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H.K. Botten, Eckville, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bert Andrews, on Wednesday, July 11 1945. Halvor Knutson Botten was born in 1862 at Floe, Hallingdahl Norway. At the age of 11, with his widowed mother, 2 sisters & 2 brothers, he emigrated to Minnesota, where he later met & married his late wife, Gunhild. The family came to Alberta in 1902 & homesteaded on the quarter section where the Bluebell School stands & where the family made their home. He was of a quiet, friendly disposition, who had done his share of pioneering in a new country. He is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Frank Andrews, Mrs. Chris Boller, & Mrs. O.N. Rasmussen, all of Eckville. He was the last of the five who came with their mother to Minnesota & had been in ill health for about 2 years & for the last month he had been in bed. He is buried in the Diamond Valley cemetery.

Lieutenant Colonel James Baird R.C.A., second son of Mr. & Mrs. James Baird, awarded Distinguished Service Order. He enlisted at the outbreak of war as a gunner & was ~~xxx~~ recently the commander of an anti-aircraft battery. He had previously won a citation from Field Marshall Sir Bernard Montgomery for his work at the Normandy beachhead when the Canadians landed there. He was born in Red Deer & attended school there for a time before moving to Edmonton with his family during the First Great War. Prior to enlisting, he was employed in the City of Calgary assessment office. His wife & two children are now living in Victoria- Nov. 1945.

Norman Botterill, manager of C.J.O.C, Lethbridge, leaving on January 31 1945 to manage a new station being established at St. John N.B. He was an active community worker, a director of the Kiwanis Club, a Vice-President of the Lethbridge Board of Trade & Honorary Secretary of the Lethbridge Board of Trade. He was also working with the Victory Loan committee & the Community Chest.

Mrs. E.B. Bradbury passed away in her sleep on Wednesday, February 20 1946. She was born in Shropshire, England, in 1876 & was married in North Wales in 1902 & came out to Canada with her husband in 1903, when they homesteaded in the Gilby district. They moved to Crossroads in 1907 & have made their home there ever since. During her more than 40 years of residence here, she took an active part in church & community work. She was an active member of St. Luke's Church for many years & had been busy as a Red Cross worker in the last war & the second one. She was a Past Mistress of the L.O.B.A. & a member of the Old Timer's Association & any work for the good of the community always had her active support. She is survived by her husband, 2 sons, Fred, Victoria, & George, Red Deer, 2 brothers, Fred Lee, Victoria, & Frank Lee, Leedale, & 5 sisters, Mrs. John Fox, Calgary, Mrs. Wm. Andrew, Rimbey, Mrs. Bert Westlake, Leedale, Mrs. Harry Battersby, California & Mrs. Jack Sherman, Victoria. She is buried in the Red Deer cemetery.

Old friends will regret to learn of the death at his home at Burnt Lake on Thursday, February 21 1945 of Gustav Bjelke in his 77th. year. He was born in Norway & came to British Columbia early in the century. He homesteaded at Evarts in 1904 & lived there until 1920, when he moved to Burnt Lake, which has been his home ever since. He served as a trustee of the Burnt Lake school for about 12 years before the district was included in the Rocky Mountain School Division & was one of the best known & respected men in the district. Mrs. Bjelke died in 1929. Surviving are 2 daughters, Mrs. Peter Tostad, Strongfield, Sask. & Mrs. Axel Johanson, Burnt Lake, & 5 sons, Andrew & Harold, Edmonton, Gunnar, Eingley, Carl, Burnt Lake, & Arthur, just back after service overseas with the Canadian Army. He is buried in the Burnt Lake cemetery.

Mrs. D. Boles, age 83 years, died on Saturday, March 16 1946, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J.M. Trout, Calgary. She came with her husband to the Evergreen district in 1911 & lived there until a year ago, when she moved to Calgary to make her home with her daughter. Mr. Boles died in 1916. She is survived by 3 children, Mrs. J.M. Trout & D. Boles, Calgary & Mrs. A.R. McKone, Nanaimo, B.C. & a sister, Mrs. W.H. Boles, Evergreen. She is buried in the Evergreen cemetery.

Mrs. J. Johnson, Markerville, died at Calgary on Tuesday, August 20 1946. She is buried in the Lindastoll cemetery.