

O. M. Akre Killed on Sunday by Fall From Horse

The residents of the community were shocked on Monday morning to learn that O. M. Akre, a well-known and popular farmer of the Loreburn district was dead.

It appears that Mr. Akre on Sunday evening rode over to Mr. O. O. Kaldor's, three miles away, on horseback and arriving there between seven and eight o'clock, remained until about ten, when he started on the return journey home. Nothing was known of the tragedy until morning, when a phone message from Mrs. Akre informed Mr. Kaldor that deceased had not arrived home. Mr. Kaldor immediately started on the trail taken by Mr. Akre, and when within half a mile of the latter's home, he was found dead on the prairie, the body lying in a doubled-up position. His horse and dog were standing near the body, the faithful animals having stayed with their dead master throughout the long night. Dr. Monkman was summoned and on examination found that deceased's neck was broken, and the only mark on the body

was a bruise on the forehead. Evidently in falling from his horse, which probably slipped or stumbled, he struck on his head, the impact of which broke his neck. No inquest will be held.

Mr. Akre came here from South Dakota in 1906 and homesteaded on the farm he occupied up to his death. He was well known throughout the district and took great interest in civic matters, for several years representing his division on the council board of the rural municipality. He was forty-two years old. Besides his wife he leaves eight children—four girls and four boys—the eldest being sixteen years and the youngest about one year old. With the exception of one brother, Mandius of Estevan, and one sister in New Ontario, Mr. Akre's relatives live in Norway. The Herald joins with many friends in extending to the family sincere sympathy in their sudden and sad bereavement.

The funeral is being held on Friday at one o'clock at the Skudesnes Church.

Mrs. Lena (Syhre) Akre, 84, of Loreburn; Born in Norway, she emigrated as a child with her parents to South Dakota. She and her husband homesteaded at Strongfield in 1906 and in 1953 moved to Loreburn where she lived until moving into Saskatoon last August. Survived by four sons, four daughters, two brothers and two sisters.

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O. M. AKRE, LOREBURN FARMER, FALLS OFF HORSE; BREAKS NECK

(Special to The Leader)

LOREBURN, Dec. 2.—With a faithful horse and dog standing guard, the dead body of O. M. Akre, one of the first farmers to settle in the Loreburn district, was found along the road today twelve hours after he had left a neighbor Sunday night. The body lay stark and cold, the horse at the head, while the dog pawed at his master as if to try to wake him. The discovery was made by O. O. Kaldor, a neighbor whom Akre had visited Sunday night.

Sunday Akre paid one of his usual visits to the Kaldor home and left about ten o'clock. Monday morning Mrs. Akre telephoned Mr. Kaldor, asking as to the whereabouts of her

husband and informed Mr. Kaldor that Mr. Akre had not returned home Sunday night. Mr. Kaldor left immediately and found the body along the road about a half mile from his home.

Dr. Monkman, coroner, was called and on examination found that Akre's neck was broken. He decided no inquest would be necessary. The only mark on the body was a scratch on the forehead, where Akre struck when he fell. The body was taken to the home and prepared for burial.

Deceased was a prosperous farmer and well respected in the community. He leaves his wife and a family of eight children, ranging in age from two to fifteen years.

DEATHS

AKRE — THE PASSING OF MRS. Lena (Syhre) Akre, age 84 years, of Loreburn, Sask., occurred in a Saskatoon hospital, on Monday, December 5th, 1966. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m. from the Skudesness Lutheran Church conducted by Pastor L. Knudson. Surviving are: four daughters, Mrs. T. G. Torgersen (Lillian) of Mudie Lake, Sask.; Mrs. L. Kerney (Olga) of Saskatoon, Mrs. Nils Langager (Helen) of Strongfield, Sask. and Mrs. John Joel (Mildred) of Loreburn, Sask.; four sons, Henry of Pembroke, Ont.; Cecil of Red Deer, Alta.; Raymond and Oscar, both of Strongfield, Sask.; two sisters, Mrs. G. L. Tastad (Hannah) of Loreburn, Sask. and Mrs. A. Halvorsen (Lydia) of Sylvan Lake, Alta.; two brothers, Hagbert Syhre of Salem Oregon, U.S.A. and Olof Syhre of Pierpont, South Dakota, U.S.A.; 29 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. The late Mrs. Akre was born in Norway and came to South Dakota with her parents at the age of three. She was married to Olof M. Akre in 1905 and came to Canada in the spring of 1906 to homestead at Strongfield, Sask. In the fall of 1953 she moved to Loreburn and resided there until August of this year when she came to Saskatoon to reside at the Lutheran Sunset Home. Mrs. Akre was a charter member of the Skudesness Lutheran Church at Loreburn. She was predeceased by her husband, Olof M. Akre on December 3rd, 1923. Interment will take place in the family plot in the Skudesness Lutheran Church Cemetery. Park Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. 12-7-c