

December 28, 1950

Robert J. Haire

On Wednesday, Dec. 20, Robert J. Haire of Putney, another of Brown county's popular farmers, died at St. Luke's hospital in Aberdeen.

Robert Haire was born on May 14, 1885, at Putney, on the farm which he called home at the time of his death. He was married to Mabel Sieh in 1913 and they had been active farmers in the Putney community until his health failed in 1945, when, with the exception of one winter in Arizona and one in Spearfish, they continued to live in their farm home.

Three children were born to the Haires at Putney — two daughters, Angela and Rachel, and a son, Robert, who gave his life in the service of his country in 1945.

Mr. Haire was president of the Putney Farmers' Elevator for 35 years and had held numerous township positions in Claremont township. An extreme individualist, Robert Haire contributed to the progress of his community by his example influence and friendship to the young people of his community.

Mr. Haire was laid to rest in the Groton cemetery in the family lot beside his parents and his son. The Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. John's Catholic church at Groton by the Reverend Father Mardian of Hecla. The Presentation Sisters of Sacred Heart parish of Aberdeen sang. Pallbearers were chosen from among the boys whom he held in close friendship: Irvin Ulrich, William Honey, Frank Jensen, Marvin Dombrowe, Charles Nelson and Dale Hosley.

Mrs. Haire and daughter, Mrs. Angela Matthews and her two children, Kathy and Tom, were at Mr. Haire's bedside at the time of his death. Rachel (Mrs. Clarence Dye) is in Regensburg, Germany, and was unable to come.

Survivors besides his wife, two daughters and two grandchildren are: A brother, Jerome Haire, Kent, Minn.; four sisters, Mrs. A. C. Blanchard, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mrs. Patrick Hemmer, Palmer, Alaska, Elinor Haire, Faith, and Mrs. E. J. Mishak, Kent, Minn. All were present at the services except Mrs. Hemmer of Alaska. Lew Sieh of Emerton, Neb., was also here to attend the last rites.