

GEORGE R. ADAMS
Born: March 20, 1883 - Died: September 10, 1957
Liberty County Times
September 12, 1957

**George R. Adams
Died Tuesday,**

George R. Adams, 74, for 40 years a resident rancher in the north part of Liberty County, passed away at a Great Falls hospital at 6:30 Tuesday morning. He had been in poor health for the last several months.

Mr. Adams was born at Osborne, Kansas, March 20, 1883. He came to Montana in 1912 and settled on his ranch five years later. He was married to Ollie Gipe and they had five children, all of whom survive, three daughters, Mrs. Laura Ralston, Missoula; Mrs. Wanda Daniels and Mrs. Tressa Lovell, both of Spokane; two sons, Maurice of Missoula and David of Spokane; a brother, Harvey of Inverness, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 from the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Pallbearers will be Alex Turner, Emil Eggers, John H. McDowell, Clarence McDowell, Alister Murray and Robert Bond.

Honorary Pallbearers, Orville Jacobson, Emil Zoeller, Harry Hoffner, E. A. Bathke and Dodds Keith.

NORMAN S. ALMOS
Born: January 12, 1917 - Died: May 12, 1957
Liberty County Times
May 16, 1957

Norman S. Almos
Died Sunday

Norman Sherwood Almos, 40, Butte, former Havre resident and son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Almos of Havre, died suddenly Sunday at a Butte hospital. Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Gold Hill Lutheran church in Butte.

Mr. Almos was born January 12, 1917, at Rudyard. He was graduated from Hingham high school in 1934 and attended Northern Montana college. He was employed by the F. A. Buttrey Company before moving to Butte in 1937. In Butte, up to the time of his death, he was employed by Newbros Drug Company and Intermountain Lines. From 1942 to 1946, during World War II he served with the medics in the Pacific. He was a member of the Goldhill Lutheran church at Butte and had served that church as Sunday School Superintendent, trustee and deacon for many years. He was a member of the Elks lodge at Butte and was chairman of the Elks committee that secured the iron lung for Silver Bow County.

He was married in January, 1949, to Virginia Frankovich who survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Sandra Jeanne, 8; a son Kenneth Norman, 5; two foster daughters, Linda, 13 and June, 15; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Almos of Havre; and five sisters, Mrs. Burton (Gladys) Ophus and Mrs. Wallace, (Laura) Rathbone, both of Havre; Mrs. William (Alpha) Broderick of Midland, Texas; Mrs. Allen (Jeanette) Johannes of Vancouver, B. C., and Millie Elaine Almos of St. Louis, Missouri.

A memorial fund established in Mr. Almos' memory by his family will go toward the furnishing of the parish education wing of the Gold Hill Lutheran church in Butte.

OLAF (OLE) BREKKE
Born: June 18, 1899 - Died: April 7, 1957
Liberty County Times
May 9, 1957

Olaf Brekke

Funeral services for Olaf (Ole) Brekke, 57, were held from the St. Paul's Lutheran church at Cut Bank at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Mr. Brekke died at the veterans' hospital at Fort Harrison where he had been a patient since April 3.

Born June 18, 1899 at Grafton, North Dakota, Mr. Brekke enlisted in the Army March 1, 1917 and served with Co. C, 58th Infantry until receiving his honorable discharge, April 11, 1919. He settled in Cut Bank in 1928 and has made his home there, working as a carpenter and rancher.

Surviving are a son, Galen R. of Farmington, New Mexico, two daughters, Mrs. Gordon (Delores) Lakey of Chester and Mrs. M. A. (Barbara) Sarsfield of Farmington and a brother, Joe of Cut Bank.

NORMA (LUND) CHASTAGNER
Born: N/A - Died: July 17, 1957
Liberty County Times
July 25, 1957

Norma Lund Dies

Mrs. Paul Chastagner (Norma Lund) daughter of Agnes Lund, once a resident of this community, passed away at her home in Davis, California, Wednesday, July 17, a victim of cancer. Funeral services were held Monday, July 22, at Woodland, California.

She is survived by her husband and four children, her mother at Stockton, California, a sister, Verdella Beautista of California, seven brothers, Arnold and Earl of Washington, Irvin, Martin, Carl Odin of California and Lloyd of Chester.

There are several aunts and uncles surviving, one of whom is Mrs. Stewart Zentzis of this city.

EUGENE (IKE) DIEMERT
Born: June 18, 1879 - Died: January 7, 1957
Liberty County Times
January 31, 1957

Eugene Diemert

Funeral services were held this (Thursday) morning at St. Mary's church for Eugene (Ike) Diemert, 77, who passed away in Great Falls, Rev. Father McDonnell was in charge of the service.

Mr. Diemert was born at Milway, Ontario, June 18, 1879. He came to Chester in 1910, and filed on a homestead just south of Lothair where he lived and worked until he retired and moved to Great Falls in 1946.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen, two daughters, Mrs. Abbie Skierka of Cut Bank and Mrs. Edna Wickens of Chester and one son, Clark of Lothair, a brother, four sisters and 11 grandchildren.

Interment in the local Catholic cemetery.

CELIA EDWARDS

Born: October 15, 1908 - Died: March 15, 1957

Liberty County Times

March 21, 1957

Funeral Held for Celia Edwards

Funeral services for Mrs. Celia Edwards were conducted at the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Theo. L. Mendenhall officiating.

Mrs. Edwards was born Mrs. Celia Marie Colbry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Colbry, at St. Louis, Michigan, October 15, 1908.

She came west to this area with her parents and November 21, 1930, she was married to Carl L. Edwards, who survives. She passed away Friday.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Lynda, 8, her parents, living on the farm north of Chester, two brothers, George and Jerry, also living on the farm, and two sisters, Mrs. R. F. Regimbal (*Emma*), Warrington, Florida and Mrs. Ernest Copenhaver (*Annette*), living in Joplin.

Interment was made in the family burial plot at Havre.

Mrs. Edwards became ill quite suddenly Friday evening at her farm home. She died enroute to the Liberty County hospital. The sudden death was a shock to the entire community.

EVA L. FISCHER
Born: October 14, 1892 - Died: October 10, 1957
Liberty County Times
October 17, 1957

**Eva L. Fischer
Passes; Services
Held At Fort
Benton Monday**

Mrs. Albert Fischer, 64, died Thursday night in the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. She was a pioneer settler, having homesteaded with her husband in the Goosebill area of Chouteau County. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Byron Israel in the Fort Benton Funeral Chapel and burial took place in the Highland Cemetery in Great Falls on Monday.

Mrs. Fischer was born Eva L. Warehime on October 14, 1892, at Wilbur, Washington. She married Albert Fischer on October 14, 1912, in Davenport, Washington. They moved to Montana in 1914. Mr. Fischer preceded her in death in June of 1957.

Survivors include children, Mrs. Dehlia Gibson, Prescott, Arizona, Mrs. Hazel Ward, Chester and Mrs. Gertrude Swears of Fort Benton. A son, Marshall Fischer of Fort Benton; brothers, John Warehime of Cascade and Henry Warehime of Spokane. Sisters, Mrs. Sophie Bergman of Cascade, and Mrs. Ella Seamna, Colville, Washington.

ALBERT A. FISHER

Born: ?, 1887 - Died: June 4, 1957

Liberty County Times

June 13, 1957

Funeral Services At Fort Benton For Albert Fisher

Albert A. Fisher, age 70, passed away at his home in Mesa, Arizona, at 10 p.m. Tuesday, June 4th, according to word received by relatives here. He had been in poor health for the past number of years and he and Mrs. Fisher had time, often visiting here.

