

HELEN C. ALBRIGHT
Born: July 11, 1889 - Died: March 5, 1981
Liberty County Times
March 11, 1981



Helen Albright

Helen C. Albright was born on July 11th, 1889 in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Her parents were John and Anny (Rerdinback) Lilly. She attended schools in the Racine community, graduating from high school in 1907. She married Ernest G. Albright in 1908 in Wisconsin. Following their marriage they moved to North Dakota where Ernie worked as a barber. In 1910 they came to Chester with Ernie's brother, Otto, and filed a homestead 8 miles south of town. Those first years were tough, so Ernie went to work in Chester as a barber and Otto did the farm work. Ernie eventually opened his own barber shop, so they moved to town. They lived in Chester until their retirement in the early 1950's, when they moved to San Jose, California. Ernie's health deteriorated, so they

moved back to Chester in 1971. After 64 years of marriage, Ernie died in 1972. Helen moved to Great Falls, where she has lived in various retirement homes since. Most recently, she has resided in the Eagles Manor Lodge. She became ill about a month ago and was admitted to Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. She died there on the afternoon of Friday, March 5th. She was 92 years old.

In years past, Helen was an active member at St. Mary's Church and in the Altar Society. She loved to crochet and play cards (especially pinochle). She was well-read, and even in later years she kept up on politics and world affairs. She had a "computer-type" memory; she knew all of her family's birthdays, anniversaries and other important dates. She enjoyed reading and memorizing poetry, and up until a month ago could recite many long poems by memory. Most of all, she loved her family.

Survivors include 1 son, Bob (and wife, Kay) of Great Falls; 5 grandchildren, Jerry (and Jan) of Chester, Arlene (and Paul) Meissner of Chester, Sandra (and John) Couturier of Chinook, Dawn (and Mark) McAllister of Shelby and Joe of

Chinook; 11 great-grandchildren; and 3 step-grandchildren, including Cheryl Bauer of Great Falls, David Bauer of Great Falls and Marlene DeVoto of San Francisco. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 2 sons (Willard and Leslie), a daughter in infancy (Edna), 4 brothers (Everett, George, William and Kenneth), and 2 sisters (Jeanett and Edna).

Rosary services were held Sunday evening at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. At 10 a.m. Monday (March 8th) Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Mary's by Father Rene Petit. Music by members of St. Mary's choir included "I Am the Bread of Life", "Ava Marie", and "How Great Thou Art". Family friends serving as pallbearers included Narciss Gagnon, Ed Cole, James Hull, Darby O'Brien, Lawrence Schaefer and Lawrence Terwolbeck. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery, followed by a luncheon back at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

JUDY KAY ALLEY

Born: June 1, 1951 - Died: October 16, 1981

Liberty County Times

October 22, 1981

Services held for Judy Alley Tues.

Judy Kay Alley was born in Havre, Montana on June 1st, 1951. She was one of three children born to Bert and Kay (VanDessel) Alley. Judy was baptized and confirmed Lutheran. She attended Joplin Elementary and High Schools, graduating as class valedictorian in 1969. While in high school, she participated in pep club, band, annual staff, and was editor of the school newspaper. In the summer of 1967 she was selected as "Water Frolics Queen" at the Tiber Dam Labor Day Celebration. After high school Judy attended the University of Montana where she received a B.A. degree with a teaching certificate in 1974. She went to Peerless for the next 5 years and taught high school business classes. In 1979 she returned to Joplin where she has lived since.

Judy had no specific hobbies, but enjoyed all sorts of activities. She like bowling, softball, and most every sporting event. For the past few years Judy has been a member of the Joplin Highlights Women's Softball team, and in 1980 was picked as the league's "Most Inspirational Player". And when she couldn't play, she remained an avid spectator and fan. She spent many summer hours at the Chester Sports Complex either keeping score or cheering on her favorite teams. On the more quiet side, she enjoyed domestic activities and kept herself busy around the house.

Judy's health had deteriorated over the past few years. On the early morning of Friday (October 16th) she was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital. She died peacefully there that evening at the age of 30 years.

Survivors include her parents, Bert & Kay of Joplin; 2 brothers, Duane and David of Joplin; a maternal grandmother, Maude Skari of Chester; a paternal grandfather, Howard Alley of Conrad; 3 nephews, Jarad, Micheal, & Martin; 2 nieces, Danette & Michelle; and many aunts, uncles, & cousins.

Judy had specified that her body be cremated. A memorial service was held on Tuesday (October 20th) morning at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with the Reverend John N. Olson officiating. A women's ensemble composed of Joanne Pimley, Esther Meldrum, Kay Mlinar, Marlene Rocks, Linda Olson, & Teddy Phillips sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Thelma Anderson on the organ. Memorial bearers were the Joplin High School "Class of 1969". Following the services, a luncheon for family and friends was given in KJOS Hall by the Bethel ALCW. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

EARL H. AMES
Born: ?, 1912 - Died: February 19, 1981
Liberty County Times
February 26, 1981

Funeral held for Earl Ames, 69

Earl H. Ames, 69, died Thursday after an extended illness in a Kalispell hospital. Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Weatherford Funeral Home. The body will be sent to Spokane for burial Wednesday. He was born in Canada and grew up in Lothair. He served in the military in the Philippines from 1937 to 1939, re-enlisting for World War II in Europe. He married Dorothy O'Brien in Chester in 1943. After the war they moved to Kalispell where he was a cabinet maker and worked in a sawmill. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Richard, Spokane; daughters, Mrs. Ray (Ellen) Van Riper,

Spokane, and Mrs. Dan (Patricia) McFall, Corning, California; brothers, Jim, Canby, Oregon, and Claude, Beaverton, Oregon; sisters, Mrs. Harold (Mina) Thielman, Chester, and Phyllis Wakefield, Portland, Oregon.

CHARLES H. BAKER
Born: April 29, 1889 - Died: August 1, 1981
Liberty County Times
August 6, 1981

Funeral held for Charles Baker, 92

Charles H. Baker, Chester, 92, died Saturday in Chester.

He was born in Ohio. He received a degree in architecture from Michigan State University. He was an Army artillery officer during World War I. After the war he came to Great Falls and practiced architecture there in the 1920's.

He moved to Chester in the early 1930s and worked for the Chester Trading Company as an employee and eventually became owner of the company. He worked there until his late 80s.

Graveside services were Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Highland Cemetery in Great Falls. Croxford and Sons Mortuary was in charge.

BUNK BARTLETT
Born: December 6, 1912 - Died: ?, 1981
Liberty County Times
January 22, 1981

Bunk Bartlett dies in California

Bunk Bartlett, formerly of Chester died recently in California. He was the son of Charles and Flo Bartlett. He was born December 6, 1912 at his grandparents home in Iowa. He was taken back to his parents' Montana ranch south of Wolf Point soon afterwards. Here he grew up as a cowboy. He competed in rodeos and received the new nickname of "Bronk." He rode horseback over much of Montana. For two years he was the rider of the rough string for the Glacier Park Saddle Horse Co. They had over 600 saddle horses wearing the Bar X 6 brand. It was here he rode his first bucking horse for a Fox Brothers Film. At the beginning of W.W. II he gathered his horses near Browning and with his sister trailed them across the state to her ranch on the Redwater south of Wolf Point. It was probably the last long pack trip with a herd of horses in the state. The 400 miles took just a month. They crossed the Missouri river and the Fort Benton bridge. He registered for the draft at Winifred and the only other town they saw was Jordan. He moved to California and began training horses. He became a movie Wrangler and worked on location in many states, driving mules in Mississippi, Hanson cabs in Chicago, and running buffalo in Oregon. He leaves to mourn his wife Sadie of Burbank, California; his sister Lucile Canfield of Richey, Montana; two nephews, Tiny Canfield of Red Lodge, and Billy Canfield of Richey.

CLINTON O. BRADBURY

Born: October 22, 1888 - Died: January 9, 1981

Liberty County Times

January 15, 1981

Funeral held for Clint Bradbury

Clinton O. Bradbury was born on October 22nd, 1888 in Guthrie Center, Iowa. He was one of nine children born to Edward and Augusta (Palmatier) Bradbury. His childhood years were spent with his family in Missouri, Iowa and Illinois and in 1900 they moved to Alexandria, Minnesota. It was in Minnesota that he attended schools. While in his teens he learned his first trade when he took employment in a bakery. His skills at baking, especially bread and pies, helped prepare him for his life of bachelorhood. In 1907 he took off on his own and headed north where he homesteaded 35 miles north of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. During nonfarming months he worked as a carpenter, and was always proud of the fact that he helped build the Lethbridge Bridge (in 1909), which is still in use today. In 1910 he moved to Rudyard where he homesteaded 5 miles north of town. Those early years in Montana were tough, so he worked as a carpenter across the mountains during the off-season months. In 1919 he helped build the housing project at Whitefish when the railroad moved their big roundhouse from Kalispell. Clint's carpenter skills were good, and he built

his home, barn and other outbuildings at Rudyard. He farmed until 1976, when at the age of 88 years he moved to the Eagles Manor in Havre. In 1977 he moved to the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester, where he resided until his death on the evening of January 9th. He was 92 years old.

Clint had served on the Farmers Union Oil and Elevator boards in Rudyard. He had helped get power and electricity brought into the community years ago. He was a self-taught man, and his family kidded him about getting his education from "Sears and Roebuck". He loved to read anything and everything, but especially liked sports and mechanic magazines. His favorite hobbies in his earlier years were hunting and fishing, and in his later years he enjoyed travelling. He was a talented sketcher and accordion player, and not a bad draftsman either. He loved flowers and trees, as evidence by his gardens and shelterbelts on his farmstead. Clint was always congenial and made friendships easily. He was generous in the fact that he was always willing to help his friends and neighbors whenever he could. He was also a gentle man and he loved children.

Clint is survived by 2 sisters, Mrs. Hattie Gustafson of Rudyard, and Mrs. Edna Wilson of Havre; 2 brothers, W.H. "Henry" and Ben, both of Rudyard; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 sisters (Jessie and Myrtle), and by 2 brothers (Elmer and Theodore). He never married.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 13 at Our Savor's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Douglas Eineberg of the Rudyard E.C.-N.A. officiated. Special vocal music by Billy Bradbury included "God Bless America" and "Bridge Over Trouble Waters", accompanied by Mrs. Stanleigh Barbie. The congregation sang "How Great Thow Art". Pallbearers included Elwin Stanberry, Leander Schweitzer, Garfield Peterson, and Henry, Alfred, and Billy Bradbury. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery under the direction of the Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to donor's choice.

DALE ALLEN BRANDT
Born: September 5, 1953 - Died: September 21, 1981
Liberty County Times
September 24, 1981

Dale Brandt, 46 dies in Cottonwood

Dale Allen Brandt, 46, formerly of Great Falls, died of a heart attack Monday in Cottonwood, Idaho. His home was in Nez Perce, Idaho where he was assistant manager for the Nez Perce Rochdale Co., a grain handling firm.

Brandt was born in Havre Sept. 5, 1935, and was a 1957 graduate of Montana State University.

He worked for the Grain Terminal Association in Great Falls from 1957 to 1975, when he moved to Portland to work for the same firm. He had been at Nez Perce since 1979.

Brandt married Ellene Ishmael at Ronan July 15, 1956.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Chris, and a daughter Coleen Brandt, all of Nez Perce; another daughter, Katy Brandt, New York City, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brandt, Rudyard.

Funeral services were Wednesday, September 16th at 2 p.m. at the Nez Perce Methodist Church. Burial was in Ronan at 2 p.m. Friday.

ELWIN CADY

Born: March 30, 1912 - Died: November 30, 1981

Liberty County Times

December 10, 1981

Funeral held for Elwin Cady

Elwin Cady was born in Chester, Montana on March 30th, 1912. He was the youngest of four children born to Adolph Oliver Lee and Tina Olson Lee. Soon after his birth, his mother died, so several months later he was adopted by James and Agnes (Whelchel) Cady, who were homesteaders north of Joplin. At an early age he attended the Meldrum country school, then transferred to Joplin where he graduated from high school in 1930. On September 24th, 1938, he married Lucille Wolf in Joplin. They eventually took over the family farm, where they have lived and worked their entire married lives. Elwin became ill suddenly on the morning of November 30th while doing business in Chester. He was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital where he died that

same afternoon. He would have been 70 years old this coming March.

Elwin had been on the board of the Farmer's Union Oil Company for 30 years. He had also been a Joplin School Board trustee in past years. He and his wife were confirmed Lutheran together in 1939. He loved the relaxation of hunting and fishing, and devoted his quieter hours to reading. Elwin especially enjoyed being with people, and he had a special love for children, so a memorial fund will be established to the Shodair Crippled Children's Hospital in Helena.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille of Joplin; 2 sons, Gary of Rudyard and James of Missoula; 1 sister, Mrs. Alice Green of Big Sandy; 1 brother, Halvor Lee of Livermore, California; 4 grandchildren, Crista,

Jennifer, David, and Christopher Lee Cady; and several nephews and nieces. Elwin was preceded in death by his four parents and a brother (Ruben Lee).

