

## Rites Today for Mr. Johnson

P. L. Johnson, 77, of 532 Harrison Ave. died at his home Saturday morning.

The son of Aaron and Naomi Hoyt Johnson, he was born July 1, 1895, near Coatsville, Mo. He attended rural schools near Livonia. On July 10, 1919, he was married to Rena M. Gatlin in Unionville, Mo. The couple had five sons: Merton Johnson, Grinnell postmaster; Gene Johnson of Newton; Robert Johnson of Grinnell; Leslie Johnson of Galesburg, Ill.; and Neil Johnson of Grinnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had farmed in Missouri following their marriage and came to the Grinnell area to farm in 1924. They had lived at the home on Harrison Ave. for over 30 years. Mr. Johnson worked for Poweshiek County driving a maintainer for over 25 years. During World War I he served as a corporal in the U.S. Army and was a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, American Legion in Grinnell.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his five sons, 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Rena on July 2 of this year; one grandson, Jeffrey D. Johnson, on Sept. 2, 1970; three brothers, William, George, and a brother in infancy; and two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Badger and Mrs. Mabel Landtiser.

Funeral services for Mr. Johnson were held at 1:30 p.m. today (Monday) at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Sam Reaves officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner, and pallbearers included Harold Hollmann, Clifford Johnson, Virgil W. Johnson, Robert Lawthers, Cecil Waller, and Lyle Wedgewood.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.