

## CROFTON PIONEER DOCTOR LAID TO REST SATURDAY, FEBR. 27th

The funeral service for Dr. C. H. Swift, sr, 87 who died late Wednesday night, were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Crofton Congregational church with Jerry Tupper, Yankton, student minister, officiating.

Interment was made in the Crofton cemetery under direction of the Scott-Prescott funeral home, Bloomfield, Nebr. Crofton Lodge 273, A.F. and AM. held Masonic graveside rites. Pallbearers were Ole Johnson, Carl Schwartz, Marion and Walter Everton, and Roman and Martin Kramer.

Dr. Swift, the son of Mr and Mrs M A Swift, was born August 31, 1877, at Cheney, Kans. When a small boy he moved with his family to Cheyenne county, Nebr., by covered wagon. Following his high school education he worked as a cowboy on the Union Pacific section to finance his way through college.

He attended the University of Iowa Medical School, Iowa City, While at the university he was active in athletics, playing with the football team and acting as captain of the track team one year. He set a national record in the discus throw which was unequalled for 10 years.

While working his way through the university he received the highly coveted Max Maner scholarship and athletic award. Following his graduation from medical school in 1904 he interned at Battle Creek, Ia., and then located at Deadwood, where he was surgeon at the Homestake gold mine and McLaughlin Tie and Lumber company.

In 1911 he came to Crofton as the partner of Dr D D Talcott. They had their office above the present Crofton State Bank.

In Crofton Dr. Swift organized and coached a men's town basketball team which for several years were undisputed champions and also coached the girls' high school basketball team who were district champions several years.

After the death of Dr. D D

Talcott Dr Swift invited Dr V V Talcott, brother of his former partner, to join him in practice in Crofton, and the new partnership lasted a number of years.

In 1932 Dr Swift moved his office into his home, continuing his practice there until three years ago. About five years ago he underwent an amputation of his right leg.

During his long years of medical practice, during which he delivered many children and served thousands of patients over a wide area, he used all forms of transportation to reach his patients, including horse and buggy and snowshoes, often walking when transportation failed.

In 1961 he received an award from the Nebraska Medical Society for having practiced medicine in Nebraska 50 years. About three years ago he received the Omaha World Herald sports fan club award.

At the time of his death he was the oldest member of the Masonic lodge in Crofton. Gardening was another of his hobbies for many years, and he worked an acreage he owned on the east edge of Crofton.

He is survived by two sons Dr C H Swift, jr., and Don Swift, both of Crofton; two daughters, Marcia, Mrs Robert Wigton, Omaha, Nebr., and Charolette, Mrs Marcus Tage, Bradenton, Fla.; seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.