

## Rites held for Mrs. Bennett

Lulu Mae Bennett, 85, died early Thursday at St. Francis Manor, where she had made her home since 1971.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bennett were held at 12 noon Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Hugh A. Shiveley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers were Jack Mathews, Gene McCurry, Earl Mitchell, Waldo Paul, Clair Strand and Bill Werneberg.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Brooks Cemetery near Hedrick. Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. Bennett's name may be made to the St. Francis Manor New Furnishings Fund.

The daughter of Charles E. and Nevada Martin Neff, she

was born Aug. 24, 1891, near Hedrick. She attended rural schools near the family farm and later attended Hedrick High School.

She was married to Harry A. Bennett, and the couple made their home in Ottumwa. Following retirement, Mrs. Bennett made her home in Grinnell.

Mrs. Bennett had been associated with the Bell Telephone System in Ottumwa as personnel director. She was with Bell for 35 years when she retired. She was a member of the Hawkeye Chapter No. 17 of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Survivors include one brother, C. Eugene Neff of Nashville, Tenn., and two sisters, Mrs. Carroll (Harriett) Rinden of Marshalltown and Mrs. Alice N. Priest of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1947; two brothers, Frank and William Neff; and three sisters, Mrs. Mildred I. Cessna, Mary E. Neff, and Lois Neff who died in infancy.