

Monday, March 12, 1962

George Leffler, Mayflower Home Resident, Dies

George V. Leffler, 82, a resident of the Mayflower Home, died Friday at a local hospital where he had been a patient since Dec. 26.

Funeral services were held today (Monday) from the Harrisburg Baptist church. Interment was in Vale cemetery at Harrisburg.

The eldest of eight children of Andrew J. and Lydia Vale Leffler, he was born in Cedar township, Van Buren county, Iowa, June 26th, 1879. He was educated in the rural schools, the Academy of Central College at Pella, and Iowa State College, where he graduated in 1904.

On August 28, 1912, he was united in marriage with Lucretia Roberts of Bonaparte. She preceded him in death Oct. 13, 1948.

Mr. Leffler owned and operated a 320-acre farm in Cedar township, the one on which he was born and spent 79 years of his life. He was greatly interested in agriculture and supported organizations concerned with its problems and development. He was a leader in organizing the County Farm Institute prior to the organization of the Extension Service. Also, he was a charter member of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau which he later served as president, and then became a director from that district on the Iowa Farm Bureau board.

In 1927 Mr. Leffler was named an Iowa Master Farmer and in 1951 he was awarded a Master Swine Producer's medal.

He served his local school board as secretary for 44 years and organized an educational-entertainment Sunday evening program for his community

which held the interest of youth from a wide area. He was a member of the Harrisburg Baptist church more than 65 years and served as treasurer and trustee. He helped to organize the Roberts Memorial Foundation at Keosauqua and was its first president.

Mr. Leffler was a student of economics and matters relating to taxation. Banking and rural electrification were also important subjects to him.

In February 1959, he retired from his farm and moved to Grinnell where he had an apartment at Mayflower Home.

Survivors include his son, Gustin Leffler, and two grandchildren, Robert and Nancy Leffler of Stockport. Also surviving are a brother, John M. Leffler, Stockport; and three sisters, Mrs. Martin Ferman and Mrs. Irene Wells of Grinnell, and Mrs. Mary Nelson of Goldfield.