

## AXCE EARL ADAMS

Born: December 3, 1888 - Died: December ?, 1925

Chester Reporter - Liberty County Farmer

December 24, 1925 - January 8, 1926

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### MRS. C. M. ADAMS

Axce Earl was born in Osborne county, Kansas, December 3, 1888 and in November, 1910 was married to C. M. Adams at Osborne City, Kansas. Her parents are well to do pioneers in Kansas and besides her parents she leaves a brother, sister, husband, and eight children to mourn her passing.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams came to Montana in 1911 and homesteaded six miles north of Inverness where they have since resided.

Immediate relatives present were Geo. R Adams, Mrs. Clara Egin and two sons by a former marriage. The funeral services were held at the church six miles north of Inverness, and the body was laid to rest in the local church cemetery

Friends of the family extend the sincere sympathy to the husband and motherless children.

## HILDA ALAIR

Born: January 17, 1846 - Died: February 15, 1925

Chester Reporter

February 19, 1925

### MRS JOHN C. ALAIR DIES

After having prepared and dined last Sunday's dinner with guests at her home, Mrs. John C. Alair complained of not feeling well, and said that she would rest a bit. She was assisted to bed, and within a few minutes she had passed away. Death was due to heart failure.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church on Wednesday. The funeral services were attended to by Miss Nelle Phillips, and a filled church testified to the sympathy of the community. The body was interred in the local cemetery.

Mrs. Alair was 78 years of age last month, and her husband, who survives her is now 85 years old.

The people of the community extended their sincerest sympathies to Mr. Alair in his bereavement.

### MRS. JOHN C. ALAIR

Mrs. Hilda Alair, wife of John C. Alair, passed away at her home in Chester Sunday afternoon February 15.

Hilda Fuller was born in Helsingfors, Finland, on January 17, 1846. In 1876 she was united in marriage with Mr. J. A. Von Zwegyberg and to this union, one son was born, Gustave A. Zwegyberg.

When about forty years of age she came to this country to make her home, and on July 2, 1915 she was united in marriage with Mr. John C. Alair.

Mrs. Alair was a member of the Methodist church at Newport, Washington. She was always a very active Christian worker and took a very great interest in the children of this community. She attended Sunday School and Church just as long as the weather would permit. On January 18th, she sent her birthday offering to the Sunday School as she could not bring it herself.

Mrs. Alair leaves to mourn her passing to the great Beyond, her son, Mr. Gustave A. Zwegyberg, his wife and three children, her husband, Mr. Alair and one sister, Amanda Fuller, of Finland.

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According to reports, Mr. Axness whose home is 10 miles southwest of town, arose at daylight, and, as was his usual custom, started building the kitchen fire, using distillate in doing so. An explosion followed and he rushed, a living torch, from the kitchen to the dining room and thence into the bedroom, shouting that the house was on fire and to save themselves. In the bedroom on the lower floor were Mrs. Axness and her day-old baby girl, her 65 year old mother, Mrs. C. I. Morkrid, and four of the children. In an upstairs room were two children who slept with their father.

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Mr. Axness was also a native of Norway, having been born near Bergen on December 24, 1890. He came to America in 1911 and settled on a homestead near Dutton. In 1916 he sold the homestead, and after his marriage the couple purchased the farm on which they died.

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Mr. and Mrs. Axness were highly respected people, hardworking and generous, and the manner of their passing was a great shock to the entire countryside. The sympathy of the community goes out to the parents, brothers and sisters of the deceased, and especially to the little children who in a fateful few moments were left fatherless and motherless.

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J. A. BACHANT

Born: 1876 - Died: February 23, 1925

Liberty County Farmer

March 6, 1925

**SLEEPING SICKNESS CAUSE  
OF DEATH OF J. A. BACHANT**

Boulder, Feb. 27.—J. A. Bachant, resident of Joplin, died at the Boulder Spring hotel Monday night of the sleeping sickness, caused by pneumonia. He had been ill since last July and came to the springs early in November, hoping that the change might benefit him, but was soon unable to leave his bed. Mr. Bachant was a prominent business man in Joplin, owning the Park Hotel there. He was 49 years of age. He was born in Montreal, Canada, and came to this country when 10 years of age. He leaves the widow and five brothers, Peter Bachant of Santa Ana, California, John Bachant of Salem Ore., Ralph and Louis Bachant of Great Falls and Paul Bachant of Spokane Wash. Funeral services were held from St. Catherine's Catholic Church at Boulder, the Rev. James Franchi officiating.

