

EVELYN LAVERNE ALBRIGHT

Born: September 17, 1911 - Died: November 6, 1976

Liberty County Times

November 11, 1976

Evelyn Albright funeral held Tuesday

Evelyn LaVerne Albright, 65 died in her home in Chester early Saturday morning of heart disease. Her son Jerry found her dead when he went to her home to see how she was, as she had not been feeling well, but insisted Friday evening that she would be alright.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church in Chester Tuesday afternoon with Pastor Dave Barker presiding. Susie Violet accompanied by Jan Christopherson on the organ sang: "Old rugged Cross" and "Have Thine Own Way." Pallbearers were: Walter Jensen, Tom Staudacher, Max Brown, Joe Meissner, Ray Skierka and Emmers Berg. Allen Kolstad and Cliff Leighton were ushers. Interment was in the Chester cemetery. Funeral was under the supervision of Rockman Funeral Chapel.

Survivors include a son Jerry of Chester and daughter, Mrs. Paul (Arlene) Meissner also of Chester; grandchildren, Shawn and Blaine Meissner and Kathy and Kirby Albright; one sister, Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Norden of Big Sandy and three brothers, Stanley Swanson of Fresno, California and Alvin and Leonard Swanson of Big Sandy. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Les Albright who died April 23 of this year.

She was born September 17, 1911 in Big Sandy, Montana. She came to Chester after schooling and has lived here ever since. She married Les Albright April 6, 1931. Her family and friends will remember her as a wonderful grandmother, mother and friend who was always willing to help anyone and everyone. She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran church of Chester and in the past few years has been very active in the local senior citizens group making quilts and other items.

LESLIE THOMAS ALBRIGHT
Born: September 3, 1910 - Died: April 23, 1976
Liberty County Times
April 29, 1976

**Les Albright, 65
died April 23,
rites April 26**

Leslie Thomas Albright, 65, lifelong Chester resident died April 23 in the Liberty County Hospital.

He married Evelyn Swanson on April 6, 1931 and worked as a barber for 51 years in Chester. Survivors include the widow, a son and daughter, Jerry and Mrs. Paul (Arlene) Meissner, both of Chester; his mother, Helen Albright, Great Falls, a brother Robert of Chester and another brother, Willard, San Francisco, California, and four grandchildren. A brother and sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services for Leslie Albright were Monday, April 26 at 11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Pastor David Barker officiating.

Mrs. Ronald Christofferson accompanied Mrs. Mike Violett, who sang, "How Great Thou Art," and "Amazing Grace."

Pallbearers were Darby O'Brien, Mike Kammerzell, Tom Staudacher, George Meissner, Walt Jensen, Lawrence Schaefer. The ushers were Allen Kolstad and Cliff Leighton. Emmers Berg took care of the guest book.

Burial was at the Chester cemetery.

A memorial in memory of Les will be given to the Liberty County Hospital.

WILLARD ALBRIGHT

Born: March 11, 1915 - Died: December 11, 1976

Liberty County Times

December 16, 1976

**Willard
Albright, 61
dies in
California**

Albright, Willard, 61, died December 11, at the Marine Hospital in San Francisco after suffering with cancer. He was born in Chester on March 11, 1915 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Albright.

He graduated from Chester High School in 1932 and attended college at Dillon, taught several years in Montana and the last five years of his teaching he taught in Plains.

He joined the Merchant Marines in 1941 and was in several countries. He has worked about thirty-one years for the Madison Steam Ship Company prior to his retirement.

Survivors include his mother, Helen Albright, a brother Robert Albright both of Great Falls. Preceding him in death include his father Ernest Albright, a brother Leslie Albright, and sister who died as a baby.

HERBERT ANDERSON
Born: March 21, 1917 - Died: December 13, 1976
Liberty County Times
December 23, 1976

**Herb Anderson,
59, died Dec.
13th, services
December 17th**

Herbert Anderson of the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, passed away December 13th aboard an air ambulance enroute to Fort Harrison Hospital at Helena.

He was born March 21, 1917 at Centerville, South Dakota. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940 and served in World War II with the 4th Infantry Regiment in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands campaign. He was discharged after the war in 1945 with a rating of Sergeant T-4. He re-enlisted in 1948 and served until he was given a medical discharge.

He was a member of the Chester C.P. Balke Post No. 3997 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Military funeral services were held December 17th at Custer Battlefield National Cemetery with Pastor William Morrissey of the Hardin Lutheran church officiating and military rites were by the Hardin V.F.W. and Legion posts.

He is survived by a brother Vern of Galata and two sisters Mrs. Ben Oraw and Mrs. Victoria Staudacher of Chester.

MRS. ROBERT (JANET) ARNST
Born: ? 1932 - Died: December 31, 1976
Liberty County Times
January 6, 1977

Mrs. Robert
Arnst died
Dec. 31,
services Jan. 3

Mrs. Robert (Janet) Arnst, 44, died Friday in a Great Falls hospital. Funeral services were Monday at 2 p.m. in the Valier United Methodist Church with Rev. Elmer Robison and Don Sporleder officiating. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery. Janet Kingston was born in 1932 in Valier and was reared there. She was graduated from Valier High School and attended University of Montana in Missoula. She married Arnst October 27, 1950 and they made their home on a ranch west of Valier since then.

Surviving are the widower; two sons, Gary of Valier and Randy, a student at UM; two daughters, Ramona Charba of Silver Springs, Md. and Marlene at Montana State University in Bozeman; one granddaughter; mother, Lillian Kingston of Valier; brothers, James of Queens, N.Y. and John of Great Falls, and sisters, Helen Johnson and Mary Jane Stark of Valier, Elizabeth O'Brien of Chester, Evelyn Johnson of Joplin, Lillian Borge of Great Falls and Josephine Engle of Seattle.

ARVID H. BOREEN
Born: February 1, 1904 - Died: August 4, 1976
Liberty County Times
August 12, 1976

**Funeral held
for
Arvid Boreen**

Arvid H. Boreen, 72, retired, Chester area farmer, died Wednesday, August 4, 1976, at Chester.

Funeral services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester on Saturday, August 7, at 11 a.m. The body was then taken to Dassel, Minn., for another funeral service on Monday, August 9, at 2 p.m. Interment was in the Lake Arvilla Cemetery at Dassel.

Boreen was born Feb. 1, 1904, at Dassel, Minn. and came to the Chester area in 1929 and homesteaded near there. He farmed until his retirement about 10 years ago and since that time had divided his time between Chester and California. He was a member of the B.P.O. Elks in Long Beach, California.

He married Violet Ross in Dassel on Feb. 28, 1934. The widow survives as do two sisters in Minnesota, Mrs. Mildred Nelson and Mrs. Paul Covert. A brother, William Boreen of Winlock, Wash., and many nieces and nephews also

survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

A memorial has been established by the family.

Pastor David Barker officiated at the funeral. Pallbearers were John Swank, Mike Kammerzell, George Braun, Lloyd Hendrickson, Roger Wolfe and Joe Gagnon. Mary Ann Zorn sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "How Great Thou Art," accompanied by Stanleigh Barbie at the organ. Ushers were Allen Kolstad and Jerry Hendrickson.

ORVAL LESTER BRAIN

Birth: July 26, 1911 - Death: February 13, 1976

Liberty County Times

February 19 - 26, 1976

County com. Orval Brain dies suddenly

Orval Brain died suddenly Friday, February 13. He was born July 26, 1911 to Samuel and Minnie Brain at Mahnomen, Minnesota. The family homesteaded 16 miles south of Chester in 1913 and Orval has lived and farmed there ever since.

He married Georgiana Sonnek May 21, 1932 in Hingham, Montana. They have three daughters: Marguerite Bivens, Buena Park, California; JoAnn Osterman, Chester; and Carol Riley Vicenza, Italy. Ten grandchildren: Leslie, Sandy & Mike Bivens; Ken, Dede, Doug & Shelley Osterman; and Sean, Dana & Damon Riley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Millours (Nick) Brain.

He was presently serving as Liberty County Commissioner, a member of St. Mary Catholic church, Knights of Columbus, Chester Lions, and Shelby Elks club.

Funeral held for Orval Brain

Final rites were held for Orval Brain Wed. Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was laid to rest in the Chester cemetery. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass was concelebrated by Reverends Rolland Hoffman, Jordan Blecha, Timothy Werner, Richard Hopkins and Monsignor Martin Werner.

Pall bearers were: Joe Gannon, Earl Kieth, Ernie Meissner, Robert Pugsley Sr., Pete Schuhmacher and Delmar Wolfe. Honorary pall bearers: Henry Blend, Carl Borys, Nick Bubnash, Oscar Erickson, Albert Hanson, Bert Nordstrom, DeForest Schwede, Aden Ward and Kenneth Wolfe. Ushers were: Ed Cole, John Couturier, James Hull, and Darby O'Brien.

CLINTON M. BREVICK
Born: August 13, 1907 - Died: March 10, 1976
Liberty County Times
March 18, 1976

Clinton Brevick
services Sat.
March 13

Clinton M. Brevik, 68, retired farmer of the Hingham area, died March 10 in a Havre hospital.

Brevik is survived by his wife, Cecile; a daughter, Mrs. James E. (Jane Ann) Johnson, Anchorage, Alaska; sisters, Mrs. Herbert Hanson, Tacoma, Washington and Mrs. Wilter Billigmeier, Linden, California, and two grandchildren.

Clinton Morris Brevik, the son of Nels and Ragna Brevik, was born in Harvey, N.D., August 13, 1907.

Clinton Brevik and Cecile Rambo were married in Cut Bank, December 23, 1937.

He came to Montana in 1932 and worked in construction on Ft. Peck Dam. Brevik was later employed by Havre Motors and in 1945 he bought a farm south of Hingham farming it for 25 years. In 1970 Brevik retired to Hingham.

He was a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church.

A memorial to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd has been established.

Pastor S. Jerome Elness conducted funeral rites in the Hingham Lutheran church Saturday, March 13, at 10 a.m.

Diane Griffith was the organist. Faith and Elenn Elness sang special duets, and the congregation sang, "What a Friend We have in Jesus."

Pallbearers were Art Rambo, Roy Rambo, Howard Rambo, A. F. Burkhartsmeyer, E. L. Dolezal, and Morris Dees, Kelly Carlson, Lowell Twedt, Gary Rambo, and Stanley Rambo were the ushers.

Honorary pallbearers were Syver Nordby, Jim Smrz, Lawrence Foix, Lloyd Bakke, Martin Sylte, Sterling Villet, Bob Blake, and Alphonse Muller.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery.

FRED M. BROWN

Born: November 3, 1897 - Died: March 30, 1976

Liberty County Times

April 8, 1976

Fred Brown rites held

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist church in Chester Friday, April 2, 1976 at 2 p.m. for Fred M. Brown, 78, long time Chester farmer who passed away at Mesa, Arizona March 30, 1976 after a short illness. Rev. Leon Johnson officiated. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Mrs. Don Anderson accompanied Mary Ann Zorn who sang "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased. They were Fred M. Brown Jr., Richard Brown, Stuart Brown, Stephen Brown Jr., Thomas Brown, Robert Brown, James Brown, Karl G. Jeppesen Jr. and Bruce Jeppesen.

Honorary pallbearers were Henry Heimbigner, Ben Heimbigner, Charles Collison, Harry Heimbigner, Cliff Leighton, Vern Bresnahan, Leo Jensen, Neil Shepherd, Alfred Hanson, Bud Ish, Chet Eveland, Bert Nordstrom, Math Thieltges, Albert Hanson, Vic Elliott, Si Warrington, O. D. Gifford, Earl Keith, Leonard Staudacher, Henry Arnst and Darby O'Brien.

Leo Jensen, Neil Shepherd and Alfred Hanson also served as ushers.

Fred Brown was born November 3, 1897 in Frank, Russia. In 1906 he came to the United States from Russia with his mother and brother Carl by boat. His early years in America were spent in Walla Walla and Ritzville, Washington. He has resided in Montana since 1910.

He attended Prairie Rose and Chester schools in Liberty County and worked on the family farm.

On November 16, 1920, Fred married Frances Curtis in Seattle, Washington. In 1927 he purchased the family farm and the couple moved to Chester where they made their home. For the past twenty-five years he had spent his winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Fred was active in the community serving on the Chester school board for several terms. An avid sportsman, Fred was known for his skill at horseshoes and golf.

Survivors include his wife; sons Fred Max and Stephen and a daughter, Carol Jeppesen, all of Chester; 12 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; brothers Carl Brown and

Mike Kammerzell, Great Falls. He was preceded in death by one grandson.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

MARY ETTA BROWN
Born: ? 1898 - Died: December 11, 1976
Liberty County Times
December 16, 1976

Mary Brown, 78
died Dec. 11
services Dec. 14

Mary Etta Brown, 78, died Saturday in a Chester hospital. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel in Havre with burial in Highland cemetery. She was born in Elmdale, Minnesota and came to Montana in 1914, settling in Box Elder.

She was married to William G. Brown in 1917. He preceded her in death in 1966. The couple had a sheep ranch east of Box Elder until 1939 when they moved here.

She was a Gold Star Mother. A son, William, was killed in World War II. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Philip (Helen) Field, Havre; Mrs. Earl (Dorothy) Yates, Highwood; and Mrs. James (Mary) White, Hingham; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

MAE BURTON
Born: July 27, 1888 - Died: August 13, 1976
Liberty County Times
August 19, 1976

Mae Burton
died Aug. 13,
rites Aug. 17

Mrs. Mae Burton, 88, long-time resident of the Joplin community, died August 13, 1976, at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 17, at the Rudyard E.U.B. Church with burial in the Joplin cemetery.

Mrs. Burton was born July 27, 1888, in Oquaka, Ill. and educated in Burlington, Iowa. She married Albert Gifford in 1904 in Adina, Mo. and the couple had one son, Albert Gifford, who survives in Joplin. She married Charlie Burton in 1910 at Nanton, Alta., Canada and the family moved to a farm north of Joplin in 1934. Burton died in 1936 and Mrs. Burton continued to make her home on the farm until her death.

A memorial is being established by the family.

Mae Burton funeral

Funeral services for Mae Burton were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 17, at the Calvary E.U.B. Church in Rudyard with Rev. Merton Peterson officiating.

