

.....OCT. 5, 1961

**Obediah Steele
Services Held**

Obediah, son of Eliza and John Steele, was born in Sugar Creek township, Feb. 23, 1872, and passed away in Montezuma, Sept. 27, at the age of 89 years.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 30 at the Steffy Funeral Home, with Carl Nelson, Ottumwa, officiating. "Rock of Ages" and "As the Life of a Flower" were sung by Evelyn Saylor, Eva Saylor, Hazel Nelson, and Gail Carlo. Burial was at the West Liberty cemetery.

In his youth Obediah attended rural school near here and united with the Church of Christ.

In 1894, he was united in marriage with Sarah Johnson, and to this union one son was born. They made their home on a farm, and after the death of Mrs. Steele in 1914, he continued to farm with the help of his son and daughter-in-law.

He was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Ethel Johnson in 1926. They moved to Lynnville in 1934, where he engaged in the produce business for a few years. Since the death of his wife in 1959, he has made his home with the children.

He is survived by his son, Ray Steele, two step-daughters, Lucille Farmer and Velma Long; four step-sons, Lloyd, Leon, Stanford and Charles Johnson, six grandsons and 12 great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.