## CHARLES GEORGE BENTSON

Born: June 25, 1886 - Died: July 25, 1925

Chester Reporter

July 30 - August 6, 1925

### C. G. BENTSON, FORMER LOTHAIR MERCHANT, PASSES AWAY

On our return Monday from Glacier Park, we were informed at Shelby that Charles G. Bentson, merchant at that place, and in the general mercantile business at Lothair for the past ten years, had passed away last Saturday morning, death being caused by hemorrhage of the throat.

Mr. Bentson was 41 years of age and leaves to mourn his untimely death, a wife and three children.

He had been in poor health for several months, that death was just around the corner. He had been treated for rheumatism, gout and kidney trouble, but none of these ailments directly caused his death.

Mr. Bentson came up from Silverton, Oregon about ten years ago, and in partnership with Val Drougard, purchased the stock and building of the Bogert Mercantile company. This spring, finding that business conditions in Lothair and vicinity did not justify two stores, he moved the stock of goods to Shelby. But conditions there were not of the best so he began closing out the stock just prior to his death.

His passing is a distinct shock to his many friends here and at his old home at Silverton, Oregon. His brother, Rudd Bentson, arrived from Silverton Friday night, just a short time before he passed away.

The body was shipped to Silverton for interment.

### CHARLES GEORGE BENTSON

Charles George Bentson, born at Dell Rapids, South Dakota, June 25, 1886, died at his home in Shelby, Montana, Saturday, July 25, 1925, the immediate cause of death being from a bursted abscess in the right side.

For several years Mr. Bentson was employed in this city in the store known then as the Bentson general merchandise store, located in the room in the Odd Fellows building, now occupied by the Director Department Store. In February 1916, he moved with his family, to Lothair Montana, where he engaged in the general merchandise business. About seven weeks ago he moved his business to Shelby, Montana. Although he had been in poor health for some time it was only six weeks prior to his passing away that his condition became alarming. In January, 1912, he was united in marriage to Ida Peterson of Santa Barbara, California. His brother Rudd Bentson, was notified of his serious condition last Thursday afternoon and left immediately for Shelby, reaching that place a few hours before the end came.

Deceased is survived by his widow, three children, Harold, 12, Arlo 8, Juanita 4. Also his mother Mrs. Olivia Bentson of Silverton, seven brothers and one sister, Rudd, G. B. Oscar and Harry Bentson and Mrs. N. G. Langsev of Silverton, John Bentson, Cresbard, S. D., Albert Bentson, Waterloo, Iowa, Otto Bentson, Ft. Pierre, S. D.

The body was shipped to this city, arriving here Monday. Funeral services were held from the Trinity church, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Henriksen officiating. Interment was made in the Evans Valley cemetery in the family plot.—Silverton (Oregon) Appeal.



## BERT B. BLAIR

Born: November 28, 1903 - Died: September 15, 1925

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# SON OF FRED C. BLAIR CRUSHED BY STEAM ENGINE

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## OBITUARY

WAS TRYING TO EXTINGUISH FIRE CAUSED BY BACKFIRE FROM FIREBOX. BOY RUSHED TO CHESTER HOSPITAL BUT INTERNAL INJURIES PROVE FATAL. PASSES AWAY AT 7:15 TUESDAY MORNING.

Bert B. Blair, 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Blair, whose ranch home is 16 miles north of Lothair, was fatally injured at about three o'clock Monday afternoon when one of the drive wheels of an immense 32-60 steam engine rolled backward upon his left leg at the groin. The wheel caused the muscle to be torn from the bone and seriously injured the intestines on the left side of the body.

