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OBITUARY

**MARGARET AHLBORN
MONTGOMERY**
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(Contributed)

Margaret Ahlborn Montgomery was born in Smith Center, Kan., May 3, 1883, daughter of Henry and Sophia Ahlborn. After graduation from Smith Center High School she entered the University of Kansas where she became a member of Chi Omega Sorority and where she graduated in 1906.

In the succeeding years Margaret gained experience as public school teacher, clerk in a bank, and as YWCA Secretary in Redlands, Calif. She then enrolled in Kansas State College, Manhattan where she took training in Home Economics, specializing in Nutrition. She graduated with M.S. degree in 1922, and with membership in the science honor society Sigma Xi. She then served the college for 15 years as Prof. of Nutrition and as Assistant Dean of the Division of Home Economics. She became co-author with Miss Margaret Chaney of a college textbook on nutrition widely used in the U. S. and abroad. In her honor one of the Home Management Houses of the College was named Margaret Ahlborn Lodge.

In 1937 Margaret was married to Dr. R. J. Montgomery, then serving the Iowa Congregational Christian Churches as Educational Secretary but soon to become Superintendent. Coming to Grinnell she united with the Congregational Church, her earlier affiliation having always been Presbyterian.

Mrs. Montgomery promptly identified herself actively with important church and community interests. She served as President of the Women's fellowship of the church, Secretary of the Women's Cemetery Ass'n, and as active participant in Magoun Club, The Historical and Literary Society of Grinnell, Community Hospital Auxiliary, and League of Women Voters, besides other functions.

Upon Dr. Montgomery's retirement in 1948 from the Conference Superintendency his wife gave him every assistance in the founding and development of Mayflower Home. Not only did she help with publicity and the cultivation of constituency but, from the day of opening of the Home, she devoted herself untiringly to every phase of the affairs within the Home.

On June 28th of this year Mrs. Montgomery suffered the slight stroke from which she was not able to gain recovery. In recent weeks she grew progressively worse until death occurred on October 14th. Memorial service for her will be held in the Congregational Church, Grinnell, at

2:00 p. m. Saturday, the 19th, conducted by the pastor, Dr. Leland Mann, and State Superintendent Dr. Judson Flebiger.

In a marked degree, Mrs. Montgomery's spirit of generous service was expressed in individual courtesies and helpfulness to friends and relatives, especially to any who were handicapped. It was her expressed wish that any remembrance of her might be expressed through gifts, to Mayflower Home.