

PEARL ALVORD

Birth: July 6, 1879 - Died: January 16, 1955

Liberty County Times

January 20, 1955

Services Held for Pearl Alvord, 75, Whitlash

Pearl Alvord, 75, well-known resident of the Whitlash community passed away peacefully in his sleep early Sunday morning at the home of his niece, Mrs. Fred Anderson, where he had made his home for the last two or three years.

Mr. Alvord, oldest son of a family of seven children was born at Sherbourne, Minnesota, July 7, 1879. Three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

He came to Montana with his sister, Mrs. Nettie Stott and worked for Jacob Oswood for a year, when he went to the Murray Johnson ranch where he stayed until 1952.

He had been very much interested in the Sweetgrass telephone line. He helped install telephones when the system was first put into operation and had always helped with repairs and up-keep until 1953 when he suffered a paralytic stroke.

Mr. Alvord joined a Modern Woodman camp in Minnesota in 1902, and at the time of his death was a member of the unit at Hingham.

He joined the Congregational church at Ceylon, Minnesota, when he was 14 years old and has been a faithful Christian all his life.

He leaves to mourn his passing one sister, Mrs. Julia Clark of Stettler, Alberta, one brother, Marion of Rochester, Minnesota, about 25 nieces and nephews and innumerable grand and great-grand nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are being held to-day (Thursday) in the Presbyterian church at Whitlash, Rev. Clifford J. Shumaker in charge. Pall bearers are named as Claude Demarest, Troy Lakey, Robert Thompson, George Lauener, Vernon Johnson and Charles Laas. Interment will be in the Whitlash cemetery.

BARNEY ARMSTRONG
Birth: 1878 - Died: 1955
Liberty County Times
March 24, 1955

Barney Armstrong Dies

According to an exchange, Barney Armstrong, 77, died at Whitefish, where he has lived for several years. Mr. Armstrong was well-known here several years ago. He had a homestead south of Chester and was a cousin of the late Russell Keith.

MARGARET SCHROEDER ARNST

Birth: July 1, 1877 - Died: February 11, 1955

Liberty County Times

February 24, 1955

**Mrs. Mary Arnst
Dies at Ft. Benton**

Mrs. Mary Arnst, 77, resident of Fort Benton for the last 20 years, passed away at the St. Clare hospital in that city February 11.

She was born Margaret Schroeder in Vornberg, Russia, July 1, 1877, where she spent her early life. She was married to Henry Arnst there in 1895. Three years later they came to the United States, spent two years in Nebraska, and then moved to Washington where they lived for ten years. The family lived on a farm south and west of Chester for ten years. Mr. Arnst passed away several years ago.

She is survived by three sons, Fred, with whom she made her home in Fort Benton; Henry and Jake, both of Valier; three daughters, Sara Voegele, Great Falls; Marie Runion, Beulah, North Dakota; and Anna Stranwold, Sunburst. There are 19 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. A brother, Philip Schroeder of Ritzville, Washington, also survives.

Funeral services were held in the Benton Funeral home. The remains were taken to Valier, where services were held the next day, and burial was made in the family plot there.

GUY B. ASK

Birth: December 5, 1910 - Died: December 3, 1955

Liberty County Times

December 8, 1955

Man Killed by Falling Rock at Rip-Rap Quarry

Guy Ask, 46, employee of Lyons Construction Company, sub-contractor mining rock for rip-rap at Tiber Dam, was instantly killed by rolling rocks Saturday afternoon when loosened rock fell from the bank of the quarry. He had been employed by Lyons Construction Co. for several years but had been on the present project only a few days.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy and 3 children, a son of 19 years and twin boys who are 12 years of age. The body was taken to Havre and from there was shipped to the Squire, Simmons and Carr Funeral Home in Missoula December 6th. Funeral arrangements are pending.

His is the only casualty in Tiber Dam construction since the beginning of the project, some three years ago.

OLAI BERGE
Born: April 10, 1890 - Died: December ? 23, 1955
Liberty County Times
January 12, 1956

Olai Berge Dies Unexpectedly

The unexpected passing of Olai Berge, 65, came as a shock to his many friends in Grand Marais, Minnesota, on New Years day. He was apparently recovering nicely from an operation of Dec. 23, and even his family and his attending doctor had no warning that the end was near. The doctor had checked him at 5 p.m. and had talked to him, and everything seemed about as expected, and a half hour later he died. He was at the Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis.

Funeral services were held January 5, 1956 at the Congregational Church with Rev. S. P. Symmonds officiating at 2 p.m. Burial was at Poplar Grove cemetery.

Mr. Berge was born in Hardanger, Norway, April 10, 1890 and came to the United States in 1909. He settled in Chinook, Montana, where he spent much of his youth, and where he was married July 30, 1927 to Williamina Laing.

He served in World War I two years, serving in France as a corporal. He then entered the United States Customs Service in which he still served at his death. He had served in that branch for 29 years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, and the American Legion.

In July, 1947, he came to Grand Marais with his family and they lived there since.

Survivors are his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Wesley Hedstrom, one son, William, and one sister, Tjorbjorn, in Hardanger, Norway.

Pallbearers were Earl Savard, Thomas Eckel, Sr., Owen Ostroot, Al Almlie, Alfred Fensstad and Carl Hedstrom. Herbert Hedstrom sang several hymns, and Mrs. R. A. Bent was the organist.

JUANITA MARIE BOYER

Born: September 17, 1955 - Died: September 21, 1955

Liberty County Times

September 29, 1955

Infant Girl Passes

Funeral services for Juanita Marie Boyer were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Methodist Church with Rev. Brown officiating. Mrs. Richard Hunnewell sang, "Precious Jewels". Pall bearers were Harley Rudolph, Bill Schafer, Stewart Zentzis and Wilbur Eveland.

Burial was in Chester cemetery.

MRS. WILLIAM BROUILLARD

Birth: N/A - Died: June 28, 1955

Liberty County Times

June 30, 1955

**Mrs. William
Brouillard Dies**

Mrs. William Brouillard passed away Tuesday morning, June 28 at a hospital in Kalispell. Word of her death was received here Tuesday, but details are lacking.

Mr. and Mrs. Brouillard formerly lived south of the Marias river in Liberty County for many years.

