

# PETER BEKO, FORMER NYE LEGISLATOR DIES

## Funeral Service Tuesday for Resident Of Tonopah Since 1905; Death Unexpected

Peter T. Beko, a resident of Tonopah since 1905 and a former Nye county assemblyman in the state legislature, died in the Nye county hospital late Saturday night. His death was unexpected.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon in Tonopah at the Elks lodge building with members of the Elks lodge No. 1062 in charge of the final rites. William J. Crowell will deliver the eulogy and J. Joe Cleary will offer special music at the services. Mr. Beko will be buried in the family plot in Tonopah beside his two brothers, Sam and Bob Beko.

Friends have been requested not to send flowers but if they desire may donate to the Tonopah swimming pool fund or the Nye county hospital.

Since 1946, Mr. Beko had been in charge of the mail and freight route between Tonopah, Round Mountain and Manhattan. He was stricken suddenly Friday morning at the Tonopah post office prior to distributing the mail and freight. He never regained consciousness.

Immediate members of his family were at his bed side when he died.

### YUGOSLAVIAN BIRTH

Mr. Beko was born in Sutorina, Yugoslavia, Oct. 20, 1886 and came to the United States in 1904, first settling in Angel's Camp, Calif. A year later, he moved to Tonopah and had resided in that community since that time.

In 1911, he became a naturalized citizen of the United States and two years later, was married in Tonopah. His widow, Mrs. Saveta Beko, survives.

On Dec. 21 this year, the couple would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

At one time, Mr. Beko was employed by the Tonopah-Goldfield Railroad Co. and later worked at most of the major mines in Tonopah as a hoist engineer.

Old-time Nye county residents will also remember him as co-partner in the Chiatovich and Beko grocery store in Tonopah.

### WAS IN ASSEMBLY

In 1945, Mr. Beko was a successful candidate for the assembly representing Nye county.

One of his sons who survives, William Beko, a Tonopah lawyer, was a Nye county assemblyman in the last session of the state legislature.

Mr. Beko was always active in community affairs and was a member of the Eagles and Moose when those organizations were active in Tonopah and was a member of the I.O.O.F. and Elks lodge No. 1092 at the time of his death.

In addition to his widow and son, William, he is also survived by another son, Tom Beko of Reno; three daughters, Mrs. Olga Traynor and Mrs. Rose Skanovsky of Reno and Miss Milka Beko of Tonopah; a cousin, Maxim Cepernich of San Francisco; and four granddaughters, Barbara Ann and Pamela Kay Beko and Deb Ra and Dan Ra Skanovsky, all of Reno.