

Herb Decatur Dies Friday of Heart Attack

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Herbert Decatur, 68-year-old Grinnell farmer, died of a heart attack at the wheel of his auto as he prepared to leave his home on an errand Friday afternoon. He had just returned with Mrs. Decatur from a trip to town, and had re-entered his auto.

At 4:22 p.m., he was found slumped over in the auto which had plowed through the snow in front of the Decatur home on Highway 6, and over the bank to the shoulder of Highway 6, where it came to rest.

Not Auto Accident

Dr. S. D. Porter pronounced Decatur dead, and police on the scene listed the death due to heart failure, rather than as an auto fatality.

Decatur was born April 24, 1889 in Rock Creek Township, Jasper county, son of the late Samuel and Orilla Clapp Decatur. He lived all his life in this area.

World War I Vet

A veteran of World War I, Decatur was married in 1920 to Mildred Small, who survives. Also surviving is a son, Paul S. Decatur of Grinnell. A child, Fay Mardell, died at age two months.

Also surviving are three brothers, Clarence, George and Lawrence Decatur, and a sister, Mrs. Delphena Durr, all of Grinnell.

Decatur was a member of the First Baptist church, the American Legion, and the Elks.

Funeral Today

Funeral was Feb. 10 (today) at 2 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home, the Rev. C. E. Kingsley officiating. Organ music was by Edward Bohstedt, and pallbearers were Henry Ahrens, Gerald Grosenbach, Henry Lauber, Robert Maring, Ronald Probasco, and Lawrence Sleuwenhoek.

Burial was at Hazelwood cemetery, and graveside services were conducted by Focht-Tennant Post 53, American Legion.