MARK T. BUFFINGTON

Birth: N/A - Died: February 15, 1955

Liberty County Times

February 24, 1955

Mark Buffington Dies in Florida

According to word received by friends and relatives, M. T. Buffington, long time farmer in the community just north of Joplin, passed away in his sleep at Lakeworth, Florida, February 15.

His son, Clarke of Great Falls left as soon as the word was received, by plane for Lokeworth, where funeral services were held Friday.

J. W. DICKENSON

Born: N/A - Died: August 16, 1955

Liberty County Times

August 18, 1955

Transient Killed In Hunting Mishap

Tuesday night following a report to the Sheriff's office an investigation was made by Sheriff Dodds Keith, and Deputy Sheriff Otto Fosson of the local dump grounds, and a man tentatively identified as J. W. Dickenson, home unknown, was found shot through the chest. An inquest was held on that evening and a coroner's jury met on Wednesday night incident to the case.

The coroner's jury found that the man died of a gunshot wound, fired by a minor, and that negligence was involved, but not sufficient to warrant criminal action.

AGNETHE FORSETH

Birth: September 29, 1855 - Died: March 1, 1955

Liberty County Times

March 10 - 17, 1955

Mrs. Agnethe Forseth Dies In Gt. Falls

Mrs. Agnethe Forseth, 99, long time resident of the Hill Post Office neighborhood, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Brown of Great Falls Tuesday.

Mrs. Forseth was born in Faaberg, Norway, September 29, 1855. Her husband died in 1903 and she came to the United States three years later. She filed on a homestead at Grand View, north of Galata in 1910 and made that neighborhood her home for a great many years. She was living at the home of her daughter in Great Falls at the time of her death.

Funeral services are being held today (Thursday) at 2:00 p.m. in the Shelby Lutheran church, Rev. Borge officiating. Interment will be in the Shelby cemetery.

Funeral Held for Mrs. Agnethe Forseth

Funeral services for Mrs. Agnethe Forseth were conducted from the Lutheran church in Shelby on Thursday of last week at 2 p.m. O'Conors were in charge of the local arrangements. Mrs. Forseth would have celebrated her 100th birthday in September.

Survivors include two sons, Sigurd of the Hill community and Torger of Missoula and two daughters, Mrs. Ingolf Jeppesen of Shelby and Mrs. Elmer Brown of Great Falls.

Interment was in the Shelby cemetery.

JULIA FREELAND

Born: 1872 - Died: July 24, 1955

Liberty County Times

July 28, 1955

Mrs. Julia Freeland

Word has reached friends here that Mrs. Julia Freeland, 83, passed away July 24 at her home in Longview, Washington.

Mrs. Freeland was well-known several years ago in Joplin where Mrs. Freeland lived with her husband and 2 children, Mildred and J. C. She operated a restaurant in Joplin for a number of years and was known and respected by everyone in the community.

She is survived by her two children. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago.

MRS. WILLIAM HADFORD

Born: N/A - Died: December 9, 1955

Liberty County Times

December 15, 1955

Two Killed in Automobile Accident Near Fresno Friday, December 9

Two people, Max P. Kuhr, attorney of Havre and Mrs. Wm. Hadford of Joplin were killed in a head-on automobile collision near Fresno, on Highway No. 2 Friday about 3 p.m.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wm. Hadford were held in the Joplin Lutheran church Wednesday afternoon, Pastor Theo. Mendenhall officiating.

Mrs. Hadford met her death while riding from Chester to Havre with Max P. Kuhr. It will be remembered that Wm. Hadford died of a heart attack some two weeks ago, and Kuhr and Mrs. Hadford were going to Havre in connection with legal affairs of settling the estate. The Kuhr car collided head-on with a Canadian car driven by Erick Peterson of Victoria, B. C. Allegedly Peterson had pulled out of his lane to pass another car.

Kuhr died on the way to the hospital shortly after leaving the scene of the wreck and Mrs. Hadford passed away shortly after

reaching the hospital. Peterson, his wife and baby, were hospitalized, but are all slowly recovering, according to reports.

Mr. Kuhr had been attending district court in Chester, and Mrs. Hadford came to Chester to see him in connection with the Hadford estate. It became necessary for her to go to Havre; and they left together some time around 2:00 in the afternoon. The wreck occurred near Fresno, some 12½ miles out of Havre.

Mr. Kuhr was one of the prominent attorneys of Havre. He had held various positions of honor and trust in the community, was active in community affairs, and was a director of the Citizens Bank of Montana and the Liberty County Bank of Chester at the time of his death.

Mrs. Hadford had homesteaded south of Joplin in the early days of this county. She married Wm. Hadford in 1951, and had made her home in Joplin since her marriage.

WILLIAM HADFORD

Birth: November 16, 1891 - Died: November 14, 1955

Liberty County Times

November 17 - 24, 1955

William Hadford Dies: Services Today

William Hadford died at his home in Joplin at noon Monday, just two days before his 64th birthday. Funeral services are being held today at 2 p.m. in the Bethel Lutheran Church of Joplin with Rev. Theo. Mendenhall officiating.

Mr. Hadford was born November 16, 1891 in Sweden. He came from Sweden to Alberta, Canada in 1907 and in 1916 he came to Joplin where he has resided since. On October 25, 1951 he married Clara Gilbertson at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He is survived by his wife; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Johnson of Spokane and Mrs. Mina Greene of Alberta, Canada; and one brother, Alfred of Joplin.

William Hadford

Funeral services for William Hadford were conducted from the Joplin Lutheran Church Thursday, November 17, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Theodore Mendenhall officiating.

The Joplin Lutheran choir sang "I Need Thee Every Hour" and "Rock of Ages". Mr. E. C. Foster acted as usher.

Pall bearers were Percy Pimley, M. O. Moulden, O. C. Folden, Earl Poppler, John Mellerud and Paul Johnson.

Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

FRANK HEYDON

Born: November 24, 1884 - Died: September 27, 1955

Liberty County Times

September 29, 1955

Frank Heydon

Frank Heydon, 70, resident of the Joplin area for many years up to 1950, passed away in a Havre hospital Tuesday morning.

