

Leo Blackburn, 82

Harlan — Leo Blackburn was born at Neosho, Mo., on Dec. 17, 1896, daughter of John and Clara Chenowith Giles. She received her education at Neosho and later attended Southwest Missouri State College at Springfield, Mo. After college she taught at Neosho then in 1926 she moved to Co. Bluffs. She married Thurl Blackburn on June 29, 1930 in Kansas City, Mo. They were the parents of one daughter, Ruth.

Leo taught in the Co. Bluffs school system, teaching most of the time in the Roosevelt School. She retired from teaching in 1961. After her retirement they moved to Neosho, Mo., until in March of 1970 when they became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. Leo died at Myrtle Memorial hospital on Thursday, June 7, 1979 at age of 82 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and one brother. Survivors include her husband, Thurl, one daughter, Ruth (Mrs James) Johnson, three grandchildren, James M., Anita R. and David W. of Tulsa, Okla., one brother, Paul Giles and one sister, Mrs Aro Kelly of Neosho, Mo., and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 9, 1979 at the Baptist church in Co. Bluffs. Burmeister Funeral Home of Harlan made the arrangements.