

## **RITES HELD FOR**

## **SETH BUFFUM**

Funeral services for Seth Buffum, lifelong resident of Poweshiek County, were held Monday, May 11 at 1:30 at the Methodist Church in Montezuma. Dr. Alfred Barker of Dallas Center and Rev. Snyder officiated.

Keith Stahl sang "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by Esther Moore.

Casket bearers were Paul Esler, Donald VanKampen

Cloyde Barr, Owen Barr, Chester Barr and Ross Barr. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant cemetery Northwest of Grinnell.

Seth was one of the organizers of the Montezuma Mutual Telephone Co. and was serving in his 39th year as a director of the company. He was also one of Poweshiek County's first rural mail carriers.

### **Obituary**

Seth, son of Joseph and Mary Buffum, was born on a farm northwest of Grinnell, Iowa, December 19, 1871 and passed away at his home in Montezuma, on May 8, 1959 at the age of 87 years. When a young man he drove a hack in Grinnell, and later in 1900 he carried mail on the first rural route at Newburg, Iowa.

On March 3, 1910 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Barr. To this union three children were born. They made their home on the family farm for several years. In 1919 they moved to a farm a mile northeast of Montezuma, where they lived until they retired in 1943, when they moved to Montezuma.

Mr. Buffum was a member of the Montezuma Methodist Church where he served as a steward for many years. In recognition of this faithful service he was made an honorary steward several years ago. He taught the Men's Bible Class for more than 40 years. He was also a member of the board of the Montezuma Mutual Telephone Company, serving in this capacity until his death.

Seth was a lover of books and was able to recite poems whenever called upon. He was an active worker in the temperance movement.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Betty Jo. He is survived by his wife; one son, Joseph of Grinnell; two daughters, Frances Sammon of Montezuma, and Mary Elliott of Grinnell; five grandchildren, one niece, Mary Dodge, Charles City; other relatives and many friends.

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Final rites were conducted from the Montezuma Methodist church Monday, May 11, at 1:30 p.m. by the pastor, the Rev. George S. Snyder, assisted by Dr. Alfred Barker of Dallas Center, Iowa. Burial was in the Pleasant View cemetery near Newburg. Casket bearers were Paul Esler, Donald Van Campen, Floyd Barr, Owen Barr, Chester Barr, and Ross Esler.