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OBITUARY

MRS. T. C. CESSNA

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Ellen Nora Christiana Buchanan was born in Henry county, Illinois (near Geneseo) September 6, 1862 and passed away March 24, 1957. She was the only daughter of Horace Greeves and Mary (Morgart) Buchanan. She had five brothers: John, Benjamin, Thomas, Horace, and Sherman, all of whom preceded her in death.

She attended the public schools in Henry county, and during the years 1880 and 1881 attended the Normal and Scientific school in Morris, Illinois.

In 1884, her family moved to a farm on the old state road (now No. 6) east of Grinnell. She was married on Jan. 21, 1891, to Theodore Charles Cessna. The marriage was performed by the Rev. Matt Hughes, then pastor of the Methodist church in Grinnell and later a bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Cessna lived on Rock Creek and Bear Creek and for 16 years made their home on the Spaulding farm north of Grinnell. They lived on Main street in Grinnell for 30 years. Grinnell was Mrs. Cessna's post office for 64 years.

Mr. Cessna died in 1947. He and Mrs. Cessna were preceded in death by six children—two infant daughters and four sons: Dale, John, Karl, and Kenneth. Mrs. Cessna is survived by one daughter, Rachel (Mrs. Leslie K. Patton), of Johnson City, Tenn.; one grandson, Kenneth D. Cessna of Corpus Christi, Texas; a nephew, Clint Buchanan of Ferguson, Iowa, and a niece, Mrs. D. M. Renoe of Norton, Kansas.

Mrs. Cessna was a member of the Grinnell Methodist church since 1891. She was a member

of the Eastern Star and the Searchlight club. For 20 years she was a member of the board of directors of the Ladies Cemetery association. During the early years of this century, she was a member of two rural women's groups — the Good Cheers of the No. 2 school area and the old Merry-Go-Round club.

In 1948 Mrs. Cessna moved to Tennessee and made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie K. Patton, until the time of her death.

Graveside services were held at Grinnell in Hazelwood cemetery on Wednesday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. J. E. De-long officiating. The pallbearers were Dale Clark, Bill Greenwald, Sam Neff, Raymond Norris, Orville Pedersen, and Clayton Phelps.