

## **Schlabach, Erwin**

Erwin Schlabach, 97, longtime Elkton farmer, died Saturday evening, Nov. 24, 2001, at N.H.C. Health Care in Knoxville, Tenn. He was born Feb. 2, 1904, in Oliver Township at the home of his parents, the late Noah and Mattie (Schwartendruber) Schlabach. Erwin was the bookkeeper at the Elkton Elevator several years before he married. On Sept. 1, 1927, he was united in marriage to Leetta B. Bedford in Elkton. They moved to the Flint area where he was the bookkeeper at the Grand Blanc Elevator. Four years later, in the early 30's, they moved back to Elkton to run the family farm. They sold the dairy part of the farm in 1965 and continued to crop farm until he reached age 65. Leetta died May 7, 1983. He then married Buelah Herford Motz in Elkton on March 31, 1984. She preceded him in death on April 21, 1994. In the 1940s, he was elected to the Elkton School Board and served for many years. Mr. Schlabach also served as Oliver Township supervisor, on the Huron County Board of Commissioners, and was a lifelong active member of the Elkton Missionary Church. Surviving are two sons, Earl Schlabach and his wife, Nelda, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Clark Schlabach and his wife, Delma, of Pine Mountain Club, Calif.; his daughter, Anne Sandison and her husband, Darrell, of Cocoa, Fla.; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; three stepsons, Leon Motz and his wife, Kristy, of Fennville, Jay Motz and his wife, Mary, of Pigeon, and Dale Motz and his wife, Barb, of Portage; nine step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Loren and Elmer; and a sister, Ellen. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at the Elkton Missionary Church. The Rev. Larry Salsburey, pastor, will officiate with burial in the Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be 3 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton, and after 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be given to the church or Outreach Center.