

H-R October 29, 1984
Former resident dies

Walter F. Oberst, 85, Normal, Ill., formerly of Grinnell, died Oct. 10 at Brokaw Hospital in Normal.

Private family services were held Oct. 13 in Beck Memorial Home, Bloomington, with burial also in Bloomington.

He was born Sept. 11, 1899, in Dundee, Ill., to Charles and Margaret Stasel Oberst. He married Lydia Schartow Jan. 26, 1922, in Carpentersville, Ill.

He was head of the Laundry Queen washing machine manufacturing company in Grinnell from 1922 to 1938. Following that he had various posts with Meadows Division of Thor Corp., also a washing machine manufacturing com-

pany, in Bloomington, Ill., including president and general manager, and later worked for Osborn, an engineering firm. He retired in 1968.

He was a member of Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, was a former vice president of the Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County and was a 30-year member of Rotary International.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter Carol Browsher, Bloomington; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A son, five brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.