

GEORGE W. BARTLETT  
Born: N/A - Died: June 5, 1920  
Chester Reporter  
June 11, 1920

George W. Bartlett residing north of Chester passed away Saturday morning June 5th after a long illness. He was taken to Jackson, Mich. Monday morning for burial. His wife Mrs. Bartlett accompanied the remains. His family have the sympathy of the entire community.

C. J. BECKER

Born: N/A - Died: January 26, 1920

Chester Reporter

January 30, 1920

Word was received here Wednesday from Cut Bank announcing the death of C. J. Becker, a well known resident of the Marias country who has been wintering his cattle near Browning. Death followed a very brief illness. He has no relatives here.

CLARA BOLMA

Born: 1906 - Died: May 29, 1920

Chester Reporter

June 4, 1920

YOUNG GIRL PASSES AWAY

Clara Bolma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bolma, died Saturday May, 29, at her parents home north of Lothair.

She suffered from an attack of influenza last winter and never fully recovered, and later developed into an attack of quincy, which caused her death. Apparently she seemed to recover, but on Friday evening she was taken suddenly ill and at six o'clock Saturday morning she passed away at the age of 14 years and 10 months.

She leaves to mourn her loss father and mother, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Blair school house, Rev. Bensen officiating.—Galata Journal.

## JESSIE DIEMERT

Born: December 23, 1893 - Died: February 4, 1920

Chester Reporter

February 6 - 13, 1920

# LOTHAIR YOUNG LADY COMMITS SUICIDE

Sixteen Year Old Jessie Diemert Resorts to Strychnine While in Despondent Mood.

What an appalling thing is suicide! All the more terrible when a dear young girl of sixteen years deliberately makes up her mind to put an end to all earthly affairs and launch her soul into the great unknown; perhaps of some fancied wrong or some unkind word uttered by a father or mother who loves her with an undying love, but who honestly believes that a word of parental advice should be given

The above all happened on Wednesday night at the home of Ike Diemert, who lives on a farm north of Lothair and the victim of the rash act was his daughter, Jessie, a beautiful girl of sixteen years.

The day's work was about over, the mother having gone to the barn to milk the cows; the father doing some light work about the place, and on returning to the house they found

their daughter sitting by a table, and as they came complained of not feeling well; and on being questioned by her mother, admitted she had taken a deadly poison. First aid was given immediately but nothing could be done to save her as the poison had had time to get in its work.

Jessie Diemert was born in Canada and moved to Lothair with her parents about ten years ago remaining here until the time of her death. She is well known about our city and has a host of friends who regret to hear of her passing. Besides her mother and father she leaves two small brothers to mourn her loss. Funeral arrangements have not been made so far but it is believed interment will be made in the local cemetery of Lothair.

The family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

## OBITUARY

The funeral services for Miss Jessie Diemert was held at Lothair last Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Fr. Suasone officiating. The whole country side turned out to pay their last respects to this young girl, and their sympathy to the parents. Ernest Pastor, Ed. Hutchinson, Mark Wilson, Gay Rose, Mr. Ballou and Wm. Schrorer, Jr., acted as pallbearers, and the body was laid at rest in the local cemetery.

Jessie Diemert was born near Mount Carmel, North Dakota, on December 23, 1893, and passed away on February 4, 1920 at the tender age of 16 years, 1 month and 12 days. She leaves to mourn her loss a father and mother, one sister, Abbie, and a brother, Clark. Andrew Diemert and wife of Champion, Alberta, came down and also their daughter, Mrs. Charles Swanson.

(Obvious discrepancy in the birth date)

**ROSE ENGSTROM**  
**INFANT DAUGHTER OF E. A. ENGSTROM**  
**Born: January 10, 1920 – Died: January 10, 1920**  
**Chester Democrat**  
**January 16, 1920**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Engstrom at the Deaconess Hospital at Great Falls Saturday, a baby girl. The little one lived but a few hours and was brought here for burial, which was held Thursday, Rev. J. R. Beebe of Lothair officiating. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

GRACE PEARL FEY

Born: N/A - Died: February 27, 1920

Chester Reporter

March 5, 1920

**MRS. ARTHUR FEY**

(Galata Journal)

This community was certainly shocked this week when the news came from Great Falls that Mrs. Arthur Fey of Gold Butte, passed away last Friday in that city after having given birth to a child two weeks previous.

