

## OTTO MAGNUS AMUNDSON

Born: August 11, 1860 - Died: December 9, 1923

Chester Reporter

December 13, 1923

### RESPECTED PIONEER DIES

Otto Magnus Amundson passed to the Great Beyond Sunday morning, December 9, at his home at Joplin, following a malady which during the past year so sapped his strength that death was inevitable.

Mr. Amundson was born in Christiania, Norway on August 11, 1860. He came to America in 1892 and located at Westby, Wisconsin, where he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Holt on August 4, 1895. They with the children came to Joplin in 1910 and homesteaded 4 miles north of Joplin. In connection with his farming, for several years he also kept a meat market in Joplin.

Beside the good and true wife and helpmate for the past 33 years, several children are left, who mourn the loss of a reverend and kindly father. They are Mrs. Walter Jensen, Proctor, Montana, Sigurd, who is clerk in the office of the treasurer of this county, Viola, who is employed in the Sherburne Mercantile company at Browning, and Lief, who is at home.

He was a member of the M. W. A. and in good standing for the past 30 years. The lodge sent a beautiful floral piece.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church at Joplin yesterday afternoon by Rev. O. S. Rygg, and interment was made in the Joplin cemetery.

We join with the many friends in extending our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

E. C. ANDERSON

Born: N/A - Died: July 4, 1923

Chester Reporter

July 6, 1923

E. C. Anderson, a farmer living near Joplin, drowned in the John Anderson reservoir near Joplin Wednesday. Several of the near neighbors were picnicking there and after a hearty picnic lunch, Mr. Anderson took a dip in the water. He was seized with cramps or heart failure and after calling for help, sunk at once. No one present was able to render aid, and after several hour's effort the body was brought to the surface.

## NINA ATKINS

Born: 1908 - Died: May 27, 1923

Chester Reporter

June 1, 1923

### GIRL KILLED; FOUR HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Shelby, May 28.—Nina Atkins, 15, daughter of Mrs. M. Atkins, was killed, Wilma Lathrop, 23, school teacher, sustained a broken arm and internal injuries which are considered serious; Bernice Classby, 14, sustained severe cuts and bruises; Norman and Everet Yarbrough, 20 and 22, respectively, all of Galata, were badly shaken up and sustained painful injuries, when the automobile in which they were riding went through a bridge over Willow creek, seven and a half miles northwest of Galata, at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

The party were returning from a dance and heavy washouts weakened the bridge to such an extent that the car broke through one end of it and overturned. Miss Atkins died within 20 minutes after the accident. County Attorney W. W. Thorne conducted an investigation Sunday afternoon and Dr. J. W. Williamson, coroner, was called to Galata to give treatment to the injured persons. He stated that Miss Lathrop's condition was serious. An inquest will be held Monday morning at Galata, which is 24 miles east of Shelby.

ROSANNA CHISAM

Born: February, 1922 - Died: August 4, 1923

Chester Reporter

August 10, 1923

**Baby Chisam**

Funeral services were held Wednesday over the remains of Rosanna Chisam, eighteen month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Chisam. Mrs. Chisam was formerly Helen Wiewick.

Mrs. Chisam left Oklahoma last week with her twin children, a boy and girl, and while enroute the little girl became ill. They arrived at the Ferdinand Wiewick home near Tiber last Wednesday, and the little one passed away Saturday.

The services were held at 3 o'clock at the M. E. church Tuesday, Rev. Schambers, German Lutheran minister of Havre officiating. The baby was laid to rest in the local cemetery.

The sympathy of all the friends and neighbors go out to the parents in their dark hour of grief.

## GERDA (AMUNDSON) EDWARDS

Born: July 20, 1898 - Died: April 17, 1923

Chester Reporter

April 27, 1923

### GERDA AMUNDSON EDWARDS

In last week's issue of the Enterprise, we gave the sad news of the untimely death of Mrs. Ralph Edwards, nee Amundson. The community was saddened by this call of the grim reaper of one who grew to womanhood, who was educated here and a part of the life of Joplin for so many years, loved and respected by all who knew her.