Mr. Heydon was born at Bolivar, Missouri, November 24, 1884. When he was 12 years old he moved with his family to Ritzville, Washington, where he lived for only a short time, moving to Greenacres, Washington. There he worked as a carpenter with his father for several years.

In 1810 he filed on a homestead north and west of Joplin, and lived on the farm until 1950 when he retired and moved into Havre. In 1912 he was married to Effie Taplin, who survives.

Other survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Russell Frydenlund of Devon, Mrs. Paul Johnson of Joplin, Mrs. Hugo Aspevig of Rudyard and Mrs. Alvin Keith of Havre and six sons, Cecil, Franklin, Clyde, Ferroll, Lloyd and Lyle, all of Joplin and 25 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Presbyterian church in Havre Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., interment in the new Memorial cemetery at Havre.

KARL HOVLAND

Birth: February 4, 1891 - Died: December 17, 1955

Liberty County Times

December 22, 1955

Karl Hovland Dies

Karl Hovland, 64, Hingham Farmers Union elevator manager, died at a Havre hospital Saturday evening. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral home. Burial will be in Whittier, California.

Mr. Hovland was born at Fesenden, North Dakota, February 4, 1891. He was married January 15, 1917, to Rose Effinger. Since 1908 he has been managing Farmers Union elevators and in 1928 he came to Hingham from Whitehall.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Lt. Commander Jerome Hovland of Moffit Field, Los Altos, California; two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Jarvis and Miss Roberta Hovland of Long Beach, California; four grandchildren and five sisters, Mrs. Vern Gee of Flaxton, North Dakota; Mrs. Bertha Levenson of Beaumont, Texas, Miss Carrie Hovland of Minnesota, Minnesota, Mrs. C. L. Jensen of Esmond, North Dakota and Mrs. Max Weiby of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

BENNIE COLUMBUS ISH

Birth: January 4, 1903- Died: October 5, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 6 - 13, 1955

Ben C. Ish Buried Saturday At Local IOOF Cemetery

Bennie Columbus Ish, 52, a well known member of the Chester community was buried on Saturday in the local IOOF cemetery. Funeral services were conducted in the Chester Methodist church at 2:00 p.m. by Rev. Richard Vick of Havre.

Ben (as he was known by nearly all local people) was born Jan. 4, 1903, at Corvallis, Oregon. He came to Chester, Montana, to work as telegrapher, and relief agent for the Great Northern Railway in 1925 from Almota, Washington. Since that time he has been continuously employed by the company with the exception of brief seasons of illness during the past year or two. On May 20, 1925 he married Ruth Rockman at Havre.

He served as Justice of Peace for about 25 years, and was in the sheep business with Dodds Keith. His chief pleasure was hunting and fishing. Sports such as basketball, and baseball found him a loyal supporter of all local activities. He was a member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge No. 776, A.F. & A.M., the Elks Lodge in Shelby, and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War I.

Masonic graveside rites were conducted by the members of the Joplin lodge and a beautiful floral offering by his many friends was, after the funeral, given to the hospital, and all of the churches in town.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Elwin (Bud), and a daughter, Lila Loy, all of Chester; a sister, Mrs. Harold Eggart of Winchester, Idaho; a brother Elwin J. of Odesa, Washington. A daughter, Helen Lucille, preceded him in death in November of 1941.

Pallbearers at the funeral were Howard Shults, Roy Goodbar, Nick Brain, William Schultz, Leo Wigen and Walter Jensen. The choir, including Mrs. Donald Brown, Mrs. Ed Thielman, Mrs. Robert Wigen and Rose Nealy. sang. Peggy Anne Wiley was accompanist for the hymns which included "In the Garden", "The Old Rugged Cross", and "Softly and Tenderly".

Included in the many relatives and friends at the funeral were out of town relatives Elwin J. Ish of Odessa, Weshington, Mrs. Harold Eggart of Winchester, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carr and daughter Connie Lou of Port Blakely, Washington, Mrs. Harry Rockman of Eureka, Montana, and Willard Rockman of St. Ignatius, Montana.

Funeral for Ben C. Ish Saturday, October 8

Ben C. Ish, a well known resident of Chester passed away in a Great Falls hospital Wednesday morning about 2:30 a.m. He has been a telegrapher for the Great Northern at Chester for many years, and was Justice of Peace for Chester for many years. He has been prominent in civic affairs of Chester and Liberty county, and will be missed by a host of friends and neighbors.

His funeral will be in the Methodist Church Saturday, October 8th at 2:00 p.m.

ANDREW ELI JACOBSON

Birth: August 12, 1883 - Died: April 7, 1955

Liberty County Times

April 21, 1955

Funeral Held for Andrew Eli Jacobson

Andrew Eli Jacobson, father of Rev. C. H. Jacobson of the Chester-Joplin Lutheran Parish, died as the result of a fall at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oscar Erickson at Holmes, Iowa, April 7, 1955.

Mr. Jacobson was born at Duncome, Iowa, August 12, 1883. He was married to Miss Julia Flygstad April 8, 1905. He farmed near Duncome for many years. He was a carpenter by trade and followed the trade for many years.

He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church at Duncome, and was a member most of his life. He served the past several years on the Board of Deacons and was the church custodian.

He is survived by his widow and two children, Mrs. Oscar (Lola) Erickson of Holmes, Iowa, and Pastor C. H. Jacobson of Joplin, Montana, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Washington Lutheran church at Duncome, Iowa, with Pastor Benjamin Coltvet officiating. Interment in the Duncome cemetery.

HANS PETER JENSEN

Birth: January 8, 1881 - Died: March 7, 1955

Liberty County Times

March 10 - 17, 1955

Funeral Will Be Friday for Hans Jensen

A long time resident and one of the early pioneers of Chester passed away in the Liberty County hospital last Monday. Hans P. Jensen, age 74, farmed north of Chester since 1910. His many friends in Chester and vicinity will greatly miss his cheery smile and cordial greetings. He is survived by his wife Bertha, his sons Ole, Harold and Leo of Chester, his daughters (Hazel) Mrs. Gordon Broeder of Kalispell, (Alice) Mrs. Lee Knickel of Cut Bank and three brothers Louis Jensen of Kalispell and Jens and Soren Jensen in Denmark. Also surviving are ten grand children.