While Mr. Blair was in town Tuesday he stated to the editor that a backfire from the firebox caused a fire to start in the stubble and that unknown to him, his son Bert and Fred Wegner got underneath the tractor to put the fire out. When the warning was shouted to Mr. Blair, who is engineer, he threw the engine into reverse and only when he looked downward did he know that someone was under the wheel. He immediately pulled ahead, and jumping from the engine went to his son, who stated that he did not think he was badly hurt, as he was able to crawl away from the engine. The boy was immediately brought to Chester where several stitches were taken in the leg, and the patient felt that he would be able to be around in a short

time. There was no outward indication of internal injuries, but along toward morning examination revealed that the bowels were fatally injured. He expired at 7:15 Tuesday morning.

Had it not been for the quick action of Jim Kinyon, Mr. Wegner would also have been caught. He was pulled out in the nick of time, the wheel tearing his jacket at the shoulder.

Bert Blair was born at Kalispell, Montana on December 28, 1903, and moved with his parents to the large irrigated ranch north of Lothair in 1917. He was especially well liked by all who knew him and his untimely death cut short the life of a very promising young man.

The accident was a terrible shock to Mr. Blair and his death is intensely felt by the grief stricken family and friends.

Funeral services were held in the M. E. church yesterday at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. W. B. Cowgill of Lothair officiating. The body was shipped to Kalispell where it will find its final resting place in the family plot.

We join with the many friends and neighbors of this good family in extending to them heartfelt sympathy in their time of grief.

Bert B. Blair was born at Kalispell, Flathead county, Montana, the 28th day of December 1903, and died at Chester, Liberty County, Montana the 15th day of September 1925 at the age of 21 years, 8 months and 17 days. He resided 1 mile north of Kalispell until 1917 when he moved with the family to their present home 16 miles north of Lothair, Liberty county, Montana, in which vicinity the fatal accident occurred.

He leaves to mourn his untimely demise, a kind father and loving mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Blair, two brothers, Harvey Blair and Jesse Blair of Lothair, five sisters, the Misses Myrtle, Bertha, Beatrice and Ellen Blair of Lothair and Mrs. Libby Ruhl of Kalispell, besides the uncles, aunts and cousins residing at Kalispell and numerous friends in this community. Bert was a good boy, a true friend and a most beloved son and brother.

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The funeral was held from the Methodist church of Chester, Liberty County, Mont., Wednesday, September 16, 1925, about 1:30 p. m. Rev. . B. Cowgill, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Lothair, officiating, and the remains were taken by train to Kalispell, Montana, for interment. W . B. Cowgill, Pastor.

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Bert Blair was hurt in a tractor accident Monday and died Tuesday morning at the Chester hospital. Funeral services were held at Chester Wednesday and he was taken to Kalispell for burial. There were many in attendance at the services and no doubt there would have been many more, but for the fact that it was so sudden that few knew about it. The community and their friends extend their sympathy to the family in their loss and distress.

LEONARD CARPENTER

Born: April ?, 1924 - Died: 1925

Liberty County Farmer

November 6, 1925

Leonard Carpenter, the 18 mos.  
old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carpen-  
ter, from south of Rudyard, was  
buried in Inverness, Wednesday. He  
had been sick for a long time.

DAVID COWAN

Born: 1850 - Died: January 20, 1925

Liberty County Farmer

January 23, 1925

**DAVID COWAN, PIONEER OF  
NORTHERN MONTANA, DEAD**

Havre, Jan. 21. — David Cowan of Box Elder, one of the pioneers of Northern Montana, died yesterday at the family home in Box Elder.

He is survived by his son, Senator W. T. Cowan and two daughter, Mrs. W. W. Jones and Mrs. A. Thompson. Funeral announcement will be made later.

The deceased was one of the first settlers in this part of the state, coming to old Fort Assiniboine long before there was any Havre and before the advent of the railroad.

For many years he had been in business in Box Elder with his son.

