

Thursday, January 20, 1966

## **Mrs. R. L. Hillyer Dies In Arizona**

Word has been received here by Miss Edith Kendall of the death of Mrs. R. L. Hillyer on Jan. 12th at Mesa, Ariz. A frequent visitor to Grinnell, Mrs. Hillyer was the former Matte Francis of Des Moines.

She was a graduate of Drake University and a teacher in the public schools of North Bend, Wash., for many years.

Her husband, R. L. Hillyer, is the son of the late W. P. Hillyer, a graduate of Grinnell College and a Baptist minister for many years. Mr. Hillyer's grandfather, the late Dr. Hillyer, founded the Grinnell Herald. His mother was the eldest daughter of the late W. A. Propst, a Grinnell merchant in the early days of the community. He built (together with Mr. Holyoke, another early citizen of Grinnell) the brick building on 4th Avenue housing the Arnold Shoe Store. He also built the residence at the corner of 4th Ave. and Center St. recently purchased by the Laird Wrays.

Mr. Hillyer will continue to live in Mesa which has been the family home for the last 15 years.