

## Leo C. French rites Saturday

*H-R August 30, 1982*

Leo C. French, 85, died Wednesday evening, Aug. 25, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Marlene Toney, and vocalist was Roger Kendall. Pallbearers were Bob Criswell, Kirby Criswell, Larry Criswell, Clarence Innis, Richard Sanders and Jim Slebiska. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Albert Chris and Caroline Leight French, he was born Jan. 4, 1897, on a farm near Dillsboro, Ind. At an early age he came to Iowa and worked on farms in the Grinnell area.

On June 5, 1925, he was married to Beulah Mae Wood at Cincinnati, Ohio, and the couple lived at Lawrenceburg and Aurora, Ind., for a few years, returning to Grinnell in 1932. Mr. French served as manager of the meat department at the former A&P food store. In 1938 he began his career in building trades as a carpenter, working with a number of construction

firms. He was a charter member and served as business representative for Grinnell Local 1066 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

Survivors include a son, Raymond L. French of Rock Creek Lake; a daughter, Geraldine Criswell, also of Rock Creek Lake; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Albert of Milan, Ind., and Leslie of Dillsboro, Ind.; and a sister, Anna Louise French of Covington, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beulah, in 1970; his parents; two brothers, Chris and Walter; a sister, Lucille Cook; three half-sisters, Edna Block, Nell Setters and Elizabeth French; and a half-brother, Hugh French.

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