He had been in failing health for a long time due to the infirmities of age, and a few days ago sent for his son to return home from the state capital to consult with him and arrange his affairs. After the senator came back from Helena the father seemed much better in spirits and when Senator Cowan was in Havre last Thursday, he was optimistic that his father would be around again in a few days as he seemed much improved.

David Cowan was 75 years old.

JOHN G. CRITES

Born: 1865 - Died: September 20, 1925

Liberty County Farmer

September 25, 1925

**GILDFORD FARMER DIES  
AT HOSPITAL IN FALLS**

Great Falls, Sept. 21—John G. Crites, 60 years old, a farmer from near Gildford, died early Sunday morning at the Deasoness hospital, where he had been a patient for 10 days past. Funeral arrangements have not been completed. The body is at the O'Connor chapel. Ohio was Mr. Crites' native state. He had been farming 12 years at Gildford. Surviving relatives are two sons, Fred Crites of Gildford, and Hollis Crites, serving in the United States army in Honolulu; two daughters, Mrs. W. Harold of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. M. L. Dolezal of Great Falls; a sister, Mrs. Etta Lean of Gildford, and two brothers, J. R. Crites of Havre and D. A. Crites of Shelby.

JOHN FOX

Born: N/A - Died: August ?, 1925

Liberty County Farmer

August 27, 1925

Word has been received of the death of John Fox, formerly of this neighborhood. We have received no particulars, but understand that Mr. Fox died in Sheridan, Wyoming. He homesteaded in this vicinity and was then an old man for he was a Civil War veteran.

GEORGE W. GLASS

Born: N/A - Died: August 13, 1925

Liberty County Farmer

August 14, 1925

**GEORGE W. GLASS OF HAVRE  
DIES WHILE VISITING EAST**

Havre, Aug. 14.—George W. Glass clerk of the district court, died yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock in Grand Forks, N. Dak., at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. C. Masséy.

No details of his death were received. He had been in poor health for the past several years and during the late spring and early summer he had a serious attack of the flu, being forced to go to bed and for a time to the hospital. It had been thought he was on the road to recovery and the news of his death was a shock.

He had been a resident of this part of Montana for many years. He conducted a lumber yard at Devon and when Hill county was organized he was the first clerk of the court, a position he held until his death.



MRS. CHRIST GUMKE

Born: 1903 - Died: March 29, 1925

Liberty County Farmer

April 3, 1925

**YOUNG MOTHER DIES  
LEAVES YOUNG INFANT**

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Christ Gumke, aged 22, whose death occurred Sunday evening at 8:15 o'clock at the hospital, were held Wednesday afternoon from the Phillipi ranch, 8 miles south of Freano.

The deceased leaves a husband and a two week old infant to mourn her loss and to whom the sympathy of the community goes out in their sudden bereavement.

MRS. SELINA HAMIL

Born: 1855 - Died: August 19, 1925

Chester Reporter

August 27, 1925

**Mrs. L. Gagnon's Mother Dies**

Mrs. Louis Gagnon left here last Friday to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Selina Hamil, aged 70, who passed away at Burdette, Alberta last Wednesday, August 19. Just a few days previous Mrs. Gagnon had received a letter from her mother stating that she expected to come to Chester for a visit, and it was a great shock to Mrs. Gagnon to receive word of her death.

## MICHAEL & JENNIE HASQUET

Born: N/A - Died: September 13, 1925

Chester Reporter

September 17, 1925

# MAIL TRAIN KILLS SIX AT SHELBY

MR. AND MRS. HASQUET AND  
PAHTY WERE ON WAY TO  
CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING  
WHEN TRAIN DEMOLISHES CAR

Six Shelby residents are dead as the result of an accident at the Great Northern railway crossing at Shelby when No. 27, the fast westbound mail train, crashed into a Dodge touring car in which six people were driving.

The dead are, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hasquet, pioneer Toole county ranchers; Mrs. O. V. McIntyre, wife of an Arro oil refinery representative; Virginia McIntyre, age 10, and Jean McIntyre, age 12, and Mrs. B. J. Lynch, wife of a car salesman of the Motor Home garage of Shelby.

