

Monday, March 8, 1965

## Clara B. Phillips, Former Grinnell Teacher, Succumbs

Miss Clara B. Phillips, age 62, a former Grinnell high school vocal music instructor and recently of Algona, Ia., passed away at an Algona hospital early Sunday afternoon.

She had been in failing health for several years and had been hospitalized just a few hours prior to her death.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell Methodist church with the Rev. Chester Custer, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers are Don Cunningham, Ed Halstead, Kenneth Halstead, Kenneth Saunders, Bill Ziegenmeyer and Joe McCoy.

Burial will be made in Hazelwood cemetery. Those desiring may contribute to the Phillips memorial fund in care of Mrs. Margaret Fritz. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

Miss Phillips was the daughter of David C. and Isabell Sibson Phillips and was born on November 23, 1902 at Hiteman, Iowa. She graduated from Marengo high school and Grinnell College and received her Master's Degree from Columbia University, New York City. She also graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, Mass. Miss Phillips taught vocal music at Eldora, Spencer and Grinnell.

She had been on the Grinnell High School faculty for 17 years, and was instrumental in developing a noted vocal music department at Grinnell high school. She was especially loved by her many students for her zestful spirit in directing her pupils in the love of music. In addition to aiding in the direction of many school musicals and groups, she was a member of the Methodist church, and served for a number of years in the church choir.

Miss Phillips was forced to leave the Grinnell school system in 1948 due to ill health, but lived in Grinnell until moving to Algona 2 years ago.

She is survived by her brother, David C. Phillips and his wife, Barbara, of Storrs, Connecticut, and sisters-in-law, Mrs. Richard Phillips of Algona, and Mrs. Russell Phillips of Tempe, Arizona. She was preceded in death by her parents; 2 brothers: The Rev. Russell S. Phillips and Richard Phillips; and a sister in infancy.