Mr. Fisher came to Montana in 1913, homesteading just north of the Dorner school house in the Goosebill section. The family resided there until 1937, when they sold their place and purchased the Holderbaum and Salisbury places along the Missouri north of Fort Benton. They retired in 1947. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and his old time friends were sorry to learn of his passing.

The remains were sent back to Fort Benton where funeral services were held on Monday, June 10th. Burial was in Great Falls.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Dehlia Gibson of Prescott, Arizona, Mrs. Hazel Ward of Chester and Gertrude Swears of Fort Benton, and one son, L. Marshall Fisher of Fort Benton. Surviving besides his wife and children are three brothers, Charlie Fisher of Madton, Washington, Will Fisher of Bremerton, Washington and R. L. Fisher of Spokane, Washington; five sisters, Effie Allen of Republic, Washington, May Lee of Washington D. C., Luella Smart of Conrad, Maude Billingsley of Wilbur, Washington and Minnie Swarts of Upper Lake, Washington; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

OTTO SELMER FOSSEN
Born: April 1, 1890 - Died: October 5, 1957
Liberty County Times
October 10, 1957

**Funeral Services
For Otto Fossen
Wed. Afternoon**

Funeral services for Otto Selmer Fossen, 67, were held at the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Theo. L. Mendenhall officiating.

Otto Fossen was born, son of Ole and Mant Fossen, at Twin Valley, Minnesota, April 1, 1890. He departed this life Saturday morning, October 5, as a result of five gunshot wounds in his chest, received while in performance of his duty as Deputy Sheriff of Liberty County.

He grew to manhood at Twin Valley, Minnesota, and on October 28, 1913, he was united in marriage to Edith R. Holum, who survives. The couple came to Montana shortly after their marriage, filed on a homestead some 15 miles south of Joplin where they made their home until 1923, when they moved to Joplin where they have lived ever since.

For thirty years, Otto Fossen has been connected with the Sheriff's office and was one of the better-known law enforcement officers in this part of the state.

Survivors include, besides his wife, one son, Errol, who, with his family, lives at Joplin; one daughter, Marvel, now Mrs. Martin Olson, of Deer Lodge, Montana, a sister, Mrs. Melda Rogers, and a brother, Francis Fossen, both of Twin Valley, Minnesota; nine grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Fund has been set up; and the relatives of Otto Fossen have stated that the fund will be divided, a part to go into construction of an addition to Bethel Lutheran church, Joplin, of which he was a member, and a part into the Liberty County Ambulance Fund in which he was intensely interested. Persons wishing to contribute to the fund may leave their offerings with Jake Reinen at the Liberty County Bank, or with Sheriff Dodds Keith at his office.

A large crowd attended the funeral of Deputy Sheriff Otto Fossen Wednesday afternoon at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Loud speakers were in the basement of the church and outside for those who could not get in.

Pastor Theodore Mendenhall conducted the service and the Joplin Church Choir sang. Mrs. Sanford Anderson accompanied the choir on the church organ as they sang "The Old Rugged Cross", "Thou Art the Way the Truth and the Life", and "My Jesus I Love Thee."

Ushers were Tom Wood and Prosper Anderson, Holland and Bonine, morticians and interment took place in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Pallbearers were H. B. Kolstad, Dodds Keith, Clifford Anderson, Harlan Bilden, H. B. Wolf and Tom Yost. Honorary pallbearers included Haston Broadus and John Garland of the highway patrol, Don Brandvold, Pete Spoonheim, Joe Smith, Cliff Leighton and Charlie Freeiland.

Deputy Sheriff Otto Fossen was well known throughout Liberty County. He operated the Joplin Telephone company for 20 years. His concern was for the welfare of the county and particularly was he concerned with juvenile problems. He was well liked by young and old alike and will be remembered for a long time.

LES FREEMAN

Born: May 3, 1896 - Died: February 15, 1957

Liberty County Times

February 21, 1957

Les Freeman Killed In Accident

Funeral services for Les Freeman, 60, well-known farmer and business man of Hill County were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Holland and Bonine funeral home with the Rev. Owen Arrington, pastor of the Van Orsdel Methodist church officiating.

A memorial has been established for use in the community in Mr. Freeman's memory by his family.

Mr. Freeman was instantly killed in a truck accident on the Great Falls-Belt highway last Friday night. His grandson Dennie Deland Kenfield, 19 of Inverness is in a Great Falls hospital recovering from a severe scalp injury and multiple cuts and contusions.

Survivors of Mr. Freeman include his wife, Mrs. Alta R. Freeman; a son Archie (Bud) Freeman of Inverness; three daughters, Mrs. Boyd (Freda) Robinson, Mrs. Robert (Florence) Randall and Mrs. Frances Broderick. Another daughter Mrs. Lester (Fannie) Kenfield died October 7, 1943. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeman of Inverness and two brothers Harley of Inverness and Roland of Blue Earth, Minn., and fourteen grandchildren.

Lesley Edwin Freeman was born May 3, 1896 at Monmouth, Ill. He came to the Inverness area in 1910 and became a successful farmer. Mr. Freeman was married to Alta Ruth Judd on April 15, 1916 at Havre.

Mr. Freeman established Les' Cash Store in Inverness and later had interests in the Valley Machinery Co. and Valley Furniture Co. as well as in the Stockman Bar. He was recently elected a director of the newly organized Stramit, straw building board manufacturing company. In addition the deceased had large property interests.

The Freeman family home is at 705 First Avenue in Havre.

According to the Montana Highway Patrol which investigated the fatal accident, Mr. Freeman and his grandson who was driving were heading back to Havre from Lewistown where they had obtained a load of sheetrock. About 10 miles east of Great Falls the flat-bed truck was headed downhill when the lights on the vehicle went out. The youth made an attempt to steer the truck by leaning out the door in an effort to see the road, but the truck went to the left and struck a bridge abutment nearly head on. Point of the accident was near Box Elder creek.

The motor of the truck was rammed into the front seat and the load of sheetrock swept forward ripping off the top of the cab.

The leg of the boy was pinned and motorists had to extricate him from behind the steering wheel. He was taken to the hospital by private car. An ambulance took Mr. Freeman's body to the George Co. Chapel in Great Falls.

MATHILDA GRAUMAN
Born: September 6, 1886 - Died: March 1, 1957
Liberty County Times
March 7, 1957

Mathilda Grauman

Mathilda Lang Grauman was born Sept. 6, 1886 in Russia. She came to the United States in 1905. In 1907 she was united in marriage with August Grauman. She came to Montana and staked a homestead about eight miles north of Chester in 1910. She lived here until her death. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

She suffered from a heart ailment and after hospitalization in Great Falls for only a short time

she passed away on Friday, March 1st at the age of 70.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1928. She is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Carolina Van Stappen of Spokane, and Mrs. Lydia Haugen of Cashmere, Wash.

Pastor J. L. Walla of Our Savior's Lutheran church officiated at the funeral service which was held in Chester on March 5th. Pall bearers were: Ed Thielman, Mike Hull, Bill Cole, Harold Flogum, Curtis Lakey, Mike Yurman.

Interment took place in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery in Chester.

