

The Life Story of —
MERLIN JESSEN, 65

Merlin Jessen, son of Chis and Ida Jessen was born June 22, 1902, in Exira. He died at the hospital in Afton, June 12, 1972 at the age of 65 years, 11 months and 20 days. Mr Jessen had been hospitalized for nine weeks with a lingering illness and was in poor health for two years prior to his death.

He graduated from Exira high school in 1925 and married Eva Jean Edwards in 1931 at Maryville, Mo. They lived in Maryville for some time before moving to Iowa. Mr Jessen was employed by a construction company and was a carpenter for a number of years before buying a service station in Elk Horn, which he operated until 1967. At that time he and Mrs Jessen moved to Afton, where they built a home.

A son and daughter were born of their marriage: Gary Jessen of Norwalk, Iowa, and Joan (Mrs Joseph) Waske of Afton. Mr Jessen is a former member of the Elk Horn Lutheran church and is survived by: one brother, Harold of Exira, one sister, Mrs E. C. Gregersen of Exira and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 15, 1972, at the Stroud Funeral Home in Afton, with Rev. Father John E. Cunningham officiating. The burial was at St. Edward cemetery near Afton.

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