

## The Life Story of --

### MRS MARY WICK, 88

Mrs Mary Wick, 88, long-time Bigelow resident died at the home of her daughter, Mrs George Sorensen at Racine, Wisc., on Oct. 24, 1975. Services were held Monday, Oct. 27, 1975 at the United Methodist church of Bigelow with Rev. James Pudil officiating. Burial was at the Worthington, Minn. cemetery. Walton Funeral home of Sibley were in charge of arrangements.

Mary Evans Wick, daughter of George R. and Martha Blakely Evans was born Febr. 10, 1887 at Tennant. She grew to womanhood and received her education in rural Shelby county. She married Stoddard Wick at Harlan in 1908. They farmed near Irvington, Nebr., until 1919 when they moved to the Bigelow community and continued to make Bigelow her home after her husband's death in 1945. For many years she served as relief operator at the Bigelow telephone exchange, later assuming the chief operators position, filling that until the dial-system was installed. She also served as assistant clerk at the post office. She had been a member of the Bigelow United Methodist church for over 50 years, and was an active worker in its many organizations. She was also a member of the Bigelow American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by two sons: George of Sibley and Marvin of Buena Park, Calif., and six daughters: Beulah (Mrs George) Sorensen and Hazel (Mrs Charles) Schemelin of Racine, Wisc.; Elva (Mrs Richard) Doty of Alhambra, Calif.; Avonelle (Mrs Henry) Poppen of Long Beach, Calif., Verlee (Mrs Stanley) Lansbarkis of Kewanee, Ill., and Marilyn (Mrs Robert) Hall of Des Moines, also 26 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, one sister, Lois (Mrs Charles) Petersen of Harlan, four brothers: James of Shelby, Lee and Frank Evans of Harlan and Elmer Evans of Sanborn. She was preceded in death by her husband and a daughter, Mary Jane, two grand-