Funeral services were held on Friday (December 4th) at 3 p.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. The Reverend John N. Olson officiated. Special music provided by the Bethel Women's Choir included "Beyond the Sunset" and "Because He Lives". Members of the choir were Judy Lake, Joann Pimley, Kay Mlinar, Teddy Phillips, and Marlene Rocks. Thelma Anderson accompanied the group on the organ. Ushers were Frank Meldrum and David James, and friends serving as pallbearers included Herbert Poetzel, Howard Hall, Bert Wicks, David Tempel, Paul Johnson, and Sanford Anderson. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel in Chester. A memorial luncheon was given by church ladies and friends at KJOS Hall following graveside services.

JAMES FRANKLIN CICON
Born: April 11, 1916 - Died: November 13, 1981
Liberty County Times
November 19, 1981

Funeral held for James F. Cicon



James F. Cicon

James Franklin Cicon was born in Rosebud, Montana on April 11th, 1916. At age four, he and his twin brother (John) were adopted by Joseph and Carrie (Rebstock) Cicon, who were homesteaders in the Sweetgrass Hills area. Jim attended the Osler and Roke country schools, then ranched with his parents. He took over the family ranch in 1939 after his father died. On November 22nd of that same year he married Mary Lynn Knutson, formerly of Great Falls, in Shelby. The couple has made their home in the North Chester community since that time, and the product of their marriage was three children. In addition to ranching, Jim worked as a gas field operator for Montana Power for 27 years (from 1952 to 1979). In fact, a memorable event in his life was the retirement party given by M.P.C. at which time he was awarded a 25-year loyal service pin. Jim enjoyed life and hard work. Even with his two jobs, he still found time to be a good husband, father and friend. He

was well known as a big "teaser", as he liked to make jokes especially with the grand-kids. In years past he enjoyed the relaxation of hunting and fishing. He also had a great love of music and at one time was a talented player of the guitar, piano, violin and banjo. After his kids had grown up and moved away, he enjoyed travel and the anticipation of seeing them again. In more recent years his hobby was raising registered chihuahua dogs, and his faithful pet was a chihuahua named "Porky". Jim was a member of the O.C.A.W. union of Shelby, the Chester Methodist Church, and the Shelby Elks Club. He was a past member of the Montana Stockgrower's, the north Chester District 37 school board, and had been a 4-H youth leader for many years. Many months ago Jim was diagnosed as having cancer. His wife had been caring for him at home, where he died on the morning of Friday, November 13th. He was 65 years old.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lynn of Chester; son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Deanie of American Falls, Idaho; daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Bill Albee of Chester; daughter-in-law, Maureen of Chester; 2 brothers, John of Chester and Robert Jones of Portland, Oregon; 7 grandchildren (including Jodi and Kevin, Gayle and Pamela, and Tammy, Jim and Erin); and nephews and nieces. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a sister (Olivia Heinrich), and a son (James, Jr. in 1973).

Funeral services were held at the Chester United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Monday (November 16th). Officiants were Pastor Bill Mullette and Pastor Don Kelley. Special music provided by the vocal trio of Pat McDowell, Lynn Turner, and Bev Kelley included "Old Rugged Cross", "There's Something About That Name", and "Through It All". Pallbearers were Steve Carlson, Dan Wolery, Bob Dafoe, Gene Peterson, Alvin Howery and John Osler, and ushering duties were handled by Bob Mattson and Willis Hodges. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by the Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon was given to family and friends at the church following graveside ceremonies.

ERNEST COPENHAVER
Born: ?, 1917 - Died: September 4, 1981
Liberty County Times
September 17, 1981

Funeral held for Ernest Copenhaver

Ernest Copenhaver, 64, died Sept. 4 en route to Billings. Services were Wed., Sept. 9th at Hinsdale Methodist Church. Burial was in Hinsdale Hillview Cemetery. He was born in Hinsdale, graduated from high school there and attended college in Great Falls, at the University of Montana and at Western Montana College. He earned a master's degree in elementary and secondary school administration. His teaching career of 32½ years began in Choteau in January 1942. He taught and coached at Oilmont and Hinsdale and later returned to both schools as superintendent. He was superintendent at Joplin, Culbertson, Red Lodge, Denton and Fromberg, where he retired in 1971. He married Annette Colbry in Joplin in 1940. She died in 1959. On Oct. 26, 1960 he married Edna Selby at Dillon. He is survived by his wife, Edna; a daughter, Mrs. Roger (Cheryl) Hyndman, Helena; sons, Gerald of Rudyard, Robert of Bismarck, N.D. and Ernie of Powell, Wyoming, Joe Selby of Townsend and John Selby of Tacoma, Washington; sisters, Mrs. Robert (Bessie) Ruth, Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado, and Mrs. Leighton (Helen) Keefer of Caldwell, Idaho, and 14 grandchildren.

HOWARD J. DEMARTIN
Born: September 28, 1911 - Died: November 9, 1981
Liberty County Times
November 11, 1981

Funeral held for Howard DeMartin

Howard J. DeMartin, 70, passed away in Swedish Hospital in Seattle Monday, November 9. He was born September 28, 1911, at home north of Rudyard, and was raised and schooled in Rudyard. He graduated from Rudyard high school in 1929. His parents were Clare and Joe DeMartin.

He was married in Havre, June 29, 1935 to Lillian Sanvik who survives. They farmed north of Rudyard until he retired in 1973 and moved into Rudyard. He enjoyed working on antique cars, also making wooden toys and other items in his shop.

Survivors include three sons: Richard DeMartin of Toston, Montana, Gerald of Wenatchee, Washington and Joe of Rudyard; one daughter, Janice, Mrs. Charles Hanson of Roswell, New Mexico, and five grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Stella Brafford and Mrs. Renee Huntley both of Rudyard and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Pastor

Gregory Kaiser officiating. Organist was Stanleigh Barbie with Terry Stevenson singing "Abide with Me" and "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past.

Ushers were Morris Smith and Bob Wehr. Pallbearers were Lowell Strissel, Jim Bradford, Roger Huntley, Bob LaFrance, Bob Brurud and Marvin Vosberg. Honorary Pallbearers were Glenn Overcast, Clint Evans, Ben Bradbury, Clarence Wendland, Clarence Lynch and Morris Ewald. Burial was in Highland cemetery in Havre.

Memorial will go to Our Savior's Lutheran Church Bell fund in Rudyard. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BILLIE MARTIN DOLPH
Born: ?. 1956 - Died: September 5, 1981
Liberty County Times
September 10, 1981

Gildford woman dies in car accident

Billie Martin Dolph, 25, of Gildford, died Saturday in a Great Falls hospital of injuries she suffered in an accident about 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2. Dolph was injured when two vehicles collided at the intersection of U.S. Highway 2 and a county road about 1.5 miles east of Hingham.

She was born at Newcastle, Wyoming and received her early education in Roundup and Sidney, graduating from Billings Senior High School in 1973. She was married to James Michael Dolph in August 1977 at Billings.

After their marriage, the couple lived in Helena until moving to Gildford in July of this year. Mrs. Dolph was a

member of Atonement Lutheran Church in Billings. Her interests included music and art.

Her husband survives with a son, Nathan, and a daughter, Amber Marie; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Martin, Billings; five sisters, Mrs. Greg (Betty) Laughlin, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. William (Patti) Iversen, Sidney; Sandy and Debbie Martin, both of Billings; and Mrs. Mike (Becky) Fulkerson, Fairview; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brown, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. in Atonement Lutheran Church, Billings. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Havre. Local arrangements were handled by the O'Connor Funeral Home.

ESTELLA LOUISE ELLING
Born: February 24, 1904 - Died: August 21, 1981
Liberty County Times
August 27, 1981

Funeral held for Estella Elling, 77

Estella Louise Elling was born on February 24th, 1904 in Buffalo Lake, Minnesota. She was one of three children born to Herman and Theresa (Wallner) Wendland. As a child she came with her family to Montana in 1909. It was in 1910 that they "homesteaded" one mile west of Rudyard. Estella received her education at the Rudyard School, in fact, was a member of the first high school graduating class in 1923. Following high school she attended a normal school for teaching in Lewistown and was certified. During the next four years she taught country schools southeast of Big Sandy (in the Hoppe community), north of Rudyard, and north of Hingham. On February 15th, 1927 she was married in Havre to a Rudyard farmer, Fred H. Elling. From that time forward, they farmed & lived in the Rudyard community. Fred passed away in 1963, and Estella has maintained their home since. Her health had been good until recently. She was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the afternoon of August 20th, and died there early the following morning. She was 77 years old.

Estella was baptized Lutheran and had been active in St. John's Church and Ladies Aide for many years. More recently she was involved in the local Senior Citizen's group. She loved to cook and work in her yard, and was very proud of her home. Probably the most important thing in her life was her family. Although her family was small in number, it was large in care & concern, and she had more than enough love to go around.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Fred (Luanna) Rigg; a son, Fredrick; and a brother,

Clarence Wendland, all of Rudyard. Estella's six grandchildren are Glen, Paula, and Traci Elling and Neal, Lane and Wade Rigg. She is also survived by several nephews and nieces. Mrs. Elling was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a brother (Leonard).

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Gregory Kaiser at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard at 11 a.m. Monday, August 24th. Congregational hymns included "Just As I Am" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", accompanied by Stanleigh Barbie. Friends serving as ushers were Charles Cross & Bob Wehr. The four grandsons served as pallbearers, assisted by nephews Dale Wendland and Allan Strissel. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

CLARENCE T. (TED) FALLA
Born: ?, 1907 - Died: September 1, 1981
Liberty County Times
September 17, 1981

Services for Ted Falla

Clarence T. (Ted) Falla, age 74 died September 1st at Elbow Lake, Minnesota. Funeral services were held at Elbow Lake, Saturday, September 5.

Ted farmed north of Inverness with his brother J.M. (Maurice) Falla for 11 years, served as a rural route mailman in Inverness 4 years, was school janitor 1 year and also farmed north of Rudyard. He was a WWII veteran.

Survivors are his wife Verna; two sons Lyle and Mark; a brother J.M. Falla of Conrad, Montana and a sister Lena Hoack of Great Falls, Montana; a sister Clara Mansfield preceded him in death one day before on August 31, 1981.

LAWRENCE DOYON FOIX
Born: December 4, 1900 - Died: August 5, 1981
Liberty County Times
August 20, 1981

Funeral held for Lawrence Foix, 80



Lawrence Doyon Foix

Graveside services for Lawrence D. Foix, 80, of 2903 Hayden Way, were conducted Monday, August 10, at 11 a.m. at Terrace Lawn Cemetery by Rev. John Reitan of the Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, Boise, under the direction of Demaray's Thompson Chapel, Gooding. Mr. Foix died Wednesday, August 5, in a Boise Hospital.

He was born December 4, 1900, in Doyon, North Dakota. He was reared and educated in Montana. He attended electri-

cian school in Los Angeles, California. He married Isabel C. Welte, July 23, 1928, in Los Angeles. They lived in Devon, Montana, where they farmed until 1936, when they moved to Hingham, Montana, where they owned and operated a wheat farm. They retired in 1967. They moved to Boise in 1979.

He was a member, a Deacon and on the Council of the Hingham Lutheran Church. He was a member and past noble grand of the Hingham Odd-fellows. He served on the school board of District 24 for many years, he served on the Board of Directors of the Hingham Elevator.

Survivors: his wife in Boise, 2 daughters, Mrs. Bert (Ellen) Edwards of Boise and Mrs. Rober (Marion) Sherwin of Orlando, Florida, 6 sisters, Mrs.

Lillie Johansen of Shelby, Montana, Mrs. Mamie Johansen of Shelby, Montana, Mrs. Delta Kencaid of Sunburst, Montana, Mrs. Effie Ervin of Auburn, Washington, Mrs. Russell (Audrey) Taft of Tucson, Arizona and Vivia Foix of Los Angeles, California, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by 1 brother, 2 sisters and a granddaughter.

AILEEN GREINER

Born: May 3, 1904 - Died: June 25, 1981

Liberty County Times

July 2, 1981



Aileen Greiner

Funeral held for Aileen Greiner

Aileen Greiner was born on May 3rd, 1904 in Toronto, Canada. Her parents were Alexander and Mary Ann (Storey) Stronach, and she was one of three children. Aileen came to Montana with her family in 1910 to the Geyser community where her father ranched. She attended grade school there. In the spring of 1917, due to the shortage of sheep range, her parents purchased the Frank Laird ranch 35 miles north of Chester. Aileen finished her schooling in Chester, graduating from high school in 1923. She continued her education and graduated from the Great Falls Business College. On October 8th, 1930 she married Harry P. Greiner in Hingham. They made their home near Lothair where they farmed until 1937, and then moved into Chester. Harry became the State Liquor Store vendor, a job which he held for 23 years. Aileen worked intermittently for the county in the years 1931 to 1947. In 1947 she was elected Liberty County

Clerk-&-Recorder, an office she held to her retirement in 1971. During that time she also served as the Chester Town Clerk for 29 years, and had served as clerk for the Airport Commission. Harry died in 1975. Aileen sold her home in Chester in 1977 and later became one of the charter occupants at the new Sweetgrass Lodge. She resided at the Lodge until her death at the Liberty County Hospital on the early morning of June 25th. She was 77 years old. Aileen had been an active member of St. Mary's Church & Altar Society, the American Legion Auxilliary, the Garden Club & B.P.W.C., and the local Senior Citizen's group.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Mary Jean) Miller of Great Falls and Mrs. Robert (Esther May) Sowa of Milpitas, California (formerly of Great Falls); 1 brother, Roy Stronach of Lebanon, Pennsylvania; 5 grandchildren, Kathryn, Michael, Stephen, Gary, and Jeanette; 2 great-grandchildren, Robert and Adrienne; and several nephews and nieces. Aileen was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by a sister (Edith Chambers).

