

KINIKIN, CLOYD PRESTON
1916-1924

Cloyd Preston Kinikin, eight year old son of Mrs. Annie Kinikin, was almost instantly killed at 7:30 Tuesday morning, when he fell in front of the galloping horse he was riding and his chest in crushed in by the impact of both of the animal's front feet.

The accident occurred at the north end of 13th Street, in front of the Krewer resident. The boy had left the breakfast table at his home immediately west of the high school when he saw Perry Parsons going by leading his four horse team to water. Parsons had driven down from the hills with a load of wood, and had staked his horses out for the night on vacant lots northeast of the high school. He was in the habit of watering his team at the tub in front of the Ben Jackson home.

Master Kinikin requested the privilege of leading one of the horses, and was given one known to be quiet. Parsons left him with the horses, while he went inside the Jackson house to turn on the water. When he came out, the boy had climbed on the animal and ridden off. Not anticipating that the boy would have any trouble, the horse having often been ridden by children, he harnessed up two horses, and hitched on to his loaded wagon, hauling it to the place of delivery.

The boy rode north to the Lindstrom home and called to Master Len Lindstrom to come and join him. Master Len was helped on to the horse and the two boys rode for some time. Then Mrs. Lindstrom called to her son and he climbed off. The Kinikin boy then started back south, putting his mount on a gallop. The animal was a clumsy work horse and the boy was apparently unable to keep his seat. Observers at a distance saw him gradually work forward on the horse's neck and then swing under and fall in front of the animal & lie unconscious after it passed over his body.

He was picked up by Mrs. Viola Hartman and hurried to the hospital by N.E. Judd, but died before he arrived there.

His mother and older brother, Watson Kinikin, who were employed at the Phifer ranch were summoned, but arrived after his death.

The boy was a member of the third grade in the Wheatland grade school, & the school will make a fitting observance of the funeral. Definite funeral arrangements have been held up by delay in getting word to a brother, William Kinikin, who lives in Brooklyn, New York. Other brothers and sisters surviving as follows: Mrs. Florence Hancock of Salina, Kans., who is too ill to come, John and Flavy Kinikin of Bristow, Okla.; Ben Kinikin of Tulsa, Okla. His father died several years ago.