

THE LIFE STORY OF —

## Gene Larson, 65

Gene Gibbs Larson, son of Josphine Gibbs and Henry Larson was born March 27, 1917 at Harlan. He died Tuesday, April 20, 1982, at the University Hospital in Iowa City at the age of 65 years. He grew to adulthod on the family farm in Center twp. and attended the Harlan high school, graduating valedictorian in 1934.

On Feb. 14, 1943, he married Nita Ellen Scott at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan and to this union four children were born.

He worked for Squealer Feed Co. as a bookkeeper, deputy county recorder, bookkeeper for R.E.C. and spent 25 years as Office Manager for the Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. of Harlan, until his retirement in 1974. He was a baptized and confirmed member of the Immanuel Lutheran church of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter-Marcia Ellen in infancy. Survivors include his wife Nita of Harlan; three sons: Dennis and his wife Marilyn of Decora, Roger of Iowa City and Kent and his wife Marsha of Esconaba, Mich. He is also survived by one brother, Ray Larson of Harlan and one sister, Mrs Vera (Elmer) Smith of Belmond; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 22, 1982 at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan with Pastor Kenneth P. Alpers officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with John Klein, Don Schmidt, Hans Nielsen, Paul Nielsen, Russell Chipman, Willard J. Olson, Erling Rasmussen and Lawrence Rasmussen serving as casketbearers.

Services were conducted by the Burmeister Funeral Home.