Gerda Amundson was born at Westby, Wisconsin, July 20th, 1898, and died at Hamilton, Mo., Tuesday, April 17th, 1923.

Gerda came to Montana with her parents in the spring of 1910 and grew to be a lovely woman. For many years she was a part of the business life of our town, having been employed in the First State Bank as assistant cashier. On January 8th, 1921, she was joined in wedlock to Ralph Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards made their home at Hamilton, Missouri.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband and a daughter, her parents, two sisters, Mrs. Walter Jensen, of Proctor, Montana, and Viola, who is with her parents, two brothers, Sigurd and Leif.

This community extend their sympathy to the bereaved ones in this their dark hour.—Enterprise.

**LESLIE ELTON**

**Born: 1908 - Died: October 11, 1923**

**Chester Reporter**

**October 18, 1923**

**LESLIE ELTON, GALATA**

**KILLED BY NUMBER ONE**

Cutbank, Oct. 12 -- Leslie Elton, the 15 year old son of Wallen Elton of Galata was instantly killed at that place Thursday afternoon by Great Northern train No. 1. He had just got out of school and borrowed an automobile in which he started for Willow creek to get some water, according to a report reaching here. While passing over the railroad crossing on his way to the stream near the depot, the auto stopped on the main track in front of the oncoming train. The car was struck broadside, smashing it. The train was stopped and when picked up the young man was dead. Scarcely a mark could be seen on the body. The body was removed to his parents home a short distance from the scene of the accident.

## EMMA ENNIS

Born: 1890 - Died: November 25, 1923

Chester Reporter

November 29, 1923

### FORMER JOPLIN WOMAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

Cut Bank, Nov. 26. - Apparently dependent over an occurrence at a dance Mrs. Emma Ennis, 33, swallowed a small quantity of strychnine early Sunday morning and died in the arms of her husband within a few minutes at the Ennis farm home north of here.

According to the husband's statement, the couple had attended a dance at the Jacobsen school house and had left for home shortly after midnight. On the arrival at the Ennis home, Mr. Ennis decided to return to the dance and his wife requested he place the car in the garage and remain at home. Following his persistence that he return to the school house, Mrs. Ennis made no further objection.

Returning to the home about 5 a. m., Mr. Ennis found his wife lying on the floor apparently in great agony. She was still conscious and repeatedly called the name of her mother. She admitted taking the poison and after some persuasion took several antidotes hastily prepared by her husband. The antidotes brought no relief, however, and the woman died in her husband's arms within a half hour.

Two letters were found on a table, one addressed to Mr. Ennis and the other to her mother. The contents of the letters was not divulged.

County officials directed the body removed to this city and as yet have not ordered an inquest. Under present arrangements burial will be conducted at Pittsburgh, the former home of Mrs. Ennis. The husband, Mrs. D. F. McCaffrey of Pittsburgh, her mother, and Dominick McCaffrey, a brother, also of Pittsburgh, survive.

The couple formerly resided at Joplin, Montana. Mr. Ennis has been employed on the Blackfeet reservation by the Blackfoot Cattle company, and came here to occupy the Ronald Hanson ranch for the winter.

MRS. JOHN FITZPATRICK

Born: 1875 - Died: April 21, 1923

Chester Reporter

April 27, 1923

MRS. JOHN FITZPATRICK

After an illness of three months, Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, of Alma, passed away at the Mary Graham home last Saturday morning at 2 A. M. Death was caused by paralysis.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick was born in Michigan 48 years ago, and leaves to mourn their loss her husband John, and a sister Mrs. Woodward of Great Falls.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic church, Rev. Fr. Sheppard of Havre officiating. Interment was made in the local cemetery.



FRANCIS FULLER

Born: May 25, 1907 - Died: July 23, 1923

Chester Reporter

August 10, 1923

FRANCIS FULLER

Francis Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, was born May 25, 1907, passed away July 23, 1923, aged 16 years and 2 months. He was laid to rest in the St. Francis cemetery at Oakland, Wis.

