

May 10, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Van Riper

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot "Sunny" Van Riper, Mankato, Minn., were held at the Paetznick Funeral Home at 2:00 p. m., Thursday, May 3, with the Rev. L. C. Benson officiating. Burial was in the Groton cemetery.

The Van Ripers, former Aberdeen residents, died of suffocation at Mankato, last Monday morning, when a mattress in the room which they occupied caught on fire. They had resided in Mankato about one year, where Mr. Van Riper was employed as a salesman.

Mr. Van Riper was born at Groton on January 5, 1918. He attended the Groton school and graduated later from the Aberdeen high school. During the war he served in the army, with one year overseas duty. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Methodist church.

The Van Ripers were married at Redfield on January 1, 1950.

Mr. Van Riper is survived by two children by a former marriage, Camelle Jean and Daryl John, his mother, Mrs. Beatrice Van Riper, and one sister, Mrs. Evelyn Skinner, all of Aberdeen.

Mrs. Van Riper, 41, formerly Sally McGinnis, was born in Ireland. She is survived by two children by a former marriage, Barbara and Cheryl Kuechler, Aberdeen; her mother and sisters in Ireland.

Relatives attending from a distance were: William Gallagher, an uncle, his daughter, Lucille and granddaughter, Diane, of Winona, Minn.; Mrs. Maude McCormick, Zion City, Ill., an aunt; Ed. Van Riper and Cornelius Van Riper, Aberdeen, uncles; Mrs. Mildred Ulrich and daughter, Jean of Aberdeen and Mr. and Mrs. Ves Birrenkott of Lemmon.