

CLAUDE WILLIAM AMES  
Born: July 2, 1887 - Died: July 15, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
July 31, 1969

**Claude Ames, 82  
Died July 15  
Rites in Oregon**

Claude William Ames was born July 2, 1887 at Millbank, S. D. and passed away at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, July 15, 1969 following a heart attack.

On June 2, 1906 he was united in marriage to Ella Mae Porter at Mildred, Minn. They came to Lothair, Mont. April 25, 1917 and in June of 1937 they moved to Oregon where they resided until a short time before Mrs. Ames death, March 30, 1968. A son and two daughters also preceeded him in death.

Surviving are Mrs. Harold (Mina) Thielman, Chester; Earl Ames, Kalispell; Claude and Jim Ames and Phyllis Wakefield of Portland; and Rev. William Ames of Sylmar, Calif. He is also survived by 24 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Services were held at Batman's Chapel of the Downs in Portland on Saturday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m. His son, Rev. William Ames officiated, assisted by Rev. Eugene Barrows. Casket bearers were grandsons, Larry Comella, Gale Thielman, Charles Wakefield, Elmer Mondy, Michael Ames and Lewis Hatfield.

Interment was in Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Salem, Ore.

Mr. Ames arrived in Chester just six days before his death as he had planned to spend the summer at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thielman.

**MAYME ANDERSON**  
Born: June 30, 1885 - Died: February 11, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
February 13, 1969

**Mayme Anderson  
Passes at Age 83  
Services Today**

Mrs. Mayme Anderson, 83, died Tuesday afternoon in a Great Falls hospital.

Mrs. Anderson was born June 30, 1885, at Fergus Falls, Minn., where she married Andrew B. Anderson in 1905. They came to Montana in 1909 and homesteaded at Joplin. In 1943 Anderson retired and they moved to Havre where he died in 1956.

She had been living in Great Falls for the past year. She was a member of the Joplin Lutheran Church.

Surviving are six sons, Clifford, Prosper, Sanford and Morris, all of Joplin; Donald, Fairfield; Robert, Augusta; two daughters, Mrs. Walter (Mildred) Overgaard, Plentywood and Mrs. Neil (Laura) Beatty, Great Falls.

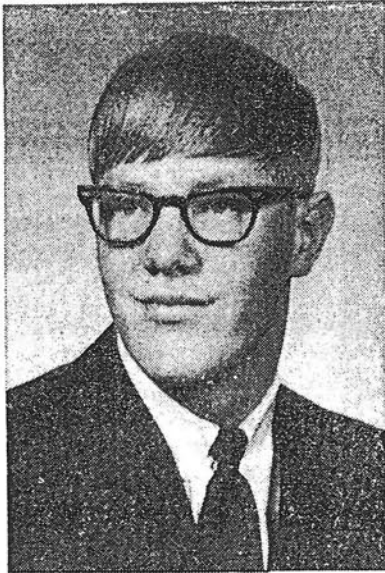
Also a sister, Mrs. George (Edna) Maijala, Great Falls; a brother, Arthur LaValley, Rufus, Ore.; 18 grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren survive.

Funeral service for Mrs. Mayme Anderson will be Thursday, Feb. 13 at the First Lutheran Church in Havre at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Havre Highland Cemetery.

**WALTER DEAN BILDEN**  
**Born: October 15, 1951 - Died: December 26, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 1- 8, 1970**

## Walter Bilden killed when car rolls

Walter Dean Bilden, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan S. Bilden of Joplin was killed in a one-car accident on highway 2, about three miles east of Chester Friday night about 10:30. Clint Fraser of Joplin was the first to discover the accident. According to reports Fraser stopped at the scene, but did not find the body. He drove to Chester and reported the accident to Sheriff Bob Remington. The two then returned to the scene with a flashlight, and found the boy's body. He had been thrown clear of the vehicle, which went off the highway on the left side and rolled over several times.



Walter Dean Bilden

Highway Patrolman Harold L. Savik also investigated the accident. Apparently Bilden was alone in the car at the time.

The death brought the 1969 traffic death count in Liberty County to eight, two higher than in any previous year.

Walter Dean Bilden was born in Chester Oct. 15, 1951. Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan S. Bilden of Joplin, sisters, Mrs. Patricia Meldrum of Cut Bank and Janet of Joplin, brother, LeRoy of Joplin and several aunts and uncles. Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Pastor Donald Tigges officiating. Interment was in Joplin cemetery.

Bilden was a 1969 graduate of Joplin High School.

### Walter Bilden Services Tuesday

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. in the Bethel Lutheran Church of Joplin for Walter Dean Bilden, 18, victim of a car accident near Chester Dec. 26.

Pastor Donald Tigges officiated at the services. Pallbearers were Allan Fossen, Randy Anderson, Douglas Moore, Glen Phillips, Larry Fossen and Bruce Mansfield.

Mrs. Sanford Anderson was the organist. The choir sang "Abide With Me" and "Come Ye Disconsolate." The congregation sang "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

Bilden was born in Chester Oct. 15, 1951, and was raised in the area. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan S. Bilden of Joplin, a brother Leroy of Joplin and two sisters, Mrs. Patricia Meldrum, Cut Bank and Janet of Joplin.

**CHARLES BOHNER**  
**Born: ?, 1903 - Died: January 14, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 16, 1969**

### **Charles Bohner Killed In Auto Collision**

Charles Bohner, about 65, owner of the MX Motel in Chester, was killed instantly in a two-car collision about eight miles east of Browning Tuesday. According to reports the accident happened on an extremely icy strip of road at a time when visibility was very poor. Other details concerning the accident are not available at press time.

According to the report the accident happened between 11:30 and noon, but several Chester residents believe it must have been later, because they recall talking to Bohner in Chester Tuesday forenoon. The accident scene is about 100 miles from Chester.

According to reports the occupant of the other car in the collision was not seriously injured.

Mrs. Bohner is a patient in a Great Falls nursing home. There are no children and the funeral services are pending.

ELIZABETH BOHNER  
Born: July 11, 1893 - Died: April 3, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
April 10, 1969

### **Mrs. Bohner Dies In Great Falls Nursing Home**

Mrs. Charles W. (Elizabeth) Bohner, 75, Chester, died in a Great Falls convalescent hospital Thursday.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

She was born July 11, 1893 in Dayton, Ohio. She came to Montana in the early 1930s and lived in the Cooke City area, where her former husband, the late Alexander McLaren had mining interests. She was married in 1951 to Charles Bohner, who farmed near Fort Benton and was in business in Chester, where they made their home.

Bohner was killed in a head-on auto collision near Browning Jan. 14. She had been a patient in Great Falls for five months.

Survivors includes a son, Robert McLaren of Chester and a daughter, Mrs. Stanley (Mary Ann) Holm of Norfolk, Va., and five grandchildren.

MARY LOUISE BRADY

Born: October 16, 1877 - Died: May 9, 1969

Liberty County Times

May 15, 1969

### **Mary Brady Dies Service May 13 In Hingham**

Mrs. Mary Louise Brady of Hingham died Friday, May 9, at a Havre hospital, at the age of 91. Rosary was recited Monday at Hingham and the services were held Tuesday, May 13 in Our Lady of Ransom church in Hingham, with Father Francis McHugh officiating.

Mrs. Brady was born Oct. 16, 1877 in Ontario, Canada. She married Thomas Brady in 1900 in Olga, N. D. Her husband pre-deceased her.

She is survived by two sons, Richard E. Brady of Hingham and Arthur Brady of Seattle, Wash., two sisters, Mrs. Marie Elliot of Vancouver, B. C., and Mrs. Anna O'Shay of Cincinnati, Ohio, and two grandchildren.

**MINNIE E. BRAIN**  
Born: October 9, 1883 - Died: November 19, 1969  
**Liberty County Times**  
November 27, 1969

## **Minnie Brain Passes away**

Mrs. Minnie Brain, 86, passed away in the local hospital Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services will be in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Great Falls at 3 p.m.

The family has expressed a preference for a memorial fund rather than flowers at the funeral.

## **Last rites held for Minnie E. Brain**

A Memorial Service for Minnie Emelia Brain was conducted in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Saturday morning, Nov. 22, by the Rev. Noel D. Petersen, with Blanche Remington at the organ. Fred Barrett was soloist, accompanied by his wife Ruth. Charles Good, Earl Keith, Bert Nordstrom, Carl Borys, Joe Gagnon and Delmar Wolfe were pallbearers. Cliff Hanson Sr. and Allen Kolstad served as ushers. Honorary pallbearers were: Lorenz Skierka, Robert Pugsley, Frank Ludwig, Deforest Schwede, Louie Zorn, Paul Meissner, John Eschler, Oscar Erickson and Louis Schuhmacher. The Graveside Service was held that afternoon at the family plot in Great Falls Highland Cemetery with Rev. Petersen officiating.

Minnie E. Brain was born Oct. 9, 1883 near Rice Lake, Wis.; the oldest of 14 children in the family of William and Augusta Wille. She was married to Samuel Brain on Nov. 6, 1907. They moved to Bemidji, Minn. the following year, and later to Mahanomen, Minn.

Samuel and Minnie Brain and their two sons came to Montana in 1913 to live on their homestead 16 miles south of Chester. This was their home until they moved to Great Falls in 1947. Samuel passed away there Feb. 2, 1952. Minnie returned to Chester April 1, 1968 to live in the Liberty County Nursing Home. She passed away in the Liberty County Hospital Nov. 19, 1969.

Minnie Brain was a member of the Lutheran Church, and a Charter Member of the Wild Rose Camp of the Royal Neighbors of America in Chester.

Surviving are two sons, M. A. (Nick) and Orval both of Chester; three granddaughters, Marguerite Bivens of Buena Park, Calif.; JoAnn Osterman and Carol Riley, both of Chester; 10 great grandchildren; two sisters, Ella White and Ida Jerry, both in Wisconsin, and six brothers, Fred, Paul, Leo and Otto in Minnesota, Carl in Wisconsin and Arthur in California.

**WILLIAM J. BURROWS**  
Born: September 5, 1928 - Died: May 5, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
May 15, 1969

**Bill Burrows dies  
May 5 in Seattle,  
Services May 8**



**William J. Burrows**

Funeral services were held at the Bleitz Funeral Home, Seattle, Wash. May 8 for William J. Burrows, 40, a former Great Falls resident who died May 5 in a Seattle Veterans hospital. Officiating was Rev. Ralph L. Erickson, the organist was Eugene Nye. Interment was at the Willamette National Cemetery.

He was born in Havre Sept. 5, 1928. Enlisted in the Air Force March 8, 1946 and was discharged Feb. 21, 1949. He married Carolyn Harrington in Maryland and the couple moved to Chester. In 1966 they moved to Great Falls and also lived a year at Vaughn while he was employed on the missile sites and for a construction firm. He was hospitalized at Fort Harrison briefly before he was transferred to Seattle.

Survivors are the widow and children, William, Robert, Sherry, Peggy and Denise Burrows and Mrs. Ken Cutler, Vaughn; mother, Mrs. Henry Prewitt, Seattle; father, Joe Burrows, Chester; sister, Mrs. Peggy Hovey, Lakewood, Calif.; Diana Johnson, Santa Ana, Calif.; brother (Richard Burrows, Rudyard; step brothers, Donald and Joseph Raunig, Chester, Harold, Great Falls; step sisters, Mrs. Virginia Woods, Inverness and Mrs. Kathleen Wojtala, Cascade.



**CHARLES CADY**  
**Born: 7, 1906 - Died: March 17, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 27, 1969**

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**Charles Cady, 63**  
**Services March 21**

Funeral services for Charles Cady were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home with Pastor Donald Tigges officiating.

