

THE LIFE STORY OF —

## Duane Thummel

Edward Duane Thummel of Co. Bluffs, died Dec. 17, 1976 as a result of a car accident near Henderson. Services were held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, 1976 at Meyers Chapel in Co. Bluffs with Rev. James Stiles of St. Mark's Methodist church officiating. Final services were held at the Methodist church in Bedford, Dec. 20, 1976, conducted by Rev. James Stiles of St. Mark's Methodist church, Co. Bluffs. Burial in Fairview cemetery, Bedford.

Duane Thummel was born in Taylor co. Ia., July 25, 1918 and died at age of 58 years, 4 months and 22 days. He was the third son of Frank C. and Alice Butts Thummel. He grew to mahood in Taylor co. Early in life he became a Christian and was a faithful member of the Methodist church. He attended rural schools in Taylor co., graduated from Bedford high school, attended Maryville State Teacher's College, ISU University where he majored in farming. He was employed in Bedford by the State Soil Conservation Service, spent several years farming in Ross twp. on the farm which had been home-steaded by his grandfather, Walker Butts. In 1965 he moved to Clarinda, where he was employed at Mental Health Institute and during this time he attended L.P.N. School and became a Licensed Practical Nurse. In 1970 he received his B.S. degree in Psychology from Maryville State University and dedicated his life to serving the elderly as Nursing Home Administrator at Harlan, West Branch and Co. Bluffs. Presently he was Project Director for Area 13 Agency on Aging serving as Nutritional Director in S. W. Ia. On April 14, 1951 he married Irma Mae Shell of Hopkins, Mo. One son, Keane Franklin was born to them.

He is survived by his wife, Irma, their son, Keane, two grandchildren, Marcy Lynn and

Nicholas Keane Thummel, a brother, Glenn Thummel, two nephews, three nieces, his Mother-in-law Janette Shell, cousins and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Olin Thummel.