Sylvester Francis Kehrer

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Sylvester Francis Kehrer was born 8 November 1896 in Helena, Scott County, Minnesota to John Francis Kehrer (1860-1918) and Cecelia Rose Young (1863-1940), both of German ancestry. John was a native of Pennsylvania and Cecelia had been born in Credit River, Scott County in 1863 and was baptized at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Sylvester had two brothers, Michael and Albert, and a sister, Cecelia "Sadie."

Sylvester attended Central High School in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1915. He registered for the draft on 5 June 1918 while he was living in Mendota, Dakota County, and working at Mendota State Bank. He was 21 years old. His father died shortly afterward, on 11 October 1918, in Credit River, Scott County.

Sylvester enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve Force on 22 October 1918 and served until 20 February 1919. He was a seaman 2nd class.

Sylvester married on 24 September 1923 to Ida Mary Radermacher (1899-1970). In 1930 and 1940, they were living in Kilkenny, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, where Sylvester was a banker.

Sylvester Kehrer died 17 September 1965 and is buried in Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota. At the time of his death, he and Ida were living at 525 Arundel Street in St. Paul. Survivors were listed as wife, Ida M.; daughter, Geraldine (Mrs. Theodore W. Glaser) of St. Paul; two grandchildren; and siblings, Michael J. and Mrs. Sadie J. Thomas of New Market, and Albert J. of Lakeville.