

Monday, June 30, 1969

Mildred Cessna Services Pending

Mrs. Mildred Cessna, 73, widow of Karl W. Cessna, 1103 1/2 Broad St., Grinnell, died suddenly Monday morning at Grinnell General Hospital East of an apparent heart condition.

The daughter of Charles E. and Nevada Martin Neff, Mrs. Cessna was born Dec. 4, 1895, near Hedrick, Iowa. She attended rural schools near Hedrick and was graduated from Hedrick High School.

In December of 1919, she moved to Grinnell and was married to Karl W. Cessna on Oct. 23, 1924, at Marshalltown, Iowa. To this union were born two children, Janet Rosemary Cessna who is deceased and Kenneth Dean Cessna of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mrs. Cessna had been associated with the General Telephone Company of Iowa located in Grinnell as traffic manager for the state of Iowa. For the past ten years she has been employed at Smith Funeral Home as a receptionist. She was a member of Soroptimist International of Grinnell and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her son Kenneth; four sisters — Mrs. Lulu N. Bennett, Miss Mary E. Neff and Mrs. Alice Priest of Grinnell and Mrs. Carroll (Harriet) Rinden of Marshalltown; one brother, E. Eugene Neff of Cedar Rapids; and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Cessna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; Karl; her daughter, Janet in infancy; and two brothers and one sister — Frank Neff, William H. Neff and Lois Neff in infancy.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Cessna are incomplete. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

Years Of Service

Mrs. Arthur C. Thompson was the guest of honor at a dinner-party at the Grinnell Country Club, Saturday evening, May 19. Approximately fifty-five were in attendance, including employers, employees and guests of the Iowa Continental Telephone Company.

Mrs. Thompson is retiring after over thirty years service to the local telephone company, and she was presented with a diamond service pin from the Company for her many loyal years.

Paul Herrold, assistant controller was master of ceremonies for the occasion. Everett Kahl, district manager, presented the honoree with two lovely gifts from the group: a Golden Hour clock, and an electric skillet.

Each employee introduced his or her guest, and a social hour followed the delicious dinner.

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LOYAL YEARS OF SERVICE—Mrs. Mildred Cessna, traffic supervisor of the telephone company, is shown as she pins the diamond service pin on Mrs. Arthur C. Thompson, presented by the company for over thirty years of loyal service. The event took place following an appreciation dinner held at the Grinnell Country Club, Wednesday evening, May 16. Those in the picture are,