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## Harry "Cuddy" Bahlkow

(By L. E. FALK)

One of the most colorful characters of the city, Harry "Cuddy" Bahlkow, died in the Aberdeen hospital last Friday, June 1, following a few days' illness. He will be best remembered for his ruling passion, ice skating, the one accomplishment in which he could and did take much pride, cutting fancy figures on the ice when he was past seventy, and taking part in nearly every Carnival of the Silver Skates for the past twenty years.

He was a cheerful person, despite loss of his right arm at the shoulder in a farm machinery accident some years ago, and he also was afflicted with almost total deafness for many years.

Following the death of his parents he lived alone in the little cottage where he was born on December 22, 1884, to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bahlkow, pioneer residents of the city. Following their death "Cuddy," as he

was nicknamed by schoolmates, continued living alone in the little cottage, except for some years when he worked on various farms in the community.

He continued working with the soil after his disablement, taking great pride in such gardening as a man with only one arm can do.

Funeral services were conducted for him Monday, June 4, at 4:00 p. m., in St. John's Lutheran church, where he was baptized and confirmed. The Rev. R. M. Grundmeier, pastor of the church, conducted the funeral rites. Pall Bearers were G. I. Hargrow, Wm. J. Paetnick, Rev. Harvey Sander, Roy and Harvey Mielke and Ewald Kuehnert.

Burial was in the Groton cemetery.