Mrs. Merton Peterson, accompanied Walter Woods who sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" and "How Great Thou Art." The congregation sang "Some Golden Daybreak."

Pallbearers were Verne Frank, Philip Wicklund, Bruce Packer, Ervin Lincoln, Joe Lincoln, and Bob Lake. Arvid Blessing ushered.

Burial was in Joplin cemetery.

Mrs. Burton, 88, died Friday, August 13, 1976 at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

ROSEMARY ANNE (COLE) CAVITT
Born: August 22, 1927 - Died: August 29, 1976
Liberty County Times
September 2, 1976

**Services today
for Rosemary
Cavitt**

Rosemary Anne (Cole) Cavitt, 49, died suddenly Sunday in Salt Lake City where she resided. Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Rosary was recited Wednesday evening at Rockman Funeral Chapel.

She was born in Havre and attended college in Havre. She worked two years as a grade school teacher in the Rudyard and Galata areas. She had also worked in Liberty County Nursing Home, Columbus Hospital and Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City.

She was married in June, 1946 in Kalispell to Wilbur "Bill" Cavitt, Jr. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Don (Kathy) Kulbeck of Riverton, Wyoming and two grand children, Shelly

and Jeffrey Kulbeck; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cole and a brother Wm. Cole of Chester; several aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews. One aunt, known to many local people is Mrs. Art Slocum of Whitefish.

Father Roland Hoffman will conduct the funeral. Music will be by Helen Ann Aaberg and members of the St. Mary's church choir. Pallbearers will be James Hull, Leonard Fritz, Raymond Fritz, Pete Thieltges, Curt Lakey and John Skierka. Ushers will be Raphael Hull and Joe Gagnon.

She and her husband farmed in the Galata area for five years and then moved to the Big Sandy area where they continued to farm for several years.

Burial will be in the Chester Catholic cemetery.

FRANCES JULIA DYRDAHL
Born: July 20, 1914 - Died: January 15, 1976
Liberty County Times
January 22, 1976

F. Dyrdahl dies after lingering illness

Frances Julia Dyrdahl, 61, of Chester, died in a Chester rest home on Thursday, Jan. 15. Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church in Chester, with interment in the Chester cemetery. Pastor Leon Johnson officiated.

Memorials may be made to the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester.

Mrs. Dyrdahl was born in Hinsdale, July 20, 1914, where she attended schools. In 1935 she married Allen Dyrdahl in Malta. For 23 years she made her home in Cut Bank. She had been a resident of the Chester rest home for the past 15 years.

Among survivors are daughters, Ann Lohof, Powell, Wyoming and Carol Grinstiner, Billings; a son, Lee, Kalispell; a sister, Harriet DeNoma, Great Falls; and a brother, John Valentine, Malta.

Pallbearers were Dave Will, Leo Jensen, Ray Zorn, Sterling Wardell, Kenneth Han and Charlie Green.

SARAH A. ENGSTROM
Born: February 28, 1889 - Died: April 20, 1976
Liberty County Times
May 6, 1976

Sarah *May 6 - 76*
Engstrom
passes away

Former *1976*
resident dies

Word was received here Tuesday evening that Mrs. Sarah A. Engstrom, 87, former Chester resident died in a rest home in Denver, Colorado, Tuesday morning. Funeral services will be held in the Chester United Methodist church Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Burial will be in the Chester cemetery in the family plot alongside her husband, E. A. Engstrom. He was a Ford dealer in Chester until the time of his death. The family left Chester in 1940. Details next week.

Sarah A. Engstrom was born February 28, 1889 in Gilmonton, Wisconsin, and passed away April 20, 1976 in Denver, Colorado. She had been confined in a nursing home for the last 9 months.

She leaves 3 sons, John of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Sidney of Seattle, Washington, and Stanley of Arvada, Colorado. Sisters, Velma Smith of Spokane, Washington, Esther Pederson of Eugene, Oregon; and 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren.

She came to Montana in 1910 with her family Lester and Minna Pariso and homesteaded 9 miles south of Chester.

She was married to Albert Engstrom in December 1913 and they made their home in Chester where Mr. Engstrom was in business until his passing in 1939.

Mrs. Engstrom was active in the Rebekah Lodge in Chester and Helena, Montana. Served as Past Noble Grand of Mercy Lodge # 64 in 1931 and 1937. She was awarded the Decoration of Chivalry Jewel at the Montana State Assembly.

She worked at the Montana State Capitol in Helena from 1949 to 1960 when she retired. She has been in the Denver, Colorado area for the last 13 years.

She was laid to rest beside her husband in the Chester cemetery Saturday, April 24, 1976.

WILLMER EVERT FENGER
Born: August 16, 1929 - Died: September 1, 1976
Liberty County Times
September 9, 1976

**Funeral held
for Willmer
Fenger, 47**

Willmer Evert Fenger, 47, popular Lothair area farmer was pronounced dead on arrival at the local hospital Wednesday afternoon after he was stricken with a heart attack while working on his farm. He has lived in the Lothair, Galata area since birth. He was born in the same house in which the family is now residing.

He spent two years in the Army, 13 months of which were in Korea during that conflict. He then spent several years in the Army reserves. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and has had past activities in 4-H.

He was married October 3, 1956 to Annette Ambuehl and they have lived on the farm since their marriage.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester with Pastor Alfred Rosgaard officiat-

ing. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Rosemary Gouchenour was the soloist with Betty Skinner at the organ. Songs were, "Beyond the Sunset," and "The Old Rugged Cross." Pallbearers were Ben Oraw, Bill Skinner, Adolph Olson, Ray Standiford, Lyle Glee and John Dolezal. Honorary pallbearers were, Ted Gibdon, Harold Henry and Vern Anderson.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Rick (Nita) Tomsheck of Ethridge and three sons, Fred, Wes and Tim, all at home; one grandchild, Jennifer Tomsheck; two sisters, Mrs. Ray (Esther) Gouchenour of Ledger and Mrs. John (Dorothy) Tufts of Mesa, Arizona; two brothers, Harvey of Big Fork and Herb of Chester.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Paulina and by a brother, Clarence.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

CHARLES FREELAND
Born: December 19, 1914 - Died: June ?, 1976
Liberty County Times
June 17, 1976

**Funeral held
for Charles
Freeland**

Funeral services for Charles Freeland were held Saturday, June 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin. Burial was in the Joplin cemetery under the direction of the Burns Funeral Home of Shelby.

Pallbearers were Enoch Anderson, Prosper Anderson, Elwin Cady, Errol Fossen,

Clyde Heydon and Earl Poppler. Pastor Timothy Solberg officiated.

He was born December 19, 1914 in Newport, Washington, the son of Leon and Stina Freeland. He was graduated from Joplin High School in 1932. On October 31, 1940 he was married to Estrid Sundgren of Joplin.

He was associated with the grain and implement business in the Liberty County area for many years.

He is survived by one son, Denis, of Kevin, Montana, two daughters, Mrs. Sylvia Heikkila

of San Francisco and Mrs. Roberta Kamp of Billings; two sisters, Mrs. Leone Temple and Mrs. Thelma Anderson, both of Joplin, and by six grandchildren.

A memorial fund has been established.

There were about 4.7 million veterans in the United States when the Veteran's Administration was established by President Hoover in 1930. Today there are almost 30 million living veterans.

DOUGLAS F. FRYER
Born: ?, 1943 - Died: September 26, 1976
Liberty County Times
September 30, 1976

Gildford man dies--services Sept. 28th

Douglas F. Fryer, 33, died in a Great Falls hospital Sunday. Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church in Hingham. Burial will be in the Gildford cemetery. Born in Mandan, N.D., Fryer came to the Gildford area in 1959. He later moved to California and married Janet Watters there in 1964. They returned to Gildford in 1975. Fryer was employed by the National Park Service until his death. He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Lisa, Gildford; two sons, Douglas and Joseph, Gildford; and two brothers, David and Eugene of Helena.

O. D. GIFFORD

Born: October 27, 1930 - Died: December 18, 1976

Liberty County Times
December 23, 1976



O.D. Gifford

The Chester community was shocked Saturday night to learn of the sudden death of O.D. Gifford, popular grocery store owner. O.D. and his wife Madonna had driven to Great Falls to meet their son, Derek who was coming in on a plane for the Christmas vacation. They were square dancing at the Civic Center in Great Falls when O.D. was stricken. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the Columbus Hospital. He died of a heart attack.

O.D. was one of Chester's most highly respected businessmen and was active in many civic enterprises. He was chairman of the Liberty County Airport commission. He was Liberty County Civil Defense director. He was past master and member of Joplin Masonic Lodge 114 AF & AM. O.D. was an active member and past president of the Chester Lions club and a past member and president of Chester Rotary club and of the Chester Jaycees. He was an active participant in the local Barber Shop

Quartet and a member of the Big Sky Promenaders. O.D. was never contented to be just a member of any organization. He always moved forward to take an active part in whatever project the organization was promoting.

He was also one of Chester's leading businessmen, and believed in promoting his community by improving and enlarging his business and the service it performed for the people of the community. On November 18, 19 and 20 of this year O.D.'s Market in Chester celebrated the completion of 25 years of service to the community. A new meat receiving area, cold storage and processing room had just been completed, and an open house was held. Hundreds of people from this community toured the new facility and joined in the festivities honoring O.D. and his 25 years of successful business operation. The Times carried a full page of pictures and story about the growth of the business. Little did anyone dream that such a successful career was so near the end. Truly, he was one of the most respected men of the community.

O.D. was born and raised in Minot, North Dakota October 27, 1930. He graduated from Minot High School in 1948. In 1950 he married Madonna Seltun and they moved to Chester where they have lived ever since. In 1975 they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with an open house at their home and numerous friends and relatives attended.

His wife Madonna said O.D. was a good husband and father and that he worked and played hard.

Survivors include his wife, three sons, Jay D. of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Blaine of Chester and Derek of the U.S. Navy, San Diego; one daughter,

Kathy at home; three sisters, Myra Ross of Spokane, Washington; Sue Brown of Chester and Carrie Harmon of Seattle, Washington; five brothers, Wallace of Duarte, California; Ronald "Bud" of Columbus, Indiana; Russell of Aurora, Colorado; Glen "Butch" of Great Falls and Lt. Colonel George of Massachusetts.

His parents Olen and Ione Gifford preceeded him in death.

Funeral services were held in the Chester United Methodist church Tuesday forenoon officiated by Rev. Leon Johnson and Rev. Dave Barker. The Barber Shop Quartet sang: "Give Me that Barber Shop Style" and "Now the Day is Over." Yvonne McCallum was the pianist. Pallbearers were Bill Yackley, Neil Shepherd and Arnold Unterseher of Chester, Ronald Gagner of Shelby and John Severson and Kenneth Gorze of Minot, North Dakota. Ushers were Loren Johnson and Mike Robinson.

The Masonic Lodge 114 also participated in the funeral rites at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery. O.D. was a baptized Methodist.

Members of the "Barber Shoppers" include: Walt Wicks, Bruce McCallum, Ray Seidlitz, Dale Lyders, Dick McCrea, Blaine Thrasher and Reuben Halverson.

During the burial rites three planes from the local airport conducted a fly-over in recognition of O.D.'s support of aviation in this community.

WALTER M. GREENO
Born: November 8, 1906 - Died: April 10, 1976
Liberty County Times
April 15, 1976

Walter Greeno rites April 13-76

Walter M. Greeno, 69, retired Rudyard area farmer, died in Chester April 10.

Greeno was born in Britton, S.D., Nov. 8, 1906. On April 14, 1928, in Britton he married the former Ruth Kuble, and the couple moved to Rudyard in 1932, farming in the area until Greeno's retirement in 1967.

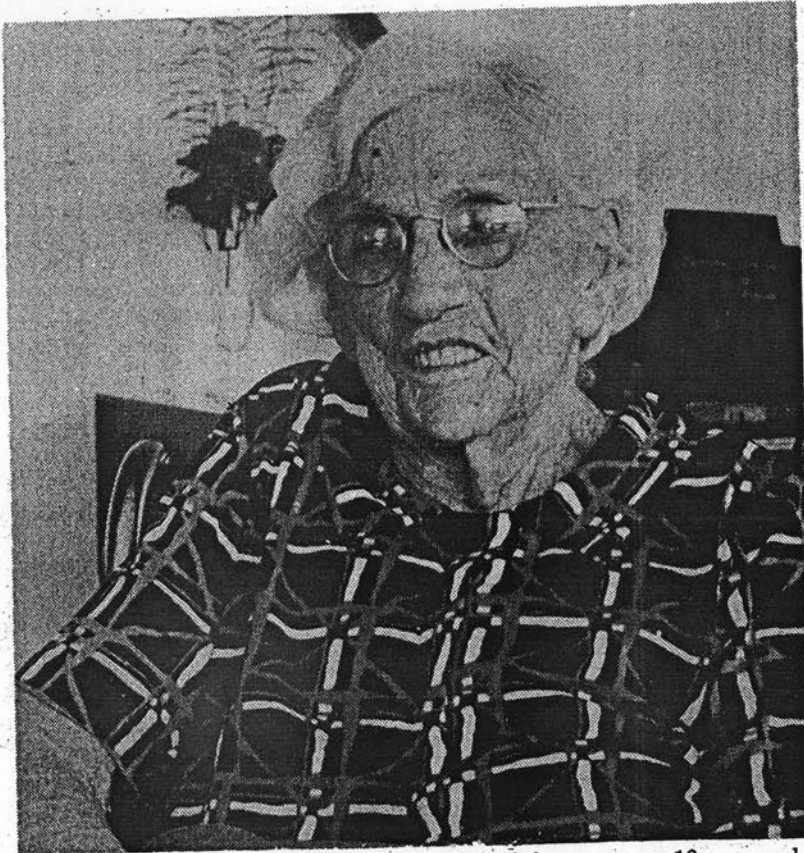
Greeno joined the Hingham IOOF lodge in December of

1939, and held all local, district, and state offices in the lodge, serving as Grand Master of Montana in 1960. He was also a member of the Joplin Masonic lodge, holding all local offices. An avid hunter and fisherman, Greeno was interested in outdoor activities.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Dale and Dean of Rudyard; three grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Inez Gustafson, and Mrs. Alice Hastings, Frederick, S.D., Mrs. Pearl Moeckly, Eureka, California, Mrs. Edith Koch, Aberdeen, S.D., and Mrs. Luzetta Moeckly, Britton, S.D.; and brothers, Milton, Hot Springs, S.D., Dinsmore, Orlando, Florida, and Dayton, Britton, S.D. One infant daughter preceded him in death.

