August 27, 1964

E. H. Lehman

Emil H. Lehman was born on Sept. 8, 1871 in Hustisford, Wis., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lehman. He came to South Dakota with his parents in 1883 and settled on the homestead near James. He was a respected and beloved resident of the area.

He was eleven years old when he moved here with his parents. By the time he became twenty-one, his parents, brothers and sisters, with the exception of his brother, John, had returned to Wisconsin. A few years later, he took over the homestead. He married Ella Weihrauch, a native of the Groton community on July 3, 1902. Here their three children, a daughter and two sons were born and they continued to reside there until 1939 when they retired to a comfortable home in Groton where they hoped to spend many happy years in retirement but due to Mrs. Lehman's death on Jan. 22, 1944, their dreams were shattered in a few short years. For several years, Mr. Lehman continued to live in the home. In 1955, he disposed of it and returned to the farm and made his home from then on with his son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Dorothy Lehman.

He took an active interest in the operation of the farm and enjoyed helping wherever he could. Due to his robust health, he was very spry and active until about five years ago when old age and sickness became evident. He faltered gradually and complications eventually caused his death on Sunday, Aug. 16th, in the Bethesda Nursing Home in Webster.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at St. Johns Lutheran Church where he had been a loyal member for many years and at the time of his death was the oldest member. The Rev. Paul P. Krueger officiated. Interment was in the family lot in the Groton cemetery. Arrangements were by the Ackerson Funeral Home.