JOEL C. GULICK
Born: August 13, 1887 - Died: November 20, 1957
Liberty County Times
November 28, 1957

**Joel C. Gulick
Funeral Services
Nov. 23 in Havre**

Funeral services for Joel C. Gulick, 70, were held at the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre Saturday afternoon. Mr. Gulick died at his home in the Alma area north of Joplin, Wednesday evening at 8:15 after a long illness.

Joel Gulick was born the son of Henry and Elizabeth Gulick at Bancroft, Michigan, August 13, 1887. He spent his early life there and was married to Virginia Chaffee in 1913.

He and his bride settled on a homestead north of Joplin in that year, and it was here that their

son Ray was born. During the homestead period, he carried mail on the Alma Lucerne-Laird routes and served as U. S. Land Commissioner from 1914 to 1917. Then during the latter part of World War I he was employed by the United States as Submarine Journal Setter at Bremerton, Washington.

During the drouth years, 1919-22, the family lived at Byron, Michigan and George was born at Byron. They moved to San Diego, California in 1923, and Rex and Elsie were born there. Seward was born at Baldwin Park after the family moved there in 1924.

During the depression years, the family moved back to Joplin and settled again on the homestead north of town, where Mr. and Mrs. Gulick have lived ever since. Mr.

Gulick built a house in 1935, out of field stone, laying up the walls with his own hands. A few years later, he organized the J. C. Gulick and Sons Mustard Seed Company, composed of himself and the four children, thus bringing to this area the first mustard seed market.

He was prominent in Liberty County politics and was Chairman of the Republican Central Committee for several years, and a leader in the party until the time of his illness. He was a member of the Joplin lodge A. F. & A. M., of which he was Worthy Master in 1937. He belonged to the Scottish Rite Masonry, Valley of Great Falls, and the Algeria Shrine in Helena.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, Ray and Rex of Joplin, George of Columbia Falls, Seward of Seattle, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Elsie) Sullivan, a brother, Edwin, and two sisters, Katherine and Cora, all of Michigan and eight grandchildren.

The legacy that he left to his children is life; his wife, security of a home; and to his country, a plat of virgin prairie made to bloom with lush crops and sturdy animals and a castle in his own garden of Eden. It was his belief that a man should leave this world better than he found it.

Interment was made in the Sunset Memorial Gardens west of Havre.

MILTON LEROY HADER
Born: ?, 1943 - Died: February 3, 1957
Liberty County Times
February 7, 1957

Milton Hader, 14 Dies of Carbon Monoxide Fumes

Milton LeRoy Hader, 14 died of carbon monoxide fumes in the garage at the family home south of Kalispell early Sunday, Deputy County Coroner, H. H. Campbell reported.

Milton was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester E. (Bud) Hader who formerly lived in Chester and moved to Kalispell several years ago. Milton had been baby-sitting Saturday night for a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Berger.

His tracks in the snow at the Hader home indicated he returned and found the door locked, then walked to the garage where he started the family car to keep warm.

His body was found about 7:30 a.m. Sunday when his father went out to the car. The ignition had been turned off and there was still gasoline in the tank, indicating the youth had shut the motor off after warming up the car.

Campbell said the boy apparently made no attempt to rouse the people in the house when he returned and found the door locked.

Milton was an eighth grade student at Kalispell Central Junior High School.

In addition to his parents and Mrs. Berger, Hader is survived by two other sisters, Victoria Ann, at home and Mrs. Betty Lou Kenaston, Olympia, Washington and a brother Richard, Kalispell.

JAMES WILLSON HALL
Born: January 21, 1924 - Died: March 26, 1957
Liberty County Times
March 28, 1957

James W. Hall Dies Of Injuries Received In Auto Accident Friday

James W. Hall, County Attorney of Liberty County for the last several years, passed away at the Liberty County hospital Monday night after spending three days on a hospital bed as result of a car accident on the road south of the Meissner bridge Friday night. Death came early Tuesday morning following surgery performed by Drs. Almas of Havre and Buker of Chester. Death was attributed to heart failure.

Mr. Hall, or Jim Hall as he was



JAMES HALL

known and called by every one came to Chester late in 1949. He was appointed Liberty County Attorney by the Board of Commissioners at the December, 1949 meeting and he took over the office, replacing Robert Pantzer, resigned, on the first day of January, 1950.

After holding the office for a short nine months, he was recalled to service in the Marine Corps, where he had spent time during the war, and was absent from his post as County Attorney until May of 1952 when he and Mrs. Hall returned to Chester, and have since made Chester their home.

James Willson Hall was born at Santa Rosa, California, January 21, 1924. He served three years in World War II and was married to Jeanette Peters in December of 1948, who survives. He studied law at Montana state university, and was graduated from that institution and admitted to practice. He was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity at the university.

Jim Hall was very active in community affairs. He was a member of the Masonic and Elks Lodges, and an active member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. He was active in Chester Commercial club, where he served as secretary and again as president. He was chairman of the Boy Scout Troop Finance Campaign for several years.

Jim Hall was spokesman for a commercial club committee which convinced Orme Lewis that it was practical to poison the rough fish in the Marias river above Tiber dam. At that time Orme Lewis was assistant secretary of the Interior in charge of fish and wildlife. Up until that time Commercial club had been told the project was impossible. Every angler who pulls a trout out of Tiber reservoir this summer might well say a "Thank you" to Jim Hall.

More recently Hall was instrumental in getting Anaconda company interested in the copper in the Sweet Grass Hills. He also used his influence to get the company to make it's headquarters for the exploration work in Chester.

Jim Hall was always interested in the youth of the community. He was instrumental in organizing the P-TA. He took a very great interest in the campaign for a swimming pool here in Chester and was concerned in one way or another in practically every movement in town that would tend to make this community a better place in which to live.

He was Quartermaster of the V. F. W. for several years and just now was Vice-Commander of District No. 2 of the VFW. He served two years as State Chairman of the Loyalty Day programs and also served on the National Loyalty Day committee.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his two children, Laura Ann, four, and James Willson III, who is three; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Santa Rosa, California, and a host of professional and personal friends who mourn his passing.

Funeral services will be held in the local Methodist church Friday at 2:00 p.m., Rev. Brown officiating. There will be a closed casket service. The body will lie in state at the church from 12:00 noon until 2:00 but will not be opened during the service.

Interment will be at Santa Rosa, California.

Mr. Hall was on his way home from Great Falls, where he had been consulting Mr. Randall Swanberg, Attorney, whom the Board of Trustees had authorized him to secure to help him in their lawsuit over Block 7, Eversmeyer's Addition. His car left the road about one mile south of the Meissner Bridge and Hall was found there with a broken pelvis. The ambulance was sent out after him and he was brought to the local hospital.

Jim Hall Memorial

Mrs. Hall has requested that friends desiring to give flowers should wait and donate to a Memorial Fund for something to be put into the Swimming Pool, such as a diving board or some other unit that may be needed at the pool.

Liberty County Bank will receive the Memorial offerings.

Funeral services for James Willson Hall were conducted at the local Methodist church Friday afternoon, Rev. Brown officiating.

Pall bearers were A. A. Arras Jr. Cut Bank, Joe Helmes, Great Falls, B. O. Nordstrom, Donald Buffington, Harris Endreson and Fred Barrett of Chester.

Honorary pall bearers: Judge C. B. Elwell, Dodds Keith, Cedor B. Aronow of Shelby, Joseph Anderson of Joplin, and Russell Hansen.

