

taurant and served food for passengers on trains for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. He returned to Scottsbluff working for the Lincoln Trust Company, appraising and selling land for them.

He then moved to Emmett, Idaho, where he owned and operated a bakery and restaurant.

When the Depression hit in 1929, he had returned to Kansas and set out again for Idaho, but stopped in Wheatland to visit friends. Dave Martin was looking for a ranch hand and the first day he worked, Mr. Drury met Dave's sister-in-law, Elizabeth Geringer. The couple was married on Dec. 7, 1933.

In the fall of 1935, he purchased a used furniture store located where the Moose Lodge is now. They later built the present store with money loaned by Mr. Bovee, Shirley Bovee Shockey's grandfather.

The Drurys operated the store until 1985, just a few months short of 50 years.

Gordon was elected in 1942 to the Wheatland Town Council and served two terms.

He was elected Mayor in 1950, and served two terms -- 12 years in all on the council.

During his tenure with the council, he helped improve the cemetery, plan the street paving, instigated getting a new water well and helped improve the City Park.

He went into the auction business at the request of his brother-in-law, John Geringer, in 1942. They held farm sales, estate sales and ram sales in Casper. He attended auctioneering school in Minnesota in 1942.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Paradise Lodge No. 29, the Banner Rebekah Lodge No. 16, a life-long committed Christian, and member of the Wheatland United Methodist Church.

He was a past member of various business and professional organizations, and of furniture and auctioneering groups.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Christine "Elizabeth" Drury of Wheatland, and two children, Ed Drury of Vancouver, Wash., and Jeanie Reddy and her husband, Ron, of Denver, Colo.

Two grandchildren, Paul Reddy of Denver, Colo., and Suzanne Reddy, temporarily of the South Pole in Antarctica, a sister, Esther Starrett of San Diego, Calif., and numerous nieces, nephews, "adopted children," and a host of friends, including the committee who cook for the Lions Club on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Serving as pallbearers will be Don Sherard, Frank



GORDON DRURY

Ex-Mayor G.A. Drury dies at 91

Funeral services for Gordon A. Drury, 91, are scheduled this (Saturday) afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Wheatland United Methodist Church, with Rev. Linda Barnes officiating. She will be assisted by Pastor Gordon Swedberg, Andy Gudahl, Minister, and the Rev. Dr. James S. Vuocolo.

Mr. Drury, a long-time Wheatland resident, served two terms as Wheatland's Mayor, and served a total of 12 years on the Wheatland Town Council, from 1942 to 1954.

Drury and his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth, had operated a furniture store in Wheatland for almost 50 years, when they retired in 1985.

He is survived by his wife, two children, two grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. A complete obituary appears on page A-2 of today's newspaper.