

HANEY, LEO R.

October 17, 1927-November 21, 1944

Barbara Jean Laycock, Lowell Storm, Jr. and Leo Haney, Chugwater high school students were killed in a car accident which occurred at 12:45 Tuesday noon of this week at the south end of the Chugwater viaduct. Coleen Ogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ogg, was driving the Ned Foss car at the time of the accident and escaped with only minor injuries; and Floyd Mathews of Loveland, Colo., driver of the M&M truck which collided with the car, escaped injury.

The four students had been sent to get water from a creek for a chemistry experiment and were returning when they drove on to the highway in front of the north bound approaching truck. Miss Laycock and Lowell Storm were killed instantly and Leo Haney died on the way to the hospital. The students were juniors in the Chugwater high school, and all had taken part in the junior play a few weeks ago.

A train, passing soon after the accident, started a fire which spread to the scene of the wreck and completely burned the car and badly damaged the truck. The Wheatland fire department was summoned at approximately 1:45 p.m. when the fire got out of hand and there was danger of it spreading rapidly into the surrounding hay fields.

At a coroner's inquest held in the courthouse in Wheatland Wednesday morning, at which time, Mr. Mathews, Miss Ogg, and Merle Jordan, state patrolman, testified, the jury brought in the verdict that the accident was unavoidable.

Barbara Jean Laycock was born in Cheyenne, November 29, 1928. Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Laycock of Chugwater; two brothers, Maurice and James Laycock of Wheatland; three sisters, Mrs. Josephine Whalen, Mrs. Marguerite Hacker, and Mrs. Alice Morey of Cheyenne. Services for Miss Laycock will be held in Cheyenne Saturday in the St. Mary's cathedral (tentatively).

Lowell Archibald Storm, Jr. was born in Birmingham, Ia. on December 26, 1928. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Storm of Iowa Center, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Daphne Bentley and Mrs. Vertis Horton of Chugwater, and Miss Cherry Storm of Scottsbluff, Nebr.; and his grandmothers, Mrs. Stella Archibald of Ottumwa, Ia. and Mrs. Daisy Storm of Los Angeles, Calif. Funeral services will be held in Chugwater Friday at the Methodist church at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. W.W. Maxwell officiating and burial will be in the Chugwater cemetery.

Leo Haney was born in Wheatland October 17, 1827. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Haney and his grandmother, Mrs. Haney of Chugwater. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Schrader chapel with Rev. Milstead of Chugwater officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland cemetery.