

Monday, November 14, 1966

## Robert T. Butler, 44 Former Resident, Killed At Newton

Robert T. Butler, 44, of Newton, a former Grinnell resident, was killed Saturday evening at Newton when the car he was driving was struck by a westbound Rock Island lines freight train.

Accident occurred at the W. 11th Street crossing in Newton. A passenger in the Butler car, John P. Robson, 19, was able to leap to safety before the train hit. Authorities speculated that Butler did not see the train until it was too late.

Butler was the transportation manager for the Newton public school system and had held that post for the past six years. Before that, he had held a similar post in the Grinnell system for eight years.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday from the Church of the Nazarene at Newton with the Rev. Paul Madden, pastor, officiating. Vocal music will be by Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Speas of Brooklyn, accompanied by Mrs. L. B. Willison of Montezuma at the organ.

Interment will be in Ivy Hill cemetery at Malcom.

The son of the late Robert and Lucy Butler of Malcom, he was born at Malcom on Nov. 29th, 1921.

On Sept. 19th 1942, he was united in marriage with Mary Innis of Grinnell.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons, Robert II of Denton, Tex., Daniel of Bethany, Okla., Stephen and Matthew, both of Newton; and one daughter, Martha, also of Newton.

Other survivors include two brothers, Carl of Grinnell and Arnold of Coulter, Calif.; and five sisters, Mrs. Stanley (Ruby) Ahrens of Grinnell, Mrs. Eugene (Myrtle) Rink of Rochester, Minn., Mrs. Homer (Faye) Virgil of Pico Rivera, Calif., Mrs. Leo (Grace) Duarte of Chino, Calif., and Mrs. Fred (Gretchen) Beck of Malcom.

Mr. Butler was a veteran of World War II.

## Malcom Native Killed at Newton

Funeral services were held in Newton Tuesday for Robert T. Butler, 44, of Newton, a native of Malcom, who was killed Saturday evening at Newton when the car he was driving was struck by a westbound Rock Island freight train.

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Butler was transportation manager for the Newton public school system.

Rev. Paul Madden officiated at the services and burial was in Ivy Hill cemetery at Malcom. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Speas of Brooklyn provided vocal music.

Butler, son of the late Robert and Lucy Butler of Malcom, is survived by his wife and four sons; two brothers; and five sisters including Mrs. Fred Beck of Malcom.

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