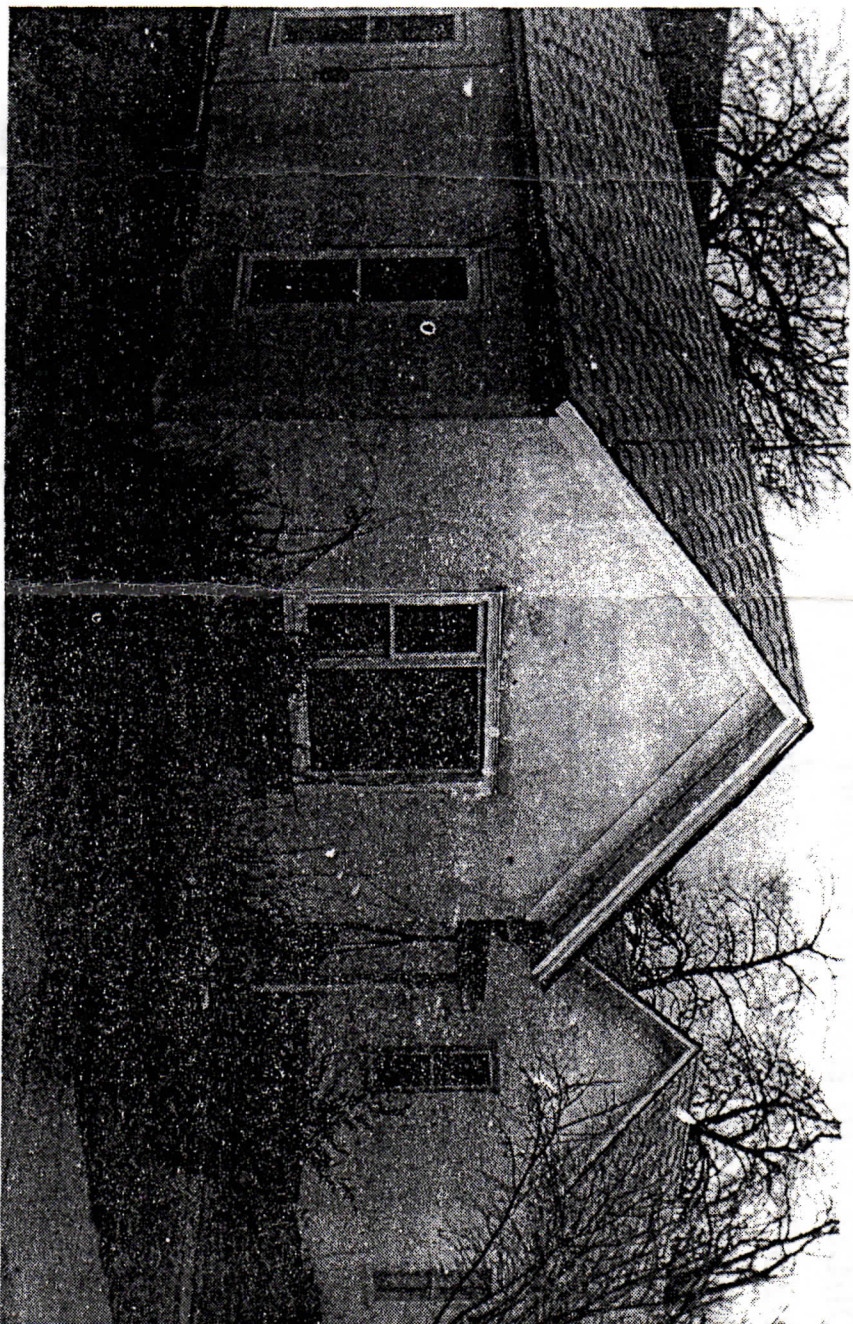


THIS IS THE home where James Michael Roberts was found over the weekend after he had been shot. He later died in the Platte County Memorial Hospital emergency room. The investigation has since been entered by the Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation, the State Crime Lab and the Platte County Attorney's office, according to spokesmen for the Wheatland Police Department. Police Lt. Chuck Bayne said further information should be forthcoming by the end of this week. (R-T photo by Bill Parsons)



Man's shooting death is investigated

The Wheatland Police Department remained mum this week on a weekend shooting which claimed the life of a Wheatland man. The victim has been identified as James Michael Roberts, 35.

Authorities began investigating the shooting on New Year's Day (Saturday). The official reports said

Roberts died in the emergency room of Platte County Memorial Hospital. The Wheatland Police Department did not return Record-Times phone calls concerning the shooting death.

It was learned the Wyoming State Department of Criminal Investigation has been called into the

case, but it has not been announced how Mr. Roberts died. The police and other investigating agencies have not said whether or not the death was being investigated as a suicide, or whether other people may have been involved.

The State Crime Laboratory is

also involved in the investigation, according to reports which were available at press time.

Mr. Roberts was employed by the McClain Sawmill in Wheatland at the time of his death. A complete obituary appears on page A-2 of today's Record-Times.