

Monday, October 20, 1969

## Louis Phelps Dies Early Saturday

Louis V. Phelps, 84, of No. 5 College Park Road, died early Saturday at his home.

The son of William and Anna Varnoy Phelps, Mr. Phelps was born on Jan. 5, 1885 at Springdale, Iowa. He received his education in the Springdale schools and was a graduate of the University of Iowa School of Engineering. He received his B.A. degree in 1909 and his Civil Engineering Degree in 1911.

On March 9, 1912 he married Alice Clarke at Burlington, Iowa. Following their marriage they made their home in Duluth, Minn., where Mr. Phelps was a construction engineer. In 1914 he came to Grinnell to construct the women's quadrangle at Grinnell College. Following the completion of this construction, he stayed with the college as treasurer and business manager for 34 years. He was secretary of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the College from 1921 to 1949 and Business Manager of the Board of Trustees from 1945 to 1952.

Mr. Phelps was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational and served for many years as the chairman of the Grinnell Planning and Zoning Commission. He was also an honorary member of the Honor G at the College and the graduating class of 1927 made him an honorary member.

Survivors include his wife Alice; his daughter Mrs. George (Barbara) Susens of Grinnell; two grandchildren—Dr. George Phelps Susens of San Francisco, Calif., and Mrs. Richard Deborah Feltz of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a sister, Hannah Colbert of Seattle, Wash.; and two brothers—Howard of Springdale, Iowa, and Herbert of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Phelps was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Memorial services will be held for Mr. Phelps on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Herrick Chapel at Grinnell College. Officiating at the services will be Richard H. Winters and Neal W. Klausner. For additional information, friends may call the James-Schalnske Funeral Home.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are Homer Richardson, Arthur McDowell, Dr. K. L. Hoefert, Carl Child, Robert Kinsey, Irving Howell, George Apostle and Ed McNally.