

**Gene Rasmussen,
Former Blair Man,
Died April 9th**

PT-4-14-69
Gene M. Rasmussen of Hastings, Nebraska formerly of Blair and Fremont passed away Wednesday evening, April 9th at the age of 44 years after a lengthy illness.

He was the son of George M. and Elenore Rasmussen of Blair. He was born on December 22, 1924. On August 24, 1947 he was married to Arlene Hass.

Survivors are his wife, Arlene; daughter, Cheryl, father, George M. Rasmussen, sister, Mrs. James (Erma) Andreassen of Kennard. Gene's mother and brother, Duane preceded him in death.

Services were held at First Lutheran Church in Blair, on Saturday, April 12 with burial in Lincoln Lutheran Cemetery at Orum. Bendorf Funeral Home was in charge.

Pallbearers were R. Harold Rasmussen, Ivan Rasmussen, Bill R. Rasmussen, Darrell Flake, Donald Jorgensen and Eldon Stork.

**W. R. HARPER, SR.
DIED IN IOWA**

E-5-1-69
Wm. R. Harper, Sr., of Kennard, Nebr., passed away April 20, 1969 at Knoxville, Iowa. He was 61 years of age at the time of his death. Most of his life was spent living in Kennard where he was employed by C.N.&W. R.R. He retired in 1960.

Mr. Harper is survived by five children: Two sons, Wm. R. Harper, Jr., and Sam J. Harper, both of Kennard. Three daughters, Mrs. Pat Hansen, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Lee (Gwen) Hansen, Herman; Mrs. Don (Jo Ann) Reed, Clear Lake, Iowa. Also 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a brother, Alvin E. Nelson of Omaha.

The Rev. James A. Warn officiated at the funeral services which were held at the Bendorf Funeral Home Wednesday, April 23rd. Burial was in the Kennard Cemetery with Masonic graveside services in charge of the John Bowen Lodge No. 232. Lloyd Jacob, W. M., with Herman and Kennard Legion Posts participating.

Pallbearers were Roy Rosenbaum, Sam Wright, Jr., Roscoe Anderson, Kenneth Hunter, Archie Neet and Henry Plugge.

**Mrs. Emily Fagg Still Likes Walking
At Age Of 96**



E-4-10-69
It was the day after Easter and Mrs. Emily Fagg walked up town to buy a few groceries and pay some bills. It was April 7th and she was observing her 96th birthday.

Mrs. Fagg was born on April 7th, 1873 on a farm north of Arlington where Duane Thompson now lives. Mrs. Fagg's father, John Thompson, came to that place in 1868.

Mrs. Fagg remembers walking to Arlington as a child. She walked a path across the prairie down the Bell Creek Valley. After a

man had been gored to death by a bull Mrs. Fagg said they would walk one mile east to a road and then come across the Bell Creek bridge into Arlington.

Mrs. Fagg still likes to walk. Quite often she still walks all the way across Arlington to visit. At the age of 70 Mrs. Fagg was still stacking hay with a pitchfork. At the age of 79 she broke a hip but has now recovered and is able to get around very well.

Mrs. Fagg presently lives alone in a trailer house in Arlington.

Mrs. Fagg was married to Charles L. Fagg on August 19, 1891, at Blair, Nebraska. The couple had four children. They were Hazel Christensen, Evelyn Keenan, Bessie and Thomas. All of her children have passed away. Mrs. Fagg commented that "All my friends are gone now. I guess I'll just have to make new ones."

Mrs. Fagg has four grandchildren. They are Mrs. Betty Nischke of Chicago, Illinois; Charles

There are nine great grandchildren. Mrs. Fagg has one living brother, John Thompson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Pictured above is Mrs. Fagg with her eight month old great grandchild, Karleen Evelyn Keenan.