cannot be supplied

PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Riley STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Township of Jackson DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
or
City of Randolph No. 127-1 street. Reg. No. 81-315

Full Name of Child Archie Edward Starcher

ALL DATA USED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT MUST BE AS OF DATE OF BIRTH OF THIS CHILD.

Sex of Child. <u>male</u>	Twin, Triplet, or other? (To be answered only in event of plural births.)	Number in order of birth.	Legitimate. <u>yes</u>	Date of birth <u>Sept. 12 1897</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
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FATHER		MOTHER	
Full Name. <u>Enoch Starcher</u>	Full Maiden Name. <u>Ada Beckman</u>	Residence. <u>Randolph</u>	Residence. <u>Randolph</u>
Color. <u>white</u>	Father's age <u> </u> years. (At time of birth of this child)	Color. <u>white</u>	Mother's age <u>22</u> years. (At time of birth of this child)
Birthplace. <u>Virginia</u>	Occupation. (At time of birth) <u>Farmer</u>	Birthplace. <u>Randolph</u>	Occupation. (At time of birth) <u>Farmer's wife</u>

(Name of attending physician) Miss Peter J. ...

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, MIDWIFE, PARENT, NEAREST RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS OF THIS BIRTH.

State of Kansas Riley County, ss.
Hattie Beckman being first duly sworn, on oath states that 5 he resides at Randolph in Riley Kansas, and that the statements contained in the foregoing Affidavit of Birth are true and correct, as affiant is informed and verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, this 14th day of August 1940

My commission expires August 31 1941

John R. Holmstrom
MINNIE FLEMING, Notary Public.

Filed 17-2071-a 2-38-10M Acting State Registrar State Registrar.

C E R T I F I E D C O P Y

Topeka, Kansas, August 7, 1961

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact photographic reproduction of the original certificate on file with the Division of Vital Statistics and Records of the Kansas State Board of Health.

(SEAL)

Division of Vital Statistics and Records

By Lawrence G. Franzen
(State Registrar)

Archie Starcher's Birth Certificate

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

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Smith, Woodruff & Co., Manufacturers, Topeka, Kansas.

STATE OF KANSAS, RILEY COUNTY, SS. 53

IN MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSE FOR

Enoch Starcher

TO MARRY

Ada Beckman

In Probate Court of said County.

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I, Enoch Starcher being duly sworn, say that I am the above named first party; that I am 29 years of age, and said Ada Beckman is 17 years of age; that we are both unmarried and capable of entering into any civil contract, and that we are not within the degrees of consanguinity or affinity in which marriages are prohibited by the laws of Kansas, and that there is no legal disability to our marriage.

Consent of Parent given in writing. Subscribed in my presence, and sworn to before me, this 21st day of April, A. D. 1892.
Enoch Starcher
John A. Robertson Probate Judge.

STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF RILEY.

OFFICE OF PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY.

Be it Remembered, That on the 21st day of April, A. D. 1892, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a MARRIAGE LICENSE, of which the following is a true copy:

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:
Riley County, State of Kansas, Manhattan Apr 21st A. D. 1892

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage Enoch Starcher of Randolph aged 29 and Miss Ada Beckman of Randolph aged 17 and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

(SEAL.)
And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to-wit: On the 21st day of April, A. D. 1892, returned to said Probate Judge with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to-wit:

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF RILEY, SS.
I, Probate Judge do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did on the 21st day of April, A. D. 1892, at Manhattan in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named Enoch Starcher and Miss Ada Beckman

WITNESS my hand and seal this day and year above written.
Attest: John A. Robertson Probate Judge.

Ada Beckman - Enoch Starcher
Marriage License
Kansas, County Marriage License 1811 - 1911 (pg. 397)