

OBITUARY

Ole Lars Hagen was born in Meldalen, Norway, January 3, 1867. In youth he learned the shoe repairing trade and pursued through out life that occupation and at times also farming and some carpenter work. In the year 1890 he was united in marriage to Marit Dahl, a sister of Ole Dahl who with his family moved from Irene to North Dakota in 1927. Four children were born in Norway namely: Lars, Anna, Mary and Johanna. The family immigrated to the United States in 1901, arriving in New York the day President McKinley's funeral. Among those who came was also Mr. and Mrs. John Larson. The Hagen family proceeded to Irene, S. D. There a daughter, Olga was born 1903. They went to Williams county, North Dakota, where a homestead was proved up two years later. While there another son, Albert, was born April 26, 1906. In 1907 the family again came to Irene and soon settled near Center Point, Yankton county, where Aunt Elde is now residing. The first deepfelt sorrow came to the family in January 1915 when Mrs. Hagen died and was buried at the Meldahl cemetery of which congregation the family were then members. Only two years later Johanna, then 17 years old, died and was buried beside her mother. In July 1918 Lars Hagen was drafted into the service of our country and was sent to Camp Dodge, Ia., where he was taken ill with influenza and pneumonia from which he died October 11, 1918. He was also buried at the Meldahl cemetery.

In the spring of 1918 the family moved to Irene after also living in Viborg for a short time. The same year Mr. Hagen together with his son Albert went to Norway and returned the latter part of August.

On August 27, 1919 Mr. Hagen was united in marriage to Ragna Johnson, Volin, S. D. He continued to live in Irene and Mr. Hagen, among other transactions purchased the shoe repair shop from Mr. Snook. In 1928 the shop was sold

Mr. and Mrs. Hagen became members of the Irene Lutheran church likely in the year 1921, but their affiliation was terminated when they moved to Volin in 1928. In 1932 they were admitted as members of the Meldahl Lutheran church, but have also found a welcome place in the Irene Lutheran church as well.

Together with his second wife the following children mourn the loss of a kind and considerate father: Anna (Mrs. C. V. Larson, Hurley, S. D.); Mary (Mrs. Ferguson, Los Angeles, Cal.); Olga, (Mrs. J. A. Jose, Los Angeles, Cal.) and Albert (Irene, S. D.). A brother named John and sister named Anna live in Norway.

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me, and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay
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Thy head upon my breast.
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad,
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad."

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