

John Etchart, Stockman Dies Valley County Rancher, Dies

**Suffers Fatal Attack
While Chatting With
Friends at Glasgow**

GLASGOW, April 18.—(AP)—John Etchart, 60, who came to Montana in 1912 to find grazing and farm land, and remained to become one of the state's leading stockmen, died last night of a heart attack.

Etchart succumbed while talking to friends in a downtown store.

Born in the Basque Pyrenees of a family of sheep raisers, Etchart's life read like a novel. When his father left the village of Aldudes to raise sheep in South America, his son had already planned to maintain the family tradition. In 1900 he booked passage for San Francisco and got a job herding sheep high in the Sierras. With careful saving he obtained money sufficient to buy a small ranch at Elko, Nev. Not fully satisfied, he left later for Montana, arriving at Hinsdale. There he bought a horse and headed for the virgin border country. Before settling, however, he returned to his native village and married his childhood sweetheart. With her he began operation of holdings which extended through the years until his herds of sheep numbered 40,000 to 50,000, and his purebred Herefords a tradition among stockmen.

In recent years he included extensive sugar beet growing in his operations.

Surviving him besides his widow are four sons, Leonard of Glasgow, Mark of Miles City, and Mitchell and Gene, and a daughter, Fern, all of Oxnard, Calif.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at St. Raphael's church at Glasgow.



JOHN ETCHART

A resident of Valley county since 1912, the Basque emigrant who became one of Montana's leading stockmen, died of a heart attack Saturday night while talking with friends in a Glasgow store. Funeral services will be held at Glasgow Wednesday.

U. S., Canada, British Pilots Will Affiliate

MONTREAL, April 18.—(U.P.)—Representatives of American, British and Canadian airline pilots' associations signed a formal agreement of affiliation here at a weekend conference.

The meeting, first of its kind in

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