Pallbearers were Olin Wolery, Charles Lineweaver, Kenneth Bangs, Roger Lincoln, Edward Tempel and James Laird.

Monica Garrahan, soloist, sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "Rock of Ages" accompanied by Mrs. Stuart Ellison, organist.

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Cady, 63, died March 17 at the Univeristy Hospital in Seattle. He was a long time resident of the Inverness area, coming here with his parents as a young child. He had farmed in the area since.

Survivors includes his widow, the former Helen Baxendale of Inverness; his father, Howard Cady of Whitefish; two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Elvina) Tempel of Joplin and Mrs. Marcel (Ramona) Solomon of Carson City, Nev.; three sons, William of Cut Bank; Darell of St. Ignatius, and Stanley of Inverness; three sisters, Mrs. Ada Groven of Kalispell and Mrs. Howard Rowin and Mrs. John Fredrickson of Havre; two brothers, Bud of Libby and Jim of Simms, and 14 grandchildren.

A son Floyd, three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Cady was a member of the Lutheran Church.

**PATRICIA M. CHRISTMAN**  
**Born: August 12, 1939 - Died: August 17, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 21, 1969**

## Three killed in accident Sunday

Three Illinois tourists were killed in a single car accident east of Lothair Sunday morning about 9 a.m. and became the first three traffic fatalities in Liberty County this year. The accident happened about nine miles west of Chester. Killed in the crash was Patricia M. Christman, 30, of Chicago. Her son, William Christman, about 6, died about an hour after the crash in the Liberty County Hospital. Another passenger Donald Doucette, 41, of Waukegan died two hours after the crash in the hospital.

The accident was investigated by Highway Patrolman Jack Kenyon of Shelby and Jerry Sterrett of Con-

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An unidentified motorist traveling west of the ill-fated vehicle saw the accident in his rear view mirror. He drove on into Lothair and reported the accident to Mr. and Mrs. John Stoner. Stoner proceeded to the accident scene while Mrs. Stoner call-

ed the sheriff's office in Chester. Art Norris received the call and notified Deputy Sheriff Earl Thisselle, who was the first official to arrive at the scene. Thisselle said Mrs. Christman was dead when he arrived. The boy was unconscious, and Doucette seemed to be semi-conscious.

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The deaths raised Montana's highway fatality toll to 207 for the year, compared to 169 on the same date last year.



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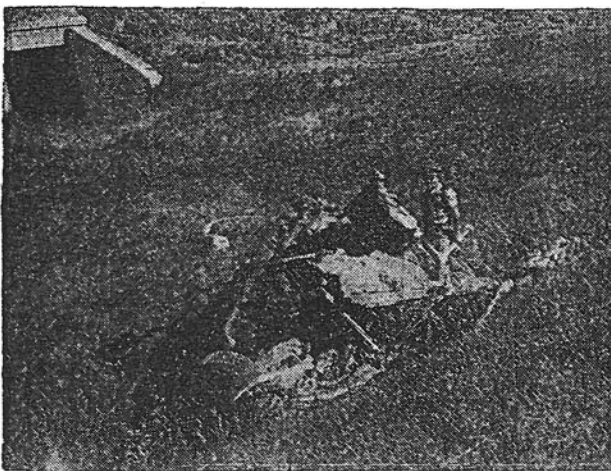
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**ARTHUR LEROY CONNOLLY**  
Born: February 2, 1906 - Died: May 4, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
May 8, 1969

### **Arthur Connolly Found Dead in Auto Here Sunday**

Arthur Leroy Connolly, 63, of Hingham was found dead in an automobile in Chester Sunday afternoon. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

The car was one block north and one-half block west of Liberty County Hospital, and was discovered by Linden Duffin. Connolly had apparently felt the attack coming, and had stopped the car, but had not gotten it entirely out of the road. Dr. Richard Lee was called, and he pronounced Connolly dead. The victim had a previous history of heart trouble. It was estimated that death had come less than an hour before the body was discovered.

Funeral services were set for Wednesday, May 7, at 2 p.m. in the Hingham Lutheran Church.

Connolly was born Feb. 2, 1906, in Estevan, Sask., and moved with his parents to take up a homestead west of Hingham in 1910. He grew up there, graduated from Hingham High School and made his home there.

Survivors in this area include his sister-in-law Nora Connolly, Rudyard and two cousins, David and Dell Eskestrand of Havre.

**DONALD DOUCETTE**  
**Born: April 28, 1928 - Died: August 17, 1969**  
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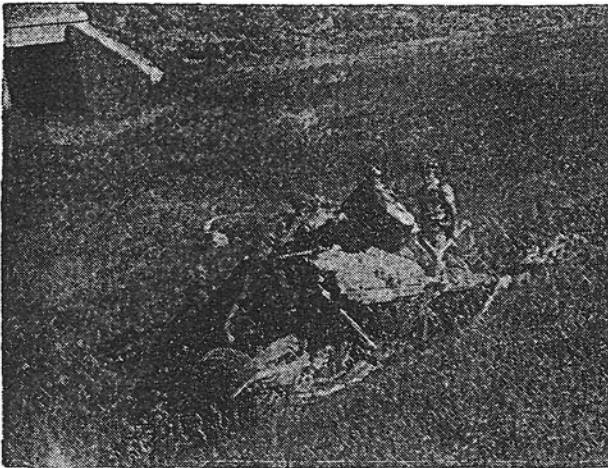
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**ADOLPH M. FALLA**  
**Born: ?, 1887 - Died: November 2, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 6, 1969**

### **Adolph Falla Died Sunday**

Long-time resident of the Inverness and Havre areas, Adolph M. Falla, 82, resident of the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, died Sunday, Nov. 2, in a Havre hospital.

Services will be Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Falla, born in 1887 in Rothsay, Minn., homesteaded near Inverness in 1914. In 1926 he moved into Inverness and worked as school custodian in the Inverness, Chester and Dutton schools until his retirement in 1957 when he moved to Havre.

Survivors include three sisters, all of Great Falls, Mrs. Jess Mansfield, Mrs. Inga Malmberg and Mrs. Lena Haack, and two brothers, Clarence (Ted) of Elbow Lake, Minn. and Morris of Inverness.

A memorial has been established.

**BRODIE (BUD) FRASER**  
**Born: March 17, 1917 - Died: April 3, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 10, 1969**

### **Bud Fraser Dies, Funeral Monday**

Funeral services for Brodie 'Bud' Fraser, 52, 221 2nd Ave. N., Great Falls were Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home.

The Rev. Robert Lamphere officiated. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery in Cascade.

Fraser died in his home Thursday morning. He had been in failing health for the past few years. Born March 17, 1917 at Frazer, he lived there until he was 11. He attended schools in Florence and Ulm. He had been employed at the McKamey and Koby ranches. He had lived at the North Second Street address for the past five years.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fraser, Joplin, sisters, Mrs. Nick (Darlene) Wood of Havre, Mrs. Lester (Bertha) Standley and Mrs. Ray (Elizabeth) Huntsberger, both of Cascade, Mrs. James (Ruby) Barrett of Lakewood, Calif. and Mrs. John (Annie) Carlson of Garden Grove, Calif.; brothers, Donald Jr. of Cascade, Rodney P., James M., Clinton L. and Duane, all of Inverness, Bill W. of Chester, Charles R. of Joplin, Darrell of Salt Lake City and Scott with the U. S. Navy in San Francisco, and numerous nephews and nieces.

**HENRY CHRIS FREDERICKSON**  
**Born: August 1, 1891 - Died: December 24, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 2, 1970**

**H. C. Frederickson**  
**Died December 24**

Henry Chris Frederickson was born at Flandreau, S. D. on Aug. 1, 1891 to Lars and Anna Frederickson.

He came to Montana in 1912 and homesteaded northwest of Chester. On July 3, 1917 he married Inez Kinyon, daughter of Homer and Vianna Kinyon.

They lived on their farm until 1966 when they moved to Chester where they resided until his death in the Liberty County Hospital on Dec. 24, 1969. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, north of Lothair.

He leaves to mourn his passing his widow Inez, one son, Lawrence of Chester and one daughter, Vianna (Mrs. Alvin) Osborne of Shelby, four grandsons, Chris and Daniel Frederickson and Henry and Lester Osborne, one brother, two sisters, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, one brother and one sister.

Funeral services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester Saturday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Alfred Rosgaard officiating. Mrs. Henry Halverson served as organist and Mrs. Jack Cockrell sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "How Great Thou Art."

The following served as pallbearers: Darby O'Brien, Leo Hawks, Leonard Matteson, Harold Jeppesen, John Dolezal and Dale Lyders.

Honorary pallbearers were Cliff Hanson, Malvin Matteson, Sigurd Forseth and Jesse Blair.

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Shelby, with Burns Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



**ALAN GREENLAW**  
**Born: October 25, 1943 - Died: June ?, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 26, 1969**



**Alan Greenlaw**

## **Alan Greenlaw Killed in Vietnam war**

Alan Greenlaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Z. Greenlaw of Chester has been killed in action in Vietnam, the Defense Department said Monday. The boy's father is the construction engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation at Tiber Dam. Mr. and Mrs. Greenlaw left Tuesday for Redding, Calif., where funeral services are tentatively set for June 30 in McDonald Chapel.

Sgt. Alan H. Greenlaw was born in Palo Alto, Calif. Oct. 25, 1943. He lived in Redding, Calif., and other Bureau of Reclamation construction areas. He attended school at Weav-

erville, Calif. and graduated from Union High School. He was a graduate of Chico State College, Chico, Calif. in 1966.

He was in the Army First Air Cav. Division, and was killed at aircraft landing area near Fire Base Ike, Vietnam. He had visited Tiber Dam in April of this year.

**DON HANSON**  
**Born: ? - Died: July 16, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 24, 1969**

## **Heart attack fatal To Don Hanson**

Don Hanson, 49, certified public accountant and prominent Havre community leader, died suddenly on the golf course of the Elks Country Club Wednesday evening, July 16.

Hanson was stricken on the course while engaged in men's league golf, playing with the Credit Bureau team. Efforts made by fellow golfers, including physicians, to revive Hanson following his collapse failed.

A World War II veteran, Hanson was active in many community organizations including the Rotary club and Enterprise Masonic Lodge No. 134. He was a member of the Van Orsdel Methodist Church of Havre.

Survivors include his widow, the former Margaret Bowery, and five children, Roger of Detroit, Tom, Richard and Janet of Havre, and Susan Davis of Billings.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19 at 10 a.m. in the Van Orsdel Methodist Church.

Officiating at the services was the Rev. James Hunter.

Pallbearers were Stanley Snyder, Lee Gregory, Vern Olson, Vern Sedlacek, Elmer Hansen and Joe Anderson.

Honorary pallbearers included Bob Kiesling, Lou Hagener, C. D. Elwell, Harry Parcell, H. R. Larson, J. B. Breitenbucher, G. O. Omlie and Dr. C. S. Houtz.

The soloist, Jim Sleeter, accompanied by Alan Hansen, sang "Above the Hills of Time" and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

Ushers were Lloyd Lanus, H. R. Larson and Lou Hagener.

Masonic graveside rites were conducted under the direction of Bob Morrison, worshipful master. Interment was in the Highland Cemetery.

**ANNA S. HARVEY**  
**Born: October 7, 1876 - Died: May 7, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 22, 1969**

### **Funeral held for Anna S. Harvey**



**Anna S. Harvey**

Funeral services were held at the Immanuel Funeral Home at Starbuck, Minn., May 14 for Mrs. Jacob (Anna S.) Harvey. Interment was at Starbuck.

