

# Services Yesterday For Wm. P. Helfrich, Bellevue Resident

**Burial at Palmdale Cemetery—  
5 Brothers, 3 Sisters Survive**

The body of Wm. P. Helfrich, pioneer Bellevue District resident, was laid to rest Wednesday afternoon, December 21, in the Palmdale Cemetery, following simple funeral services conducted by Rev. Drury V. Haight at the Palmdale Community Church. Attending the funeral were a large number of friends of Mr. Helfrich. Pallbearers were: Joe and Max Godde, Al Stratman, Joe Anderson, Isaac Wiskerson and Wm. Ritter.

William Peter Helfrich died Monday evening, December 12, in a hospital in Los Angeles. He would have been 63 years of age next January, having been born in 1876.

He was a native of the Province of Friesland, in The Netherlands, and received his schooling in that country. He came to the United States when about twenty years of age, and about thirty years ago, homesteaded land in the Bellevue District. He has made his home on that ranch since, holding a unique place in the community affairs there, and a place in the hearts of all in the Valley who knew him. He was recognized as an authority on astronomy and weather forecasting, having been mentioned in that light several times by Los Angeles city newspapers. He served for most of the years of his Valley residence as a member of the Bellevue School District Board.

Mr. Helfrich is survived by five brothers and three sisters, as follows:

Richard and W. Helfrich of Maryland; Henry of Decatur, Alabama; Carl, of Snohomish, Washington; Cornelius of New Jersey; Mrs. Cora Elmendorf of New York City; Mrs. Kathrine Bossdorf of Flushing, Long Island, New York; and Miss Winnie Helfrich, of New York. A number of other relatives, also a host of close friends in the Valley, also mourn his passing.