

## THE LIFE STORY OF —

**JOSEPH H. ESSER, 84**

**EARLING** — Joseph Henry Esser, son of Theodore and Applonia Derschweiller Esser, was born on a farm near Earling, on May 20, 1891. He died at Myrtle hospital in Harlan, on May 6, 1976, at age 84 years 11 months and 16 days. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. He attended St. Joseph school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. In 1914 he moved to Redfield, So. Dak., where he engaged in far-

ming. Mr Esser served in the U. S. Army in France during WW I. After receiving his honorable discharge in Febr. of 1919, he returned to Redfield, So. Dak., and resumed farming. In 1963 he moved to Earling, where he retired and made his home with his sister, Helen, until December of 1975 when he became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling. Mr Esser was a past member of the Redfield, So. Dak., American Legion Post and had been a long time member of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Herman, Chris, Paul and John and by two sisters, Mary and Kate. He is survived by a sister, Helen Esser of Earling, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Pallbearers were nephews; Sylvan Esser of Omaha; Tony Esser of Woodbine; Ted Esser and Roman Esser of Redfield, So. Dak., Ivo Esser of Logan and Mike Gaul of Iona, Minn.