

The Life Story of—

MRS LARS NELSON, 84

Anna Marie Nelson of Harlan, was born in Oro, Denmark on Jan. 5, 1890, daughter of Hans and Johanne Madsen. She died April 30, 1974 at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan at age 84 years, 3 months, 25 days. She was baptized on Jan. 19, 1890 and confirmed in Lutheran Rise church in Denmark. She attended school at Dunkar, Denmark. In Feb. of 1908, she came to the U.S. at the age of 18 years with her brother, Hans Madsen, coming to Audubon. She worked in that vicinity at the Christensen's Ranch until her marriage when they moved to a farm five miles northwest of Exira. She married Lars Nelson at Audubon on Oct. 30, 1912. To this union six children were born. The Nelsons continued to live on their farm, his home place, until retiring to Harlan on Sept. 7, 1943.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lars in Nov. of 1960; by a son, Herman, who died in the service in Dec. 1941; her parents, five brothers and four sisters; and one grandson Craig Nelson, who died in Nov. 1967. She is survived by three sons, Leonard of Kimballton, Harvey of Grand Junction, Colo., and Raymond of Exira; by two daughters, Aletha (Mrs Orville J. Hansen) of Kimballton, and Diana (Mrs Eugene C. Greer) of Harlan; and by 18 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday May 2, 1974 at the Pauley Home for Funerals in Harlan with Pastor J. Harry Thomsen officiating. Pallbearers were Victor Madsen, Leo Madsen, Glen Fulton, Einar Madsen, all of Audubon, Neils Juel of Hamlin and Danzel Nelson of Exira. Burial was in St. John's cemetery west of Exira.