Engineer W. D. Prentice of Havre, was driving the locomotive and R. M. Bates, fireman of Havre, was the other occupant in the engine cab. Both arrived yesterday from Shelby with the other members of the train crew after they were exonerated at the inquest, held Sunday evening.

The Hasquets, accompanied by Mrs. McIntyre and her two daughters started to church shortly before 8 o'clock Sunday morning. When within less than 50 feet of the crossing, Mr. Hasquet, who was driving, stopped the car to pick up Mrs. Lynch, also en route to the church service. The car then started for the crossing, eye witnesses said, and was struck squarely by the locomotive pilot.

Four of the occupants of the machine were hurled from the wreckage a short time after the crash. The bodies of Mrs. McIntyre and Mr. Hasquet were found in the tangled debris on the locomotive. Members of the train crew, assisted by local residents administered first aid to Mr. Hasquet and Mrs. Lynch who were rushed to the Conrad hospital in charge of doctors and nurses sent by the Great Northern. The others apparently died instantly or lived but a few min-

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## G. N. MAIL TRAIN KILLS SIX WHEN ENGINE CRASHES

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utes following the crash. The machine was totally demolished, with pieces of metal scattered along the rightofway for several hundred feet.

The engineer and other members of the train crew reported that the train was not traveling in excess of 25 miles an hour, while several eye witnesses testified at the coroner's inquest that they estimated the speed from 25 to 35 miles an hour. The engineer also told railway officials that he so vigorously applied the brakes that he stopped the train within five car lengths after hitting the automobile. Other witnesses, who claimed to have measured the distance, fixed it at more than 900 feet.

The coroner's jury Sunday night returned the following verdict:

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CARL HOLM

Born: N/A - Died: December 19, 1925

Chester Reporter

December 24, 1925

**CARL HOLM COMMITS SUICIDE**

The many friends and acquaintances were much grieved to learn on Saturday morning that Carl Holm, a resident of the Goosebill country since 1908, had committed suicide by shooting himself with a shot gun at his ranch, near the Dorner school house, Coroner A. O. Bauman was called to the ranch immediately after the shooting and found it unnecessary to hold an inquest. — River Press.

MRS. PETER JENSEN  
Born: N/A - Died: July 20, 1925  
Chester Reporter  
July 23, 1925

MRS. PETER JENSEN  
OF JOPLIN IS DEAD

Havre, July 21.—Mrs. Peter Jensen, a well known resident of Joplin, died yesterday at the hospital. Interment will be in Joplin and will take place Thursday.

Mrs. Jensen is survived by her husband and seven children.

The Jensens are old time residents of Joplin.

INFANT OF MR. & MRS. KAERCHER

Born: September 18, 1925 - Died: September 21, 1925

Liberty County Farmer

September 25, 1925

A little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kaercher Friday morning, September 18th. The little one was very ill from the very first. Everything was done to save the little one's life, but to no avail, and he passed away Monday, and was buried Tuesday in the Grace church burial ground, funeral services being held at 2 P.M.

MRS. E. C. KRAY

Born: N/A - Died: January 30, 1925

Liberty County Farmer

February 6, 1925

Word was received this week that Mrs. E. C. Kray, formerly of Joplin but more recently having lived in Spokane, Wash, died Friday, Jan. 30th, of cancer of the breast. The many friends in Joplin mourn the loss of this good woman.

MRS. ANTON LARSON

Born: N/A - Died: September 16, 1925

Chester Reporter

September 17, 1925

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**MRS. ANTON LARSON PASSES AWAY**

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Anton Larson and daughter Alice of Lothair went to Havre on No. 4 yesterday, called there by the serious illness of Mrs. Larson, who has been a patient at the hospital for the past six weeks suffering from heart trouble. Mrs. Larson passed away at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, just a few moments after Mr. Larson and Miss Alice left Chester.

The body was shipped from Havre to Chester this morning and the funeral service will be held at the M. E. church in Chester on Saturday afternoon, September 19, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Rygg of Joplin will officiate.