Hans was born in Ringsted, Denmark on January 8th 1881. His occupation before he came to this country was butter maker. In 1902 he came to Racine, Wisconsin, from Denmark, later settling in Rugby, N. D., where he farmed. Coming to Chester and settling with his wife, whom he married in Rugby, N. D. on June 26th, 1909, he farmed land in the Sage Creek area of our county. He is a member of the Lutheran church and will be buried in the Chester cemetery following his funeral, which will be on Friday, March 11th at 2 p.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester. Pastor C. H. Jacobson will conduct the services.

Funeral Held for Hans Jensen

Funeral services for Hans Jensen were conducted from the Lutheran church Friday afternoon, Rev. C. H. Jacobson officiating.

The Ladies Lutheran choir, with Mrs. Marian Thielman at the organ sang: "In the Garden", "One Sweetly Solemn Thought", and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Out of town attendants were Ida and Jennings Nelson of Rugby, North Dakota; Mrs. Melvin Larvik of Brunswick, North Dakota; and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mygland of Rugby.

Pallbearers were: Ole Reese, Allen Mattson, Mark Reisenauer, Richard Wickum, Henry Kolstad and Mike Yurman.

Interment was in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery.

KARL H. JEPPESEN

Born: December 6, 1886 - Died: November 15, 1955

Liberty County Times

November 17 - 24, 1955

Funeral Services For Karl Jeppesen

Funeral services for Karl H. Jeppesen, 68, were conducted from Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester Friday afternoon at 2:00, Pastor Jersing Thompson officiating.

Karl Hans Jeppesen was born at Haugesund, Norway, December 6, 1886. He died, November 15, 1955. When he was twenty years old, he came to America, and in 1920 he was married to Lillian Houske at Havre.

He was very active in public affairs, having been County Assessor for 36 years, besides several years as deputy assessor in Hill County, was mayor of Chester for several years, and was influential in getting electricity, water and gas into town. He was active in the Lutheran church, and had a great deal to do with the development and growth of the congregation here.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. A. K. Jewett, (Gladys) of Long Beach, California; Mrs. S. J. Goodbar, (Donna) of Missoula, and a son, Grant, operating a ranch near Hill. Also surviving are two sisters, Anna and Margaret Larson in Norway, and three brothers, Ingolf living north of Lothair, William of Seattle and Hartvig in Norway.

The Lutheran choir sang: "In Heaven Above," and "Still, Still With Thee." Dale Lyders and Clifford Leighton served as ushers. Pall bearers were Dodds Keith, Harold Flogum, John E. Oswood, Math Thielgtes, Bernett Oswood and Lloyd Hendrickson.

Interment in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Karl H. Jeppesen Dies Suddenly

This community was shocked beyond measure last Tuesday afternoon when it was learned that Karl H. Jeppesen, long time resident of the Town of Chester and the surrounding area had died suddenly at his home here.

Karl Jeppesen spent a great part of his life in public work. He was county assessor in Liberty County from the time of the creation of the county until the first Monday in January, 1955. He had published a letter to the people of the county early in the spring of 1954 stating that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself and retired at the end of his term. He had served as Deputy Assessor for Hill County for several years before Liberty County was created.

He was also interested in the oil development of Liberty County and probably did as much as any other one man in getting drilling companies interested in drilling here. He was instrumental in getting gas installed in Chester. He was also mayor of Chester at one time, and very active in the Lutheran Church in Chester.

Probably even more widely recognized than his name is the work done by Karl Jeppesen. Throughout the State of Montana, Liberty County is recognized as one of the few counties where property is assessed correctly.

He also had a Real Estate license and sold property insurance.

Mr. Jeppesen was known and respected by a great part of the population of this area. His passing will be mourned by all who knew him.

Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

HELMER JOHNSON

Birth: N/A - Died: 1955

Liberty County Times

June 16, 1955

Helmer Johnson Dies

Helmer Johnson passed away in Edmonton and was buried June 21st. A wire was received by Mrs. Etta Armstrong conveying the above message.

The old friends of Helmer Johnson and family, who lived in the W. H. Earl and Isaac Lowe neighborhood, as well as near neighbors to the Armstrongs, will be sorry to learn of his passing.

He and most of his family left here in the fall of 1923 to make their home in the timber lands of Alberta, not far south of Edmonton. Two other children were born to the Johnsons in Alberta.

During the last two or three years Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had been living in the village of Warburg, near one of their daughters.

He leaves his wife, Emma, four daughters and five sons to mourn his loss.

They made their last trip to the Marias neighborhood, calling on old friends who were left in 1946. The Romains, Hutchisons and Mrs. Armstrong visited them in 1948.

WILLIAM KANZLER

Birth: N/A - Died: October 22, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 27, 1955

**William Kanzler
Passes**

Word was received Monday that William Kanzler passed away at Warm Springs on October 22.

He lived in Ritzville, Washington until 1910, then he homesteaded in Montana, southwest of Chester, and spent most of his life in Montana until he took ill, May 28, 1951, in Chester. He was at Warm Springs hospital until his death.

He enlisted in the first World War at Havre, Montana, in 1917, and was a member of VFW, Chester, Montana.

He is survived by three sisters, three brothers, five nieces and six nephews, and many friends.

Funeral services and burial were held at Ritzville, Washington, October 25th.

THOMAS R. KARNS
Birth: N/A - Died: June 12, 1955
Liberty County Times
June 16, 1955

Thomas Karns Dies

Mr. Thomas R. Karns of 546 South Sherman, Denver, passed away on Saturday, June 12. Mr. Karns was in his sixty-fourth year and his death was brought on by a heart attack.

Mr. Karns was a foreman on the Fill at Tiber Dam and he suffered a heart attack on the job Thursday morning. The couple left for Denver that day in order that Mr. Karns might enter the Veterans Hospital there. On Friday he was admitted to Porters Sanatorium, where he passed away at 1:00 a.m. Saturday.

Mr. Karns is survived by his wife, Lois, and by one daughter, Mrs. Jean Devoir, and two grandchildren of Denver.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Denver.

MRS. FRANCIS KARVER

Birth: October 24, 1904 - Died: July 31, 1955

Liberty County Times

August 4, 1955

Fatal Accident Near Hingham

Mrs. Francis Karver, 51, of St. Johns, Michigan, was instantly killed at Hingham about 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon when the car in which she was a passenger was involved in an accident on U. S. Highway No. 2.