She was a splendid young woman and well liked by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Mr. Fey and family can honestly believe that many of these sincerely regret her demise, and their full measure of her passing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fey had spent a portion of the winter at Los Angeles, Calif., and on her return she was in splendid health. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn sympathy is with him in his grief.

Fey—The funeral of Mrs. Grace Pearl Fey of Gold Butte was held at the W. H. George company chapel at 1:30 yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon. Rev. E. E. Francis of the Christian church officiated. The interment was in Highland cemetery.—Great Falls Tribune.

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**JOSEPH ARTHUR LEON GAGNON**

**Born: October 29, 1920 – Died: December 9, 1920**

**Chester Reporter**

**December 10, 1920**

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**Baby Passes Away.**

Joseph Arthur Leon, 6 weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gagnon, passed away yesterday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. at the home one half mile east of town. The little one had not been well since his arrival into this world, and after all human effort had been expended to save him, he succumbed. Funeral services will be held at the home on Saturday at 1:30 p. m., Rev. Fr. Sansone of Hayre will officiate. Mr. and Mrs. Gagnon have a family of three boys and three girls, but Mr. Gagnon stated that no matter how many there were, it struck them with deep sorrow to lose one. The sympathy of their friends and neighbors go out to them in their hour of grief.

## JAMES E. GILLESPIE

Born: April 30, 1870 - Died: November 3, 1920

Chester Reporter

November 5 -12 - 19, 1920

### THROWN UNDER DRILL BY A RUNAWAY ON HIS FARM IN MONTANA

James Gillespie, a resident of this county for the greater part of his life, and a member of a family well known in Spencer and vicinity, was killed November 3rd, a week ago today, by an accident on his farm two miles north of Lothair, Montana.

A telegram from his widow to his father, D. C. Gillespie, of Spencer, said that four horses ran away with a drill that James Gillespie was driving and he fell under the drill. She was unable to lift the heavy machine off her husband and had to go all the way to Lothair to find help. When they got back to him it was too late.

Mrs. James Gillespie and Ed Gillespie, a brother living in another part of Montana, reached Spencer with the body Monday afternoon on the M. & St. L.

James Edson Gillespie was born at Clear Lake, Iowa, April 30, 1870, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Gillespie. His parents moved to a farm in Lake township, Clay county, a few months after. James grew up on the farm and became a farmer himself. He was deputy sheriff of this county for a time. He moved to Montana in 1910. He was married on June 19, 1897 to Miss Adelaide Rowan of St. Charles, Minnesota, who survives him. He left three sons, Reginald and Donald, university students at Missoula, Montana, and Dean, in high school at Shelby, Montana. Donald was recently graduated from the Spencer schools. He is also survived by his parents, a brother, Ed, who is in Montana and a brother Roy and sisters, Mrs. C. E. Loomer and Mrs. Lester Winn, residing in this county. James Gillespie was a Mason and a member of Evening Shade Lodge of Spencer. He had a large circle of friends in and around Spencer who are shocked and grieved to learn of his untimely death, and whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon. There was prayer at the house at two o'clock, after which the remains were taken to Riverside cemetery. The Masons had charge

of the services at the cemetery.

Relatives who came to Spencer for the funeral included Dr. W. T. Gillespie and Dr. Ed. Gillespie of Peoria, Ill., W. G. Gillespie of Kilbourn, Wis., Earl Gillespie of Grand Marais, Wis., John Stevens of Gary, S. D., Ray Stevens of Pipestone, Minn., and Arthur Harroun of Mason City, all cousins of James Gillespie, and Mrs. C. J. Stevens of Mason City, a sister of D. C. Gillespie.—Spencer, Iowa Reporter

### PROMINENT LOTHAIR FARMER MEETS DEATH

James E. Gillespie, aged 49, a well known farmer living three miles west of Lothair, was accidentally killed Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock while seeding winter wheat.

The accident occurred when the tongue of the drill on which he was riding broke throwing him forward under the dics. The horses became frightened and jerked the drill over his body lacerating his face and limbs.

His remains were found under the drill 30 minutes later by his wife, whose attention was directed to the scene by the horses moving aimlessly around the field.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 12:00 Noon at Lothair under the auspices of Galata A. F. & A. M.

