

### Chris J. Petersen Buried At Denver

Chris J. Petersen, former Blair man who died in his sleep at his home in Denver last Thursday, was buried in Olivet Cemetery of St. Pious Catholic Church in Denver last Saturday.

Petersen, who left Blair in 1953, had many friends and acquaintances in this community.

He came to Blair as a youth and worked as a mechanic in the Chevrolet garage. Later he started a machine shop of his own in a building on Front Street. For a time he was associated with the Arnd-Snyder Motor Co. but later operated his own plant again.

During World War II he gained considerable prominence with a number of war contracts which he carried out. He moved to the brick building on east Washington street now occupied by the Jebco Manufacturing Co. and for a time he had a large payroll and operation going.

He became associated with a partner by the name of Haecker and the Petersen & Haecker firm was formed. They dealt in the manufacture of refrigerated, sea-going barges. They also built a number of towboats, principally for use on the Missouri and Mis-

issippi rivers and most of the tugs are still in use today. They staged several colorful launchings on the banks of the river just below the Blair bridge and the business had promise of becoming a major industry here.

During the war the firm had a contract for the overhaul of army tanks which had seen service on the war fronts. There was also a contract to make shell casings which were turned out by the thousands.

After these activities died down at the close of the war, Mr. Petersen returned to his machine shop operations for a time and then decided to go to Denver, Colorado where he became engaged in buying, selling and overhaul of all types of heavy manufacturing machinery. He was in that business at the time of his death and his dealings ranged all over the mid-west.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude and by two sons, Chris, Jr. of Hollywood, California and Donald (Bud) Petersen of Denver, and by two daughters. They are (Ladonna) Mrs. Dale Frey of Denver and (Rosemary) Mrs. Gordon Lewis, of Minneapolis. There are 12 grandchildren.

He was 70 years of age at the time of his death.

### Mrs. Merle Stewart Died Suddenly Friday, April 9th

*M-4-12-65*  
Funeral services will be held Monday for Mrs. Merle Stewart, 70 years of age, who died of a heart attack Thursday evening at Memorial Community Hospital.

The services will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the Rev. William Shattuck officiating with interment in Blair Cemetery.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by one son, Jon Harold Stewart of



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Blair; daughters, Mrs. Pauline Varley of Blair, Mrs. Jean Colburn of Tennessee, Mrs. Janet Hurd of Casper, Wyoming and Mrs. Marianne Berkley of Norfolk, Virginia; brothers Ed Taylor of Denver, Carlton Taylor of California, Ivan Taylor of Iowa, and a sister Mrs. Arlene Warrick of California and 17 grandchildren.

Mrs. Stewart was born January 2nd 1895 in Blair, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Judd Taylor. Her husband, Harold Stewart preceded her in death.

Mrs. Stewart was a Blair business woman for several years operating the Stewart Pharmacy until she sold the business to Wayne Andreson a few years ago.

Campbell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

### George Larsen Died At Hospital Wednes., Mar. 31

*7-4-1-65*  
George Larsen, life time Blair man, died at Memorial Community Hospital yesterday, March 31st. He was 77 years old.

He was born in Washington county January 30th, 1888 and lived here all of his life. At the time of his death he was a retired laborer. He never married.

Mrs. Orville Axtell of Blair is a niece of the deceased man. A brother Arthur, resides at Sacramento, California and a sister (Frieda) Mrs. Chris Mathiesen, lives at Brooks, Alberta, Canada. There are 3 nieces and 2 nephews.

Funeral services will be held

at the Campbell Mortuary Saturday at 2 P.M. with the Rev. George Pallesen conducting the service.

### Shakespeare Eve At Dana Friday

Friday evening, April 9th, Dana College will present the annual Elizabethan Alumni Memorial

Presented by Shakespeare, program will presentation "Henry IV" an music scale m theatre The beg