

THE LIFE STORY OF —

Gaillard K. Swift, 92

Harlan — Gaillard K. Swift, son of Tina E. Koolbeck and Curran F. Swift was born Aug. 10, 1887 in Harlan. He died Wednesday, April 2, 1980, at age 92 years, at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home, Elk Horn, where he has been a resident since 1975. Gaillard graduated from the Harlan high school in 1904 and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Iowa State in 1980.

As a young man he served four years as deputy of Shelby County Clerk of Court and in 1912 was elected Clerk of District Court. In 1915 he began his banking career with the Farmers and Merchant's Savings Bank, which later became the Shelby County State Bank, and retired in 1961.

On Aug. 18, 1931 he married Irma Beutel in Fremont, Nebr. Mr Swift helped organize Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Iowa State University and was its first initiate. He was a member of the Harlan Library Board since its inception in 1923 and for many years secretary of the Harlan Cemetery Board.

He served 13 years as Chief of the Harlan Fire Dept. and was a 71 year member of the Harlan Parian Lodge No. 321, AF & AM, a member of Abu-Bekr Shrine of Sioux City and Harlan Shrine club, a member of the Woodmen of the World & Loyal Order of Moose, a chartered member of the Harlan Kiwanis club and a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal church. He was treasurer of the Salvation Army group for many years, a member of the Harlan Golf and Country club and named one of the "Men of the Years" in 1957 at the annual Chamber of Commerce community service recognition banquet.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife - Irma in March of 1976, one brother - Russell and one sister - Helen. Survivors include one son - Curran and his wife - Anne of Ames, three grandsons, one sister - Mrs. Katherine Bartling of Omaha, Nebr., nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, 1980 at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Harlan, with Father Glenn E. Rankin, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Max Baxon, Fred Olsen, G. J. Nelson, Rand Petersen, Donald E. Blakely, Raymond Chipman, Clarence Summers and Glenn F. Thummel serving as casket-bearers.

Services were conducted by the Burmeister Funeral Home.