

OSBORNE, CHARLES W.  
October, 1901-May 17, 1939

Charles Osborne, 37, passed away in Wheatland on Monday morning at 1:30 as a result of injuries suffered Saturday night in an automobile wreck a mile west of Wheatland. Phil Douthitt, the other passenger of the car, is confined to the local hospital where his condition at this time is very serious.

The accident occurred when Osborne and Douthitt were returning to town about 9:15 p.m. and side-swiped another automobile driven by William Hayes, Mexican youth, who was leaving town. After sideswiping the car which belonged to John Chavez, the Osborne car, a 1933 Dodge, got out of control and ran into the left-hand barrow pit where it overturned several times and crashed through a fence. Both Osborne and Douthitt were thrown clear of the wreckage. Sheriff Bill Sutherland reported that at the present time, that the driver of the Osborne car was not known, as Douthitt cannot be questioned, due to his condition.

Osborne regained consciousness before the ambulance arrived but passed away later of fatal internal injuries. Douthitt received several broken ribs, head injury and a back injury. The occupants in the other car, a 1937 Chevrolet, were uninjured. The Osborne car was a complete wreck but the Chavez vehicle was damaged only slightly.

Charles Osborne was born in Procer, Nebraska in 1901 and came to Wheatland in 1917 where he had since then made his home. He is survived by his widow and father, who made his home with the Osbornes.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Copley Funeral Home with Rev. J.L. Williams officiating. Burial was made in the local cemetery.