

Monday, May 25, 1964

## Council Bluffs Rites Held For Former Resident

Funeral services for Joseph Charles Otis, 54, Council Bluffs, founder of the Otis Manufacturing plant in Hawarden, Iowa, who died May 17th after an operation, were held Wednesday at Council Bluffs.

The Rev. Jack L. Peters officiated and burial was in a Council Bluffs cemetery with Masonic rites by Bluff City Lodge 71.

Otis, who was president of Otis Industries in Omaha, manufacturers of air and grease purifiers, was born Mar. 10th, 1910, at Casey, Iowa. He attended schools there and at Grinnell where he also attended Grinnell College. He served in the Navy Medical Corps from 1926 to 1929. He married Lucille Lawman of Missouri Valley on July 10th, 1931.

He served with the highway patrol for five years and then founded a radio repair and manufacturing plant in Cherokee. In 1947 he moved the company to Hawarden. He resigned as head of the Hawarden firm in 1959 and moved to Council Bluffs. Listed as an industrialist in Who's Who in the Midwest in 1960-61, he was a member of the International Electrical Engineers organization. He also was a member of the Elks and Blue Lodge, AF and AM, Hawarden.

Survivors include his widow; one son, Robert of Council Bluffs; his mother, Mrs. Louis Otis of Council Bluffs; four sisters, Mrs. George (Marguerite) Mart and Mrs. Alfred (Wilma) Bonyata, both of Grinnell, and Mrs. Joan Maddy and Mrs. Helen Thomas, both of Council Bluffs; one brother, Roswell C. Otis of Hawarden; and five grandchildren.