He was taken suddenly ill on Friday evening, and the illness developed into typhoid-pneumonia. His heart had also contracted a leak, and after an illness of but ten days he was taken.

The sympathy of all of their friends and neighbors go out to the father, mother and brother in their hour of grief.

## CONRAD HEIMBIGNER

Born: April 15, 1860 - Died: September 9, 1923

Chester Reporter

September 14, 1923

### CONRAD HEIMBIGNER

Conrad Heimbigner was born at Frank, Germany, April 15, 1860 and after an illness covering the past two years, passed away Sunday night September 9. Death resulted from ulcer of the stomach.

Mr. Heimbigner came to America with his parents in 1878, and settled in Nebraska. From there they moved to Walla Walla, Washington and in 1887 he was joined in wedlock to Katherina Schiffner. To this union twelve children were born, ten of whom are now living to mourn the loss of their father. They are David Con, Lucile Dorothy, Anne Mary, Joseph George, Henry Frank, Walter Clarence, Samuel Martin, Harry Alvin, Frederick William and Clara Emma.

He and his family came to Montana November 8, 1909 and homesteaded a half section 6½ miles north east of town. He entered farming on a large scale and up till 1916 met with big success. But the dry years, worms and grasshoppers came and during this period he still farmed extensively, firm in his belief that this section would "come back."

Funeral services will be preached by Miss Nelle Phillips this afternoon at 2 p. m. at the M. E. church, and the body will then be shipped to Retzville, Wash. for burial.

**PAUL THEODORE LARSON**

**Born: October 11, 1918 - Died: March 22, 1923**

**Chester Reporter**

**March 30, 1923**

Paul Theodore Larson, the 4-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Halfdan Larson died from diptheria last Thursday night. He was born here on October 11, 1918. The remains were laid away in the local cemetery.

## CHARLES ALVIN LATTIMER

Born: March 6, 1856 - Died: September 11, 1923

Chester Reporter

September 14, 1923

### CHARLES ALVIN LATTIMER

Following a severe stroke of paralysis some time ago, Charles Lattimer passed away at his home Tuesday September 11.

He was born at Rochester, New York March 6, 1856 and on October 5, 1879 at Ionia, Michigan he was wedded to Nancy Jane Nicholoy, who survives him. To this union were born 4 children, Alvin Henry, who died 33 years ago, at the age of nine years, Manley Lattimer of Los Angeles and Mrs. Bernice Irene Sanders and Florence Amy Carrol, who are here at Chester.

Mr. Lattimer resided at Saginaw Michigan for 15 years, and in 1901 moved to Chester. He immediately went into the hotel business and since 1913 has owned and operated the Grand hotel.

Last March Mr. Lattimer had an attack of the flu and experienced the first light stroke. On Friday August 31, a severe stroke afflicted him but he soon improved. On the following Sunday the final stroke befell him, and the family then knew that it was just a question of time as to when he would be taken.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves a brother, Willis A. Lattimer at Saginaw, Michigan, and two sisters, Mrs. Wes Oliver at Lansing, Michigan, and Mrs. Charles Oliver, Greenville, Michigan. The latter is expected here Saturday.

Funeral services will be held at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m., Miss Nelle Phillips, officiating. Interment will be made in the local cemetery.

**BERNARD LOBBEN**

**Born: 1895 - Died: March 13, 1923**

**Chester Reporter**

**March 16, 1923**

**HILL COUNTY RANCHER  
VICTIM OF DREADED  
SLEEPING SICKNESS**

Great Falls, March 13.—Bernard Lobben, 28, former service man and sergeant at Camp Dodge, died in a local hospital here this morning from sleeping sickness. He had been ill about six weeks and his parents from Benson, Minn., have been with him for the past two weeks. Lobben was a Hill county rancher, and came here following his being first taken with the illness from which he died.

**FRANK N. LOWE**

**Born: N/A - Died: February 10, 1923**

**Chester Reporter**

**February 16, 1923**

**FRANK LOWE PASSES AWAY**

Mrs. E. J. Blanchard and Mrs. Otis Lawler returned from Post Falls, Idaho last night, going there last Saturday to attend the funeral of Frank N. Lowe who died on Saturday morning, February 10, at St. Luke's hospital, Spokane, following an operation on February 2. The ladies are sisters of Mrs. Lowe.

