

Mrs. Ben Lamfers

"75 Club" Member

A Resident Of George 42 Years

Mrs. Ben Lamfers, a native of the Netherlands, is this week's Reporter "75" club member. She has been a resident of the George community for 32 years.

Mrs. Lamfers was born November 6, 1855 in Beerta, Netherlands. Her youth was spent working on farms in her native country and it was here that she earned her first dollars, working as a day laborer in the fields.

She was married in 1878 to Ben Lamfers in the Netherlands, and to this union seven children were born, Ralph and Tobe Lamfers, both of George, and Mrs. William Boomgaarden, Holland, Minn. Four children died in infancy or early youth. In 1903, Mr. Lamfers died and his wife made a living for the children. Six years later she came to America with her family.

In 1910 they came to Lyon county and Mrs. Lamfers, with her chil-



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dren, farmed for five years near George. For the past 24 years

Mrs. Lamfers has kept house for her son Tobe, who was married last year. She still makes her home with her son.

Mrs. Lamfers is a member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian church of George and of the German Ladies' Aid society of the church.

Although she was 55 years old when she came to the United States, Mrs. Lamfers learned to read and write the American language, despite her age. Until several years ago, she did a lot of knitting, mostly with very fine thread, and did not have to wear glasses. Even now she does considerable reading without the aid of glasses.

She attributes her long life to moderate living, active interest in home, community, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Lamfers has 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.