

THE LIFE STORY OF —

## Hazel Dell Babbitt, 87

Hazel Dell Franklin, the eldest daughter of Clarence O. and Molly Cherington Franklin, was born Nov. 24, 1894 in Pottawattamie Co. As children, she and her three sisters attended Rose Hill rural school in Lincoln Twp. and as young women, they assisted with the family farming.

She married Lubert O. Hardenbergh on Jan. 1, 1915. Lubert died after one year of marriage and one son, named after his father, was born May 4, 1916. Following the death of her husband, she was employed as a seamstress by families in the Marne area.

On Dec. 29, 1919 she married Oliver Glenn Babbitt, a young widower with four children: Hubert, Darlene, Doris and Clara. To this union were born: Velma, Hyla, Ora, Neva, Dean and Dell.

They lived on a farm northwest of Marne for 25 years before moving to a farm which they purchased northwest of Avoca. After Mr. Babbitt's death, she remained at the home place until she moved into a trailer on her son's adjoining farm. The last 3½ years of her life, she lived with a daughter in Atlantic.

She died at the Cass Co. hospital in Atlantic, following a short illness, on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1982 at the age of 87 years. She was preceded in death by her mother and

father; both husbands; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Jensen of Sylvian, Ill. and Mrs. Clara Skow of Atlantic, two children, Hubert Babbitt of Grand Meadow, Minn. and Mrs. Doris Stevens of Avoca.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Gladys Conn of Lewis, nine children, thirty-one grandchildren, 56 great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren. Her surviving children are: Darlene (Mrs. Clyde) Killion of Des Moines; Clara (Mrs. Walter) Jones of Walnut; Lubert O. Hardenbergh of Keystone Heights, Fla.; Velma (Mrs. Clifford) Boysen of Harlan; Hyla (Mrs. Carl) Nash of Atlantic; Ora "Bill" Babbitt of Avoca; Neva (Mrs. Lee) Manz of Avoca; Dean Babbitt of Fullerton, Calif.; and Dell Babbitt of Loveland, Colo.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 19, 1982 at the United Methodist church of Shelby, with the Rev. Russell Vanderhoef officiating. Burial followed in the Shelby Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were her grandsons: Garvin G. Babbitt, Steven Boyd Babbitt, Jeffrey Glenn Babbitt, Jerry Reed Hardenbergh, Larry Dean Manz, Lonnie R. Boysen and Rick Nash.