

RYFF, CECIL FRED
September 18, 1921-July 23, 1937

Cecil Fred Ryff, fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryff, was instantly killed when struck by lightning about four o'clock Friday afternoon of last week.

The boy and his father took refuge from a rainstorm in the barn on the Bill Irvine place, about seven miles southwest of town, now being farmed by the Ryffs. Cecil was sitting on a pail just inside the barn door, leaning his head against the concrete foundation when the bolt struck. His father, who was seated on a chopping block a few feet away, was knocked over but not injured.

The rear end of the barn was demolished by the bolt, which splintered shovel handles and strewed broken joists and rafters over the barnyard.

That the boy did not receive full force of the lightning was indicated by the fact a small burn on the head was the only evidence that he had been hit. His clothes were not torn.

Cecil was born at Wheatland, September 18, 1921, and lived all his life in this community. He graduated from grade school at an early age, then took a very earnest and active part in the farm life he loved. He was a student in the Wheatland high school, having completed his second year this spring.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two half-sisters, Floy and Edwina Eshom, three brothers, Lambert, Dean and Donald and two aunts, Mrs. Roy Henderson and Mrs. Paul Brown, both of Cheyenne.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Congregational Church, interment being made in the Wheatland cemetery. Watson & Dennis Home for Funerals was in charge of arrangements.