

RUNYAN, WILLIAM HAYES  
August 5, 1913-March 16, 1947

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Thomas officiating for William Hayes Runyan, who was killed in an airplane crash in El Reno, Oklahoma, March 16.

Hayes and Ed Scott had picked up a surplus airplane to bring home for use in their new crop dusting company. Ed was taking the plane to an airport about a mile away to have a new engine put into the plane and at the time of taking off, a light snow was falling but not enough to drop the visibility and shortly after taking off, a heavy squall came up. Scott unable to see the ground was forced to make a landing and as the plane hit the ground, it broke in two. Hayes received internal injuries as well as broken bones and Ed received a deep gash on his thigh and broken bones on his heel. They were taken to the El Reno Sanitarium where they were treated and where Hayes died. Scott was moved to an Oklahoma City hospital where a bone specialist is giving him treatment.

Born in Wheatland, August 5, 1913, Hayes lived here most of his life attending and going into business where owned and operated the West Side Grocery for a number of years before selling out a few months ago.

He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Runyan, and one brother, Lee, of Guernsey.

Pallbearers were: Paul Thomas, Robert Fenn, John Fryback, James Carmichael, Bob Bibbey and Dick Pilcher. Burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery with Schrader Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.