Anna Simonson was born in Starbuck, Minn., Oct. 7, 1876, and grew to womanhood there. Following her grade and high school education, she attended Teacher's College at Willmar, Minn., for three years. Later, she attended the University of Valparaiso, Ind., specializing in secretarial work. She did secretarial work for the Dean of the Medical department, as well as tutoring some of the students to assist them to keep up with their class. She was later employed in a law office and did some court reporting.

In 1909, she was joined in marriage to Jacob Harvey and a year later moved to Montana. After 12 years of married life, she became a widow. Mrs. Harvey and her son Albert, moved to Tampa, Fla., where she was engaged for two years in a Naturopathic Sanitarium. They returned to Montana and Mrs. Harvey worked for 15 years at the court house in Chester. She was able to put her son through law school. He died just after being elected to the office of County Attorney for the third term in 1942.

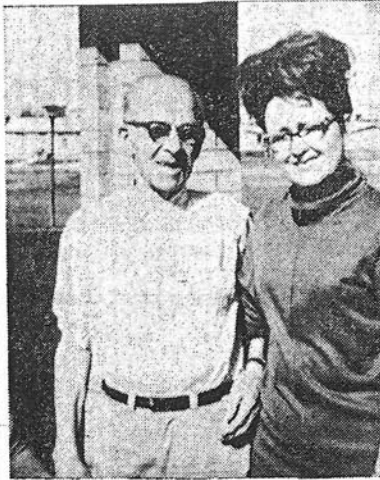
Mrs. Harvey would write poetry, descriptive or satirical, often published in the Liberty County Times. She turned to using oils for landscapes and still life scenes after considerable experience in painting china. She had one of her oil paintings, a landscape, on display at the Immanuel Home at Kalispell while she resided there and now is in a local home near Chester. This sketch she entitled "Early Morning." In 1961 there was a picture of this landscape and a write-up in the Great Falls Tribune.

Mrs. Harvey continued to live in Chester until retiring at the Lutheran Home at Kalispell in 1957. Since about 1962 she has been residing first at a rest home at Starbuck and later she moved to the Retirement Home at Glenwood, Minn., where she lived until she passed away May 11.

Survivors include a niece, Mrs. Ruth Barsness of Starbuck, Minn. and several other nieces and nephews in Minnesota. Preceding her in death besides her husband Jacob and son Albert was a daughter Adelaide, who died as an infant in 1914.

**EMERY HAYMAKER**  
Born: December 6, 1887 - Died: May 16, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
May 22, 1969

**Services Monday  
For E. Haymaker**



**Emery Haymaker and  
daughter, Marion Behunin.**

Emery Haymaker, 81, died Friday, May 16 at a Havre hospital, due to a heart ailment.

Services were held Monday at 10 a.m. at the Holland-Bonine funeral home, with Rev. Hunter, pastor of the Van Orsdel Methodist Church officiating.

Dorothy Bradbury sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Old Rugged Cross" accompanied by Mrs. Donna Ellison at the organ.

Military services were conducted at the Highland cemetery. Honor guard was from the Havre Air Force Base. Interment was at Highland cemetery.

Pallbearers were Howard DeMartin, Buddy Boyce, Ed Nystrom, Jay Spinler, Rick Friesen and Charles Sargent.

Haymaker was born to Frank A. and Clara Jane (Compton) Haymaker in Spring Valley, Minn., Dec. 6, 1887. He homesteaded in Warrick, Mont. in 1914. In 1917 he was drafted for World War I. He was in LeHavre, France in field artillery, also in Germany. When returning from the service he came to Benchland in 1919. He farmed there until 1923. He sold his homestead to Frank Henderson.

Oct. 1 1923 he married Edna M. Bradbury, later divorced. He lived in Rudyard from 1924-1944.

He worked for the Great Northern in Gildford until his retirement.

Survivors include two sons and seven daughters, Lloyd, Rudyard, Clinton, Havre, Mrs. Newel (Marion) Behunin, Vernal, Utah, Mrs. Harriet Moore, Gladstone, Ore., Mrs. Bob (Lorraine) Lawrsen, Havre, Mrs. Richard (Betty) Layton, Chester, Mrs. Darlene Meyers, Seattle, Mrs. Jack (Edna) Hanson, Renton, Wash., Mrs. Floyd (Virginia) Wilmes, Mills, Wyo. A daughter, Shirley, preceded him in death.

Also surviving are brothers and sisters: Lloyd, Vale, Ore., Mrs. Steve (Sadie) Boyce, Havre, Mrs. Olive Henderson, Mansen, Wash., Jack, Mansen, Wash. and 37 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**BERTHA HEE**  
**Born: ?, 1884 - Died: July 19, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 24, 1969**

**Mrs. Bertha Hee  
Died Saturday;  
Services today**

Mrs. Bertha Hee, 84, of Gildford died Saturday, July 19 in a Havre rest home. Services are set for Thursday, July 24 at 2 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hee was born in 1884 in Norway. She moved from Canada to a homestead south of Hingham in 1909. In 1914 she married Ole T. Hee, and the couple lived south of Gildford until Hee's death in 1937. Mrs. Hee moved to Gildford and made her home there until the present time.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Merlin (Evelyn) Nelson, Bellflower, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. Kristine Mjaset, Tronjeim, Norway.

**MATT HEMMER**

**Born: April 7, 1886 - Died: January 8, 1969**

**Liberty County Times**

**January 16, 1969**

**Matt Hemmer, 82  
Died Jan. 8;  
Funeral Jan. 11**

Matt Hemmer, 82, died Jan. 8 at Hot Springs hospital. Funeral Mass was held Jan. 11 at Sacred Heart Church, Hot Springs, and burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Plains.

Born April 7, 1886 at St. Benard, Neb., he came to Kalispell as a boy. He married Anna Schroer July 17, 1912 at Kalispell and shortly afterwards he came to homestead eight miles north of Lothair. He retired in the early '50's and moved to Hot Springs, where he lived until his death.

He is survived by seven sons, Frank and John of Lothair, Lawrence of Galata, Charles of Shelby, Jerry of Lincoln, James with the army in Washington, D. C. and George with the air force in Fairbank, Alaska, one daughter, Annaleen (Billings), and the widow, Caroline, who he married in 1959, and 29 grandchildren. One son, Joe, preceded him in death.

**OWEN H. HILL**  
**Born: May 3, 1918 - Died: September 23, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 2, 1969**

## **Owen H. Hill died, Rites held Saturday**

Funeral service for Owen H. Hill, 51, Great Falls, were Saturday, Sept. 27.

The rites were read by Rev. Lewis Arnold at 1 p.m. in the George Co. Mortuary Chapel. Burial was Monday in Kalispell.

Hill died Tuesday, Sept. 23 in Terry, following an apparent heart attack. He had been working on a construction job in the eastern Montana community.

He was born May 3, 1918 in Great Falls. In 1923, he moved with his family to Cheyenne, Wyo. Before returning to Great Falls in 1950, he had lived a short time in Kalispell. He had been employed by Birch Construction Co. for the past 25 years.

He married the former Helen Penney in Libby in 1949. He was a member of the Church of God.

Survivors are the widow; a son, William, Kalispell; daughters, Mrs. Judy Kopetski of Kalispell, Mrs. Joe (Diana) Miller of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Mrs. John (Linda) Bergquist of Seattle; nine grandchildren; his stepfather, Peder Tutvedt of Kalispell; brothers, Burnell of Spokane, Wash. and Donald of Kalispell, and sisters, Mrs. Harold Shepherd, and Mrs. Lyle Glee, both of Chester, and Mrs. Leo Shepherd of Kalispell.

## WALLACE RAY HUNT

Born: May 20, 1906 - Died: December 7, 1969

Liberty County Times

December 18, 1969

### Ray Hunt services Held Wednesday



Ray Hunt

A memorial service was held in the Burns Funeral Home, Shelby, Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1969 for Ray Hunt.

Wallace Ray Hunt was born May 20, 1906, at Canova, S. D. to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hunt. He came to Montana in 1913 with his parents. They homesteaded north of Joplin.

On March 30, 1930, he married Ione Rose Wicks at Cottage Grove, Ore. To this union were born five children.

On June 15, 1961 he was married to Marilyn Audell Nielson in Helena.

He was a farmer all his life, first, north of Joplin and then later in the Shelby area. He was also a logger in Oregon and a carpenter in this area.

He passed away at his home, 420 Sheridan Ave. in Shelby Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, 1969.

He donated his body to research.

He is survived by his widow and children: Vern Hunt, Shelby; Mrs. Tom (Dorothy) Seifert, Shelby; Mrs. Ben (Hazel) Pruet, Albany, Ga.; Robert Hunt, Bozeman and Jack Hunt, Valier. Step children include Theresa, Kenneth and Mary Nielson. He is also survived by his mother, Alma B. Hunt, sisters Mrs. Almira Shettel, Chester and Mrs. Richard (Marian) Zickman, Warrensville, Ill.; 20 grandchildren and one great grandson; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Honorary pallbearers were Thomas Wilson, Olyn Wolery, Ed Seifert, John Fransen, Joe Hawkins and Allan Fowler.

A memorial to emphysema research has been established by his family.



**JOHN W. HUTCHISON**  
**Born: January 8, 1881 - Died: August 28, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 4, 1969**

## Funeral held for John Hutchison, 88

John W. Hutchison, the first superintendent of Chester High School, who in 1962 was presented with a gold cup in recognition of 50 years of service to education, died Thursday in the local hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Wanders officiating.

Hutchison was born near Waynetown, Ind., Jan. 8, 1881, the eldest of three children born to Irvin and Miranda Hutchison. His brother Fred and sister Myrtle preceded him in death.

He attended public elementary schools of his native region, and at-



**John W. Hutchison**

tended high school for two years at Wingate, Ind. and for one year at Elmdale, Ind. He then entered Valparaiso University in Indiana and became president of his class before graduating in 1907. He received a degree of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Pedagogy.

He taught for one year in Canada. In the spring of 1913 he came to Montana and from that year until 1922 he taught at Chester. He was the first Superintendent of Chester High School in 1913 and Chester was at that time the only high school between Shelby and Havre.

In those days basketball was played out doors in the fall of the year until cold weather made playing outdoors impossible. Hutchison was one of the early-day outdoor basketball coaches.

During the scholastic year 1923-24 he taught rural school, operating his homestead at the same time. From 1924 until 1928 he was superintendent of Joplin schools, and girls' high school basketball coach. His team won three Hi-Line Championships.

In 1928 he became Liberty County Clerk and Recorder, a position he held until 1951 when he became office manager of the Liberty County Times.

In 1934 he became a member of the Chester school board, and continued to serve on the board until 1948 when he became clerk. At one time he was chairman of the board. He retired in 1961 and in 1962 was presented with a gold cup in recognition of 50 years of service to education. The presentation was made at the Chester High School commencement exercises that spring.

He was a member of the Chester City Council for 18 years, and during World War II he was Liberty County rationing administrator.

He married Blanche Mae Oakley in 1917, and in 1967 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Since 1915 he has been a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge. He was a past noble grand and had a grand lodge degree. He served for many years as secretary of the Odd Fellow Relief Association.

Hutchison was one of the men who worked diligently for the formation of Liberty County.

Pallbearers for the funeral were members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, Kamp Landrith and Glen Watson of Gildford, Curt Phillips, Alfred Rathbun, Leon Fields and Charles Mikulecky of Rudyard. Ushers were Fred Brown, Max Brown, Alva Shettel and Henry Kolstad.

Fred Barrett, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Barrett, sang "We Are Sewing, Ever Sewing" and "Softly and Tenderly."

Burial was in Chester cemetery. This cemetery was originally known as the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Hutchison was instrumental in plotting the cemetery, and administered it for many years.

