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REP. EMIL E. ERNST

22nd district—McLeod county.

McLeod county's house member for his eighth term is Rep. Emil E. Ernst of Lester Prairie.

Ernst is editor and publisher of the Lester Prairie News, a weekly newspaper he purchased in 1928 when he left the retail hardware business. The same year he was appointed postmaster and held the post until the Democratic landslide of 1932 and its subsequent wholesale turnover of such appointments. *Mpls. Star*



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A lifelong resident of Lester Prairie, Ernst has served on its village council and participated in every type of community activity.

He soldiered in France in World War I, returned and married his hometown sweetheart, Gertude Amundson, and took up life in his community as a merchant. He served as commander of the American Legion post, chairman of the Civic and Commerce association, trustee and deacon of St. Paul's Lutheran church and from 1934 to 1942 was McLeod county chairman for the Republican party.

He caucuses with the conservatives and finished out their house control in the 1953 legislature as chairman of the municipal affairs committee.

The Ernsts have two children, a son, Howard, and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Buckmaster.

Between Nov. 1956-Jan. 1957