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Glen Bell—Our Good Neighbor

The area around Second and Broad in Grinnell takes note of

the passing of one who was our Good Neighbor. In our view Glen Bell qualified for that title which Jesus ascribed to those whose love included the same concern for others as for themselves. In reality, neighbor is far more than a geographical term. It does not separate people into groups or classes. It is inclusive and not divisive, and, at its best, wants all men to share in the fatherly love of God as responsible members of His blessed family.

From my home across the street I have noted that Mr. Bell was a "second mile" kind of neighbor. I observed that when he mowed his lawn or cleared the walks of snow that he included the lawns and walks of the two neighbors to the south of his home. He knew that those homes were short of male help and he remembered that the extra effort would be good for his physical and spiritual health. Such thoughtfulness makes for neighborliness.

From my treasured friendship with Glen Bell which began long before our homes faced each other on South Broad Street, I get the impression that his neighborly spirit is closely linked with his family experience. His own mother died almost before he was deeply aware of mother love. From the

one who took her place and from the home which he was to claim his devoted wife had the good fortune to share those blessings which influenced his nature toward kindness and good will. Undoubtedly the close ties which exist in the Bell family have made it easy for that happy fellowship to move into ever widening circles of neighborliness.

This exceptional liking for people provided an ideal and a basic qualification for the service he was to render to the Grinnell community as Chief of Police. His approach to that important work was that of a neighborly friend rendering a restorative and redemptive service rather than that of cold, calculating and retributive justice. He mediated the love of the good, the true and the beautiful instead of the fear that knows neither respect, reverence or high purpose as a good neighbor. I am sure that his record there was on the side of the angels of light and love rather than of the agents of darkness and hatred.

Now, as the influence of our neighbor moves more largely to the spiritual realm, we wish to meet the requirements of Christian neighborliness, especially to the loved ones who must now interpret the meaning of life anew and make many adjustments without the love and council of the husband and father. It is their good fortune to know the language of the Kingdom and the reality of the loving care of God, our Heavenly Father. They will take the way of faith. They will not make the mistake of withdrawing into a realm of self-pity or complaint, but will draw closer together with Him who brought life and immortality to light through His Gospel to make this world of ours a real neighborhood of the blessed.

A closing word to the Bell children and their children. Your parents have made you acquainted with the Fellowship of those who care, which is the Church. That is a great heritage. It has spoken to you in the many friends who have come to your father's bedside these last four months to make him aware of their appreciation of his efforts to be a good neighbor. Two great admonitions of Christ, I am sure your father

would commend to you as his farewell counsel: You will find them in Matthew 22:37-40, as follows: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Royal J. Montgomery
Appreciative neighbor of the Bells.

Glen Bell Dies; Former Local Chief of Police

H-R Aug 18, 1958

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Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. William L. Willis of the Glad Tidings Assembly of God church officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Music at the services will be furnished by Mrs. Rhee Auman. Pallbearers will be Bill Osborn, Don Killian, Roscoe Salyers, Floyd State, Marshall Pierce, and Ralph Larsen.

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