

Percy M. Blair, 89

HARLAN — Percy Milo Blair, son of Milton and Myrtle Edwards Blair was born Jan. 2, 1899, near Irwin. He was educated and raised near Irwin and when he was 12 years old his family moved to Harlan. On May 14, 1919, he married Hazel Dewey at Omaha. He farmed near Harlan and ran a tank wagon in Tennant for a number of years before farming in Missouri for four years. In 1938 he started the Farmer's Hatchery in Harlan and operated it for 25 years. After selling his business he was a bookkeeper for the Christensen Veterinary Clinic for 12 years. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Jan. 29, 1988 at age 89 years and 27 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Loren Blair and two sisters, June Sorensen and Lela Mueller. Survivors include his wife, Hazel of Harlan; son, Robert Blair of Co. Bluffs; three daughters, Dorothy (Mrs Herb) Sorensen of West Branch; Lois (Mrs Duane) Schmidt of Audubon and Arletha (Mrs James) Hockett of Tennant; two sisters, Elva White of Harlan and Iva Mae Braden of Portland, OR. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were Feb. 1, 1988 at the Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. George Gibson, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Jim Hansen, Keith Blair, Bob Kessler, Dave Hipnar, Gary Francher, Mike Burdette, Kirk Brandeau and Terry Schmidt as honorary bearers and Craig Blair, Dean Schmidt, Don Sorensen, Jamie Hockett, Daniel Schmidt and Spenser Sorensen as casket bearers.