Rosary services were held Monday evening, June 29th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in

Chester. Funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's by Fathers Joseph Byrne and Rene Petit. Special music including "I Am the Bread of Life", "Be Not Afraid", "How Great Thou Art", "Father of Peace", and "For All the Saints", was provided by Helen Ann Aaberg and members of the St. Mary's Choir. Ushers were Verne Bresnahan and Joc Gagnon. Friends serving as pallbearers were James Hull, Eldon Graff, Serling Wardell, Darby O'Brien, Narciss Gagnon, John Dolezal, and Lawrence Schaefer. Interment followed in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon was given by the Altar Society for family and friends at the church.

EMELIA HAALAND
Born: April 13, 1899 - Died: March 4, 1981
Liberty County Times
March 11, 1981

**Services held for
Emelia Haaland, 82**

Funeral services for Emelia Haaland were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Lutheran Church and interment was in Havre Cemetery.

Mrs. Haaland, 82, died in a local hospital last Wednesday.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Haaland was born on April 13, 1899 in Chicago, Illinois, and came to the Butte area with her family in 1909.

She was married to Ragnvald Haaland in Butte, on October 27, 1920 and they moved to a farm north of Inverness.

Mr. Haaland died in 1961. A son, Carsten, also preceded Mrs. Haaland in death. He died in 1955.

Mrs. Haaland farmed in the Inverness area and later moved to Havre where she lived at the Eagles Manor. She recently had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Don Engleson in Havre.

Survivors include four sons, Milton, Roald and Wilbur, all of Inverness, and Sterling, Ridgecrest, California; daughters, Mrs. Clay (Gertrude) Grinde, Great Falls; Mrs. Frank (Joan) Phillips, Rudyard and Mrs. Don (Norma) Engleson, Havre; 29 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, three half-sisters and one half-brother.

Mrs. Haaland was a member of the Sons of Norway, ALCW and Esther Circle.

Pallbearers were grandchildren: Ron Haaland, Barlow Haaland, Dexter Aspevig, Jan Phillips, Eddy Engleson and Kim Haaland. Officiating at the funeral were Pastors Rodney Kvamme and Martin Dreyer. Organist was Angela Henning. Ushers were Clifford Carlson and Norman Gorder.

Pastor Kvamme sang "Den Store Hvide Flok". The congregation sang "I Love to Tell the Story" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Memorials may be sent to one's own choice.

MONICA ELAINE HAYES
Born: December 27, 1938 - Died: February 1, 1981
Liberty County Times
February 5, 1981

Funeral held for Elaine Hays, 42

Monica Elaine Hayes was born on December 27th, 1938 in Havre, Montana. She was one of four children born to Monica M. Gehlen and Elmer C. Lindstrom. Elaine was baptized Catholic and attended St. Jude's Elementary School in Havre. In 1957 she graduated from Havre Central High School. On August 30th, 1958 she married Jerry Edwin Hayes in Havre. During the next several years they made their home in Havre and she worked for Mountain Bell and Buttreys. In 1963 they moved to Nevada and lived in the Eureka and Austin communities where she worked as a homemaker. In 1967 they returned to Montana to Joplin where they have lived since. Elaine has been employed as a bookkeeper at Cargill, Inc. for the past ten years and Jerry worked at the Joplin Schools. Elaine was a member of the J-I P.T.A. and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Her health has not been good this past year; in January of 1980 she was treated for severe high blood pressure in Seattle and in March of 1980 had adrenal tumor surgery in Havre. On the late evening of Saturday she became acutely ill at home and was brought to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester where she died early the following morning, February 1st. She just turned 42 years old this past December.



Elaine liked people and was well-liked by people. She enjoyed her work and her family. She was an avid sports fan, and especially enjoyed following the Joplin Bulldogs these past 13 years. Her leisure hours were spent doing hobbies and gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry of Joplin; 2 sons, James, a student at Montana Tech in Butte and Joseph of Joplin; 1 daughter, Joni of Joplin; parents, Elmer and Monica Lindstrom of Lakeside; 1 brother, Robert Lindstrom of Baker; 2 sisters, Mrs. Ivan (Jean) Hicks of Pawling, New York and Mrs. John (Rita) Kaiser of Statesville, North Carolina; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral mass was held Tuesday, February 3rd, at 1:30 p.m.

at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Father Rene Petit celebrated the mass with special music provided by Helen Ann Aaberg and members of the St. Mary's choir. Friends serving as honorary pallbearers included Tom Wood, Leonard Olson, Duane Alley, Brad Deering, Jerry Williams, Jim Gorder, Terry LaValley and Tom Wood (Jr.). At Elaine's request she was cremated, and the cremains were interred in the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Funeral arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel in Chester. A memorial fund will be established by the family to provide scholarships for J-I students.

MARVIN CARL HEINTZ
Born: April 23, 1928 - Died: March ?, 1981
Liberty County Times
March 5, 1981

Funeral held for Marvin Carl Heintz

Marvin Carl Heintz, 52, of Lewistown and a Moccasin area farmer, died Friday afternoon at the Central Montana Hospital after an extended illness.

Heintz was born April 23, 1928, at Rudyard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heintz. He received his education in the Rudyard and Moccasin schools, moving to the Moccasin area in 1944.

In 1952, Heintz moved to Havre where he was employed by the Great Northern Railroad. On December 28, 1949 he was united in marriage to Lorraine A. Barrick in Hobson. In 1954, Heintz returned to Moccasin where he was engaged in a farming operation until the time of his death.

On June 16, 1979, he was united in marriage to Johanna McGuire in Lewistown. He was a veteran of WW II, having served in the Air Force.

Heintz was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Stanford School Board for 18 years and was president of the Montana School Boards Association in 1976-1977. He was also president of the Stanford Commercial Club and past commander of American Legion Post 53 of Stanford.

He is survived by his wife Johanna of Lewistown; two

sons, Dwane and Daniel, both of Moccasin; two daughters, Doreen Heintz of Stanford and Mrs. Douglas (Debra) Kramer of Moccasin; his mother, Margaret Heintz of Lewistown; two step-sons, Patrick McGuire with the 5th Marines in Okinawa and Joseph McGuire of Powell, WY; six brothers, Lloyd of Lewistown, Howard of Quincy, Wash.; James of Spokane; Leonard of Clyde Park; William of Sonoma, CA; and Fred of Stanford; one sister Carole Ann Knudson of Stanford; three grandchildren, Courtney, Clinton and Curtis Kramer, all of Moccasin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Marvin Carl Heintz were from the Cloyd Chapel Monday morning, February 23 at 11 a.m. Pastor A.G. Pullman of St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiated with interment following in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Military honors at graveside were offered by Fergus Post No. 16 of the American Legion. Friends wishing to do so may make memorials to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church and may be left at the funeral home.

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JULES P. HENKE, SR.
Born: ?, 1898 - Died: January 13, 1981
Liberty County Times
January 22, 1981

Services for Jules Henke Sr

Jules P. Henke, Sr., 83, died Tuesday, January 13, at a Conrad hospital. He was a part of a world wide fellowship of Christians. Services were held Friday, January 16, at Conrad. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery, Conrad. He was born in Minnesota and farmed in North Dakota. After military service in World War I he farmed near Dagmar. He married Gracie Higgins in Missouri in 1929, and they farmed near Dagmar until 1956 when they moved to a farm south of Chester. Before retiring in Conrad, they farmed near Hobson for several years. Survivors include his wife; four sons, Jules Jr., Ethridge; Robert, Chester; Lowell, Conrad, and Richard, Hobson; three daughters, Mary Rasmussen, Dagmar, and Betty and Ruth Henke, both of Conrad, and two sisters, Emma Shay and Della Henke, both of Los Angeles.

ANGEL HOPE HITCHCOCK

Born: December 17, 1981 - Died: December 18, 1981

Liberty County Times

December 24, 1981

Services for Hitchcock infant Monday

Angel Hope Hitchcock was born on the late evening of December 17th, 1981 at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. Because of medical complications following delivery, she was transferred to the Montana Deaconess Medical Center in Great Falls. She died there on December 18th, just 8½ hours after her birth. Angel was the daughter of Scott and Sheryl (Voise) Hitchcock, who have lived in Chester

since their marriage on June 6th, 1981. Scott is a graduate of Denton High School and Sheryl of Choteau High School. Scott has been employed at Liberty Manufacturing in Chester for the past 1½ years. Other survivors include paternal grandparents, Robert and Betty Hitchcock of Denton; maternal grandparents, Melvin and Marjorie Seaman of Vaughn and Robert H. Voise of Chester; paternal great-grandmother, Ebba Rood of Denton; paternal aunts and uncles, including Mike Hitchcock of Chester, Rob Hitchcock of Denton, Vicki Hitchcock of Great Falls,

and Mrs. Lyle (Christi) Moore of Lewistown; maternal aunts and uncles, including Richard, Robert and Sandy Voise of Chester, Duane Voise of Le-Moore, California, Mrs. Alvin (Kathy) Whitaker of Miles City, Mrs. Janet Reid of Choteau, and Mrs. Edward (Beverly) Brown of Chinook; and many cousins.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, (December 21st) at the Rockman Chapel in Chester. Reverend Wayne Bungum of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiated and Mrs. Carole Hanson sang special songs including "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" and "The Lord is My Shepherd".

Graveside services were held that same afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery near Lewistown. The Reverend Paul Shropa of Stanford handled the committal prayers.

CHARLES HOCHBERGER
Born: October 14, 1920 - Died: March 1, 1981
Liberty County Times
March 5, 1981

Chuck Hochberger **services today**

Charles O. Hochberger, 60, died at a Glasgow hospital. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Bell Mortuary, with burial in Malta Cemetery.

A native of Sutton, N.D., he came to Glasgow in 1947. Hochberger established the Skyline Chrysler & Dodge dealership in Glasgow and operated it until 1979.

In 1972 he married Doris Bloom in Glasgow. She survives, along with a son, Roger of Billings; a daughter, Mrs. Glenn (Diane) Burger of Washington; two stepsons, Bill and Bob Hanson of Washington; two step-daughters, Mrs. Warren (Ivy) Brown and Mrs. Larry (LuAnne) Dapriole of Illinois; three sisters, Hilda Hochberger of Fargo, N.D., Mable Hochberger of Cut Bank and Elsie Berg of Chester, and four brothers, Walter of Sutton, Hugo of Hillsboro, N.D., Richard of Fairview and Clarence of Chester.

ARTHUR SIGURD LALUM

Born: July 2, 1946 - Died: August 10, 1981

Liberty County Times

August 20, 1981

Funeral held for Art Lalum, 35



Arthur Sigurd Lalum

Arthur Sigurd Lalum was born in Shelby, Montana, on July 2, 1946. His parents were Sigard and Sophie (Kantorowicz) Lalum and he was one of eleven children. As a child, Art lived on his grandparents' farm south of Chester and attended the Hay Coulee country school. The family moved to Chester in 1956, so Art continued his education in Chester, graduating from high school in 1964. During his high school years and the year following graduation, he worked for the Meissner ranches. In 1965 he enlisted

in the U.S. Army and served in Germany, Vietnam and Alaska. In August, 1969 he was honorably discharged at the rank of Staff Sergeant, E-5. While stationed in Alaska, he met his wife-to-be, Paulette M. Perry, and they were married in Chester on October 18, 1969. Since that time they have made their home in the Chester community. Art had been employed at the Meissner ranches, had managed a GTA elevator in Inverness, and for the past 3 years has worked as the set-up/delivery foreman at Chester Implement. His memberships included V.F.W. Post #3997 and Our Savior's Lutheran Church (he was presently on the church council). Art could be described as a somewhat shy, quiet sort of a guy, but at the same time he tried to do the best he could in any job he pursued. He especially enjoyed working with machinery and mechanics. Art was a family man and had a happy home with his wife and children. His work and his family were the things that meant most to him, and his loyalty to both confirms that.

Art was riding home for lunch on the afternoon of Monday, August 10, when his motorcycle collided with a pickup near the B-N Depot in Chester. He was thrown from the motorcycle and killed instantly. He had just turned 35 last month.

Survivors include his wife, Paulette of Chester; 2 sons, Larry Lee ("Skeeter") and Kevin Arthur; 1 daughter, Debra Christina; parents, Sig and Sophie of Chester; 4 brothers, Arnie of Conrad, Allen of Columbia Falls, and Clint and Dale, both of Chester; 5 sisters, Mrs. Michael (Mariene) Roden of Centerville, Utah, Mrs. Leo (Edna) Somerfeld of Power, Mrs. Bill (Alice) Wilcott of St. Marie, Idaho, Mrs. Jim (Patsy) Michaelson of Lolo, and Mrs. Marv (Donna) Gulick of

Fairfield; his mother-in-law, Evelyn Perry and Walter Tuck of Riverside, California; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Art was preceded in death by his grandparents and a sister (Margaret).

