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**Dr. W. L. Wilkinson
Born At Montezuma,
Funeral In Colorado**

LA SALLE, COLO.-- Dr. Walter L. Wilkinson, practicing physician here 34 years, died July 3 at Weld County General hospital which he entered June 19 just the day before his 71st birthday.

Born on a farm at Montezuma, Iowa, in 1891, he had practiced medicine here since 1928. His parents were farmers and after he was graduated from high school he established an elevator and grain dealer's business at What Cheer. Five years later he entered medical college.

During World War I he saw action with the Army in France. He resumed his medical education after discharge and received his doctor of medicine degree from Kansas City university in 1923. Following graduation he began the practice of medicine in Colorado. He estimated recently that he had officiated at the birth of more than 2,000 babies.

Besides belonging to the various medical societies and staff of the local hospitals, Dr. Wilkinson served 18 years on the board of trustees of the La Salle public schools and 14 years on the town board of trustees.

He was a member of the La Salle Presbyterian church and served it for years as a trustee, later as an elder. He was a charter member and past president of the Lions Club, a member of the American Legion, the Last Man Squad, the veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Republican party since 1920.

Dr. Wilkinson is survived by his wife, the former Bessie Stanford of Montezuma, four sisters and four grandchildren. His two sons, veterans of World War II were killed in an airplane accident in 1950. Mrs. Dewey Sweny, Montezuma, is a cousin.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church July 5 and interment was in Linn Grove cemetery under auspices of the American Legion.