

# Two Lives Are Lost In Truck Crash On Friday

**William Birch and Leon Richman Die of Injuries Sustained When Truck Carrying Pea Roguers To Work Turns Over.**

The automobiles toll of lives was increased by two in this community last Friday morning when a truck overturned on a side road the other side of Rexburg, with Leon Richman and William Birch dying in the hospital here of injuries received in the accident.

A truck driven by Leland Ferney turned over when the driver went into the barrow pit while attempting to pass another truck driven by Harold Nagle. Occupants of both trucks were pea roggers employed by the Woodruff Seed Company here and the men were on their way to work in the Sunnyside country.

Birch died of a broken neck, passing away in the hospital here early Saturday morning, while Richman died Friday evening of chest and lung injuries. Between fifteen and twenty other men and youths from St. Anthony were riding on the trucks at the time, but they all escaped with less serious injuries. Howard Thorsted suffered a broken thigh and Art Colen was quite badly bruised.

Accounts of the accident indicate that when Ferney attempted to pass the truck driven by Nagle the truck went into the barrow pit, and in attempting to bring the truck back into the road it tipped over, throwing the men who were riding behind the cab on the bed of the truck a considerable distance. It is thought that the truck rolled completely over and then made a half roll, coming to rest on its side.

Although it is impossible to determine exactly what happened, it is more or less agreed that the truck rolled over on Richman, crushing his chest. Thorsted also received his injuries when the truck hit him, Thorsted and Richman being close together when they were picked up.

Birch was riding in the cab of the truck, and indications are that he opened the door and was probably trying to get out when it tipped over. The truck's rolling over threw Birch into the air and a considerable distance from the road where he landed in an irrigation ditch. Before he was found he almost drowned, being unconscious when found. It is thought that when he hit the ground his neck was broken.

The injured were picked up and rushed to the St. Anthony hospital for treatment.

This is the second major accident in this community within a few days. Mrs. Emmett Robbins and Clara Bullock of Salina, Utah, having been killed when the car in which they were riding rolled over a dugway on the road between the highway and Pincock's Hot Springs.

Funeral services were held here Sunday under the auspices of the American Legion for Mr. Richman, who is survived by his wife and several children. The body was taken to Paradise, Utah, for burial and services also held at that place.

Funeral services for Birch were held Tuesday afternoon under the direction of Bishop Edgar Westberg from the L. D. S. Tabernacle here and burial was made in the Wilford cemetery.

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First Section

## RICHMAN FUNERAL HELD ON SUNDAY

**Local Man Victim of Crash Near Rexburg Last Week.**

Funeral services for Leon S. Richman were held Sunday at 1 o'clock in the Tabernacle with Bishop A. E. Archibald in charge.

The music was furnished by a mixed double quartette. The first number was "O My Father". Elder Hyrum Richman offered the invocation. A vocal solo "Lead Me Home" was rendered by Elder Ira Davenport Bishop E. M. Jergensen was the first speaker. Mrs. Grant Packer then rendered "Not Understood" Elder W. J. Lewis of the ward bishopric was the next speaker, followed by a few remarks by Bishop Archibald. The quartette then rendered "I Need Thee Every Hour". The benediction was offered by Elder George Staker of the Teton ward bishopric.

The American Legion members were out in good number with the colors also six ex-servicemen acted as pall-bearers. The Elders quorum of which Mr. Richman was a member attended the funeral in a body of about thirty. At the city limits the Legion Boys sounded "taps" and undertaker Hansen left with the body for Paradise, Utah, where

funeral services were held the following day.

The services at the Paradise ward meeting house were under the direction of Bishop O. L. Lee. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Maude Obray rendered "Did you Think to Pray?". The invocation was offered by Elder Edwin Clawson. The choir then rendered "Sometime We'll Understand." A male quartet from the Wellsville ward sang "I Have Read of a Beautiful City".

Elders D. H. Danielson and E. P. Oldham were the next speakers. The male quartet rendered "When You Come to the End of a Perfect Day."

The closing number by the choir was "We Shall Meet Beyond the River."

About six hundred people attended the services.

## PARADISE

PARADISE, March 15.—Since our last report of our little town to your paper we have been called upon again to witness great sorrow, in the passing away of two worthy citizens, one a fine young man, Mr. Alva Richman, 26 years old and Mrs. William T. Lemon, a mother leaving behind her seven little children.

Mr. Richman was engaged in breaking horses for Mr. Joseph White when the horse suddenly turned and kicked him in the abdomen. The young man was taken to Ogden where an operation was found necessary but without avail to save his life. Everything that medical skill could do was done but it seems that God in His great wisdom knows best how to carry out his plans. The body was brought home to his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Richman also his brothers, sisters and friends.

Monday impressive funeral services were held after which the body was consigned to the silent tomb. Alva was indeed loved and respected by all his associates. He was always cheerful and happy and ready to help or cheer anyone he could and will be missed in many ways here in our ward. The many beautiful flowers that were given him went to show the love and esteem in which he was held.

## Funeral Services Held For St. Anthony Youth

Funeral services for William Leon Birch were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. in the Tabernacle with Bishop Edgar Westberg of the Second Ward in charge.

Mrs. Emma Stimpson had charge of the singing, and Mrs. Joseph Jones was at the Organ. Twenty-four ladies under the direction of Mrs. Severen Swensen and Mrs. Ida Swensen handled the flowers. Six young men who had worked with Leon in the pea fields and chums acted as pall bearers.

W. M. Hansen had charge of the funeral arrangements.

The first number rendered by the choir was "Come Ye Disconsolate". The opening prayer was offered by Elder John W. Waite of the bishopric and Mrs. Miller rendered "Some Sweet Day, Bye and Bye". Elder John F. Miller was the first speaker. A vocal solo "Face to Face" was rendered by Mrs. Alma Singleton.

John M. White was the next speaker. A mixed quartette composed of Misses Mason and Erickson and Mr. Meservy, and Mr. Bird, sang "Sometime We'll Understand".

Bishop Edgar Westberg was the last speaker. The choir sang then "Thought Deeping Trails" and the benediction was offered by Elder Oscar Mulinbery of the Bishopric.

Burial was at the Wilford cemetery. The grave was dedicated by Elder Reuben Birch, an uncle of Leon.