

SYLVIA WILLIAM BAKKE

Born: August 9, 1898 - Died: June 22, 1950

Liberty County Times

June 29, 1950

Sylvia Bakke Rites Held At Joplin Wed.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon for Mrs. Sylvia William Bakke, 51, of Joplin who died in Belmont, California, last Thursday following a lingering illness. The Rev. C. H. Jacobson of the Joplin Lutheran Church conducted the services. The Joplin Lutheran Choir sang "Thee God We Praise," "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "My Jesus I Love Thee." Mrs. Sanford Anderson accompanied the group. Pallbearers were: Roy Gutcher, Howard Hall, Pete Spoonheim, Mike Meyers, Joe Anderson and Emil Storvik. Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

Mrs. Bakke was one of the most well known and highly respected members of the Joplin and Inverness communities. She was an active member, until the last few months of her illness, of the Order of the Eastern Star of Joplin and the VFW Auxiliary of Chester.

Mrs. Bakke was born August 9, 1898 at Milan, Minnesota, and was married October 16, 1926 to Clarence P. Bakke at Great Falls. They lived for a number of years in Chicago, Illinois, and in Seattle, Washington, moving to their farm north of Joplin in April of 1935.

Mrs. Bakke left Joplin June 6 for Belmont, California, for her health, but became seriously ill June 18 and passed away June 22. Mr. Bakke passed away in March of 1949.

Survivors are a son, Clarence Bakke and a daughter, Sylvia Bakke, both of Joplin. Also left to mourn her passing are two sisters, Mrs. Conrad Flatness, Box Elder and Mrs. Edward Rau, Willmar, Minn., and five brothers, Ward Willand, Floyd Winje, Ole Winje, Robert Winje and Ernest Winje, all of Milan, Minnesota.

CHARLES H. BRINKMAN

Born: April 2, 1874 - Died: August 13, 1950

Liberty County Times

August 17, 1950

**Brinkman Services
Held Wednesday**

Funeral services for Charles H. Brinkman, 76, who died in a Great Falls hospital Sunday, were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Fort Benton funeral home chapel.

Mr. Brinkman was born in Fort Benton April 2, 1874, and was married to Lucy Neubert May 15, 1901, in Great Falls. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Taylor of Fort Benton, and two granddaughters, and a brother, John of Chester.

He was a prominent rancher on the Marias, where he resided until a month ago. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

CLAUDE MARSHALL BROADHURST

Born: February 16, 1906 - Died: March 4, 1950

Liberty County Times

March 9, 1950

Claude Broadhurst Rites Held Tuesday

Last rites for Claude Marshall Broadhurst, 44, who passed away in a Havre hospital Saturday, were conducted from the Chester Methodist Church with the Reverend A. L. Swarens officiating.

The Methodist choir, composed of Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. A. E. Swarens, Mrs. Robert Wigen and Mrs. John Swank sang "In The Garden," and, "Saved by The Grace." The choir was accompanied by Mrs. Fred Barrett.

Pall bearers were Ole Ostrum of Shelby and Robert Pugsley, Phil Svennungsson, Ed Ross, James Armstrong, and Cyril Bohmer all of Chester.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Mr. Broadhurst was born on February 16, 1906, at Linden Mo. and spent the early years of his life in that city. With his parents he came to this section of Montana in 1916 and spent the remainder of his life here.

For many years he operated a farm near here. In 1935 he came to Chester. He had been employed at the S and G Chevrolet Garage.

He was married on April 2, 1945 at Shelby to Martha Krocker. To this union was born one child, a girl Claudine Rae. Other survivors include three stepchildren, Larry Lois and Lance, and two children by a former marriage, Mrs. R. E. Burns and Claude Jr. of Shelby.

His father, Joe Broadhurst of Chester, a sister, Mrs. A. L. McComas of Bonners Ferry, and two brothers, Austin of Chester and Earl of Great Falls also survive.

Out of town relatives who were here for the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. Dane Johnson of Leeds, N. Dak., Mr. and Mrs. Pete Siemans and family of Rudyard, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Broadhurst of Great Falls, Mrs. A. L. McComas of Bonners Ferry, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burns and Claude Broadhurst of Shelby.

Mr. Broadhurst was known in his community as a friend to everyone. He always had a smile and kind word for all who knew him.

CLAUDE MARSHALL BROADHURST, JR.

Born: July 14, 1930 - Died: November 23, 1950

Liberty County Times

December 14, 1950

**Claude Broadhurst
Killed in Action
In North Korea**

Claude Broadhurst Jr. was killed in action in Korea, Tuesday, Nov. 23, according to word received Thursday of last week in Shelby. Claude was a member of the Shelby Marines. Presumably he was among the group which was trapped in the Chosin reservoir area.

