



THE LIFE STORY OF —

## H.J. Stahl, 101

Herschel J. Stahl, son of John and Evalina Tilden Stahl, was born June 24, 1883 at Lytlesburg, Ohio.

He married Mabel Carr on Jan. 11 at Creston. They moved to Walnut in 1914 and he operated a tailor and cleaner shop. Three sons and a daughter were born to them. Both he and Mrs Stahl were interested in dramatics and they produced many plays and entertainments in Walnut and Greenfield. Mrs Stahl died on Dec. 22, 1962 and he retired in 1963, living at his home with his daughter, Ethel Christensen.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, Morro Masonic Lodge No. 559 of Walnut, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine of Des Moines and Nishna Valley Shrine Club of Atlantic. In failing health he entered Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn, July 28, 1984 and died there Aug. 1, 1984 at the age of 101 years, 1 month and 7 days.

Survivors are his daughter, Ethel Christensen, sons John of Knoxville, Durward of Panama City, Panama, and Lyn of Fort Pierce, Fla.; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, a brother and two sisters.

A Masonic service was held the evening of Aug. 3, 1984 at the Berthusen Knutson Funeral Home in Walnut. The funeral service was held at the Presbyterian church in Walnut with Rev. Harvey Beach, officiating. Honorary bearers were Arthur Mertz, Harry Walter, Tom Fell and Arthur Koehrsen. Bearers were Kirby Smith, Dave Christensen, DeVee Donohoe, Albert Schirm and Herbert Mertz.

Burial was in the Walnut cemetery.