Mrs. Larson had long been a resident of this section of the state. They formerly lived at Galata where Mr. Larson was in the mercantile business, but later moved to their farm about 11 miles north of Lothair.



ADDISON R. LESLIE

Born: April 11, 1865 - Died: October 30, 1925

Liberty County Farmer

November 6, 1925

**OBITUARY**

Addison R. Leslie, born in Toronto, Ont., April 11, 1865, departed this life at his farm home in the vicinity of Alma Post Office, Montana, Friday, October 30, 1925 at 7:15 p. m., at the age of sixty years, six months and 19 days. The funeral was held from the Lutheran church of Joplin, Mont., on Sunday, November, 1, 1925, at 2 p. m., Rev. W. B. Cowgill pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Joplin, officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in the Joplin cemetery

The deceased came to Montana in 1916, and has made his home since that time on his farm in the vicinity of Alma Post Office. He was married Sept 4, 1918, to Marion E. Davitt, with whom he lived in holy wedlock until death. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church, and came to his death in that Christian faith in which he had lived. Death came after a few days of illness as the result of a stroke of paralysis. The surviving relatives are a wife, two brothers, John Leslie and Albert J. Leslie, and two sisters, Mrs. Nels Scott and Mrs. P. Finkle, besides the grandchildren of Mrs. Leslie who had been making their home with him, and a host of friends

The surviving relatives hereby express their sincere thanks to the pastor, officers and members of the Lutheran Church of Joplin for the use of their church building for the funeral and to all friends and neighbors who in any way assisted them during their bereavement.

W. B. Cowgill, Pastor.

**MRS. E. P. LEVINE**  
**Born: N/A - Died: February 22, 1925**  
**Chester Reporter**  
**March 5, 1925**

**MRS. E. P. LEVINE DIES**

After several months of suffering from rheumatism, Mrs. E. P. Levine passed away at Robbinsdale, Minnesota on Sunday, February 22, and was laid to rest on Tuesday, February 24, according to word received here Tuesday. Mrs. Levine was the wife of former Superintendent of Chester schools E. P. Levine. She suffered considerably from the malady during Mr. Levine's tenure of office here, but she was uncomplaining and bore up well. She was exceptionally well liked by many people here, and all their friends here regret her passing. She leaves a three year old son, James, who with his father will mourn the departure of mother.

MRS. B. J. LYNCH

Born: N/A - Died: September 13, 1925

Chester Reporter

September 17, 1925

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EARL NEDDS

Born: N/A - Died: July ?, 1925

Liberty County Farmer

July 31, 1925

The news of the tragic death of Earl Nedds, a former resident of Inverness has been received from Sand Point. How he came to his death has not been learned. His body is to be shipped to Ohio for burial.

MRS. BERTHA OLSON

Born: 1868 - Died: November 30, 1925

Chester Reporter

December 3, 1925

**Mrs. Olson Passes Away**

Last Monday evening Dr. A. B. Price was called to the farm home of Mrs. Bertha Olson, six miles south of Inverness. Mrs. Olson had passed away before Dr. Price arrived and death was due to acute indigestion and heart trouble. Funeral services will be held at Joplin Friday.

Mrs. Olson was 57 years of age and is survived by a son, John, aged 20 and a daughter, Anna, aged 21.

## MICHEL ROCKS

Born: September 21, 1845 - Died: September 4, 1925

Chester Reporter

September 10, 1925

### OBITUARY

Michel Rocks, a resident of the Black Coulee community south east of Chester passed away at his home on Friday September 4, 1925.

Mr. Rocks had been in failing health for some time past, being almost totally deaf and blind. Disorders of the stomach caused his death.

He was born in Strassburg, Germany September 21, 1845 and at his death was 79 years, 11 months and 13 days of age.

Mr. Rocks came to Montana from Witaskawin, Alberta in 1912, and located on the homestead in Black Coulee. He was twice married, and to the first union was born five children, four of whom survive. They are Emil, Ed, Emma and Louis. After the death of his first wife he was married to Miss Millie Verger, and to this union was born nine children, all of whom survive. They are Mike, of Belt, Montana, John of Rexford, Julius, who was at home with his parents, Fred of Spokane, Mrs. Helen Fast, Butterfield, Minnesota, Albert of Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Martha Steckman, Amanda and Olga, all of Kalispell.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church in Chester, on Sunday, Rev. C. G. Cole officiating. The body was laid to rest in the local cemetery.