Claude Marshall Broadhurst Jr., 20, was born in Chester, and attended grade and high school here. He moved to Shelby with his mother about five years ago and graduated from Shelby high school in 1949. He had been employed in a Shelby service station before leaving with the Marines last summer.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rishoff, two sisters, Claudine Rae Broadhurst of Chester, and Mrs. Bob Burns of Shelby and one brother, Jimmy Rishoff of Shelby.

Memorial Services are being held Thursday afternoon, December 14, in Shelby.

VERN FRANK COATES
Born: 1905 - Died: May 30, 1950
Liberty County Times
June 1, 1950

Vern Frank Coates Passes Tues. Morning

Vern Frank Coates, 45, died at the local hospital of a heart ailment Tuesday morning. The body has been sent to the Holland-Bonine Funeral home at Havre until relatives can be notified.

Mr. Coates' home was in Flint, Michigan. He had been employed by the Great Northern Railway on the extra gang.

JAMES FALLON

Born: 1880 - Died: 1950

Liberty County Times

February 16, 1950

Fallon Rites Held In Havre Recently

Funeral services were conducted at the Havre Holland and Bonine funeral home last Thursday morning for James Fallon, 70, pioneer Chester settler, who died at Wickenburg, Ariz.

Mr. Fallon was a native of Nebraska, and was one of the early settlers of the Chester area, having farmed near here for many years. He had been retired for the past few years, and spent the winters in Arizona. He had been a patient at a Wickenburg hospital for about three weeks before his death.

His wife, the former Elizabeth Young Moore, whom he married in Wallace, Idaho, in 1910, died at Chester Dec. 9, 1944. Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ben Royce, Kellogg, Ida., three sisters; Mrs. Mayme Enright, Vancouver, Wash; Mrs. Kathryn Burns, Columbus, Nebraska and Mrs. Ann Moeller, Leigh, Neb. There are four surviving grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The Rev. Richard F. Vick of Van Orsdel Methodist church conducted the funeral services. Mrs. Ole Flaten sang "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Interment was in the family plot in Havre beside his wife.

Pall bearers were Archie Violet, Lloyd Hendrickson, Mike Kammerzell, Kelly Kolstad, John Wanken and Clark McBride.

Close relatives who attended the funeral were two grandchildren Mrs. William Whitaker, Missoula; and Mrs. George Burkhart, Missoula and Mr. Fallon's daughter, Mrs. Ben Royce.

WILLIAM GREEN

Born: N/A - Died: November 8, 1950

Liberty County Times

November 16, 1950

William Green Dies

William Green, about 60, ranch hand was found dead November 9th by his employer, Joe Meissner, on his ranch south of Chester on the Marias River.

Apparently Mr. Green passed away after a heart attack Wednesday evening, November 8. He had been employed on the Meissner ranch taking care of sheep for the past month.—Havre Daily News.

BETSEY (NELSON) GROVEN

Born: September 18, 1877 - Died: February 15, 1950

Liberty County Times

February 23, 1950

Lutheran Services Held For Mrs. Groven

Mrs. Betsey Groven, nee Nelson, 72, well known resident of the Joplin area died at a Polson hospital, Feb. 15, following a short illness.

Mrs. Groven was born Sept. 18, 1877, the daughter of Helge and Ingeborg Nelson, at Hatton, North Dakota. She spent her entire girlhood around Hatton, and married there in 1898 to Nels K. Groven. They made their home near Hatton until they moved to Joplin and homesteaded on a farm four miles north of Joplin.

Mrs. Groven was a charter member of Bethel Lutheran Ladies Aid and church at Joplin. She had become much endeared in her quiet, humble way of serving. While health permitted she was a devout worshipper at the regular church services, and she read her Bible in private devotion regularly.

During Mrs. Groven's recent illness she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alice Boring at Ronan, and being taken critically ill was removed to the hospital at Polson.

Mrs. Groven was preceded in death by a son, Hilman Ivan, in 1922, and by her husband in 1940.

She is survived by five children, Mrs. Alice Boring, Ronan; Elmer Groven of Joplin; Mrs. Hazel Beggs, Blackwell, Okla.; Mrs. Ruth Vickner of Hoquiam, Wash.; and Norman Groven of Joplin. One brother, Nels Nelson survives. There are 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Bethel Lutheran in Joplin with the Rev. C. H. Jacobson officiating. Pallbearers were Joe Anderson, Otto Fossen, Pete Sponheim, Lewis Bilden Enoch Anderson and Ole Moulden.

GLEN GUTCHER

Born: 1934 - Died: November 28, 1950

Liberty County Times

December 7, 1950

Funeral Services Held for Glen Gutcher Sat.