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 13, at 11 a.m. at the Chester Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated, and incorporated Art's favorite Bible passage, "The 23rd Psalm", into the sermon. Wayne Wardell sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Lord's Prayer",

accompanied by Meredith Anderson. Friends serving as pallbearers included Stuart Stone, Gordon Nelsen, Jim Harden, Terry Thielman, Jeff Peterson, and Nich Bubnash (Jr.). Honorary bearers included the Meissner Brothers, and ushers were Spike Stone and Andy Lalum. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with special military rites by members of V.F.W. Post #3997 and American Legion. The ladies of the V.F.W. Auxiliary provided a memorial luncheon for family and friends at the church following graveside services. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ALFRED WILHELM LARSEN
Born: February 10, 1899 - Died: May 23, 1981
Liberty County Times
May 28, 1981

Funeral held for Alfred W. Larsen

Alfred Wilhelm Larsen was born in Latimer, Iowa, Franklin County on February 10th, 1899. His parents were Soren M. & Carolina M. Larsen and he was eldest of 3 children. His father had immigrated from Denmark to Iowa and farmed in the Franklin County community, so Alfred grew up there. He was baptized and confirmed Lutheran, and attended the Morgan Township School No. 1, a country school near his home. Before coming to Montana in 1935, Alfred had worked on various farms and ranches in Iowa. Shortly after his arrival

here, he helped build the R.E.A. lines in the rural Hi-Line area. In 1952 he went to work on the Senator Allen Kolstad farm in Ledger and has been a loyal, reliable worker there for these past 28 years.

About six months ago he became ill and was hospitalized. For the past several months he had resided at the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester where he died on Saturday, (May 23rd) at the age of 82 years.

Alfred is survived by 2 brothers, Benton A. Larsen of Latimer, Iowa and Clarence A.

Larsen of Coulter, Iowa; several nephews & nieces; and many cousins. Several local cousins include Quinten Larsen, Mrs. Grant (Alvina) Flage, and Mrs. Miles (Lou Ann) Burd, all of Galata, and Mrs. Henry (Joyce) Dye and Mrs. Jack (Lucile) Cockrell, both of Shelby. Alfred was preceded in death by his parents. He never married.

Funeral services were held at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester on Tuesday, May 26th for local friends and relatives. The Reverend Ken Bartle from the Galata Lutheran Church officiated, and Carole Hanson provided special vocal and guitar music. Alfred was shipped to Coulter, Iowa where additional services will be held today, (Thursday, May 28th) at the Nazareth Lutheran Church

at 2 p.m. The Reverend Allison Hansen will officiate, and special music will be provided by Maxine Johansen and Howard and Emmert Brown. Pallbearers in Iowa will include Clark Sidmore, James Irving, Clyde Parks, and Donald, Ralph and Bruce Larsen. Flower ladies will be Ollie Christiansen and Gladys Ytzen. Interment will follow in the family plot at the St. Peters Cemetery near Coulter.

MARK L. LAVALLEY

Born: ?, 1915 - Died: September 25, 1981

Liberty County Times

October 1, 1981

Services for M LaValley Monday

Mark L. LaValley, 66, 1004 10th Ave. N., died Friday morning in a local hospital.

Services were Monday at 10 a.m. in Croxford's Chapel followed by burial in Joplin.

LaValley was born in Joplin and attended school there. He worked for the Morrison Drilling Co. from 1941 to 1946 when he came to Great Falls and started work for the Anaconda Co. as a journeyman

moulder. He retired from Anaconda in June 1978.

LaValley and Frances Kanfield were married at Hardy in July 1952. She survives with his son, James, of Tonopka, Nevada; a stepson, Ralph Low, Spokane; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; his mother, Ida LaValley, Great Falls; and two brothers, David and Glenn LaValley, both of Joplin.

EDDIE JAMES LAYTON
Born: October 15, 1912 - Died: March 10, 1981
Liberty County Times
March 19, 1981

Eddie Layton, 68½ passes on March 10

Edward James Layton was the eldest of nine children born to Henry T. Layton & Emma Anna Louise Shultz. His parents had come to Montana with their families in 1910 and homesteaded south of Chester. As neighbors they became close friends and eventually married.

Eddie was born on October 15th, 1912 on the family farm located 9½ miles southeast of Chester, in fact, all nine of the Layton children were born there. Of interest too, is that the family was baptized together on the homestead by a visiting Methodist minister in those early years. In his youth Ed attended the Norris country school near their farm. In the years that followed he lived & worked on the farm, and took over the farming operations in 1953 when his father died. His mother lived with him and he looked after her until her death in 1971. Ed never married, yet he never missed a family gathering, and his presence was always appreciated.

He loved to fish and enjoyed picnicking, and in younger years did some hunting (mainly for small game & geese). He liked to play pinocle too. In recent years he enjoyed "tinkering" in his shop. His main interest in life was farming, and he prided himself in his wheat growth; for many years he took wheat samples to the county fair and won many quality ribbons.

Ed never failed to acknowledge his fellow man, and liked the relaxation of a nice visit over a cup of coffee. He never hurried or worried about much of anything, and just lived each day at a time. He had been a member of the Farmer's Union & the Chester Methodist Church.

Ed had apparently not felt well on Tuesday, March 10th.

The following morning when he failed to pick up his mail as usual, he was found dead at his home. He was 68½ years old.



Survivors include his brother, Lawrence ("Curly") of Chester; 4 sisters, Mrs. Ray (Myrtle) Kratcha of Shelton, Washington, Mrs. Alice Schwede of Chester, Mrs. Don (Eleanor) McGary of Butte, and Mrs. John (Mary) Dedrickson of Libby; and many nephews and nieces. Ed was preceded in death not only by his parents, but by a brother (Dick) and two sisters (Laura & Lorraine).

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 17th, at 11 a.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Bill Mullette officiated. Vocal music by Wayne Wardell included "How Great Thou Art," and "In the Garden." Organist was Mrs. Marion Thielman. Nephews serving as ushers included Gary Layton and Jim Thompson. Friends and neighbors serving as pallbearers included John Petlak, Delmar Wolfe, Dick Harmon, Nick Bubnash, Tom Osterman and John Englund.

Memorial bearers included "all of his longtime friends." Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by the Rockman Chapel, Chester. Following graveside services, a memorial luncheon was held at the RNA Hall for family and friends.

LAWRENCE HENRY (CURLY) LAYTON

Born: April 21, 1928 - Died: December 8, 1981

Liberty County Times

December 17, 1981

Lawrence Henry Layton was born on April 21st, 1928 on the family farm located 9½ miles southeast of Chester. He and his twin sister, Lorraine, were the youngest of nine children born to Henry T. Layton and Emma Anna Louise Shultz Layton. His parents had come to Montana in 1910 and homesteaded south of town. In those early days all of the Layton children were baptized together on the farm by a travelling Methodist minister. Curly's twin sister died in 1938. Curly attended school in Chester and graduated from high school in 1946. He also attended college for a short while at M.S.U. in Bozeman. He was inducted into the Army "ready reserve" in 1950, and served two enlistments, being discharged in



Lawrence "Curly" Layton

1957. While in the military, he served in North Korea during the Korean Conflict. He returned to Chester where he worked various jobs at Roosevelt Service, Chester Motors, Tiber Tractor, and the old Chester Bowling Alley. Since 1973 he has worked on the Leonard Staudacher farm south of town. On September 18th, 1974 he eloped with Norma Leom Mun-

cy to St. Mary's. They have been loyal C.H.S. sports enthusiasts, and in addition, were active in the Rudyard Mixed-Doubles Bowling League, the Great Falls "3 for 3" Horseshoe Club, the Chester "Liberty Leapers" Horseshoe Club, and the "Happy Hi-Liners" Red Dale Club (a camping group). Curly was a life-member of the VFW Bakke Post #3997 and this year held the office of Senior-Vice-Commander. He was also a past member of the local American Legion. Just a week ago he was made an honorary member of the Chester Garden Club because of his loyal support and efforts to the group. In his younger years he was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America. He was also a past member of the Chester Lions. Curly was presently the Secretary/Treasurer of the Tuesday Men's Bowling League in Rudyard; in fact, while bowling on the evening of December 8th, he collapsed and was pronounced dead on arrival at the Chester Hospital. He was just 53 years old.

In addition to horseshoes, bowling, and camping, Curly's hobbies included fishing and cooking. Although never trained, he was a talented plumber, electrician and carpenter. He enjoyed hunting and mining rocks, especially sapphires, and over the years had accumulated a nice collection of Indian arrowheads. Probably his greatest love these past 10 years has been sports, as he was a loyal booster of softball, football, and basketball. Curly had a friendly, pleasant, good sense of humor and liked to visit over a fresh cup of coffee. His memory will not be soon forgotten...

Survivors include his wife, Norma of Chester; 3 sons, Terry Muncy in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Korea and Bryan and Lyle Muncy of Chester; 2 daughters, Nancy Muncy of Imperial Beach, California and Cheryl Muncy of Chester; 4 sisters, Mrs. Ray (Myrtle) Kratcha of Shelton, Washington, Mrs. Alice Schwede of Chester, Mrs. Don (Eleanor) McGary of Butte, & Mrs. John (Mary) Dedrickson of Libby; and many nephews and nieces. Of special mention is his close companion, "Ladybug", his pet Beagle. Curly was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 sisters (Laura and Lorraine), and by 2 brothers (Dick and Edward).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday (December 12th) at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Bill Mullette handled the sermonette and committal services and Reverend Wayne Bungum assisted with scripture readings and obituary. Marion Thielman accompanied Wayne Wardell, who sang "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Spike Stone and Don Marble, and memorial bearers were "All of Curly's many friends..." Active pallbearers included Delmar Wolfe, Tom Osterman, Dick Burrows, Steve Layton, Jim Thompson, and Gary Layton. Postlude music at the church included tapes of two of Curly's favorite songs: "Rusty Old Halo" and "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain". Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites provided by members of the local V.F.W. and American Legion. Dave Gunderson played "taps". A luncheon was then held for family and friends back at the church. The family is establishing a memorial fund for "eternal candles" at the Methodist Church.

MINA TOLLINA LINDELAND
Born: April 18, 1900 - Died: December 30, 1981
Liberty County Times
January 21, 1982

Mina Tollina Lindeland,
81, services Jan. 4

Mina Tollina Lindeland, 81, of 445 Hiway 99 N., Eugene, Oregon died December 30, 1981. She was born near Spencer Creek in Eugene on April 18, 1900, the 12th of 13 children. She was joined in marriage to Arnold Lindeland on May 3rd, 1930 in Eugene. Mina spent most of her life in Eugene except when she traveled with her husband who worked with McNutt Road Construction for 47 years. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May of 1980. She was a charter member of Central Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold of Eugene, many nieces, nephews and cousins. Mina was preceded in death by her daughter, Thelma Thomas on December 29, 1980. Funeral services were held January 4, 1982 at the Central Lutheran Church in Eugene.

CLARA MANSFIELD
Born: ? - Died: August 31, 1981
Liberty County Times
September 17, 1981

Clara Mansfield dies in Great Falls

Clara Mansfield, a long-time resident of the Inverness community, died in Great Falls, August 31.

She was born in Rothsay, Minnesota, where she attended school and worked until moving to Montana with her father and brothers.

She married Jesse Mansfield in Havre in 1929. They farmed in Inverness until moving to Great Falls in 1949.

Survivors include the husband, Jesse; a daughter, Janet Mansfield, Great Falls; a sister, Lena Hack, Great Falls; and a brother, Maurice Falla of Conrad. Another brother, Ted Falla of Elbow Lake, Minnesota, passed away on September 1. He was also a long-time resident of the Inverness community. He is survived by his wife, Verna, and two sons, Lyle of Texas and Mark of Nebraska.

HAROLD J. MARKUSON

Born: ?, 1918 - Died: December 18, 1981

THEODORA A. MARKUSON

Born: ?, 1922 - Died: December 18, 1981

Liberty County Times

December 24, 1981

Asphyxiation claims Galata pair

Harold J. Markuson, 63 and his wife Theodora A., 59 were found dead in their home 15 miles northeast of Galata Friday forenoon. Death was attributed to asphyxiation, but no further details are known at this time. Investigation is continuing. No foul play is suspected.

According to reports they had gone home Thursday night, and their bodies were discovered by their son, Duane, at 10:30 Friday forenoon. They were both in bed. The coroner, Jerry Murray, took the bodies to Great Falls for an autopsy where they found a high concentration of carbon monoxide.

Services were held Monday at 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church 18 miles north of

Lothair. Burial was in Trinity Cemetery.

Mr. Markuson was born in 1918 on the family farm north of Galata. After graduating from Galata High School he began farming north of Galata. Mrs. Markuson was born in 1922 in Parshall, North Dakota. They were married in Fairfield November 7, 1942, and in December of that year he entered military service. After his discharge from service they farmed north of Galata until 1978. In 1979, they moved to Great Falls, where Mr. Markuson attended the Great Falls Vo-Tech School, graduating in watchmaking. In March of this year they returned to their farm home.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeannette A. Ambuehl of

Bemidji, Minnesota, and Mrs. Charles (Ethel) Sutej of Great Falls; a son, Duane, of Galata; three grandsons; Harold's six sisters, from oldest to youngest, Emmi Kelso, Kalispell; Beth Leighton, Chester; Evelyn Jones, Jacksonville, Oregon; Marie Berry, Jacksonville, Oregon; Lillian Fenster, Kalispell; Mildred Visocan, Raynesford; and Teddy's (Theodora's) two brothers, Arthur and Addison Hedberg, Parshall, North Dakota.