Frank N. Lowe came to Montana in the the early ninetys, having had a ranch in the Sweet Grass Hills for several years. He was well known by the old timers here as well as by the late comers, having left here in 1919.

The funeral service was held at Post Falls on Wednesday under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. lodge.

There is left to mourn their loss his wife and 13 year old daughter, Martha. Also a brother in New York City and a sister in Kansas City.

Mr. Lowe had not been in good health for several years, never fully recovering from an operation performed at Havre some years ago.

## ELEANOR O'BRIEN

Born: N/A - Died: November 20, 1923

Chester Reporter

November 22, 1923

### LOCAL SECRETARY KILLED BY AUTO

Havre, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Eleanor O'Brien, executive secretary of the Hill County Chapter of the American Red Cross, was instantly killed early last evening at Pacific Junction, four miles west of Havre, when she was struck by an automobile driven by C. C. Moody.

Mrs. O'Brien, accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Eleanor Thompson of Minneapolis, who was visiting her, was enroute to near Kremlin, taking some clothing to an unfortunate family, the needs of which had been reported to the Red Cross.

Just as the car went down the west side of the hill at the junction, there was a blow out on the left front tire, and Mrs. O'Brien drove the car to the extreme right side or north side of the road and proceeded to change the tire, using the light of her car and a flash light to give the necessary light.

The ground was slightly covered with snow, the sky clear and the moon was shining brightly. The task of changing the tire was practically completed when the accident occur-

red. Mrs. Thompson was standing in front of the car.

Moody, in company with James Melville and Carl Gill, employes of the Rockwell cafe, was returning from a hunting trip north of Gildford, and evidently was traveling at a high rate of speed.

The lights of their car, it is alleged, were visible on the hill before they crossed the Montana Central branch on the Roosevelt highway and started toward the junction. They evidently were coming with tremendous speed and when almost upon the Red Cross car, Mrs. Thompson jumped back, fearing she might be struck.

Mrs. O'Brien was struck and thrown a considerable distance and it is believed from the bruises on the body that she died instantly. After hitting her the car struck the door of the Ford and bent it and broke the glass, knocking the car back several feet.

She was executive secretary in Chouteau county before being transferred to Havre to cover the counties of Hill, Blaine, Liberty and Chouteau. During part of September and October she was on a vacation with relatives in Minnesota and returning early this month was accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Thompson, who was with her when the tragic death occurred.

## JOE REHAL

Born: N/A - Died: February 8, 1923

Chester Reporter

February 9, 1923

### Joe Rehal Passes Away

Harvey Rehal received word Tuesday that his brother, Joseph Rehal, was very ill at his home at Casper, Wyoming, and was not expected to live but a few hours. Harvey immediately started for Casper, but Joe passed away on Thursday, February 8th. Joe Rehal was exceptionally well known in Liberty county, having come to the vicinity of Joplin in 1900, where he run sheep until 1910. The town of Joplin then came into existence and Joe was the first postmaster. From 1912 to 1914 he was in the mercantile business with Shebel Rehal. He then returned to farming and raising horses. For several years he made his home at Chester and is well known by the old timers of this community.

In the fall of 1921, he with his family removed to Casper, Wyoming, where he entered the mercantile business. It was shortly after this that he received the first stroke of apoplexy from which he never recovered. He leaves to mourn him his wife and five children, two boys and three girls, three brothers, Harvey, Sam and Nassef, and three sisters.

He was an outstanding figure in the communities in which he lived and his many friends sympathize with the family in their time of grief.



**J. ARCHIE ROSE**

**Born: September 22, 1878 - Died: June 5, 1923**

**Chester Reporter**

**June 8, 1923**

**ARCHIE ROSE DEAD AFTER  
SICKNESS OF OVER YEAR**

Havre, June 6.—J. Archie Rose died yesterday morning at the hospital after a lingering illness of more than a year, during which time he had gone to California and other places for the benefit of his health.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, pending word from relatives, but the body will be laid to rest by the side of his father and mother in the Havre cemetery.