Funeral services were held for Glen Gutcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gutcher of Joplin, at the Holland-Bonine Funeral Home in Havre, Saturday afternoon, December 2.

The deceased was born in Havre in 1934, and passed away shortly after his 16th birthday which he had celebrated while in the Deaconess hospital. He had been in the hospital for over three months, and died at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon, following a surgical operation.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Richard Vick of Havre and A. L. Swarens of the Hi-Line Methodist Parish. Singers were Miss Donna Watts and Mrs. Chas. Houtz. Burial was at the Highland Cemetery at Havre. Pallbearers were former schoolmates: Kenneth Hanson, Lawrence Chvilicek, Chas. Mickulucky, Bill Woods, Don Martinson and Eddie Richter.

Relatives from a distance who attended the services were: Vernon, Harris Lang of Billings, brothers of Mrs. Gutcher, and two cousins from Great Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lorang.

ANSLEM JOSEPH HULL

Born: June 9, 1886 - Died: 1950

Liberty County Times

February 16, 1950

Anslem Hull, Pioneer, Buried Yesterday

A Solemn Requiem High Mass for Anslem Joseph Hull was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. with Father John Kohnke, celebrant. He was assisted by Father James Wagner of Shelby, deacon; Robert Hyde of Hingham, sub-deacon.

Father John Kohnke delivered the sermon: Gene Ray and Donald Raunig were mass servers.

Pallbearers were Harold Jensen, Frank Schroer, Ernest Minckler, Ed Gatzemeier, Harold Flogum and Dodds Keith.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Mr. Hull was born June 9, 1886,

at St. John, Washington. He came to Chester with his mother, the late Mary Ellen Hull in 1910 and took out a homestead. He has been engaged in farming and sheep raising.

He was married in Spokane, July 31, 1912 to Mary Ann Friel of Donegal, Ireland.

Besides his wife, he is survived by six daughters, Sister Mary Louise, Wallace, Idaho, Sister Marleen Hull, Novice, of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Nora Hemmer, Lothair, Montana, Mrs. Genevieve Gagnon and Susanna and Patricia Hull, all of Chester and three sons, Michael, Raphael and James, all of Chester, and seven

grandchildren. He is also survived by four sisters, Mrs. Josie Ellwart, Tillamoak, Oregon; Mrs. Agnes Effinger and Mrs. Genevieve O'Niel, Lebanon, Oregon and Mrs. Virginia Sherwin of Valsetz, Oregon.

WALLACE HUNT

Born: July 15, 1875 - Died: December 24, 1950

Liberty County Times

December 28 - January 4, 1951

Funeral Services for Wallace Hunt Will Be Held Today, 2:30

Wallace Hunt, 75, retired farmer from north of Joplin passed away suddenly at his home in Chester Sunday morning, Dec. 24, at 7:30 o'clock.

Funeral services are scheduled to be conducted in the Methodist Church in Chester Thursday afternoon (today) at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. A. L. Swarens officiating.

The deceased was born in Fairberry, Ill., on July 15, 1875 and was married on April 9, 1897 at Howard, S. Dak., to the former Alma Beddow, who survives. Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Almira Shettel, Chester, and Mrs. Marion Vanderwindt, Elmhurst, Ill.; a son Roy Hunt, Shelby; a sister, Mrs. Jessie Harris, River Falls, Wis.; a nephew, Wally Hunt, Joplin; 14 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Winnie Tordor, preceded him in death.

In 1913 Mr. and Mrs. Hunt moved from South Dakota to Joplin where he took up a homestead north of town. They lived there until moving to Chester in 1948.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church.

W. Hunt Funeral Was Held Thursday

Funeral services for Wallace Hunt were held in the Methodist church here Thursday afternoon. Rev. A. L. Swarens officiated. A large number of friends and relatives paid final respects to the elderly man. A quartet composed of Mrs. Ardyce Swank, Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, Mrs. Ella Wigen and Mrs. Mae Swarens sang several selections.

Pallbearers were Burle Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Albin Gustafson, Guy Wolery, Vic Seuser and George May.

JAMES W. KIRK

Born: May 26, 1863 - Died: April 9, 1950

Liberty County Times

April 13, 1950

James W. Kirk Passes in Havre Sunday

James W. Kirk, 87, pioneer homesteader of the Joplin area, died at a Havre hospital at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Funeral services were conducted at the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre Wednesday afternoon at 2.

Mr. Kirk, a resident of the Joplin area for the past 35 years, was well-known throughout the community as Grandpa Kirk. For the past 22 years, he has been living at the J. J. Wicks home north of Joplin.

