

April 20, 1961

Byron M. Sour

Services for Byron M. Sour were held at 1:30 p. m., Monday, at the Methodist church with Rev. Robert Nielsen officiating. Mrs. Howard Stormo, Hayti, was soloist accompanied by Mrs. Robert Wegner at the organ. Masonic rites were held. Pall bearers were R. A. Richards, Vance E. Miller, Wm. Rock, Arthur Werth, Amos Doeringsfeld and Art Totzke.

After the Groton service the body was taken to Hayti where it lay in state from 4:30 to 5:00 p. m., in the Masonic Temple followed by burial in the Hayti cemetery with Masonic graveside services. Paetznick Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Sour passed away at his home here on April 13, 1961, at the age of 76 years, 6 months and 1 day. He had been in ill health for sometime.

Byron Marion Sour was born Oct. 12, 1884, at Watertown, S. D., son of Daniel and Sarah Sour. His parents moved to a homestead in Hamlin County, two miles west of Hayti in 1885. He grew to manhood and farmed there until 1919, when he moved to Hayti, where he was in business. He was an active member of the town board and Hayti school board for years and a charter member of the Masonic Lodge, Hamlin No. 205 A.F. & A. M. He was a member of the Evangelical church of Hayti.

He was married to Hazel Sibert of Bennis, S. D., on June 3, 1908. To this union four children were born Mrs. Max (Gladycce) Walder, Hayti; Dale and Harold, Groton and Mrs. Clarence (Yvonne) Shelsta, Redwood City, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Sour came to Groton to make their home and operate the Circle Pine Motel until a little over a year ago, when they retired.