Funeral services were in the Holland and Bonine funeral home Tuesday, April 13, at 2 p.m., with burial in the Rudyard cemetery.

ANNA MAUDE GREINER
Born: July 27, 1877 - Died: July 19, 1976
Liberty County Times
July 29, 1976



**Last rites for
Anna Greiner,
98**

Anna Maude Greiner died Monday, July 19, 1976—eight days before her 99th birthday. Death came at the Liberty County Nursing Home where she had been a patient since 1959.

Mrs. Greiner was born in Ontario and reared in Drayton, N.D. She married Peter A. Greiner in 1893. She and her husband homesteaded at Lothair in 1910. She continued to live at Lothair after her husband's death in 1933 until she entered the Nursing Home.

Her children, 3 daughters and a son preceded her in death.

Surviving are 10 grandchildren: Sr. Dorothy Byrne, Spokane; Fr. Joseph Byrne, Bozeman; Raymond Staudacher, Bellevue, Wash.; Mrs. Richard (Mary) Wyman, Kalispell; Mrs. Robert (Rebecca) Manthey, Billings; Paul Funderhide, Seattle; Robert Funderhide, Alaska; Sr. Patricia Funderhide, St. Ignatiues; Mrs. Kenneth (Mary Jean) Miller, Great Falls; Mrs. Robert (Esther) Sowa, Milpitas, California; 2 brothers: Roy Slater, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Cliff Slater, Alberta, Canada; 17 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild; daughter-in-law, Aileen Greiner, Chester; son-in-law, Leo Byrne, Shelby.

Eight of the grandchildren were here for the funeral.

Mrs. Greiner was buried in the Lothair Cemetery last Thursday, July 22. Pallbearers were: Glen Standiford, Lawrence Schaefer, Willis Violet, Frank Hemmer, Darby O'Brien, and Clark Diemert.

**Anna Greiner
succumbs at 98**

CHESTER—Anna Maud Greiner, who ranched with her late husband and sons at Lothair for 49 years, died Monday, July 19, 1976 eight days before her 99th birthday. Death came at the Liberty County Nursing Home where she had been a patient since 1959. The funeral is Thursday (today) at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's church, Chester, and the Rosary Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Greiner was born in Ontario, and reared in Drayton, N.D. She married Peter A. Greiner in 1893. They homesteaded at Lothair in 1910. After Greiner's death in 1933, she continued on the ranch with her sons. Her four children preceded her in death, her last son, Harry, in 1975. Surviving her are 10 grandchildren, including Mrs. Kenneth (Mary Jean) Miller, Great Falls; brothers, Roy Stater, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Clifford Stater, Alberta; 17 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and daughter-in-law, Aileen Greiner, Chester.

RALPH GROSSHART
Born: ?, 1909 - Died: May 12, 1976
Liberty County Times
August 5, 1976

Ralph Grosshart 67, dies in Mo.

Word was received in Chester this week of the death of Ralph Grosshart, 67, May 12th in a hospital in Joplin, Missouri. He was a commercial teacher in Chester High School in the thirties, and is still remembered by old-timers.

According to a clipping sent to the Times he retired in February of 1974. He was still a subscriber to the Times after all these years, and occasionally wrote letters to the Times. Recently he submitted a guess who picture which was published in the Times.

After leaving Montana he was employed in the Park Service in Washington. During the 1940's he worked three years in the Safety Engineering Department of North American Aviation Corp., Los Angeles. In 1946 he joined the United Missouri Bank of Carthage, Mo., and was later promoted to assistant cashier.

ROY F. GUTCHER
Born: May 21, 1894 - Died: March 22, 1976
Liberty County Times
April 1, 1976

Roy F. Gutcher rites March 26

Retired Joplin area farmer Roy F. Gutcher, 81, died in Chester Monday, March 22.

Funeral services were Friday, March 26, at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home, with burial in the Highland cemetery. Memorials have been established to the Heart Fund, and to the Inverness Methodist church.

Gutcher was born in Portsmouth, Iowa, May 21, 1894. He received his education in Sioux City, Iowa, and moved to Montana in 1911. During World War I he served with the U.S. Armed Forces. On Aug. 11, 1920, in Billings, he married the former Marie Annette Lang, and the couple moved to Joplin in the fall of 1921. He made his home there for 50 years, farming until his retirement a few years ago.

Gutcher was a member of the American Legion, holding all local and district offices. He belonged to the 40 et 8, holding state office, and was a member of the IOOF Lodge since 1944, holding all local and district offices.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Frank (Betty) Ward, Havre; sons, Robert H., Honolulu, Hawaii, Kenneth W., Joplin, and G. Dale, College Station, Texas; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

MARVIN L. HAAG
Born: April 13, 1925 - Died: October 24, 1976
Liberty County Times
October 28, 1976

Marvin Haag dies in Arkansas

Bill Skinner informed the Times this week that he has received word Marvin Haag died Sunday night in Denton, Arkansas. According to the report Haag suffered a stroke a few days before his death. He will be remembered by many Liberty County residents for his realistic art paintings. He was a farmer in the north Lothair vicinity, and left this area about 10 years ago.

He had lived in West Yellowstone a few years, and then moved to Arkansas where he owned a hot house and raised tomatoes.



Marvin Haag

Marvin Haag was born April 13, 1925 at Lothair. He was one of seven children of Gustav and Amelia Haag. He died at the age of 51, on October 24, 1976 in Benton, Arkansas. His father emigrated from Russia with his parents when he was nine. They settled in Oregon. He filed for a homestead

CONRAD JAMES HALL

Born: February 10, 1966 - Died: November 5, 1976

Liberty County Times

November 11, 1976

Boy dragged to death by horse

Terrible tragedy struck the north Rudyard area Friday evening when 10-year old Conrad James Hall was dragged to death by a horse. The accident happened on the Hall farm 17 miles north of Rudyard.

There are only theories about how the accident happened. Conrad and his father, James Hall were working some horses on the family farm. One horse apparently spooked, and as the horse ran away, somehow the lariat got caught around the boy's foot and dragged him for an indeterminate distance. He was pronounced dead on arrival of multiple traumatic injuries at Liberty County Hospital.

James, or "First Born" Hall as his family loved to call him, was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, February 10, 1966. He attended kindergarten at the Oreana country school north of Rudyard and has attended Rudyard Elementary school since. He was presently in the fifth grade. He was a member of 4-H and belonged to the Evangelical Church of North America in Rudyard.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the Rudyard School Gymnasium. Oswald Heinrich, the boy's uncle by marriage conducted the services. He was assisted by Dennis Gunderson of Sunburst and Rev. Merton Peterson of Rudyard ECNA. Walter Woods sang "Because He Lives." Lorraine Lincoln and Walter Woods sang: "Just Inside the Eastern Gate." The congregation sang, "When He Cometh" and "I'm so Glad I'm a Part of the Family of God." A poem entitled "To All Parents" was read by Bruce Packer. Interment was in the Grace cemetery located about 20 miles north of Rudyard. Pallbearers were Dan Packer, Pete Woods,

Lee Grimen, Lance McDowell, Joey Hanses and Floyd Bechtold.

Survivors include his parents, Jim and Shirley Hall; brother, Cory; sister Rochelle; paternal grandparents, James Sr. and Caroline Hall of Rudyard; maternal grandparents, Mrs. Grace Culling of Calgary; paternal aunts, Mrs. Urban (Karen) Kultgen of Whitlash and Mrs. Oswald (Katherine) Heinrich of Havre; five maternal aunts and two maternal uncles and their spouses, most of whom live in Canada; and many cousins.

LENA MAY HANSEN
Born: September 26, 1887 - Died: March 8, 1976
Liberty County Times
March 18, 1976

Lena May Hansen rites held March 13

Funeral services were Saturday, March 13, in the Holland and Bonine funeral home at 2 p.m. for Rudyard area homesteader Lena May Hansen, 88, who died in Chester March 8.

Pastor Wayne Pris conducted the services. Organist was Lyla Heydon, and soloist Walter Woods sang, "Beyond the Sunset," and "In the Garden."

Pallbearers were Arnold O'Neil, Fred Will, Dick Tyler, Marlyn Cornett, Gene Welty, and Fred O'Neil. Ushers were Clarence Een and Alvin Krejci.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery.

A memorial has been established to the Liberty County Nursing Home and Hospital in Chester.

CLIFFORD G. HANSON
Born: March 22, 1906 - Died: June 3, 1976
Liberty County Times
June 10, 1976

Cliff G. Hanson
70, dies suddenly
services June 7

Funeral services ¹⁹⁷⁷ were held Monday, June 7, for Clifford G. Hanson, 70, who passed away June 3, 1976. Pastor Dave Barker officiated. Jan Christoferson was organist and Sue Violett was soloist, she sang "The King Is Coming" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Lennis Limesand, Paul Odegard, Vernon Cramer, Charles Green, Narciss Gagnon and Thomas Staudacher.

Ushers were Cliff Leighton, George Braun and Stanley Johnson. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Clifford Glines Hanson was born in Butte, N.D. March 22, 1906, he passed away June 3, 1976. Services were held Monday, June 7, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church where he was an active member and served on the Church Council.

He moved with his family to Canada in 1913, six years later they returned to the United States and eventually settled in Chester. He married Mildred H. Erickson September 22, 1928 in Havre. He owned and operated the Triangle Hardware Store in Chester from 1951 to 1964. He sold insurance and was elected Liberty County Assessor and was serving his second term in office.

He was very interested in music and played his horn in



He was very interested in music and played his horn in various bands over the years.

Surviving besides the widow are sons Clifford Jr. of Chester, Ronald of Moorhead, Minnesota, daughters Gaye Kehm of Hampton, Iowa and Julie Larson of Alexandria, Minnesota, 12 grandchildren and a sister, Myrtle Hofner of Chester.

HENRY ADAM HEIMBIGNER

Born: December 22, 1903 - Died: September 16, 1976
Liberty County Times
September 23, 1976

Funeral held for Henry Heimbigner

Funeral services for Henry Adam Heimbigner, 72 were held in Our Savior's Lutheran church of Chester Monday at 2 p.m. with Pastor Dave Barker officiating. Burial was in the Erickson cemetery south of Chester. He died suddenly Thursday forenoon of a heart ailment.

Henry Heimbigner was born in Ritzville, Washington December 22, 1903. He never married. He came to Chester in 1925 to visit relatives, and liked it so much he has lived here ever since. He worked with Ben Heimbigner as a farm laborer. He loved fishing more than eating, was an avid pinocle player and was a good babysitter. He served in the army for one year, and was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include one brother, Fred of Rockford, Washington; one sister, Mrs. Jess (Elsie) Gillspie of Spokane and a half-brother, Lauren Heimbigner of Washington state. Local close relatives include cousins Ben and Neva Heimbigner, Mrs. Dean (Faye) Wolfe and family and Audrey Nichols and family

of Olympia, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Heimbigner and a sister, Louise. Other local relatives include Rena, Dale and Buzz Zorn and the Larry Bassett family.

Pallbearers were Morton Skari, Clark McBride, Max Brown, Steve Brown, Vic Elliot and Bob Aitken. Honorary pallbearers were Darby O'Brien Art Kaiser, Harvey Harstad, Lawrence Schaefer and Dick Eveland. Lloyd Hendrickson was the usher. Mary Ann Zorn accompanied by Stanleigh Barbie sang "Abide with Me" and "The Old Rugged Cross." The funeral arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

CECIL ELMER HEYDON
Born: January 10, 1918 - Died: December 19, 1976
Liberty County Times
December 30, 1976

Cecil Heydon, 58
died Dec. 19th
Services
Dec. 21st

three brothers; Clyde Heydon of Joplin; Ferroll of Galata; and Lyle of Fort Benton. Two brothers Franklin and Lloyd and sister Lois preceded him in death; also his parents.

The Dowling Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Cecil Elmer Heydon, 58, of Hamilton, died Sunday morning December 19th. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church with Rev. Carl Rohr officiating. Interment was in the Riverview Cemetery.

Cecil Heydon was born January 10, 1918 at Chester, Montana. He married Jean Roach in Shelby August 5, 1939 and the couple lived in the Joplin area where he was a grain buyer. Upon retirement in 1968 they moved to the Hamilton area.

He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church. Survivors include his wife Jean; Hamilton; three sons: James, Missoula; Steven, Madras, Oregon; Paul at home; and one daughter, Sara Heydon, at home. Also four grandchildren.

Other survivors are three sisters; Havreen Frydenlund of Devon, Mt.; Dorma Hadford of Joplin, and Fern Keith of Grand Forks, No. Dakota; and

LLOYD LEONARD HEYDON

Born: April 27, 1923 - Died: April 7, 1976

Liberty County Times

April 15-22, 1976

Lloyd Heydon, 52, rites held April 9

Lifetime resident of the Chester and Joplin area Lloyd L. Heydon, 52, died in Chester on Wednesday, April 7.

Pastor Timothy Solberg conducted funeral services on Friday, April 9, in the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin at 2 p.m.

The organist was Thelma Anderson. The Joplin Lutheran Choir sang, "The King Is Coming," "Heaven Came Down," and "Because He Lives." The congregation sang, "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," and "In the Garden."

Pallbearers were Donald Dahlen, Gerard Ghekiere, Steven Ghekiere, Thomas Lakey, Troy Lakey, and Alan Standiford Jr. Ushers were Edward Mlinar and Robert Lake.

Burial was in the Joplin cemetery.

Lloyd Heydon was born on April 27, 1923 at the family farm near Chester, Montana, to Frank and Effie Heydon. He was a lifetime resident of the Chester and Joplin area.

Lloyd was a veteran of World War II. On November 14, 1948 he married Dorothy Tempel in Great Falls. They made their home together in Joplin and Lloyd worked for the Tiber Tractor Company in Chester.

