

# Ole E. Thoreson

Ole E. Thoreson was born June 25th, 1882, in Polk County, Minn. His parents, Helge and Johanna Thoreson had immigrated there from Osterdalen, Norway. After reaching manhood Ole worked a year at a bank at Thief River Falls, Minn. and five years in a store at Warren, Minn. In 1907 he came to Hannaford and accepted the position of cashier of the First National Bank and later became president of that institution, a position he held until the spring of the present year when failing health forced him to resign. In the fall of 1915 he married Mrs. Mabel Brusegaard, who survives to mourn the loss of a beloved husband.

About eight weeks ago he was taken to a sanatorium in St. Paul for treatment by specialists, and it seemed for a while that he was on the way to recovery, but Friday, Oct. 24th he was taken sick with pneumonia from which he died Sunday morning, Oct. 26th. The remains were brought to Hannaford where funeral services were held in the Lutheran church Wednesday afternoon, after which the body was taken to Thief River Falls, Minn., for interment.

The high esteem in which Mr. Thoreson was held in this community was best shown by the many who attended the funeral services to give his remains the last respects, and by the many floral offerings.

Rev. Thoreson of Hannaford, and Rev. Bennett, of Cooperstown, spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing relatives and friends. A quartette consisting of Misses Lunde and Jackson and Messrs. Reite and Hoffman, sang beautifully "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and the services were in charge of the Elks Lodge. Pallbearers were Messrs. Jackson, R. L. Jones, Asher Peterson, H. H. Swingen, B. M. Lunde and F. W. Chapman.

While he lived in Hannaford Ole Thoreson was entrusted with many responsible positions. He was secretary of the Commercial Club for several years and for a number of years he was village treasurer.

During the recent war crisis Mr. Thoreson was very active in the various branches of war work such as the Red Cross, Liberty Loan and War Savings campaigns.

Mr. Thoreson was of a quiet disposition which won him true friends, and in all his business dealings, he was ready to take the heavy lifts in building up the community and in making life brighter for his fellow-citizens.

Beside the widow and a step-daughter he is survived by ten brothers and sisters to whom the hearts of a large number of friends go out in this hour of bereavement.