MALVIN MATTESON
Born: October 16, 1889 - Died: July 25, 1981
Liberty County Times
July 30, 1981

**Funeral held for
Malvin Matteson**

GALATA - MATTESON, Malvin, 91, died at the family farm north of Galata Saturday morning. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church 17 miles north of Lothair, with Dr. Sigvald Fauske officiating. Burial was in the Trinity cemetery. He was born on his parents' homestead at McIntosh, Minnesota, October 16, 1889. He came to Montana in 1910 and took up a homestead 18 miles north of Galata where he had lived ever since. He served in the front lines in France in World War I and was wounded in June 1918 during the battle of the Argonne. After the war he completed a three-year agricultural course at Montana State University at Bozeman and continued farming the homestead. On November 23, 1926, he was married to Margaret Ek. He was a Toole County commissioner from 1950 to 1956, a 62-year charter member of the Galata American Legion post, a 55-year member of the Galata Masonic lodge and a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He served 12 years on the Good Shepherd in Havre. Survivors include his wife; a son, Leonard, of Galata; three daughters, Mrs. Allen (Iva) Kolstad of Ledger; Christabel of Galata and Phyllis McGuire of Lincoln; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Tillie Roberts of Clearbrook, Minnesota, and Minnie Enevold of Kalispell.

WILLIAM ANDREW (BILL) McCORMICK
Born: April 18, 1920 - Died: January 16, 1981

Liberty County Times

January 22, 1981

Funeral held for William McCormick

William Andrew ("Bill") McCormick was born on April 18th, 1920 on his mother's homestead north of Gildford. His parents were William & Olava (Evenson) McCormick and he was one of five children. Bill attended schools in Gildford, graduating from high school there in 1939. While in school he played on the first state championship basketball team from Gildford in 1936, and was captain of the team his senior year. Following school he



William A. McCormick

worked as a trackman for Great Northern Railroad until 1941, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. His military occupation was that of radio mechanic, and he served in the East Indies, Papua, New Guinea, and the Western Pacific. He was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned to Hill County and continued employment with Great Northern. On December 9th, 1946 he married Ida M. Mork in Havre. They moved to Moulton, Montana (near Lewistown) where he ran a Greeley elevator and served as postmaster. In 1952 they moved to Joplin where he continued working for the Greeley Elevator Company. Bill also had worked at the Farmer's Union Cenex in Joplin. In 1968 he took employment at the Roose-

velt Service Station in Chester, and had worked there until the time of his death. After a relatively short illness, Bill died on January 16th at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was 60 years old.

Most of his Chester and Joplin friends knew him simply as "Bill", but his family and friends of past years referred to him as "Pay-Day" (a nickname he acquired many years ago when he used to wear J.C. Penney "pay-day" overalls). Bill was a member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin and the V.F.W. Post #3997 in Chester, and had been a past member of the Gildford American Legion. In younger years he was a sports enthusiast and loved to fish and hunt. In later years he was an avid spectator sportsman and enjoyed reading. During his summer leisure hours he worked in a family vegetable garden. Bill's family was very important to him, especially in recent years with the excitement of weddings, birth of grandchildren, etc. Bill was a loyal man, not only to his family and friends, but also to his work. His quiet, friendly, easy-going nature will surely be missed by his friends and customers at Bob's '66'.

Bill's survivors include his wife, Ida of Joplin; 2 sons, Russell of Stevensville and Bill of Billings; 3 daughters, Mrs. Carl (Mavis) Olson of Havre, Mrs. Jerry (Denise) Tempel of Joplin, and Janice of Billings; 1 brother, John of Kremlin; 2 sisters, Mrs. Roe (Inez) Browning of Arizona and Mrs. Ray (Marion) McKee of California; 3 grandchildren, Shannon, Michelle, and Marc; and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister (Ellen).

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 20th, at 11 a.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Reverend

John Olson officiating. Special vocal music by Judy Lake included "In the Garden" and "Behold a Host", accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Anderson. Nephews served as pallbearers and ushers, including Marlin Spicher, Robert Browning, Richard Halverson, David Mork, Ronald Spicher, Brent Sumner, Wayne Spicher and Neil McCormick. Honorary bearers in memory included "all of his many friends...". Interment followed in Highland Cemetery in Havre, where special military rites were presented by members of the V.F.W. and American Legion from Chester. Following graveside services, family and friends met at the home of his daughter in Havre for luncheon and fellowship. Funeral arrangements were handled by Rockman Chapel of Chester. Memorials will be given to the American Cancer Society.

SHIRLEY BLAKE MCDOWELL

Born: July 28, 1907 - Died: July 11, 1981

Shirley McDowell

Liberty County Times

July 16, 1981



Shirley Blake McDowell was born on July 28th, 1907 in Hutchinson, Kansas. She was the youngest of five children born to George and Minnie (Shirley) Blake. Her father was a railroad engineer and her mother died a few weeks after her birth, so Shirley was raised by an aunt and uncle. She was baptized and confirmed Methodist.

Shirley attended schools in Kansas for 10 years, then finished her high school years in Pomeroy, Washington. She graduated from college at Western Washington College of Education in Bellingham in 1927. After teaching in Washington for a few years, she came to Montana to teach school at Sunburst. Shirley later came to the Chester community where she met Clarence ("Bud") McDowell, and they were married on April 17th, 1937. They worked on the Leo Milles ranch near Whitlash until 1938, when Bud took over the McDowell homestead north of Chester. Shirley worked both as a housewife and a country school teacher during those early years when her three children were growing up. In 1956 she began teaching school in Chester and served several years as the grade school principal. During that time she continued her education and 1970, then moved to Gillette, Wyoming where she

continued teaching for two more years. She retired in 1972 and moved to Billings. In the years that followed, she did volunteer work in several states, including Montana, New Mexico, Alaska, and California. In 1974 she moved to Kalispell and joined R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer People). During her six years there she came back to Chester and took residence at the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge, and remained there until her death on the evening of July 11th. Shirley was 73 years old.

Mrs. McDowell had many hobbies. She loved music and enjoyed playing the piano. In her quiet hours she liked to read, and was especially fond of literature relating to home decorating/interior design. In later years she studied the Bible. She devoted many hours to yardwork as she loved flowers and gardening. But her greatest love of all was teaching and service to mankind! Shirley had belonged to teacher's associations including M.E.A. and N.E.A. She was also a member of the Chester United Methodist Church.

Survivors include 2 children, Lance (and Pat) McDowell of north Chester and Peggy (and Roger) Nystrom of Monmouth, Oregon; 6 grandchildren, including Shawn and Blaine Meissner, Jana and Charlie Nystrom, and Jennifer and Lyn Turner; and several nephews and nieces. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and son (Blake), 2 brothers (Harry and George), and 2 sisters (Nell and Clara).

In the interest of education, Shirley had bequested her body to science. She will eventually be interred in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery.

Memorial services were held at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Bill Mullette officiated. Special music by the vocal quartette of Lynn Turner, Bev Kelley, Rhea Duncan, and Pat McDowell included "In the Garden", "The New 23rd Psalm", and "Alleluia". Following services a coffee hour was given for family and friends. Local arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

CHARLES JAMES MIKULECKY
Born: January 31, 1898 - Died: February 7, 1981
Liberty County Times
February 19, 1981

Funeral held for Charles Mikulecky

Charles James Mikulecky was born on January 31st, 1898 in Racine, Wisconsin. His parents were Wenzil and Louise (Rosar) Mikulecky and he was one of eight children. Charles came to Montana with his parents in 1916, and they homesteaded in the Black Coulee community 15 miles south of Rudyard. He helped on the family farm, and during the depression years worked as a logger in the Libby area. Other than that he has lived in the Rudyard community his entire life. He eventually took over the original homestead and purchased more land in the years that followed. On March 2nd, 1926 he married Catherine Janice Clark (who hailed from Crosby, North Dakota). The product of that marriage was 5 children. The Mikulecky's were past members of the Hingham Methodist Church and present members of the Inverness United Methodist Church. Charles was a long-time member of the Hingham Oddfellows Lodge #17. He had been a member of the Farmer's Union, in fact, had been on the board of directors of the Rudyard Co-op. In past years he enjoyed the outdoors and hunting, but in more recent years has enjoyed the indoors in front of the television behind a good book. In the summer months he busied himself with a nice vegetable garden. He enjoyed his family, especially his grandchildren. His personal habit and love was for a good chew of snoose.

The Mikulecky's were visiting their daughter in Hawthorne, Nevada when he celebrated his 83rd birthday on January 31st. Charles died peacefully at his daughter's home on Saturday, February 7th.

Survivors include his wife, Janice of Rudyard; 1 son, Chuck of Rudyard; 3 daughters, Mrs. Tony (Jean) VanRisswick of Ocean Park, Washington,

Mrs. Shirley Kroshus of Hawthorne, Nevada, and Mrs. Roy (Joyce) Wapples of Colstrip; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Frances Habeck of Rudyard, Louise Lustgraaf of Great Falls, and Mary Bonham of Oakland, California; and many nephews and nieces. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, by a son in infancy, by 2 brothers (Jim and Mark), and by 2 sisters (Alice Brennan and Anna Sylte).

Funeral services were held in Rudyard on Thursday, February 12th, at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Reverend Bill Mullette officiated with the assistance of Reverend Greg Kaiser. Vocalist, Judy Lake, sang "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art" (one of Charles' favorites), and Iris White accompanied her on the organ. Pallbearers were Edward Mikulecky, Steven Haas, Anthony VanRisswick, Roy Wapples, Ralph Sylte and Randy Kroshus. Ushers were Charles and Zane Adams. Members of the Hingham I.O.O.F. serving as honorary bearers included Pat Rathbun, Kamp Landrith, Jake VanWechel, Bob Blake, Pete Rathbun and Alvin Barbie. Burial followed in the Rudyard Cemetery with Rockman Chapel in charge. A luncheon was given to family and friends at the church. A memorial fund will be established to the Liberty County Hospital.

WINFRED HARLAN MOORE
Born: April 5, 1892 - Died: November 13, 1981
Liberty County Times
November 19, 1981

Funeral held for Winfred Moore

Winfred Harlan Moore was born in Ozark, Arkansas on April 5th, 1892. His parents were Edward and Eliza (Hall) Moore, and he was one of four children. His father had homesteaded in the Ozark community, so Winfred attended schools there. Although he only completed through grade six, which wasn't uncommon in those days, he was a very educated person, being self-taught and family-disciplined. He remained on the family farm until age 21, then went to Detroit where he worked for Dupont in the auto industry. A few years later he

moved to Denver and worked on the railroad there. On November 12th, 1918 he married Lottie Marion Westcott in Tecumseh, Michigan. In the years that followed they lived in Nebraska, where they purchased and ran a corn farm/ranching operation. In 1932 they moved to California, where he again worked for the railroad and supplied logging cars for the Cal-Dor Lumber Company. They spent the rest of their working lives in northern California. Winfred's wife died in 1969. Five years ago he came to Shelby, Montana to live with a son, Albert. Because of progressive ill-health, he entered the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester about three months ago. Winfred died

at the Chester Hospital on the evening of Friday, November 13th. He was 89 years old.

Winfred's family were very musically talented and orientated. He was no exception; he played most any stringed instrument, and in addition, he played the organ and harmonica. One of his hobbies was amateur archeology, and he had been a "rock hound" for many years. He also enjoyed wood carving.

His survivors include 2 sons, Hershel ("Bill") of Scotia, California and Albert of Shelby; 3 daughters, Norma Smithers of Long Beach, California, Mrs. Bruno (Marion) Querin of Placerville, California, and Mrs. Homer (Betty Ann) Osborne of Sacramento, California; 1 sister,

Laura Mae Holloway of Fort Smith, Arkansas; 29 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. One of the grandchildren is Mrs. Kemper Harden. He was preceded in death not only by his wife, but by 2 brothers and 7 children.

Winfred was cremated per his wishes, and the remains were sent to Crescent City, California to be interred with his wife. A memorial service will be held on Friday (November 20th) at 3:00 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home in Shelby with Lloyd McClain of the Jehovah Witnesses officiating. Local arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial fund is being established to the Chester Hospital and Nursing Home.

HANS NORJORD
Born: ?, 1894 - Died: October 14, 1981
Liberty County Times
October 22, 1981

Hans Norjord, 87 dies in Edmonton

Word has been received here that Hans Norjord, 87, of Edmonton, Alberta passed away there on October 14. He had not been well for some time.

Mr. Norjord had been an occasional visitor to Chester until recent years, having been the brother of the late Sigurd Olson and Mary Morkrid.

Born in Lom, Norway, in 1894, he emigrated to the United States as a young man and settled in North Dakota. Later, he lived at Coots, Alberta, and worked at the refinery. Before retiring to Edmonton, he had for many years been an employee of the Arabian-American Oil Co. in Saudi-Arabia.

He had been a member of the American Legion Veterans of World War I at Sweet

Grass, Montana, until that organization disbanded there.

Mr. Norjord is survived by his widow, Sara, at the family home in Edmonton.

