

EXTRA

Geo. L. Saunders

Passes Away Early

4-19-This Afternoon

G. L. Saunders, veteran Grinnell telephone man, who has been intimately connected with Grinnell business for many years, passed away at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon at a local hospital. Mr. Saunders had been failing for several days and his death was not unexpected, but nevertheless it comes as a heavy blow to those who knew and honored him for his many fine qualities of mind and heart. A gentleman and a friendly man, George Saunders will be missed wherever he was known. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Members of the family who were called to Grinnell during his last illness include his mother, Mrs. Florence Park of El Reno, Okla., two brothers, R. C. Saunders of El Reno and G. A. Saunders of Minneapolis; two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Stotts of El Reno and Mrs. C. S. Swartz of Perry; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Auten and husband, Windsor Auten, of Cleveland, O., and Mrs. Florence Priestley and husband, P. R. Priestley of El Reno.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1935.

Funeral Of G. L. Saunders Held Sunday

Services for Veteran Telephone
Executive Are Held From
Baptist Church

Grinnell said its last goodbye to George L. Saunders, veteran telephone executive of this community, when funeral services were held from the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. William Welsh, who brought a feeling tribute to the many fine qualities of a good business man, good citizen and good friend.

Pallbearers were F. M. Mason, J. C. Martin, A. B. Hamilton, Charles LeRoy, Burt Speth and A. R. Longnecker.

Suitable music was provided by a male quartet, made up of D. E. Peck, Keith Vine, Dr. R. T. Mills and Eddie Peterson.

The services at the grave in Hazelwood cemetery were in accordance with the impressive ritual of the Elks lodge, of which Mr. Saunders was a faithful and appreciated member. Mr. Saunders was also a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and until his last illness had rarely missed a meeting. A number of his fellow Kiwanians attended the service.

George Leon Saunders was born in Boone, June 14, 1868, the son of Marcus Brown Saunders and Florence V. McBride Saunders. He was married in 1894 to Helen Edith McKay, who preceded him in death in 1921. To this union were born four children, Carl Arden, who died June 20, 1914, Florence, Marian and Ruth.

Mr. Saunders came to Grinnell in 1906 as manager of the Interior Telephone Company, a position which he held with distinguished success until his retirement a few months ago on account of his health. He was genial and efficient, a competent telephone man and the company prospered under his wise control.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Florence Park of El Reno, Oklahoma; two brothers, R. C. Saunders of El Reno and G. A. Saunders of Minneapolis; two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Stotts of El Reno and Mrs. Jessie Swartz of Perry; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Auten of Cleveland, O., Mrs. Florence Pressley of El Reno, and Mrs. Marian Carling, who has been living at home during her father's last illness, and four grandchildren.