

MIZE, FRANK
1883-June 2, 1952

And the rains came, and death rose the crest of the flood that came roaring down small Fish Creek about 7:00 P.M. Tuesday. A wall of water about 7 feet high came rushing down to carry away a cabin that had been occupied by six men, previously, and the entire camp.

Joe Henderson, Dwyer, Robert Foote, Ft. Laramie and Chester Sommers, Ft. Laramie, heard the roar of water and left the cabin in time to run to higher ground. Henry Millgate, Dwyer, Jack Cromwell, Gering, Nebr. and Frank Mize went toppling with the cabin and Millgate and Cromwell climbed to safety. A search party was unable to find the body of Mize that night, and it was not until about 4:30 that next morning he was recovered about ½ mile down stream.

The flood struck at the Ridgeway Lumber Co. site on the Dick Riley ranch, 35 miles northwest of Wheatland, just 200 feet inside the Platte County line. Roads and approaches to bridges were washed out and it wasn't until about 9 a.m. Wednesday morning that authorities were notified.

Mr. Mize, 65, had been employed by the Ridgeway Lumber Co. for some time and was known around this vicinity. The other men were employed by Frank Bromley at his saw mill.

Funeral services are not known at this time, awaiting word from a sister in Denver and a brother in Casper.

The high water also washed out approaches to the Cottonwood bridge below the Twin Pines ranch.

Glendo area received heavy rains late Tuesday afternoon and forced a dry wash north of Glendo to go out of its banks and tie up traffic about 3 miles north of Glendo. Debris was washed up on the highway and traffic was halted.