

Thursday, September 7, 1967

## Funeral Services Saturday For Bill Grandstaff

George William (Bill) Grandstaff, 67, of Grinnell, died Wednesday evening at a local hospital following an illness of the past two weeks.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Chester Custer, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery with rites by the American Legion, conducted by Commander William Richardson and members of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 ceremonial unit.

Born at Unionville, Mo., on April 28th, 1896, he was the son of William Robert and Mary Catherine Wymore Grandstaff. His childhood was spent in Missouri and Nebraska where he attended the public schools. He served in the 117th Infantry of the U.S. Army during World War I.

On July 9th, 1919, he was united in marriage with Winifred Proctor of Sidney, Iowa, at Browndale, Minn. To this union were born six children: Mrs. Donald (Claudine) Koger of San Pedro, Calif.; Mrs. Leonard (Virginia) Prusha of Tama; Mrs. Richard (Shirlee) Good of Montezuma; Mrs. Raymond (Mary) Ahrens of Grinnell; Gene Grandstaff of Des Moines and Ronald Grandstaff of San Pedro, California.

After his marriage, he farmed in Fremont county until moving to Grinnell in 1929. He was employed at the Grinnell Washing Machine Co. and later at Mastag Co. in Newton, where he worked for 17 years until retiring in 1957 because of ill health.

He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Modern Woodmen of America.

Survivors include his wife and children; 26 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; three brothers, Earl of Chico, Calif., Harley of Wichita, Kan., and Ed of Newton; and one sister, Mrs. Delta Rouse of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers. Ai-