

December 16, 1954

Leo LeClair

Funeral services for Leo LeClair, 56, were held Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1954, at St. John's Catholic church at 10:00 o'clock a. m., with Fr. E. J. Coyne officiating. Burial was in Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were: Arden Rix, William Messing, Orval Smith, Joe Bishop and Ralph Stahl, Bath, and Ewald Kuehnert.

Mr. LeClair was born at Alexandria, S. D., on March 7, 1898, where he grew to manhood, coming to Aberdeen in 1917, to stay at the home of his sister, Mrs. Emilie May, while employed with the Jewett Company, later going to the Putney area to farm and then to Groton, where he worked for the Klamper Ice Co. While making his residence in Groton he was married to Blanche Smith and the couple engaged in farming. His bride passed away a short time later.

The deceased then farmed near James for some time with his brother, Joe, later going to Oregon. On Nov. 29, 1933, he was united in marriage with Beatrice Kays of Vienna. The couple made their home on the Sieh farm near Bath, where they resided until March 1952, when they retired from the farm and built a home in this city.

Three sons were born to this union, all of whom passed away in infancy. He was also preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice; sister, Mrs. Emilie May, Aberdeen; two brothers, Joe of Summit and Francis of Bridgewater; besides several nieces and nephews.

Mr. LeClair passed away Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Aberdeen hospital, where he had been hospitalized for several weeks with a heart condition. The departed was a devoted husband, and kind and thoughtful friend and neighbor. His passing will be keenly felt by a host of friends, who extend heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones in the loss of their husband and brother.