Homer was born November 18, 1917 in Charles City, Iowa the son of Charles and Bertha (Lampman) Bovee. After his birth his family moved to Marshalltown. He was raised and educated in Marshalltown where he graduated from the Marshalltown High School. For a short time after graduation Homer worked for Kiowa. He was married to Vera Thurston for 40 years. In 1947 Homer began farming in the Green Mountain area until his retirement in 1975. He and his companion Mary McOmber lived in Colo for 18 years.
Homer loved working with wood, gardening and his many fishing trips to Canada. He was a member of the Iowa River Church of the Brethren. Homer is survived by his son Loren (Kaye) Bovee of Marshalltown, his daughter Dee Pickerell of Omaha, Nebraska, his son Dennis J. (Darlene) Bovee of Ames, his daughter Carol A. (Larry) Perry of Marshalltown, his daughter Cora (Lawrence) Halter of Baxter, Ruth Beach of Bettendorf, Ethel (Lowell) Stiles of Hemet, California, Betty (Richard) Miller of Grants Pass, Oregon, his brother Fred Bovee of Hemet, California, his twelve grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Homer was preceded in death by his parents, his son Ronald in 2001, his son-in-law Raymond Pickerell, his two sisters Ada Wikle, and Grace Ireland, and his three brothers-in-law Jack Wikle, Raymond Ireland, and Lowell “Rex” Beach.