

Rena Liddell, 81

Rena Olive Liddell, the daughter of Peter and Ida May Nieswanger Liddell, was born Nov. 22, 1900, at Oakland. She spent her early years in Oakland and graduated from the Oakland Community high school.

She taught in rural schools in the Oakland area before attending Westmar College in LeMars. She graduated from Westmar in 1926, with a BA degree majoring in biological science. In 1941, she received her MA degree in botany from the Univ. of South Dakota. She did further study at the Univ. of Wisc., gaining a graduate major in speech and drama, and at Drake Univ. with a graduate major in English.

Her teaching career covered some forty years in the high schools and junior colleges teaching speech, English, and science. The Iowa communities in which she taught included Corning, Nevada, Manson, Boone, Schleswig, Denison, Harlan and others.

She served as President of the Iowa High School Speech Assoc. from 1948-50, was District Director of North West and South West Ia., and was on the Board of Governors for the Ia. Council of Teachers of Speech from 1960-66. She was a member of the National Education Assoc and held a life membership in the Iowa State Educational Association and the Ia. Council of Teachers of English.

She was president of the Denison branch of the American Assoc. of Univ. Women from 1965-69 and served as the State Membership chairman from 1968-72 organizing branches at Harlan, Atlantic, Sac City, and Carroll, and from 1967-1969 was State Vice-President. As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, she served as president of the

Denison Chapter from 1966-68. Other memberships included the Daughters of the American Revolution in which she was Chapter Regent from 1964-68 and was District Director of South West, Ia. In the National Federation of Republican Women she held the offices of Membership chairman and Campaign manager form 1973-75 and was a delegate to the State Statutory convention.

She was an active church member in the communities she resided in serving as a Sunday school teacher, Youth Group Leader and a member of the Choir for over forty years. She was an active member of various educational associations around the state. She died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1982 at the Crawford Co. Memorial Hospital in Denison at the age of 81 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Bernice Liddell and two half-sisters, Inez Hart and Ferne Ashley. Survivors include three nephews, Guy Hart of Oakland; Ivan Hart of LeMars and James Yost of Bakersfield, Calif., two nieces Helen Buck and Norma Siebert and other great great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 6, 1982 at the United Presbyterian church in Denison with Rev. James D. Cobb officiating. A second funeral service was held at the Vieth Funeral Home in Oakland with Rev. James D. Cobb, officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery west of Oakland with Charles Hart, David Hart, George Liddell, Dale Haines, Verlin Haines and Harold Davis serving as casketbearers.