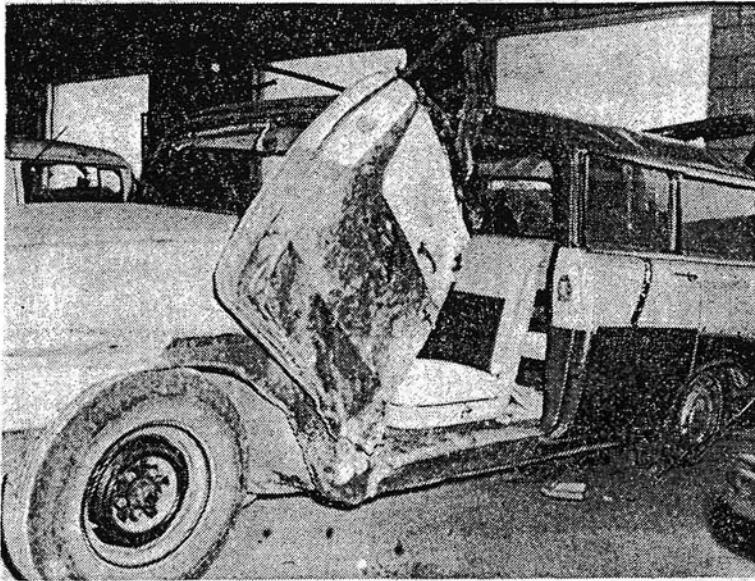
Ushers: Art Doherty of Great Falls, Emmet Walsh and Michael Boryas of Anaconda.

Mrs. Peggy Wiley was at the piano. Mrs. Richard Hunnewell sang "Lord's Prayer" and "Ave Maria".

Those from great distances attending the funeral were Mrs. Howard Hall, mother, Santa Rosa, California, Mrs. Jean Peters, mother-in-law, Indio, California and Mrs. Gordon Thompson, sister-in-law, San Diego, California.

Survivors not mentioned last week are: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kenworthy, grandparents, and Sylvester Kenworth, uncle, all of Santa Rosa, California.

The body was shipped to Santa Rosa, California for interment.



This car, driven by Jim Hall left the road and rolled over several times on the gravel road about one mile south of the Marias river. Hall died in the local hospital early Tuesday morning.

CHRISTINA HERMAN
Born: November 12, 1870 - Died: February 15, 1957
Liberty County Times
February 21, 1957

Christina Herman
Died Friday Feb. 15

Mrs. Christina Herman, 86, who has been making her home in Rudyard with her daughter, died Friday at a Havre hospital. Her body was sent to Ellendale, North Dakota, her home town, where services were held Tuesday.

Mrs. Herman was born November 12, 1870, in Russia. She came to the United States in 1894. In 1912 she came from Ellendale to homestead near Rudyard and in 1917 returned to Ellendale where she lived until about seven years ago. For three years she lived with a daughter in Jamestown, North Dakota and for the past four years she has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Ritter, at Rudyard.

Mrs. Herman is a Gold Star mother, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of the Evangelical United Brethren church and had been active in church work during her life. While she lived in Ellendale she also was active in nursing.

As a Gold Star mother, she was given a trip to France in 1932 to visit the grave of her son, Fred, killed during World War I. Mrs. Herman's husband died in 1926 and a son, Chris, was killed in an automobile accident near Rudyard, January 14, 1956.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Mary Eisenbeis, Lodi, California; and Mrs. Amelia Endres, Jamestown, North Dakota, in addition to Mrs. Ritter; three sons, 32 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

GEORGE HENRY HESS
Born: September 30, 1875 - Died: November 9, 1957
Liberty County Times
November 14, 1957

Funeral Services For George Hess

Funeral services for George Henry Hess, 82, were conducted Wednesday at the local Methodist church with Rev. M. O. Smith in charge. Mr. Hess died Saturday afternoon at the Liberty County Hospital following his admission there on Friday.

George Hess was born at Plymouth, Indiana, September 30, 1875. Little is known about his early life, but he came to Chester from Canada in 1912, and opened up a shoe shop here. He spent the greater part of his life here in Chester as a cobbler. He also worked as auctioneer for a number of years.

On the 28th day of November, 1934, he was married to Pansy Crowe at Shelby, and she survives. Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Damaris Schoonover, living in California, two step-daughters, Mrs. Heinz Starke and Mrs. Bernard Romain and a step-son, Lennie Crowe, all of Chester.

Interment was made in the local I. O. O. F. cemetery.

DAVID E. HOLMQUIST
Born: ?, 1891 - Died: August ?, 1957
Liberty County Times
August 22, 1957

**Funeral Services
In Kalispell Fri.
For T. Holmquist**

KALISPELL. — Thure David E. Holmquist, 66, died in Kalispell. Holmquist came to the Flathead in 1921 and recently made his home in the Evergreen District. He had engaged in farming until his retirement.

Holmquist is survived by children. Theodore of Kalispell; Mrs. Esther Torgerson of Cedro Wooley, Wash.; Julia Holmquist of Kalispell; Walter of Wallace, Idaho; Mrs. Alice Briner of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Mrs. Helen Greipp of Kalispell; Paul of Kalispell; Mrs. Frances Bekkedahl of Smith River, Calif.; Eleanor Holmquist of Kalispell and Robert of Spokane; 27 grandchildren, brothers and sisters, Mrs. Carrie Jabes of Chester; Stanton H. of Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Edna Burch of Lewistown; Harold Holmquist of Kalispell; Mrs. Hildur Sunden, Spokane; and Nels Holmquist of Kalispell.

Mr. Holmquist homesteaded near Joolin. Funeral services will be held Friday in Kalispell.

MARY HORINEK

Born: September 15, 1902 - Died: October 21, 1957

Liberty County Times

October 24, 1957

**Funeral Services
For Mary Horinek
Held October 10**

Havre Daily News—

Funeral services were held October 10 at Our Lady of Ransom church in Hingham for Mrs. Mary Horinek, 55, who died in a local hospital Monday.

Mrs. Mary Horinek was born September 15, 1902 at Ponca City, Oklahoma. She moved to Hingham in 1918. On May 6, 1919 she was married to William Horinek and has lived in Hingham ever since.

Surviving are the husband, William, two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Margaret) Powelson and Mrs. Giles (Lenora) Gregoire, both of Havre; and two sons, Robert and Richard, both of Hingham; and a sister, Mrs. Vencil (Alice) Horinek, Hingham and by ten grandchildren.

Pallbearers were her two sons, Robert and Richard, her two sons-in-law, Donald Powelson and Giles Gregorie, and two nephews, Charles and Albert Horinek.

Interment was in Calvary cemetery at Havre.

AGNES ISABELLE HUNT
Born: July 6, 1904 - Died: July 3, 1957
Liberty County Times
July 11, 1957

Funeral Services For Agnes Hunt

Funeral services for Mrs. Agnes Isabelle, Hunt, 52, were conducted at the Holland and Bonine chapel in Havre Monday afternoon at 2 p.m., Rev. Theo. L. Mendenhall of the Joplin Lutheran church in charge.

Agnes Hunt, the daughter of Fred V. Hodges and Sarah Ann Young-Hodges, was born at Edina, Missouri, July 6, 1904. She was married to Wallace E. Hunt at Missoula, Montana, November 23, 1937, and has lived on the Hunt farm north of Joplin since that time.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Wallace Hunt, two children, Ronald and Rosalie, at home, and a brother, Frank, of Joplin. Two brothers, Harry and Alfred, and one sister, Nellie, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Hunt died July 3, 1957 about 8 o'clock p.m., the result of a traffic accident. She, with her daughter and husband were going over into the Kalispell country where Ronald had been for a few days. It is thought the bright sun blinded her, causing her to drive off the road about eight miles before reaching Shelby.

