

## Former Blair Man Swept To Sea By Undertow In Oregon Coast Accident

Clifford Brewster, a former Blair man, lost his life last Thursday when his commercial fishing boat was tossed upon a reef and broke up by a vicious undertow on the Oregon Coast. Brewster, 65, was a commercial fisherman and was alone in his 35-ft. trawler.

According to information available, he was alone in the boat and was returning to the harbor at Florence, Oregon. A heavy tide was running out and he entered a river from which water was flowing rapidly to the sea. His boat was

forced upon a reef, was broken into pieces and his body was apparently swept to sea with the outgoing tide.

Mrs. Brewster was the former Edna (Tina) Newell, of Arlington.

Besides his wife he is survived by a brother, Pearl, of Denver, Colorado; a brother LeRoy of Superior, California; a sister, Mrs. Calvin Cole, of Blair and a sister, Ella Sue who is Mrs. Art Massau, of Van Nuys, California.

Memorial services will be held at Florence, Oregon on October 4th.

## SERVICES FOR CLIFFORD BREWSTER HELD IN OREGON

Memorial services for Clifford Brewster were held in Riverside Chapel, Florence, Oregon with the Florence Masonic Lodge No. #107 A.F. and A.M. officiating.

Search efforts by the Coast Guard, law enforcement personnel, commercial fishermen and volunteer pilots failed to locate any trace of the 65 year old commercial fisherman who was apparently drowned when his 26 foot boat capsized and sank.

Clifford Brewster, was born February 1, 1904 in Kennard, Nebraska and was united in marriage to Edna Newell in Caruthersville, Mo. September 17, 1934.

He had been a resident of Florence since 1963.

He was with the U.S. Civil Service for 30 years, serving 11 years in the Panama Canal Zone with the Corps of Engineers.

He was a life time member of the Sibert Masonic Lodge AF and A.M. in Gatun-Canal Zone.

He was affiliated with the Scottish Kite Bodies in Balboa, Canal Zone and was a member of the Abou Saad Shrine Temple in Ancon, Canal Zone and the Coral Chapter No. 3, Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife, Edna of Florence, brothers, Orlo, LeRoy Brewster of Hesperia, California; and Pearl Orville Brewster of Arvada, Colorado; and sisters, Mrs. Vinnie Cole of Blair, Nebraska and Mrs. Ella Sue Massau of Van Nuys, California.

## Alfred Anderson, Blair Machinist, Died Wednesday

Alfred Andersen, Long-time machinist, died at Memorial Community Hospital Wednesday, October 22nd. He had been in failing health for some time.

Anders Alfred Andersen, known to everyone in the Blair area as "Al" was born in Denmark March 10th, 1900. He was 69 years old at the time of his death. Al grew to manhood in Denmark and served 6 months in the Danish navy before coming to the United States.

Coming to America, He settled at Blair and carried on his trade as a blacksmith and machinist. On January 12, 1933 he was married to Miss Helen Newkirk who was a native of the west part of Washington County.

For a number of years the Andersens have lived at 353 South 22nd street in Blair. For a time Al did blacksmith work but as the mechanical age progressed he became proficient as a machinist. He worked for many years with the late Chris Petersen who ran a machine shop and Al was with Petersen at the time the Petersen and Haecker firm built the first river towboats on the river bank at the Blair bridge. In more recent years he has been a machinist with Kelly Ryan at the Blair Manufacturing Co.

He is survived by his wife, Helen and by two sons and three daughters. The sons are Davie Andersen, of Huntington Beach, Calif.

and Doyle Andersen of Omaha. The daughters are Mrs. Arlen Schneider (Bette) of Kennard; Miss Laura Andersen who is at home in Blair; and Mrs. Larry Koglin, (Lois) who also lives in Blair. There are 16 grandchildren. A sister, Miss Elna Andersen lives in Copenhagen.

Funeral services were held at the First Lutheran church at 2 P.M. Saturday with the Rev. Robert Albers conducting the service. Burial under the direction of the Bendorf Funeral Home was made in the Orum cemetery west of Blair.

Active pallbearers were Doyle and Dayle Andersen, Arlen Schneider, Larry Coglin, Frank Briggs and Vigo Thomsen.

Honorary pallbearers were Kelly Ryan, Stanley Ohrt, Clyde Larson, Kenneth Brechbill, Geroge King and Vernon Tuttle.