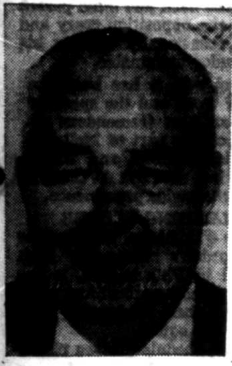


More Details Given on Life Of Henry Loft

Additional details about the life of Henry Cook Loft, former publisher of the Antelope Valley Press, who died Dec. 26, were furnished this week by his family.

As reported in Sunday's Valley Press, Mr. Loft was buried in the Old Palmdale Cemetery last Saturday.

Mr. Loft, with his father, Judge Henry L. Loft, and his



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sister, Bonnie Loft Hill, were publishers of the Press for several years in the late 1930's.

Survivors include his widow, Alice Swan Loft, to whom he was married Apr. 27, 1949; his sisters, Mrs. Phebe Tebay of Lancaster, and Mrs. Hill, now of Baker, Oregon; and one brother, William H. Loft, Sr., of Montrose; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Loft was born in Cherokee, Iowa, Apr. 17, 1905, and lived until 1935 in that part of the country. He was a graduate of Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, and attended the University of South Dakota, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

With his family, he was publisher later of the Alcester, Union, Alcester, South Dakota, and the Macon County Journal, Macon, Missouri, before coming to Palmdale.

During his years at Palmdale he was active in the Chamber of Commerce and other community affairs contributing to the early development of the Valley. He was former president of the Palmdale Kiwanis Club. During World War II, Mr. Loft served first on a merchant vessel in the Australia area, and later was Chief Manning Officer for War Shipping Administration in the South Pacific.

He and Mrs. Loft were for many years owners of the Loft and Ward Furniture store, in Eureka, Calif., where they made their home until March of this year. Since then they have lived in San Diego, and he has managed The Bahia Hotel & Furniture Supply Co.

He was a member of Humboldt Lodge No. 79, F.&A.M., and of Redwood Shrine Club, both of Eureka; of Scottish Rite and Aahmes Shrine Temple, of Oakland, Calif.; B.P.O.E. of Eureka; a past Watchman of Shepherds of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, of Eureka; and the Presbyterian Church.