

Monday, May 15, 1961.

Malcom Rites Tuesday For Ruben Gropper

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the United Presbyterian church in Malcom for Ruben W. Gropper, 67, retired Grinnell area farmer, who died Saturday morning at his home at 1519 Ninth Ave. following an extended illness.

Officiating at the services will be the Rev. E. E. Beattie and organ music will be provided by Nellie Farley. Serving on the flower committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jensen.

Pallbearers will be Esper Tiedeman, Vinton Tiedeman, Burton Pschopp, Emmet Wickersham, Delmar Hanssen and Laverne Hanssen. Graveside services will be conducted by the Grinnell Elks Lodge. Interment will be in the Trinity Lutheran cemetery with the James-Schalliske Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

A memorial fund has been established at the United Presbyterian church in Malcom for those who wish to contribute.

The son of William and Sophie Schilder Gropper, he was born on Jan. 17th, 1894, in the Malcom community. At the age of seven he moved with his parents to Davenport where he attended the public schools and a business college.

On Dec. 22nd, 1914, he was united in marriage with Ella Tiedeman at Davenport. Following their marriage they moved to a farm four miles east of Grinnell and farmed there for three years. They purchased a farm a mile south and farmed there until their retirement in October of 1953 when they moved to Grinnell.

Mr. Gropper was a member of the United Presbyterian church of Malcom and served as elder for a number of years. He also belonged to the Elks and Odd Fellows lodges.

He is survived by his wife, Ella; two sons, Wayne and Earl, both of Grinnell; five grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Verona McArthur of Pea Ridge, Ark. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother who died in infancy, and two half sisters.