

RHINEHART, GEORGE ALONZO

February 1, 1925-August 5, 1951

George A. Rhinehart, 26, well known local man was killed Sunday afternoon about 6:16 while practicing calf roping at the Ralph Allison farm just north of Wheatland.

A group of ropers had gone to the Allison farm about 5:30 to practice calf roping when the fatal accident occurred. The Schrader ambulance was summoned immediately but young Rhinehart died before he reached the local hospital.

The accident occurred when Rhinehart attempted to rope a calf and missed his first loop. He was riding hard and started to make another loop for a second try when the calf suddenly dashed into a catch pen. Rhinehart then got off his horse and apparently stumbled and half fell to the ground. He got to his feet in a stooped position, and according to those who witnessed the tragedy, failed to realize that the loop had fallen over his shoulder and arm during his fall. As he half arose he pulled on the rope, not knowing that it had fallen behind the horn of the saddle, causing his horse to pull back. As the horse jerked back the loop tightened under Rhinehart's arm and around his neck causing the knot in the loop to fall just in the right place to fracture his neck. According to County Coroner Ted S. Schrader death resulted from a broken neck.

Rhinehart and his horse were approximately 100 yards from the other ropers at the time of the accident. At first they did not think he was injured, but after the horse had taken a few steps and Rhinehart failed to get up, they rushed to his aid and called the Schrader ambulance.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Rose and two children, Nancy Kathryn and Bonnie Lynn; his mother, Mrs. John Ward of Sidney, Nebr. And four brothers, DeForest of Broadus, Mont., Max of Elmira, Calif., James of Glenrock and Donald of Wheatland. His father preceded him in death in 1945.

George A. Rhinehart was born in Wheatland on February 1, 1925. He attended the Wheatland schools and was a member of the L.D.S. church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Methodist church, with the Elders of the L.D.S. church of Cheyenne officiating.

Pallbearers were Don Borthwick, Russell Chasteen, Eldon Allison, Roy Hoffman, Dick Hoffman and Clark Haerberle.