James and Reginald Gillespie arrived Saturday from Missoula, having been called home by the death of their father, J. E. Gillespie. Dean arrived from Shelby Thursday. Their many friends sympathize with them in their bereavement. P. P. Gillespie of Malta, a brother of the late J. Gillespie, was here Thursday, but did not remain for the funeral services. He returned to Malta and later left for the East to be with the family at the interment.



## ETHEL BOYD GREGORY

Born: August 19, 1913 - Died: April ?, 1920

Chester Reporter

April 23, 1920

### FORMER CHESTER GIRL MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH

Told Parents She Was Hurt Badly  
and Was Going to Die

The overturning of a concrete bench presented to the State Normal school by the class of 1914 resulted in the death of little six year old Ethel Boyd Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maitand Gregory, at the hospital this morning. The accident happened yesterday morning when the concrete bench was overturned in a wholly unexplainable manner while the little girls were playing on it. The child was crushed internally, and although telling her parents during the night that she was dying bravely held up to the end, throwing her arms about her parents necks, after telling them "I am going," and asked where, "I'm going east, I am dying."

The concrete seat was designed by William Tierney, one of the class of 1914. Mr. Tierney made the molds for the seat and the concrete was poured by the local contractor. It was presented during the commencement week exercises in the spring of 1914 and set on concrete piers along the walk between the administration building and the Normal training school.

Little Ethel with her sister Aileen, aged five years and another little girl were playing on the seat before

school yesterday morning. Apparently they were hanging on the back of it and the huge concrete affair, weighing many hundreds of pounds toppled over backwards covering the legs and stomach of the child.

#### Mrs. Draper First on Scene

Mrs. O. E. Draper, in the business office, heard a scream and rushed out. It was some time before enough people could arrive to lift the seat off the child. It is so heavy that three men this morning were unable to lift it back off the ground.

The child was first taken into the building, and a doctor summoned. No bruises or cuts were found and the child was taken home. Later she was taken to the hospital in a vain effort to save her life. It was found, however that her internal injuries were general and there could be no chance of saving her life.

The child died this morning just about 24 hours after the accident. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maitland Gregory, residing at 911 N. Water street. Mr. Gregory is an employe of the Northern Pacific car department. They have resided here nearly two years. The little child was born in Chester, Montana, August 19, 1913.

Funeral arrangements have not been made pending the receipt of telegrams from relatives.—Ellensburg (Wash.) Evening Tribune.

JOHN HOEL

Born: N/A - Died: December 5, 1920

Chester Reporter

December 10, 1920

## WOUNDS CAUSE DEATH OF EAST BUTTE RANCHER

A week ago yesterday John Hoel, a farmer living about 30 miles north of Chester was shot by a 30-30 rifle in the hands of Mrs. James Philipin, the bullet, a soft nose, penetrating both legs between the hips and the knees. He was immediately taken to the Laird ranch and a doctor called. His condition at that time was not considered serious, but he was taken to the Havre hospital that night on No. 2. On Sunday gangrene developed and in a few hours he had passed away. He leaves a wife, who was on her way up from Great Falls at the time of the shooting.

On Wednesday a warrant was issued from the county attorney's office charging Mrs. Philipin with murder, and she was given a preliminary hearing that afternoon before the Justice of the Peace A. A. Pond. It developed at the hearing, according to the testimony of the defendant that about two weeks prior to the shooting, that Mr. Hoel had assaulted her. Mr. Hoel had been employed by Mr. Philipin at his ranch for the past year or more as a hired man and had been staying at the Philipin house more or less. On the day the deed was committed Mr. Hoel had come over to the Philipin ranch after some of his personal belongings and some of them being in the house he was told by Mr. Philipin to go in and get them. Shortly after he entered he kitchen he was shot and according to the reports, Mr. Hoel said that it was accidental, and maintained that until his death.

After the preliminary hearing the court bound her over to the district court and placed her bail at \$5000.00 which was immediately secured by Harry Flynn and Wm. J. Wallace going on the bond.

Norris, Hurd, Rhodes and Hauge have been retained by the defendant and Mr. O. C. Hauge was up from Havre yesterday to be present at the preliminary hearing. The public was not admitted, as it was not a trial court, but merely the defendant placing her testimony. The trial will come up during the next jury term of court.

LENORE GENEVA HOLLISTER

Born: October 1, 1920 - Died: November 16, 1920

Chester Reporter

November 19, 1920

Hollister Babe Buried Yesterday.

