

Death Ends 9-20 Active Life 1932

Funeral Services Are Held Monday Morning for Karl Wilson Cessna

DEATH SATURDAY MORNING FOLLOWS OPERATION

A Clean Sportsman, Active Business Man, Loving Son, Husband and Father is Gone

It is with a deep sense of sorrow that The Herald records the death of Karl Wilson Cessna, son of Senator T. C. and Eleanor Buchanan Cessna, who passed away last Saturday morning after a brave fight for life following an appendicitis operation performed at the Community Hospital Tuesday evening, Sept. 13. Karl was so alive, so vital; his interests were so varied and wholesome and the prospects before him were so bright that it is hard to realize that his manly, active life has reached its close. His devoted wife and little son, Kenneth Dean, his parents and his sister, Rachel, (Mrs. Leslie K. Patton) all have the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends in the great bereavement which has come upon them.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning from the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis. Professor H. W. Matlack at the organ brought a message in music to the many sorrowing friends who attended. The pall bearers, all close friends, were Earl Mathews, Wilford Kearney, Carroll Rinden, Paul McConnell, Carroll Macy of Sully and Clayton Phelps.

Karl Cessna was a busy and active man but he found time for many interests in addition to his business and family responsibilities. He was an athlete during his high school days and made a name for himself as a distance runner, winning points for his school in many meets. The interest in athletics which he there developed continued through his life. He was a constant attendant at the college and high school athletic events; a loyal partisan, a lover of clean athletics and a good sport. Karl Cessna will be missed when Grinnell teams, both high school and college, take the field this year for his interest in them was always intelligent and sympathetic.

Born in Grinnell June 24, 1900, Karl spent his boyhood on the H. W. Spaulding farm a mile and a half north of Grinnell. He graduated from Grinnell high school in 1917 with a fine scholastic and brilliant athletic record.

May 3, 1917, when he was not yet seventeen years of age, he enlisted in the army for service in the World War. At that time war had been declared by the United States less than a month. He was assigned to duty first with the heavy artillery and was stationed at San Antonio, Texas. In August of 1917 he was transferred to Dayton, Ohio, in the division of aeronautics. Later, in January, 1918, still in the aviation department of the army, he was sent to Houston, Texas, where he served until after the Armistice was signed. He received his honorable discharge March 13, 1919.

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Returning to Grinnell after his army experience Karl followed in the footsteps of his father and became a successful stock buyer; a business in which he engaged up to the time of his untimely death. In recent years he has been in partnership with J. S. Copeland and Paul McConnell. He became widely known in this capacity and made friends everywhere. The future was bright before him.

On October 23, 1924, he married Miss Mildred Irene Neff and their home became a center of happiness and hospitality. One great sorrow came to them when their first child, a little daughter, Janet Rosemary, born Nov. 21, 1925, lived only one day. Their son, Kenneth Dean, born July 1, 1930, brought joy to their home and to all who knew them; a lovely child, just growing into boyhood.

Friends and relatives from out of the city who attended the funeral yesterday are as follows: