

R. M. Ferguson, 43 Loses Life In Tractor Accident

R. M. Ferguson, 43, stockman living nine miles northwest of Wheatland, was killed instantly Tuesday afternoon when he was pinned beneath the rear wheel of the tractor he was operating in a meadow on the ranch. It is thought he fell from the tractor soon after 3 o'clock and that the implement was stopped by his contact with the brake.

He was found about 8:30 that evening by his son, Bud, who had gone in search of him.

After completing his education, Rob took over the operation of the Ferguson ranch, one of the oldest in the county. This was an occupation to which he was devoted and in which he was most capable. He was held in the highest regard by neighboring ranchers and his many friends, who knew him as a man of principle and integrity.

Always a person of straightforward manner, he was also possessed of remarkable courage, which enabled him to face issues squarely and to live and work normally after his health began to fail more than 15 years ago. He expected no

special consideration, meeting each day's tasks and responsibilities optimistically and with enterprise.

Rob was born in Wheatland September 1, 1913, the only son of R. A. and Hazelle Merrill Ferguson, and spent most of his life in this community. He graduated from Wheatland high school in 1932 and attended Wyoming university, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He was married June 1, 1937 to Annesta Zee Strickler and they were the parents of three children: Coleen, who has been a student at Cottey college in Nevada, Mo.; Terry Ann, graduating this week from Wheatland high school; and Robert L. (Bud), high school junior.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ferguson and a sister, Mrs. Kenneth Brighton, all of Wheatland.

Final rites will be held in the Congregational church at 2 p. m. Friday, May 17, with Dr. H. H. Lindeman of Douglas officiating and Schraders in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers will be Bruce von Forell, Frank Robinson, Warren Prewitt, Hugh Mullen, Joe Mullen and Jerry Mullin. Interment will be in the Wheatland cemetery.

The family has asked that flowers be omitted from the service, and those who wish may contribute to memorial funds.