He was born May 26, 1863 at Oregon City, Oregon and farmed near Cottage Grove, Oregon, for about 19 years. In the winter he was a freighter for lumber camps, mills and mines, hauling supplies to them.

Following a lumbering accident he worked as a bookkeeper and accountant for lumber mills in Oregon for about 12 years. In 1913 he came to Montana and homesteaded. He returned to Oregon in 1923 where he resumed his occupation as a bookkeeper for lumber mills. He came again to Montana in 1928, and has lived with the Wicks family until the time of his hospitalization and death.

He was well known in the Joplin area and in Oregon, and was well liked and respected.

Mr. Kirk is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edith Turner of Samen, Oregon; Mrs. Elsie Kurrin, Cottage Grove, Oregon and a son, Ralph of Eugene, Oregon.

MARY KREMER

Born: November 27, 1867 - Died: August 1, 1950

Liberty County Times

August 3 - 10, 1950

Mrs. Mary Kremer Dies in Havre

Mrs. Mary Kremer of the Virginia apartments passed away at a Havre hospital Tuesday evening after a short illness. She was the wife of John K. Kremer, who died here about a year ago.

Mrs. Kremer was born November 27, 1867 to Andrew and Mary Deering in Deerings, Valley near Minnesota City, Minnesota, where she lived during her youth. After her marriage to Mr. Kremer, they lived in Winona, Minnesota until 1911, when they moved to Joplin, Montana and engaged in farming up to 1943. Since that time they have lived in Havre.

Surviving Mrs. Kremer are three children, J. E. Kremer of Great Falls, Benjamin F. Kremer of Temple City, California and Mrs. H. W. Fullmer of Havre, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at Havre from Holland and Bonine Funeral Home at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Kremer Held in Havre Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Kremer, who passed away Tuesday evening of last week, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral home in Havre. The Rev. A. E. Render officiated at the service.

Mrs. Ole Flaten sang two numbers, "In The Garden," and "City Four Square," at the services. Interment was in the Highland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were all old friends and neighbors of the deceased and were from the Joplin community where she had lived for a number of years. They were: Roy Gutcher, David F. James, Clarence McCann, Franklyn Poetzel, Herbert Poetzel, and Frank Meldrum.

CAROLINE WOLF LAER
Born: 1873 - Died: June 3, 1950
Liberty County Times
June 15, 1950

Mrs. Caroline Laer, 77
Passes in Spokane

Mrs. Caroline Wolf Laer, of Deer Park, Wash., passed away June 3 in a Spokane hospital at the age of 77 years.

Mrs. Laer was the mother of Daniel Wolfe, Chester; Mrs. True Ray, Chester; H. B. Wolfe, Joplin; Mrs. John Graves, Columbia Falls; Jacob and Walter of Deer Park and Mrs. Henry Wendt, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Laer was a pioneer resident of Chester, having lived south of town in the early 1900's.

Other survivors include her husband, Joseph Laer, her seven children, 34 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren.

LOUIS LEVAY

Born: 1920 - Died: July 3, 1950

Liberty County Times

July 6, 1950

Plane Crash Takes Life Of Former Line Man

SIDNEY, July 3 — George McCormick, 28, Chinook, and Louis Levay, 30, Culbertson, were killed instantly in the crash of McCormick's two-place Luscomb plane only eight miles south of Culbertson on July 3.

The crash occurred after the two

men had been visiting a rancher. As they began their take-off, the plane nosed down suddenly and crashed into a brush thicket. They crashed from only 200 feet in the air.

The plane did not burn but both men were killed instantly. The crash was witnessed by the rancher.

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MARTIN PAUL LIBOR

Born: October 18, 1892 - Died: July 24, 1950

Liberty County Times

August 10, 1950

Martin Libor Buried in Minn.

Martin Paul Libor, son of Louis and Maria Libor, was born October 18, 1892 in Marysville township. He died July 24th, 1950 at the Veterans hospital in Sheridan, Wyoming. He made his home in Waverly and Minneapolis except the past eight years which were spent with his sister in Chester. Martin was a veteran of the first world war, having been in the Infantry in the Rainbow division. He also served in the Army of Occupation in Germany after the Armistice was signed. His dad, mother, one brother and one sister preceded him in death. Those left to mourn his passing are three sisters; Mrs. Louise Ray of Chester, Mrs. Caroline Bednorz and Mrs. M. Jolicoeur of Minneapolis; and one brother, Joseph of Waverly; besides nephews, nieces and a host of his friends.

The American Legion Post of Waverly, conducted the Military services on Saturday, July 29. Rev. Fr. Keeler officiated at the burial mass. A wake was held at the Waverly Village hall Friday evening and burial was in the family lot in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The pallbearers were ex-service men: Conrad Smith, John Rogers, Joe Hessel, Charles Ogle, James H. Hughes and Dan Graham. May he rest in Peace.