He is survived by his widow, Blanche Mae Hutchison, two sons, William of Havre and Irvin of Chester, two daughters, Ethel Norman and Miriam Bracy of Seattle, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A memorial fund is being established, and will be given to the Chester Schools.

ORVILLE T. JACOBSON  
Born: ? - Died: May 22, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
May 29, 1969

**Orville Jacobson  
Passes May 22  
Buried Monday**

Funeral services for Orville T. Jacobson were conducted at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home Monday with Rev. Gerald Ebelt, Hingham Lutheran pastor, officiating and interment was in Chester cemetery.

The pallbearers were Earl Carpentier, Dan Bitz, Bud Goodian, Chris Heggen Jr., Morris Berg and Art Berg.

Clifford Heggen and Wendell Winter were ushers.

Terry Stevenson accompanied by Mrs. Sharon Spicher sang "Abide With Me" and "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less."

A memorial to Yellowstone Boys Ranch has been established.

WESLEY H. JEPPESEN  
Born: August 24, 1950 - Died: October 18, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
October 23, 1969

## Wesley Jeppesen killed in crash

Wesley H. Jeppesen, 19, of Chester, died Saturday night in a single-vehicle accident on a gravel road about 10 miles north of Chester.

Liberty County Sheriff-Coroner Bob Remington said Jeppesen apparently lost control of his south-bound car and was killed when he was thrown from it as it went out of control.

He was alone in the car, Remington said.

Wesley Harold Jeppesen was born in Havre, Mont. Aug. 24, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jeppesen.

He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, north Lothair.

He was graduated from Chester High School with the class of 1968. He attended Parks School of Business in Denver, Colo., for three months.

He has been at the family home since December of 1968.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church in Chester Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, with Pastor Alfred Rosgaard officiating.

Wesley is survived by his parents, sister Pamela, and brother Kenneth, his grandmother Mrs. Louise Cash of Kalispell and many relatives and friends.

Active pallbearers were: Tyrone Rockman, Wayne Wickum, Rodney Keith, Garth McNair, Ronnie Groseclose, Bill Jacobson.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jim Rishoff, Clint Lalum, Robert Elliott, Steve Oraw, Ken Richter, Bob Richter, Clifford Wickum, Warren Wickum, Allan Mangold, Ben Morrison, Dale Hawks, Gary Hochberger and Mike Mansfield.



Wesley H. Jeppesen

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**HILMER JOHNSON**  
**Born: February 11, 1886 - Died: February 4, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 6, 1969**

### **Hilmer Johnson Dies Former Liberty Co. Commissioner**

Hilmer Johnson, 82, a former Liberty County commissioner, died at a Great Falls hospital Tuesday night.

He was born Feb. 11, 1886 at MacIntosh, Minn., and homesteaded north of Galata in 1910. When he retired from farming, he moved to Great Falls in 1953.

He was a county commissioner in Liberty County for 14 years and a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Great Falls.

He is survived by his widow, Ruth; sons, Owen of Chicago and Paul of North Cut Bank; daughters, Mrs. Roy (Rosemarie) Gustafson, Palatine, Ill., Mrs. Louise Collings, and Mrs. Elmer Chevalier, both of Great Falls; a sister, Mrs. Julia Ostgarden, Grand Rapids, Minn., and 12 grandchildren.

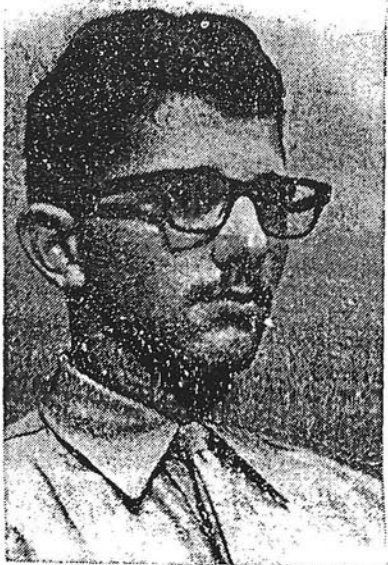
## JAMES PATRICK KEITH

Born: June 30, 1950 - Died: October 22, 1969

Liberty County Times

October 30, 1969

# Three killed in car-train



Jim Keith

The Hi-Line area is still in a state of shock following a train-car crash on the west side of Chester which claimed the lives of three youths Wednesday evening. The deaths brought Liberty County's traffic fatality total to seven for this year, and four in one week. Death, tragedy and sorrow seem to hang heavily over this area, as unfortunate happenings tend to come in bunches.

The car, apparently headed into town from the cemetery road, was struck broadside by the Great Northern's Western Star train at a crossing on the west side of Chester.

Victims were Jim Keith, 19, Chester, driver of the car and son of Lloyd Keith, Chester mayor and businessman; Lynne Marie Spicher, 17, daughter of Mrs. Rodney Spicher of Hingham and Shelley Lynn Welsh, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Welsh of Hingham.

Keith, a Marine home on leave, was born June 30, 1950, in Havre. Survivors include his father and mother, Ethel of Great Falls; five brothers, Donald and Rodney of Chester, David, Kelly and Calvin of Great Falls, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. DeVall Keith of Chester.

Miss Welsh was born Jan. 7, 1952 in Havre. She is survived by her parents and two sister, Mrs. Judy Larson and Mrs. Kathleen Aspevig, both of Havre.

Miss Spicher was born Feb. 26, 1952 in Havre. Survivors besides her mother include two brothers, Daryl and Charles, both of Hingham, and

two sisters, Mrs. Charlene Ashby and Mrs. Gail Meyer, both of Great Falls.

Both Miss Spicher and Miss Welsh were active in school and community affairs. Both were cheerleaders this year, members of the chorus, teachers' aides, and both belonged to the pep club and the science club.

Miss Spicher was on both the school annual and the Spur staff, and president of the CYF. Miss Welsh, who was on the Spur staff, was editor of the school annual and a member of the Luther League.

The girls, close lifelong friends, were honor students in the Hingham school.

Services were held in the Chester United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. Saturday for James Keith of Chester. The Rev. Dan Wanders officiated.

Mrs. Helen Aaberg accompanied Mary Ann Peterson as she sang "The Quest" and "In the Garden."

Pallbearers were Gene Keith, James Rishoff, Ron Groseclose, Tyrone Rockman, Spike Stone and Bill Jacobson. Ushers were Vern Anderson, Paul Overlie, Richard Overlie and Marion Kelley.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by a U. S. Marine group and the Chester American Legion.

Commanding the firing squad was Lt. David Violet. The firing detail included 1st Sgt. Ken Romain, Sp 4 Dennis Hanson, Sp 4 Russell Tempel, Sp 4 Donald Schaefer and Sp 5 Robert Mattson.

In the color guard were SSgt R. L. Walker, SSgt T. V. Carrillo, Gunnery Sgt. W. S. Labane, 1st Sgt. M. K. Reynolds. Bugler was Stuart Brown. Color bearers were Maj. Hartzell and Sgt. H. N. Kuchinski. Maj. Hartzell was in charge of the military services.

The tragic deaths of two young girls has brought about an ecumenical first, at least to the Hi-Line area.

The deaths of Shelley Lynn Welsh and Lynne Marie Spicher, life-long friends of Hingham, united their church congregations in a common

funeral service at the Hingham school gym Saturday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m.

The service in its simplicity and purity had all the religious requirements of both the Lutheran and Catholic faiths and used the Christmas and Easter stories as the basis for the prayers and responses.

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Children of the Heavenly Father" were sung as the opening and closing hymns by the 600 people attending. The offertory prayer, taken from the Book of Romans, was a lesson pertaining to living and dying for the Lord.

The pastor of the Hingham Lutheran Church, Rev. Gerald Ebelt, spoke in his sermon of the Resurrection of Christ, and Father Jordan Blecha, pastor of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, wore white vestment signifying the Resurrection. The Easter candle was placed between the two caskets.

"The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Terry Stevenson of Hingham with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Iris White of Inverness. Communion was distributed by Father Blecha and both pastors joined in Absolution and Benediction.

It was an ecumenical service of Love of Christ and one that provided a life time of remembering for the people of this area.

The students and faculty of Hingham High School sat in a body and the young men of the senior class served as pallbearers. These classmates were Randy Schweitzer, Greg Rambo, Larry Chvilicek, Kelly Carlson, Kerry Patrick, Glen Patrick, Charles Myers and Tom Jurenka. Other pallbearers were Donald Schweitzer of Hingham, James Dolezal of Polson, Tyrone Rockman and Lonnie Heimbigner of Chester. Mike Stroh and Jerry Lipp were servers.

Ushers were Victor Jones, Walter Myers, Philip Lipp, Robert Rathbun, John Hultin and Joe Farnik. Also assisting were Ole Warren, James Sedivy, Ronald Smith, Robert Blake Jr., James White and Herb White, all of Hingham.

Shelley Welsh was buried in the Sunset Memorial Gardens at Havre and Lynne Spicher in the Hingham Cemetery.

The Lutheran Ladies and Our Lady of Ransom Altar Society served dinner to the families and friends in the multi purpose room at the Hingham school.

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**SIGNA KATHERINE KEZAR**  
**Born: December 29, 1899 - Died: October 22, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 30, 1969**

**Funeral held Sat.  
For Signa Kezar**

Long time area resident Mrs. Lee (Signa) Kezar of Kremlin died Wednesday, Oct. 22 following a long illness in the local hospital.

Services were Saturday, Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. in the Methodist Church in Havre with the Rev. James Hunter officiating.

Organist was Bill Lisenby and soloist James O'Leary sang "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Norman Johnson, William Hutchison, Martin Schuster and Chester Whalen, all sons-in-law of Mrs. Kezar and Bill Hutchison and Duane Johnson, grandsons.

Ushers were Wilbur Rolston and Wendell Winter.

Interment was in the Highland Cemetery.

Mrs. Kezar was born in 1899 in Sweden. In 1917, she married Lee Kezar in Havre and the couple homesteaded in the Kremlin area. Her husband survives her.

Other survivors include her sons Leon and Gerald, both of Havre; her daughters, Mrs. Norman (June) Johnson, Kremlin, Mrs. William (Betty) Hutchison, Havre, Mrs. Mary Jean Davey, Deadwood, S. D., Mrs. Martin (Geraldine) Schuster, Havre, Mrs. Chester (Patty) Walen, Neligh, Neb., and Mrs. Warren (Joanna) Mangels, Yakima, Wash.; three sisters Mrs. Ether DuBois, Great Falls, Mrs. Kristine Mashburn, Yakima, Wash. and Mrs. Anna Johnson, Kansas City, Kan. and 28 grandchildren.

**CLARA KIMPEL**  
**Born: December 11, 1888 - Died: April 18, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 1, 1969**

### **Clara Kimpel Passes Service April 21**

Mrs. Clara Kimpel, long time Hingham resident, died in a Lewistown hospital Friday, April 18, following several months illness.

Mrs. Kimpel was born Dec. 11, 1888, in Glencoe, Minn., the daughter of John and Mary Muller. She married Jerry Kimpel in Minneapolis in 1909. He preceded her in death in 1952. Mrs. Kimpel moved to Hingham from Minnesota in 1912 and made her home there until moving to Lewistown 20 years ago, where she made her home with her son, Archie.

Survivors includes two sons, Archie of Lewistown and Gerhard of Missoula, three granddaughters, Mrs. Kathy Flinders and Barbara Kimpel, Lewistown, and Mrs. Karen Glunt of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three great grandchildren; and two brothers, Guido Muller of Minneapolis and Alphonse Muller of Hingham; and a number of nieces and nephews along the Hi-Line.

