

Alice Pitt Jorgensen, 97

March 7, 1904 – March 14, 2001

PERSIA – Alice Leila (Pitt) Jorgensen was born in Cass Township, Harrison County, March 7, 1904, to Levi Rodney and Lulu Ann (Knauss) Pitt. She attended Banner School District No. 8 in Cass Twp. After graduating from the eighth grade, she attended Logan High School graduating from the Normal Training Department in 1923. That fall she began teaching school in Cass Township. She rode a horse to school and stayed at home to help with the family finances. Her father had died when she was a senior in high school. She got her college education the hard way, by attending night school, summer school and day classes.

She married Peter Jorgensen June 15, 1927. She and Pete moved to a farm west of Persia, where he farmed and she continued to teach. Alice's teaching career spanned 42 years. She was a member of RLDS Church. She had no children of her own, but she always had nieces and nephews visit and stay with them on the farm. In 1944, she became active in the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 195 at Logan and she was Worthy Matron in 1963. She was Harrison County's Welfare Investigator in 1964. She kept books in the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in 1952. But as Alice put it "Somehow the schoolroom kept calling me back". She died March 14, 2001, at Rose Vista Home at Woodbine, at age 97.

She was preceded in death by her husband and nine brothers and sisters. Survivors include one sister, Arlene Hall of Woodbine, and 27 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held March 17, 2001, at the Schumacher Funeral Home in Logan, with Elger Roger Seeley officiating. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery, Persia. Casket bearers were Dana Hall, Marion Pitt, Kenneth Klinkenbeard, Arlon Meier, Bill Spencer and Merlyn Jorgensen.