

MR. ABEL

Born: N/A - Died: October 23, 1922

Chester Reporter

October 27, 1922

Mrs. Alex Lakey received a telegram from Fordville, N. Dak., stating that her father, Mr. Abel, died October 23. He leaves five children to mourn his death: Mrs. Ray Abel, Salinas, Cal., Mrs. Alex Lakey, Ross Abel, Chester; Mrs. Guy Kellog, Fordville, N. Dak., and Mrs. William Mercer, Montrose, Colorado. Mr. Abel will be remembered by many of the neighbors north of town as he visited at the Lakey home several times during the past five years.

## MARY (WIRL) ARTHURS

Born: June 24, 1884 - Died: November 8, 1922

Chester Reporter

November 10, 1922

### MRS. LON ARTHURS.

The community received the sad news Wednesday morning that Mrs. Lon Arthurs had passed away at Neihart that morning. Death followed a severe hemorrhage.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthurs left here a week ago Sunday for Neihart, arriving there Monday night. Mrs. Arthurs was in her usual good health until the evening before she died. Mr. Arthurs was at work down town and did not know of the silent fight that Mrs. Arthurs was putting up for her life. She had just removed the little boy's shoes when she toppled to the floor. She lay there for some time but finally managed to get on the bed. When Mr. Arthurs arrived home she was very weak, and a doctor and nurse was immediately called. They in turn telegraphed Great Falls for aid, but it arrived too late.

Mary Wirl, daughter of Mr. and Mr. Martin Wirl was born at The Dalles Oregon on June 24, 1884. She came to Montana in 1910 and in 1915 was wedded to Lon Arthurs. They lived here until a few months ago, when they moved to Kevin, where Mr. Arthurs was in business. They had barely located at Neihart where Mr. Arthur had purchased a half interest in business Concern when Mrs. Arthurs passed away. She leaves Mr. Arthurs, and a three year old son James Alonzo, to mourn, besides her father Martin Wirl, and four brothers and sisters, Mrs. Walter Baker, Mrs. Paul Stokey, Robert Wirl and Edward Wirl.

Mrs. Arthurs had made many friends in Chester, and all who knew her, speak of her with the highest regard.

The funeral services will be held at the Catholic church, presumably Saturday. The hour not being certain because no word had been received from some of the relatives in Canada.

Interment will be made in the local cemetery.

# MAGGIE DOCTOR

Born: 1858 - Died: April 10, 1922

Chester Reporter

April 21, 1922

## FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Maggie Doctor, age 65, for 20 years a resident of Great Falls died

April 10 in Denver, Colo., of pneumonia, according to word received by friends here.

Mrs. Doctor left Great Falls six years ago for Chicago and later went to Denver. She is survived by her son, Captain Lloyd Doctor of the Salvation Army, a musician connected with an evangelical party of that organization.

Captain Doctor was in Portland, Ore., at the time of his mother's death and arrived in Denver in time for the funeral services April 15.—Great Falls Tribune.

Mrs. Doctor and son are wellknown by some of the early settlers of this territory and are sorry to learn of her loss. Captain Doctor went to school in our Chester schools a number of years ago, and was here visiting with his aunt, Mrs. A. Henry, a few years ago.

MRS. R. R. LYTLE

Born: 1863 - Died: October 5, 1922

Chester Reporter

October 13, 1922

Clarence Peters of Ashmoor, was transacting business in town last Friday. He informed us that Mrs. R. R. Lytle, 60 years of age, passed away the day before, heart trouble bringing a sudden end to a long life of pioneering in this section of the state. She leaves her husband, R. R. Lytle, and two sons to mourn the loss of wife and mother. The Lytle's came to Montana in the eighties.

**GEO. H. McLENNON**

**Born: N/A - Died: December 13, 1922**

**Chester Reporter**

**December 15, 1922**

**GEO. D. McLENNON**

Sheriff John H. Morgan and Coroner A. H. Layton were called to Lothair yesterday to look into the matter of the death of Geo. H. McLennon. The officers went to the McLennon place about 4 miles south of town and found that he had been dead several days. Death, no doubt, was due to heart trouble. An inquest was decided unnecessary.

