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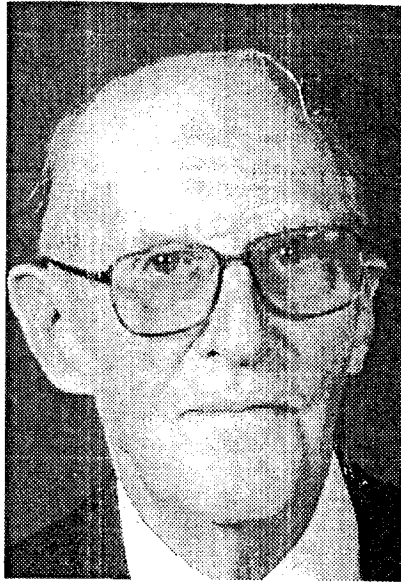
Funeral services for Ross Mintle will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell. Interment will be at the Sheridan Cemetery near Tama.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home starting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday; the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

He is survived by his wife, Ila Mintle, of Grinnell; three sons, Michael Mintle and Steven Mintle, both of Grinnell, and Dennis Mintle of Longmont, Colo.; a daughter, Mary McIvor of Denver, Colo.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the Stewart Library Building Fund or to the United Methodist Church in Grinnell.

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A funeral service was held Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the church, officiating. Casket bearers were Jack Baltisberger, David Ferneau, Montie Hammond, Chris Harris, Allen Latham and Clifton Schultz Jr. Interment was in Sheridan Cemetery, rural Tama. Memorials may be made to the Stewart Library Building Fund or to the United Methodist Church.

He was born July 12, 1913, on the family farm near Grinnell where he was raised and attended rural school, graduating from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1931. Following his education, he worked for Swift & Company in Grinnell. On Oct. 13, 1934, he was married to Ila Adkins at the Methodist parsonage in Grinnell. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm near Grinnell.

He was a 50-year member of the Grange and the Grinnell Elks Lodge. He served on the legislative committee of the Iowa State Grange and also served on the board of directors of Poweshiek Mutual Insurance Company and the Malcom Coop Elevator. For many years he was a member of the Poweshiek County rural school board and was involved in rural and urban reorganization of local school districts. He was a long-time member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, serving on the church's organ and stewardship committees.

He had many passions in his life but music and soil conservation were among the most important. He organized a five-piece family band called "Mintle's Melody Men" which played at dances in Central Iowa. As a farmer, he also was a steward of the land, planting over 1800 trees on his farm.

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