



THE LIFE STORY OF —

Chester A. Hansen, 78

1983

Chester Arthur Hansen, son of Chris J. and Dorothea Fredricksen Hansen, was born Oct. 19, 1904 in Harlan. He attended school in Harlan, after working for his father in the implement business for two years. He attended Tabor College for one year. He then worked as a bridge carpenter and road builder, working for Shelby County for four years. As a young man he played center for the Harlan Independent football team, for ten years.

On Dec. 23, 1925 he married Louise Borngraeber at her sister's home in Walnut. One daughter was born to this union. In 1929, he started working for Hansen Garage, where he worked as a Mechanic. In 1942 he was elected as Shelby County Auditor, a position he held for 16 years. During this time he served as President of the Iowa County Auditor's Assoc. for three years. He was also the President of the County Officer's Assoc. for one year. In 1959 he was then appointed Public's Account Auditor, working under the Auditor of the State of Iowa, until he retired in 1972. They then continued to live in Harlan. After Mrs Hansen died on Sept. 11, 1980, he continued to make his home in Harlan.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan, Parian Masonic Lodge No. 321 of Harlan for many years and served ten years as secretary. He was also a member of the Harlan Fire Department for 60 years, President of the Shelby County Tuberculosis and Health Assoc. and the Red Cross War Fund Chairman during W.W. II. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Friday, Feb. 4, 1983 at the age of 78 years, 3 months and 25 days.

In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by two brothers, Otto and Fred and one sister Ruby. He is survived by his daughter Dorothy (Mrs Raymond) Errett of Harlan; four brothers Emory, Woodrow, Marvin and Harry all of Harlan and two sisters Alys (Mrs F.B.) Peterson of Riverside, Calif. and Etna (Mrs Anton) Swensen of Harlan; three grandchildren; one great granddaughter, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home on Monday, Feb. 7, 1983 with the Rev. Kenneth Alpers of Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan, officiating.

Burial was in Harlan cemetery, Harlan, with Elmer Potter and Don Martin serving as honorary casketbearers and John A. Quist, Lee Sunderland, Larry Gustason, Jerald Wigness, Louis Jensen, Jr., and H.W. "Bud" Ouren serving as active casketbearers.