Neighbors had not seen Mr. McLennon for several days, and upon going to the house received no response to knocking or shouting. Chickens at the barn were all dead but four and some pigs were almost starved.

A brother, D. A. McLennon, of Curlew, Washington, was immediately notified of his brother's death.

The body was brought to Chester to be prepared for burial by Geo. Ainley.

Geo. McLennon, who lived south of Lothair was found dead in his shack last Wednesday morning. He had not been seen for several days and his neighbors began to wonder what was wrong, and so investigated. It is thought he had been dead for several days.

EVA (ERICKSON) MENDENHALL

Born: N/A - Died: March ?, 1922

Chester Reporter

March 24, 1922

Word has been received from Sco-  
bey, Mont., stating the death of Mrs.  
M. B. Mendenhall, formerly Miss Eva  
Erickson. Mrs. Mendenhall was well  
known in this city and her many  
friends regret her loss.

RICHARD MUNSON

Born: 1910 - Died: March 30, 1922

Chester Reporter

April 14, 1922

**OBITUARY**

Richard Munson, the 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Munson of Azusa, Cal., passed away March 30th., after an illness of only 36 hours.

He went to school on Tuesday apparently as well as ever, but during the afternoon complained of a headache. When he arrived home from school, he fell on the couch, unable to speak. He pointed to his head, the right side of his face and to his arm.

A doctor was called immediately who pronounced it a clot of blood on the brain and paralysis.

He went into a stupor at once and passed quietly away at 3:15 Thursday morning.

He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother and two younger brothers, Edward and Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Munson and family resided at Tiber for a number of years, moving to California two years ago, and have many friends here who sympathize with them in their sorrow.

## ALEX LEONARD NORDSTRUM

Born: September 19, 1868 - Died: June ?, 1922

Chester Reporter

June 30, 1922

### OBITUARY

Axel Leonard Nordstrum was born in Sweden, September 19, 1868. He was taught, baptized and confirmed in the faith of the Lutheran church of which he remained a faithful member until his death.

He left his native land and came in the year 1888 to America, stopping at Paxton, Illinois. He soon moved on to Burlington, Iowa, where on March 17, 1889 he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Erickson, who had come over from Sweden on the same ship.

Some time later they returned to Illinois, and from there with their children they moved to Canada. In 1910 they located on the present homestead 2 miles, north of Chester.

Mr. Nordstrum leaves to mourn their loss, the faithful wife, who for more than thirty and three years shared his fortunes and his misfortunes, with all the hardships incidental to frontier life. To them were born seven children, five of whom remain to mourn with the mother, the loss of a good, kind and ever considerate father. They are; Mrs. Ellen Irons, and Mrs. Florence Peters, who live near Kalispell, Montana, Frank Nordstrum, whose home is at Pablo, Montana, Harry, who lives near Chinook, and Bert and Kenneth, who are at home with their mother. Mr. Nordstrum left a brother at Monmouth, Illinois, and a sister at Burlington, Iowa.

At other places, where they have lived as well as in this community, there is a host of friends who will always remember Axel Nordstrum as a splendid citizen, a true friend, a man, who once known, is never to be forgotten.

The world needs more men such as Axel Nordstrum, for the world is made better and richer by the lives of such as he. We all today mourn our loss.



ANDREW OILUND

Born: N/A - Died: December 13, 1922

Chester Reporter

December 15, 1922

A terrible accident occurred not far from Lothair Wednesday morning. The Galata section crew had been to Lothair and when returning to Galata on the speeder, were struck by the fast mail train No. 28. It was bitterly cold and it is thought that they were riding with their backs to the wind and so did not see the train. They were evidently instantly killed. Section foreman Sato, was at one time formen at Lothair. He leaves a wife and three children. The other Jap leaves a wife in Japan. The third man killed was Andrew Oilund of Galata, who leaves a wife and six children.

PETER J. OLIN

Born: November 16, 1856 - Died: December 22, 1922

Chester Reporter

December 29, 1922

PETER J. OLIN

Peter J. Olin was born in Sweden Nov. 16, 1856. He came to America in 1880 and located at St. Paul, Minn. On November 16, 1893 he was married to Ida Flater of Minneapolis. From St. Paul he moved to Ledgerwood, N. Dakota, where he remained until in 1913. They moved to Montana and we need your help, co-operation and south of Chester, where he lived to the time of his death.

