

Burt Abel's Funeral Held

4-18-1930
Last Services This Afternoon Com-
memorate Close of Active And
Useful Life.

MR. ABEL WILL BE MISSED FROM MANY ACTIVITIES.

Honest, Upright and Generous His
Life Has Left Indelible Im-
press Upon Community.

Burdette Almon Abel was born in Poweshiek county, Iowa, on May 3, 1872. He died April 14, 1930, his death being caused by acute pneumonia, as a result of injuries to his chest.

He is survived by his wife, his children, Mrs. Carl Inhoff of Los Angeles, Burdette, Jr., Mary Ella, Elizabeth, Patty and Anna Mae, two brothers, Carl of Cedar Falls, and Fred of Los Angeles, Calif., and many relatives. Mr. Abel was a highly respected member of this community and his loss will be mourned by his devoted wife and children, and by many friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church this afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Rev. Wm. Welsh assisted by Rev. E. M. Vitum.

The music was by a quartet composed of Mrs. John Carter, Mrs. Howard Hyde, Mr. Geo. H. Evans and Mr. W. A. Evans. The numbers were "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Beautiful Valley of Eden." with Mrs. Geo. Brown at the organ.

Pallbearers were County Agent W. A. Geiger, and C. H. Decatur of the farm bureau; Paul Meyers and Geo. L. Saunders of the Kiwanis Club; Mr. John Mowitt and Mr. Will Decamp of the Spanish War Veterans, these being the three organizations to which Mr. Abel was giving his active public life.

The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, among them tributes from the Kiwanis Club of Newton and from the Kiwanis Club of Grinnell. Several Kiwanians from Newton were present at the funeral.

When B. A. Abel passed away Grinnell and Grant township lost one of its finest men. He was born in Grinnell township. His father was one of the early settlers southeast of Grinnell. Here he learned to be a farmer, here he went to school, and here he taught, always giving the best in his life for the work which he was doing. Honest, upright, and generous he has long been recognized as a worker only for what is good. He was an active member and a deacon in the Christian church and one of its trustees and in all his experience no one has every accused him of doing a dishonest act.

In his business life he has been a successful dairyman and has made the business an honorable one. He has been square in his dealings. He has been true to the highest ideals and has maintained a character which made him a respected man.

In his determination and in his force of character he has been much like the sturdy oak, strong in his convictions and earnest in his efforts to promote the better things in life.

He has been especially active in farm bureau work, in the work of the Kiwanis club and a leader among the Spanish War veterans. Of the latter order he has served as vice-commander of the state organization. Whatever he has done to promote any institution to which he belonged has been whole-heartedly and forcefully done.

He was one of the earliest members of the Kiwanis Club, recognized as a farmer member and the work of the club has been a joy to him. Since his election as secretary of the club he has carried the work forward with a wonderful diligence and has been a leading spirit in an attempt to link farmer organizations and Kiwanis club life together and he has been successful in the effort, and was recognized by the club as one of its most efficient, influential and upright members.

He was proud to believe that he was probably the only farmer secretary of a Kiwanis club in the United States and took up and carried on the work which he had to do with a vision exhibited by few.

B. A. Abel Dies 4-15-1930 Last Night

Prominent Dairyfarmer Succumbs
To Injuries Sustained Last
Saturday.

HONORED AS ENTERPRISING AND USEFUL CITIZEN.

Mr. Abel's Chest Was Crushed
When He Was Attacked by a
Bull.

A real sadness pervaded the community this morning when word was passed around that B. A. Abel had died about nine o'clock last night. The report had been given out late yesterday that he was slightly improved and possibly there was a hope of his ultimate recovery. But it was not so to be for the injury to his chest was too serious and after suffering much pain for two days and much inconvenience he passed away in the early night.

Mr. Abel was a farmer boy three miles south of town who grew up here and attended school and developed a fine business life. For a good many years he has been one of the outstanding men of this community conducting a dairy farm in a business-like way and winning friends by his honesty and enterprise.

There is much sorrow at his death and his loss is a serious one, not only to his family but to the community, the Spanish War Veterans organization, and the Kiwanis Club of which he was secretary and an enthusiastic, active member.

A serious injury was inflicted upon B. A. Abel Saturday morning when he and Dr. J. G. Shultz were making an examination of Mr. Abel's herd after having given them a tuberculin test a few days previously.

Saturday morning Dr. Shultz went to the Abel Dairy Farm and together they went out to learn the result of the test. The Doctor and Mr. Abel had gone into the "bull pen" to find the result of the test on the animal. Burt caught the bull by the ring in his nose while the doctor examined the marking on the ear. The bull jerked away from Mr. Abel and charged him pushing him against the side of the building with enough force to break a two by six upright and some of the boards on the wall. He managed to throw Mr. Abel down and pushed him through the opening he had smashed in the building. In going through Mr. Abel rolled over onto ground which was a little lower than the inside of the pen where the bull could not see him.

In the meantime Dr. Shultz and Burdette Abel, Jr., who had just returned from the east managed to get outside the building where Burt was and kept the bull from breaking through the building.

Mr. Abel was picked up. Dr. Abbott was summoned and Mr. Abel was taken to the St. Francis hospital.

Mr. Abel's condition was considered very serious and many anxious friends inquired constantly for his welfare and each one with the same answer "in much pain and in serious condition."