The month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hollister of Pondera passed away Tuesday, and because of the circumstances surrounding the death, Coroner A. H. Layton was called to the Hollister home. The baby apparently was not well, but Monday evening when the parents retired it was quietly sleeping. When morning came, the baby had expired, but examination showed that death came from natural causes. Interment was made in the Chester cemetery.

**DOROTHY JENSEN**  
**Born: N/A - Died: September ?, 1920**  
**Chester Reporter**  
**September 17, 1920**

**DAUGHTER OF JOPLIN PEOPLE**  
**DEAD OF PNEUMONIA**

Early Sunday morning at Sacred Heart hospital, occurred the death of Dorothy, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Jensen, of Joplin.

Death was due to pneumonia. The little one was removed to the Holland chapel and prepared for shipment to Joplin where burial took place.—Hill Co. Demo.

## FRANCES WIDLOWSKI KING

Born: February 19, 1897 - Died: February 20, 1920

Chester Reporter

February 27, 1920

### OBITUARY

Mrs. Frances King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Widlowski, died in Great Falls Friday Feb. 20th at 11:30 A. M., at the age of 23 years and one day, a victim of scarlet fever.

Everything that modern medical skill could do to relieve her was available but she sank rapidly until the end.

Mrs. King was born at Joliet, Ill. Feb. 19th 1897, and in 1910 she came with her parents to Montana residing on a ranch near Tiber, but later moving to Great Falls, where she was married to John King who died while in the service, of influenza at Camp Lewis Wash. Nov. 16, 1918.

She was well known in this community and has a host of friends who regret to hear of her passing.

The funeral services were held at Great Falls last Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Rv. Father Mills of St. Ann's Cathedral officiating.

She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters Virginia, age 4 years, Ruby 2 years and 8 months, 3 sisters, Mrs. Otto Riek of Penn. N. D., Mrs. Joe Fritz of Lehigh and Miss Agnes Widlowski, one brother Joe, the two latter two being present at the funeral.

**MRS. ALFRED LONG**  
**Born: N/A - Died: February ?, 1920**  
**Chester Reporter**  
**February 20, 1920**

**Mrs. Alfred Long Passes.**

Word reached Chester this week of the death of Mrs. Alfred Long of Gann Valley, S. Dak. The Long family have been residents of north of Chester for the past few years but went to South Dakota last fall to spend the winter. Mrs. Long's death occurred from blood poison caused by a cut on the finger. We are very sorry to learn of her death. She leaves a husband and one child to mourn her loss. Interment will be made in cemetery at Gann Valley.

**RICHARD MacHALE**  
**Born: 1838 - Died: August ?, 1920**  
**Chester Reporter**  
**August 27, 1920**

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**RICHARD MACHALE PASSES AWAY**

Richard MacHale, prominent resident of Havre, died yesterday at the Sacred Heart hospital after a lingering sickness, in his eighty second year.

The deceiver had been a resident of this part of Montana since 1902 and lived at 621 Third avenue. He was a native of Ireland, but came to the United States when a young man and to Montana 18 years ago, settling on a ranch in the Sweetgrass hills, where he made his home until 1915 when he moved to Havre.

He is survived by the widow and two daughters Sarah MacHale of this city and Mrs. John B. Schlitz of Kremlin and one son, P. R. MacHale of Shelby.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Monday from St. Jude Thaddeus church and requiem high mass will be said by the Rev. Father Sullivan. Interment will be in the Calvary cemetery.—Havre Promoter.

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DORIS MILNER

Born: August ?, 1919 - Died: December 13, 1920

Chester Reporter

December 17, 1920

JOPLIN CHILD DIES

Little Doris Milner, one year, three months and 19 days old, daughter of Joe Milner of Bison, north of Joplin, died at Ward hospital Monday afternoon.

The remains were prepared for shipment at the Peterson Undertaking parlors and were shipped to Joplin, where funeral services will be held this afternoon. The remains will be interred in the Joplin cemetery.—  
Havre Promoter.



**GEORGE MURRAY, JR.**  
**Born: 1893 - Died: October 14, 1920**  
**Chester Reporter**  
**October 15, 1920**

George Murray, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. George Murray of Whitlash passed away yesterday after a seige of scarletina. The deceased was 27 years of age last April, and leaves to mourn him a sister, Mrs. Earl Sechrist and his father and mother. Interment will be made in the local cemetery.