Both passengers were injured, though Rosalie was held in the hospital only two or three days. Mr. Hunt is still confined in a Havre hospital as this is written Tuesday afternoon.

Music for the ceremony was furnished by Mrs. Lester Leamer, who sang In the Garden, and Old Rugged Cross. Mrs. Ella Anderson accompanied.

Pallbearers were Levi Shettel, Chester; Ray Hunt, Shelby; Wesley Hodges, Leland Hodges, Donald VanDessel and Robert VanDessel, all of Joplin.

Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens, at Havre.

HILMA C. JOHNSON
Born: December 12, 1864 - Died: October 27, 1957
Liberty County Times
December 5, 1957

Mrs. Hilma Johnson Passes

(The following was handed us
by Mrs. Hales Scalese.)

Mrs. Hilma C. Johnson passed away at the home of her nieces, Miss Hilda and Manda Peterson, Sunday, October 27, after being confined to her bed for the last 18 months.

She was born in Sweden December 12, 1864, and came to America and to Grafton, North Dakota. In 1910 she moved to the Chester, Montana, area and lived there for more than 30 years, when she came back to Black River Falls to live with her sister, Mrs. Matt O. Peterson. Since the death of her sister, she has made her home with her nieces.

Her daughter, Mrs. Louis Oswood passed away some 28 years ago, but three grandsons, Lloyd Oswood of Chester, Howard of Seattle and Alfred of Great Falls survive. Also surviving are a grandson, Mark Oswood of Seattle, a sister, Mrs. Anna Hultin of Hallock, Minnesota and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted October 31 at 2 p.m. from the Squaw Creek church, Rev. A. M. Rusten officiating, the Ness funeral home in charge, interment in the church cemetery.

STANLEY J. KANTOROWICZ

Born: July 11, 1870 - Died: October 13, 1957

Liberty County Times

October 17, 1957

Funeral Services for Stanley Kantorowicz Wednesday, Oct. 16

Funeral services for Stanley J. Kantorowicz, 87, were conducted from St. Mary's Catholic church in Chester Wednesday, Father H. E. McDonnell in charge.

Mr. Kantorowicz died Sunday at Harlem. He was born in Poland and came to America early in life. He was married to Katherine Lapata who died November 22, 1941. He came to Chester from Minneapolis in 1910. He was a member of St. Mary's church.

Survivors include Mrs. Joe (Anna) Nianchalk, Sun River; Mrs. John (Bessie) Wanken, Chester; Mrs. Lewie (Julia) McIntyre, Spokane, Washington; Frank, Chester; Sister Susanne (a nun), Alta Bena, California; Carl, Wolf Creek; Mrs. Sig (Sophie) Lalum, Chester; Mrs. George (Mary) Ennis, Deer Park, Washington; Alfred, Tonaska, Washington; Mrs. Joe (Ruth) Corbett, Libby; Mrs. Thomas (Bernice) McCabe, Waco, Texas; Mrs. Nick (Josephine) Bubnash, Chester, all sons and daughters, and a sister, Mrs. John Galuska, St. Paul Minnesota, and 37 grandchildren.

JOHN KECK
Born: May 2, 1936 - Died: March 4, 1957
Liberty County Times
March 7, 1957

John Keck Dies

According to an exchange, John Keck, 20, died in the Kalispell hospital Monday from injuries received when the car he was driving collided with another on the North Fork road from the Anaconda Aluminum Co. plant north of Columbia Falls.

Keck, a laborer in the casting department, was returning from work on the swing shift when his car collided with one driven by S. D. Smith of Columbia Falls. It is reported that the road was icy.

Keck was born in Columbia Falls May 2, 1936. In addition to his parents, brothers and sisters, he is survived by his wife, Ruth and two small children, Elaine and John Jr. Ruth is well-known here. She grew up in this community, had most of her schooling here, and moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heimbigner, to Superior, Montana a few years ago.

Funeral services will be held in the Methodist church at Columbia Falls tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2:00.

OLE KJORLIE
Born: November 17, 1889 - Died: August 6, 1957
Liberty County Times
August 8, 1957

Ole Kjorlie Dies Of Heart Attack While Driving

Ole Kjorlie, 68, of Havre died instantly while driving a pickup one quarter mile east of the Joplin turn-off on Highway No. 2 about 9 a.m. Tuesday morning. His wife, who was riding with him, prevented an auto accident by taking the wheel of the car, as her husband slumped in the seat.

The couple was headed for their summer home on Lake 5.

Ole Kjorlie was born in Norway, November 17, 1889. He was a retired farmer, having made his farm home north of Havre.

His sons, who live in Havre, came after their mother and the pickup. The Holland and Bonine hearse came after the body.

HELGA CONSTANCE KNUTSON
Born: May 8, 1877 - Died: September 2, 1957
Liberty County Times
September 5, 1957

**Mrs. Helga C.
Knutson Died
Last Tuesday**

Mrs. Helga Constance Knutson, 80, of Rudyard died Tuesday evening of last week at a rest home in Havre.

Mrs. Knutson was born in Norway May 8, 1877 and came to this country with her parents in 1881. They settled in Minnesota where she grew to womanhood and was married to Anton Knutson in 1905. In 1913 she and her husband came to Montana, settling in black coulee some 18 miles south of Rudyard.

Funeral services were held at the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre Saturday afternoon. Survivors include two sons, Archie and Norman, both of Inverness, and sister, Mrs. Fanny Hauge, and a brother, Henry Hanson, both of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Her husband preceded her in death in 1942.

CHESTER LARIMOR
Born: July 28, 1896 - Died: September 30, 1957
Liberty County Times
October 17, 1957

Chester Larimor Passes, Sept. 30

A note from Mrs. Chester Larimor, states that Chester, who was a resident of Chester for several years, passed away September 30. He had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. Larimor was born July 28, 1896 in Missouri, where he grew to manhood. In 1917 he entered the Armed Service and served through World War II. Later, he came to Chester and made his home here several years.

March 26, 1954, he was married to Mrs. Emma Reid, who survives. In 1955, the couple moved back to Missouri, where they have lived ever since.

In addition to his wife, he leaves, to mourn his passing, two stepsons, Wayne and J. W. Reed, both living in Texas; a step daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Mae Johnson who lives in California and twelve step grandchildren.

TERRY LEMON

Born: N/A - Died: September 21, 1957

Liberty County Times

September 26, 1957

Terry Lemon Killed, Gun Accident

Terry Lemon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Lemon, former residents of Chester, was killed Saturday when a rifle which was being cleaned was accidentally discharged.

It was reported that young Lemon had gone with some friends to get gravel from a pit some two miles from Libby. There were three rifles in the group and on the trip they got plugged with sand. The boys were cleaning their guns. Lemon finished first and had gone some 100 feet from the others, when one of the boys slammed the bolt forward in the gun he was cleaning. The weapon was discharged and the 30-30 bullet struck Lemon in the head.

AGNES (PETERSON) LUND
Born: ? - Died: December ?, 1957
Liberty County Times
December 19, 1957

Agnes Lund Passes In California

Funeral services for Mrs. Agnes Lund were held Wednesday, December 18, 1957, at 10 a.m. in the chapel of B. C. Wallace & Sons, Inc., at 520 North Sutter Street, Stockton, California.

