

February 27, 1950

## Alvin E. Olson.

This community paid final respect to one of its active business and civic leaders at funeral services for Alvin E. Olson, Friday afternoon, in the Claremont Methodist church. Mr. Olson passed away at the Britton hospital Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1950, after short illness with virus pneumonia.

Alvin Edgar Olson was born Charles A. and Selma Olson on February 27, 1906, at Claremont, S. D. He was baptized and on September 1923, was confirmed at the Augustana Lutheran church.

Alvin attended the Claremont public school and was a graduate from Claremont high school in 1927. In 1928 he attended Northern State Teachers College at Aberdeen and the following year enrolled at the State College at Brookings, in the pharmacy department, from which he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1933.

He was employed at Velva and Oakes, N. D., and for two years was employed at the Anderson Drug Store at Groton. After the death of his father on February 15, 1940, Alvin took over the management of his father's store, where he had spent his youthful years, and retained this position until the time of his death.

He served on the City Governing Board for several years, and held office as Mayor of the City of Claremont, resigning in 1942. He acted as secretary of the Claremont baseball club for twelve years, giving up the position last spring, and last year was secretary of the Sand Lake League. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, and attended the Methodist church and Augustana Lutheran church of that community.

Alvin leaves to mourn his passing his mother, Mrs. Selma Olson of Claremont; three brothers, Mervin and Donald of Watertown, S. D., and Wesley of Claremont; three sisters, Mrs. Thos. Hagger of Watertown, Mildred Olson of Claremont, and Mrs. Wm. Kruse of Frederick; also seven nieces and four nephews, besides a host of relatives and friends.

The Reverend F. G. MacKenzie of Groton officiated at the services. Rodney Barnes sang "The Lord's Prayer" with Mrs. Mabel Pierson accompanist. Rev. MacKenzie, N. H. Berry, Misses Margaret and Myrtle Blader sang, "Haven of Rest" and "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me," with Mrs. MacKenzie accompanist.

Relatives from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hagger, and Donald Olson of Watertown; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kruse and family of Frederick, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Benson and Mrs. W. C. Bowlin of St. Paul, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Ray