**ANNA T. PORTER**

**Born: 1841 - Died: January 15, 1920**

**Chester Democrat**

**January 16, 1920**

**DUNKIRK MATRON DIES  
AT FAMILY RESIDENCE**

Yesterday morning Undertaker James Holland was called to Dunkirk to prepare for shipment the remains of Anna T. Porter, aged 79 years, who died at the home of her son in Dunkirk yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Porter was one of the early homesteaders in this vicinity coming from Minnesota with her husband in 1910. She is survived by five sons and two daughters.

The body will be taken to Morgan, Minn., on No. 4 tonight for burial, accompanied by her grandson.

RICHARD LEE SCHNEITER

Born: May 20, 1920 - Died: November 13, 1920

Chester Reporter

November 19, 1920

**Schneiter Baby Passes Away.**

Grief came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schneiter last Saturday evening when their six months old baby boy passed away to the Great Beyond. Death was due to double pneumonia. Interment was made Monday in the local cemetery.

## WAYNE HENRY SHEPHERD

Born: June 7, 1908 - Died: June 29, 1920

Chester Reporter

July 2, 1920

### WAYNE SHEPHERD PASSES AWAY

Wayne Henry Shepherd passed away on June 29th. at 11 a. m. He was taken sick with erysipelas last Wednesday but had not been feeling well for about a week. On Wednesday evening he was forced to his bed and from that time on was very ill. At times being unconscious.

Wayne was born in Cooperstown, N. Dak., on the seventh day of June 1908, coming here with his parents in 1916 and from that time has lived in and around Chester. He was 12 years and 22 days old at the time of his death.

The little fellow had many friends and was well liked by all who knew him. His untimely death will leave a vacant spot in the hearts of his, parents, his brothers and sisters, and of his many friends.

The funeral services were held at the house and at the Methodist church, Wednesday June 30th. Rev. Hosten of Havre was in charge, after which the body was put to rest in the cemetery northwest of town.

The Reporter joins with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd in extending sympathies.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mills of Hannaford, N. Dak., and Paul Shepherd of Whitefish arrived here the fore part of the week to attend the last rites and burial of Wayne Shepherd.

ELLA L. SHOOK

Born: 1852 - Died: January 29, 1920

Chester Democrat

January 30, 1920

Miss Ella L. Shook, aunt of the Rev. J. H. Durand, passed away at the home of her nephew last night at eight o'clock, death being due to a stroke. She has been failing in health for the past eight years, and of late her memory had failed her almost entirely. About eight years ago she contracted glaucoma, which resulted in almost total blindness.

Miss Shook was born in New York City 68 years ago, and has been making her home with Mr. Durand for the past 13 years.

Funeral services will be held at the M. E. church at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, (tomorrow.) The body will be laid to rest in the local cemetery.

B. B.WELDY AND DAUGHTER

Born: N/A - Died: February ?, 1920

Chester Reporter

February 20, 1920

Word has been received here that B. B. Weldy formerly editor of the Chester Signal, and daughter had died in the state of New York, all from the "flu."

MRS. C. C. WELLBORN

Born: 1861 - Died: November 19, 1920

Chester Reporter

November 19, 1920

**Death of Mrs. Wellborn.**

Reports came to Chester this morning of the passing of Mrs. C. C. Wellborn at her home 25 miles south of Chester. From the particulars that we can get, Mrs. Wellborn, who is 59 years of age, was in good health about supper time, but took suddenly ill and passed away at about 9 o'clock. Coroner Layton and Dr. T. A. Ewart will go to the Wellborn home today to investigate the cause of her death.

MARY F. DEHAVEN WILBORN

Born: February 7, 1859 - Died: November 18, 1920

Chester Reporter

April 15, 1921

OBITUARY.

Mary F. Dehaven Wilborn was born February 7, 1859, and passed away on November 18, 1920, aged 60 years and 10 months. On January 1, 1880 she was united in marriage with Pleasant Wilborn and seven children came to bless the home, four of whom are still living, one daughter and two sons having been called to the Great Beyond before their mother. The husband and one son, Charles and three daughters, Mrs. Geo. Wyers, of Aulersville, Mo., Mrs. Chas. Green of Higginsville, Mo., and Miss Nellie Wilborn at the home south of the Marias, were present at the funeral which was conducted by Mrs. F. C. Hill. Interment was made at the cemetery about 7 miles south of the Wilborn home.