

## Clarence Decatur Dies At Manor <sup>91</sup>

Clarence Henry Decatur, 89, of 1519 10th Ave., died early Wednesday morning (Feb. 3) at Friendship Manor Nursing Home.

The son of Samuel and Orilla Clapp Decatur, Mr. Decatur was born on July 24, 1881 at Elkhorn, Wis. As a young boy he came with his family to the Decatur farm west of Grinnell.

Mr. Decatur was married to Mary Elizabeth Harpster on June 21, 1905 in Grinnell, and to this union was born one daughter, Ruth V. Decatur.

In 1908, Mr. and Mrs. Decatur began farming on their home farm south of Grinnell. They continued to farm there for 50 years until retiring in 1958 and moving to Grinnell.

Mr. Decatur was well known as a registered breeder of Aberdeen Angus Cattle and Shropshire Sheep. He was a member of the Grinnell Methodist Church and a charter member of the Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his daughter Ruth of Grinnell; one sister, Mrs. Delphina Durr of Grinnell, and two brothers, George and Lawrence Decatur of Grinnell.

Mr. Decatur was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth "Mamie"; two sisters, Aletha Decatur in infancy and Mrs. Mable Tesser in 1955, and two brothers, William in 1957 and Herbert in 1958.

Funeral services for Mr. Decatur will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 5, 1971, at the Smith

Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Eugene Young, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating.

Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner. Honorary pallbearers will be A. J. Blakely, Howard Hyde and Rolla Whitaker. Pallbearers will be Isadore Berman, Paul Decatur, Leroy Durr, Kenneth Halstead, Ralph "Bill" Spooner, and Harold Stanley.

Burial will be made in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made in Mr. Decatur's name to the United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.