

**Bus Tragedy Friday
Morning takes life
Of Roberta Wilhelm**

Robert Wilhelm, 7, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilhelm, was killed instantly last Friday morning when she was struck by a Carpenter, Wyo. School bus in front of the Ayers School house, seven miles south of Wheatland on highway 87.

The tragedy occurred about 8:35 Friday morning when the child, accompanied by her sister, Ruth, and three other schoolmates, Alfred Mesa, Anna Mesa and Betty Montez, was on her way to the Weber school where she was a student in the first grade class.

Two Carpenter school buses, en route to the State Music Festival in Casper were headed north and the children stood at the side of the road waiting for them to pass. Authorities believed that Roberta, thinking there was only one bus, allowed the first to pass and dashed into the path of the second. She was struck by the bumper of the vehicle and investigation led officers to believe that she was dragged 42 feet before she dropped to the ground. The left rear wheel of the bus passed over the head of the child, crushing her skull.

The bus, owned by Ward Evans of Carpenter was driven by Paul Schliske and twenty-six students were passengers.

The accident was investigated by highway patrolman Art Reese and Howard Dixon. Schliske was brought to Wheatland by Sheriff W. I. Sutherland where he was held until Friday afternoon.

A coroner's jury Friday afternoon cleared the driver of any blame as the mishap was through no negligence on his part.

Surviving the deceased are her parents, one brother, Robert and one sister, Ruth. Funeral services were held at the Evangelical Lutheran Church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon with Rev. H. Jcsdinsky officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

The Watson and Dennis Funeral Home were in charge of the arrangements.

Roberta's obituary appeared in The Wheatland Times Newspaper on May 8, 1941