

Thursday, January 23, 1969

Mrs. Pierce Dies; Services Friday

Alma A. Pierce, 87, wife of Professor George L. Pierce, died Wednesday at Friendship Manor Nursing Home, following an extended illness.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Fuller, Mrs. Pierce was born on March 12, 1881 at Athens, Ill. After she graduated from high school she attended and graduated from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music at Oberlin, Ohio.

On Aug. 15, 1906, she was united in marriage to George L. Pierce at Hoopston, Ill. They came to Grinnell in 1907, when her husband became associated with Grinnell College. She served as instructor in piano at Grinnell College from 1909 to 1910 and from 1912 to 1917 and served as associate professor of piano from 1917 to 1931. In 1910 and 1911, she and her husband studied music in Berlin Germany with Rudolph Ganz.

Survivors include her husband, George L. Pierce of Grinnell; three nieces, Mrs. B. L. Grisham of Boulder, Colo., Ruth Coy of Wenatchee, Wash., and Mabel Fuller of Colorado.

Mrs. Pierce was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services for Mrs. Pierce will be Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ - Congregational. The Rev. Newell E. Davis will officiate and interment will be in the Our Silent City Cemetery at Kellogg, Iowa.

Organist will be Elbert Smith. Serving as pallbearers will be Norman Goodbrod, Leo Sherman, Lawrence Pedersen, Fred Jones, Roy Leeper and Laverne Raffety.

Friends may call at the James - Schalinske Funeral Home until 9:30 a.m. of Friday and thereafter at the Congregational church.

(George L.)