MARGARET (SCHWAN) RICHTER

Born: February 20, 1896 - Died: March 20, 1981

Liberty County Times

March 26, 1981



Margaret Richter

Funeral held for Margaret Richter

Margaret (Schwan) Richter was born in Germany on February 20, 1896. At age three she came with her parents, Jacob & Magdalena (Fheler) Schwan, from Odessa, Russia to the United States. Her family settled in the Berwick, North Dakota community where she later met George Richter. On November 19, 1915 they were married at the Fulda Church south of Berwick. That same year they came to Montana and homesteaded in the Alma community north of Joplin.

In later years they moved to a farm south of Inverness. The product of their happy marriage was 15 children, two of whom died in infancy. When George died suddenly in 1938, they had 13 children at home and Margaret was pregnant with the 14th. That same year their house burned and the following year the depression hit, but she managed to cope with it all because of her strong Christian faith and devout loyalty to her family.

In 1942 they sold the farm and moved into Inverness where she has lived and maintained her own home since. In those earlier years her days were busy making cookies, baking bread and sewing garments for the children. Although she only had a few years of formal schooling, she was a self-taught scholar. She learned English from her children and the neighbors. She was loyal to her church and belonged to the Sacred Heart Ladies Aide Club.

In later years her hobbies included sewing, quilting, and embroidery work. Her family kidded that she "wore out a lot of sewing machines" over the years. Margaret was a dedicated grandmother. She personally made each grandchild a quilt, and sunbonnets were her specialty item for the granddaughters. She always had a vegetable and flower garden, and enjoyed the solitude of reading.

In recent years she got a charge out of the TV soap operas, and always had some comments to make about them. Margaret continued to be active until December 8th of last year when illness struck. She entered the Liberty County Hospital at that time, followed by a stay in the rest home. On the afternoon of Friday, March 20th, she died peacefully at the age of 85 years. Her life can best be summarized by a poem written to her and about her in the late 1940's:

Margaret Richter is my dear pal.

You all know she is one swell gal.

Her door is always opened wide;

To let our children come inside.

She shares with them their joys and sorrow,

Helps them to find a bright tomorrow.

A friend and Mother with a heart of gold,

Now my story has been told.

Your neighbor & friend,
Frances May.

Margaret is survived by 6 sons, John of Havre, Jacob of Inverness, Chris of Hingham, Frank of Joplin, Raymond of Inverness, and Edwin of Havre; 5 daughters, Mrs. George (Mary) Mader of Great Falls, Mrs. Orville (Lena) Shore of Inverness, Mrs. Agnes Mader of Great Falls, Mrs. Rodney (Francy) Fraser of Inverness, and Mrs. Charles (Virginia) Adams of Inverness; 57 grandchildren; 39 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Julianna Schwan of Havre; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her parents, husband and 2 infant children, but also by 2 sons (George in 1976 and Joseph in 1978), 2 brothers (Peter and Frank), 3 sisters (Eva, Elizabeth and Agnes) and 4 grandchildren.

Vigil prayer services were held Monday evening at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Mass of the Resurrection was held Tuesday, March 24th, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart. The funeral mass was celebrated by Fathers Martin Philipsen & Rene Petit. Vocalists Scott & Donnie Richter sang, "How Great Thou Art," "Ave Maria," and "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Iris White on the organ. Altar servers for the event were Von Richter and Neil Weigand, and Margaret's "grandsons" served as pallbearers. Interment was in the Inverness Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

FERDINAND ROBOWEITRA

Born: April 17, 1906 - Died: April 6, 1981

Liberty County Times

April 9, 1981



Ferdinand Roboweitra

Ferdinand Roboweitra was born on April 17th, 1906 in Estonia. His parents were Gustav and Emma (Selg) Roboweitra, and he was the eldest of three children. His father, who had been a tailor by trade in Estonia, immigrated to Belvue, Canada in 1908 and took employment in the coal mines there. In 1910 his father filed a homestead 10 miles northwest of Chester, but returned to Belvue to earn additional money for their move to Montana. Ferdinand's brother and sister were born in Canada, and they all came to the Chester homestead with their mother in 1912. His father had been killed with over 100 other miners in a catastrophe in 1911. Emma and the children milked cows, churned butter and sold the products as their livelihood. In later years Ferdinand helped with expenses by running a "trapline" between Chester and the Sweetgrass Hills. The year 1931 was lean, so Ferdinand and his brother went to Simms and operated a "trapline" there. In the late 1930's he moved to the Joplin community where he bought his own farm 11 miles north of town. In 1943 he was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II and served for two years. While he was away, his brother looked

after his place. Following his military discharge, he returned to the farm and has lived and worked there since. He never married and lived alone. Because he hadn't been seen for several days, a neighbor investigated and found him dead at his farm home on

Monday, April 6th. He had apparently died peacefully at the age of 74 years.

Ferdinand was a unique individual. He was essentially a "loner," but still enjoyed visiting with anybody who might be in the mood. He enjoyed walking, and was often seen strolling along the business areas of Joplin and Chester. In his younger years he had been a running track star at Chester High School, but these past few years he suffered from the ailments of a broken ankle, so just didn't get around like he used to. Ferdinand enjoyed gardening and was especially adept at raising apples and other fruits, which is quite a feat in Montana. In his quieter hours he liked to read (especially health magazines) and relax to radio music. He didn't have much need for doctors; in fact, was a great one for "home remedies" (Specifically, he felt that garlic and derivatives had great healing power). He loved his farm and the farming operations. He did a lot of his farming alone and "under the stars." At times he was very eager when it came to farming, in fact, had already done some summer fallowing this spring. Generally speaking, he simply enjoyed life.

Ferdinand is survived by his brother, Gus Robo of north Joplin; his sister, Renette Roboweitra of the Minneapolis area; two nephews, Jerry Robo of Fort Benton and David Robo of north Joplin; and 6 great nephews. He was preceded in death not only by his father, but by his mother in 1924 and a niece (Violet) in 1960.

Funeral services will be today (Thursday, April 9th) at 10 a.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend John Olson of the Joplin Bethel Lutheran Church will officiate. Special vocal music by Carole Hanson will include "In the Garden" and "Softly and Tenderly." Friends serving as pallbearers will be Frank Meldrum, Tom Wood, Herbert Poetzl, Norbert VanDessel, and Joe and Lawrence Terwolbeck. Burial will follow in the Chester Cemetery.

EDWARD ROCKMAN

Born: June 28, 1891 - Died: February 13, 1981

Liberty County Times

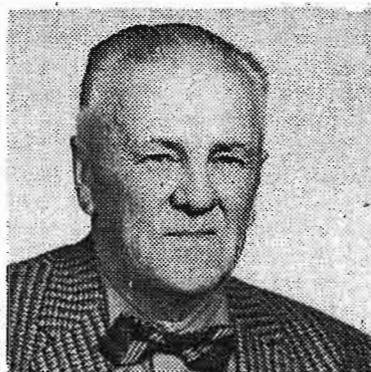
February 19, 1981

Funeral held for Ed Rockman

Edward Rockman was born in Oslo, Norway on June 28th, 1891. His parents were Anna Christina Christiansen and Chris I. Rockman. In 1902 as a small boy, he came with his mother and two brothers to the United States by sail and steam boat to join their father in Chicago. In the fall of 1908, Ed came to Chester with his stepmother (Helga Johnson), brother Sid, and sister Ruth. He took a job as a ranch hand for Ole Selmar and delivered mail by horseback. His family ran the Grand Hotel in Chester. In 1913 Ed bought a relinquished homestead 16 miles north of Lothair where he lived and farmed most of his life. On August 22nd, 1922 he married Lucy Hansen in Seattle, Washington. Lucy died from cancer in 1954. In 1970 Ed sold his farm to the Skari brothers and retired to Great Falls. When his health started to fail, he came back to Chester to live with his daughter, Vivian. In 1974 he entered the Liberty County Rest Home where he has lived since. His health continued to deteriorate these past few years, and he died at noon on February 13th at the Liberty County Hospital. He would have been 90 years old this coming June.

Ed was a proud veteran of World War I. He served on the front-lines in Fismers, France in 1918 where he suffered a leg wound and laid in the trenches for two days before being picked up. He was always a paid up member in the local V.F.W. and American Legion Posts, and never missed a Memorial Day celebration regardless of weather. He was your basic loyal American.

In earlier years he frequently attended the Trinity Lutheran Church and was a trustee at the North Trommer School. His favorite forms of recreation were dancing and card parties (he claimed to be a master at



'whist'). His greatest love was for horses and farming. He was quite a witty man and story-teller of his many adventures and experiences of the "old times" and Montana's "wild west".

Ed is survived by 1 son,

Leslie of Helena; 1 daughter, Mrs. John (Vivian) Dolezal of Chester; 1 brother, George of Buena, Washington; 3 sisters, Ruth Ish and Lillian Wright of Chester and Helen Carr of Poulsbo, Washington; 6 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and 5 brothers (Willard, Gunner, Lloyd, Sid, and Harry).

Funeral services were held Monday, February 16th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Ken Bartle of the Trinity parish officiated. Special vocal music by Wayne Wardell included "My Buddy" and "The Old Rugged Cross",

accompanied by Mrs. Marion Thielman. Pallbearers were Tyrone Rockman, Darby O'Brien, Morton Skari, Arlo Skari, Don Buffington and Richard Dolezal. Memorial bearers included members of the American Legion and V.F.W. Post #3997. Military rites were presented by fellows from the local posts during graveside services at the Chester Cemetery, after which a luncheon was given to family and friends back at the church. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ALICE B. ROMAIN
Born: ?, 1922 - Died: August 12, 1981
Liberty County Times
August 20, 1981

***Funeral held for
Alice Romain, 59***

Alice B. Romain, 59, 2926 5th Ave. North, Great Falls, died in a Great Falls hospital Wednesday, August 12. The funeral was conducted Saturday in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel. Cremation followed.

Born Alice Blanchard in Kanppen, Alta., Canada, she grew up and was educated in Alberta, graduating from high school in Edmonton. Following her schooling, she was employed for a time as a secretary for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

In 1946, she moved to Shelby and worked as a secretary. She married Lawrence Romain June 7, 1947 in Conrad. They farmed north of Fort Benton and made their home in Great Falls.

Survivors include her husband, Larry; one son Steven, Ft. Benton; a sister, May Harvie, Milk River, Alta., and three brothers, Gordon Blanchard, High River, Alta., Norman Blanchard, Calgary, and Howard of Onaway, Alta.

WILLIAM CLARENCE SCHAFER
Born: April 18, 1929 - Died: July 10, 1981
Liberty County Times
July 16, 1981

Funeral held for Bill Schafer, 52

William Clarence Schafer was born in Chester on April 18th, 1929 to Jacob and Mathilda (Martell) Schafer. Bill attended school at Chester, graduating in 1947. Following high school he worked for the Valley Motor Company in Havre and Lemon, South Dakota, and also worked for the Oliver dealer in Chester for a short while. In January of 1951 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force for a four-year term. On March 9th, 1952 he married an Inverness

girl, Eileen Zentzis, in Rudyard. Following his military discharge, they took over the Zentzis farm north of Inverness. Together they farmed until 1980 when they sold the place and retired to a home in Joplin. They also had a cabin in Appar and spent as much time as possible there. They were in the mountains on July 10th with Doug and Marg Langel of Rudyard. While they were putting a boat into Flathead Lake at Woods Bay Marina, Bill collapsed suddenly and died. He was 52 years old. Most people will remember Bill as a friendly fellow. He always had a smile on his face and liked to visit.

Over the years he drove school bus for both the Inverness and Joplin schools. Bill and his wife had gone on many field trips with school kids because of their great enjoyment of them. Bill was an avid high school sports enthusiast and was always supportive in any school-related venture. For recreation Bill enjoyed bowling and was active in the Rudyard league for many years. In the summer months he enjoyed the relaxation of boating and fishing, and devoted as much time as possible to both, especially

since his retirement. Bill had been a past member and officer of the Inverness Commercial Club. In recent years he worked parttime as a hail insurance salesman for a Great Falls company.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen of Joplin; a daughter, Debbie, who is married to Lowell Pimley and lives in Littleton, Colorado; and a son, Randy who lives at Appar and is a self-employed truck-driver working in Montana and Washington. Also surviving is a brother, Charles of Billings; a sister, Mrs. Lada (Sylvia) Kafka

of Havre; and numerous nephews and nieces. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters (Vivian and Inez).

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at the Chester United Methodist Church by Reverend Bill Mullette. Special vocal music by Terry Stevenson included "Be Still My Soul" and "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by Sharon Spicher on the organ. Ushers were Jerome Lincoln and Russ Pimley, and good friends serving as pallbearers included Clifford Hanson, Doug

Langel, Bob Woods, Ken Gutcher, Ron Hanson and Paul Johnson. Following committal services at the Joplin Cemetery a memorial luncheon was given for family and friends at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.