Requiem Mass was Monday at 9 a.m. at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown. A special Rosary was held in the Hingham Catholic Church at 3 p.m. followed by burial in the Hingham cemetery.

Pallbearers at Hingham services were Edwin Soreson, Jerry Hybner, Phillip Wendland, Virgil Jurenka, Leonard Chvilicek and Jim Sedivy. Ushers were nephews Jim Muller and Daryl Spicher.

**MAY KINYON**  
**Born: November 30, 1879 - Died: November 16, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 27, 1969**

### **Funeral held for May Kinyon, 89**

May Kinyon, a long time resident of the Galata area, died at the Liberty County Nursing Home Sunday, Nov. 16. She was 89.

She was born Nov. 30, 1879 at Plattville, Wis., the daughter of Elizabeth and Franklin Pegg.

She was married to James A. Kinyon at Olivet, S. D. Aug. 4, 1896

In 1898 they traveled by covered wagon to Moscow, Idaho and lived there for 12 years.

On April 1, 1910, they came to Galata where they settled on a homestead north of Galata. She resided there until the time of her death.

Survivors are one daughter, Margaret McSweeney of Fayette, Iowa; four sons, Olen of Kalispell, Homer of Joplin, Brondle and Ray of Galata; two half-sisters, Sarah Schwartz of Minnesota and Annie Rumbolz of Oregon, and 12 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren, besides numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one infant son at Moscow, Idaho, her husband James, and another son, Vern.

Palbearers were six of her nephews and grandsons. Interment was in the family plot at the Galata cemetery.

—Shelby Promoter



**ESTHER LALUM**  
**Born: July 4, 1880 - Died: October 16, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 30, 1969**

### **Service held for Mrs. Esther Lalum**

Mrs. Esther Lalum was born July 4, 1880 at Benson, Minn., to John and Christine Peterson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church there.

She came to Maddock, N. D. in 1903. On April 29, 1908, she was married at Haddock to Sirurd P. Lalum, who passed away in October of 1937. In November of 1937 she and the children came to Montana, where she resided until she passed away at the Chester rest home on Oct. 16, 1969 at the age of 89 years.

She was a resident at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre for two years, before she came to the rest home at Chester.

She is survived by four sons, Palmer of Joplin, Sigvald of Chester, Raymond and Luther of Kalispell, and two daughter, Mrs. Homer (Eldora) Kinyon of Joplin and Mrs. Brondle (Leona) Kinyon of Galata, and one brother, Garfield Peterson of Maddock, N. D., besides 22 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, a daughter, Evelyn; and four brothers and one sister.

Interment was in the family plot at the Immanuel Lutheran Church cemetery near Maddock, N. D.

Funeral services were held at the Galata Lutheran Church, with Rev. Rosgaard officiating. Pallbearers at the Galata service were the four sons and two sons-in-law.

**JOSEPH H. LARSEN**  
**Born: April 18, 1888 - Died: August 8, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 21, 1969**

**Joe Larson**  
**Died August 8,**  
**Services Aug. 12**

Joseph H. Larsen died August 8 at the Liberty County Hospital.

He was born April 18, 1888 at Latimer, Iowa. In 1900 he moved with his parents to Oregon. In February of 1916 he married Louisa Hatteberg at Silverton, Ore. and they came to Galata to live on a farm.

He was an active member of the Galata Lutheran Church.

In 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Larsen retired from the farm and moved to Shelby, where they have since resided. In 1966 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The widow and four children: Quentin Larsen, Alvina Flage and LouAnn Burd of Balata and Joyce Dye of Shelby survive him. Also 14 grandchildren and 40 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Tuesday, August 12 at the Galata Lutheran Church and interment at the Galata Cemetery.

**JOHN ALBERT LARSON**  
**Born: September 3, 1884 - Died: July 5, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 10, 1969**

**John Larson, 84**  
**Died July 5**  
**Service July 10**

Funeral services for John A. Larson, 84, a Chester area resident, were held Thursday, July 10 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Noel Petersen officiated. John died July 5 in a Billings hospital.

Music of favorite selections were sung by the church choir, Mrs. Remington organist.

Active pallbearers were Matt Thieltges, Armand Anderson, Victor Elliott, Burton Bredeson, George Braun and Walter Wicks. Ushers were Ben Heimbigner and Clarke McBride.

John Larson was born in Nelson County, N. D. Sept. 3, 1884. He married Dorothy Morkrid Aug. 7, 1909. They farmed for many years in North Dakota. In 1942 they moved to Montana and have farmed the remaining years near Chester.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Leland of Pasco, Wash., and Lt. Col. Gilman of Washington, D. C.; two daughters, Mrs. William J. (Ada) Shaughnessy and Mrs. Martin (Doris) Hinnaland, both of Billings; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. One sister, Mrs. William Carr, Fargo, N. D., and two brothers, Elmer of Fargo and Lars of Kloten, N. D., also survive.

Funeral arrangements were by Sittergun-Cany of Billings and Holland-Bonine of Havre.

**John A. Larson**  
**Dies in Billings,**  
**Funeral today**

John Albert Larson, 85, long time resident of Chester, passed away July 5.

Funeral services will be conducted today at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Pastor Noel Petersen officiating. Burial will be in the Chester cemetery.

John was born in 1884 in North Dakota and came to Chester from Michigan, N.D. in 1942 and farmed in the Tiber area. He is survived by his widow, Dorothy, whom he married in 1909 in Kloten, N.D. He is also survived by two daughters Mrs. Ada Shaungenassy and Mrs. Doras Hinnaland, both of Billings; two sons, Leland of Pasco, Wash. and Gilman of Washington D.C.; two brothers, Elmer of Mott, N.D. and Lars of Kloten, N.D.; one sister, Mrs. William Carr of Fargo, N.D.; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Chester.

DOROTHY E. LEIF  
Born: October 21, 1887 - Died: July 10, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
July 24, 1969

### **Mrs. Dorothy Leif Funeral services**

Mrs. Dorothy E. Leif, 81, of 2528 Bath St., Santa Barbara, Calif., died Thursday in hospital after a long illness. She was born Oct. 21, 1887 in Stewart, Minn.

She was married to the late Daniel S. J. Leif in Norwood, Minn., on Aug. 17, 1900. They moved to Santa Barbara in 1942 where she worked for 10 years as a housekeeper at Cottage Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leif lived in Hingham from 1917 to 1941.

Mrs. Leif was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Spanish American Wars auxiliaries.

Mrs. Leif is survived by a son, Gerald J. Leif; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy A. Herring, and three grandchildren, all of Santa Barbara.

Rosary was recited at the chapel of Haider Mortuary with requiem mass at the Old Mission Monday.

Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery with the following pallbearers in attendance: Leo Kennedy, Joe Carra, William Morrisen, Gary Dorman, Gordon Johnson and John McNamara.

Friends who wish may honor Mrs. Leif's memory with a contribution to the Mission Council, Boy Scouts of America, Santa Barbara, Calif.

ELIZABETH LINCOLN  
Born: ?, 1879 - Died: April 28, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
May 1, 1969

### **Elizabeth Lincoln Passes, Services Last Thursday**

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Lincoln, 90, of Rudyard, who died Monday in Big Sandy, were held at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home Thursday at 2 p.m.

Pallbearers were Jack, Joe, Lee and Roger Lincoln, Richard Jackson and Wayne Cartwright. The Rev. Albert Gackle officiated. Mrs. Shirley Jackson, Mrs. Winnie Packer and Mrs. Lorraine Lincoln sang "Amazing Grace" and "What a Day" and Mrs. Joan Peterson accompanied them.

Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Havre.

Born in 1879 in Elgin, Iowa, Mrs. Lincoln was married to Elbert Lincoln in 1900 in Hillsboro, Ore. From their homestead near Hillsboro, the couple moved to north Rudyard in 1912, where Lincoln died in 1939. Mrs. Lincoln was a member of the Evangelical Church of America, the Ladies Aid and the Women's Christian Fellowship. She also acted as clerk on the Oreana School board north of Rudyard.

Mrs. Lincoln is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Torgerson, Seattle, Mrs. Irene Jackson, Rudyard, and Mrs. Verda Pandis, Great Falls. Also surviving are two sons, Ervin Lincoln of Rudyard and Donald Lincoln of Gildford, 16 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Her son Edgar preceded her in death.

**CLARA MacGIRR**  
**Born: ? - Died: April 27, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 15, 1969**

**Clara MacGirr**  
**Dies April 27**

Mrs. Clara MacGirr, sister of Joe Burrows, passed away April 27 at Sacramento, Calif. Burial services were held in Benzonia, Mich.

Survivors are the husband, two daughters, Mrs. Lorraine Elliot and Mrs. Marianne Washington of Sacramento and son Marvin of Wausau, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Bulot, Lyons, Ill. and Mrs. Lillian Jewell, Vancouver; another brother, Tom, Dutton; and several grandchildren.

ESTER VICTORIA MARKUSON  
Born: January 30, 1885 - Died: July 7, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
July 17, 1969

**Ester Markuson  
84, passes  
Service July 9**



Ester Markuson

Funeral services for Ester Victoria Markuson, age 84, were held at the Waggener and Campbell chapel in Kalispell Wednesday, July 9. Rev. H. Peder Waldum of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiated.

Mrs. Markuson was born Jan. 30, 1885 in Vilhelmina, Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Linus Markuson came to the U. S. in 1908, stopping first in Minnesota for a few months before going on to Columbia Falls, Mont. where they lived a year. In 1910 they moved to Galata and took up a homestead where they resided until 1942 when they retired from the farm and moved to Kalispell.

Mr. Markuson preceded her in death in November 1954. She was also preceded in death by one son and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Markuson were charter members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, north of Galata.

Mrs. Markuson is survived by six daughters: Emmi Schroer and Elizabeth Leighton, Chester; Evelyn Jones, Jacksonville, Ore.; Esther Marie Berry, San Bruno, Calif.; Lillian Cockrell, Kalispell and Mildred Visocan, Raynesford; two sons, Harold of Galata and Leonard of Shelby; 33 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

HARLAN MATHEWS  
Born: ?, 1950 - Died: March 29, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
April 3, 1969

**Harlan Mathews  
Killed in Car  
Accident Saturday**

Harlan Mathews, 19, Hamilton, was killed Saturday night in an one-car accident 11 miles west of Garrison.

Officials said Mathews, alone at the time of the crash, apparently lost control of his car on Interstate 90 near the Gold Creek junction.

Harland was a son of Georgie Ross, former resident of Chester for many years. Ed Ross, a brother, is married to a Gifford girl.



**JOHN HARVEY MATTHEWS**  
**Born: ?, 1891 - Died: May 13, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 29, 1969**

### **Services held for Harvey Matthews**

John Harvey Matthews, 78, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, passed away Tuesday, May 13 following a short illness. He was a former Cut Bank resident, moving to Coeur d'Alene in 1950, and had operated a service station until he retired three years ago.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the English Funeral Chapel with the Rev. L. W. Winkle officiating.

He was born in Atkinson, Minn., was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church and the Eagles Lodge in Coeur d'Alene and the Elks Lodge in Cut Bank.

Survivors include the widow, Elsie, to whom he was married Oct. 6, 1932 in Glasgow; four sons, Bill, Pete and Dan Henderson of Cut Bank and Jack Henderson of Reno, Nev.; two daughters, Mrs. Lilly Zwolle of Lewistown and Mrs. Nina Shepherd of Chester; 19 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; two nephews and one niece in California.