In Hill county jail is Arnold Anderson 38, of Trail, Minnesota, who was arrested by the highway patrol and charged with drunken driving and driving without a driver's license. Anderson appeared later before Justice of the Peace Emmett Stallcop, pleaded guilty to charges and was fined \$300 for driving while intoxicated and \$25.00 for not having an operator's license. In addition he was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail.

The highway patrol indicated that further charges may be filed pending the return of County Attorney Edward J. Ober, Jr. from his vacation.

According to the patrol, the Karver vehicle following a Canadian car was headed west on No. 2. Anderson drove through a stop sign narrowly missing the Canadian car. Karver swerved his car in an attempt to avoid being

struck by Anderson, but the cars collided and the Karver car skidded sideways, rolling over once on its top. Evidently Mrs. Karver was thrown out and the car came to rest on her body in the borrow pits.

The Karvers were on a vacation trip and planned to visit Glacier and Yellowstone parks.

They have two sons, one who is in Germany and the other in Michigan.

Anderson is an itinerant worker who has been working in the Hingham area.

Karver and Anderson were not injured in the accident.

This is the second highway death in Hill county this year.

Mrs. Karver was born at Mount Pleasant, Michigan on October 24, 1904. She was married to Francis Leo Karver on January 30, 1928, at St. Johns. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Karver is survived by two sons, Lawrence of St. Johns and William in the U. S. Army in Germany, and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mason of St. Johns. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Charley Foley of St. Johns.

The body is being shipped to St. Johns for funeral services and interment.

MRS. EUGENE KOCAR

Birth: 1874 - Died: August 1, 1955

Liberty County Times

August 11, 1955

Death Summons
Mrs. Eugene Kocar

Mrs. Eugene Kocar, 81, passed away in a Kalispell hospital Sunday, August 1. She had been a resident of Hingham since 1915, and before that time she lived in Chicago.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, Kalispell; daughter, Mrs. Helen Jurgenson, Batavia, Ohio; step-daughters, Mary Kuoruk, Oak Park, Illinois, and Anna Champan, Glenn Brook, Connecticut; sister, Caroline Fritz, New Britain, Connecticut, and brother, Frank Becvar, Chicago.

Funeral services were held on Thursday morning in Kalispell at St. Mathew's Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. William Morley celebrant. Burial was in Conrad Memorial cemetery.

ROBERT RICHARD KORPI

Birth: April 13, 1928 - Died: September 10, 1955

Liberty County Times

September 22, 1955

**Funeral Services
For Richard Korpi**

Funeral services for Richard Korpi, who died in the local hospital last week from injuries received in a car accident, were held at St. Mary's church in Chester Thursday of last week at 10:00 a.m., Father Werner officiating.

Very little is known about the life of Korpi. It appears he was born in New Jersey April 13, 1928. It is believed he was married and was the father of a six-year-old daughter living in New York.

The Catholic choir sang responses to High Mass service. Pallbearers were Leo Schuhmacher, Louis Schuhmacher, John Schwab, James Daniels, John Couturier and Orville Brain.

Interment in the local Catholic cemetery.

GEORGE KOSTMAN

Born: N/A - Died: February 11, 1955

Liberty County Times

February 17, 1955

**George Kostman
Dies in Kalispell**

According to an exchange, George Kostman, Kalispell, died Friday morning. He had been in poor health for the last three years.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth and two sons, Wayne at Northfield, Minnesota and Cecil in Kalispell. Kostman was a former resident of Liberty County.

Funeral services were conducted in Kalispell Saturday.

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Two people, Max P. Kuhr, attorney of Havre and Mrs. Wm. Hadford of Joplin were killed in a head-on automobile collision near Fresno, on Highway No. 2 Friday about 3 p.m.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wm. Hadford were held in the Joplin Lutheran church Wednesday afternoon, Pastor Theo. Mendenhall officiating.

Mrs. Hadford met her death while riding from Chester to Havre with Max P. Kuhr. It will be remembered that Wm. Hadford died of a heart attack some two weeks ago, and Kuhr and Mrs. Hadford were going to Havre in connection with legal affairs of settling the estate. The Kuhr car collided head-on with a Canadian car driven by Erick Peterson of Victoria, B. C. Allegedly Peterson had pulled out of his lane to pass another car.

Kuhr died on the way to the hospital shortly after leaving the scene of the wreck and Mrs. Hadford passed away shortly after

reaching the hospital. Peterson, his wife and baby, were hospitalized, but are all slowly recovering, according to reports.

Mr. Kuhr had been attending district court in Chester, and Mrs. Hadford came to Chester to see him in connection with the Hadford estate. It became necessary for her to go to Havre; and they left together some time around 2:00 in the afternoon. The wreck occurred near Fresno, some 12½ miles out of Havre.

Mr. Kuhr was one of the prominent attorneys of Havre. He had held various positions of honor and trust in the community, was active in community affairs, and was a director of the Citizens Bank of Montana and the Liberty County Bank of Chester at the time of his death.

Mrs. Hadford had homesteaded south of Joplin in the early days of this county. She married Wm. Hadford in 1951, and had made her home in Joplin since her marriage.

MRS. JAMES LAIRD , SR.
Birth: N/A - Died: April 5, 1955
Liberty County Times
April 28, 1955

Mrs. James Laird Sr. Dies in Wisconsin

Word has been received here that Mrs. James Laird, Sr., who has been living at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, for the last ten years, passed away at LaCrosse April 5. She had been living at the home of a sister.

She was born in Canada, but moved with her family to Victory, Wisconsin as a child, and grew up there.

She came to Chester in 1914, married James Laird of the Alma country and lived there on the ranch until 1944.

She was buried in the Oak Park Presbyterian cemetery at La Crosse.

JOSEPH H. LANGEL

Birth: March 19, 1866 - Died: October 22, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 27, 1955

**Joseph H. Langel
Dies Saturday**

Joseph Henry Langel, 89, retired Hill County farmer, died Saturday in a Havre hospital, and funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Langel came to the Goldstone community in 1913 and farmed until 1938, when he retired and moved to Rudyard. A native of Germany, Langel was born March 19, 1866. He was married June 14, 1890 at Chippewa Falls, Wis., to Ellen Tealey. She died August 31, 1944.