Bill Schafer

GLEN STANLEY SHEPHERD

Born: March 26, 1892 - Died: November 24, 1981

Liberty County Times

December 3, 1981

Glen Stanley Shepherd was born in Van Buren, Iowa on March 26th, 1892. He was the 2nd of nine children born to George and Addie (Bell) Shepherd. In 1902 his family moved to Cooperstown, North Dakota where he grew up and attended schools. He completed his education through grade seven, then was forced to quit because of tough times and family commitments on the farm. In 1912 his father came to Chester (Montana) with Si Warrington and "homesteaded" near town. There was a good crop in North Dakota that year so his father returned, and Glen came to Chester to take over the homestead here. Glen had been in Chester only three weeks when he met the daughter of a pioneer family, Lottie Mitchell, at a country dance. They were married on July 3rd, 1913, and the product of that marriage was 5 children. Those early years on the Chester farm were extremely tough. Sod had to be broken with walking plows and horses. In dry years what little crop they cut was used strictly for feed purposes. And in good years it seemed like hail always managed to take away their labors. To keep things going those first 10 years, Glen worked the winter months in Kalispell, either in the woods or for the Great Northern Railroad. In the summer months he worked on Liberty County roads, did some custom-thrashing, and dug coal for winter fuel. By the mid-1920's things finally started to look brighter, with the acquisition of more livestock, more land, and better crops. Glen & Lottie farmed until 1943, when they leased the place to sons Neil and Harold and moved into Chester. Lottie died in the winter of 1945. Glen moved to the Flathead Valley where he met Ava Schad, and they were married on September 5th, 1946. From that time on they have lived in the Kalispell community. Glen enjoyed car-

penter work, and during those 20 plus years there, he bought, repaired, and sold seven different houses, and also built a family cabin on Ashley Lake. In the winter months they enjoyed travelling, and made numerous trips to the South and East. Glen's health remained good until 1978, when he entered the Immanuel Lutheran Rest Home in Kalispell. He died there on the evening of November 24th at the age of 89 years.

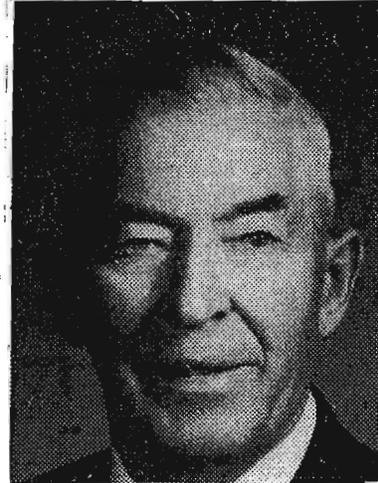
Glen's philosophy in life was that if you had good health, you had all the world's wealth. He was very thankful for his good health and felt that hard work was the key to maintaining it. This was evident by his unending efforts during the homestead days and his continued efforts during his "retirement" years. Glen also believed that Sunday was a day of rest to enhance both mental and physical well-being. He was very involved in church activities, being a loyal participant at the First Baptist Church in Kalispell and in Bible study groups. Prior to leaving Chester he was a member of the United Methodist Church, in fact, had donated 80 acres of farm land to this church. Glen's great recreational love was fishing, although he liked to take long walks and do some limited exercises, too. Each summer he maintained a big garden and always had more than enough fresh vegetables for family and friends. He had been active in the Kalispell Senior Citizen's group for a number of years. He was a good neighbor and friend, and was always willing to help however he could.

He enjoyed family get togethers as he was very proud of his family. He was a leader in the fact that he always said table grace and then was the first one to the kitchen to help with the dishes. He enjoyed

teasing and playing with the grandkids, and even in later years it wasn't unusual for him to wrestle with them on the floor. In summary, he enjoyed all aspects of life and often expressed his thankfulness for being part of it.

Glen is survived by his wife, Ava of Kalispell; 2 sons, Neil of Chester and Leo of Kalispell; 1 daughter, Mrs. Robert (Carrie) Bracken of Lake Oswego, Ore-

gon; 2 step-daughters, Mary Anna Zauner of Kalispell and Dixie Tye of Alliance, Nebraska; 2 sisters, Mildred and Gladys Shepherd of Des Moines Iowa; 1 brother, Dr. Loyd Shepherd of Des Moines, Iowa; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Glen was preceded in death not only by his first wife and parents, but also by 2 sons (Ralph and Harold), a grandson (Harley), and 5 siblings (Veda, Mabel, Mary, Paul, and Wayne).



Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, November 27th, at the Johnson Funeral Home in Kalispell. First Baptist Church clergymen Rev. Joseph Lutz and Rev. William Reid officiated. Two vocal numbers by June Fisher included "Beyond the Sunset" and "Beautiful Garden of Prayer", accompanied by Fern Reid on the organ.

Additional services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 28th, at the Chester United Methodist Church with Rev. Bill Mullette officiating. Congregational hymns included "How Great Thou Art" & "Harvest Time". A special number, "The

Old Rugged Cross", was sung by Wayne Wardell, accompanied by his wife, Juanita. Pallbearers included "all of Glen's grandchildren", but those active bearers were Duane Bracken, Darryl Zauner, Gene Cady, and Roger, Dan, and Glen Shepherd. Ushers were Mark Leighton and Don Shepherd. Interment followed in the Chester Cemetery with local arrangements by the Rockman Chapel. After graveside services, a luncheon was given at the church by the Methodist ladies and friends.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; Thy rod and

thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence

of mine enemies: thou anointest my head

with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life: and I will

dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In Memory of

GLEN S. SHEPHERD

Born March 26, 1892
Bentonsport, Iowa

Died November 24, 1981
Kalispell, Montana

Services at

Johnson Funeral Home
2 P.M. November 27, 1981

Officiating Clergymen

Rev. Joseph Lutz
Rev. William Reid
First Baptist Church

Music

"Beyond the Sunset"
"Beautiful Garden of Prayer"
June Fisher, Soloist
Fern Reid, Organist

Services at

Chester United Methodist Church
2 P.M. November 28, 1981

Officiating Clergyman

Rev. Bill Mullette

Music

"The Old Rugged Cross"
Wayne Wardell, Soloist
Congregational Hymns
"How Great Thou Art"
"Harvest Time"

Juanita Wardell, Organist

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Honorary Pallbearers

All of the Grandchildren

Burial

Chester Cemetery

LYDIA (SCHNEIBLE) SORRELLS
Born: January 1, 1908 - Died: January 22, 1981
Liberty County Times
February 5, 1981

Funeral held for Mrs. Lydia Sorrells

Mrs. Lydia (Schneible) Sorrells, 72, a former Hill County resident, passed away Thursday, January 22, 1981, at Hi-Acres Nursing Home at Jamestown, North Dakota.

Funeral services were held at the Amundsen Funeral Home in Grand Forks, North Dakota January 24 at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Mike Thompson, pastor of Church of God, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in Grand Forks.

Mrs. Sorrells was born January 1, 1908 in Grand Forks, and was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schneible. She came to Montana in October 1910 with her parents, two sisters, Christine Walker and Rosie Fields, and two brothers, Ed and Jack Schneible. They settled in the Rudyard - Goldstone area, (18 miles north of Rudyard, Montana).

In 1937, she moved back to Grand Forks again with her parents.

March 31, 1949, she married Ferdinand F. Sorrells at Crookston, Minnesota. Several years later they moved to Enderlin, North Dakota and made their home in the Hillcrest Manor. Her husband passed away April 16, 1968.

April 23, 1981, she moved into Hi-Acres Nursing Home at Jamestown, North Dakota.

Survivors are 2 sisters, Christine Walker, Havre, Montana, Rosie Fields, Rudyard, Montana; several nieces and nephews. Her parents, several sisters and brothers preceded her in death.

Memorials may be sent to ones own choice.

WENCESLAV (VENCIL) SPINLER
Born: September 19, 1917 - Died: September 9, 1981
Liberty County Times
September 17, 1981

Funeral held for Vencil Spinler

Wenceslav "Vencil" Spinler was born on September 19th, 1917 on the family homestead north of Hingham. His parents were Rudolph and Mary Spinler and he was one of eight children. As a child he attended the Brennan country school located near the farm. In the years that followed he worked on the family farm and also lived in Wisconsin, where he met his wife-to-be. In September of 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served overseas during World War II. He was honorably discharged in January of 1946, and he returned to Rudyard.

On November 4th, 1946 he married Albina Pribyl in Medford, Minnesota. They made their home on the family farm north of Hingham until 1957, when they moved into Rudyard.

They made their home in Rudyard since that time, and Vencil worked various farm jobs in the community. Albina died in 1975. Vence has lived alone since that time, and was found dead at his residence on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 9th. Death was attributed to natural causes. Vence would have been 64 years old later this month.

He didn't get involved in clubs and organizations, but rather enjoyed the solitude of his home. For relaxation he did yardwork and gardening, and he especially liked flowers. For recreation he enjoyed the excitement of rabbit hunting.

But his great love in life was agriculture, and he appreciated every aspect of farming.

Vencil is survived by 1 daughter, Mrs. Ron (Kathy) Larson of Satellite Falls, Florida; 3 sisters, Agnes Wencil of Medford, Minnesota, Bessie Smiler of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Martha Beranik of Columbia Falls; 3 brothers, Rudy and Jay of Havre and Frank of Hingham; 2 granddaughters, Heather Morse and Tina Larson; 1 grandson, Scott Larson; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, a daughter (Rosemary), and a sister (Mary).

Committal services were held at the Rudyard Cemetery on Thursday morning (Sept. 10th) with prayers by Father Martin Philipsen, followed by military taps. A memorial mass was celebrated Friday afternoon (Sept. 11th) at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church in Hingham by Father Philipsen. Jeff Pester served as altar boy and special mass music was provided by organist, Sharon Spicher. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ROBERT SPIVA
Born: ?, 1911 - Died: May ?, 1981
Liberty County Times
May 7, 1981

Robert Spiva **dies in Missouri**

Robert Matthew Spiva, 70, Route 1, Hallsville, Missouri died at Boone County Hospital.

Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Parker's Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Thomas Frank officiating. Burial was in Centralia Cemetery.

Spiva was born in 1911 in South Dakota to William and Rosemary Maher Spiva. He married Dolores Marie Hauts in 1931 and she preceded him in death in 1951. In 1952, he married Catherine Swartz in Jefferson City, and she survives.

Spiva was a member of Hallsville Masonic Lodge AF & AM, York Rite Bodies, Tiger Shrine and Moolah Temple. He was a member of the water district board, ASCS Board, Boone County Fair Board, Boone County Board of Adjustments, MFA Board and the Audubon Society Board. He was also a past member of the Hallsville School Board.

Other survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Mack (Roberta) Wilhelm of Columbia, Mrs. Hans (Betty) Juengermann of Hallsville, Mrs. R. O. (Dolores) Encinas of California and Marjorie Spiva of the home; 12 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Spiva grew up on a homestead near Chester. Although he moved away about 1924 he still knew a lot of people in the area. He has been back a number of times and planned another trip this summer. He has enjoyed Liberty County News for many years.

BRAD TURNER
Born: August 30, 1957 - Died: March 5, 1981
Liberty County Times
March 11, 1981

Brad Turner killed in truck accident

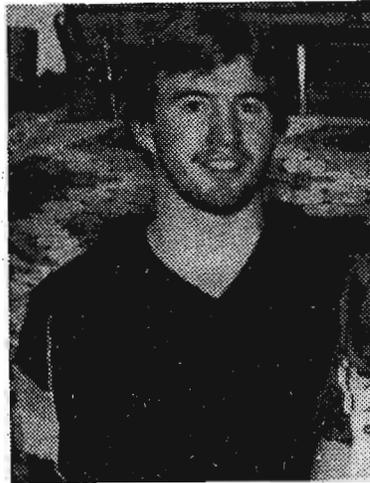
The Hi-Line was shocked Thursday afternoon to learn that Brad Turner, 24, was killed in a tragic trucking accident 15 miles north of Rudyard. According to reports he was driving a semi-trailer rig which lost its gears on a hill, rolled backwards and jack-knifed. It rolled onto its left side, perpendicular to the road, pinning Turner under the cab. There were no eye witnesses to the accident, and it was over an hour before the accident was discovered by Mrs. Joe Lincoln who was driving a school bus when she came upon the scene. She reported it to neighbors who had great difficulty extracting the body from the wreckage.

There is speculation he may have tried to jump clear and was pinned when the cab rolled over.

The accident was investigated by the highway patrol and by Liberty County Sheriff Dick Burrows. The body was brought to Liberty County Hospital by the Rudyard ambulance.

According to reports he had left the Joe Lincoln farm with the truck loaded with 1100 bushels of wheat about 2:30 p.m. The accident was not discovered until about 4 p.m.

Bradley Ray Turner was born in Chester on August 30th, 1957. He was one of seven children born to Robert Sage Turner and Betty Jean Irving. He grew up on the family ranch located near the Sweet-grass Hills and his first five years of education were spent at the Laird Country School near there. Brad finished his schooling at Chester, graduating from high school in 1975. While at C.H.S., he excelled in wrestling and participated in the State Wrestling Tournament all four years. He won the state



Brad Turner

championship in the 112-pound division in 1974.

After high school he moved out on the ranch and helped with the farming operations. For the next few years he continued active in the wrestling program by coaching Junior High wrestlers at Chester.

On August 20th, 1977 he married Jacqueline Faye Lincoln at the Chester United Methodist Church. Since then he and Jackie have made their home on the ranch. They were active members of the Evangelical Church of North America in Rudyard. About two years ago Brad affirmed his life to Christianity when he was rebaptized at a ceremony at the Marias River south of Rudyard. Brad was a very giving person and was always willing to help his fellow-man. His name meant "Abundant Provider", and this was so appropriate to him. He was the perfect example of a young father, and he worshipped his two children. He had an even disposition, patience, and a totally positive attitude about life. He was nothing short of a Godly man, and spent hours reading and studying the Bible. He had a good memory for scripture (and po-

etry, too) and was always eager to share it.