JOHN LYLE

Born: N/A - Died: May 8, 1950

Liberty County Times

May 18, 1950

**John Lyle Rites Held
In Joplin Friday**

Funeral services for John Lyle, who passed away at a Great Falls hospital on May 8, were conducted Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by the Rev. C. H. Jacobson at the Lutheran Church in Joplin.

The Joplin Lutheran choir accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Anderson sang three numbers, "Rock of Ages," "The Lord Is My Shepherd," and "Abide With Me" at the services.

Pallbearers were: Dave James, William Meldrum, R. E. Hanson, Sr., Oscar Anderson, Prosper Anderson and Clifford Anderson.

The flag was folded by George Anderson and Robert Johnson and was presented to Mrs. Lyle by Rev. Jacobson.

GEORGE McCORMICK

Born: 1922 - Died: July 3, 1950

Liberty County Times

July 6, 1950

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L. R. MILES
Born: 1861 - Died: 1950
Liberty County Times
June 22, 1950

**L. R. Miles, North
Joplin Homesteader
Passes in Oregon**

Mr. L. R. Miles, an early homesteader north of Joplin, passed away at Gladstone, Oregon, at the age of 88.

He was born in 1861 at Williamsburg, Kentucky, and came to Montana in 1910 to homestead. Later he went to Oregon and made his home there since that time. He is survived

by five sons, Charley of Oregon City, Oregon; Joe of Springfield, Mo.; Howard of Portland, Oregon; Clinton of Tacoma, Wash.; and Lin of Klamouth Falls, Oregon. Four other sons, Arley, Riley, Clarence and Russel of Joplin preceded him in death. Numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive him.

FRANK J. NOVAK

Born: 1884 - Died: 1950

Liberty County Times

November 2, 1950

Frank J. Novak, 66 Dies in Havre Hospital

Frank J. Novak, 66 a resident of Rudyard and Goldstone for many years died recently at a Havre hospital. He is survived by the widow, a son, Victor, Vancouver, Wash.; five daughters, Mrs. Genero Barba, Guadalajara, Mexico; Mrs. John Siebanthaler, Fairbanks, Alaska; Mrs. George Bailey, Havre; Mrs. Howard Melbloom, Havre and Valencia Novak, Havre; 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

The deceased was born at Maple Lake, Minn., and was married June 8, 1909, at Buffalo, Minn. to Bertha Stexens. They came to Goldstone in northern Hill county in 1910, homesteading there.

He established a postoffice at Goldstone in 1911 and a general store there in 1912, operating both establishments. He sold his store in 1918. For a time Novak lived at Rudyard and went to Havre in Sept. of 1945.

Funeral services were held for Frank J. Novak Tuesday afternoon at 2 at the Holland and Bonine funeral home with the Rev. C. M. Strong of the First Baptist church officiating.

Pallbearers were: H. S. Cooper, Maurice Neilson, Charles Kegel, Chester Spicher, Norman Kaercher and Walter Soderholm.

Interment was in Highland cemetery.

LORENA ELIZABETH OAKLEY

Born: January 22, 1861 - Died: May 1, 1950

Liberty County Times

May 4, 1950

**Elderly Matron,
Mrs. L. Oakley
Passes Monday**

Liberty County and Montana lost another pioneer Monday morning when 89 year old Mrs. Lorena Oakley passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Hutchison in Chester.

Mrs. Oakley, who homesteaded south of here in 1913, was visiting her daughter's home when she was stricken with a bad cold. Heart ailment set in Sunday and she passed away about 6 a. m. Monday morning.

Mrs. Oakley was born of John and Sarah Lickiss in Arlington, Iowa on January 22, 1861. She spent her early girlhood in that city and there married George Washington Oakley on December 20, 1881. Her husband preceeded her in death in 1910.

Mrs. Oakley, with her family, came to Chester in 1913 and homesteaded south of here. She lived for a time in Chester with her son Perry who was at that time County Treasurer. She moved to Havre in 1927. In 1928 she moved to Browning and after residing there for a few years moved to Superior where she has since made her home.

Mrs. Oakley, one of a family of 15 children, has only one surviving sister, she is Mary E. Graham of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Other survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Blanche Hutchison of Chester, Mrs. Eva Irish of Dillon, and Mrs. Edith Witt of Lincoln, Neb. There are two sons, Perry of Superior and Leslie of Fairfield. A son and daughter preceeded her in death. There are also 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday at 2 p.m. in Superior.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchison and Irvin have left to attend the services.

