

## Former Calhoun Man Died In Calif.

Word has been received in Ft. Calhoun that Clark Pettingill, a former resident there, died in Seal Beach, California on November 28th. He is survived by his wife, who was Gertrude Leach of Blair; his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Midby, and two granddaughters, Laurie and Ann, and by a sister, Katherine Pettingill Reynolds of Oakland, Calif.

Clark was the son of Dr. Somers Pettingill, who began his long practice in Fort Calhoun in the 1870's, and of Grace Clark, whose family came to Fort Calhoun in the 1850's.

Clark was graduated from the Fort Calhoun High School in 1900. For many years he held a responsible supervisory position with a power company in the Los Angeles area. After his retirement Clark experimented with propagation of plants and developed a new apple which was registered as the Pettingill apple and sold to the Armstrong Nurseries of California. A specimen of this tree has been planted at the Presbyterian manse, the old Pettingill place in Fort Calhoun.

## Nels H. Nelson Died Saturday, Funeral Tuesday

Nels Hansen Nelson, 78 years of age, 2143 Front Street, died Saturday at the Good Shepherd Home in Blair.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, the Rev. Geo. Palleson officiating, with interment in Blair Cemetery.

Mr. Nelson, who was born Sept. 24, 1886 at Fremont, is survived by his wife, Raida; and two daughters, Mrs. Martin Hansen (Rachel) of Blair and Mrs. Arthur E. Mason (Evelyn) of Fremont; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Nelson was a retired farmer. He lived on the same farm near Blair for 52 years before retiring and moving to Blair in 1950.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Altekruise, George Nelson, Wm. P. Christensen, Morris Petersen, Callie Hansen and Marius Hansen.

Campbell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Mrs. Mommsen Dies Near Birthday

Mrs. Andrew Mommsen (Emma) of Ft. Calhoun, passed away at the Blair Community Hospital on Tuesday, December 8th. from a heart attack. She was born at Schleswig, Holstein, Germany, on December 9th, 1897 and would have been 67 years of age.

Mrs. Mommsen has lived in the Ft. Calhoun community for the past 30 years. She is survived by her husband, three sons, Gerhard of Atkinson, Nebr., Hans of Waterloo, Nebr., and Edward of Omaha; two daughters, Mrs. Phillip Lang (Everly) of Omaha and Mrs. Kenneth Chapman (Christol) of Nebraska City. Also four sisters, Mrs. Walter Jessen (Marie), Mrs. Floyd Jones (Helen), Mrs. W. S. Sukspors (Anna), all of Cedar Bluffs and Miss Margaret Hensen of Hamburg, Germany and one brother Hans Hensen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and twelve grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday at the St. John's Lutheran Church on Highway 73 north of Omaha. Burial will be at Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska. The Sievers Mortuary of Ft. Calhoun is in charge of arrangements.

## Belle Hazen Died In Springville, Utah

Word has been received in Arlington of the death of a former resident. Belle Hazen, daughter of Orrin and Margaret Hazen, was born in 1878, attended the Arlington schools, was an active member of the Congregational Church, where she sang in the choir and was church clerk for 20 years. She held many offices in Rebecca Lodge. She also taught schools in Nebraska.

She married William H. Crane in 1903 and daughter Inez and son Elliott spent their youth in Arlington.

In 1920 they moved to Colorado. Mr. Crane died in 1923. She married Lorin Woodruff in 1930, was widowed in 1943. In 1950 she married Sam Hecker and was again widowed in 1958. In 1960 she went to live with her daughter Inez (Mrs. Ainer Chader) in Springville, Utah. After a fall, resulting in a broken hip, she passed away.

## Doney Christiansen Dies In Wyoming

Andre "Doney" Christiansen, a former Blair business man, passed away in Casper, Wyoming on December 14th. He was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nels Christiansen on February 3rd, 1879. In 1903 he was married in Briggs, Nebraska to Anna Lund.

Mr. Christiansen, at the age of 8, helped in a retail meat business and continued in that line as his life work. Doney was one of the early day merchants of Blair and for many years he operated a meat market in a small frame building where the Home Theatre now stands. That was in the days when a market sold only meat, had sawdust on the floor and hung fresh sides of beef out in front of the store. He moved to Casper, Wyoming in 1926 and in 1930 started his own meat and grocery business.

His wife died in 1933. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John Manson (Irene) of Chicago and Mrs. L. H. Engelhardt (Frances) of Omaha; two sons, Howard and Fred of Casper. three grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. E. T. Epling of Casper.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 16th. The Bustard Mortuary at Casper is in charge of arrangements.

## Raymond Brown Died Thursday

Raymond E. Brown, 71 years of age, passed away Thursday morning. He was living at the Harry Wiese farm home in the Blair area. The Blair Rescue Squad was called to the Wiese farm.

Mr. Brown was born January 21, 1893 at Elk City, Nebraska.

He is survived by one daughter, Ruth (Mrs. Harry Wiese) of Blair, and one son, Russell, of Rantoul, Illinois with the Air Force.

There are five grandchildren and four brothers. The brothers are Earl and Walter of Omaha, Conrad of California and Dave of Nebraska. One sister also survives. She is Mrs. Herman (Emma) Otte of Fremont.

Funeral arrangements at the Bendorf Funeral Home were not completed as this paper went to press.