

Hold Halstead Rites Today

H-R 2-25-57
Was Pioneer Livestock
Trucker; Dies Friday

One of Grinnell's most widely known businessmen, Leonard A. Halstead, died Friday afternoon at a local hospital. He had been in ill health for about the past four years.

Services Today

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. John DeLong, minister of the Methodist church, officiating.

Music was furnished by Mrs. Rhee Auman and pallbearers were Herb Carter, L. O. Koger, Delmar Luttman, Raymond Schultz, Sam Urfer and Erwin Wang. Graveside committal services were conducted by Grinnell Lodge No. 1266, B. P. O. Elks. Interment was at Hazelwood cemetery.

Born at What Cheer

Born at What Cheer on June 23rd, 1886, he was the son of Alonzo and Ida Cooper Halstead. On January 6th, 1909, he was united in marriage with Anna Theodora Larsen in Malcolm township.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Odo (Bernice) Hotchkiss of Fairfield, Mrs. Joe (Harriet) Eisele of Brea, Calif., Mrs. James (Helen) Heether of St. Joseph, Mo.; and four sons, Leonard, Jr., Kenneth and Keith, all of Grinnell, and Edwin of Des Moines.

Other Survivors

Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Eva Fisher of Hedrick, Mrs. Pearl Schultz of Oskaloosa, Mrs. Mildred Lutes of Laurel and Mrs. Gladys Poliard of Lincoln, Neb.; and two brothers, Raymond of St. Cloud, Minn., and Glenn of Chicago.

A resident of Grinnell for over 50 years, he came here from What Cheer. He was a pioneer livestock truck operator and started out with a model "T" truck, capacity two cows. From that start, the business grew steadily. When he retired a few years ago, his sons succeeded him in the business and now operate a fleet of semi-trailers for livestock.

He was a member of the Methodist church of Coal Creek, Iowa, and also belonged to the Elks and Modern Woodmen lodges.

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OBITUARY

H-R 3-4-57
LEONARD A. HALSTEAD

Leonard A. Halstead was born near What Cheer, Iowa, June 23, 1887, the third child of Alonzo and Ida Cooper Halstead. His early life was spent helping his father in his farming operations, as well as attending country school and Sunday school in and around What Cheer and Coal Creek, Iowa. The eldest of three sons, responsibility fell early on Len's shoulders, as a member of a working family.

In his early teens, he moved, with the family, from the What Cheer area to a farm near Grinnell by the conventional horse and wagon method. Shortly after the move to Grinnell in 1902, he met the girl who was later to become his wife. Anna Larsen and Len Halstead were married Jan. 6, 1909 at her home on a farm near Malcolm. On Jan. 6, 1957, this union was celebrated by a 48th anniversary observance, after bringing four sons and three daughters into the world. Their names in the order of appearance are: Bernice of Fairfield; Harriet of Brea, Calif.; Leonard, Jr., Kenneth and Keith, all of Grinnell; Edwin of Des Moines; and Helen of St. Joseph, Mo.; all married. Len's death is the first break in this family circle, which also includes twenty grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Len passed away after a long illness, Feb. 22, 1957 at the age of 70 years, 7 months and 29 days. He was probably best known as a livestock trucker, a business which he started in 1928 in Grinnell with a Model T truck and was active or interested in it until his death. He was closely associated with the farmers of the Grinnell community as well as many local businessmen during this time. He gained the respect of all by a close adherence to fair business practices. His many farmer friends remember some of those early long trips to Chicago with Len hauling livestock by motor truck.

He has been a member of the Grinnell Elks lodge for twenty-five years. He was also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Surviving besides his immediate family are four sisters, Eva Fisher of Hedrick, Pearl Schultz of Oskaloosa, Mildred Lutes of Laurel and Gladys Poliard of Lincoln, Neb.; two brothers, Raymond Halstead of St. Cloud, Minn., and Glen Halstead of Chicago. One sister, Helen, preceded him in death.