Surviving sons are Henry, Robert, Arnold and Theodore, all of Rudyard; daughters, Mrs. Hayes Starks, Mesa, Arizona; Miss Blanche Langel, Seattle; and Mrs. Clifford Hodgson, Havre; a sister, Mrs. Plante, Chippewa Falls, 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

FREDA BLOMQUIST LEDIN

Birth: February 29, 1877 - Died: May 18, 1955

Liberty County Times

July 7, 1955

Mrs. Freda Ledin

After a lengthy illness, Mrs. Freda Ledin, 78, pioneer resident of Rudyard, died May 18 at her home.

She was born in Sweden, February 29, 1877, and came to this country with her parents in 1881. At first they lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where a younger sister died. Later, they moved to Marshall County, Minnesota, where her parents homesteaded in Spruce Valley.

Freda Blomquist and Walter Ledin were married at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, December 2, 1900. They homesteaded and operated an inland store and post office at Spruce valley. Later they moved to Wadena, Saskatchewan, to again homestead. After proving up, they returned to Middle River, Minnesota in 1909 to operate a store.

The Ledins moved to Rudyard in May of 1912 and operated a store until the death of Mrs. Ledin in 1938.

Family servies were held at the Ledin home May 21, followed by funeral services at the Rudyard Lutheran church, Pastor Manley Helleson officiating.

With Mrs. Arnold Golberg at the organ, Mrs. Donald Aspevig sang: "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Nearer, My God To Thee." Other music was "Beyond the Sunset," and "In The Sweet Bye and Bye" sung by Mrs. Clarence Wichmann.

Pallbearers were Robert Rigg, Clifford Hanson, Herman Habeck, Bert Magnuson, Kenneth Jackson and Donald Gorder.

Mrs. Ledin is survived by a son, Emil, at Rudyard; three daughters, Mrs. George (Amanda) Wichmann, Inverness; Mrs. Frank (Hilda) Phillips, Rudyard; Mrs. Joe (Ruthie) Letang, Great Falls and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Ledin was the last of a family of six children. A daughter, Clara, preceded her in death in 1932 and a grandson, Rae Phillips, in 1926. Interment was in the Rudyard cemetery.

EDGAR ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Birth: December 24, 1904 - Died: September 20, 1955

Liberty County Times

September 22, 1955

Edgar Lincoln Dies Tuesday

Edgar A. Lincoln, 51, a farmer at Rudyard all of his adult life, died Tuesday morning at the local hospital. Funeral services have been set for Friday at the Grace church for 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Lincoln was born December 24, 1904 at Hillsboro, Oregon. When he was eight years old he came with his parents to the Hi-Line area. He served with the Army Air Corps from 1924 to 1927. Mr. Lincoln homesteaded north of Rudyard and has been engaged in farming since that time. On June 29, 1935 at Havre, he married Marie Ruth Packer, who survives him.

He is also survived by four sons, Joseph Milton, 19, Roy Edgar, 17, Lee Laurence, 15, and Arthur Bruce, 13, and one daughter, Ruth Marie, 10, all at home; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lincoln of Rudyard; two brothers, Ervin and Donald of Rudyard; and three sisters, Mrs. Gladys Torgerson of Seattle, Mrs. Kenneth Jackson of Gildford and Mrs. Verda Pandis of Great Falls.

JOHN LUSTGRAAF

Born: August 31, 1901 – Died: June 12, 1955

Liberty County Times

July 21, 1955

Funeral Held for John Lustgraf

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 16th at the Hingham Catholic Church for John Lustgraaf who died at 3:00 a.m. Sunday, June 12th, at his home in Rudyard. Interment was in Rudyard cemetery.

Mr. Lustgraaf had been employed by Hill County since 1946 as a road patrol officer in the Rudyard area. Prior to that time he was employed in various construction jobs in North central Montana.

A widower since the death of his wife, the former Pearl Habeck in June, 1940, Mr. Lustgraaf is survived by a son, William J. Lustgraaf at Rudyard, 7 sisters and 4 brothers.

Mr. Lustgraaf was born August 31, 1901 at Neola, Iowa, the son of John and Louise Lustgraaf. He and Mrs. Lustgraaf were married April 11, 1929 in Hingham.

He was affiliated with the Catholic Church and was a member of the Havre Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Moose.

ROBERT LEE MAHER

Birth: April 15, 1931 - Died: July 8, 1955

Liberty County Times

July 14, 1955

Funeral Held for Robert Maher

Funeral services for Robert Lee Maher, 24, were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Byron Israel officiating.

Robert Maher was born in Havre, April 15, 1931, the son of Fred L. Maher and Alta Rudolph-Maher. He grew up in the Chester community, attended school here and was graduated from Chester high school with the class of 1949. He was connected with the Assembly of God Church.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his father and mother and four sisters: Mrs. John Matye (Violet) of Missoula, Mrs. Dave Rigney (Fern) of Shelby, Velma and Eunice Maher of Chester.

He served in the Armed Forces from June 19, 1952 to December 26, 1954. He at once re-enlisted and was discharged May 25th, 1955.

The choir, consisting of Mrs. Emmers Berg, Mrs. Ella Wigen, Miss Rose Nealy, Miss Meredith Swank and Mrs. Lyle Whelchel, with Peggy Ann Keith at the piano sang "Softly and Tenderly," "In the Garden," and "Nearer My God to Thee."

Pallbearers were Donald Raunig, Gerald Ward, Phillip McKinney, Ross Rennick, Carl Evans and Gene Styren.

A military funeral was accorded the deceased, with Albert Hanson as Commander and J. W. Hall Officer of the Day. The Firing Squad was composed of Emanuel Gabbert, Richard Layton, L. E. Johnson, Fred Sitch, Elmer Muncy and John Petlak. Color Guard was Edward Jensen, Kenneth Brandvold, Jack Wright and Joe Evans. Color Bearers, Reuben Halverson and Harris Endreson.

