

Thursday, April 22, 1964

## Russell George, 69 Longtime Grinnell Businessman, Dies

Russell C. George, 69, of 1202 Hamilton Ave., Grinnell, died at Iowa Soldiers Home Hospital in Marshalltown, Tuesday morning following an illness of several years. He had been hospitalized since July of 1963.

He was born in Graettinger, Iowa, September 21, 1894, the son of Clarence and Susan Quiggle George. He attended the Graettinger schools and after the family moved to Grinnell, he received his senior year of high school at the old Grinnell Academy. He entered Grinnell College in 1912, graduating with the Class of 1916.

Following his graduation, he entered the hardware business with his father, and when war was declared, he enlisted with the U. S. Army and served with the 12th Field Artillery Battalion of the 34th Division, serving in France with the Army of occupation.

Following his discharge in 1919, he entered the mercantile business for himself in Grinnell, and was active until his health failed. He always took a lively interest in the American Legion and Chamber of Commerce affairs. He was also a member

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of the Methodist church and the Masonic Lodge and Consistory.

On July 17, 1917, he was united in marriage with Helen Coutts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Coutts, of Grinnell. To this union were born three daughters: Mrs. George (Winifred) Oetjen of Albert Lea, Minn.; Mrs. Kenneth (Dorothy) Westphal of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. R. W. (Mary Jane) Johnson of St. Paul, Minn.

In addition to his three daughters, Mr. George is survived by his widow, Helen at the home, and 10 grandchildren, and 2 brothers and one sister, Raymond George of Grinnell; Donald George of Chicago, Ill.; and Mrs. John (Frances) Knox of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and one brother-in-law, Ross V. Coutts, of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother and two brothers who died in infancy.

Funeral services for Mr. Russell C. George were held this afternoon (Thursday) at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Chester Custer, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Rhee Auman and casket bearers were: Eldon Olds, Raymond Norris, Ed Speth, John Peters, Bill Hoyt, and Howard Tinnes.

Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery. Those desiring may make Memorial contributions to the Methodist church Memorial Fund.