

MONTEZUMA REPUBLICAN

JAN. 16, 1964

**Bessie Kirk
Funeral Services
Conducted Sunday**

Bessie, daughter of Richard and Mellie Blagdon, was born in Fulton county, Ill., Mar. 1, 1896, and died at her home in Montezuma, Jan. 9, at 67 years of age.

She attended rural school near her home. In her youth, she moved with her parents to Iowa. After the death of her father in 1906, she and her mother moved to Montezuma. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

In 1935, she was united in marriage with Clayton Kirk. After Mr. Kirk's death in August, 1962, she continued living in her own home, where she made a home for her brother, Harry.

She is survived by a sister, Cordia Thompson, Grinnell; two brothers, Harry, Montezuma, and Harvey, Des Moines; several nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Steffy Funeral Home conducted by Rev. G. R. Dieken. Mrs. Keith Stahl sang "In the Garden" and "Beyond the Sunset", accompanied by Miss Alice Underwood.

Interment was in the Masonic IOOF cemetery. Casketbearers were Frank Wheeler, Bud Baird, Oral Davis, Jacob Van Hoever, Donald Crider and William Shadley.