

Death Brings End To Life Of Service

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"Beloved Physician"
Ends Long Career
Of Healing

Dr. Ora Frank Parish, beloved physician, who has gone up and down in Grinnell and its environs for 42 years on his mission of healing, passed away at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening in the Community hospital after a lingering illness from an obscure and incurable disease which interrupted his busy life two years ago. He was 73 years old.

Private funeral services for members of the family only will be held at the home at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. It is requested that no flowers be sent. Friends may call at the James Funeral Home this evening. The body will be cremated and there will be no interment service. Pall bearers will be Paul Parish, Fred Ramsey, Sharp Lannon, III, R. C. Seeland, John Ransom and Dick Potts. In honor of Dr. Parish, Grinnell merchants will lower their shades for half an hour starting at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

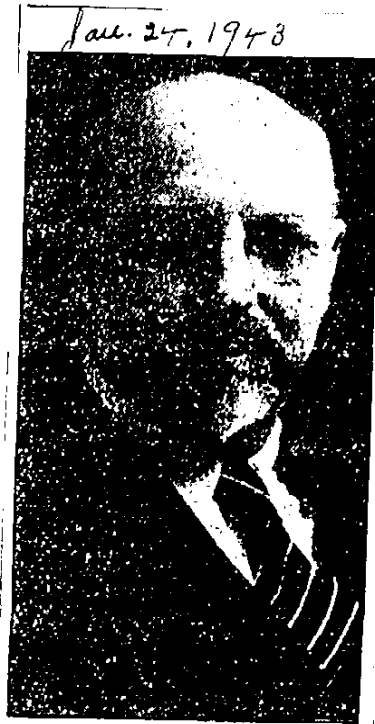
Dr. Parish is survived by his wife and three children, Dr. John R. Parish and Margaret Parish Arnold of Grinnell and Charles of Tullahoma, Tenn. All the members of the family were with him

at the end. There are six grandchildren, Margaret Arnold of Grinnell, John and Martha Parish of Tullahoma, Tenn., and Celia, Katherine and Jane Parish of Grinnell, also two brothers, Edwin S. Parish of Grinnell and William A. Parish of Phoenix, Ariz., and one sister, Mrs. George P. Koebel of Libby, Montana.

A Born Doctor.

Dr. Parish was born in Chester township Dec. 12, 1873, the son of Miles and Hannah Sparks Parish. He grew up on the farm but from the first he was determined to become a physician. As he approached man's estate he left the farm, graduating from Grinnell high school in 1894 and from Grinnell college in 1899. He graduated from Rush Medical college in Chicago in 1903 and in 1904 began the practice of medicine in Grinnell, beginning the long career which was ended by his fatal illness. On March 19, 1903 he married Laura Peterson, a college classmate, who has been his devoted helpmeet through the years.

During World War I Dr. Parish saw service in the medical corps at Fort Racy and Camp Dodge and when the flu epidemic was decimating the army unit at the college, he was specially detached to handle the epidemic here. After the war he maintained his army connection and held a commission as lieutenant colonel in the medical reserve. He was a graduate of the Carlisle Military college at Carlisle, Pa.



DR. O. F. PARISH

During World War II, when so many of the Grinnell physicians were in the service, Dr. Parish carried on with complete devotion, laying down his heavy burden only when the greatest need was over.

He was a great doctor and a fine surgeon. His capacity for work was unlimited. He loved being a doctor and his greatest happiness was in bringing to others the full measure of his skill and wide experience.

Many Honors.

Dr. Parish had been honored in many ways. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternities, of the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, and of the Iowa and Poweshiek County Medical societies. He was a long time member and past president of the Kiwanis club and of the Poweshiek club. He belonged

to the Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, the Scottish Rite Masons and the Shrine. He was a member of the Congregational church.

He will be remembered as a good doctor, a good citizen, a good friend.

Relatives who will attend the funeral are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Werden of Winterset, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Parish of Grinnell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parish of Grinnell, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Piersol of Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Peterson of Dallas, Texas, Mrs. F. A. Peterson of St. Joseph, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Win. Peterson of Cedar Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Piersol of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Peterson, Jr., of Marshalltown, John Sanders of Des Moines and Mrs. E. A. Hunt of Des Moines.