Dr. Carl H. Chapman (1902-1987) & Eleanor F. Chapman (-1987)

Dr. Carl H. Chapman, professor emeritus of anthropology at University of Missouri, Columbia, and his wife, Eleanor F. Chapman, were killed in a car accident in Florida Feb. 18 (not 10) (1987).

Dr. Chapman was a pioneer in the establishment of the Lewis and Clark Trail in Missouri. He was deeply involved in the Congressional Lewis and Clark Commission, the forerunner of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. He served as secretary of the Missouri Lewis and Clark Trail Committee and represented Missouri's Governor on the National Commission.

His interest was not casual; he had a deep and thorough knowledge of the Journals, especially as they pertained to Missouri. While his interest in the subject continued through the years, the press of his widespread professional duties precluded participation in Lewis and Clark matters.

He was one of the most distinguished and well-known archaeologists in the country. He founded the American Archaeology Division at the University of Missouri and the Museum of Anthropology there in 1949. He was elected president of the National Society of Professional Archaeologists in 1979 and received the prestigious Jefferson Award from the University of Missouri in 1985.

This year, with partial retirement, the Chapmans were looking forward to renewing their Lewis and Clark activities. Their plan was to attend the Billings meeting. They had been among the group attending a Billings Lewis and Clark meeting some 20 years ago and had fond memories of the dugout canoes and floating the Yellowstone to its confluence with the Missouri.

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