

WHITTAKER, DONALD LEE

November 15, 1930-1931

Donald Lee, fifteen-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Coll Whittaker, was burned beyond recognition Tuesday morning about ten o'clock when fire of unknown origin consumed the house and all of its contents. Mrs. Whittaker had gone to the neighbor's for a bucket of water leaving her little son playing on the floor near the outside door in the house. Upon her return, there was no fire in the kitchen, but when she opened the door to the bedroom, she found it full of smoke and flames. She could hear the child but could not find him. In her efforts, she was badly burned about the face, hands and arms. Both trucks arrived promptly but on account of the inflammable character of the building, nothing could be saved, but the fire was kept from destroying a neighboring structure. The house belonged to Bert Miller and stood north of W.B. Kuneman's place and south of a residence belonging to H.C. Havens on north 11th street. Mrs. Whittaker lost consciousness about the time the firemen arrived and was carried to a neighbor's, where she was given medical attention. In the evening she was removed to the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Ross, on north 15th st. Mr. Whittaker drove to Lusk Tuesday afternoon to get his wife's sister who is assisting in caring for her. The stricken parents and relatives have the deepest sympathy of the entire community in their severe shock and bereavement. Their baby son was born November 15, 1930, is survived by two brothers, the elder of which is in his first year of school.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Lyla Watson Funeral Home, Rev. Kitch of the first Methodist Church officiating.