Since last fall Mr. Olin has been in poor health, he sought medical aid but was not considered in any dangerous condition, until within the last few days. He died on Dec. 22.

While at Lidgerwood, Mr. Olin became affiliated with the M. E. Church and in all the rigorous labors and hardships of pioneering in this country, he never gave up his faith in Christ, and died triumphant in that faith. The Rev. J. H. Smith of Chester was called to preach the funeral sermon. Neighbors from many miles around came to pay their last respects to a good citizen, a good neighbor, and a worthy husband.

Mr. Olin leaves no blood relatives, as all his near of kin have preceded him to the grave, but he leaves a devoted wife, a brother-in-law, and many friends to mourn his loss.

WILBUR PLACE

Born: 1903 - Died: 1922

Chester Reporter

February 22, 1922

Word was received here yesterday by Mrs. F. A. Pike of the death of her brother, Wilbur Place, age 19 years. Mr. Place with several boy friends were spending the week end on Mt. Lowe, about 45 miles from Los Angeles. This was about three weeks ago. During their stay a terrific snow storm came on and the boys became lost. They found a deserted cabin where they stayed until they were found Wednesday by searchers.

## ANNIE (MATTUSKA) POLDA

Born: July 26, 1867 - Died: November 6, 1922

Chester Reporter

November 10, 1922

### MRS. WM. POLDA

Mrs. Wm. Poldá, whose home was 16 miles south of town, passed away at her home Monday afternoon, November 6.

Annie Mattuska was born at Iowa City, Iowa on July 26, 1867. On December 1, 1883 she was married to Wm. Poldá, and to this union were born eleven children, all of whom are left to mourn the loss of mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Poldá lived in Dakota for 28 years after their marriage. In

1911 they moved to Ogená, Minnesota, and in 1914 they migrated to Montana and filed on the homestead south of town.

Mrs. Poldá had been in poor health for many years, but the past two or three years were extremely bad. She suffered severe pains due to nervous trouble and was always despairing of ever regaining her health. She was a splendid mother and a good neighbor. We join with the friends of the family in expressing our sympathy to them in this said hour.

The children are Mrs. Crist Gebro, Mrs. Frank Kadoun, Mrs. John Kratcha, Geo. Poldá, all residing at or near Ledgerwood, N. Dak. Mrs. Wm. Twibble, Miles City Montana, and daughters Helen, Alvina, Vlosta, and sons William, Henry and Leonard, residing at home.

Mr. Poldá left here at noon today on No. 2, the body being shipped to Ledgerwood, N. Dak. for interment.

MAUDE POTTS

Born: N/A - Died: September 2, 1922

Chester Reporter

September 8, 1922

Word was received here last Friday by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gilmore that their daughter, Mrs. Maude Potts was seriously ill at Seattle. Mrs. Gilmore was at the station on Saturday morning to leave on No. 3, when a telegram was handed her announcing that her daughter had passed away.. Mrs. Potts leaves her husband, Curtiss Potts and two small children to mourn her loss. Death was caused by blood poisoning, following an operation for a felon.

## HENRY RIECK

Born: October 22, 1876 - Died: May 27, 1922

Chester Reporter

June 2, 1922

### HENRY RIECK PASSES AWAY

This community was shocked last Saturday morning, May 27th when the news was given out that Henry Rieck had passed away after an illness of less than 36 hours.

On Friday, Mr. Rieck, who lived alone in his home near the high school complained of not feeling well and a doctor was called to attend to him. That night A. A. Pond and Ivan Barker sat up with Mr. Rieck and after 12 o'clock Friday night he said that he felt fine and requested that the men go home. But the men stayed with Mr. Rieck until 6:05 Saturday morning, and he seemed to be in his usual good health and in high spirits. The men called on J. M. Burkhardt, who within fifteen minutes was at the home of Mr. Rieck. Imagine his surprise when upon entering the house he found that Mr. Reick had passed away. The cause of his death was heart trouble.