Interment in the family plot in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

TERRENCE LEANDER MANGOLD

Born: January 2, 1941 - Died: November 15, 1955

Liberty County Times

November 17, 1955

Terrence Mangold Dies of Sudden Illness

Terrence Leander Mangold, 14, a freshman at Inverness high school, died suddenly at a Havre hospital Tuesday morning. He had been ill only since 5 p.m. Monday. The funeral was held at the Inverness Catholic church Thursday morning, November 10 at 10:00 with a Requiem high mass by Father John Kohnke.

Rosary was recited Wednesday evening at the church.

Pallbearers were Billy Wendland, William Cady, Gary Freeman, Teddy McFadden, Larry and Eddie Schweitzer.

Young Terrence, an active sports enthusiast, appeared to be normal and in good health until about 5 p.m. Monday when he complained of a headache. He became unconscious about 5:30 and remained unconscious until his death. He was rushed to a Havre hospital and given every medical attention. However, the cause of death has not been determined.

He was born at Havre on January 2, 1941, to Leon and Barbara Schweitzer Mangold, who survive him. A sister, Leonette, 13, and three brothers, Ronald, 12, Dennis, 5, and Wayne, 3, also survive him.

MARTIN MATTSON

Birth: December 5, 1886 - Died: January 19, 1955

Liberty County Times

January 27, 1955

Martin Mattson Dies In South Dakota

Word came to friends here that Martin Mattson, long time citizen and farmer north and west of Chester, had passed away at Menno, South Dakota on the 19th day of January.

The Times has received the following obituary from Mr. Calvin Hagge, a relative at Menno.

Martin Mattson was born in Furnes, Hedmark, Norway on December 5, 1886. He was the son of Mathias Mattson and Karen Mauseh. In infancy he was baptized and later was confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Furnes.

He immigrated to this country in the spring of 1909 and homesteaded near Chester, Montana. He spent most of his life in that community.

His sister, Mrs. Ralph Hagge, heard of his illness in early spring of 1954. On May 26 Mrs. Hagge and son Calvin and Alfred Sorben, a nephew, journeyed by car to his home and he accompan-

ied them back, since his health was failing. He has made his home with his sister ever since.

He passed away suddenly on January 19, 1955 at 12:15 p.m. at the age of 68 years, 1 month and 14 days.

He is survived by 2 brothers, Kristopher and Johannes and 4 sisters, Mine, Sigrid and Kristine of Norway and Karine, (Mrs. Ralph Hagge of Menno, South Dakota.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral was held at Our Savior's Lutheran church on January 21, with Rev. John Helgeson officiating. Curtis Anderson sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and Ralph Gunderson sang "Den Store Hvide Flok." They were accompanied by Mrs. Wilbur Foss, organist.

Pallbearers were Alfred Sorben, Thorlief Sorben, Bertram Hagge and Calvin Hagge, nephews, and Lloyd Schweinforth and Goodwin Thranum.

He was laid to rest in the West cemetery. Arrangements were made by Aisenbrey's Funeral Home of Menno.

MARGARET McFADDEN

Birth: N/A - Died: August 10, 1955

Liberty County Times

August 18, 1955

Funeral Services For Margaret McFadden

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Mrs. Margaret McFadden, who died Wednesday at Inverness.

Pallbearers were her three sons, Paul, Ira and Dean, two sons-in-law, Lester McNeil and Jack Henderson and one grandson, Gordon Palmer.

During the services Truman Struck sang "I'm But A Stranger Here" and Miss Marjorie Mangel sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Both were accompanied by Mrs. Bernard Kuenzel.

Burial was in a Havre cemetery.

IDA MAY UMPHREY MURRAY

Birth: October 19, 1871 - Died: October 30, 1955

Liberty County Times

November 3 - 10, 1955

Ida Murray, 84 Dies In Local Hospital

Mrs. Geo. Murray, 84 years old, Whitlash, one of the pioneers of the country, passed away at the Liberty County Hospital Sunday afternoon. She had been in ill health for several months.

She was born Ida May Umphrey, October 19, 1871 in Lynn County, Kansas. She was one of four children of Samuel Franklin and Deborah Umphrey. In 1886 she was united in marriage to George Murray in Lynn County, Kansas. To this union three children were born.

In 1896 the family moved to Montana and in 1897 moved to the present homesite. In 1917 her daughter Lois Arken passed away leaving two small children, Edith and Glenn, whom she raised. In 1921 her son George Henry passed away at home and in 1926 she lost her husband. She was preceded in death by her brothers John and Henry, her sister, Rose Stark. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lena Bauer, Prosser, Washington, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, November 3 at the Methodist Church in Chester with Rev. Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in the family plot in Chester cemetery.

Ida Murray Funeral

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Murray, Whitlash, were conducted from the local Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2:00.

The choir, composed of Mrs. Bud Hunnewell, Mrs. John Swank, Mrs. Mike Nardi, and Mrs. O. D. Gifford sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "Rock of Ages." Mrs. Hunnewell sang "The Garden of Prayer." Mrs. Peggy Wiley accompanied.

Pall bearers were: Bert Funnell, Bill Schafer, Bob Thompson, Bob Pettapiece, Robert Sutton and Fred Anderson.

BENJAMIN F. MUZZEY

Born: April 27, 1877 - Died: October 3, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 6, 1955

Ben Muzzey, Well Known Hingham Resident, Dies

Benjamin F. Muzzey, 78, past department commander of the Montana department of the United States Spanish War Veterans, and a retired farmer of Hingham died Monday at the veterans' hospital at Fort Harrison, Montana. Funeral services were held Friday, September 30th at 2 p.m. at the Van Orsdel Methodist church in Havre.

Mr. Muzzey served in Company "G" of the Fifth Infantry, U. S. Army, during the Spanish American War. He entered the service in May, 1898 and was discharged May 29, 1899 at Governor's Island, N. Y. He was elected department commander of the Montana department of the United Spanish War Veterans on June 7, 1951. On February 16, 1953, he received an appointment from Gov. J. Hugo Aronson to serve on the Board of Managers for the State Soldiers Home at Columbia Falls.

Mr. Muzzey was born April 27, 1877, at DeKalb, Illinois. He married Louamy Ide at Joliet, Illinois on February 22, 1902. They came to Hingham from Chicago to homestead in 1912. He farmed until his retirement several years ago.

