

'Pete' Itcaina, 75, Dies At Malta; a Woolgrower

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MALTA — Pierre (Pete) Itcaina, 75, well-known longtime eastern Montana wool grower, died Sunday in Malta.

Services will be Wednesday in Malta, with Bell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Born in France

Itcaina was born in the Basque area of Southern France in 1891. He came to the United States in 1910 and went into the sheep-raising business at Glasgow. He formed a partnership with Mike Arrambide. The two operated the largest sheep op-

eration in Valley County until 1936, when they purchased the historic Matador Ranch south of Malta. Arrambide died in 1948, and Itcaina continued the operation until death.

State Commissioner

He was a former member of the Montana Livestock Commission and Livestock Sanitary Board and served as adviser to the state Bureau of Land Management.

His widow, Ruth, survives, as do sisters, Pascilline Itcaina and Mrs. Dominique Etchart, Ontario, Calif., and Mrs. Marie Gastenbide, in Oregon.

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