



THE LIFE STORY OF — 1982
**H.S. "Spence"
Vanderlinden, 60**

H.S. "Spence" Vanderlinden was born Sept. 1, 1922 in Ames to John and Kathleen (Gaylord) Vanderlinden. He graduated from Ames high school in 1940 and from Iowa State Univ. in 1948 with a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Economics.

He served four years in the Army during World War II, entering the service in 1942 as a private in the infantry and being honorably discharged as a first lieutenant in 1946. He served overseas in the Italian campaigns during the Allied invasion of Europe.

On Sept. 3, 1948, Spence was married to Janeth Meneough in Des Moines. Upon graduation from college in 1948, Mr Vanderlinden accepted a position with Western Engineering Co. in Harlan. In 1951, he became manager of Farm Service Co-operative in Harlan, a position he held until his retirement on Aug. 31, 1982.

The Vanderlindens were the parents of two daughters, Susan Marie (Mrs David) Benson of Ames and Lisbeth Ann (Mrs Hugh) McLarty of Palo Alto, Calif. Survivors also include one granddaughter, Christine Benson and one brother, John of Spirit Lake.

Mr Vanderlinden died Friday, Sept. 10, 1982 at about 8 p.m. as the result of an auto accident near Alta, nine days after his 60 birthday.

Spence was a longtime leader in community affairs in Harlan and also in the farm cooperative movement. In Harlan, he became a director of the Harlan Municipal Utilities, a position he held for 25 years and was still serving at the time of his death. His service on this local utility board led to his becoming a director of the American Public Power Assoc. He was an officer in that association at the time of his death.

Under Spence's leadership, the Farm Service Cooperative became one of the outstanding farmer co-ops in western Iowa. Besides activity in the petroleum business, which was its primary concern when he became manager, Farm Service Co-op was a pioneer in the post-war fertilizer revolution in southwest Iowa. It built or acquired grain elevators in Harlan, Denison and Oakland, and became an important regional feed manufacturer, operating farm service facilities in a number of other communities in Shelby and adjoining counties.

Mr Vanderlinden also served on the Board of Directors for the Omaha Bank of Cooperatives and the Iowa Institute of Cooperatives in Ames. Earlier this year, a scholarship was established in his honor at Iowa State University by the Omaha Bank. A few years ago, he was named "Manager of the Year" by a regional farm magazine.

His family requests that memorials be sent to the Congregational Christian United Church of Christ in Harlan where a memorial is being set up to be administered by the family.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational Christian United Church of Christ in Harlan on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1982 at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Wayne Selsor officiating. V.F.W. Post No. 941 of Harlan served as honor guards and also presented the flag to his family. Clyde Thomson, Edgar Wahling, Donald Murray, Bill Rodenborn, Donald Fahrenkrug and Howard A. Andersen served as casketbearers. All are members of the Co-op.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan was in charge of the arrangements.