



THE LIFE STORY OF —

## Abner Udem

**WALNUT** — Abner Martin Udem was born Dec. 9, 1901, in Chicago, son of Andrew and Rena Louise Udem. He died at his home, March 30, 1977 following a lingering illness. He received his education in Chicago and as a teenager, volunteered to help with harvesting, during the labor shortage during WW I. Sent to Iowa, he made it his permanent home. He married Bertha Drake of Walnut at Corning in 1926. They made their home in the Walnut vicinity. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, a Past Master in the Masonic Lodge, member of Harmony Chapter, O.E.S., of Kedron Commandery No. 42 in Atlantic and Za-Ga-Zig Shrine of Des Moines.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha, a son, Dr. Dale Udem of Alexandria, Minn., a sister, Mrs Rosella Heidenson of Chicago; six grandchildren, Jan, John, Susan, Allyn, Lori and Angella Udem and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and twin brother, Victor.

Masonic rites were held Thursday, March 30, 1977 at the Berthusen Knutson Funeral home in Walnut.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 1, 1977 at the Walnut Presbyterian church with Rev. and Sam Hee Shinn, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with Robert Drake, Herbert Mertz, George Mertz, Dale McIntosh, H. F. Fredrickson and Ronald Mortenson serving as casketbearers.