

Monday, February 2, 1970

Laurel Ely Dies; Funeral Thursday

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Smith Funeral Home for Laurel J. Ely, 74, of Rte. 2, Kellogg, who died Saturday evening, Jan. 31, at his home. Mr. Ely had been in failing health the past few months.

The Rev. J. Eugene Young, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist church, will officiate at the services. Music will be provided by Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers will be members of the Centerville, Iowa, American Legion Post.

Burial will be in Haynes Cemetery north of Centerville at 1:15 p.m. Thursday with American Legion graveside rites conducted by the Centerville American Legion.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of Marion Francis and Sara Jane Jackson Ely, Mr. Ely was born near Centerville, Iowa, on Dec. 14, 1895. He attended the schools near his family farm and later enlisted in the Army on May 14, 1918. He served with the 313th Cavalry (Troop D) at Del Rio, Texas, and with the 70th Field Artillery at Ft. Knox, Ky. Following discharge he continued to farm near Centerville.

On Nov. 12, 1925, he married Mary Kathryn Brozovich at Albia. To this marriage were born 11 children, nine of whom survive—Mrs. William (Florine) Good of Ames, Georgie Marion Ely of near Kellogg, Mrs. Harlan (Mary Katherine) Emory of Des Moines, Laurel J. Ely Jr. of Ames, Mrs. Larry (Sarah Jane) Dees of Memphis, Tenn., Larry Stanley Ely of Grinnell, Mrs. Robert (Nancy) George of Grinnell, and Tommie Lee Ely and Lucinda Sue Ely, both at the family home near Kellogg.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ely lived on farms in Story County for four years before moving to near Melbourne and farming for 33 years. In 1963, they moved to Hickory Grove township west of Newburg to operate a purebred swine farm business.

Mr. Ely was a member of the American Legion and the Melbourne Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; nine children; 15 grandchildren; one brother, George Ely of Waterloo, and one sister, Mrs. Lillian Scarlett of Des Moines.

Mr. Ely was preceded in death

by four children, Flossie Jean Ely, Francis Jon Ely, and one Mrs. Gracie Day.