In past years Brad was a member of 4-H, and more recently was involved in N.F.O. His interest in wrestling continued and he also enjoyed water skiing. In his leisure hours he plunked away at a banjo or worked with leather.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie; 2 children, Melinda and Matthew; parents Bob and Betty; 3 brothers, Bruce, Barry (and wife, Cindy), and Blaine, all of Chester; 2 sisters, Betha of Omaha, Nebraska (Grace College of the Bible) and Becky of Havre (Northern Montana College); parents-in-law, Jack and Lorraine Lincoln of Hermiston, Oregon; and numerous cousins. Brad was preceded in death by his grandparents and a brother (Bryan).

Funeral services were held Monday (March 8th) at 2:30 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church. Pastor Douglas Eneberg of the E.C.N.A. officiated, and Pastor Don Kelley of Grace Gospel assisted. The vocal trio of Pat McDowell, Bev Kelley and Lynn Turner sang "You Have Everything in Your Hands", accompanied by Pat McDowell. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Linda Eneberg accompanied the duet of Edith Hodges and Orville Solum, who sang "I Fell on My Knees and Cried Holy". A special solo number by Walter Woods was "My Tribute", accompanied by Pauline Craig. Joe and Roger Lincoln served as ushers, and pallbearers were Colin Lybeck, Rod Oraw, Barry Barto, Keith VandeSandt, Ray Lipp and Jim Hall. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery. A memorial luncheon was provided by members of the Bear's Den group, E.C.N.A., and other concerned friends. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

EMILY ANNA (TICHY) TUTTLE
Born: February 3, 1900 - Died: September 14, 1981
Liberty County Times
September 17, 1981

Funeral held for Emily Tuttle

Emily Anna Tuttle was born on February 3rd, 1900 in Stanley, Wisconsin. She was one of sixteen children born to John and Anna (Katinger) Tichy. She attended schools in Stanley and in her teens helped on the family farm there. In April of 1920 she married Joseph Krejci in Tilden, Wisconsin. That same year they came to Montana and settled in the Rudyard community. In those early years Joseph worked as a mechanic, then later operated the Krejci Service Station while Emily worked as homemaker. Joseph died in 1943 and Emily moved to Havre. She met Harry Tuttle there and was married in 1950. They moved back to Rudyard where they lived until Harry's death in 1976. Emily has lived alone and maintained her own residence since.

On the afternoon of Monday (September 14th) she collapsed in the alleyway behind her home, and was pronounced dead on arrival at the Chester Hospital. She was 81 years old. Emily was active in the Rudyard Senior Citizens group and was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. She enjoyed visiting with people and especially liked the frequent quaint coffee parties with friends and neighbors. She also loved flowers.



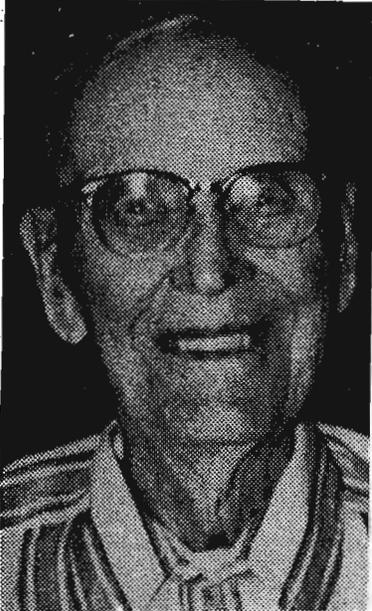
Emily Tuttle

Survivors include 1 daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Geraldine) Een of Rudyard; 3 sons, Ervin of Billings, Clifford of Chester, & Alvin of Rudyard; 1 brother, Ben Tichy of King, Wisconsin; 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Rosary services were held on Tuesday evening (Sept. 15th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated by Father Martin Philipsen at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church in Hingham. Special vocal music by Alberta Langel included "How Great Thou Art" & "Song to St. Francis", accompanied by Iris White. Pallbearers were Clarence Lynch, Ronald Kinder, Clifford Ulmen, Joe Domire, Tyrone Rockman, & Vic Gatzemeier. Interment followed in Highland's Calvary Cemetery in Havre. After graveside services, a memorial luncheon was given to family and friends at the Catholic Youth Center in Rudyard.

SWEN ANDREW TWEDT
Born: September 11, 1887 - Died: August 13, 1981
Liberty County Times
August 20, 1981

Funeral held for Swen Twedt, 93



Swen Andrew Twedt

Swen Andrew Twedt was born on September 11th, 1887 in Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota. He was the eldest of seven children born and later confirmed at the Atlanta Church in Ulen (Minnesota). He completed his elementary in Fargo, North Dakota.

In the few years that followed he worked as a bookkeeper at a general store and bank in Crosby, North Dakota. Then in 1911 he came to Hingham, Montana where he worked at the general store/lumber yard. That same year he filed a homestead claim in the Black Coulee community located 14 miles south of Rudyard. He began farming there in 1912, the same year his childhood friend and wife-to-be, Minnie Sylte, arrived. She, too, filed a homestead, not far from Swen's.

In 1915 they returned to Ulen to be married at the Atlanta Church. That December 16th wedding was truly a memorable one because it was the first evening service at the church due to the advent of gas lights. They returned to Montana and continued farming. They essentially spent their entire married life in the Rudyard community, excepting for the years 1922-1925 when they farmed near Hingham.

Times were tough in those early days, and Swen often told his family about the grasshopper plague in 1923, when he was forced to find work across the mountains (he was a "stable boss" on the highway building project near Olney).

He and Minnie were very community orientated; they helped build and dedicate the old Black Coulee Meeting Hall in 1916 (it was in this hall that the community held their early church services, and this charter was later transferred to Our Savior's in Rudyard in 1926). Swen also organized a Farm Bureau local in those early years, and was the first and only president of the group. He was always interested in "betterment of the community", so attended a lot of meetings over the years. His "claim to fame" was his loyal efforts and concern in the organization of early co-operative, including the Farmers Union Oil Company, Farmers Union Elevator, Hill County Electric Co-op, Hi-Line Water Users, and Chinook Co-op Creamery. He was also active in the church, and had memberships in the Hingham Lutheran Church and Our Savior's in Rudyard.

Swen's hobby was "politics", and he always enjoyed a good verbal battle with his brother, Bert, or anyone else who wanted to challenge him on any political issue. Even in later years he kept up on current world political action via the news and media.

In 1961 Swen and Minnie retired from farming and moved into Rudyard. Minnie entered the Chester Rest Home in 1974 and passed away there in 1979. In those years that Swen lived alone he enjoyed the relaxation of reading and working in his yard. Due to failing health, he entered the

Chester Rest Home two years ago in April. He remained there until his death, on the afternoon of Thursday, August 13th, at the Liberty County Hospital. Swen would have been 94 years old next month.

Survivors include 4 sons, Gordon of Great Falls, and Donald, Harold, and Allen, all of Rudyard; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Swen was preceded in death by his parents, by his five brothers (Bert, Robert, Selmer, Arthur and John), and by his only sister (Thea).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday (August 17th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Ken Bartle of the Galata parish officiated. Congregational music included "Rock of Ages" and "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Stanleigh Barbie on the organ. Vic Gatzemeier and Ted Maki served as ushers. Grandsons acting as pallbearers included Jim, Russ, Bill, Randy, Dave and Irwin (Twedt). Swen was buried next to his life-long companion, Minnie, in the Rudyard Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel of Chester.

FRANCES LEE WRIGHT WALBORN
Born: ?, 1940 - Died: September 30, 1981
Liberty County Times
October 8, 1981

Funeral held for
Francis Walborn

Frances Lee Walborn, 41, daughter of the late Jack Wright of Chester died Wednesday in a Fort Benton hospital following a long illness.

Services were held Saturday, October 3rd at the First Christian Church in Fort Benton with burial in the Riverside Cemetery.

Her husband, Cecil, survives with a daughter, Mrs. Tom (Jackie) Fultz, Missoula, two sons, Robert and Gene, both of Fort Benton; her mother, Gertrude Swears, Fort Benton; two half-sisters, Sherrie Gulick of Fairfield and Terri Duffin of Missoula and step-mother, Martha Wright of Chester; two step-sisters and two step-brothers.

ERWIN ELROY WARNES
Born: February 26, 1915 - Died: December 2, 1981
Liberty County Times
December 10, 1981

Funeral held for Erwin Warnes

Erwin Elroy Warnes was born in Chester, Montana on January 26th, 1915. He was one of ten children born to Einar and Nora (Erickson) Warnes. He attended schools in Chester and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. In those early years following his education, he worked as a mechanic in the old Standard garage in Chester. In the winter of 1941 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served overseas during World War II. Following his discharge in 1946, he worked in various states including North Dakota, Washington, and California before returning to Chester. He has lived here since and has worked various jobs until disability forced his retirement several years ago. Erwin died at the Liberty County Hospital on the evening of December 2nd at the age of 66 years. He never married. He was a member of the VFW Bakke Post #3997.

Survivors include 3 brothers, Robert of Chester, Dee of Eureka, California, and Chris of Portland, Oregon; 2 sisters, Mrs. Archie (Ellen) Violett of Lothair & Mrs. Frank (Esther) Meldrum of Joplin; and many nephews and nieces. Erwin was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers (Edward and Richard), and 1 sister (Ella Wigen).

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday (December 5th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Wayne Bungum officiating. Nephews serving as pallbearers included Gary and Mike Violett,

Clint and Jon Wigen, and Lon, Kent, and Eugene Meldrum. Honorary bearers were members of the V.F.W. Bakke Post #3997. Mrs. Marion Thielman provided prelude and postlude organ selections. Sue Violett sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Gentle, Gentle Jesus", accompanied by Merna Kolstad on the piano. Interment was at the Erickson Cemetery south of Chester with military rites given by members of the local V.F.W. and American Legion. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. Following graveside services, a coffee hour was held at the church.

BLANCHE L. WOLERY
Born: May 21, 1897 - Died: July 5, 1981
Liberty County Times
July 16, 1981

Funeral held for Blanche Wolery, 84

Funeral services for Blanche L. Wolery, 84 were held Wednesday, July 8th at 2 p.m. at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery in Havre. She died the previous Sunday in Liberty County Nursing Home.

She was born May 21, 1897 in Mt. Ayr, Iowa where she was raised and schooled. She was the daughter of Charles and Inez Wilson. She came to the Joplin area in 1913 and was married in Havre October 21, 1915 to Guy C. Wolery. He preceeded her in death November 1, 1971. They lived on a farm north of Joplin until 1957 and then moved to Havre. She moved to Rudyard in 1976, and was a resident of the local nursing home for the past month.

She was a member of the Christian Church.

She is survived by Sons: Olyn Wolery of Inverness, Elvyn of Turner, Wayne and Lloyd of Joplin and a daughter, Opal, Mrs. Norris Harrison of Rudyard.

Other survivors include a brother, Thomas Wilson of Rudyard, 26 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceeded in death by one son, two great grandchildren, two sisters, one brother and her parents.

Services were conducted by Rev. Dale Wolery, a grandson. Organist was Juanita Wardell. Wayne Wardell sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "Abide with Me." Pallbearers were grandsons, Leroy, Ronald, Kenneth, Daniel and Merlin Wolery and Donald Harrison. Honorary pallbearers were grandsons Robert Harrison, Lyle Harrison, Darryl Wolery, Sterling Wolery, Bryon Wolery, Paul Wolery and Loren Wolery. Ushers were Homer Kinyon and Ben Stromberg.

WILLIAM HAROLD ZIMMER
Born: August 31, 1899 - Died: June 26, 1981
Liberty County Times
July 9, 1981

William Zimmer, 81 dies in Whitefish

William Harold Zimmer, 81, an active Moose and Mason, died at North Valley Hospital Friday, June 26.

Zimmer was born August 31, 1899, at Yankton, South Dakota, a son of Augustus and Belle Zimmer. His mother died at an early age, and he made his home with his grandparents in Minnesota.

As a young man, he came to Montana and married Doris Kindle in 1924. The couple homesteaded at Boudin, and in 1925 Zimmer started work for the Great Northern Railroad in eastern Montana.

In 1939, he and his family moved to Olney, where he was a signal man for the railroad.

His wife died in 1946. In 1947, he married Alice Sheldon. She preceded him in death in 1975.

He retired from the railroad in 1967. He was active in political affairs and served in the Legislature for 10 years.

He was married to Jennie Mae Hader on October 24, 1976, and they lived in Olney until 1977 when they moved to Whitefish.

Zimmer was instrumental in the formation of the Olney Volunteer Fire Department and

was presented a life membership award in 1976.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, an active member of the Whitefish Moose lodge, and served as past governor of the state lodge and past president of Montana Association of Moose. He also was awarded the Pilgrim degree in the Moose.

Zimmer also was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Whitefish Masonic Lodge No. 64 AF&AM; a member of the Algeria Shrine, Cyrene Commandry 10 of Kalispell and Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Jennie; one daughter, Mrs. Jim (Audrey) Madole of Colfax, Washington; one son, William F. Zimmer of Mill Valley, California; three step-daughters, Shirley Lybeck of Chester, Margaret Woods of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Roberta Beals of Kalispell; 18 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Masonic and Moose funeral services were held Tuesday, June 30th, at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home. Burial was in Whitefish Cemetery.