**STEFAN VENDEL MATTSON**  
**Born: June 14, 1969 - Died: June 14, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 19, 1969**

**Funeral for  
Mattson infant**

Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Mattson were held Wednesday, June 18, at 10 a.m. in the Chester Lutheran Church. Pastor Noel Petersen conducted the services. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

CLARENCE LEO McCANN

Born: May 9, 1909 - Died: October 15, 1969

Liberty County Times

October 23, 1969

### **Funeral held for Clarence McCann, 60**

Services were 2 p.m. Saturday in the Inverness Methodist Church, with the Rev. Charles Nielson officiating, for Clarence Leo McCann, 60.

Pallbearers were Clyde Heydon, Dean McFadden, Ralph Peterson, Homer Kinyon, Glenn LaValley and Con May.

Soloists were Walter Woods and Mrs. R. H. Woods, with Mrs. B. J. Storvik accompanying. Songs included "The Old Rugged Cross." The congregation sang "Jesus As I Am Without One Plea" and "All the Way My Savior Leads Me."

Ushers were Willy Flower and Lonnie Cady.

Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

—Havre Daily News

**JAMES PATRICK MORRISSEY**  
**Born: May 4, 1908 - Died: December 5, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 11, 1969**

**Rites in Hingham  
For J. Morrissey**

James Patrick Morrissey, 61, resident of Hingham since 1912, died Friday, Dec. 5 in the Chester hospital.

Rosary was recited Monday evening at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham, and Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Ransom Church.

Morrissey was born in 1908 in Cortney, N. D., and moved to Hingham in 1912. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and, with his brother, operated a service station in Hingham for 21 years.

Survivors include his brothers John of Hingham and Leo of New Orleans.

—Havre Daily News

**Service held for  
James Morrissey**

Father Jordan Blecha officiated at services for James Patrick Morrissey, 61, a Hingham resident who died in the Chester hospital Friday.

Rosary was recited Monday night at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, also at Our Lady of Ransom Church.

Pallbearers were Daryl Spicher, Bill Spicher, Frank Lipp, Chris Richter, Edwin Sorenson and Ed Lipp.

Ushers were Philip Lipp and Jim Muller.

Interment was in the Calvary cemetery in Havre.

—Havre Daily News

**MATTHEW O. MOULDEN**  
**Born: January 7, 1880 - Died: November 23, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 27, 1969**

### **Services held for Matthew Moulden**

Pastor Donald Tigges officiated at 2 p.m. services Wednesday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home for Matthew O. Moulden, 89, of Joplin, who died Sunday, Nov. 23, in the Chester hospital.

Pallbearers were Clifford Anderson, Prosper Anderson, Larry Terwolbeck, Norbert Van Dessel, Harley Rudolph and Dick Hansen Jr.

Accompanist was Mrs. Betty Tigges, and the Joplin Lutheran choir sang "Abide With Me" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Matthew Moulden was born Jan. 7, 1880 in Burlington, Kan.

He was married in 1906 at Westphalia, Okla., to Marie Bell Tilford, who survives. Other survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Tina Hunter of Huntington Park, Calif. and Mrs. Gertrude Snow of Tonkawa, Okla.

### **Funeral held for Matthew O. Moulden**

Matthew O. Moulden passed away at Liberty County Hospital Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23. The funeral was held at Holland Bonine Funeral Home Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Garden.

## HOWARD SAMUEL REESE

Born: September 29, 1900 - Died: October 27, 1969

Liberty County Times

October 30, 1969

### **Minn. services set For Chester visitor**

Harold Samuel Reese, retired real estate-insurance salesman from Lafayette, Minn., died in Chester hospital Monday, Oct. 27, while in Chester visiting his brother. Reese was 69 years old.

Born in 1900 in Iowa, Reese married the former Hulda Fjell in Mankato, Minn. in 1924. His widow survives him.

Other survivors include sons Darwin of Isanti, Minn., Farrell of Clinton, Iowa, Keith of Lafayette, Minn., Milo of Bothel, Wash., and Verle of Minneapolis, Minn.; daughter, Mrs. Eugene (Joanne) Abraham, Gaylord, Minn., and 20 grandchildren.

Also surviving are three sisters Mrs. Cora DeBolt, Rodman, Iowa, Mrs. Emma Torgorson, Litchfield, Minn., and Mrs. Alfred Hinkley, Erskine, Minn., and brothers Denver, Sauk Center, Minn., Clarence, Sioux City, Iowa, Walter, Mallard, Iowa, George, Winthrop, Minn., Jess and Homer of Crookston, Minn. and Lester of Chester.

Funeral services and interment will be in New Ulm, Minn., with arrangements handled by Valley Funeral Home.

**NORMAN REHAL**  
**Born: January 6, 1910 - Died: April 1, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 10, 1969**

### **Norman Rehal Dies, Rites Monday, April 7**

Requiem mass for Norman Rehal, 59, 1400 8th Ave. N., Great Falls, was Monday at 9:15 a.m. in St. Ann's Cathedral. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Rosary was recited Sunday at 8 p.m. in O'Connor Funeral Home Chapel. Rehal, who operated a landscape business in Great Falls, died Tuesday in Fort Harrison Veterans Hospital.

Rehal was born Jan. 6, 1910 at Chester. He was graduated from Chester High School and attended Northern Montana College, Havre, one year. After farming north of Joplin many years he went to Great Falls 15 years ago.

He was employed at various firms, including Great Falls Meat Packing plant and Pioneer Lumber Co. The past few years he had operated his own landscaping business.

An Army veteran of World War II, Rehal was a member of Loy J. Molumby Post of the American Legion. He was active in barbershop singing groups.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Sophie Rehal, and sisters, Lottie and Louise Rehal and Mrs. Rosalie Sunderland, all of Chester, another sister, Mrs. Roy E. (Kathryn) Green, Great Falls, four nephews and two nieces.

**SOPHIE REHAL**  
**Born: October 3, 1888 - Died: July 10, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 17, 1969**

**Sophie Rehal, 80**  
**Died July 10**  
**Final Rites Mon.**

Rosary was conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 13 in St. Mary Catholic Church in Chester for Mrs. Sophie Rehal of Chester, who died in the Chester hospital July 10 at the age of 80.

Requiem Mass was at 10 a.m. Monday, July 14 in St. Mary Catholic Church of which she was a member, with interment in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls. Graveside rites were at 3 p.m. Monday.

Mrs. Rehal was born in Syria in 1888. She moved from Tacoma, Wash. to Joplin in 1909, where she married Shebel Rehal. The couple homesteaded in the Joplin area until 1920, when they moved to Chester. Mrs. Rehal has made her home in Chester until the present time.

Surviving are four daughters, Lottie and Louise Rehal of Chester, Mrs. Rosalie Sunderland of Chester, and Mrs. Roy (Kathryn) Green of Great Falls. Her husband and two children preceded her in death.

**Funeral services**  
**For Sophie Rehal**

Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 13 and Requiem Mass was celebrated Monday, July 14 at 10 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church in Chester for Mrs. Sophie Rehal, 80, who died July 10 in Liberty County Hospital.

Father Matthew Beemster officiated at the services.

Pallbearers included Michael Hull, Vernon Cramer, Darby O'Brien, Joe Gagnon, Francis Gagnon and Orval Brain.

Interment was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls.



**ANTON EDWARD RISHOFF**  
Born: June 7, 1885 - Died: March 13, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
March 20, 1969

### **Anton Rishoff Passes at 84**

Anton Edward Rishoff was born at Gary, Minn., June 7, 1885, son of Iron and Marie Rishoff. He was baptized and confirmed in the St. Petri Lutheran church. He married Martha Holm and they resided in Gary until they moved to Montana in 1927.

He is survived by seven children: Lillian Berlind, Dorothy Hine and Cyrus of Shelby; Hazel Standiford and Marvin of Chester; Eva Edmister of Galata and Margaret Janewski of Redmond, Wash.; also two sisters, Mrs. Gina Garden of Gary, Minn. and Mrs. Emily Sulerud of Fertile, Minn.; 13 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Rishoff passed away June 11, 1954. He was also preceded in death by one infant daughter, his parents, one sister and five brothers.

Mr. Rishoff passed away March 13, 1969 at the Toole County Hospital. He had been a patient at the nursing home for four and one half months.

He was employed as janitor for many years at the Toole County court house and the Northside school before he retired.

Funeral services were held March 17 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Rev. Gronli officiated.

Pallbearers were Tracy Dumas, Jimmy Rishoff, Allan, Leland and Gary Standiford and Lyle Harrison.

**LEVI WESLY RUDOLPH**  
**Born: February 1, 1896 - Died: August 9, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 14, 1969**

### **Levi Rudolph Passes away In Tennessee**

Levi Wesly Rudolph, born Feb. 1, 1896, passed away Aug. 9 at the hospital in Tennessee after a lingering illness. Levi, a World War I veteran spent most of his life around the community.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, one sister in Ohio, three brothers, Lowell of Oklahoma, Ray of Joplin and Paul of Chester, also many nieces and nephews and many friends.

Funeral was held in the funeral home in Tennessee. Two sisters and three brothers preceeded him in death.

**VIOLA H. SANDE**  
**Born: January 7, 1914 - Died: October 18, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 23, 1969**

### **Services held for Viola H. Sande**

Viola H. Sande, 1217 Lincoln, owner of a Havre accounting service, died Saturday, Oct. 18 in a Havre hospital at the age of 55.

Services were Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. in the Van Orsdel Methodist Church.

Mrs. Sande was born Jan. 7, 1914, in Gildford, and spent her life in the local area. She was a member of the Methodist church and the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include a son, Reubin H. of Gildford, a daughter, Mrs. Harry (Roma) Clark, Havre; six grandchildren; her father, Henry Hoffbeck, Richmond, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Olive Weimsheim, Richmond, Calif., and Mrs. Wanda Thompson, Sunnyside, Wash.; two brothers, Earl of Cut Bank and Warren of Richmand, Calif.

—Havre Daily News

**RUBY VERA SEDERBERG**  
**Born: June 19, 1911 - Died: July 18, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 24, 1969**

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**Mrs. Sederberg  
Died Friday;  
Services Monday**

Mrs. Ruby Vera Sederberg, 58 of Cut Bank, passed away Friday, July 18 in the Browning hospital from cancer. She had been ill six months.

She was born June 19, 1911 to Jake and Margaret Williamson in Cut Bank and had lived in Moses Lake and Kalispell. She and Carl Sederberg were married in June of 1947 in Cut Bank.

Survivors include three children: Galen Brekke and Barbara Sarsfield of Seattle and Delores Lakey of Chester; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, Mildred Emerson of Cut Bank and Edith Swan of Browning; two brothers, Shannon Williamson of Browning and Jimmy Williamson of Richmond, Va.

Funeral services were held Monday, at 11 a.m. in Burns Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James Johnson of St. Margaret's Church officiating and burial was in Crown Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were Herb Bingham, Chuck Aubrey, Alfie Allison, Jim Dunbar, Tom Briody and Jack Sullivan. Honorary pallbearer was Howard McCloud.

The deceased was well known for her friendliness and kindness. She was a well liked person and had many friends throughout the state of Montana.

**JACOB LEVI SHETTEL**  
**Born: June 20, 1900 - Died: August 17, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 28, 1969**

Jacob Levi Shettel was born June 20, 1900 at Webb, Iowa to John and Iona Shettel. In 1903 they moved to Minnesota and from there to Montana with his parents in 1912 to the Chester area where he has resided on a farm ever since.



Levi Shettel

November 9, 1933 he married Almira Hunt in Shelby. They farmed east of Chester until a few days before his death, when he entered the Chester hospital and passed away unexpectedly the morning of August 17.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Joe (Alma) Seidel, of Havre and Mrs. Lee (Lela) Didier of Chester; eight grandchildren, Steven, Shelma, Sharla and Scott Seidel, LeAnn, Thaddeus, Jed and

Charlotte Didier; three brothers, Alva of Chester, Mont., Roy of Riverside, Calif and Clarence of Endicott, Wash.; four sisters, Mrs. Sam (Florence) Heimbigner of Superior, Mrs. Alfred (Clara) Hadford, of Joplin, Mrs. Walter (Alice) Heimbigner of Chester and Mrs. Lois Clements, Glendora, Calif; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist Church in Chester Wednesday, with burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens at Havre.