Archie Rose was one of the best known young men of the community, with an acquaintance that was more than state wide, and a large circle of friends will mourn his departure.

The deceased was born in Omaha, Neb., Sept 22, 1878. He came to Montana with his parents in 1899 and settled in what was then Chouteau county.

On the creation of Hill county, he became the first county treasurer. He served his community in many positions of public trust and until retirement one year ago, was under-sheriff.

He was a member of Havre Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., of the Scottish rite consistory in Butte and of Algeria Shrine. He was affiliated with Havre lodge No. 1201, B. P. O. E.

JACOB SCHIFFNER

Born: 1840 - Died: October 13, 1923

Chester Reporter

October 18, 1923

Mrs. Conrad Heimbigner received a sad message this week of the death of her father, Jacob Schiffner, who passed away at Pasco, Wash. on October 13, aged 83 years. The body was taken to Walla Walla for burial beside the body of his wife. There are four sons and six daughters who mourn the passing of their father.

**BRET H. SMITH**

**Born: N/A - Died: November 22, 1923**

**Chester Reporter**

**November 29, 1923**

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**BRET H. SMITH**

Postmaster Thos. Smith received a telegram last week announcing the death of his brother Bret at Los Angeles on November 22, from pneumonia.

Bret Smith is well known by many of the old-timers in this vicinity, he having lived here for about 20 years, coming to Chester in 1893. He left

here for Idaho in 1914 where he resided for three years, later moving to Los Angeles.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife and three daughters and his only brother, Thos. Smith.

## SAMUEL MARION STRICKLER

Born: 1860 - Died: November 17, 1923

Chester Reporter

November 22, 1923

### SAMUEL MARION STRICKLER

The community received a severe shock Saturday afternoon when the word went around that Samuel Strickler had taken his life at his farm just a short distance north of town.

For some time past Mr. Strickler has been in poor health, and combined with financial worries so preyed upon his mind, that after his wife had gone to Lothair, he took a 22 calibre rifle, went to a straw stack near the house and shot himself in the right temple.

About 5 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ballou drove out to assist with the chores, and upon entering the house and finding no one there they looked about the premises. They then noticed the family dog near the stack, and going there discovered the body.

Sheriff Morgan and Coroner Layton were immediately sent for, but Mr. Layton being away on business, Justice A. A. Pond, was acting coroner. It was decided beyond a doubt that he had shot himself, and the remains were then brought to Lothair.

Samuel Marion Strickler was born in Pennsylvania and was 63 years, 3 months and 2 days of age.

He leaves to mourn their loss of a kind father and husband, a wife and two sons, Walter and Glynn, and two daughters, Mrs. Edgar Ballou and one daughter residing in Washington.

The body was prepared for shipment to Colfax, Washington, where it will be laid to rest in that cemetery.

The whole community sympathize with the bereaved ones in their hour of deep sorrow.

## HELEN (MAJESKY) SUBE

Born: February 6, 1883 - Died: February 5, 1923

Chester Reporter

February 9, 1923

### HELEN MAJESKY

Was born in Bingham, Germany, Feb. 6, 1883. Died at Chester, Montana, February 5, 1923. So was lacking but one day of being 40 years of age at the time of her death.

She was married to Carl Sube, in Berlin, Germany, May 13, 1905, and to this union was born three children. The first of these, a little girl, named Gertrude, died in Germany at the age of nine months. Alfred, also born in Germany, is now a student in the public schools of Chester. And little Irvin, a babe of fourteen months, are all that is left to the father, of kindred on this side of the world.

Mrs. Sube came with her husband, and son, to America in March 1912, and at first located in North Dakota. In May 1916, the family came on to Montana, and about a year ago they located in Chester, where Mr. Sube, has since been in the employ of F. A. Bachler in the mercantile business.

About a year ago, Mrs. Sube was taken with the affliction, which baffling all the skill of the physician, and surgeon, finally terminated in her death.

