



Dr. Earl Taylor Christensen, 69

SCRANTON — Dr. Earl Taylor Christensen was born Jan. 30, 1920 in Shelby Co., a son of Alvin L. and Sylvia Mae (Rold) Christensen. He was a graduate of Harlan High School in 1937 and Iowa State University in 1942 with a degree in veterinary medicine. He began practicing in Scranton following graduation from college. He practiced in Scranton for 15 years and in Harlan for 34 years.

April 2, 1943, he married Hazel Gray at Scranton. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Scranton. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Scranton and Harlan. He was a past Master of the Parian Lodge No. 321 of Harlan and a member of Harlan Order of the Eastern Star, Lebanon Chapter No. 8, of which he was a past pa-

tron. He was a member of the Yo-₂ bodies at Harlan and had served as the top officer in all those bodies. He was a former High Priest of the Grand Commandry of Iowa, a member of the Abu Bekr Shrine of Sioux City and was a charter member of the T Patrol of the Harlan Shrine Club.

He was a Boy Scout Master in Scranton for 14 years and served as district commissioner of Boy Scouts of Harlan. He holds the Silver Beaver Award. He died at his home in Scranton Jan. 28, 1990 at age 69.

He was preceded in death by his parents, twin brother, Alvin and granddaughter Natalie (David), brother-in-law Raymond Dinesen (Jackie) and sister-in-law Judith Christensen (Kenard). Survivors include his wife, Hazel of Scranton; two sons, David T. of Harlan and Byron E. of Harlan; five grandchildren, one great-grandson; two sisters, Mrs Jean Blakely (Floyd) of Iowa City and Jackie Petry (Calvin) of Hempstead, TX., and two brothers, Kenard Christensen of Harlan and Richard Christensen, Sr. of Grass Valley, CA.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30, 1990 at the United Methodist Church in Scranton. The service was preceded by Masonic services with Bob Christensen as orator. Officiating was Rev. Gerald Armstrong. Burial was in Scranton cemetery with Ben Dirks, Ed Swank, Ken Escher, Wilbur Eason, Bud Terrill and Allan Pound as casketbearers. Honorary casketbearers were Donald Conroy, Arnold Christensen, Nathan Christensen, Jason Christensen, Nicholas Christensen, Quinton Rickers, Gene Paup, Harold Christensen, John Fey and Jim Jones.