

Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Runyan Killed in Auto-Flood Accident Near Bosler Mon

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Mr. Lee A. Runyan, 51, and his wife, Betty, 48, were discovered Tuesday by a work crew en-route to a 41 car Union Pacific train derailment. Mr. and Mrs. Runyan apparently drowned when a small dam broke about 30 miles northwest of Laramie.

Mr. and Mrs. Runyan were traveling from Hanna where they were visiting relatives back to Wheatland.

Albany County Sheriff Harold Clay said a small earthen stock dam adjacent to the railroad property between Bosler and Rock River west of Laramie was swollen with runoff water and broke late Monday night. He said the break washed out the tracks and sent a four foot wall of water over the highway. The Runyans were headed back to Wheatland when they were hit by the wall of water.

Mr. Runyan was born in Wheatland on July 18, 1921. He married Betty L. King on April 13, 1944 in Wheatland. He was a veteran of World War II wh-

ile serving with the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. Betty Runyan was born in Bloomfield, Nebraska on August 26, 1924. She has been a resident of Platte County since the age of 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Runyan are survived by three sons: Harvey and Mark, of Wheatland, and Richard Lee, of Riverside, California; and two daughters: Mrs. Marion (Louis) Vigil of Wheatland, and Mrs. Elizabeth (Ron) Wells of Cheyenne.

Mrs. Runyan is survived by her mother, Mrs. Elsie King of Guernsey; one brother, Frank King, of Hanna, Wyo; three sisters: Mrs. Bert Canaday, of Guernsey; Mrs. Ruth Miller, of Salem, Oregon; Mrs. Vickie O'Brien of Casper, Wyoming, and a half sister, Mrs. Virginia Brown, Stockton, California.

Mr. Runyan is survived by his mother, Mrs. Laura Runyan.

Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held for Mr. and Mrs. Runyan at the Methodist Church on May 11, 1973 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Elliott Graves officiating. Burial will be at the Wheatland Cemetery.