

Meningitis Fatal To A. J. Smith, Jr.

Popular Youth, Stricken For 8
Days, Passes Away Thursday
Night, January 23

Albert J. Smith, Jr., only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith died Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the home of his parents about seven miles west of Boonville.

A. J., as he was lovingly called by all who knew him, had only been ill for eight days and his death came as a terrible shock to the entire community. He was stricken with spinal meningitis and from the first little hope was held for his recovery though he made a brave fight through much suffering.

He was a splendid young man and a Christian. For the past year he had been secretary and treasurer of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School at Pilot Grove with an enviable record for attendance. For seven years he had never missed a Sunday no matter what the weather or conditions. His interest in the work was unflinching and he gave great promise of becoming a leading character in the church.

A. J. Smith was born Nov. 14, 1914 at the former Smith home west of Chouteau Springs and was 21 years old at the time of his death, Thursday Jan. 23, 1936. His entire life was spent on the farm where he worked with his father and took much interest. He is survived by his parents and three sisters, Mrs. John S. Davis, Mrs. Will Lammers and Mrs. Leo Imhoff, all of near Pilot Grove.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Walnut Grove cemetery and interment was made there. The services were conducted by Rev. J. S. Bottoms, pastor of M. E. Church south, who also sang favorite hymns of his young friend. Pallbearers were John S. Davis, Geo. Smith, Harold Schweltzer, George Stoecklein, Rev. J. S. Bottoms and Dr. J. O. Boley. By Mrs. E. B. McCutcheon.