Lloyd was baptized into the Christian faith and became a member of Bethel Lutheran church on May 30, 1954.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two sons: Leonard of Bozeman and Michael of Joplin; three daughters: Diane Mueller of Livingston, Cathy Beeby of Bozeman, and Carolyn Heydon

of Joplin; four brothers: Clyde of Joplin, Ferroll of Galata, Lyle of Havre, and Cecil of Hamilton; three sisters: Dorma Hadford of Joplin, Havreen Frydenlund of Devon, and Fern Keith of Grand Forks, N.D.; and by two grandchildren: Chad and Cari Mueller of Livingston. He was preceded in death by one brother, Franklin Heydon, and one sister, Lois Aspevig.

Lloyd was a faithful servant of his Lord Jesus Christ.

Memorial gifts may be designated for the church or charity of your choice.

Lloyd spent the majority of his working years as a carpenter. He worked at the Joplin School as a custodian prior to his employment at Tiber Tractor Company the past six years.

Funeral services for Lloyd Leonard Heydon of Joplin were held Friday, April 9, at the Joplin Bethel Lutheran church with Pastor Timothy Solberg officiating.

Organist, Thelma Anderson, played for the three congregational songs, "Amazing Grace," "In the Garden," and "How Great Thou Art," and for the choral women's group, FAITH AGLOW, which sang, "The King is Coming," "Heaven Came Down," and "Because He Lives." Members of FAITH AGLOW are Mrs. Frank Meldrum, Mrs. Don Rocks, Mrs. Tim Solberg, Mrs. Roy Phillips, Mrs. Jesse Pimley, and Mrs. Robert Lake.

Pallbearers were owners and co-workers at Tiber Tractor: Troy Lakey, Thomas Lakey, Donald Dahlen, Allen Standiford, Jr., Gerald Ghekiere and Stephen Ghekiere. Ushers were Robert Lake and Edward Mlinar. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery. A memorial has been established.

Lloyd Heydon was born on April 27, 1923, at the family farm near Chester, Montana, to Frank and Effie Heydon. He was a lifetime resident of the Chester and Joplin area, and a veteran of World War II.

On November 14, 1948, he married Dorothy Tempel in Great Falls. They made their home together in Joplin and Lloyd spent the majority of his working years as a carpenter. He worked at the Joplin school as a custodian prior to his employment at Tiber Tractor Company the past six years.

Baptized into the Christian faith, Lloyd became a member of the Bethel Lutheran church on May 30, 1954.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two sons: Leonard of Bozeman and Michael of Joplin; three daughters: Diane Mueller of Livingston, Cathy Beeby of Bozeman, and Carolyn Heydon of Joplin; four brothers: Clyde of Joplin, Ferroll of Galata, Lyle of Havre, and Cecil of Hamilton; three sisters: Dorma Hadford of Joplin, Havreen Frydenlund of Devon, and Fern Keith of Grand Forks, North Dakota; and by two grandchildren, Chad and Cari Mueller of Livingston. He was preceded in death by both parents, one brother, Franklin, and one sister, Lois Aspevig.

Lloyd was a faithful servant of his Lord Jesus Christ. Victim of a stroke on March 30, he passed away on April 7 in Chester.

VAN I. HOUGH
Born: November 18, 1896 - Died: April 22, 1976
Liberty County Times
May 6, 1976

Van Hough died April 22 services Apr. 27

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 27, at 10 a.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Van I. Hough, 79, who died in a Chester rest home April 22.

Kay Hammler accompanied Eva Valdez, who sang, "Abide With Me," and "It Is Well With My Soul."

Burial was in the Highland cemetery, with military rites conducted by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Taking part were Wayne Molyneaux, Butch Schock, Art Formanack, John Haas, Cortland Hilla, Robert E. James, Richard Brough, Sandy McLean, Howard McKay, John Simko, and Hjalmer Larson. Steven Krause was the bugler.

Hough was born November 18, 1896, in Rebersbury, Pennsylvania. A retired laborer, he came to Rudyard in 1958 from Pennsylvania to live with his niece, Mrs. Otto Afdahl. For the past 10 years he has been a resident of the Liberty County Rest Home.

Hough was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include a sister, Sadie Greninger, Rebersbury, Pennsylvania.

ANNA MATILDA JOHNSON
Born: June 23, 1889 - Died: February 21, 1976
Liberty County Times
February 26, 1976

**Anna M.
Johnson Joplin
homesteader
dies, services
today**

Anna Matilda Johnson was born June 23, 1889 at Ganle, Sweden the daughter of Anna and Lars Hadford. She passed away Feb. 21, 1976 at Havre.

At the age of 16 yrs. she immigrated to the U.S. finding employment in Spokane, Washington.

October 29, 1909 she married Algot Carlson in Spokane. They moved to Chester where Carlson was in business. Later they moved to south of Joplin on a homestead where they lived for over thirty years. To this union five children were born, four boys and one girl. One boy, Axel preceded her in death in 1939. Algot Carlson passed away in Feb. 1946.

Sept. 11, 1953 Anna Carlson married Charles Johnson of Spokane where she lived until August 1, 1975 when illness forced her to give up living alone. Johnson passed away June 1973. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mina Greene of Carmangay, Alberta and four children, Eric, Sunnyside, Wn.; Melvin, Havre and Erwin Carlson, Hingham; and Ruth Terwolbeck of Havre. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Always a devout Christian she lived her faith and will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Pastor Tim Solberg officiating. Burial in Joplin cemetery.

**Final rites for
Anna Johnson**

Pastor Timothy Solberg conducted funeral rites in the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin Thursday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. for Joplin area homesteader Anna Johnson, 86, who died in Havre Feb. 21.

Playing the organ was Thelma Anderson. Judy Lake sang, "In the Garden," and "Because He Lives." The congregation sang, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," "Rock of Ages," and "Amazing Grace."

Pallbearers were Donald Carlson, Dwight Carlson, Kelly Carlson, Larry Carlson, Marlyn Carlson, and Terry Carlson. Ushers were Bill Wood and Frank Meldrum.

Burial was in the Joplin cemetery.

EDWARD W. JOHNSON
Born: July 25, 1883 - Died: July 8, 1976
Liberty County Times
July 22, 1976

**Former
homesteader Ed
Johnson dies in
Wisconsin**

Edward W. Johnson, old-time homesteader of Liberty County who left here in 1919, passed away in River Falls, Wisconsin July 8, 1976. Funeral services and burial were held July 10 in River Falls.

Johnson was born July 25, 1883. He leaves to mourn his daughter, Irene Harmon of Chester and one son, Dr. Lavern Johnson of Australia and four grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren.

HUGO JOHNSON
Born: September 15, 1897 - Died: January 9, 1976
Liberty County Times
January 22, 1976

Hugo Johnson rites held January 14th

The Rev. Leon Johnson of Chester conducted funeral services on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Hugo H. Johnson, 78, formerly of Chester, who died Jan. 9 in Playa Del Rey, California.

Donna Ellison was the organist. Dave Rice sang, "Beyond the Sunset," "In the Garden," and "Beautiful Savior."

Pallbearers were Galen Kolstad, Allen Kolstad, Clarence Kolstad, Lawrence Schaefer, Darby O'Brien, and Clifford Hanson. Honorary pallbearers were Frank Jensen, Rock Crain, Bert Nordstrom, Dodds Keith, Charles Collison, John Swank, Arvid Boreen, Gilbert Richardson, and Jake Reinen.

Burial was in the Highland Park cemetery.

Johnson was born in Pomeroy, Iowa, Sept. 15, 1897. He married the former Kathryn Kinney in Malta in June of 1921. She preceded him in death in 1970.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Hattersley, Playa Del Rey, California; two grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Lulu Fuller, Cut Bank; and brothers, Albert J. Johnson, Anaconda, and Dewey Johnson, Hinsdale.

MARION F. KELLEY

Born: March 2, 1909 - Died: January 5, 1976

Liberty County Times

January 15, 1976

Marion Kelley passes away, services today

Jan 8 - 1976

Monday at 2:30 a.m. Marion Kelley passed away suddenly at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Henry Smith, in Havre. Funeral services will be Thursday, (today) Jan. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sixth Avenue Christian Church, Havre. Dinner will be served to family and friends immediately after. Burial will be at the Bozeman Sunset Memorial cemetery Friday. The family requests no flowers please. Memorials are established in his memory to Shrine Hospital for crippled children in Spokane, Washington; Masonic Home at Helena, Montana; and the American Heart Association.

Final rites held for M. Kelley

Thursday, January 15, 1976

Marion F. Kelley, 66, former Bozeman resident, died Monday at Havre. Death was attributed to heart attack.

Kelley was born March 2, 1909, at Charleston, Illinois, the son of Shelby "Pop" J. and Isabelle Kelley. He came to Montana with his parents as a child.

He attended grade and high school at Twin Bridges. He attended MSU in 1927. The Kelley family moved to a farm near Bozeman in 1928. He helped with work on the farm.

He married June Toole Nov. 27, 1930 in Bozeman. They farmed near Bozeman. Later he worked as a butcher at Safeway and North Side Market. They moved to Havre 25 years ago. Later the Kelleys moved to Chester where he retired two years ago.

Kelley was a past master of Joplin Masonic Lodge No. 114 AF & AF. He was past patron of Joplin Order of Eastern Star No. 109. He was a member of the Rainbow Board at Joplin and received the Grand Cross of Colors from Rainbow. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Temple, 32nd Degree Masons, at Great Falls.

A past president of the Bozeman Eagles Lodge No. 326, he had been a member of the Eagles for 40 years. He was president of the Museum Guild, past president of the Bozeman Rock Club, Founder of Rock Club in Havre, member of search and rescue unit of Havre, counselor and advisor of Boy Scout Troop in Havre and Explorer II in Bozeman. He also worked with 4-H groups.

He is survived by his widow; four sons, Marion (Jim) Jr., of Butte, Lewis J. enroute from Army duty in Germany to Fort Carson, Colorado; Raymond in the Navy at Honolulu; the Rev. Shelby Joe Kelley of Colorado Springs; four daughters, Mrs. Henry (Amy) Smith of Havre, Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Overlie, Mrs. Richard (Bonnie) Overlie and Peggy Kelley all of Chester; a brother, Archie Kelley of Bozeman; two sisters, Mrs. Dallace Moore of Bozeman, Mrs. Lester (Martha) Schultz, rural route Belgrade; 24 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Masonic services were held at the Christian Church in Havre Thursday at 10 a.m. A funeral cortege left the Dahl Funeral Chapel Friday at 10:30 a.m. for burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Bozeman. The entire family including Marion's brother from southern California attended graveside services in S.M. Gardens. He was laid to rest by the Eagles of Bozeman.

Contributions in memory of Marion F. Kelley may be made to the Montana Masonic Home in Helena or the Shriners Hospital in Spokane, Washington, or the Heart Association.



Marion F. Kelley

ELMER KLEMM

Born: ? - Died: October 9, 1976

Liberty County Times

October 21, 1976

Final rites for Elmer Klemm

Pastor Timothy Solberg of the Joplin Lutheran church officiated at services for Elmer Klemm on Friday, at 1:30 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Organ music was by Donna Ellison.

Klemm, a former Joplin resident, died Saturday, October 9, 1976, at a local hospital.

Pallbearers were Robert Moog, Joe Terwolbeck, Eugene Anderson, Chuck Colier, Tee Thornton and Clinton Salfer.

Burial was in the Joplin cemetery.

MARK S. KOEFOD
Born: ? 1949 - Died: October 24, 1976
Liberty County Times
October 28, 1976

Havre hunter killed

A Havre man, on a deer hunt with a group of friends, was fatally wounded with his own rifle late Sunday, opening day of the general big game season, Hill County Undersheriff Bob Scherer reported Monday.

Mark S. Koefod, 27, was the fourth person killed during the fall hunting seasons.

Scherer said Koefod asked one of two companions on the hunt to get Koefod's rifle from their pickup truck, and the gun discharged as the companion picked it up.

The 30-caliber bullet passed through the cab of the truck and struck Koefod in the abdomen and he died a short time later.

A deputy at the scene said Scott Patrick and Roger Hybner were with Koefod at the time of the accident. He said Patrick picked up the rifle.

Scherer said the accident occurred 33 miles northwest of Inverness which is 43 miles west of Havre.

The third hunting death of the autumn occurred late Satur-

day afternoon. Max Clayton Hoff, 33, of Worden was fatally wounded by his own rifle when it discharged beside him in his vehicle near Billings.

Yellowstone County officials said the four-wheel-drive vehicle had rolled down an embankment and the rifle discharged as Hoff tried to get it back on the road.

Koefod was born in Havre and spent all of his life here with the exception of four years in the Navy. He was associated with his father in the Koefod Insurance Agency.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Koefod; a sister, Debbie, Horsham, Pa.; grandparents, Lottie Koefod, Mesa, Ariz., and Ona Berg, Kalispell.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at the First Lutheran church with Rev. Rodney Kvamme officiating. Burial was be under the direction of the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

MARY KOENIG
Born: ?, 1888 - Died: May 12, 1976
Liberty County Times
May 20, 1976

Mary Koenig
rites in Conrad
May 15th - 1976

Mary Koenig passed away May 12, 1976 in the Conrad hospital at the age of 88. She had been a resident of the Pioneer Nursing Home for the past 16 months.

The funeral was held Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. at St. Michaels church in Conrad. Interment was at the Mt. Olive cemetery in Conrad. Arrangements were handled by Wyse Funeral home.

Mary Koenig was born in St. Doratus, Iowa and resided there until she came to Montana in 1913. She married Albert Koenig in 1916 and they lived south of Conrad until 1926 when they moved north of Conrad. They resided there until the death of her husband in 1966. She then made her home with her daughter Marcella. She was also preceded in death by one daughter Mary Whooley.

She is survived by three daughter, Mrs. Gerald (Eleanor) Ries of Conrad; Mrs. Vincent (Irene) Zeluskogf, Portland, Oregon; and Mrs. James (Marcella) Hull of Chester; three sisters, one in Great Falls and two in Dubuque, Iowa; 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

ANNA SELINA KOLSTAD
Born: October 3, 1882 - Died: January 27, 1976
Liberty County Times
February 5, 1976



Anna Kolstad

Anna Selina Kolstad, a resident of the Chester area 64 years, died late Tuesday night in a Great Falls hospital at 93. She had lived alone in Chester and had been active until hospitalized six weeks ago.

Born and reared in Larimore, N. D., she married Christian Kolstad there in 1902. Ten years later they came to Montana to homestead 12 miles southwest of Chester, where they farmed until moving into Chester in 1930. They continued their ranching interests. Kolstad died in 1948. Mrs. Kolstad was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chester.

