

April 26, 1956

## Bert C. Blackmun

Funeral services for Bert C. Blackmun were held at 2:00 p. m., Monday, at the Methodist church with the Rev. Harvey Sander officiating. Randall Hall, Jr., sang two selections, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Wegner. American Legion pallbearers were: W. J. Paetznick, H. P. Fangen, Vern Tut-hill, E. F. Paeth, Wm. H. Rock and Vern Naeve.

Leland Christian, Commander of the Groton American Legion Post No. 39, had charge of the military services at the Groton Union Cemetery.

Bertrum Claude Blackmun was born at Inverness, Florida, on September 18, 1893, to Alice Olivia and Art Orlando Blackmun. He spent his childhood near White, S. D., and attended the Automotive School in Kansas City and entered military service in 1918, later coming to Groton in 1920 to work for Bowles Motor Company.

He married Hazel D. Bowder on July 3, 1925. One daughter, Mary Alice Jensen was born to them.

Prior to an accident on August 18, 1950, Mr. Blackmun was a lineman for the Groton-Ferney Mutual Telephone Company. After four months hospitalization he remained in poor health and underwent surgery several times during the past year. In spite of his long illness he remained in good

spirits until his death at his home on Saturday, April 21st.

Mr. Blackmun was a loving husband and father, and a friend to many. He especially enjoyed the many children of the neighborhood.

Survivors are his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Jensen; two brothers, Earl of Groton and Floyd of St. Paul, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. A. J. Bernard, Minneapolis; an aunt, Mrs. Bertha Matthews of Ortonville, Minn.; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Out-of-town friends and relatives attending the services were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Blackmun and family of St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bernard and family of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Alva Matthews and Mrs. Kirk Roberts of Ortonville; George Bowder and Mr. and Mrs. John Bowder and daughter, Genevieve, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bowder and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hill, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mike Waldner and daughter and Mrs. Art. Johanas of Huron; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Storm and daughter and Flora Merrick of Aberdeen.