

THE LIFE STORY OF —

Zella L. Philson, 87

Harlan — Zella Lucile Philson, daughter of Charles and Florence Kibby Gearhart, was born May 24, 1894, on a farm in Shelby county. She attended the country school, grew to adulthood on the family farm and later attended Harlan Business college.

On March 4, 1914, she married Grover Philson at her parents' home in Center twp., Shelby county. Five children were born to this union. During her lifetime, she was employed as a deputy sheriff for Shelby county, as a sales clerk in Harlan and later worked at the Baptist Memorial Home. She then went into practical nursing as a private practice, which she did until retiring. She continued to make her home in Harlan and in July of 1980, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. Zella was a member of the Harlan First United Methodist church. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on Saturday, June 13, 1981, at age 87 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Owen Gearhart in June of 1979. She is survived by three sons, Arland and Ormond of Dallas, Texas and Dean of Appollo Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Louree (Mrs Gerald) Clem of St. Louis, Mo. and Doylene (Mrs Ike) Hansen of Melbourne, Fla.: 11 grand-



children, four great grandchildren; two brothers, Ellis and Orrell Gearhart, of Harlan, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 16, 1981 with Dr. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in Harlan Cemetery with David Schaben, Brian Schaben, Lynn Gearhart, Keith Svendsen, Larry Gearhart and Charles Gearhart serving as casketbearers.