Mrs. Lund, born Agnes Peterson, was the mother of Lloyd Lund of this community. Other sons are: Arnold of Shelton, Washington; Earl of Aberdeen, Washington; Irvin of Sacramento, California; Carl of Stockton, California; Orin of Manteca, California; Martin of Glendale, California; Carl of Stockton, California, and Normand of Stockton, California; daughters, Mrs. Verdella Bautista, Stockton, California and Alice Lund.

She was a sister of Larry Peterson, Spokane, Washington; Roy Peterson, Smelterville, Idaho; Alfred Peterson, Sacred Heart, Minnesota; Evelyn Jensen, Glendale, California; Florence Lucas, Stockton, California; Ethel Zentzis, Chester, Montana; Lillian Scott, Banks, Oregon, and the late Clarence Peterson, of Joplin, Montana.

Mrs. Lund lived on a homestead north and west of Chester for a good many years and many of her children attended Chester school.

Interment was in Park View Cemetery, Stockton, California.

CINA MARSHALL
Born: ?, 1875 - Died: June ?, 1957
Liberty County Times
June 27, 1957

Mrs. Cina Marshall Dies in Wisconsin

Word has been received here of the passing of Mrs. Cina Marshall, 82, mother of Mrs. George Gau and Mrs. H. E. Rodeberg, both former Chester residents, at her home near Lima, Wisconsin. She had been in poor health for many years.

She had suffered with a broken hip for a few days before she passed away, over a week ago. She was laid to rest June 19 in the family burial plot near where she had lived nearly all her life.

She visited her daughter, Mrs. Gau, many times while the Gaus lived in Chester and many people living here will remember her. The family have the sympathy of all their many friends here.

IRA MARTIN
Born: ?, 1877 - Died: August 27, 1957
Liberty County Times
November 14, 1957

Ira Martin Killed

According to an exchange, Ira Martin, 80, former resident of the north Lothair country, died August 27, having been strangled, allegedly by one Elmore Walker, a transient employee.

An indictment was returned by the Multnomah County grand jury, accusing Walker, 33, of the crime, and alleging second degree murder. Martin apparently had reprimanded Walker for smoking on his job, and the strangling followed.

Ira Martin owned a good farm north of Lothair and lived and worked there for a great many years. He retired and sold his farm several years ago.

ELI MORRIS, JR.
Born: February 16, 1925 - Died: May 29, 1957
Liberty County Times
May 30, 1957

Man From Extra Gang Killed In Bunk Car Fire At Hingham

According to exchanges, Eli Morris Jr., 32, working on an extra gang for the Great Northern Railway Company was fatally burned Saturday night about 10:00 in an extra gang bunk car on a siding at Hingham.

Another laborer, Jack Hill was also burned and was brought to the Liberty County Hospital for treatment. Cause of the blaze is not known here. The blazing car was pulled away from the others by an engine and the flames did not spread.

Morris was born February 16, 1925 at Watts, Oklahoma and the body will be shipped there for burial. He was a World War II veteran and was discharged from the Army in 1947. He is survived by three brothers and four sisters, none of whom are residents of this area.

KENNETH A. (JACK) NORDSTROM
Born: February 17, 1907 - Died: June 9, 1957
Liberty County Times
June 13, 1957

**Funeral Services
For K. A. (Jack)
Nordstrom**

Funeral services for Kenneth A. Nordstrom, 50 were held at St. Luke's Lutheran church at Shelby Wednesday afternoon at 2:00, Rev. Olaf Borge in charge of the service. He had died of a heart attack at Cut Bank Sunday.

Kenneth (Jack) Nordstrom was born at Nanton, Alberta, Canada, February 17, 1907. When he was three years old, he moved to Chester with his parents and lived on a homestead just north of town,

where he grew to manhood. He was married to Paula Gregg January 4, 1943, who survives.

He joined the armed forces of the United States April 21, 1942, and served 30 months, mostly in India, Burma, Africa and Italy. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the combined Posts of Chester and Shelby had a part in the funeral and burial services.

Pallbearers were: Eddie Hutcheson, Art Forrest, Stan Severson, Chet Sanders, Ole Knutson and Bob Wright. Honorary pallbearers: Ed Wallner, Elmer Fryerlund, Alton Wigen, Ed. Burns, Leonard Knutson and Levi Schiery.

JOHN M. O'CONNOR

Born: December 24, 1877 - Died: October 13, 1957

Liberty County Times

October 24, 1957

**John M. O'Connor
Died At Local
Hospital October 13**

John M. O'Connor, 79, long time resident of Chester, died at the local hospital October 13. The body was shipped back to Graetinger, Iowa, for funeral and interment.

Mr. O'Connor was born the son of Phillip O'Connor and Margaret Jennings O'Connor, December, 1877. He came to Chester a number of years ago and settled on a homestead north and west of town, where he lived until his retirement about 15 years ago.

He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Ed Bough, living in Havre, and a sister in Iowa.

BEATRICE (DOLEZAL) OSWOOD
Born: November 8, 1910 - Died: September 7, 1957
Liberty County Times
October 3, 1957

Service For Mrs. Beatrice Oswood In Conrad Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Bennett Oswood, were conducted from St. Michael Catholic church at Conrad, Friday, September 26, 1957, with Father O'Korn in charge of the service.

Beatrice (Dolezal) Oswood was born at Olivia, Minnesota, November 8, 1910. She came to Montana with her family in 1916 and settled on a farm some 20 miles northwest of Chester, where she lived until her marriage.

She was married to Bennett Oswood June 12, 1933, who survives. She has lived on the Oswood ranch since her marriage.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children, Mrs. Berniece Skidmore, Barbara and John Oswood, all of Chester.

Mrs. Oswood was active in community work. She served as 4-H leader for ten years and was clerk of the local school board for fifteen years.

Pall bearers were Nels Petterson, Arthur Morrison, and Sigurd Forseth, of Chester, Claude Demarest of Whitlash, Russell Frydenlund of Devon and Paul Gekierre of Great Falls.

Interment was in the cemetery at Shelby.

JOHN E. OSWOOD
Born: December 18, 1873 - Died: July 22, 1957
Liberty County Times
July 25, 1957

John E. Oswood Passes

Funeral services for John E. Oswood, 83, are being held in Chester today, (Thursday) at Our Savior's Lutheran church at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Melvin K. Frantzen, of the Hingham-Rudyard parish in charge. Mr. Oswood died in a Gt. Falls hospital Monday afternoon at 12:15.

John E. Oswood was born in Etne, Norway, December 18, 1873. He came to the Sweet Grass Hills area in April, 1893 and has spent his life in that neighborhood. He worked on a sheep ranch until 1898 when he filed on a homestead. He was married in that year to Celia Riswold, who preceded him in death in 1948.

He was engaged in stock raising from the time he filed on his homestead until the time of his death. From 1920 to 1930 he was official government trapper and pretty well cleaned the Sweet Grass Hills area of wolves and coyotes in that time.

He was the father of three children, all of whom survive. They are: Bennett, who lives on a ranch near the home place; Mrs. Harold Holm (Tillie), Great Falls; and Mrs. Margaret Grey, Seattle, Washington.

Pall bearers at the funeral, Sigurd Forseth, Richard Wickum Sr., Harold Jensen, Harold Jeppesen, Dodds Keith and Frank Schwan.

