## Arthur Kock, 81

WALNUT — Arthur Alfred Kock, son of Nicholaus and Emma Bussow Kock, was born in Clay twp.Shelby county on March 9, 1896 and died Sunday, May 22, 1977 in St. Joseph hospital in Omaha at age 81 years, 3 months and 11 days. He received his schooling in Shelby county. He married Bertha Anna Williams in Avoca on Feb. 3, 1917. This union was blessed with two daughters. The Kocks farmed northwest of Walnut until 1945, when they moved to Walnut. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1967. Arthur had been mayor of Walnut, and was Layton twp. trustee until his death. He also served as election judge many times. He was a long time member of the Peace United Church of Christ and of the Peace Haven Assn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, who died Feb. 26, 1969; his parents; two brothers, Charles and Herman and a sister, Alvina Olson. Survivors include two daughters - Mrs Vernon (Anna) Paasch of Walnut and Mrs Jay (Arletta) Johnson of Atlantic and a granddaughter - Kristyine Johnson of Ames.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 25, 1977 at the Peace United Church of Christ with Rev. Bruno Romanowski, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with Albert Warnke, John Mundorf, Robert Tompkins, Robert Bornholdt, Larry Kock and Steve Vinton serving as casketbearers.