

Willis Clark Playle, 71

Willis Clark Playle, son of Charles and Rosie Frost was born Nov. 3, 1911 in Grinnell. He attended school, growing to adulthood in Grinnell for several years.

On April 30, 1938, he married Lucille F. Hale at Hampton. After their marriage, they made their home in Tama, where Clark opened a bakery and grocery store which he owned and operated.

On Dec. 23, 1942, he was inducted into the U.S. Army to serve his country during WW II as a Mess Sergeant. He received his training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and was then sent to Fort Ord, Calif., where he served as a baker. After receiving his honorable discharge on Feb. 19, 1946, he returned to Tama.

In 1963, they moved to Harlan where they bought the Maidrite Grill. After Mrs Playle died on March 1, 1970, he continued to operate the grill, selling it in 1971.

On May 1, 1971, he married Iona Obrecht in Harlan. They made their home in Harlan where Clark was employed as produce manager for Olsen's Grocery until it closed in 1978. He then worked as an assistant at the Veteran's Auditorium in Harlan until retiring due to ill health.

Mr Playle was a member of the Methodist church in Tama, where he was active in the church and the Sunday school, serving as a teacher of the adult classes for 13 years. After moving to Harlan, they transferred their membership to the First United Methodist in Harlan. He was also a member of the Eagles Lodge Aerie N. 2828 of Tama and the American Legion, Helmer Reylet Post No. 150 of Harlan. He died at the

Veterans Administration Hospital in Omaha, Neb. on Nov. 21, 1982, just 18 days after celebrating his 71st birthday.

Clark is survived by his wife, Iona of Harlan; a niece, Peggy Buresh of Darby, Mont., who lived with them for many years; two step sons, William and Thomas Obrecht, both of Harlan; three step daughters, Marjorie House of Novato, Calif.; Glenyce Wendelin of Harlan and Lea Franck of New Liberty; eight step grandchildren; one sister, Cynthia Walker of Grinnell; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauely Funeral Home in Harlan on Nov. 24, 1982 with Dr. Larry LaVelle of First Methodist church in Harlan officiating.

Military rites were conducted at the cemetery by the American Legion, Helmer Reyelt Post of Harlan. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Clarence Cook, Gaillard Heflin and Edward U. Christensen serving as honorary casketbearers and Kevin Kenkel, Oliver Morris, Dwane (Dusty) Field, Dr. Charles M. Early, August (Gus) Eckermann and Kenneth (Tubby) Sorensen serving as casketbearers.