USEFUL LIFE OF GIDEON O. WATLAND ENDS

Funeral Services Were Held This Afternoon From Church.

Gideon O. Watland was born Jan. 23, 1885, the son of Ole and Bertha Watland. He was born, reared, and grew to manhood on a farm near New Sharon. In that home he had four sisters and four brothers, of whom he was next to the oldest. In his early youth he attended school in New Sharon and in young manhood went to business college for a time in Cedar Rapids.

He was united in marriage on Feb. 22, 1885 to Clara N. Anderson at the home of the bride in Leland, Ia. Immediately after their marriage Gideon and Clara Watland moved to a farm which he had bought near Dunbar, Iowa, where they lived for about two years. In 1885 they sold the farm and moved to New Sharon where Gideon Watland entered the lumber, grain and coal business. In New Sharon their children were born; a daughter, Ber- nice, in 1885, and a son, Clarence, in 1896. In 1888 the family moved to Clarksville, Iowa, where Gideon Watland reentered the lumber, grain and coal business and where they lived until Jan. 1, 1911.

Come To Grinnell

At that time Gideon Watland bought the Beth Jenkins lumber yard which used to be on the cor- ner of Fourth avenue and West street in Grinnell, and the family moved to Grinnell. In 1925 Gideon Watland bought the former B. J. Carney lumber yard from the Stokelys, and closed the yard.

On Fourth avenue. In the fall of 1929 he sold this yard to E. L. York and retired from business.

During his business career Gideon Watland was always active in the encouragement and financial support of all community enterprises. He was a member of the Commercial Club, and a member of the B. P. O. E., at the time of the building of the Elks block. He was a charter member of the holding committee of the Country Club. He was a stockholder in the Grinnell Aeroplane Co. He was a member of the holding committee which maintained the Grinnell fair grounds for years after the last fair was held. He was a contributor to the building of the Community Hospital, where his name is inscribed on one of the door plates. He was a stockholder and director of the Citizens National Bank.

Gideon Watland proudly claimed to hold a birthright membership in the Friends church when he regularly attended in early life and so long as he resided in proximity to a Friends church. After the family moved to Clarksville they became affiliated with the Methodist church, in which Gideon Watland retained an active membership throughout his life. During his productive years he was a substantial contributor to the support of his faith and was always regular in attendance at the services of his church. Although in later years his hearing had failed so that he missed much of the service, he nevertheless continued to be present, weather permitting, in his accustomed place in Sunday School and church on Sunday morning, and was there on the day preceding his death. His was a quiet faith, but all the more deep-seated; and he was prepared to meet his Maker for lo, these many years.

Loved His Home

In 1917 Gideon Watland had constructed the home at the corner of 10th Avenue and Main street to which the family moved on the day before Thanksgiving of that year. Since that time his home has been his pride and joy. Since the time of his retirement from business he has been active in the management of several residential properties, but most particularly in caring for the grounds of his home. In fair weather he could usually be found working on the lawn, or the shrubs or the garden at home, and was engaged in this work at the time of his passing. We are thankful to a Merciful God that he was spared a lasting or painful illness.

Gideon Watland died on the evening of Oct. 5, 1942 at the age of 77 years, 8 months and 10 days. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Bernice, by one brother, and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Clara; his son, Clarence, of Newburg; three brothers, Henry of Oskaloosa, Albert and Clarence of Albert Lea, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. Emelia Sawy of Leland, Ill., and Mrs. Tena Rinden of Oskaloosa; and two grandchildren, Julian and George of Newburg.

We, who mourn his passing, rejoice in the assurance that he has gone to a fairer, eternal life in a place where Jesus has prepared. We will remember him to the end of our days as a kind and loving husband and father.

Funeral services were held at 3:30. He left this afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. C. D. Loose, with interment in the New Sharon cemetery. Pall bearers were Carl E. Child, Homer Richardson, E. L. York, Ross V. Coutts, Martin Ellchorn and Ed Comferd.

Scrap Drive— Continued from page 1

up Ireland.” Loupee is a former Central college basketball and baseball star, and was inducted into the medical corps of the army. He served so proficiently he was selected to be returned to the states for officers’ training in medical business work. The folks in Ireland are good and kindly folks, but they are a long ways behind the times.

The gap was best shown while on a two-weeks trip when a jeep went racing on a country road on his two-weeks trip without knowing anything of Republicans or the trouble over there.

American soldiers get whatever they ask for, fabric as they do it, in the not so much of it, since space is very important, boys are healthy and busy with a grim job to do. They want to get over as soon as possible.

Their allowances of beer, candy bars and cards are making horse trade with our soldiers. One day off someone did something he wants. Everyone finishes perfect with the deals he has.

Loupee brought home an Irish and English and they show the effect of war, most of them being four to six pages. The “American American” and “Stripes”, a tabloid which gives army news information in which the soldier would be interested — the Superman comic.

Ireland mostly raised wool and flax for linen. The Irish did not bring home any linen, however, because it is a privilege. He visited times and says it’s a