## ANTHONY FRANCES ROLPH

Born: January 12, 1914 - Died: June 10, 1925

Chester Reporter - Liberty County Farmer

June 18 - 12, 1925

### Rolph Funeral Held Monday

Funeral services over the body of Anthony Rolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rolph, who met death last week in a runaway accident, were held at the Catholic church Monday morning at 10:00, Rev. Fr. Corbett of Havre officiating.

Practically the entire home neighborhood of the Rolph family attended to show their respect and sympathy for the family. Every seat in the church was occupied and many had to remain outside during the services.

Relatives coming from distant points to be with the Rolph family were Mr. Rolph's mother and brother, Mrs. M. Rolph of Ricketts, Wis; and Robert Rolph of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and an aunt of the family, Mrs. Sarah Allen of Oshkosh.

The casket was profusely covered with floral tokens of sympathy from the many friends of the family. The body was laid to rest in the Calvary cemetery.

## ANTHONY ROLPH DIES FROM HIS INJURIES

The community was greatly shocked and saddened yesterday morning when word came from the Chester hospital that Anthony Rolph, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rolph, had died about 9 p. m. on Wednesday.

Anthony, aged 12 years, has been helping his father with the spring work and a few days ago as he was driving away to his work, after his father had assisted him to harness up his team, the team started to run. The boy was unable to get them under control and they threw him into a barbed wire fence and cut and tore one of his legs terribly. The injury was so severe and the boy was in so weakened a condition when he reached the hospital that Dr. Price was unable to dress the wound.

Funeral arrangements had not been made definitely as the Farmer went to press last evening, but it was thought that it would be held Saturday afternoon.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the suffering parents and brothers and sisters in their sad bereavement.



## HENRY SCHNEITER

Born: August ?, 1857 - Died: March 30, 1925

Chester Reporter

April 2, 1925

### HENRY SCHNEITER PASSES AWAY

After several months illness due to heart trouble and asthma, Henry Schneiter, well known Chester business and hotelman passed away at his home Monday morning at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Schneiter was able to be up on his feet at midnight, but his heart was failing him so fast that he knew his time on this earth was nearly ended.

Henry Schneiter was born in August 1857 at Frischweiler, Alsace Lorraine, France. He came to America in 1870, and for a time he lived in Ohio. Later he came to Montana and has been a resident in and around Chester for over 30 years. When he first came here he opened a small restaurant and later he opened the Western hotel. He has also operated the Chester Cash Grocery and Market for many years.

In 1914 he was joined in wedlock to Mrs. Paul Arndt, and to this union, three children, Anna, Henry and Mary were born and with the mother mourn the loss of father. Mr. Schneiter had a gruff manner, but a bigger, kinder heart never beat in any man. He was a good citizen and neighbor, and his many friends deeply regret his passing.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Schamber, Lutheran minister from Havre officiated. The body was laid to rest in the local cemetery.

## JOHN BUCANAN STEWART

Born: February 1, 1843 - Died: June 22, 1925

Liberty County Farmer - Chester Reporter

June 26 - July 2 - 3, 1925

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This community was shocked and saddened by the death of John B. Stewart Monday morning. Death was caused by Bright's disease and complications. He was 82 years old and had made his home with his son John L. for the last few years. He was highly respected man, and the sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved ones. Miss Phillips held funeral services at 11:30 a. m. and immediately after, the body was taken to Joplin and shipped to Devils Lake, N. D. for burial.

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We are sorry to report the death of Grandpa Stewart on Monday, June 22. The funeral was held at the home of his son, John Stewart, on Tuesday with Miss Phillips officiating. The remains were taken to North Dakota to be laid away in its last resting place.

