

Thursday, August 16, 1962

## William Adkins, 89, Dies Wednesday; Saturday Rites

William M. Adkins, 89, of 913 Center St., died at a local hospital Wednesday afternoon following a week of serious illness and hospitalization.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Elder Fred Phipps of LeGrand officiating. Interment will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

He was born July 19th, 1873, in Jasper county, the son of James and Sidney Parmley Adkins, and attended the local schools of Jasper county.

Later he was united in marriage with Blanche Young and to this union were born five children: Glen Adkins, Newton; Mrs. E. R. (Bernice) Biggs, Glendale, Calif.; Mrs. L. D. (Marcine) Bryan, Clear Lake; Earl Adkins, Fort Worth, Tex.; and Gretchen Adkins, who died in February, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins had recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

In addition to his two sons and two daughters, Mr. Adkins is survived by his wife, Blanche at the family home in Grinnell; three sisters, Mrs. Floyd Dearinger of Caddo Gap, Ark., Mrs. Gertrude Reutter and Mrs. Henry Ahrens, both of Grinnell; and one brother, Robert H. Adkins, also of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Louis and Fred; two sisters, Alta Mateson and Alice Rice; one daughter and one grandchild.

A longtime resident of the Grinnell area, Mr. Adkins had farmed until his retirement about 15 years ago.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, a member of the Farm Bureau, and a charter member of Victor Grange.