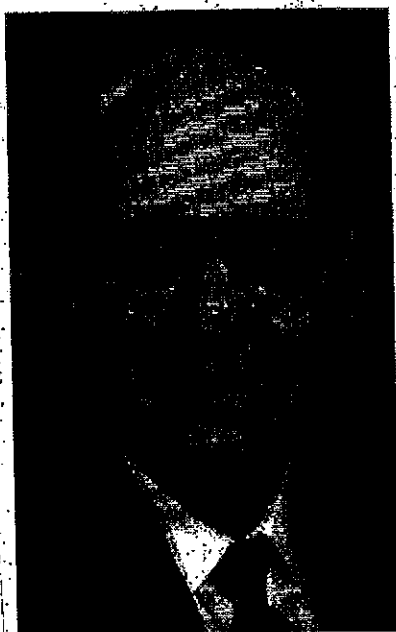


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Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday. The family will receive relatives and friends in Buckley Hall Dining Room at Mayflower from 2 to 3 p.m. on Friday.

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