

## Jesse Stilson Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for a life-long resident of Montezuma, Jesse V. Stilson, were conducted Saturday afternoon by the Rev. G. R. Dieken at the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Vincent Johnson was soloist accompanied by Mrs. Jack Ramsey, organist.

Interment was in the Masonic-IOOF Cemetery with Fred Zorn, Lyle Berry, Glenn Bryan, Fred Cochran, William Pitka and Donald Crider serving as casket bearers.

Mr. Stilson died Thursday, March 3, at his home in Montezuma. He was 79.

He was born in Montezuma on Aug. 29, 1886, the son of Doscola and Elias Stilson. In his youth he attended the Montezuma schools and later attended a welding school in Marshalltown. He then returned to Montezuma and became a partner in his father's blacksmith shop.

He served about two years with the armed forces in World War I and spent considerable time in action in France.

On Feb. 22, 1923, he married the former Clara Andrus. To this union two sons were born. Their entire married life has been spent in Montezuma where Mr. Stilson operated a welding

shop until he retired in June of 1961.

He served on the Montezuma town council for several terms and was mayor for two terms. He was a member of the fire department, Eastern Star and he served many terms as a trustee and Elder in the Presbyterian Church. He was a 50 year member of the Lafayette Lodge No. 52 AF & AM, a charter member of the Blakley-Stevens Post of the American Legion and a member of the World War I Barracks 2326.

He is survived by his wife and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two sons, Billy and Vernein; and one sister, Elsie McNeal.