

## The Life Story of --

### NATE P. BOOTH, 92

Nathaniel Phillips Booth, son of Nathaniel and Mary Ann Phillips Booth, was born Jan. 16, 1882 in Harlan, and he has lived his entire life in this community. He died on July 17, 1974, at age 92 years, 6 months and 1 day. He attended Harlan high school and the ISU in Ames, where he studied engineering. Mr Booth was on the original survey crew which laid out the Illinois Central Railroad in Tennessee and Mississippi. In 1904 he returned to Harlan and he was deputy clerk for a time. During 1904 and 1905, he served as football coach at Harlan high school. He was instrumental in building the present athletic field for the high school. He was instrumental in building the present athletic field for the high school. He served on the school board for nine years, acting as president for two years. He was a member of the Congregational Christian church. He was a past member of the Harlan Chamber of Commerce, receiving its "Man of the Years" award in 1958. He was presently a member of the Parian Lodge No. 321 A.F. & A.M. and I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 267, both of Harlan. In Oct. of 1906 he married Alice Pierce in Harlan. Three sons were born to this union - Nat of Harlan; George of Estes Park, Colo.; and Robert C. OF Harlan. In 1906, Mr Booth entered the implement business in Harlan. He was the first dealer for the Ford Motor Co. in Ia. and he was the 15th oldest Ford dealer in the U.S. upon his retirement in 1951. Mr and Mrs Booth continued to make their home at 1117 Baldwin St. in Harlan until Sept. of 1966, when they became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home. It was their privelege to observe their 67th wedding anniversary last fall.

Mr Booth was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers - Charles D. and David J. Booth; two sisters - Mrs Elizabeth Shepherd and Miss Charlotte Booth; and three half brothers - Joe, William and Henry Booth. He is survived by his wife, Alice; his three sons; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 20, 1974 at the Pauley Home for Funerals with Rev David E. Cave officiating. masonic services were conducted at the funeral home by members of Parian Lodge No. 321, A.F. & A.M. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Randy Booth, Sandy Booth, George Booth, Gailyn Larsen, Robert C. Booth and William H. Tinsley serving as pallbearers.