Interment in the family burial plot in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

JOSEPH H. PAXTON
Born: July 20, 1905 - Died: December 14, 1957
Liberty County Times
December 19, 1957

Joe Paxton

Joseph H. Paxton, 52, Chester area construction worker, died about noon Saturday en route to a Great Falls hospital of injuries suffered in a one car accident at Lothair.

Paxton was found in the wreckage of his automobile about 4:30 p.m. Friday and was taken to the Chester hospital. It was decided to take him to Great Falls Saturday.

Paxton's vehicle apparently left the road on the right hand side, went into the borrow pit, and back onto the highway where it rolled. The accident occurred on a slight curve. The vehicle was demolished.

Born July 20, 1905, at Jester Oklahoma, Paxton has been working in the Chester area about one year. He is survived by the widow, Norada; two daughters, Mrs. Donald Johnston, Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Frank Weber, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two brothers, W. S. Paxton, Pecos, Texas, and Vaun Paxton, Phillips, Texas, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Paxton will be held in Jester, Oklahoma, Thursday (today) afternoon.

ELIZABETH HELEN REID
Born: November 12, 1900 - Died: February ?, 1957
Liberty County Times
February 28, 1957

**Mrs. Elizabeth Reid
Passes in Kalispell**

Mrs. Elizabeth Helen Reid, 57, Kalispell, died after a lingering illness. She is a former resident of the Chester area and about six years ago moved back to her home in Kalispell.

Mrs. Reid is survived by daughters, Mrs. Doris Newman, Kalispell; three brothers, Oscar Ness, Shelby; James Ness, Kalispell, and George Ness, Paulkner, N. Y., and three sisters, Mrs. Dora Ross, Great Falls; Mrs. Olga Wiese, Kalispell, and Mrs. Harriet Henderson, Hot Springs.

Funeral services were held in Kalispell on Wednesday at the Waggener and Campbell Chapel. She was interred in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery there.

ALLAN (SCOTTY) ROSS

Born: December 3, 1879 - Died: December 1, 1957

Liberty County Times

December 12, 1957

**Allan (Scotty) Ross
Services Dec. 4th**

Allan (Scotty) Ross passed away at the Chester hospital December 1st. Services were held at Whitlash Wednesday, December 4th, with Rev. William Knickel officiating. Music was furnished by Ardell Iverson and Judy Bingham. Burial was in the cemetery at Whitlash. The pall bearers were: George Lauener, Oscar Iverson, Elmer Bolma, Nelson Bingham, Robert Bond and John Morrison.

Scotty Ross was born in Scotland about 1857 and came to this country around the turn of the century. He homesteaded near Whitlash about 1901 and made his home here until his death. There were no living relatives.

O. R. RUBIE

Born: November 10, 1897 - Died: January 16, 1957

Liberty County Times

January 17, 1957

O. R. Rubie Dies in Havre Wed.

His many friends in this community were shocked Thursday to learn that O. R. Rubie, 59, president and a director of Liberty County Bank, had died of a heart attack in a Havre hospital at 8 o'clock Wednesday night. Funeral services were conducted from St. Mark's Episcopal church in Havre Saturday afternoon at 2:00 with interment in the family plot in Highland cemetery.

O. R. Rubie was born at Uniontown, Washington, November 10, 1897. He was married to Miss Della McNeely June 3, 1922. Mrs. Rubie died December 30, 1952. Two sons survive, Richard D., Havre and Charles W., Big Sandy. There are five grandchildren, one brother, Harry, of Chula Vista, California, two sisters, Mrs. Georgia Boone, LeGrande, Oregon and Mrs. W. C. Van Brunt, Rosalia, Washington.

Mr. Rubie came to Montana in 1917, from Washington and became associated with the Security State Bank. He then went to Laredo to operate the State Bank at that place, and was associated with the late Walter Brown in the operation of the bank. The Laredo bank was soon moved to Box Elder and consolidated with the Box Elder State Bank. In the twenties, the Box Elder State bank was moved to Havre and consolidated with the Security State bank, which later became the Hill County State Bank, with Mr. Rubie as president.

It was O. R. Rubie, who, with the late H. Earl Clack organized the Citizens Bank of Montana early in 1946. Later that year the Citizens Bank of Montana bought the stock of the Hill County State Bank and the bank has continued under the name of Citizens Bank of Montana, with Mr. Rubie as its president and chairman of the board as well as director.

In addition to his active interest in the Citizens Bank of Montana, Mr. Rubie was also interested in other banks. He was president and director of the First State Bank of Chinook; president and director of Liberty County bank at Chester; vice-president and director of Northern Montana State Bank at Big Sandy; a director of the Miners National Bank at Butte; a director of the Farmers-Merchants Bank at Rudyard and a director of the Farmers and Stockgrowers Bank at Glasgow.

O. R. Rubie was president of the Northern Livestock Loan Company of Havre. He, with the late Walter Brown organized the company in the early thirties and it proved of great benefit to the stockmen of the area. He was also president and director of Montana Shares Incorporated.

He also served as president of North Montana Broadcasting Company, (KOJM). He also owned and operated a stock ranch on Box Elder creek in the Bearpaw Mountains.

Mr. Rubie was a Past Master of Havre Lodge No. 56, A. F. & A. M., a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Algeria Shrine Temple. He was also a member of Havre Lodge No. 1201, B. P. O. E. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal church in Havre.

WILBERT C. RUCK
Born: January 14, 1886 - Died: August 11, 1957
Liberty County Times
August 15, 1957

**W. C. Ruck Passes
Away Sunday At
Local Hospital**

Wilbert C. Ruck, 71, Rudyard area farmer since 1909, died Sunday morning at 5:05 at Liberty County Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Rudyard.

Mr. Ruck, born Jan. 14, 1886, in Wisconsin, came to Rudyard from Long Prairie, Minn., in 1909. He was never married. Survivors include two brothers, Elwood C. of Long Prairie and Walter G. of Superior, and three sisters, Miss Freda Ruck of Fergus Falls, Minn., Mrs. Elsa Kienlen of Cushing, Minn., and Mrs. Bessie McGuire of Eagle Bend, Minn.

**Funeral Services
For Wilbert Ruck
At Rudyard Church**

Funeral services for Wilbert C. Ruck were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the St. John Lutheran church in Rudyard by Rev. Luther Bauer. Mr. Ruck, Rudyard area farmer since 1909, died Sunday at Liberty County Hospital.

Herman J. Bauer, soloist, sang "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" and "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near". He was accompanied by Mrs. Fred Rigg.

Pallbearers were Joe Ludwig, Fred Elling, Curt Phillips, Bernt Magnuson, Selmer Sanvik and Swan Ness. Interment was in the Highland cemetery in Havre.

Relatives here for the funeral of Wilbert C. Ruck were his brothers Walter Ruck of Superior; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Kienlen of Cushing, Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. Charley McGuire of Eagle Bend, Minnesota; a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Adams, Long Prairie, Minnesota; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Elmer Ruck, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woods of Missoula, and Mrs. Brill and children of Great Falls.

VINCENT SEDIVY
Born: 1898 - Died: June 18, 1957
Liberty County Times
June 27, 1957

Funeral for Vincent Sedivy

Funeral services for Vincent Sedivy, 59, were conducted by Fr. John Kohnke at the Catholic church in Hingham last Friday morning.

Mr. Sedivy, a native of Grafton, N. D., was a farmer and businessman around Hingham and Cut Bank. He passed away June 18 at his home in Hingham.

Pallbearers included Philip Lipp, Andrew Lipp, Gene Petrick, Albert Dolph, Jim Smrz and Syber Nordby.