Mrs. Sube was brought up in the Lutheran church and remained in that communion till her death. But like many others, as the end drew near, and she saw the things of time and of the flesh slipping away, she looked beyond as she had never before. Her faith was quickened, and for several weeks, the God of our refuge, became her whole reliance and hope.

Toward morning of February fifth, as Mr. Bachler was taking his turn on watch, in an adjoining room, she called him and asked for water and then told him that she had just had a Divine visitation, and that He had told her that He was coming for her that day. Mr. Bachler not knowing what else to say, disputed the suggestion and tried to reassure her. But she steadfastly insisted that God was about to call her away. During the forenoon she gave directions to her family, bade them farewell and just after noon she slipped gently away to be at peace and rest with God, leaving her husband and children and a circle of devoted friends to mourn their loss.

## JOHN SYKE

Born: 1863 - Died: May 27, 1923

Chester Reporter

June 1, 1923

### SMOTHERED TO DEATH IN CAVE IN OF TRENCH ON STREETS OF SHELBY

Shelby, May 28.—John Syke, 60, met death in the streets of Shelby Sunday, being buried in a cave of a sewer trench in which he was working on the main street. The sewer as about 14 feet deep and the cave came at a time no one was present and it was several hours after that the coat and vest of the man was seen and the cave discovered. He was dead when found. On his body in a belt was found \$2,500, and it is learned from parties here who are acquainted with Syke that he was worth about \$40,000, having property in various places. He came here from Cardston, Alberta, but his home is in Salem, Oregon, where he is said to have considerable interests.

Syke has two nephews who live on a farm near Shelby and who confirm the statement of his wealth, and state that for years he has been traveling about the country doing common labor, seemingly as a matter of pleasure. It is probable that the body will be shipped to Salem.

## ROY LEE TAPLIN

Born: December 6, 1889 - Died: September 10, 1923

Chester Reporter

September 14, 1923

### ROY LEE TAPLIN

Born at Kingsley, Iowa on December 6, 1889, Roy Lee Taplin passed to the Great Beyond on Monday September 10, at Havre, where he had been taken by Dr. Melvin, enroute to the Government hospital at Helena.

Mr. Taplin was in Chester Friday morning, driving by team from here to Joplin. Friday evening he took suddenly ill and on Saturday morning was brought to Chester. Being an ex-service man, on Sunday he was being taken to Helena but got no farther than Havre when death overtook him. The cause of his passing was a bursted gall bladder.

He came to Montana in 1910 and homesteaded 15 miles north of town. In June 1918 he entered the military service and was immediately sent to

France where he had 15 days of active service on the front before being injured by the explosion of a shell. He was then sent to the hospital and was discharged April 29, 1919. He spent several months at the Helena hospital last winter, where he underwent an operation, but he never fully recovered from the shock he received in France.

Roy Lee was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Taplin, who reside about a mile from the son's place. Besides father and mother, he leaves eight sisters and one brother to mourn their loss. They are: Mrs. Frank Hayden, Bison; Mrs. Wm. Head, Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. Wm. Marshall, Chester; Mrs. Bernard Brennan, Cut Bank; Mrs. D. A. Ray, Kalispell; Mrs. Clarence Williams, Chester, the Misses Melia and Katherine Taplin and Ralph Taplin.

Funeral services will be conducted under the auspices of American Legion Post No. 88, of which Roy was a member, and will be held from the M. E. church on Saturday, September at 2 p. m., Miss Nelle Phillips will preached the funera sermon.

The remains are in charge of undertaker Geo. Ainley, and will be laid away in the local cemetery.

**HANNAH WICKLANDER**

**Born: 1844 - Died: January 28, 1923**

**Chester Reporter**

**February 2, 1923**

Hannah Wicklander, 79 years of age, was frozen to death last Sunday afternoon. Reports coming to this office stated that she attempted to walk from her house to the house of her daughter, Mrs. Carl Iverson, and was caught in the blizzard. The remains were laid to rest in the Whitlash cemetery.