

**CHARLES WEECES
DIES AT BLAIR
SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH**
6-18-70

Charles Jefferson Weeces was born July 26th, 1888 to Wm. and Eunice Weeces at Craig, Nebraska and passed away, Sunday, June 14, 1970 at his home in Blair, Nebraska.

He was married to Clara Kaer on April 6, 1929 at Blair. He farmed for a number of years in the Craig vicinity, later moving to Calhoun where he was employed with the Jensen Construction Company for 8 years. He retired because of poor health and then moved to Blair where he has lived for the past 20 years.

He is survived by his widow Clara, a son Glenn of Union, Nebraska and a daughter Mary Lou (Mrs. Don Druhe) of Craig, Nebraska. Also eight grandchildren, one great granddaughter, two brothers, Jacob and Claude both of

Craig and two sisters, Anna (Mrs. Herman Deman) and Hazel (Mrs. Wm. Deman.)

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, June 17th at 2 p.m. at the Bendorf Funeral Home. Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. at Craig.

Pallbearers were Nephews, Hugo Lanouette, Gerald Weeces, John Patterson, James Patterson, Bruce Patterson and William Weeces.

**Former Area
Resident Killed
In Car Accident**
6-15-70

Russell Edward Westergaard has passed away as a result of injuries suffered in a car accident. Russell was 44 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westergaard. The Westergaards farmed in the Maney School District but now live in Omaha.

The accident took place near Constance, Nebraska, on Monday night, June 8th. Russell Westergaard passed away at a Yankton, South Dakota hospital on Thursday afternoon.

Russell is survived by his wife Evelyn, of Omaha, a daughter, Mrs. Jeff Woods of Denver, and a son Christ who is at home. Russell's parents also survive plus a brother, Dan, of Craig, Nebraska.

Russell is a graduate of Blair High School and was in the submarine service in World War II.

Russell was engaged in electrical work and owned the West-E-Con Electrical Contractors Company of Omaha.

WESTERGARD - Russell E.
age 44 years, 2927 N. 83rd St.
Survived by wife, Evelyn L.
son, Chris; daughter, Mrs. Cheryl
Wood, Denver, Colo.; parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Fred B. Westergaard.
R. 2; brother, Dan.
Funeral Monday, 2 p.m., Northwest
Hills United Church of Christ, 9334
Fort St. Member of the Elks, Ameri-
can Legion and U.S. Submariners
of World War II. Memorials are
acceptable to the Northwest Hills
United Church of Christ, or the Elks
Club.
KREMER FUNERAL HOME SERVICE
Care of Thanks

First Lieutenant John J. Mackin, in the Field Artillery Tank Destroyer Division of the U.S. Army, was awarded the Silver Star Citation for gallantry in action on March 5, 1945 in the vicinity of Castel D'Adano, Italy.

30 YEARS AGO 1940
Bonds totaling \$29,000 were burned Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Blair City Council following payment of the debt they once represented which was owed

**James Mencke, 61,
Dies At Blair
Sunday, June 7th**
6-11-70

James H. Mencke, 61-year-old Blair man died at his home at Parkview Apartments in south Blair last Sunday, June 7th. He was a lifetime resident of the area.

Mr. Mencke was the son of the late Rudolph Mencke and Mrs. Mencke. He was not married.

He is survived by three sisters and a brother. Mrs. Dorothy Bate-man, of Blair, is a sister of the deceased man. Other sisters are Mrs. Gretchen Long, of Omaha, and Mrs. Marguerite Donohue, who lives in Michigan. A brother, Raymond Mencke lives in Oregon.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, June 9th at the Campbell Mortuary with the Rev. Richard Atherton conducting the service. Burial was made in the Blair Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Arthur Long, Larry Long, Rudy Thaden, Jack Mencke, Robert Lund and George Mencke.

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**FREDERICK GAYLORD
DIED JUNE 3 IN
CONNECTICUT**
6-25-70

Frederick Gaylord, a former resident of the Herman area, died June 3rd in a hospital at Sharon, Connecticut.

The Gaylord family lived on a farm west of Herman until about 1925 when the father, Edward Gaylord, died. The family then moved back to Connecticut. The family consisted of the mother, son Fred, daughter Mabel and a younger son, Everett.

Mr. Gaylord was 73 years of age at the time of his death. He was a retired employee of the Beckton-Dickinson Company of Canaan, Connecticut.

He is survived by his wife and his brother, Everett. His mother and his sister have both preceded him in death. Burial was made in the Ashley Falls, Cemetery.