

BIRKLE, LARRY E.  
1945-July 14, 1953

Larry Birkle, age 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Birkle, former Wheatland residents who moved to Casper about a year ago, died on Tuesday of this week at the Casper hospital from burns he incurred on Sunday evening when he was playing in the back yard of his home.

According to information given to The Times, the lad had wanted to build a bonfire and had asked his mother for some gasoline to get the fire started. She refused to let him have any of the inflammable product and the little fellow took the garden hose and siphoned some gasoline from the family car and started the fire which ignited his clothing which caused severe burns over two-thirds of his body. When Mrs. Birkle looked out the window, her son was a ball of fire. She quickly ran out and enveloped his with a rug and he was rushed to the hospital where he succumbed on Tuesday, July 14.

Larry was born in Wheatland and was a third grade student.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Birkle and two brothers and one sister; also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lockman and Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Birkle, of Wheatland.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon, July 17, at two o'clock at the Schrader chapel. Interment will be in the Wheatland cemetery.