



The Life Story of --

MEL WHITE, 64

Cyrus Melvin White, son of Charles L. and Bessie Wickersham White was born Feb. 19, 1911 on a farm in Lincoln twp, Shelby county. He died Feb. 8, 1976 at Veterans hospital in Omaha, Nebr., at age 64 years 11 months and 19 days. Mel grew to adulthood on his parent's farm and attended Harlan Community high school, graduating in 1928. He then farmed with his father for the next six years. On Dec. 10, 1931, he married Bernadine Fredericksen in Harlan. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs White continued to farm. They were privileged to celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary this past December. In 1934 Mel went into the automobile business and was the Oldsmobile-Cadillac dealer in Harlan for over 30 years. Mel served with the Public Relations Dept. of the U. S. Army driving a jeep for foreign correspondents in Europe during W. W.

II. He received his honorable discharge in Dec. of 1945. From 1967 to 1969 he was employed by the Iowa Commerce Commission. He then became an agent for the Central United Life Insurance Co. and had held this position until the time of his death. Mel was a member of the Congregational Christian church in Harlan. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 941, the Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 American Legion, both of Harlan and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son and one daughter. He is survived by his wife, Bernadine, of Harlan; his step-mother, Mrs Charles L. White of Seaton, Ill.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1976, at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. David E. Cave, officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Harley Rogers, Ernie Schnack, Verner Schmitz, Urban Peterson, L. R. (Bo) Sellers and Wesley Rasmussen serving as casketbearers.