HARRIS CLARENCE PETERSON

Born: March 9, 1888 - Died: May 28, 1950

Liberty County Times

June 8, 1950

Harris Peterson Dies at Inverness

Harris Clarence Peterson, 62, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Stewart Zentzis, at Inverness, Sunday at 2 a.m. Funeral services were conducted at the Joplin Lutheran Church with the Rev. C. A. Jacobson officiating.

The deceased was born at Renville, Minn., Mar. 9, 1888. He came to Joplin in 1910 where he farmed and worked at the LMS Implement.

Mr. Peterson never married. He is survived by four brothers, Lawrence of Spokane, Roy of Smelterville, Idaho; Alfred of Renville, Minn., and Willie, Hoquiam, Wash., Five surviving sisters are Mrs. Lillie Scott of Banks, Ore.; Mrs. Florence Lucas of Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Sophie Jensen of Springfield, Ill.; and Mrs. Stewart Zentzis of Inverness.

Last Rites for Clarence Peterson Held Friday

Last rites for Harris Clarence Peterson, age 62, born at Renville, Minn., a long time resident of the Joplin community, who passed away May 28 at the Zentzis home, were conducted June 2, at the Joplin Lutheran Church by Rev. Jacobson.

The Joplin choir, accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Anderson, sang three numbers.

Pallbearers were Pete Spoonheim, Archie Ternstrom, Julius Rocks, Lewis Bilden, R. E. Hansen and Don Ross.

Surviving brothers and sisters are Agnes Lund of Stockton, Calif., Alfred of Renville, Minn., Mrs. Lillie Scott of Banks, Oregon. Mrs. Florence Lucas of Stockton, Calif., Lawrence of Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Sophie Jensen of Springfield, Ill., William of Hoquiam, Wash., Roy of Smelterville, Idaho, and Mrs. Ethel Zentzis of Inverness. Also 13 nephews 13 nephews and 9 nieces.

A large group of friends and neighbors of Joplin and surrounding community attended the services.

VALOIS RONALD SAUER

Born: 1930 - Died: July 12, 1950

Liberty County Times

July 20, 1950

Valois Sauer Services Held Monday

Funeral services for Valois Ronald Sauer, 20, of Joplin, who died in a Shelby hospital last week from injuries received in an auto wreck were held from the Joplin Lutheran Church Monday afternoon. The Rev. C. A. Jacobson officiated.

Sauer received a broken back and other injuries when the car in which he was a passenger plunged off the road two miles east of Dunkirk at 4:20 a.m. last Tuesday. The other occupants of the car suffered cuts and bruises. They are James Crouch and Donald Rocks, both of Joplin.

Highway Patrolman Tom Yost said the car, driven by Crouch, was traveling too fast to make a left turn. It plunged off the right shoulder of the road, then skidded across the highway and off the left side. Yost said the car turned over five times. Sauer was thrown out on the first turn and the car is believed to

have rolled over on him. Rocks was pinned on the ledge of the coupe and Crouch walked to a ranch to summon help.

The boys had returned from Havre sometime earlier and after reaching Joplin decided to go on to Shelby.

Sauer was born in Havre and lived recently with a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Heydon of Joplin. More recently he had been living at the Wilmes rooms where he stayed with Pid Wilmes. His mother is dead and his father, Verne Sauer, Sr., lives in Lamar, Arkansas.

Survivors include three brothers, Virgin and Victor of Kellogg, Ida., and Verne Jr, of Joplin; five sisters, Mrs. Vera Devoe and Mrs. James Adams of Kellogg; Mrs. Donald Adame, Inverness, and Mrs. Roy Fitzgerald and Mrs. Chester Henderson, Everett, Wash.

ROBERT S. SAYER

Born: 1883 - Died: October 20, 1950

Liberty County Times

October 26, 1950

Robert S. Sayer Passes Away

Robert S. Sayer, long time resident of the Whitlash Community passed away at the Robert Parsell ranch Friday evening.

Stylum, as he was known to his friends, was born at Heppner, Oregon in 1883. He resided at Heppner and Brownsville, Oregon until he homesteaded in the Sweet Grass Hills in the year of 1904.

He had resided in this community for 46 years. Death was apparently due to heart failure.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Shelby on Tuesday, October 24th at 2:00 P. M. with Rev. Sanders officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Pallbearers were: James Townhend, Robert Sutton, Nelson Bingham, Vernon Johnson, Harry Gardener Jr. and B. H. Murray.

Survivors are Mrs. Daisy Dillingham, Roseburg, Oregon, Mrs. Fred Parsell, Whitlash, and Mrs. Della Roslow, Spokane, Wash.

