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Edna Alvin Rhoads McMeekin passed away February 13th after an illness of three weeks from encephalitis, leaving her dear ones and home three miles east of Montezuma forlorn and desolate, at the youthful age of 29 years, 5 months and 14 days.

She was the daughter of Samuel and Frances Rhoads, born August 30, 1893 at Lynn, Missouri.

She was united in marriage to Wm. McMeekin at Ewart, Iowa, March 6th, 1920. They had one child, Jean Elizabeth, aged 9 months. She had made every arrangement for her husband and herself to present their child for baptism at the church before she was taken sick. She was not denied this privilege entirely, however, for at the pastor's suggestion and invitation, and while she was entirely rational, free to make her choice, she made the great profession herself, receiving baptism with her child, finding and giving comfort to dear ones with her.

Besides husband and children those surviving her departure are her father, Samuel Rhoads of Vida, Mo., two sisters, Mrs. Allison of Vida, Mo., and Mrs. Steck of Ewart, Iowa, three brothers, Abner of Illinois, Edgar of Philadelphia and Robert of St. Louis, the mother having preceded her in death in 1901.

The husband has lost a devoted and useful companion, the babe a fond and much needed mother, loved ones besides, a golden link of the family circle and friends and neighbors a kind and thoughtful associate. The lesson of her patience in all her suffering will ever abide as an example to others. She is now at home with her Lord, and at rest from disease and death.

Brief funeral services were conducted from the family home three miles east of Montezuma at 2:00 o'clock, February 15th, in which her pastor, Rev. W. F. Vanderlip of the Presbyterian church of Montezuma, Ia., was assisted by Rev. R. E. Lackey, U. P. pastor of Ewart, Iowa. A large number of sympathizing friends and neighbors were present. Mrs. H. A. Jones and Mrs. Jas. McDonald sang favorite selections.

Burial took place in the Ewart cemetery. —Montezuma Republican.

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