

The Life Story of --

NORMAN SORENSON, 56

Norman Sorenson, son of Carl and Ella Jorgensen Sorenson, was born on a farm east of Harlan in Center twp., Shelby county on Jan. 18, 1919. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Dec. 1, 1975, at age of 56 years, 10 months and 13 days. Norman attended Center No. 1 country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. He attended Harlan Community high school, graduating in 1936. He then worked on a construction crew building power lines near Cherokee and surrounding northern Iowa. In Mar. of 1942 he joined the army serving with the 1st Amored Signal Battalion in Africa, Italy, France and Germany. While in the service, Norman served as head of the public address system for General George S. Patton. He received his honorable discharge and returned to Harlan in 1945. On Oct. 28, 1945 he married Bette Jean Heilesen at the Gospel Tabernacle in Omaha, Nebr. Three children were born to this union. After his marriage, he started as a lineman for the Nishnabotna Valley Rural Electric Cooperative where for the last five years he served as assistant to the manager. Norman was a member of the Bethel Baptist church as a boy. He joined the First United Methodist church in 1954 and has been a member since that time. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 267 of Harlan for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Vernon. He is survived by his wife, Bette, of Harlan, two daughters, Linda Osbahr of Council Bluffs and Mary (Mrs Dwain Nordby) of Irwin; one son, Carl Sorenson of Harlan and three grandchildren, Karol and Kelly Osbahr and Rodney Nordby; by two brothers, Roy Sorenson of Seal Beach, Calif. and James Sorenson of Muscatine; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1975 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. Larry LaVelle officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Chet Haase, Larry Wehr, Keith Crawford, Phil W. Madson, Arnold Knudtson, Webb Hemminger, Owen Langenfeld and Dwight Zimmerman serving as casket bearers.