

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1962

## Earl Mathews, Prominent City Merchant, Dies

Earl Mathews, 68, 816 Tenth Avenue, passed away on Friday morning at a local hospital following a six-month illness.

Mr. Mathews operated the Mathews Drug Store in Grinnell for 38 years.

Funeral services for Mr. Mathews will be at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Congregational church. The Rev. Robert D. Dewey, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery with members of Hermon Lodge 273 providing Masonic graveside services.

Pallbearers will be Howard Windsor, Bill Windsor, Cyril Frick, Ed Klopp, Peter Peterson, and Charles Sergeant. Fred W. Johnson, Sam Neff, David Talbot, Richard C. Seeland, Stanley D. Preston Sr., Carl E. Child, Homer Richardson, and Dr. S. D. Porter will be honorary pallbearers.

Norman Goodbred will be organist.

Mr. Mathews was the son of Justin Aldred and Jennie S. Oga Mathews and was born Nov. 5, 1893, near Mt. Union, Iowa. He attended the Hedrick, Iowa, high school and graduated from the Babcock School of Pharmacy in



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Des Moines.

On Christmas Day in 1917, he was married to Orpha Fae Sheets at Hedrick.

Mr. Mathews enlisted in the Army in 1918 and served overseas in France with the 138th Infantry Regiment. He was involved in the St. Mihiel and Argonne-Meuse offensive during the month of September, 1918.

In 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Mathews moved to Grinnell from Richland, Iowa, to open the Mathews Drug Store, which has operated in the same location for 38 years.

He was a member of the Congregational church of Grinnell, Hermon Masonic Lodge of Grinnell, ZA-GA-ZIG Shrine, Elks Lodge, Grinnell, and the Focht-Tennant Post of the American Legion.

The Grinnell Junior Chamber of Commerce honored Mr. Mathews earlier this year by naming him Grinnell's "Boss of the Year."

Mr. Mathews is survived by his son Jack and two grandchildren, all of Grinnell, as well as his sister, Mrs. Dr. Harriet Stober of Moulton, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Orpha on Feb. 5, 1961, and one brother, Lester Gail Mathews.

Those desiring may send memorial contributions to the Community Hospital building fund.