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*In Memory of*

JACOB LEVI SHETTEL

June 20, 1900  
 Webb, Iowa

Date of Death: August 17, 1969  
 Chester, Montana

*Services*

Wednesday, August 20, 1969  
 2 p.m.  
 Chester Methodist Church

*Officiant*

Rev. Wander

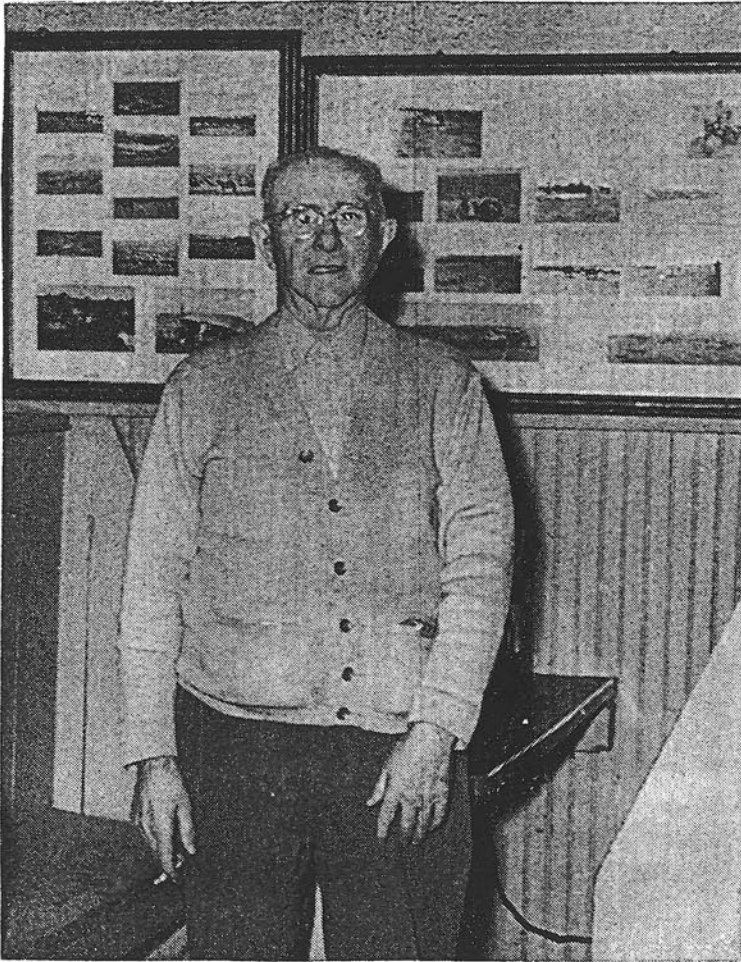
*Interment*

**WARREN J. SIMPSON**  
Born: ?, 1875 - Died: January 17, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
February 13, 1969

**Former Hingham  
Resident Dies  
At Age of 94**

Warren J. Simpson of Kirkland, Wash. passed away Jan. 17 at the age of 94. He homesteaded six miles north of Hingham from 1910 until 1916. The Simpsons then moved to the Yakima Valley and later to the present home in Kirkland. He leaves a son, Robert and daughter-in-law Elvah, a sister, Mrs. Margaret Phillips of Farmington, Ill., and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Tony Erickson, formerly of Hingham is one of the nieces.

**JOEL THOMAS SMITH**  
**Born: September 7, 1885 - Died: January 31, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 6, 1969**



**TOMMY SMITH**—who has lived in Chester longer than any other individual, died Friday at the age of 83. He came to Chester in 1908. The picture above was taken in 1956 when the Times Golden Anniversary issue was dedicated to Tommy Smith and other men and women like him who spent their lives in the development of this area.

### **Tommy Smith, 83 Died Friday**

Joel Thomas Smith, 83, Chester died Friday at Chester. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Holland-Bonine Funeral Home at Havre with interment in Chester cemetery. Smith was born in Grenola, Kan. He married Hilda C. Rieck, May 2, 1910, at Minot, N. D. Smith came to Chester from Los Angeles, Calif in 1898 and operated a meat market. He also filed on a homestead east of the Sweet Grass Hills. At one time he was a cook for the Spencer Cattle Co. He was postmaster at Chester for four years and operated the Mint Cafe at Chester for many years. Survivors include the widow, three grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Rev. E. L. Enget officiated at the funeral.

Pallbearers were Darby O'Brien, Ed Swank, Elmer Muncy, Ed Thielman, Bud Ish and Ed Kenney.

Howard Harden sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden" accompanied by Mrs. Stuart Ellison, organist.

**RAMONA (CADY) SOLOMAN**

**Born: 1939 - Died: August 19, 1969**

**Liberty County Times**

**August 28, 1969**

**Ramona Soloman  
Funeral Saturday**

Pastor Don Tigges officiated at services at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, for Ramona Cady Soloman, 30, victim of an auto accident in Fallon, Nev. Aug. 19.

Pallbearers were Duane Fraser, Dalton Dahlke, Elwin Stanberry, Charlie Fraser, Gary Freeman and Denny Kenfield.

Donna Ellison accompanied Sandy Haugen as she sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Children of the Heavenly Father."

Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens, Hayre.



# Three killed in car-train crash here

LYNNE MARIE SPICHER

Born: February 26, 1952 - Died: October 22, 1969

Liberty County Times

October 30, 1969



Miss Spicher was on both the school annual and the Spur staff, and president of the CYF. Miss Welsh, who was on the Spur staff, was editor of the school annual and a member of the Luther League.

The girls, close lifelong friends, were honor students in the Hingham school.

Services were held in the Chester United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. Saturday for James Keith of Chester. The Rev. Dan Wanders officiated.

Mrs. Helen Aaberg accompanied Mary Ann Peterson as she sang "The Quest" and "In the Garden."

Pallbearers were Gene Keith, James Rishoff, Ron Groseclose, Tyrone Rockman, Spike Stone and Bill Jacobson. Ushers were Vern Anderson, Paul Overlie, Richard Overlie and Marion Kelley.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by a U. S. Marine group and the Chester American Legion.

Commanding the firing squad was Lt. David Violet. The firing detail included 1st Sgt. Ken Romain, Sp 4 Dennis Hanson, Sp 4 Russell Tempel, Sp 4 Donald Schaefer and Sp 5 Robert Mattson.

In the color guard were SSgt. R. L. Walker, SSgt. T. V. Carrillo, Gunnery Sgt. W. S. Labane, 1st Sgt. M. K. Reynolds. Bugler was Stuart Brown. Color bearers were Maj. Hartzell and Sgt. H. N. Kudinski. Maj. Hartzell was in charge of the military services.

The tragic deaths of two young girls has brought about an ecumenical first, at least to the Hi-Line area.

The deaths of Shelley Lynn Welsh and Lynne Marie Spicher, life-long friends of Hingham, united their church congregations in a common funeral service at the Hingham school gym Saturday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m.

The service in its simplicity and purity had all the religious requirements of both the Lutheran and Catholic faiths and used the Christmas and Easter stories as the basis for the prayers and responses.

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Children of the Heavenly Father" were sung as the opening and closing hymns by the 600 people attending. The offertory prayer, taken from the Book of Romans, was a lesson pertaining to living and dying for the Lord.

The pastor of the Hingham Lutheran Church, Rev. Gerald Ebel, spoke in his sermon of the Resurrection of Christ, and Father Jordan Blecha, pastor of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, wore white vestment signifying the Resurrection. The Easter candle was placed between the two caskets.

"The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Terry Stevenson of Hingham with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Iris White of Inverness. Communion was distributed by Father Blecha and both pastors joined in Absolution and Benediction.

It was an ecumenical service of Love of Christ and one that provided a life time of remembering for the people of this area.

The students and faculty of Hingham High School sat in a body and the young men of the senior class served as pallbearers. These classmates were Randy Schweitzer, Greg Rambo, Larry Chvilieck, Kelly Carlson, Kerry Patrick, Glen Patrick, Charles Myers and Tom Jurenka. Other pallbearers were Donald Schweitzer of Hingham, James Dolezal of Polson, Tyrone Rockman and Lonnie Heimbigner of Chester. Mike Stroh and Jerry Lipp were servers.

Ushers were Victor Jones, Walter Myers, Philip Lipp, Robert Iathbun, John Hultin and Joe Farnik. Also assisting were Ole Warren, James Sedivy, Ronald Smith, Robert Blake Jr., James White and Herb White, all of Hingham.

Shelley Welsh was buried in the Sunset Memorial Gardens at Havre and Lynne Spicher in the Hingham Cemetery.

The Lutheran Ladies and Our Lady of Ransom Altar Society served dinner to the families and friends in the multi purpose room at the Hingham school.

The Hi-Line area is still in a state of shock following a train-car crash on the west side of Chester which claimed the lives of three youths Wednesday evening. The deaths brought Liberty County's traffic fatality total to seven for this year, and four in one week. Death, tragedy and sorrow seem to hang heavily over this area, as unfortunate happenings tend to come in bunches.

The car, apparently headed into town from the cemetery road, was struck broadside by the Great Northern's Western Star train at a crossing on the west side of Chester.

Victims were Jim Keith, 19, Chester, driver of the car and son of Lloyd Keith, Chester mayor and businessman; Lynne Marie Spicher, 17, daughter of Mrs. Rodney Spicher of Hingham and Shelley Lynn Welsh, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Welsh of Hingham.

Keith, a Marine home on leave, was born June 30, 1950, in Havre. Survivors include his father and mother, Ethel of Great Falls; five brothers, Donald and Rodney of Chester, David, Kelly and Calvin of Great Falls, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. DeVall Keith of Chester.

Miss Welsh was born Jan. 7, 1952 in Havre. She is survived by her parents and two sister, Mrs. Judy Larson and Mrs. Kathleen Aspevig, both of Havre.

Miss Spicher was born Feb. 26, 1952 in Havre. Survivors besides her mother include two brothers, Daryl and Charles, both of Hingham, and

two sisters, Mrs. Charlene Ashby and Mrs. Gail Meyer, both of Great Falls.

Both Miss Spicher and Miss Welsh were active in school and community affairs. Both were cheerleaders this year, members of the chorus, teachers' aides, and both belonged to the pep club and the science club.

**GENEVIEVE SPONHEIM**  
**Born: January 17, 1907 - Died: July 2, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 10, 1969**

**Services for Mrs.  
Pete Sponheim  
Saturday, July 2**



**Genevieve Sponheim**

Funeral services were held for Genevieve Sponheim, age 62, July 2 at 2 p.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Pastor Donald Tigges officiating.

Interment was in the family plot in the Joplin cemetery.

Pallbearers were Enoch Anderson, Manley Goldberg, Clyde Heydon, Robert Lake, Frank Meldrum and Bud Poppler. Clifford Anderson was usher.

The Joplin Lutheran choir sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Still, Still With Thee," accompanied by Mrs. Donald Tigges.

Mrs. Sponheim, who was a registered nurse, worked at one time at the Deaconess Hospital in Havre and at the hospital in Glasgow. She had

also been in private nursing in the Joplin area.

Born Jan. 17, 1907 in Cyrus, Minn., she came to Montana from Minnesota in 1912. She was married in October 1930 at Fort Benton to Peter Sponheim who survives her.