PAUL JOHN SHEPHERD

Born: November 3, 1896 - Died: December 27, 1950

Liberty County Times

January 4, 1951

Funeral Services For Paul Shepherd Were Held Saturday

Paul Shepherd, about 55, was found dead Wednesday afternoon in his room at the Q. R. Buffington ranch 35 miles south of Chester where he had been employed for the past three months.

Dodds Keith, Liberty county coroner, said that death is believed to have occurred Wednesday morning about 7 o'clock from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The deceased has two surviving daughters, Mrs. June Ward, Spokane and Mrs. Phyllis Whitley, New Haven, Ind. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Addie Shepherd, of Chester who is visiting in Iowa. Other survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Simon Warrington and Mrs. John Roke, Chester and Mrs. George Mills, Spokane; two brothers, Glen Shepherd, Kalispell, and Dr. Lloyd Shepherd, Des Moines, Iowa, and several nephews living in Chester.

Mr. Shepherd was reported to have been in ill health for some time.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church Saturday afternoon. Rev. A. L. Swarens officiated.

The choir was composed of Mrs. Robert Wigen, Mrs. John Swank, Mrs. A. L. Swarens and Mrs. Wm. Johnson. Miss Peggy Ann Keith accompanied the choir. The selections were "Abide With Me," "Rock of Ages" and "Sometime We'll Understand."

Pallbearers were Art Norris, Wm. Zorn, Chas. Swank, Floyd Hader, Levi Shettel and Lyle Glee. A large crowd attended the funeral.

BENJAMIN HARRISON SNUFFER

Born: June 12, 1888 - Died: January 31, 1950

Liberty County Times

February 9, 1950

Funeral Services Held In Shelby Saturday For Ben H. Snuffer

Benjamin Harrison Snuffer, 61, well known farmer of Lothair died at Kalispell January 31. He had been in poor health for a number of years.

Mr. Snuffer was born an June 12, 1888 at Maysville, Mo. He came to Chester in 1906, and homesteaded in this area. He was married December 26, 1915 to Alida Emilie Arick.

Besides his widow, Mr. Snuffer is survived by a son, Darwin, of Galata, two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Bridgett of Chehalis, Wash., and Mrs. Frank Schwan of Lothair. A son, Roy, preceded Mr. Snuffer in death in 1946.

Mr. Snuffer is also survived by two brothers, John Snuffer of Roundup and W. M. Snuffer of St. Joseph, Mo., and two sisters, Mrs. Cora Ball of Eureka, Kan., and Mrs. May Earnest of Girary, Kansas. Four grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at the Shelby Methodist Church with the Rev. Sanders presiding. Mrs. Sanders sang "Lead Kindly Light", and "Face to Face."

Pallbearers were E. M. Robison of Lothair, Bob Turner, Shelby, Ray Lallum, Galata, Eddie Kulpas, Lothair and Riley and Elmer Childers of Galata. Interment was in the family plot of the Shelby cemetery.

F. J. SWANSON

Born: 1870 - Died: August 18, 1950

Liberty County Times

August 24, 1950

F. J. Swanson Passes

F. J. Swanson, 80, father of Mrs. Les Albright of Chester passed away at his home west of Big Sandy last Friday. Cause of death was a heart attack. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Lutheran church in Big Sandy.

Mr. Swanson was born in Sweden. From Sweden he moved to North Dakota and later to Big Sandy where he made his home. He is survived by five children.

MARY TERNSTROM

Born: May 5, 1879 - Died: January 22, 1950

Liberty County Times

January 26, 1950

**Mrs. Mary Ternstrom
Funeral Services Fri.**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Ternstrom, 70, who passed away at the home of her daughter in Joplin Sunday, will be held tomorrow at 2:00 at the Joplin Lutheran Church. Rev. C. A. Jacobson will officiate. Burial will be in the Joplin cemetery.

Mrs. Ternstrom, a resident of the Joplin community for many years, had been ill for the past year and a half. She was born on May 5, 1879 in

Norway and came to the United States with her parents when she was three years old, the family settling at Cyrus, Minnesota. She was married at Cyrus on June 28, 1899, to August William Ternstrom, who died on March 7, 1943.

Mrs. Ternstrom was known as a kind, patient woman, uncomplaining during her lengthy illness.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Harold Olson of Benson, Minn., a brother, Chris Sevalson of Van Hook, N. Dak., a son, Archie of Joplin, a daughter, Mrs. Peter Spoonheim, also of Joplin, at whose home she died, and by three grandchildren.

ROY F. VIOLETT

Born: May 16, 1876 - Died: March 18, 1950

Liberty County Times

March 23, 1950

Services for Roy Violet Held in Methodish Church Here Tuesday

Funeral services for a Liberty County homesteader were held from the Chester Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. A. L. Swarens officiated. The early day Lothair settler, Roy F. Violet, 73, passed away at his Great Falls home on March 18.

