



George H. Hess, 91

George Hansen Hess, son of Nicholas H. and Margaret Hansen Hess was born on a farm in Jackson twp. in Shelby county, on May 31, 1886. He died at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn on Nov. 5, 1977 at age 91 years, 5 months and four days. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. On March 9, 1910, he married Dora Christensen of Marne. Two children were born to this union. Mr and Mrs Hess farmed in Fairview twp. until Dec. 1, 1937, when they moved to Harlan. After his wife's death in Jan. of 1954, George continued to make his home in Harlan. In 1955, his daughter and son-in-law, Thelma and Carroll Poe and two of their sons moved in with him. In June of 1972, he became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn and this has been his home since that time. Mr Hess was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan. In addition to farming and working as a machinist, George organized and was the first administrator of the Rural Electrification Assn. He served on the Shelby County Board of Supervisors for six years and was also a member of the Board of Social Welfare for a number of years. After his wife's death, he helped organize a group center and entertainment for single people forty or older.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Clifford, who died in infancy and by a grandson, Gary. His survivors include his daughter, Thelma (Mrs John L. Sullivan) of Harlan; two grandsons, Grant Poe of Harlan and Brian Poe of Boulder, Colo.; two great-grandchildren, Lisa and Gregory Poe of Overland Park, Kans., and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1977 with Pastor J. Harry Thomsen, Chaplain of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with James W. White, Nicholas White, Wilfred N. Hess, Kenneth Poulsen, Roger Christensen and Donald Christensen serving as casket-bearers.