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The son of William and Blanche Icenbice McLain, he was born Jan. 17, 1922, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He attended rural schools in the Deep River and Guernsey areas. During World War II he served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Sigourney from December 1942 to April 1946. On Jan. 2, 1946, he was united in marriage with Louise D. James. Together they farmed northeast of Montezuma in the Fairview community. In 1956, they purchased their own farm. After farming, he went to work for Montezuma Implement for ten years, retiring in 1984.

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