

# Ben Peck, Area Pioneer Died Thurs.

Resident Of County  
Since 1879 Has  
Seen Many Changes

*PT 18-69*  
Ben F. Peck, a member of a pioneer Washington County family, died Thursday, August 14, 1969 at the Blair Hospital. He had been in failing health the past year.

Mr. Peck was born at Belle Plaine, Iowa, November 26, 1873, and came to Washington County at the age of six with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Peck, traveling to this area by covered wagon.



BEN F. PECK

On April 3, 1901, Mr. Peck was married to Louisa E. Compton, of Blair. Three years ago he and his wife observed their 65th wedding anniversary.

During the Spanish American War he served with the 3rd Nebraska Infantry Regiment, Company E in Cuba.

After farming in the Washington and Burt County area, he retired in Blair in 1939 where he has since resided.

Surviving Mr. Peck are his wife, Louisa E., three sons, Harold of Nickerson, Nebr.; Sheldon of Windsor, Missouri; and Cecil of Blair; and one daughter, Mildred Robeson of Huntsville, Alabama. Another daughter, Dorothy Wilder, preceded him in death. A brother, Fred and a sister Blanche Warrick also survive. Twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-eight great grandchildren also survive.

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In each case, three Committee-men and two alternates will be named. A few days after the election, the Community Committees will meet at the ASC office in Blair and will select members for the County Committee.

## FORMER BLAIR MAN DIED AT DENVER

Elmer Hunzker of Denver, Colo. formerly of Blair, passed away August 15, 1969 at the Veterans Hospital in Denver, Colo. He was born March 13, 1909 in Humbolt, Nebr. He was a member of the Z.C.B.T. Lodge of Humbolt, Nebr. He lived in Blair before moving to Denver in 1949. While in this area he worked for Marshall Nursery of Arlington, Byron Appleby of Blair and The Wayne Miller garage in Herman.

He leaves one brother, Ernest of Humbolt.

### CARD OF THANKS

*8-19-69*  
We wish to thank our relatives and friends for the cards, memorials and expressions of sympathy at the loss of our brother, Carl E. Hansen. Mr. and Mrs. Jens Hansen, Mrs. Emma Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, Sr., Mrs. Edna Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Welliver and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Toelke. E30-1t\*

Funeral services will be held Monday, August 18 at 2:00 at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Atherton officiating. The Bendorf Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Serving as pallbearers will be six grandsons: Dean Peck of Hooper; Keith Peck of Nickerson; Earl Peck, of Ionia, Missouri; Steven Peck, of Blair; Philip Robeson of Huntsville, Alabama; and Dick Wilder of Redwood City, California.

Interment will be in the Blair Cemetery.

## Leslie Offen, Former Postal Employee, Dies

*8-24-69*  
Leslie R. Offen, a resident of Blair for many years, a World War I veteran and a long-time postal employee, died at his home in Blair last Sunday, August 31st. He was 77 years old.

He was born on Christmas Day, December 25th, 1891 at Spencer, Iowa. He came to Blair as a young man and has made this his home ever since.

He served in World War I and for many years, after the end of the war, was very active in the American Legion and other patriotic organizations. He was a member of the Legion Firing Squad and always took part in parades, ceremonies and salutes of a patriotic nature.

He is survived by his wife, Olga and by a daughter Marguerite who is Mrs. Willis Horn, of Omaha. There were no other children.

Funeral services were held at the Bendorf Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. Richard Atherton conducting the service. Burial was made in the Blair Cemetery with a military escort carrying out a military ceremony at the graveside.

Pall Bearers were Robert McMillan, Claar Millrons, Everett Lamb, Floyd Taylor, Calle Hansen and Floyd Wilbur.

## HUSBAND OF FORMER HERMAN WOMAN IS DEAD

*PT 14-69*  
Charles Amil Sanderson, husband of the former Stella West of Herman, died June 26th at a hospital in San Luis Obispo, California. Funeral services were held July 1st *W*

Mr. Sanderson was born July 1, 1911 in Farragut, Iowa but he had lived in California since 1918.

The survivors include his wife, the former Stella West and his mother, Mrs. Ella Sanderson and two sisters, all of San Luis Obispo. A brother lives at Shenandoah, Iowa.

Survivors in this area are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grothe, of Tekamah, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford West, of Herman, Woodrow West of Blair and Kenneth West of Hastings.