

THE LIFE STORY OF —

## Charles Linn Kern, 89

Charles Linn Kern was born west of Shelby in Harrison county on July 28, 1983. He was the son of Francis and Clarissa Catherine Dryden Kern. He was one of ten children born to that union.

He was married to Mabel Howland on Feb. 9, 1916 at Shelby. Upon their marriage, they moved to the farm three miles west of Shelby. While living there, Charles began driving a school bus, which he continued driving for more than 17 years. They were members of the Presbyterian church, in which Charles served as an Elder. He was a Past Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star and remained active in the organization as long as there was a Chapter in Shelby. He became a Mason in 1928 and has continued to belong to that Brotherhood for 55 years. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World. Charles and Mabel were the parents of four children, Bonnie, Robert, Kenneth and Larry.

Charles died on Sunday, June 12, 1983 at Jennie Edmundson hospital in Co. Bluffs, following a long illness. He was 89 years of age.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 son, Robert, 2 sisters, Jane Kern and Anna Von Eschen and seven brothers, John, William, George, Samuel, Lloyd, Floyd and an infant brother.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel of Shelby; his daughter, Bonnie, Mrs Clarence Paul; his two sons, Kenneth of Shelby and Larry of Avoca; 12 grandchildren; 17 great

grandchildren, along with many other relatives.

Services were held at the Presbyterian church in Shelby on Thursday, June 16, 1983 with Rev. Arthur Seaman, officiating.

Casketbearers were Rodney Robinson, Stanley Kern, Steve Robinson, Robert Kern, Lance Severson, Roger Kern, Jerry Paul and Michael Mueller.

Burial was at the Shelby cemetery.

**KERN** — Executor of the Jan. 26, 1983 will of Charles L. Kern, deceased, is Lawrence W. Kern, Rt. 1, Avoca.