

From the Wednesday, June 16, 2004 edition of the Hays Daily News:

DAMAR - Arthur L. Hamel, 91, died Monday, June 14, 2004, at Graham County Hospital. He was born June 21, 1912, in rural Rooks County to Alex and Elsie (Thibault) Hamel. He married Stella Asselin on Dec. 27, 1932, in Damar. She died March 29, 2000. He was a farmer-stockman. Survivors include two sons, Lawrence Hamel, Damar, and Dennis Hamel, Plainville; three daughters, Elaine Befort and Leona Newell, both of Damar, and Linda Leiker, Hays; four brothers, Louis Hamel, St. George, Ariz., Emery Hamel, Hill City, Jasper Hamel, Zurich, and Wilfred Hamel, Plainville; two sisters, Lucille Thommie, Deland, Fla., and Ida Mae LeSage, Hays; 34 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren. Services will be a 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Damar; burial in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Damar. A Christian wake and parish rosary service will be at 7 p.m. today at the church. Visitation will be until 5:30 p.m. today at Spencer-Stinemetz Funeral Chapel, Hill City, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph Catholic Church Renovation Fund.

From the Wednesday, June 16, 2004 edition of the Salina (Kansas) Journal:

DAMAR -- Arthur L. Hamel, 91, Damar, died Monday, June 14, 2004. Mr. Hamel was born June 21, 1912, in Rooks County. He was a farmer-stockman. He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella, in 2000; a son; two grandsons; and two great-grandsons. Survivors include two sons, Lawrence of Damar and Dennis of Plainville; three daughters, Elaine "Brin" Befort and Leona Newell, both of Damar, and Linda Leiker of Hays; four brothers, Louis of St. George, Ariz., Emery of Hill City, Jasper of Zurich and Wilfred of Plainville; two sisters, Lucille Thommie of Deland, Fla., and Ida Mae LeSage of Hays; 34 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Damar. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. A wake and parish rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at the church. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church Renovation Fund. Visitation will be from 1 to 5:30 p.m. today at Spencer-Stinemetz Chapel, 522 N. Pomeroy, Hill City 67642, and from 9 a.m. until the service Thursday at the church.