Survivors are sons, Selmer Kolstad, Great Falls, and Clarence Kolstad, Spokane; 10 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home, Havre.

**Anna Kolstad,
93 rites Feb. 2**

Anna Kolstad, 93, Chester area homesteader, died in Great Falls on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Funeral services were Monday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester, with interment in the Chester cemetery.

A memorial has been established to Our Savior's Lutheran church.

Mrs. Kolstad was born in Larimore, N.D., Oct. 3, 1882. She married Christian Kolstad in 1902 in Larimore, and the couple came to Montana in 1912, homesteading 12 miles southwest of Chester. They moved into Chester in 1930 and made their home there.

Mrs. Kolstad, the oldest member of Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester had belonged to the church for 50 years.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1948. Survivors include sons, Selmer in Great Falls and Clarence in Spokane; 10 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

Pastor Dave Barker officiated at services held for Anna Kolstad, Monday Feb. 2, 1976 at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester at 2 p.m.

Organist was Mrs. Stanleigh Barbie of Inverness and soloist was Mrs. Mary Ann Zorn who sang "I'll Walk With God" and "Abide With Me."

Pallbearers were O.D. Gifford, Steve Brown, Charles Green, Cliff Hanson Jr., Gary Violett and Tom Staudacher. Ushers were Dale Nelson and Jerry Hendrickson.

HELEN DUNCAN LORANGER
Born: June 13, 1889 - Died: June 13, 1976
Liberty County Times
June 24, 1976

**Helen Duncan
Loranger
funeral June 17**

A funeral service was held Thursday at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre for Helen Duncan Loranger, who passed away June 13 on her 87th birthday in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Arrangements were made jointly by the Messinger Mortuary in Scottsdale and Holland and Bonine. Rev. Calvin Fahrion of the First Presbyterian church in Havre conducted the service. How Great Thou Art and Lead Kindly Light were sung by Walter Woods accompanied by Mrs. Jack Lincoln.

Pallbearers were: Dean Hodges, Willis Hodges, Ray Gulick, Donald Fusk, Eugene Bjornstad, Robert VanDessel. Honorary pallbearers were: Rex Gulick, David James, Bert Alley, Robert Turner, Douglas Gunderson, and Norbert VanDessel.

Born in Dundee, Scotland in 1889, Mrs. Loranger came to Chester in 1905 and lived with her parents John and Ina Rose Keith at Alma, Montana. She homesteaded just east of Alma and in 1912 married Troy Duncan, a cattle and sheep rancher. She lived seven miles north of Alma at Big Sage until Troy died in October of 1948. In 1951, she bought a home in Havre where she was a member of the First Presbyterian church. June 22, 1956 she married A.J. Loranger. Ten years later Lorangers moved to Scottsdale, Arizona.

Mrs. Loranger was preceded in death by her husband A.J. Loranger on December 23, 1971 and her only sister Rose Evers. She is survived by her sons, John Duncan of Joplin, Donald Loranger of Havre, Robert Loranger of Burbank, California, and one daughter, Ina Rose Kelly of Scottsdale, Arizona, 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

It was fitting that Helen Duncan Loranger be buried in Chester cemetery overshadowed by the Sweetgrass Hills which had been a loved landmark to her for well over half of her 87 years. She had come in before the earliest of homesteaders, was one herself and watched the prairie be broken, the people come and go and the area change. Indeed she played a rich part in the heritage of Liberty County and instilled her love of the land in her children and grandchildren.

CHRISTINA L. LYBECK

Born: March 28, 1959 - Died: December 1, 1976

Liberty County Times

December 9, 1976

Christina Lybeck, 17 killed in auto accident

Christina L. Lybeck, 17, senior at Chinook High School, died Wednesday in a Havre hospital from injuries received in an auto accident Monday morning while on her way to school from Zurich to Chinook.

Miss Lybeck was born March 28, 1959, in Havre and attended grade school in Zurich and high school in Chinook. She was active in school, a member of the Hi-Liner Choir, cheerleader, girls' basketball, Farmers Union Camp and member of United Methodist church. Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Lybeck, a brother, Warren, and sisters Brenda and Shari, all at home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Heggen, Kalispell, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Christina was born March 28, 1959 at Havre. She passed away December 1, 1976 and funeral services were conducted December 3 at the Chinook High School auditorium with Pastor Robert Baker officiating.

Graveside services were held December 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens cemetery at Kalispell, Montana. Pallbearers were Chad, Kevin, Dan, Colin and Duane Lybeck and Kevin Willman. Honorary pallbearers included all senior high school boys.

Memorial worship for Christina Lybeck was an impressive ceremony held in the school auditorium with Pastor Robert Baker of the Methodist church officiating. The prelude was played by Pauline Doughten at the piano. Words of assurance and the opening prayer was by

the Rev. Baker. Solos sung included "Sunshine on My Shoulder" and "How Great Thou Art" by David Doughten and "Cry Not for Me" by Cindy Sizemore. The service ended with the postlude by Pauline Doughten.

Memorials should be sent to the Shodair Crippled Childrens' Hospital in Helena.

Christina Lybeck dies of injuries, auto accident

Christina Lybeck, 17, died Wednesday in a Havre hospital from injuries received in an auto accident Monday morning while on her way to school from Zurich to Chinook. Services were Friday at 2 p.m. at Chinook High School auditorium. Burial in Glacier Memorial Gardens cemetery, Kalispell, at 2 p.m. Saturday. She was born March 28, 1959, in Havre and attended grade school in Zurich and high school in Chinook. She was active in school and was a member of United Methodist church. Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Lybeck, a brother, Warren, and sisters Brenda and Shari, all at home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Heggen, Kalispell, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorials to Shodair Crippled Children's Hospital, Helena, are preferred.

GLENN J. MAETZOLD
Born: ?, 1939 - Died: October 24, 1976
Liberty County Times
October 28, 1976



PLANE WRECKAGE—Glenn Maetzold of Devils Lake, North Dakota was killed in the crash of this plane four miles north of Lothair early Sunday morning. The picture was taken after the plane had been moved to the local airport.

Pilot killed in plane crash

Glenn J. Maetzold, 37, of Devils Lake, North Dakota, was killed just after midnight Sunday morning in a plane crash four miles north of Lothair in a field belonging to Errol Fritz. He was enroute to Shelby and there was a heavy fog in the area at the time of the crash. It is believed the fog may have caused the accident.

The propellor of the plane was found on a knoll where marks indicated it first hit the ground. The body and the plane were found a quarter of a mile west of the location of the spot of first impact.

The plane and body were first found by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Skinner Sunday afternoon when they were returning from Shel-

by. Skinner said he noticed the wreckage from the Lothair north road and drove east to the site about 2 p.m. Upon investigation he decided Maetzold was dead and had been dead for several hours. Skinner notified authorities who arrived on the scene within a few minutes.

Skinner said the body was about seven feet from the wing tip. The pilot was probably killed on impact.

Many pieces of mail, papers and other items were scattered over the quarter of a mile between the site of first impact and the place where the plane finally came to rest. It is believed the plane hit the ground three or more times.

According to reports the pilot had been in radio contact with another unknown pilot about midnight. At that time he was over Joplin and apparently in no trouble. He was reportedly advised of the fog ahead, but apparently thought he could fly through it. According to Skinner the site of the crash is almost on a straight line from Joplin to Shelby.

Deputy Dick Burrows who investigated the accident said the local sheriff's office received notice about 3 a.m. that a plane enroute to Shelby from Devils Lake was overdue. The Shelby Search and Rescue organization had been looking for the plane and pilot.

INGA MATHILDA MALMBERG
Born: February 14, 1898 - Died : November 23, 1976
Liberty County Times
December 2, 1976

Inga Malmberg died Nov. 23 in Great Falls

Inga Mathilda Malmberg passed away in a Great Falls nursing home November 23, 1976. She was born in Rothsay, Minnesota on February 14, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. John Falla.

She moved to Montana in 1918 and was married in the fall of that year to Carl Malmberg of Goldstone. They farmed in the Goldstone area until his death in 1954.

Mrs. Malmberg is survived by her son, Wilford, of Rudyard; two sisters, Mrs. Jesse (Clara) Mansfield, and Lena Haack, both of Great Falls; two brothers, Maurice Falla, Inverness, and Clarence T. Falla, of Elbow Lake, Minnesota; and several nieces and nephews.

LINDA IRENE (SINCLAIR) MANSKA

Born: N/A - Died: June 24, 1976

Liberty County Times

July 1, 1976

Linda Manska died suddenly serv. in Dillon

Mrs. Charles L. (Linda Irene) Manska, died Wednesday morning, June 24th in a Great Falls hospital. She apparently had become ill at home Tuesday and was brought to the hospital here that afternoon.

An autopsy has been ordered to determine cause of death.

Mrs. Manska was born Linda Irene Sinclair in Butte and attended schools there and in Dillon. She was employed as a clerk at the Dillon Safeway store. After her marriage to Manska at Bonner Ferry, Idaho, in 1968 the couple went to Chester, where Manska works as a mechanic.

Survivors, in addition to the widower, are children, Kristian, Robert, Terrance and Charles Jr., all at home; her mother, Lila Pemberton, Taber, Alta.; grandmothers, Mrs. V.M. Camp and Rose O'Donnell, both of Dillon; brothers and sisters, Bill, James and Marla Sinclair, all of Taber; Rod F. Sinclair, Olympia, Wash.; Michael Sinclair, Arlee, and Janice Harrison, Dillon.

The body was forwarded from O'Connor Funeral Home to Brundage Funeral Home in Dillon for services and burial.

JOHN H. (JACK) MCDOWELL

Born: May 14, 1904 - Died: March 20, 1976

Liberty County Times

March 25, 1976

Final rites held for Jack McDowell

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24 at 10 a.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester for Jack McDowell, 71, retired farmer of north Chester. He passed away at his home in Chester March 20. -1976

Vernon Jones of Plentywood officiated at services with Pastor Dave Barker of Our Savior's assisting.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Roger Strobel sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "Day By Day" accompanied by his wife Dorietta.

Pallbearers were Ed Gunderson, Paul Johnson, Harold Hodges, Troy Lakey, Joe Kock, Dick Gemar. Ushers were Harry Heimbigner Jr., Cliff Leighton and Larry Anderson. Honorary pallbearers were Loyd Boyer, Bill Woods, Bob Aiken, Glenn Peterson, Emmanuel Gabbert, Arlo Graham, John Dolezal and Sterling Wardell.

Jack is survived by his wife, June, at their home in Chester. A daughter, Mary Nell Cremeens of Spokane, Washington, a son, Keith McDowell of Kennewick, Washington; three sisters, Elizabeth Miller of Great Falls, Ina Wilkinig of Olympia, Washington, Mary Ellen Stallcap of Spokane, Washington; one brother, Bud McDowell of Chester; three grandchildren, Becky, Benny and Bethy Chamberlain and 4 step grandchildren. A son, James was deceased in 1963.

John H. (Jack) was the son of J.W. McDowell and Mary Osler McDowell (both deceased) early Montana stockmen of the Sweet Grass Hills. He was born May 14, 1904. He worked in the oil fields as a young man.

Jack McDowell and June Standiford wer married at Great Falls on August 25, 1928.

He was Chester's City Marshall during the late 1920's and early 1930's. Moved to Hill while working on the Liberty County road crew. His wife, June, was postmaster at Hill.

After two years at Hill, they moved to the present farm holdings north of Chester in 1934. The farm was sold to Gordon Ray Standiford two years ago when Jack retired.

He was a member of the Shelby Seventh Day Adventist church.

He was a former county commissioner of Liberty County for 13 years from 1961 through 1974.

Jack was a generous, outgoing person, a friend to everyone, and was never too busy to help a neighbor. In his last months in the nursing home he loved and was loved by all. During this time he kept his hands and mind busy making pillows, which found a ready sale among his many friends.

John McDowell rites March 24

John H. McDowell, 71, died at his home in Chester Saturday. McDowell was a Liberty County commissioner from 1961-1974. He was born near here and purchased the present farm in 1934. McDowell also served as Chester city marshall in the late 1920's and early 1930's. He married June Standiford in Great Falls in 1928. She survives, along with a son and daughter in Washington; three sisters, including Elizabeth Miller of Great Falls; a brother, Bud, of Chester, and seven grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Lutheran church.

PAUL J. MCFADDEN
Born: January 14, 1904 - Died: October ?, 1976
Liberty County Times
October 28, 1976

Paul McFadden dies--services October 11

Paul J. McFadden, 72, Boulder, died at St. Peter's Hospital from an apparent heart attack.

He was born January 14, 1904, to the late Mr. and Mrs. George McFadden in Twin Bridges. The family later moved to an area north of Inverness. At age 14, he settled in the Boulder valley where he worked at numerous ranches. On May 19, 1933, he married Gwen Baker in Helena.

From 1934 to 1942, he operated a small dairy south of Boulder. McFadden was deputy sheriff of Jefferson County from 1942 to 1944. He was ranch foreman for the Boulder River School and Hospital from 1944 to 1963. He served as deputy state stock inspector for 35 years.

A sister, Fay, and a brother, Roy, preceded him in death.

Survivors include the widow; daughters, Mrs. Frank (Bonnie) Gruber, Helena, and Bev Bernhard, Seattle, Wash.; a son, James McFadden, Helena; a sister, Ina McNeil, Havre; sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson, Sand Point, Idaho; brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ira McFadden, Great Falls; brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dean McFadden, Inverness; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday, October 11th, in the Scott Funeral Home in Boulder. Burial was in the Boulder cemetery.

ROBERT NELSON
Born: ? - Died: November 19, 1976
Liberty County Times
January 13, 1977

Robert Nelson dies in Spokane

Word has been received here that Robert Nelson died November 19 in Spokane, Washington. Robert will be remembered by many Chester residents who knew him when his family lived in Chester. His father and mother operated a drug store in Chester during and for a short time after World War 2.

No details are known here except that lawyers are trying to locate relatives of the deceased.

