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A lifelong farmer and a bookkeeper for the Blackford County Highway Department, John Elvin Cromer, 85, of Hartford City died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005, at the Marion National Veterans Hospital in Marion.

Mr. Cromer served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He formerly attended the Olive Branch Church of the Nazarene in Blackford County. He had lived at Bradner Village for several years.

Born Feb. 28, 1920, in Hartford City to William Vance and Nora Marie Lockwood Cromer, his marriage on June 3, 1943, in Montpelier was to Helen Louise Manor. She preceded him in death on Nov. 25, 2004.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dennis (Connie L.) McEvoy of Montpelier and two grandsons, Aaron McEvoy and Brian McEvoy, both of Muncie. He was preceded in death by a brother, William Cromer.

Services were this morning at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City, with Rev. Kevin Lex officiating. Burial is at Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

Preferred memorials are to the Blackford Humane Society Building Fund.

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