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## Clair O. Galiher, 89

Clair Otto Galiher, the son of John F. and Emma McDermott Galiher, was born Jan. 8, 1895, on a farm near Anita. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. As he grew older, he worked out on farms in the Anita area as well as Mitchell, S.D.

On June 4, 1917, he married Orpha Crombie in Mitchell, S.D. Six children were born to this union. On May 3, 1917, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served his country during World War I as a corporal in France.

Upon receiving his honorable discharge on Feb. 25, 1919, they then moved to Neola, where Clair operated a restaurant and later worked for the Rock Island Railroad. After that he was then employed by the Milwaukee Railroad and moved with his family to Portsmouth. When he retired in 1960, he was a section foreman with 38 years of service.

They continued to live in Portsmouth until 1969, when they moved to Persia. This has been their home since that time. He has been a long time member of the American Legion, John Ohlinger Post No. 547 of Portsmouth and later the Swanger Post No. 314 of Persia. He died at Jennie Edmundson hospital in Co. Bluffs on March 30, 1984 at the age of 89 years, 2 months and 22 days.

In Addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Kathryn and one brother, Dallas. He is survived by his wife, Orpha of Persia; four daughters, Margaret Butterbaugh and Lillian (Mrs Williard) Schechinger, both of Co. Bluffs; Dorothy (Mrs Veral) Smith of Persia; and Vernita (Mrs Ralph) Leake of Corona, Calif.; two sons, John of Co. Bluffs, and Everett of White Bear Lake, Minn.; 25 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren; one brother, George of Vista, Calif.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 2, 1984, at the United Methodist church in Persia, with Rev. Russell Vanderhoef and Rev. Donald McQuin, officiating. Burial was in the Valley View cemetery, Persia, with Leonard C. Butterbaugh, John Butterbaugh, Gary Galiher, Jon Galiher, Robert Smith and Jim Smith all serving as casketbearers. Military rites were conducted at the grave site by Swanger Post No. 314 of the American Legion of Persia.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.