LESLIE E. OAKLEY
Born: ?, 1896 - Died: November 3, 1976
Liberty County Times
November 11, 1976

Services held for Leslie Oakley, 80

FAIRFIELD—Leslie E. Oakley, 80, died Wednesday in Seattle. Services were at the United Church of Christ Congregational Monday at 11 a.m. Burial was in Sunset Hills Cemetery with Rev. Paul Krusi officiating. Zwerneman Mortuary was in charge. Oakley was born at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and homesteaded near Chester in 1913. He worked in the Kevin-Sunburst oilfields until 1941, then moved to the Fairfield Bench as a dairy farmer until 1962.

He and Gertrude Helf were married November 26, 1924. Between 1962 and 1970 they worked in hotel and motel management, after which they retired to Bainbridge Island near Seattle. Survivors are the wife, at the family home; daughter, Mrs. James (Verda) Krause of Fairfield; sons, Leslie and Barry, Fairfield; Norman, Eastsaund, Washington; George, Bainbridge Island; and Allen of Warrenton, Oregon; a brother, Perry, Superior.

PERCY F. PIMLEY
Born: March 30, 1894 - Died: July 11, 1976
Liberty County Times
July 15, 1976

**Percy Pimley,
82 died July 11
services July 14**

Percy F. Pimley, 82, Joplin homesteader, was dead on arrival at the Liberty County Hospital Sunday evening. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning at Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin with Pastor David Barker of Chester officiating. Burial was in the Joplin cemetery. Holland-Bonine of Havre was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Joe, Russ and Jim Pimley, Dwight and Stuart Carlson and Sterling

Wade. Ushers were Bud Poppler and Frank Meldrum.

Percy Francis Pimley was born March 30, 1894 in Elizabeth, Illinois. He came to Joplin in 1914 and homesteaded north of Joplin. March 14, 1918 he married Estella Skonord in Havre. She survives as do seven sons, Vern, Orville, Jesse and Donald of Joplin; Anson and Percy Jr., Manden, Nevada and Francis, Londonderry, New Hampshire. Two daughters, Viola Carlson, Libby, Montana and Mrs. Leslie (Joyce) Wade, Cut Bank, Montana, two sisters Hazel King, Vancouver, British Columbia; and Elizabeth Skonord, Chester, 44 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

VerDel (ALLEY) POURROY
Born: August 9, 1923 - Died: October 1, 1976
Liberty County Times
October 7, 1976

Services held for VerDel Pourroy

Memorial services for VerDel (Alley) Pourroy, 53, were held at the Joplin Bethel Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday following her death Friday in Liberty County Nursing Home of diabetes and complications. She had been in failing health for about three years.

She had bequested her body to the W.A.M.I. program at M.S.U. in Bozeman. The body was embalmed by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Rev. Tim Solberg officiated at the Memorial Service.

She is survived by two sons, Jack L. Williams and William Pourroy, both of Conrad. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Una) Moog of Inverness and Mrs. Arlie (Claudine) Fry of Great Falls; two brothers, Bert Alley of Joplin and Keith Alley of Homestead, Flor-

ida; her father, Howard Alley of Conrad and two grandchildren, Eddie and Tena Williams. Her mother, Ellen Alley preceded her in death.

She attended Chester and Joplin schools, and graduated from Joplin High School in 1942. She was a graduate nurse from Sacred Heart School in Havre and worked as a nurse for a private physician in Havre for a number of years. She later worked as a bookkeeper for a construction firm in California, Washington and Montana.

JOE W. RICHARDSON
Born: December 29, 1923 - Died: January 12, 1976
Liberty County Times
March 4, 1976

Joe Richardson dies in Seattle

According to information received here this week Joe W. Richardson of Seattle, Washington, a former Chester resident died January 12 in Seattle of cancer. He was raised in Chester and graduated from high school here in 1942. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Richardson who operated the Liberty Theatre here for many years.

Services were held in the Washington Memorial Funeral Home Thursday, January 15 with Rev. Rudolph Anderson officiating. Interment was in Washington Memorial park.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, son Joe R. of England, Robert J. of Seattle, and daughter Mrs. Alana V. Ryals of Puyallup, Washington; his father, Gilbert Richardson of Choteau; brother Robert of Los Alamos, New Mexico, grandmother, Mrs. Alvina Pancake of Malta and four grandchildren.

Joe was a senior in Chester High School when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor—December 7, 1941. He didn't wait for graduation, but enlisted in the Marines. It took a special act of the school board to award him his diploma at the end of the school year.

In August of 1942 he was wounded in action on the island of Tulagi in the Solomon Islands. After the war he operated a photography studio here for a short time.

He was born December 29, 1923 in Gary, Indiana.

GEORGE P. RICHTER

Born: December 16, 1925 - Died: December 7, 1976

Liberty County Times

December 9, 1976

George Richter, 50, dies in Missoula

Noted artist and civic leader George P. Richter, 50, 702 Cooley Street, Missoula, Montana, died at a local hospital Tuesday night after being seriously ill with a heart ailment for several days.

He was born December 16, 1925, on a homestead near Inverness, Montana, the seventh of 15 children and a third-generation descendent of a pioneer German immigrant family. He attended Inverness grade school and high school and enlisted in the Navy during World War II at the age of 17, serving in the South Pacific as a petty officer on a landing craft.

Mr. Richter was married to Doris Arrotta on March 20, 1948, in Great Falls, and from his early 20's was successively a farmer, salesman and contractor in the Hi-Line area. He moved with his family to Missoula in 1957 and after having attended Missoula Business College was engaged in the automobile business for a number of years. He was co-founder of a regional food brokerage firm, which was the first in this area to distribute frozen food to commercial accounts.

Having retired several years ago because of a disability, Mr. Richter gave much of his time and energies to community service and also became widely known as an artist of western Montana animal action pictures and portraits of legendary Indian chieftains. His works include three Indian portraits--one of Chief Joseph, one of Sitting Bull, and the third of Chief Dan George, a contemporary chief who is known in the environmental movement.

Having started drawing and painting at age 10, Mr. Richter's numerous wildlife scenes painted over 40 years are owned by private collectors throughout Canada, Montana and other states. Most of his work in recent years has been donated to public and charitable institutions for fund-raising purposes.

A former local director of Head Start in the early 1970's Mr. Richter was also a member of the group responsible for initiating the heart catheterization and heart surgical unit at St. Patrick Hospital. He was a member of the 3rd Order of St. Francis of Assisi, which originated the local Poverello Center, and was a member of the St. Francis Xavier Church council. In addition, he has served as chairman of the Careers Development program, was chairman of the Western Montana Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addicton, was a member of the board of directors of areawide health, representing Lewis and Clark County, and was a member of the state Health Task Force. In addition, he has been a member of the President's Task Force for the Aged.

A high point in his professional career was his appointment as the first director of the Indian Alliance, the first program of its kind nationally. Many of his innovations are now being used successfully nationwide. More recently he has served on the board of directors of the County Council for the Aging and the Retired Senior Volunteer program.

An active member of Loyola Sideliners, he was also a member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. In recent months he devoted a substantial amount of time to organizing and directing a program to provide prescrip-

tion drugs at a lower cost to minorities, handicapped, and senior citizens. He received the endorsement of numerous civic and social groups on a local regional and national level and has arranged for the initiation of legislation relative to the dispensing of generic drugs when requested by physicians or patients.

He was preceded in death by his father, George, on January 30, 1938. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and four sons, Samuel, Scott, George and Von, and three daughters, Christine, Susan and Julie, all of Missoula, and three grandchildren.

Other survivors include his mother, Margaret Richter of Inverness, and seven brothers, Jack and Ray of Inverness; John of Havre, Joe of Omak, Washington; Chris of Hingham, Montana; Frank of Joplin, and Ed of Kalispell. Surviving sisters include, Lena Shore, Fran-

cis Fraser and Virginia Adams, all of Inverness, and Mrs. Ben (Agnes) Mader and Mrs. George (Mary) Mader, Great Falls.

Rosary was conducted at the Geraghty Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at the St. Francis Xavier Church at 11:15 a.m. Thursday.

Pallbearers were Don White, Bob Ockler, Terry Callahan, Mike Hamlin, Bob Palmer, and Rocky Craig. Honorary pallbearers were William Miller, Robert Garland, Ordean Smith, Ed Hamlin, Glen Kirkalde, and Dennis Buddenbaum. Burial was at the St. Mary cemetery. An honor guard was furnished by Barracks 835, Veterans of World War I.

JOHN STEPHEN ROKE
Born: November 15, 1899 - Died: January 17, 1976
Liberty County Times
January 22, 1976

Funeral held for John Roke

Funeral services for John Stephen Roke were held at the First United Methodist Church in Chester on Wednesday, January 20, 1976, with Reverend Leon Johnson officiating. Mrs. Mary Ann Zorn was vocalist, accompanied by Mrs. Stanleigh Barbie. Her selections were: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus", "How Great Thou Art", and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

Serving as pall bearers were Olyn Wolery, Alister Murray, Clarence McDowell, George Meissner, Darby O'Brien and Walt Wicks. Ushers were Marvin Krook, Chester Eveland and Neil Shepherd.

John was born in Grassy Butte, west of the Sweetgrass Hills, on November 15, 1899. His parents were Joe and Lydia Roke, pioneer settlers in that area.

He lived his entire life in Liberty County, and spent the last twenty-five years on the original homestead of his parents. On July 21, 1924, he was married to Mary Shepherd, in Havre. She preceded him in death in December, 1974. They were parents of one daughter, Janell.

The last year of John's life was spent in the Liberty County Hospital and Rest

Home, where he passed away on Saturday, January 17, 1976, after numerous strokes and heart attacks.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Janell and Sterling Wardell; one sister, Mrs. Willow Sieler, of McMinnville, Oregon; five grandchildren, Wayne of Froid, Montana, Mary Wilson of Circle Pines, Minnesota, Jack of Downingtown, Pennsylvania, Janine and Phil Wardell of Chester, and five great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery. A memorial will be established by the family.

John Roke funeral held

Lifetime Chester area resident John S. Roke, 76, died in the Chester rest home Saturday, Jan. 17. He had been ill during the past year.

Funeral rites were Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the United Methodist church in Chester at 2 p.m. A memorial has been established in his memory.

Born north of Chester Nov. 15, 1899, Roke spent his life in the Sweetgrass Hills area,

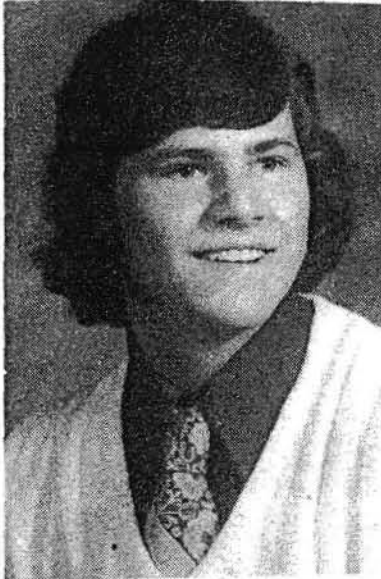
ranching.

Roke married the former Mary Shepherd in Havre in 1924. She preceded him in death Dec. 2, 1974.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Sterling (Janell) Wardell, Chester; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Willow Sieler in Oregon.

DONALD JOHN SCHAEFER
Born: July 28, 1957 - Died: December 26, 1976
Liberty County Times
December 30, 1976

Accident claims two Chester men



Don Schaefer

Two young Chester men were killed and a third was seriously injured in an automobile accident on highway 2 at the Lothair approach about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

All three young men were Chester High School graduates, and the accident following so closely the sudden death of O.D. Gifford last week has left the Chester community stunned and grieved. All over Chester Monday, folks were talking in low tones, and there was an air of sadness that dominated all conversations.

Killed in the accident were Kevin Thomas Smith, 19 and Donald John Schaefer, also 19. Injured and in serious condition at Liberty County Hospital is Dr. Marcus Schaefer, 27 of Santa Barbara, California.

Randy Hagen and Russell Wicks were the first to arrive on the scene. Ed Diemert of Lothair heard the noise of the accident and called Deputy Sheriff John Stoner who also lives in Lothair. They arrived on the scene in a few minutes.

Don Van Dessel, Dallas Denter and Bill Gunderson took the ambulance to the accident. Kevin Smith was pronounced dead on arrival at the local hospital. Don Schaefer lived for several hours before passing away.

According to reports electrical service in Lothair was disrupted for about two hours following the accident.

According to Highway Patrolman Joe Dalbec of Shelby, the car was travelling along Highway 2 in an easterly direction. The driver, who apparently was Kevin Smith, lost control of the car on the curve just west of the Lothair intersection. The car crossed Highway 2 in a broadside skid, and hit the Lothair approach road. It struck the ground once between the road and the power pole, and then hit the pole broadside in mid-roll. The pole was broken off, and all of the occupants were thrown out of the vehicle.

Dalbec said the accident is still under investigation.

Funeral services for Donald John Schaefer were held in St. Mary's Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday. Rosary services were at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday. Father Roland Hoffman

was the celebrant. Pallbearers were Curt Hanson, Dave Wolfe, Allen Hamel, Rod Oraw, Ed Diemert and Tom Brown. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Chester High School Class of 1975. Music was by Helen Ann Aaberg and members of the St. Mary's church choir. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Visitation was at the chapel after 2 p.m. Tuesday. Interment was in the Chester Catholic cemetery.

Survivors are his parents, Lawrence and Amelia Schaefer of Chester, Maternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Peters of Conrad; three brothers, Dr. Merlin of New York, Paul of New York, Dr. Mark of California; two sisters, Mrs. William (Karen) Buck of Chicago and Mrs. John (Frances) Kammerzell of Chester.

He was born in Chester July 28, 1957, and was raised in the Chester area. He graduated from high school here in 1975, and was presently a sophomore college student at Marquette University in Milwaukee. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester.

ERNEST SHIPMAN
Born: April 13, 1887 - Died: April 21, 1976
Liberty County Times
April 29, 1976

**Services April
24 for Ernest
Shipman 1976**

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Rudyard for retired area farmer Ernest Shipman, 89, who died in a Chester rest home Wednesday, April 21.

Officiating at the funeral rites was Pastor Wayne Pris. Stanleigh Barbie was the organist, and Alberta Langel sang, "Heaven Came Down," and "Beyond the Sunset." The congregation sang, "Softly and Tenderly."

Pallbearers were Leroy Wolery, Myron Richter, Dale Ludwig, Lloyd Tracht, Merlin Wol-

ery, and Mike Gilson. Honorary pallbearers were Sterling Wolery, Clyde Richter, Ed Ludwig, Brian Ludwig, and Jeff Richter. Ushers were Ken Boucher, Paul Wolery, and Gerry Langel.

