

## Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mickels —

# Panama couple killed

**DENISON** — A two-vehicle accident Monday afternoon at the junction of Iowa Highway 141 and U. S. Highway 59 south of here claimed the lives of Mr and Mrs Ralph Mickels of Panama.

Iowa Highway Patrol authorities said the Mickelses were southbound on 59 when their '79 Chevrolet was struck in its driver's side by a semi-truck trailer that had slid past a stop sign.

Ralph Mickels, 59, the driver of the car, was dead at the scene of the accident. He died of head injuries.

His wife Alice, 58, died from internal injuries shortly after she was taken via ambulance personnel to Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison.

The driver of the truck-tractor pulling the trailer, Melvin Ogier, 32, of Lamoni was reported to be in fair condition at the hospital after suffering head cuts and a concussion.

Ogier was charged with failure to obey a stop sign and driving the semi without a chauffeur's license, authorities said.

### SNOWING

Authorities reported "light snow" in the area at the time of the mishap.

The semi, a '79 Freight-Liner owned by R & D Tran-



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sportation of Omaha, was westbound on Highway 141 when it slid on the icy road, past the stop sign and into the path of the Mickels vehicle. The truck-trailer was carrying an empty flatbed.

The fatalities were the first two on Crawford county roads in 1980, Patrol headquarters in Denison reported.

### SERVICES FRIDAY

Funeral services for the Mickelses will be held Friday (Feb. 8), 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Panama, with

burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. Wake services at Pauley Funeral Home will be held Feb. 6-7 at 8 p.m.

The Panama couple is survived by six children: five daughters — Judy (Mrs Denny) Hagen of Cedar Falls, Jayne (Mrs Larry) Sak of Prairie Village, Kan., Marlene (Mrs Clark) Graeve of Willmar, Minn., Lois (Mrs Ray) Grinstead of Ames, and Betty (Mrs Mark) Lemko, of Indianola; one son — Rod, of Ames; and seven grandchildren.

Ralph Mickels is also survived by two brothers, Mike and John, both of Panama; and three sisters - Isabelle (Mrs Leo) Sonntag and Lorena Gubbels, both of Harlan, and Marian (Mrs LaVern) Klein, Dunlap.

Alice Mickels is also survived by her father, Ben C. Arkfeld of Panama; and one sister, Alma (Mrs Nick) Bruck, Portsmouth.