Henry Reick was born October 22, 1876 at Fall Creek, Wis. and was 45 years, 7 months and 5 days of age. He resided in Towner, N. Dak. until 1910 when he came to Montana. He leaves a mother, seven sisters, Mrs. Anna Sheehan, Wilton N. Dak.; Mrs. Louis Hall, Minot, N. Dak.; Mrs. Ida Van Meter, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, Hardin, Mont.; Mrs. Hilda Smith, Esther and Emma Reick, and two brothers, Edward and Johnny. He has gone to join father and two brothers.

Mr. Reick was employed for the past ten years as janitor at the local high school, and was a trusted and efficient employee, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a member of the German Lutheran church and Rev. Maendelim of Havre was called to officiate at the funeral.

He became a member of Ivy Lodge No. 90 about 6 years ago and was a past Noble Grand of that order. He was chaplain at the time of his death. The service and ritual of Oddfellowship was rendered by the local lodge and six of his fraternity brethren acted as pall bearers: D. L. Buhring, John Jacobson, E. A. Engstrom, J. W. Burkhart, Walter Baker and Ed Furlong. Services were held Tuesday, which was Decoration day, and a very large number turned out to pay their respects.

The remains were laid to rest in the local cemetery.

## JOHN SCHULZ

Born: September 19, 1835 - Died: November 30, 1922

Chester Reporter

December 8, 1922

### JOHN SCHULZ

John Schulz was born in Staffeide, Germany, Sept. 19, 1835, and died at his home ten miles south of Chester November 30, 1922, being at the time of his death, 87 years, 2 months and 11 days old. He was married to Henrietta Cruschke in 1861, and to this union were born three children. He came with his family to America, and located in Iowa in 1859. Some years later he moved to Minnesota, where in 1886 his wife and two of his children were killed in a cyclone.

In 1889 he was married to Marie Voght, and to this union were born three children, John, who still remains at home to care for his aged parents, Mrs. Henry Layton, who also lives nearby and the youngest daughter, Mrs. Augusta Layton, who lives at Deer Park, Wash. All these with the aged mother remain to mourn his departure, altho now he rests in peace, and without pain.

For a number of years Mr. Schulz has been a sufferer with a cancer which added to his advanced age, rendered him almost helpless.

The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the M. E. Church at Chester, in the presence of a few of the neighbors, beside the members of the family who could be present. His body was laid in the cemetery at Chester. Thus closes a long life, that began on the opposite side of the world.

## JOHN SCHWAB

Born: July 31, 1868 - Died: October 4, 1922

Chester Reporter

October 6, 1922

### John Schwab Passes Away

John Schwab passed away Wednesday morning at his home south of town after a lingering illness covering several years.

He was born in Germany July 31, 1868. After serving in the German army for three years he migrated to America at the age of 25, and resided in Milwaukee for 5 years. He with his family moved to Chester in 1910 and took up the homestead where he passed away.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife Helen, and three children, Leo, John and Annie, and one sister now living in Milwaukee.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic church at 9:00 A. M. this morning, and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

The sympathy of the community goes out to the wife and children in their hour of grief.



## LUDWIG WIRL

Born: 1903 - Died: August 31, 1922

Chester Reporter

September 8, 1922

### LUDWIG WIRL DEAD FROM EFFECTS OF GAS

Ludwig Wirl, who was overcome by gas in a silo on the Weaver Clack ranch Tuesday afternoon died late Thursday night.

Wirl was 19 years old and had been a resident of Chester for about 10 years before going to work on the ranch. He and a fellow worker were attempting to clean out the silo when they were overcome by the gas.

Ludwig Wirl is survived by his father, Martin Wirl of Chester, three sisters, Mrs. W. S. Baker of Havre, Mrs. Mary Arthurs of Kevin, and Mrs. Paul Stoke of Kalispell, and by two brothers, Edwin Wirl of Havre and Robert Wirl of Alberta.—Havre Promoter.

The body was shipped from Havre to Chester Sunday and services over the remains were held at the Catholic church, Rev. Fr. Colgan officiating. Interment was made in the local cemetery.