

**Bert Saunders To
Poweshiek County
In Covered Wagon**

*M.R.
1-17-1960*

Bert, son of Laben and Nancy Saunders, was born in Cairo, Louisa county on May 2, 1877, and died at the Mahaska county hospital, Okaloosa, Jan. 17, at 83 years of age.

When he was 12 years old, he came with his parents in a covered wagon to Poweshiek county. It took four days to make this trip as they drove a herd of cattle with them.

On Feb. 22, 1895, he was united in marriage with Ethel Marsh at Forest Home. To this union five children were born. They made their home on a farm until 1938 when they retired and moved to their present home in Montezuma.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge. When a young man he became a member of the Forest Home Christian church.

For the past 17 years, Bert had been suffering from a diabetic condition, about two weeks ago he had a stroke and was hospitalized.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1942 and a daughter, Nellie Zimmerman, in 1947.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lewie Clements, New Sharon, and three sons, Walter and Ray of Montezuma, and Marsh of New Sharon; six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, 5 nieces, several cousins and many friends.

Funeral services were held

at 2 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Church of Christ (Disciples) with Rev. Clem Burdine, New Sharon, and Rev. A.L. Bradbury in charge. Miss Alice Underwood played the funeral selections and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stahl who sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "God Will Take Care of You."

Burial was in the family lot in Jackson Township cemetery under direction of the Steffy Funeral Home. Casket bearers were Joe Clements, Marvin Saunders, Forrest Zimmerman, Harold Taylor, Melvin Saunders, and Donald Briggs. Flower attendants were Lela Woods, Margaret Steen and Zelpha Leonhart.