Ushers were Bul Alman and Frank Lipp.

Interment was in the Hingham cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mildred; two sons, Vincent Jr. and James, both of Hingham; two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Sorenson and Mrs. Rose Kocar, both of Hingham; and three grandchildren.

He was a member of the Eagles, Moose and Modern Woodmen of America.

JOHN SHETTEL
Born: September 29, 1931 - Died: February 17, 1957
Liberty County Times
February 21, 1957

John A. Shettel



John Shettel, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Shettel, was found dead in the cab of his truck Sunday afternoon in a field along the gravel road running south from Chester about 1½ miles. Tracks showed the truck had left the road and turned over a time or two before coming to a stop.

John Shettel was born September 29, 1931. He has spent his whole life in this neighborhood except for four years spent in the Navy. He had his schooling here and attended Chester High School.

He enlisted in the Navy during the Korean conflict in March, 1951 and was discharged in February, 1955. Since that time, he has been engaged in farming, having acquired land near Dodson, Montana. He was a member of the local VFW.

He is survived by his parents, three sisters, Mrs. Leo (Frances) Hawks, Doris and Dorothy Shettel, and four brothers, Franklin, Ralph, Jim and Jerry, all living at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swank, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services are being held this (Thursday) afternoon at the Methodist church, Rev. Brown in charge. Interment is in the family plot in the local IOOF cemetery.

Funeral Services For John Shettel Held February 21

Funeral services for John Shettel were held at the Methodist church Thursday afternoon, February 21, Rev. Brown officiating.

The choir was made up of Mesdames Idella Hunnewell, Ruth Barrett, Rose Ish, Hilda Gummer, Madonna Gifford and Karen Evans with Mrs. Peggy Wiley at the piano.

Ralph Shepherd and Don Gummer served as ushers.

Pallbearers were Mickey Smith, Eddie Kenny, Leo Jensen, Bob Johnson, Clifford Hanson and Ronnie Hanson.

John Shettel enlisted in the Navy at Helena March 17, 1951 and was given his Honorable Discharge February 16, 1955. He had his boot training at San Diego, California, with additional training at Astoria Oregon. He was assigned to the tanker U. S. S. Kennebec and traveled extensively while on her. He crossed the Artic Circle in July, 1953 and once went thru the Panama Canal in the Kennebec. At the time of his discharge, he had attained the rating of Boiler Operator Helper 3/c.

ORA OTTO WHELCHER
Born: March 16, 1890 - Died: May 12, 1957
Liberty County Times
May 16, 1957

**Otto Whelchel Dies
Services Thursday
At 2:00 p.m. (today)**

Funeral services for Ora Otto Whelchel, 67, will be held at the local Lutheran church Thursday at 2 p.m., with interment in the Joplin cemetery. Mr. Whelchel died Sunday at noon in the Liberty County hospital, where he had been taken Saturday afternoon suffering from a heart attack.

Otto Whelchel was born at Perry, Iowa March 16, 1890. He homesteaded south of Joplin in what is known as Black Coulee in 1910 and in 1930 moved to Lothair, from Joplin where he had lived for several years. In 1932 he moved to Chester where he has made his home ever since.

He enlisted as a private July 23, 1918 and was discharged January 13, 1919 at Camp Funston, Kansas. He was a member of American Legion Post 88 at Chester.

Survivors include two sons, Ralph Aubrey of Butte and Lyle Eugene of Missoula; two brothers, Thomas and Frederick, both of Cut Bank; and three sisters, Mrs. Clara Ward of Ronan, Mrs. Gunvold (Grace) Landheim of Lewistown and Mrs. Alfred (Hazel) Anderson of Portland, Oregon.

His wife, Henrietta, died December 19, 1936.

**Funeral Services
For Otto Whelchel
Conducted Thursday**

Funeral services for Ora Otto Whelchel were conducted at the local Lutheran church Thursday, May 16 at 2 p.m., Rev. Walla officiating.

Music was furnished by the Lutheran church choir.

A military funeral was held, with the firing squad and color guards and bearer positions being manned by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The firing squad was composed of Leo Wigen, John Petlak, Darrell Marshall, Don Buffington, George Mattson, Elmer Muncy, Joe Evans and Dick Layton.

Color Guards and Bearers were: Ed Jensen, Jack Wright, Clifford Hanson Jr., Mickey Smith and Kenneth Brandvold.

Pall bearers were Jake Reinen, Q. R. Buffington, C. E. Collison, Neil Shepherd, Sterling Wardell and Lloyd Lund.

A memorial fund has been set up at the Liberty County Bank, with Jake Reinen in charge. All money collected will be turned over to the National Heart Association.

OSCAR J. WIGEN
Born: May 19, 1885 - Died: December 22, 1957
Liberty County Times
December 26, 1957

Funeral Services For Oscar Wigen In Havre, Dec. 24

Oscar J. Wigen, 72, retired Chester area farmer passed away at his home in Havre, Sunday, Dec. 22.

He was born May 19, 1885, at Stanhope, Iowa. On July 31, 1910 he was married at Oacoma, South Dakota, to Mayme Jewell, who survives. They came to Montana and located at Hingham in 1912. They moved to Tiber in 1917, where he operated the elevator for a number of years and was engaged in farming. In 1945 they moved to Havre where they have since made their home.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian church and BPOE 1201 of Havre. His hobbies were hunting, fishing and in later years, he had enjoyed doing oil painting.

Funeral services were held Dec. 24 at the Holland Bonine Chapel with Rev. Ernest Greenlund officiating. Mrs. Ralph Slater and Mrs. Jack Angel sang "Beyond the Sunset" and Keith Lokersgard sang "Rock of Ages."

Pallbearers were Frank Eggers, Great Falls, Peter Nielson of Hobson, Jacob Walkman of Chester, Levi Shettel, Chester, G. C. Brown, Havre, and Herbert Warp, Havre.

He was laid to rest in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Survivors include his wife, Mayme, a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Mildred) Blackstone of Havre, a son, Robert J. of Chester, two grandchildren, Clinton and Bodlil Wigen. Two sisters, Mrs. Belle Brown, Cherokee, Iowa, and Miss Sadie Wigen, Laurence, Iowa. Several nieces and nephews, including Leo Wigen of Chester.

A memorial has been established for the Chester Ambulance Fund.

ROY FRED OTTO ZORN
Born: March 20, 1907 - Died: May 3, 1957
Liberty County Times
May 9, 1957

**Funeral For Roy
Zorn Held Tues.
Afternoon**

Funeral services for Roy Fred Otto Zorn were held in Our Saviors Lutheran church here Tuesday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m., Rev. Joseph Walla officiating. Mr. Zorn died in the Liberty County hospital May 3rd after an illness extending over several months.

Roy Zorn was born at Bottineau, North Dakota, March 20, 1907. He came to Chester with his parents in 1913 and lived with them on the farm northeast of town until he was married to Kathryn Rena Heimbigner March 1, 1931, when he moved to Chester. He has been in business a great part of the time since that date. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Shelby.

Survivors include, besides his wife, two sons, Dale and Delnor, and two brothers, Raymond Zorn and Herman Swan, both of Chester.

Music for the funeral was provided by the Lutheran church choir, which sang: "In the Garden," "In Heaven Above," and "Nearer My God to Thee."

Palbearers were Ed Hutcheson, Carl Harlem, Lynn Wright, John Hemmer, Sigurd Olson and Don Gummer.

Interment was in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery.
