

# Griggs Pioneer Passed Away

Carl E. Skarie, for twenty years a resident of this vicinity, recently died at his home at Lanesboro. The Lanesboro Weekly publishes the following obituary:

"The late, Mr. Skarie was born in Carrollton township on August 16th, 1860, his parents being among the very earliest settlers of the Root River Valley. His father, J. H. Skarie, died several years ago, but his venerable mother, now in her 86th year, is still living. When he was born that part of the valley where Lanesboro now is located was practically a wilderness, and he lived to see the building up here of a prosperous and enterprising little city, doing his share to foster such growth.

"As a lad of twenty-one he left for North Dakota, locating near Hannaford. Here he remained for more than twenty years, acquiring a large farm of 480 acres. While in North Dakota he was married on October 4th, 1885, to Miss Christine Hemmingson. In 1902 he sold out his property interests in that state and returned to Lanesboro, taking active charge of the old homestead and also acquiring more land. He was a very active man and intensely interested in all matters and projects that would tend to build up this community. He was public spirited, and his fellow-citizens placed him on the Carrollton township board of supervisors, of which he was a very useful member for some years. Mr. Skarie probably had more friends and less enemies than any other man in this community."