

Chris Jensen

HARLAN — Chris Soren Jensen, son of Marius and Bertha Andersen Jensen, was born on a farm north of Jacksonville in Shelby county, on Oct. 25, 1893. He died at his home at 707 Durant St. in Harlan on March 18, 1977, at age 83 years, four months and 23 days. He was baptised and confirmed in the Lutheran church and since moving to Harlan, has been a member of Immanuel Lutheran church. He attended country school in Polk twp and later attended Grandview College in Des Moines. After graduation, he made his home in Sioux City, where he was employed as an auto mechanic. On April 5, 1918, he enlisted in the Army serving in France during WW I. After receiving his honorable discharge on Sept. 20, 1919, he moved to Florida where he was a mechanic for a heavy construction company.

In 1924 he returned to the Jacksonville area and purchased his parent's farm. This was his home for two years when he then purchased a farm near Prairie Rose. He was also employed as a mechanic for Nelson Motor Co. in Harlan during this time. He married Anna Mathiasen in Omaha, Nebr., on May 1, 1946. After their marriage, they made their home in Omaha until 1950 when they returned to Harlan. After Mrs Jensen's death on April 9, 1964, Chris continued to live in Harlan. Chris was a member of WW I Veterans Barracks No. 1508 of Harlan.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, Sam P. Jensen and his sister, Pearl (Mrs Nels Klitgaard). He is survived by his sister-in-law, Fannie (Mrs Sam. P. Jensen) of Atlantic, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Monday, March 21, 1977 with Pastor Clifford H. Nelson, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery, Shelby county, with Willard Smith, Earl Andersen, Roy Andersen, Elmer Andersen, Robert Shellberg and Alfred Christensen serving as casket-bearers.