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## DEATH CLAIMS OLD PIONEER

Death claimed John B. Stewart, at the home of his son, John north of Joplin, Saturday. The deceased was 82 years, four months, and 22 days of age, and had resided in this neighborhood for 14 years past. He suffered from an attack of the flue two or three years ago and was not at good health at any time since, having heart trouble, which was the cause of his death.

Undertaker A. H. Layton went to the Stewart home Monday, and embalmed and prepared the body for shipment to his old home at Devils Lake, N.D. Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday a. m., Rev. Nelle Phillips preaching the funeral sermon. The remains were shipped on No. 4, Tuesday afternoon to Devils Lake, where interment will be made beside the remains of his wife, who died several years ago.

The decased leaves three sons to mourn his loss, J. L., of north of Joylin, and Will and Art, located at Webster, N.D., also one married daughter, Mrs. Chas. Sidel living in Canada.

CARL SUBE

Born: February 17, 1882 - Died: August 7, 1925

Chester Reporter

August 13, 1925

**Carl Sube Dead**

Carl Sube, manager for several years of the F. A. Bachler store here, passed away last Friday noon after a lengthy illness. Death was caused by dropsy, resulting from other complications.

He leaves to mourn him two sons, Alfred, who was with his father and attended to him during his illness, and another son about three years old. Mrs. Sube died about two years ago.

Funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church on Sunday at 2:30 by Miss Nelle Phillips, and interment was made in the local cemetery.

JOHN THIEL

Born: N/A - Died: September 11, 1925

Chester Reporter

September 17, 1925

Mrs. J. F. Helf received two messages of bad news last week. One was from Barney, N. Dakota stating that her brother John Thiel had died on Friday, and the other that a 14 year old daughter of her sister Mrs. Minnie Graves, had passed away at New Holstein, Wisconsin last Monday.

## ARDELIA JANE WHELCHER

Born: March 12, 1863 - Died: November 29, 1925

Chester Reporter - Liberty County Farmer

December 3 - 4, 1925

### Joplin Matron Passes Away

Mrs. Ardelia Jane Whelchel of Joplin died at Kalispell last Monday, death being due to chronic cholecystites.

Ardelia Jane Smith was born at Des Moines, Iowa, March 12, 1863, and at her death was a little over 62 years of age.

Twelve children were reared by Mrs. Whelchel but only nine live to mourn here going.

Funeral services were held at Joplin Wednesday afternoon Rev. W. B. Cowgill officiating. G. E. Ainley was in charge of the funeral. A very large crowd of friends and sympathizers attended the funeral service and there was a profusion of floral offerings.

### BELOVED JOPLIN MATRON IS CALLED TO HEAVENLY HOME

Ardelia Jane Smith was born at Des Moines, Iowa, March 12, 1863 and died November 29, 1925 at Kalispell, Montana. She was married in 1897 to John Thomas Whelchel. To this union 12 children were born three dying in infancy, leaving nine who grew to manhood and womanhood and all reside in the state of Montana.

Mrs. Whelchel was brought up in the Methodist Church but in later years favored the Presbyterian. She had been staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Anderson, of Kalispell for a short time before she was removed to the hospital for an operation and there she passed away.

Mrs. Whelchel was a highly esteemed lady, dearly beloved by all who knew her. To know her was to love her.

Rev. W. B. Cowgill preached the funeral sermon here at the Lutheran Church of Joplin, where there was a very large attendance. The profusion of flowers spoke in their mute, beautiful way of the love born by friends and neighbors to one gone on. Besides those given by the Eastern Stars and by friends from Joplin and vicinity many friends who had known her in former years came from Kalispell to bring their floral offering and the Eastern Stars and Royal Neighbors of that place also added their tribute of flowers.

She leaves to mourn her loss, John, Otto, Fred and Thomas Whelchel and Mrs. J. E. Cady of Joplin, Mrs. Ward of Whitefish, Mrs. Alfred Anderson of Kalispell, Mrs. G. D. Cramer of Winnett, Montana and Mrs. G. E. Lundheim of Lewistown, also a mother of 87 years of age and a sister in Des Moines and two brothers. In Canada.