

HAGERMAN, CHARLES ROBERT

June 24, 1918-May 5, 1935

Robert Hagerman, 18-year old Bordeaux boy, lost his life Sunday night while trying to ride a horse across a channel at the big Wheatland reservoir, southwest of Wheatland. His body was recovered Monday.

According to information, young Hagerman was hired by John Bagley, of Bordeaux, to take seven head of horses to the reservoir where they were to be worked on the SERA project at that place. On his way to the reservoir, he inquired the way to the camp and was told he would not be able to cross the channel and that it would be necessary to go around the shore line. He was last seen about 5:30 Sunday evening and evidently returned later in the evening and force his horse into the channel and was swept off the horse into the icy water. He was unable to swim, we are informed, and that the channel was about 12 feet deep at the place where he rode in. The channel was dug last summer to drain water from the low northern end of the reservoir, after drought had virtually emptied the reservoir proper.

Hagerman's horse remained within 50 feet of the spot where the body was found and furnished the first clue as to the whereabouts of the body. Report of the death was brought to Cheyenne by Gordon C. MacDonald, district SERA engineer and E.E. Dagley, publicity director for the relief administration, who were at the reservoir at the time of the discovery of the body.

As soon as it was suspected he was in the channel, workmen started searching. His body was found a short distance where he was swept off his horse Sunday evening.

Charles Robert Hagerman was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Hagerman of Bordeaux. He was born at Wheatland June 24, 1918.

He is survived by his parents and five brothers, George, Earl, Glenn, Floyd and Eugene; two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Lawrence of Henry, Nebr., and Mrs. Arthur Cozad of Wheatland.

The family lived in the vicinity of Wheatland for about twenty years, the last four of which had been at their present ranch home near Bordeaux.

Robert had attended the West Bordeaux Community Sunday school, where monthly preaching services were held for more than two years by Rev. Kitch of Wheatland.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church with Rev. Kitch in charge. Interment was made in the local cemetery with the Copley Funeral Home in charge.