

Services Held For C. A. Shearer, Former Montezuma Business Man

On Thursday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. the funeral service of Clarence Shearer was held in the Steffy Funeral Home. Rev. Frank Jacobs preached the sermon and Rev. G. R. Dieken recited a prayer. The organist was Alice Underwood.

Burial was in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery. A color guard from the Blakley-Stevens Post of the American Legion presented the flag. Casket bearers were: Frank Mitchell, Adam Height, Walter Saunders, Fred Hubbard, Fred Zorn and Emmett Johnston. Honorary bearers were: Cliff Smith, Roy White, Bill Cavanaugh, Bill Pitka, Melvin Peters, Ross Bowers and Bill Gross.

Clarence Allen Shearer, oldest son of Leonard and Francis Shearer, was born June 7, 1888. He spent his boyhood in Montezuma and graduated from Montezuma High School. During his senior year he joined the Methodist Church during the pastorate of Rev. U. S. Smith. After teaching in Jackson Township the year after graduation he attended Grinnell College for two years.

In the summer of 1910 he moved to Calif. and took a course in Commercial law at the University of Southern California. For several years he worked for a realty and insurance company in Ocean Park, Calif. In 1917 Clarence returned to Montezuma and entered the automobile business with his father and brother, Earl. This partnership built the brick garage on the west side of the square. During World War I he served in the 209th Engineers.

After the war he resumed his position in the auto business. Ford cars were handled until 1927 when a change was made to Chevrolet. His father died in 1923 and Clarence and Earl continued the business. In 1937 they purchased and moved to the Jackson building on the east side. They continued in this location until Earl died in 1949. The property and business was then sold to Thos. Scott, Knoxville, and it is

now the Vannoy Chevrolet Co. *Nov 12 M.R.*
Clarence continued to sell cars and didn't retire until a stroke came in 1962.

He was married in 1923 to a local girl, Dottis Hutchinson.

Clarence was the surviving member of a family of five. His parents and two brothers preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Dottis.

A long time member of the American Legion and a charter member of the Montezuma Community Barracks, Clarence died at the age of 76 on Nov. 2.

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