

## Elsie Croft

**KIRKMAN** — Elsie Marie Croft, daughter of James Taylor and Emma Eddy Shearman, was born in Dow City, on Sept. 18, 1894. As a small girl she moved with her parents to Kirkman, where she attended school and grew to adulthood. On Nov. 29, 1919, she married Maurice G. Croft at Kirkman. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Croft farmed near Kirkman for several years. They then moved into Kirkman where Mr Croft served as Postmaster then move into Kirkman where Mr Croft served as Postmaster from 1926 to 1953. Elsie clerked at the post office

for many years. After Mr Croft's death in 1960, she moved to Artesia, N. M., and this was her home until 1975 when she moved to Ames. This has been her home since that time. Mrs Croft died at Mary Greeley hospital in Ames on Oct. 11, 1976, at age 82 years and 23 days. She had been a long time member of the Methodist church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Maurice; and by one brother, Ora Shearman. She is survived by three brothers - Herbert A. Shearman of Nevada, Vernon Shearman of Lake View and Glen Shearman of Siren, Wisc.; a sister - Alice Morgan of Chico, Calif.; four nieces and five nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan

on Thursday, Oct. 14, 1976, with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church of Harlan, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery at Kirkman, with Loren Blair, Roland Adams, Harlan Huckins, J. Earl Andersen, Clifford Pedersen and Ellsworth Shannon serving as casketbearers.