Edwin Lietz Dies At 85 *1975*

Friday, October 3, 1975, saw the passing of one of Wheatland's long-time residents, Edwin E. Lietz, a man who was always there with a helping hand.

Mr. Lietz passed away at the age of 85 at his home at 209 Park Avenue after an extended illness. funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gordon Tritchler at the United Church of Christ Monday, October 6, 1975. Interment was at the Wheatland Cemetery.

Joe Howard, Dan McGuire, L. A. Shepard, Jim Laycock, Eldon Johnston, and Sidney Werner served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Peek, Lewis Moulton, James G. Allison, M.D., Howard Fish, Andy Kennig, Glen Nixson, Joe Whitmore, and Hap Ketelson.

Mr. Lietz was born in Rochester, Olmstead Co., Minnesota on June 4, 1890. He was married to Alice Holt September 29, 1921 in Minneapolis, Minn. The couple moved to Wheatland in 1936. Mr. Lietz was a self employed rancher and businessman.

He took a very active interest in community affairs, service organizations and aiding needy individuals. The latter done without fanfare just leaving a "twenty" where need existed. In the 1940's Ed and the Lion's Club worked together to make a grandstand for the fair grounds possible. He provided a maple floor for the 4-H Building so it could better serve it's purpose. He furnished the funds for a badly needed balcony on the senior citizen apartments, Platte Manor.

He dearly loved baseball and other sports. He kept abreast of the times, his reading ranged from newspapers to biographies; details in the lives of great men interested him much.

The final evaluation must be this. Ed came to Wheatland in 1936, he left us in 1975, leaving behind a community that was much better off for his having been here.

In death he is survived by his wife, Alice; one daughter, Judith Danner of Wheatland; one brother, Paul Lietz of Eyota, Minnesota; one sister, Eleanor Grahn of Rochester, Minnesota and two nephews, Wylie Brown of Las Vegas, Nevada and Rex Brown of Wheatland.

Friends who wish may contribute memorials to the Platte County Memorial Hospital Memorial Fund.