

OBITUARY FOR LEO D RHODES

1890-1986

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Leo D Rhodes was born April 23, 1890, at Ravenwood, Missouri, to Thomas and Marietta Allen. His schooling was limited to Ravenwood, MO. He came to Wyoming on March 1, 1914 and farmed for 2 years in the Big Horn Basin. In 1916, Mr. Rhodes entered a partnership with J W Pulliam in the buying and selling of horses and in the operation of the Worland, Wyoming, Sales Barn. He sold that business to enter the United States Army on November 1, 1918. He served as night marshal in Worland, Wyoming, in 1919. From 1920 to 1925 Mr Rhodes trucked from Worland to Ten Sleep, hauling livestock and supplies. In 1925 he leased the Ten Sleep Garage [The article mentions a sawmill building ties??] and built a service station in 1928. He built Rhodes Service Station and operated that for a decade, but in December of 1945 he opened the Rhodes hardware which he sold in 1967. (The foregoing is from "The Historical Encyclopedia of Wyoming", 978.7 D3p (p 483) found in the Family History Library, SLC.)

Leo married Ida Streiff in 1917 in Denver, CO. She was born in Pocahontas, Arkansas. The Rhodes had three sons: Leo Lawrence (Dusty Rhodes), Charles Sherman (Chuck) and Erwin Dale (Dale).

Leo Rhodes served on the school board for 18 ears and was county commissioner for 12 years. He served on the town council for 16 years and was a member of the Game and Fish Commission from 1961 to 1962 (ibid) p. 483.

NOTES: I am not sure that he leased the Ten Sleep Garage in 1925. The Ten Sleep Garage belonged to Millard F Moses and the sign lay beside the Moses family garage until 1941. It is true that both Millard and Leo had garages, both had had sawmills, but the two did not merge in business deals. Fvb

MEMORIES: Leo was very civic oriented and did good deeds for those in need at any time he was called to do so. Fvb

Leo Delbert Rhodes

Leo Delbert Rhodes, a former Ten Sleep councilman and Washakie County commissioner, died Wednesday at Washakie Memorial Hospital in Worland. He was 96.

Rhodes was born on April 23, 1890 in Ravenwood Mo., a son of Thomas and Marietta Rhodes. On June 4, 1917, he married Ida Streiff in Denver, Colo.

He moved to the Big Horn Basin in March 1918, residing on the Pulliam farm. In a partnership with D.T. Pulliam, he raised and sold horses to sugar beet farmers moving to the basin. He also hauled gravel and did excavation for the Pulliam and First National Bank buildings.

Rhodes and Otis Kidder hauled wool from Ten Sleep to Worland and established a freight service in 1919 which was the first in the area to utilize a White truck. He served briefly as a night marshal in Worland before moving to Ten Sleep in 1919.

From 1925 to 1929, he established a business with several leased service stations in Ten Sleep. He also operated a saw mill furnishing railroad ties to a new railroad track being installed. In 1930, he and Paul Frison leased a ranch where they bought and sold horses. Fifteen years later he bought the Ten Sleep Hardware, which he operated until selling the business in 1967.

Rhodes played an important role in having Ten Sleep incorporated as a town in 1932 and served on the town

council for 16 years. He also served on the Washakie County Board of Commissioners from 1931 to 1942 and on the State Game and Fish Commission from 1961 to 1963.

In 1975, he received a "Distinguished Community Service Award" from the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce. He was active in promoting the Worland and Ten Sleep Area Chamber of Commerce. After residing in the Ten Sleep area for more than 60 years, he moved to the Bethesda Care Center in Worland in 1983.

He was preceded in death by his wife; by a son; by two brothers; and by two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Leo L. of Palos Verdes, Calif. and Erwin D. of Overland Park, Kans.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ten Sleep Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Heikes officiating. Burial will be at the Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent in care of the American Heart Association.

Veile Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