She is also survived by a son, Don-

ald, Great Falls, and a daughters, Mrs. Francis (Donna) Polanchek, Fort Benton.

There are six grandchildren.

Mrs. Sponheim was a member of the Joplin Lutheran Circle.

**WILLIAM HENRY STRISSEL**  
**Born: August 15, 1891 - Died: December 13, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 18, 1969**

**William Strissel**  
**Funeral Tuesday**

Pastor Norman Raedeke of Havre officiated at services Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the American Lutheran Church in Rudyard for William Henry Strissel, 78, who died in the Chester hospital Saturday, Dec. 13.

Pallbearers were Clarence Aeverman, Frank Aeverman, Robert Finke, Robert Toner, Clarence Wendland and Philip Wendland. Ushers were Lowell Miller and David Anderson.

Mrs. Ethel Thompson accompanied Walter Woods as he sang "Rock of Ages" and "God Loved The World." The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."

Interment was in the Rudyard cemetery.

**William Strissel**  
**Services Tuesday**

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. in the American Lutheran Church in Rudyard for William Henry Strissel, farmer in the Rudyard area, who died Saturday, Dec. 13 in the Chester hospital. He was 78.

Strissel was born Aug. 15, 1891 in Butler, S. D. He came to the Rudyard area in 1909, homesteading northwest of Rudyard, and later moving to a farm a few miles south of Rudyard, where he remained until the present time.

In 1926 in Havre he married the former Minnie Elling, who preceded him in death in 1938.

Survivors include two sons, William and Allan of Rudyard, four grandchildren, three brothers, Elmer of Havre, Orien of Missoula and Dan of Tacoma, Wash., and two sisters, Mrs. R. H. Woods of Inverness and Mrs. Marie Hansen of Kalispell.

**EMILY MAE TERWOLBECK**  
**Born: August 11, 1914 - Died: May 27, 1969**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 5, 1969**

**Emily Terwolbeck  
Died May 27,  
Services Saturday**

Rosary was at 8 p.m. Friday in St. Mary Catholic Church in Chester and Requiem Mass was at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Havre Saturday for Emily Mae Terwolbeck, who died in the Liberty County Rest Home May 27.

Conducting the services was Father Beemster of Chester. Pallbearers were Steve McCann, Gary Hanson, Dale Muncy, Jack Siemens, Stan Mangold and Dale Fossen. Interment was in the Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Terwolbeck was born in Ladysmith, Wis., in 1914. She married Joseph T. Terwolbeck in Chester June 25, 1957. Survivors include her husband, five children, Harold Wilmes, Floyd Wilmes, Mrs. Leona Johnson, Mrs. Inez Hansen and Joetta Terwolbeck, and 10 grandchildren. Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Blanche Long, Chester; Mrs. Helen Langel, Rudyard; Mrs. Laura Seamens, Savoy and Mrs. Mary Hamill, Butte, and five brothers, Neil of California; Jack, Utah; John, Glendive; Clarence, Joplin and Arnold, Idaho.

GEORGE W. TIETEMA  
Born: December 8, 1931 - Died: June 22, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
June 26, 1969

## Rudyard man killed in train mishap

Apparently struck by some part of an eastbound freight train early Sunday morning, George W. Tietema, 38, Rudyard, was instantly killed.

His body lying on its back on the north side of GNR tracks two miles east of Inverness was discovered by the crew of another train and Sheriff Haston Broadus and Coroner Emil Eliason were notified and investigated.

Sheriff Broadus said Tietema's head was battered and he had a broken left arm.

Authorities speculated that Tietema may have been trying to hop a freight and some extension on a car may have thrown him to the roadbed between 3:30 and 4:30 a.m., killing him instantly.

Tietema with three companions, Don Kline, Jim Carr Jr. and Joe DeMartin, had gone from Rudyard to Inverness about midnight to get something to eat. The accident victim reportedly told his friends about 1:30 or 2 a.m. he was going back to Rudyard and would catch a freight.

Tietema is survived by his wife Lucille, a daughter Lee, 13, and a son Billy, 10.

He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Rose Tietema, Polson, brothers Sidney, Hardin, Jack, Lewiston, Idaho and Kenneth, Great Falls, and sisters Mrs. Lou (Florence) Beck, Great Falls and Mrs. Jerry (Margaret) Ramsey, Tacoma, Wash.

Tietema was employed by Lynch Tire Co., Rudyard.

His birth date was Dec. 8, 1931.

Tietema was a graduate of Havre High School where he played football. He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served as an air force navigator.

His father, the late John Tietema, was a member of the school board here and the Tietemas had lived in Shelby and Polson after leaving Havre.

—Harve Daily News

# Three killed in car-train crash here

SHELLEY LYNN WELSH

Born: January 7, 1952 - Died: October 22, 1969

Liberty County Times

October 30, 1969



The Hi-Line area is still in a state of shock following a train-car crash on the west side of Chester which claimed the lives of three youths Wednesday evening. The deaths brought Liberty County's traffic fatality total to seven for this year, and four in one week. Death, tragedy and sorrow seem to hang heavily over this area, as unfortunate happenings tend to come in bunches.

The car, apparently headed into town from the cemetery road, was struck broadside by the Great Northern's Western Star train at a crossing on the west side of Chester.

Victims were Jim Keith, 19, Chester, driver of the car and son of Lloyd Keith, Chester mayor and businessman; Lynne Marie Spicher, 17, daughter of Mrs. Rodney Spicher of Hingham and Shelley Lynn Welsh, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Welsh of Hingham.

Keith, a Marine home on leave, was born June 30, 1950, in Havre. Survivors include his father and mother, Ethel of Great Falls; five brothers, Donald and Rodney of Chester, David, Kelly and Calvin of Great Falls, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. DeVall Keith of Chester.

Miss Welsh was born Jan. 7, 1952 in Havre. She is survived by her parents and two sister, Mrs. Judy Larson and Mrs. Kathleen Aspevig, both of Havre.

Miss Spicher was born Feb. 26, 1952 in Havre. Survivors besides her mother include two brothers, Daryl and Charles, both of Hingham, and

two sisters, Mrs. Charlene Ashby and Mrs. Gail Meyer, both of Great Falls.

Both Miss Spicher and Miss Welsh were active in school and community affairs. Both were cheerleaders this year, members of the chorus, teachers' aides, and both belonged to the pep club and the science club.

Miss Spicher was on both the school annual and the Spur staff, and president of the CYF. Miss Welsh, who was on the Spur staff, was editor of the school annual and a member of the Luther League.

The girls, close lifelong friends, were honor students in the Hingham school.

Services were held in the Chester United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. Saturday for James Keith of Chester. The Rev. Dan Wanders officiated.

Mrs. Helen Aaberg accompanied Mary Ann Peterson as she sang "The Quest" and "In the Garden."

Pallbearers were Gene Keith, James Rishoff, Ron Groseclose, Tyrone Rockman, Spike Stone and Bill Jacobson. Ushers were Vern Anderson, Paul Overlie, Richard Overlie and Marion Kelley.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by a U. S. Marine group and the Chester American Legion.

Commanding the firing squad was Lt. David Violet. The firing detail included 1st Sgt. Ken Romain, Sp 4 Dennis Hanson, Sp 4 Russell Tempel, Sp 4 Donald Schaefer and Sp 5 Robert Mattson.

In the color guard were SSG R. L. Walker, SSgt T. V. Carrillo, Gunner Sgt. W. S. Labane, 1st Sgt. M. K. Reynolds. Bugler was Stuart Brown. Color bearers were Maj. Hartzell and Sgt. H. N. Kuchinski. Maj. Hartzell was in charge of the military services.

The tragic deaths of two young girls has brought about an ecumenical first, at least to the Hi-Line area.

The deaths of Shelley Lynn Welsh and Lynne Marie Spicher, lifelong friends of Hingham, united their church congregations in a common funeral service at the Hingham school gym Saturday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m.

The service in its simplicity and purity had all the religious requirements of both the Lutheran and Catholic faiths and used the Christmas and Easter stories as the basis for the prayers and responses.

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Children of the Heavenly Father" were sung as the opening and closing hymns by the 600 people attending. The offertory prayer, taken from the Book of Romans was a lesson pertaining to living and dying for the Lord.

The pastor of the Hingham Lutheran Church, Rev. Gerald Ebel, spoke in his sermon of the Resurrection of Christ, and Father Jordan Blecha, pastor of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, wore white vestment signifying the Resurrection. The Easter candle was placed between the two caskets.

"The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Terry Stevenson of Hingham with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Iris White of Inverness. Communion was distributed by Father Blecha and both pastors joined in Absolution and Benediction.

It was an ecumenical service of Love of Christ and one that provided a life time of remembering for the people of this area.

The students and faculty of Hingham High School sat in a body and the young men of the senior class served as pallbearers. These classmates were Randy Schweitzer, Greg Rambo, Larry Chvilicek, Kelly Carlson, Kerry Patrick, Glen Patrick, Charles Myers and Tom Jarenka. Other pallbearers were Donald Schweitzer of Hingham, James Dolezal of Polson, Tyrone Rockman and Lonnie Heimbigner of Chester. Mike Stroh and Jerry Lipp were servers.

Ushers were Victor Jones, Walter Myers, Philip Lipp, Robert Lathbun, John Hultin and Joe Farnik. Also assisting were Ole Warren, James Sedivy, Ronald Smith, Robert Blake Jr., James White and Herb White, all of Hingham.

Shelley Welsh was buried in the Sunset Memorial Gardens at Havre and Lynne Spicher in the Hingham Cemetery.

The Lutheran Ladies and Our Lady of Ransom Altar Society served dinner to the families and friends in the multi purpose room at the Hingham school.

**RICHARD WICKUM**  
Born: December 24, 1892 - Died: May 27, 1969  
Liberty County Times  
June 5, 1969

**Richard Wickum  
Passes May 27  
Services Monday**

Richard Wickum, 77 died Tuesday evening, May 27 in the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Pastor Alfred Rosgaard of Trinity Lutheran in Galata officiating and Pastor Noel Petersen of Our Savior's assisting.

Wickum was born in Dennison, Minn., Dec. 24, 1892 to Hans Wickum and Marie Bestul. He came to Montana in 1913 and homesteaded in the Sweet Grass Hills. He was married Aug. 16, 1922 to Buelah Standiford, who survives. Other survivors are two sons, Richard and Roy of Chester and daughter Mrs. Clark (Nellie) Diemert of Lothair; one daughter, Mrs. Robert Sutton (Marjorie) preceded him in death in 1961. He is also survived by one brother, Henry Wickum, East Grand Forks, Minn.; three sisters, Mrs. Carol (Agnes) Melbry, Ulen, Minn.; Mrs. Melvin (Delia) Syvertson, Dennison, Minn. and Mrs. James (Myrtle) Skaar, St. Paul, Minn.; 23 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Galata. He retired from farming in 1957 and due to poor health in 1962 was a patient at the Liberty County Nursing Home since that time.

Pallbearers were Paul Johnson, Leonard Matteson, Arnold Jeppesen, Henry Hawks, Vern Anderson and Ronald Retan. Ushers were Adolph Olson and Lyle Glee.

Honorary pallbearers were Sigurd Forseth, Ingolf Jeppesen, Henry Kolstad, Loren Lefevre, Elmer Brown, Jess Mansfield, Bennett Oswood, Algot Anderson, John Laird and Dodds Keith.

Dorothy Heydon was organist and the congregation sang "Still, Still With Thee." Pastor Alfred Rosgaard and Dorothy Heydon sang "How Great Thou Art," and "Abide With Me," accompanied by pianist, Mrs. Sigurd Forseth.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery with Holland Bonine of Havre in charge of arrangements.