

MRS. HALTERMAN PASSES AWAY THIS MORNING

Burns Received In Fire Are Fatal To Local Woman.

Mrs. Charles D. Halterman, aged 64, passed away at the Community hospital this morning at 4:35 resultant of burns received when her home was gutted by fire at 7:30 Wednesday morning. She is survived by her husband and seven children; Maurice, Jaunita, Paul, Marion and Mrs. Emmet Small of this city, Charles Halterman Jr. of Newton and Raymond of Philadelphia. The funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from the Baptist church and interment will be at Hazelwood.

According to members of the family Mrs. Halterman stated before she died, that she had started a fire in a heater early Wednesday morning in the living room of the home. She had brought in a can of kerosene from the porch and had placed it near the stove and had turned and gone across the room near a south window. Heat or sparks from the stove ignited the can of fuel which exploded and spread the burning fluid over the entire room.

At this time the daughter Juanita was asleep in the front room and the sons Paul and Maurice were upstairs asleep. Her screams awakened them and the sons rushed downstairs to be met by a wall of flame when they opened the door from the stairway. Maurice was overcome by the fire in attempting to reach his mother and his brother Paul carried him upstairs and pushed him out of a window onto the roof of the porch. Neighbors brought a ladder to enable them to get to the ground. In the meantime the mother was trapped in a room adjoining the living room and the boys were just about to enter the window to rescue her when she either fell through or broke out of the window. She was taken by her sons and was at once carried to the Community hospital where it was found that two-thirds of her body was burned. The daughter Juanita had in the meantime escaped through a front door of the home.

The son Maurice received bad burns on the face and on his knees and he was given immediate treatment at the hospital. The fire department found it a very difficult job to put out the fire and before this could be done nearly the entire interior of the home and most of the furnishings were destroyed. Neighbors were able to get out a few of the family belongings. It was estimated that the property damage amounted to about \$2,500.

Her Burns Prove Fatal

Mrs. Charles Halterman Dies
Thursday Morning After
Accident Wednesday

CLOTHING CATCHES FIRE WHEN KEROSENE EXPLODES

Three Children Make Their Escape
Through Upstairs Window
House Is Badly Damaged

Mrs. Charles Halterman, who was fatally burned when her clothes caught fire at her home at 709 Main street Wednesday morning, passed away at the Community hospital at about 4:40 o'clock Thursday morning. The accident happened when she was putting paper in the heating stove. The paper caught afire suddenly and the flames ignited a kerosene can standing near the stove. The can exploded and although her clothes were afire she called the children, who were sleeping upstairs and then attempted to leave the house through the front door.

The children, Paul, Maurice and Juanita made their escape from the burning house through an upstairs window. Mrs. Halterman was unable to get out of the house and was carried out.

The fire department responded promptly and made a heroic effort to save the house. They did succeed in putting out the fire but not until three rooms downstairs and two upstairs had been burned almost beyond repair. The house was badly gutted by the flames.

Mrs. Halterman was rushed to the Community hospital and everything that could be done was attempted to save her life. A special serum was rushed by train from Des Moines and was used at midnight by the doctor in charge but it failed to make the victim respond. She was conscious until the last.

She is survived by four sons, Maurice and Paul of Grinnell, Raymond of Philadelphia and Charles of Newton; two daughters, Juanita and Mrs. Lola Small of Grinnell; three brothers, Hiram and William Brown of Grinnell and Emory Brown of the Rock Creek neighborhood; four sisters, Mrs. Alex Hunter, Mrs. Flora Martins and Mrs. Horace Nichols of Grinnell and Mrs. Prather of Denver; and her husband.

She was born in the Rock Creek neighborhood and has lived in Grinnell and vicinity all her life.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Wm. Welsh.