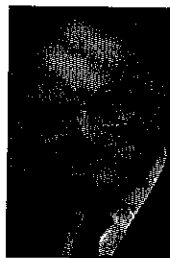


## Marion Palmer, 98

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Marion was born Jan. 19, 1913, in Montezuma to Fred and Alva (Reese) Palmer. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1930 and attended Iowa State University. Marion spent most of his life farming west of Montezuma on the family farm. Of great interest to him were soil and water conservation, and he made this a priority in his farming practices. Marion was also an early adapter of using production-tested cross breeding stock.

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