

July 7, 1955

Mrs. A. R. Bechard

Mrs. A. R. Bechard, a resident of Pierre, passed away at St. Mary's hospital on June 28th, after a lingering illness of several years. She had resided on a farm near Draper for 36 years, moving to Pierre in 1944, where she made her home until death.

Hattie Ziesman Bechard was born January 11, 1886, in New Kurg, West Prussia, Germany, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ziesman. In 1889 her parents, sister Minna, a brother Ernest and herself came to America, settling in Groton, where she grew to womanhood, being educated in the Groton public school and confirmed in St. John's Lutheran church at West Hanson. Later going to Pierre where she met and married A. R. Bechard on the 30th of May, 1907.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband, ten children, thirty grandchildren and one great grandchild. Two sisters, Mrs. Herman Pigors, Groton; Mrs. W. F. (Frieda) Bruce, Pierre, and one brother, Herman Ziesman, Rio Linda, Calif.

Her parents, five brothers, one sister and one grandchild preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bechard was a devoted wife and mother and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:00 p. m., at Faith Lutheran church, Pierre. The Rev. P. H. Sohn conducted the services. The remains were laid to rest in the Pierre cemetery.

Relatives attending the last rites from Groton were: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pigors, Sr., sons Marvin and Herman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Lenling, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lake-maker, Carl Pigors, Ferney, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pigors, Andover.