

Monday, April 14, 1969

Services Today For Glen Ferneau

Glen T. Ferneau, 73, of Rte. 3, Grinnell passed away early Friday morning (April 11) at Grinnell General Hospital East following an illness over the past six months.

The son of Solomon H. and Nancy Ellen Wilkinson Ferneau, Mr. Ferneau was born on Nov. 22, 1895 on a farm in Highland Township, Tama County, Iowa. He attended the rural schools near his home and was baptized in the church of the United Brethren near his home.

While growing up he helped his family on the farm and later served his country in World War I with the United States Army in France. While in France he was assigned to Co. B of the 130th Infantry, and was blinded for a few weeks as a result of a German gas attack. Following his recovery and discharge, he returned to Tama County to farm.

On January 6, 1926, he married Anna Marie Letch at Toledo, Iowa. To this union were born six children—Curtis D. Ferneau of Rte. 3, Grinnell; Mrs. Wayne (Naomi) Anderson of Rte. 2, Kellogg; Mrs. John (Glenda) Beaver of Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. John (Sharon) Wassom of Gainesville, Fla.; Mrs. Kenneth (Beverly) Bryan of Newton; and David L. Ferneau of Rte. 1, Malcom.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ferneau farmed in Tama County for nine years and in Chester Township, Poweshiek County, for four years; and for the past 30 years have farmed their home farm in Malcom Township east of Grinnell. Mr. Ferneau was a Charter Member of the Iowa Farm Bureau and had continuously held his membership in the Bureau for over 50 years. He was a member of the Sheridan Methodist church and had taught Sunday School there for a number of years. He also served his church on the Official Board and many other lay activities.

Survivors include his wife; his six children; 11 grandchildren and two brothers and three sisters—Harry Ferneau of Toledo, Iowa, Mrs. John (Elsie) Allen of Centralia, Mo., Mrs. Henry (Harriet) Fagan of Marshalltown, Mrs. Glen (Effie) Letch of Clinton, and Fred Ferneau of Tama.

Mr. Ferneau was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers and two sisters — Frank Ferneau, Mrs. Melvin (Alice) Prewitt, and Ruby, Wallace, and Wayne Ferneau all in infancy.

Funeral services for Glen Ferneau were held this afternoon (Monday) at the Sheridan Methodist church with the Rev. James Davidson, minister of the church, officiating. Assisting was the Rev. Orlan Mitchell, minister of the First Congregational church (UCC) of Clarion, Iowa.

Organist was Miss Barbara Stone, and vocalist was F. Orla Davis.

Pallbearers were Robert Ruther-

ford, Kenneth Hanssen, Willie Pease, John Puls Jr., Claire Hutchison and Beecher Graham. Honorary Pallbearers were Sam Graham, Walter Hanssen, Louis Puls, Conrad DeBondt, Keith Edelen and Jim Puls. Flower bearers were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Doty and Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Hall.

American Legion graveside rites were conducted by Joe Harris, commander of the Frank Lewis Glick Post no. 46. Ceremonial Unit of Marshalltown.

Burial was made in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Marshalltown with the Smith Funeral Home in charge.