Burial was in the Rudyard cemetery.

Shipman was born in New Auburn, Wisconsin April 13, 1887. On June 30, 1907, he married the former Mary Waugh in New Auburn, and the couple came to the Rudyard area in 1913 to homestead. Shipman spent his life in this area.

His wife preceded him in death March 2, 1919. On Oct. 10, 1929, in Havre, he married Anna Schwartz.

Surviving are a son, Ercell, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin;

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daughters, Mrs. Olyn (Bernice) Wolery, Inverness; Mrs. Howard (Ann) Tracht, Kalispell, Mrs. Joseph (Louise) Richter, Omak, Washington; Mrs. Ronald (Marian) Gilson, Havre; Mrs. Roger (Doris) Ludwig, Rudyard, Mrs. Donald (Ruth) Smith, Rudyard, and Mrs. Boyd (Donna) Nealy, Chester; 27 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Edgar Hodgdon, Billings, and Mrs. Merritt Donahue, Bloomer, Wisconsin; and a brother, Lorn Shipman, New Auburn, Wisconsin.

LORENZ ALBERT (TINY) SKIERKA
Born: October 12, 1906 - Died: January 21, 1976
Liberty County Times
February 5, 1976

Lorenz Skierka
69 died Jan. 21
services Jan. 24

Lorenz Albert "Tiny" Skierka, 69, died Wednesday, Jan. 21 in Memorial Hospital. He had been ill for four years.

He was born Oct. 12, 1906, to Joseph and Laura Skierka in Cameron, Wis. and had lived in Chester before coming to Glacier County in 1952 to ranch 22 miles northwest of Cut Bank.

On Jan. 26, 1938, he and Abbie M. Diemert were married in Chester. He had been a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 2973 for 20 years.

Survivors include the widow; a son and daughter, Raymond Skierka and Connie Fugle, all of Cut Bank; and one sister, Aurelia Dalimata of West Glacier; two brothers, Frank of Lunbreck, Alta., Canada and John of Chester; and six grandchildren. A brother, Albert, died Feb. 5, 1973.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 24 in Burns Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. with Rev. Father Fred Nelson officiating and burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Dalimata, Orval Brain, Martin Skierka, Mark Harwood, Robert Miotke and Fred Skierka.

Honorary pallbearers were Bert Nordstrom, Charles Keller, Jack Forman and Jerry Ward.

Memorials may be sent to Cowna-Smart-Wilson Cancer Clinic Inc., 3900 South 1255 East, Suite 375, Salt Lake City, Utah. 84117.

CHARLES O. SMITH
Born: April 22, 1910 - Died: June 7, 1976
Liberty County Times
June 10, 1976

Charles Smith Sr. dies in California

PERRIS--Charles O. Smith, 66, of Mountain Avenue, died Monday in Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Mr. Smith worked 13 years as a custodian for the Anaheim Union High School District before retiring and moving here a year ago from Whittier. He lived in this state 56 years. He was born April 22, 1910, in Chester, Montana.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah; a daughter, Mary Torres of Whittier; a son, Charles Jr., of Perris, and his mother, Ella Smith of Monterey Park.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in Evans-Brown Perris Mortuary, followed by interment in Perris Valley Cemetery.

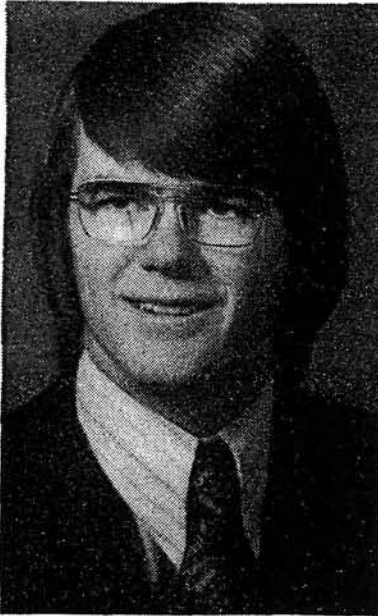
KEVIN THOMAS (MICK) SMITH

Born: August 6, 1957 - Died: December 26, 1976

Liberty County Times

December 30, 1976

Accident claims two Chester men



Kevin Smith

Two young Chester men were killed and a third was seriously injured in an automobile accident on highway 2 at the Lothair approach about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

All three young men were Chester High School graduates, and the accident following so closely the sudden death of O.D. Gifford last week has left the Chester community stunned and grieved. All over Chester Monday, folks were talking in low tones, and there was an air of sadness that dominated all conversations.

Killed in the accident were Kevin Thomas Smith, 19 and Donald John Schaefer, also 19. Injured and in serious condition at Liberty County Hospital is Dr. Marcus Schaefer, 27 of Santa Barbara, California.

Randy Hagen and Russell Wicks were the first to arrive on the scene. Ed Diemert of Lothair heard the noise of the

accident and called Deputy Sheriff John Stoner who also lives in Lothair. They arrived on the scene in a few minutes. Don Van Dessel, Dallas Denter and Bill Gunderson took the ambulance to the accident. Kevin Smith was pronounced dead on arrival at the local hospital. Don Schaefer lived for several hours before passing away.

According to reports electrical service in Lothair was disrupted for about two hours following the accident.

According to Highway Patrolman Joe Dalbec of Shelby, the car was travelling along Highway 2 in an easterly direction. The driver, who apparently was Kevin Smith, lost control of the car on the curve just west of

the Lothair intersection. The car crossed Highway 2 in a broadside skid, and hit the Lothair approach road. It struck the ground once between the road and the power pole, and then hit the pole broadside in mid-roll. The pole was broken off, and all of the occupants were thrown out of the vehicle.

Dalbec said the accident is still under investigation.

Funeral services for Kevin Thomas "Mick" Smith were held at 3 p.m., Wednesday in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Rev. Tim Solberg of Joplin presided. Pallbearers were Stan Heimbigner, Rod Oraw, Curt Hanson, Rod Hanson, Randy Hagen and Stu Scabery. Honorary pallbearers were Derek Gifford, Larry Kruger, Bob Ray and Austin Johnson. Ushers were Rod Wolfe, Bob Hurley, Jack Burkhead and Gary Mad-er. Herb Hofer accompanied by

Diane Hofer sang "How Great Thou Art". A trio made up of Sharon, Kathy and Diane Hofer sang the "Old Rugged Cross" with Jan Christofferson on the organ. Interment was in the Chester Protestant cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Visitation was at the chapel beginning at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Kevin was born August 6, 1957 in Chester to Mickey and Barbara Smith. He attended Chester elementary and high school and graduated in 1975. He grew up in Chester and has

lived here since graduation. He was foreman and operating manager for Frontier Aviation in Chester. This past summer he managed the ground operations in Burley, Idaho for Joel Fenger, owner of Frontier Aviation. Joel indicated that Kevin was a very well respected, upstanding young man and will be missed in this community. He was a baptized and confirmed Lutheran.

Survivors include his father, Mickey and great grandmother, Hilda Smith, brother Jody Smith, aunt, Mrs. Allen (Betty) Standiford, all of Chester, another aunt, Mrs. Frank (Barbara) Dolan of Gresham, Oregon and many cousins and other relatives.

CHARLES LYNNE STARK
Born: ? 1906 - Died: December 11, 1976
Liberty County Times
December 16, 1976

Charles Stark
died Dec. 11
services Dec. 13

Charles Lynne Stark, 90, died Saturday at a local hospital. He was born in Scranton, Pa., and came to Montana in 1910. He homesteaded north of Rudyard and retired from farming in 1957. He then moved here. He was married in 1917 to Ann Ditrich.

He was a member of the Methodist church. Survivors include the widow, a son Donald of Rudyard and three granddaughters.

Memorial services were Monday at 2 p.m. at Holland and Bonine Chapel, Havre. Cremation has already taken place.

ALVIE STEVENS

Born: September 30, 1907- Died: September 9, 1976

Liberty County Times

September 23, 1976

Alvie Stevens services Sept. 13

Services for Alvie Stevens, 68, Columbia Falls, were conducted by Pastor Ralph Wenner, First Baptist Church, Monday September 13, at the Van Leuven Chapel in Columbia Falls. Burial was in the Woodland Cemetery with John Chinadle, Robert Mengon, Perry Padgett, Ted Rogers, Warren Sauby, and Lee Sloan, pallbearers.

Mr. Stevens, who had been ill with cancer the past nine years,

died September 9 in Whitefish. He was a conscientious, industrious carpenter and helped build the Masonic Temple and homes in Columbia Falls, working with the late Christ Raaen. Mr. Stevens later operated a chicken farm for about 12 years at their home just north of Columbia Falls.

He was born September 30, 1907 at Buffalo, Minn. and moved to Goldstone with his parents when he was two years old. He later homesteaded there before moving to Rudyard, where he was employed as a carpenter until moving to Columbia Falls 37 years ago.

Frances Tennis and Alvie Stevens were married May 22, 1937 at Chester.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Kaley, Spokane; seven grandchildren, brothers, Roy Stevens, Columbia Falls, Melvin Stevens, Deer Lodge, three sisters, Mrs. Vi Clark, Columbia Falls, Marjorie Conklin, Anaconda; and Mrs. Ruby Gulick, San Luis Obispo, California.

MARY STEVENS
Born: January 22, 1886 - Died: April 16, 1976
Liberty County Times
April 29, 1976

Mary Stevens dies at Columbia Falls

Services for Mary Stevens, 90, Columbia Falls were conducted by Pastor Ralph Werner, First Baptist Church, Wednesday, April 21, in Columbia Falls at the Van Leuven Funeral Chapel.

Burial was in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with Clarence Connor, LaVern Connor, LeRoy Goodsell, Dr. Ray Gilleard, Robert Mengon and Clifford Sedivy as pallbearers.

Mrs. Stevens died Friday, April 16, in Whitefish. She was born January 22, 1886 in Buffalo, Minnesota. She was married to Daniel Stevens October 7, 1903, in Buffalo and they moved to Montana in 1910, homesteading at Goldstone. The family moved to Columbia Falls in 1946. He died in March 1952.

Survivors include three sons, Roy and Alvie, both of Columbia Falls, Melvin, Deer Lodge; three daughters, Viola Clark, Columbia Falls; Margarie Conklin, Anaconda; and Mrs. George (Ruby) Gulick, San Luis Obispo, California, many grandchildren, and two sisters in California.

Some of the grandchildren from this area attending the funeral were Herbie and Lois White, Jim and Mary White of Hingham, Jerry and Louise White and Audrey Waite of Great Falls, and Harris and Cecelia Jeppesen of Charlo.

FRANK ALBERT STRUCK
Born: January 30, 1889 - Died: June 12, 1976
Liberty County Times
June 17, 1976

**F. Struck, 87
dies June 12th
services June 16**

Frank A. Struck, 87, died in the Chester nursing home Saturday. The funeral was Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran church, Rudyard. Born in Odessa, Minnesota, Struck homesteaded southwest of Rudyard in 1910 and in 1915 married Bertha Reber. They farmed near Rudyard until 1937, except for two years at Kalispell. Struck then turned to the carpentry trade until his retirement. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church. His wife died in July, 1975. Survivors are a daughter, Laverna McFadden, Inverness; sons, Lawrence, Dunseth, N.D.; Truman, Libby; George, Turner; Harley, Mesa, Ariz., and Harold, Great Falls; 24 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Holland-Bonine Funeral Home, Havre, handled arrangements.

ARTHUR EDWIN SUNDGREN
Born: March 23, 1918 - Died : November 22, 1976

Liberty County Times

December 2, 1976

**Art Sundgren
services in
Kalispell
Friday, Nov. 26**

Arthur Edwin Sundgren, age 58, who had resided at 2522 Highway 2 West, died in Kalispell on Monday evening, November 22, 1976. He was born March 23, 1918, in Joplin, Montana a son of Arvid and Erica Sundgren. He had received his education in Joplin and had engaged in farming operations there since that time. He had spent his winters in Kalispell. He had been a member of the Lutheran church at Joplin; the Masonic Lodge at Joplin and the Elks Lodge at Havre. He was preceded in death by his parents. On December 19, 1967, he was married to Viola Bernadine Thingstead in Kalispell and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by one brother, Swen Arvid Sundgren of Chester; four sisters, Ruth Carol Ness and Gladys Marie McNeely both of Seattle, Washington, Alice Margaret Thielmen of Joplin and Estrid Helen Freeland of Billings; three stepdaughters, Donna Ten Eyck of Kalispell, Judy Kinyon of Bigfork and Carol Trainer of Kalamazoo, Michigan, 6 grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Sundgren were conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. on Friday with the Rev. Joe Haugestuen, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robert Ordish, Kenneth Clothier, Duane Fraser, Jim Fraser, Clinton Fraser and Clark Buffington.

KARINA DEE ANN SVENSON
Born: August 11, 1976 - Died: November 13, 1976
Liberty County Times
November 18, 1976

Svenson infant dies

Karina DeeAnn Svenson, three-month old daughter of Rodney and Edith Svenson of Joplin died of meningitis and brain abscess in the local hospital Saturday. She had been ill since birth.

Funeral services were held in the Assembly of God church Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Jay Newby presiding. Mrs. Jay Newby, soloist sang: "Oh Magnify the Lord with Me," and "Great is the Lord," "Thy Loving Kindness" and "Thou Art Worthy." The congregation sang, "Therefore With Joy" and "Oh that Men Would Praise the Lord."

Survivors include: parents, Rodney and Edith Svenson, two sisters, Shawn, 14 and Sherri, 12; paternal grandparents, Knut and Olive Svenson of Joplin and maternal grandmother, Connie Hanson, Rudyard.

Karina will be remembered by family and friends as God's special "rose bud."

ARNOLD J. TACKE
Born: November 27, 1917 - Died: December 24, 1976
Liberty County Times
January 6, 1977

Services held for Arnold Tacke, 59

Arnold J. Tacke, 59, resident of Chouteau County all his life, died Friday, December 24, 1976, in the Chouteau County District Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services were Tuesday morning at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Requiem Mass by Fr. Carl Erickson.

