

# SUDDEN DEATH OF JOHN FINSTUEN IS DEEPLY MOURNED

**PNEUMONIA CAUSES DEATH OF PROMINENT BRYAN TOWNSHIP FARMER LAST FRIDAY AFTER WEEK'S ILLNESS.**

Peder John Finstuen was born in Roscoe township, Goodhue county, Minnesota, March 6, 1878. He was the second eldest of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Finstuen. He attended the schools of his native county. On September 19, 1900, he was united in marriage to Miss Getta Bjrgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bjrgan. He came to Bryan township, Griggs county in 1902 and located on the farm which has since been the home of the family. Seven children were born to this union. They are Hartvig, Valborg, Palmer, Arnold, Rich, Evelyn and Thelma, all of whom, with the wife, survive. He is also survived by his parents, who still reside in Goodhue county, and five brothers, Andrew, of Kenyon, Albert, Oscar, Carl and William, of Zumbrota; and two sisters, Mrs. Edwin Swenson, of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and Miss Mella Finstuen, of Zumbrota. Two daughters, Evelyn and Margaret, preceded him in death.

Deceased was taken ill Saturday, March 15. Pneumonia developed and he passed away Friday noon, March 21. Funeral services were held at the Zion Lutheran church, north of Mose on Saturday, Rev. Thomas Haugen, officiating. A male octette rendered song selections.

Mr. Finstuen took an active interest in school and community affairs. He was widely known and honored for his sterling qualities of character. He was one of those who blazoned the way for future generations by a worthy display of perseverance, thrift and industry, and in the face of trials and hardships he pressed forward in hopeful mien and unabated energy, achieving the goal of financial success and a high place of honor and regard among his fellowmen. As the fruits of his labor are ended, and his soul rests in eternal peace and bliss in that far heavenly home, his earthly associates will treasure the memory of his always smiling visage, his hearty and friendly handshake and a mind attuned to the happier things of life and the optimistic outlook.

Out-of-town folks who attended the funeral were Andrew Finstuen, of Kenyon, Albert Finstuen Mrs. E. J. Morkve, of Zumbrota.