Pall bearers were Edward Robinson, John Swank, Mike Kammerzell, Gordon Standiford, Einar Warnes and Glen Standiford.

The church choir composed of Mrs. John Swank, Mrs. A. L. Swarens and Mrs. Mildred Hanson sang. They were accompanied by Mrs. Fred Barrett. Burial was in the Lothair Cemetery.

Mr. Violet was born at Columbus, Missouri on May 16, 1876, and come to this part of the country after the turn of the century. He homesteaded near Lothair and lived there until 1923. He operated an elevator in Fort Shaw for a few years and then settled in Great Falls.

Survivors include his widow, a son, Walter, and a brother, Lee Violet. There are also several nieces and two nephews.

Out-of-town people who attended the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. L. Sholman, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Miller and Mrs. Lena Violet, all of Great Falls.

JOHN E. WEHR

Born: December 28, 1878 - Died: May 2, 1950

Liberty County Times

May 11, 1950

John Wehr Rites Held In Minot

John E. Wehr, 71, of Whitlash, a retired field collector for the International Harvester Co. passed away at the local hospital last week.

He was born in Rumania, Bessarabia, on Dec. 28, 1878, and came to Whitlash in 1946 from North Dakota. He was married at Anamoose, No. Dak. to the former Lizzie Gall who passed away in 1946.

Mr. Wehr was bedridden for the past 12 years and lived with a daughter at Whitlash from the time he came to Montana until he entered the hospital last July.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Elsie Demarest and Mrs. Velma Gardener of Whitlash; Mrs. Margie Norris of Minot; and a son, Walter, also of Minot; Four sisters are Mrs. F. A. Bishke of Harvey; Mrs. R. B. Graham of Anamoose; Mrs. Nick Lauer, Sand Point; and Mrs. Ray Berard of Kirkland, Wash. The two surviving brothers are Matt of Rudyard, and Manuel of Saskaton. There are six grandchildren.

Mr. Wehr was a member of the Baptist faith. His body was sent to Minot where last rites will be held.

PETER WESTERLUND
Born: 1867 - Died: April 10, 1950
Liberty County Times
April 20, 1950

Peter Westerlund Rites Held in Joplin Sunday

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 at the Royal Neighbors hall in Joplin for Peter Westerlund, 83, who died at the Masonic Home at Helena April 10. Officiating at the Funeral was the Rev. A. L. Swarens.

Mrs. Hugo Johnson sang "City Four Square" and "Sunrise Tomorrow" accompanied by Mrs. Marion Thielman.

W. W. WILLOUGHBY

Born: N/A - Died: February ?, 1950

Liberty County Times

February 23, 1950

W. W. Willoughby Dies

W. W. Willoughby died last week at a Great Falls hospital. His wife took the body to California for funeral services and burial.

Mr. Willoughby was the owner of the Willoughby Construction Company of Billings, that had been awarded the contract to construct the 10 temporary houses for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Walter E. Sanford, construction engineer for the bureau said that he did not know what would happen to the contract until the legal advisors for the bureau met with the bonding company.

MRS. WILLIAM M. WISEMAN

Born: August 13, 1875 - Died: April 16, 1950

Liberty County Times

April 20, 1950

**Wm. Wiseman Passes
At Havre Hospital**

Mrs. William M. Wiseman, 74, long time resident of the Joplin area passed away at a Havre hospital last Sunday evening.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

Mrs. Wiseman was born in Houstonville, Ky. on August 13, 1875, and was married on March 6, 1893, at Arrowsmith, Ill. After their marriage she and her husband moved to Willow, City, N. Dak. and from there moved to Joplin in 1915. From that time until they moved to Havre in 1942 they farmed north of Joplin.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Wiseman is survived by three daughters, Mrs. William Grant, Missoula; Mrs. Hazel Bradley of Bremerton; and Mrs. L. C. Meade, Boise. A son Arthur, preceeded her in death. Other survivors include nine grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

ROBERT J. ZANDA

Born: January 26, 1882 - Died: October 24, 1950

Liberty County Times

October 26, 1950

**Funeral Services Will
Be Held Friday for
Robert J. Zanda**

Robert J. Zanda, 68, passed away at his home Tuesday morning at 8 after a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held at the Catholic Church in Chester at 10 Friday morning.

The deceased was born in Silver Lake, Minn., on January 26, 1882. He came to Mildred, Mont. from Minn. in 1923, and came to Chester in 1926. He enlisted in the U. S. Army on July 22, 1917 and was discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa, on January 27, 1918.

Mr. Zanda was married to the former Alma Larson at Shelby on June 26, 1939. Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Audrey Zanda and Mrs. Robert Johnson.