Arnold was born November 27, 1917, in the Egly section where his parents, Joseph and Rose Toennis Tacke, homesteaded in the fall of 1913. He graduated from Fort Benton high school in 1935. He served in the army national guard from 1935 to 1938, and farmed until he enlisted in the navy in September 1942. He served in the South Pacific until 1945, being discharged as machinist mate first class. Arnold was a member of Knights of Columbus, VFW and Montana Grain Growers Association.

Arnold and Virginia Longtin were married in Denver, May 30, 1942. Following his service in the navy, they farmed in the Goosebill area.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; a daughter, Kathleen Brooke; son, Tom Tacke, and a brother, George Tacke, all of Fort Benton; a sister Florence Higgins of Great Falls, and two grandsons, as well as other relatives. He was preceded in death by three sons and two daughters.

CHARLES M. TRUMBULL
Born: ?, 1910 - Died: January 8, 1976
Liberty County Times
January 15, 1976

C. Trumbull dies in Wash.

Former Montana school teacher Charles M. Trumbull, 66, Auburn, Washington, died Thursday in Auburn after an extended illness. He was born in Helena, and attended school in Lothair at the Lake Forest Academy in Illinois and at Intermountain College in Helena. He taught at Redstone, Hysam and Helena, and more recently in Washington and Oregon, retiring two years ago from Federal Way schools in Washington. He served in the Army during World War II in the Pacific theater. In April 1941, he married the former Mary Castles of Superior. His wife died in February 1975.

Survivors include a son, William Castles Trumbull, Auburn, Washington; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Lou Pope, Danville, California; three sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Schaefer, Helena; Mrs. Helen Boice, Glasgow, and Mrs. Mary Zoe Craig, Missoula; a brother, Willard J. Trumbull, Glasgow, and two grandchildren.

Services are pending at Geraghty Funeral Home.

LESLIE JOANNE WALKER
Born: September 4, 1947 - Died: April 14, 1976
Liberty County Times
April 22, 1976

Leslie Walker rites held

Leslie Joanne Walker, 28, Rudyard school teacher, passed away at the Liberty County hospital, Wednesday, April 14, 1976 after a bout with leukemia.

She was born at Lewistown, Montana, September 4, 1947. She was a graduate of Moccasin High School and Western Montana College and her and her twin sister, Laurel, came to the Hi-Line a year ago last fall. Both teaching English, Laurel teaches in Inverness and Leslie taught in Rudyard.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker of Moccasin; sisters, Becky Christensen, Missoula; Janet Walker, Moccasin and her twin Laurel of Inverness; her maternal grandmother, Bess Hill of Utica, Montana. Services were held Saturday, April 17, 1976 at 2 p.m. at the Benchland Methodist church with the Rev. James Stewart officiating. Graveside services were held at the Utica cemetery. Creel-Morrison-Retz Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial services were also held in Rudyard, Thursday morning, April 15, at the Rudyard high school gymnasium with Pastor Wayne Pris officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Research fund or the memorial of your choice.

CARRIE (OHMAN) WALWORTH

Born: December 31, 1898 - Died: September 30, 1976

Liberty County Times

October 21, 1976

Final rites for Carrie Walworth

Services were held October 8 at 1 p.m. at Croxford and Sons Mortuary in Great Falls for Carrie Ohman Walworth, who passed away September 30 in Escondido, California following a brief illness.

Born in Sweden December 31, 1898, the youngest child of Carl and Christina Ohman, Carrie came with her parents to Joplin, Montana in 1910, where they homesteaded three miles southwest of town.

She married Percy Walworth of Great Falls in Fort Benton in 1922 and made her home in Great Falls until 1963 when she moved to Burbank, California. She resided in Escondido since 1967.

Preceded in death by her son Robert in 1942 and her husband in 1957, Carrie's three brothers and two sisters also preceded her. She leaves to mourn her passing, two nieces, Edith Rowe of Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, and Ann Erickson of Kankakee, Illinois and her nephew Donald Kidd of Escondido, California and a host of more distant relatives and friends in several states.

The officiating pastor for the service was Richard Jespersen, associate from the Redeemer Lutheran church in Great Falls. Solo selections, "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" were sung. Services were held earlier in the week for Mrs. Walworth in Escondido for family and friends there. Carrie was 77 when she died. Interment was at the Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

MAX MELVIN WEHR
Born: June 24, 1976 - Died: June 30, 1976
Liberty County Times
July 8, 1976

Wehr infant graveside serv. Saturday

Max Melvin Wehr, six-day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. (Virginia M.) Wehr of Galata, died in a Great Falls hospital Friday.

The infant was born June 24 in Chester. Surviving besides his parents, who ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills, are twin brother Jackson, and two sisters, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wood of Galata and Mrs. Gertrude Woods of Havre.

Graveside services were Saturday at 4 p.m. in Mountainview Cemetery in Shelby with Rev. Arthur Heath officiating. Burns Funeral Home was in charge.

CHARLES H. WEISMANDEL
Born: September 9, 1909 - Died: February 11, 1976
Liberty County Times
February 19, 1976

**Charles
Weismandel
died Feb. 11**

Charles H. Weismandel, age 66, resident of Sidney, Montana, died Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Billings.

Mr. Weismandel was born Sept. 9, 1909 in Bozeman, Montana, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Weismandel. He attended grade school in Bozeman until 1921 when the family moved to Glendale, California. There he completed his education, graduating from Chapman College then located in Los Angeles.

He married Helen Eloise Smith, June 21, 1936 in Los Angeles. They moved to Montana in 1940 where he managed the Sloan Ranch a long time holding, on his mothers side, of the pioneering Sloan family since 1863. The ranch is located on the Madison River in Gallatin County.

He served as a supervisor of the Three Rivers Soil Conservation District and acted as a

treasurer for several years. He is a member of the Polson Christian church, a charter member of the Three Forks Lions Club.

In 1950 he joined the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and served in Three Forks, Polson, Thompson Falls, Chester and in 1964 moved to Sidney. He took an early retirement in 1965 and he and his wife worked in the Montana Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

Private services were held at the Dokken Nelson Chapel in Bozeman, Montana and burial was in the Sunset Hill Cemetery, Bozeman.

Survivors include the widow and an Aunt, Miss Mary Montana Sloan of the Hillcrest in Bozeman.

LEONARD WENDLAND
Born: August 28, 1899 - Died: July 3, 1976
Liberty County Times
July 8, 1976

L. Wendland
died Saturday
services Wed.

Leonard Wendland, 76, retired Rudyard surveyor, passed away Saturday, July 3, 1976, at the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with burial in the Rudyard cemetery.

Wendland was born August 28, 1899, at Buffalo Lake, Minnesota. He came to Rudyard in 1910 from North Dakota and was raised in this area. He worked for the State Highway Department in surveying for 20 years. He never married.

Survivors are a sister, Estella Elling, Rudyard, and a brother, Clarence Wendland, Rudyard, and several nieces and nephews.

MARGARET SUSANNA WENDLAND
Born: October 14, 1891 - Died: April 13, 1976
Liberty County Times
April 22, 1976

**Rites held for
Margaret
Wendland**

ann Vavruska, Hingham, and Janet Lehman and Dorothy Ferda, Highwood; 37 grandchildren; a brother, Leo Hartman, Naciam, Sask.; and sisters, Mary McDonald and Flora Hackert, both of St. Cloud.

Rosary was recited at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church for Rudyard area homesteader Margaret S. Wendland, 84, who died in Chester on April 13.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Fr. Jordan Blecha in the church on Thursday, April 14, at 11 a.m.

Pallbearers were Roland A. Wendland, Phillip A. Wendland, Michael Wendland, John Wendland, Timothy Ferda, and Phillip A. Ferda. Ushers were Jerry Hybner and Virgil F. Jurenka.

Burial was in the Hingham cemetery.

Mrs. Wendland was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, October 14, 1891. On January 11, 1916, in St. Cloud she married Andrew Wendland, and the couple homesteaded north of Rudyard where they remained until Wendland's death in 1951. Mrs. Wendland moved into Rudyard, where she made her home.

Survivors include a son, Harlan, Rudyard; daughters, Marie-

CLARENCE WALTER WICHMANN
Born: January 30, 1898 - Died: November 27, 1976
Liberty County Times
December 2, 1976

Services held for Clarence Wichmann

Clarence Walter Wichmann, 78, died Saturday in Havre. Services were Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Holland & Bonine Chapel in Havre. Burial in Highland Cemetery, Havre. He was born January 30, 1898, in Leonard, N.D., and came to Inverness in 1912 with his family and they homesteaded north of Inverness. He had lived on the farm all his life. On August 8, 1946, he married Viola Geringer in Havre. In addition to the widow, survivors include a son, Lyle, Inverness; daughter Mrs. Bob (May) Wilson, Great Falls; sister, Nellie Wichmann, Havre, and four grandchildren. He was a member of Sixth Avenue Christian Church, Havre.

JOLENE ALICIA WOLERY

Born: April 18, 1976 - Died: April 19, 1976

Liberty County Times

April 29, 1976

Graveside
services for
Jolene Wolery

Graveside services for Jolene Alicia Wolery, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Wolery, were conducted by Pastor Timothy Solberg at 6:00 on April 20th in the Joplin cemetery. Jolene was born April 18 at the Liberty County Hospital and died April 19. Death was due to a congenital heart defect.

In addition to her parents the baby is survived by two sisters, Jill Ann, 10, and Jane Amber, 7, plus maternal grandmother, Inez Burgess, Havre, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Olyn Wolery, Inverness. Blanche Wolery, Havre, and Anna Shipman, paternal great grandmothers also survive along with several aunts, uncles and cousins.

AGNES SANVIK WOOD

Born: September 14, 1911 - Died: November 28, 1976

**Liberty County Times
December 2, 1976**

**Services held
for Agnes
Sanvik, 65**

Agnes Sanvik Wood, 65, died Sunday evening at the local hospital. Graveside services were held at the Rudyard cemetery Tuesday forenoon. The normal 11:00 worship services at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Rudyard on December 5 will be dedicated to the memory of Agnes.

She was born September 14, 1911 on a homestead north of Gildford. Her parents were Ole and Lena Sanvik, both deceased. She moved to Rudyard in 1965 and operated a beauty shop there. She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran church in Rudyard.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce N. Brurud of Great Falls, two sisters, Norma LaFrance of Kalispell and Lillian DeMartin of Rudyard and three brothers, Obert Sanvik of Inverness and Selmer and Robert Sanvik of Rudyard; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The body laid in state from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Rudyard Lutheran Church prior to services at the graveside.

AGNES MACEY (GOLD) WOOD
Born: May 28, 1916 - Died: October 4, 1976
Liberty County Times
October 14, 1976

Agnes Wood, 60 succumbes

Agnes Macey Wood, 60, of Volborg died Monday evening at the University Hospital in Minneapolis after a short illness with cancer.

She was born May 28, 1916, in Miles City, daughter of John and Evva Gold. She attended schools in Stacey and Miles City, graduating from Custer County High School in 1934.

She married Eugene Wood October 3, 1937, in Miles City, and they had lived in the Volborg area since.

She was a member of the Custer Forest Homemakers.

Surviving are her husband Gene; three daughters, Sandra Wood of Casper, Wyo., Mrs. Walter (Helen) Jones of Juneau, Alaska, and Mrs. John (Blanche) Bailey of Kennewick, Wash.; one son Stephen of Chester; one brother John of Miles City; two sisters, Mrs. Lynn (Anne) McFarland of Miles City and Mrs. Alvin (Eva) Howard of Ashland; and five grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday, October 8th at the J.E. Graves Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Leslie Payne, chaplain for Boys, as clergy. Interment was in the Custer County cemetery.

Should friends desire memorials may be made to the Cancer Fund or a charity of their choice.

ROBERT JAMES WRIGHT
Born: January 5, 1915 - Died: October 26, 1976
Liberty County Times
November 4, 1976

Funeral held for Bob Wright, 61

Funeral services were held at Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester Saturday for Robert James Wright, 61. He had been found dead of a heart attack in his home in Chester Wednesday evening.

Rev. Wayne Pris of the Rudyard Lutheran church conducted the funeral services. Mary Ann Zorn sang "In the Garden" and "Beyond the Sunset" accompanied by Stanleigh Barbie, organist. Pallbearers were Leo Jensen, Ole Jensen, Cliff Krejci, Speck Helmbrecht, Ted Zorn and John Hemmer. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Bob was born in Williston, North Dakota January 5, 1915. His family moved to Montana in the late 1920's and came to Chester in 1929. He attended grade and high school in Chester. He worked some as a bartender, but mostly as a farm laborer for Leo Jensen for the last 22 years. He was married in 1938 to Gladyce Brandvold.

He was an avid goose hunter in his younger years, and more lately could spend endless hours watching any good baseball game.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Francis Wright and by brothers, Lynn and Jack and by a sister, Phyllis Zorn.

Survivors include a son, Robert "Speed" Wright of Great Falls; daughter, Mrs. Monty (Beverly) Nealy of Rudyard; five grandchildren, Aric and Jami Wright and Rod, Brad and Bruce Nealy; and a sister, Mrs. Maynard (Cletus) Johnson of Chester.

He was a past member of the Elks Lodge in Shelby.

STEWART ZENTZIS
Born: August 25, 1902 - Died: January 23, 1976
Liberty County Times
February 5, 1976

Stewart Zentzis rites held *Feb 5-76*

Former Montana resident Stewart Zentzis, 73, died Jan. 23 in Milbank, S.D. of heart failure while on his way home from a Milbank High School basketball game.

Zentzis was born Aug. 25, 1902, in Baldwin, Wis., and came to Montana with his parents at the age of 10. He graduated from Inverness High School in 1922, and attended Mankato Commercial College. He worked on a U.S. Surveying crew in Montana, and he also farmed and worked as a carpenter. In 1956 he moved to Chester from his farm.

In 1930, he married the former Ethel Peterson in Inverness. She preceded him in death in 1963. On June 11, 1966, Milbank, S.D., he married Mrs. Evelyn Bruce, and the couple made their home in Milbank.

Zentzis was a member of the American Lutheran church in Milbank.

He is survived by his wife; a stepson, John Bruce, Britton, S.D.; daughters, Mrs. William Schafer, Inverness, and Margie Zentzis, Helena; five grandchildren; and a brother, Clifford Zentzis, Inverness. Two brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 11 a.m. in the American Lutheran church in Milbank, with the Rev. Harold Verhulst officiating. Burial was in the Milbank City Cemetery.