In addition to his wife who resides at Hingham, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Morrison of Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Edith Anderson of Tracy, Minnesota and Mrs. Carrie Rogers of Modesto, California.

Mr. Muzzey was a member of the Masonic Lodge, IOOF and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Rev. Richard Vick of Havre officiated at the funeral and the Gildford Masonic Lodge were in charge of the masonic rites, the graveside rites were performed by the Hi-Line V.F.W. Post No. 5726 of Rudyard. A military guard and pall bearers served from this Post. Burial was in the Highland park cemetery in Havre.

JENNIE AGUELENA NORDSTROM

Birth: September 29, 1870 - Died: October 6, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 13, 1955

Funeral For Mrs. Jennie Nordstrom Monday Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie Nordstrom were held in the local Lutheran church Monday afternoon, Rev. Theodore L. Mendenhall, pastor of the Joplin Lutheran church officiating.

Jennie Aguelena Nordstrom was born in Boras, Sweden on September 29th, 1870 and died October 6th, 8:40 p.m. at the age of 85 years and one week.

She came to the United States from Sweden in January 1887 at the age of 17, she moved to Burlington, Iowa and in that year was married to Axel Leonard Nordstrom. They moved to Biggsville, Illinois where they lived until 1902 when they moved to Stronghurst, Illinois. In 1903 they again moved, to Nanton, Alberta, Canada where they homesteaded until 1910 when they came to Liberty County to homestead. Their homestead was 2 miles north of Chester, and they farmed the place until Mr. Nordstrom passed away on June 24th, 1922. The family then moved into Chester and Mrs. Nordstrom lived here until her death.

Mrs. Nordstrom was very active in the Lutheran Ladies Aid, The Royal Neighbors of America and was the last Gold Star Mother of the Liberty County Unit No. 88, American Legion Auxiliary. She will be missed by her many friends in Chester.

She is survived by her four sons, Harry of Washougal, Washington; Frank of Ronan; Bert of Chester and Kenneth of Devon. Two daughters survive, Mrs. Ellen Irons, and Mrs. Florence Trovatten, both of Chester. Seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren also mourn the passing of their grandmother.

GEORGE WALDEMAR OLSON

Birth: October 21, 1885 - Died: November 28, 1955

Liberty County Times

December 1, 1955

George Olson Dies

George W. Olson, 70, former manager of the Monarch Lumber yard in Chester died Monday in the local hospital. He has lived with his daughter at Galata since leaving the lumber yard several years ago.

Mr. Olson was born November 21, 1885 in Illinois.

Interment will be at a Fargo, North Dakota cemetery by the grave of his wife. Graveside services will be held there Saturday.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ted Klugman of Fargo, Mrs. Albert Franham of Mound, Minnesota, and Mrs. Raymond Lallum of Galata.

SERGEI PARFAEVITZ
Birth: 1894 - Died: 1955
Liberty County Times
August 4, 1955

Sergei Parfaevitz Die Here

The passing of Sergei Parfaevitz came as a shock to many of his friends. Sarge, as he was known, was employed by the Great Northern Railroad and had worked for them for most of his life. He spent 10 years working on the section here in Chester, and prior to that he worked out of Havre on the section for about 18 years. He was born in Russia and there is no record of any survivors.

The funeral service was held in the local Methodist Church Saturday with Rev. Donald

Brown officiating. Burial was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Pall bearers were the following: Wilbur Eveland, Donald Raunig, Carl Evans, Gerald Anderson, John Kuzner, Harry Heimbigner Jr., honorary pall bearers: William Johnson, Reuben Halverson and Don Gummer. These men had worked on the railroad with the deceased.

The funeral service included a special by Idella Hunnewell and piano processional and recessional by Peggy Anne Keith.

A. J. ROACH

Birth: March 17, 1892 - Died: October 21, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 27, 1955

A. J. Roach Dies

A. J. Roach, 63, died suddenly at his apartment in Fort Benton Friday. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Fort Benton Funeral Home Chapel. Roach was born March 17, 1892, at Lisbon, North Dakota. He had worked many years with the Montana Hiway Department before retiring in 1951, and had made his home in Fort Benton since retirement. He married Elizabeth Rust, at Malta, in December, 1914. She now lives in New York.

Survivors include sons, Jack and Arthur of Van Nuys, California; James of Beacon, New York and William of Resland, California, and daughter, Mrs. Cecil Heydon of Joplin.

Mr. Roach will be remembered by many residents here, as he and his family lived in Chester for several years. The children attended school here and were graduated from Chester high school.

CLARA ISOBELL HALL RUDOLPH

Birth: September 2, 1872 - Died: May 28, 1955

Liberty County Times

June 9, 1955

Clara Rudolph Dies

One of the early pioneers of the Chester community pass away on Saturday, May 28.

Clara Isobell Hall Rudolph was born September 2, 1872, in New York State. Her family later moved to Minnesota where they settled.

In March of 1892 she married A. G. Rudolph and to this marriage was born 10 children. Mrs. Rudolph was preceded in death by four children; Viola Ursula, Carl Leroy, Lyle E. and Chester Robert.

She is survived by her husband, A. G. Rudolph; four sons, Ray Rudolph of Joplin, Levi Wesley Rudolph of Cincinnati, Ohio, Lowell V. Rudolph of Billings and Paul C. Rudolph of Chester; and two daughters, Alta A. Maher of Chester and Gladys H. Rudolph of Cincinnati, Ohio. 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren survive.

Mrs. Rudolph came to a homestead north of Chester to live in 1914 with her husband and family. They resided on a farm near the Prescott Ranch until the fall of 1945 when they moved to Chester to live. With failing health she moved to Billings to live with her son and daughter. She passed away in a Billings hospital May 28.

HERBERT H. SCHAEFER

Born: N/A - Died: July 16, 1955

Liberty County Times

July 21, 1955

Herbert Schaefer Killed in Plane Accident

Herbert H. Schaefer, Cut Bank business man and rancher and brother of Lawrence Schaefer of Chester was killed in the crash of a small air craft at the Cut Bank airport during a severe electrical storm Saturday evening.

Four persons, all passengers in the plane were seriously injured in the crash, including two sons of Mr. Schaefer, Herbert Jr., 12 and Gerald, 14. Others were Erwin Derenger, 17, ranch hand and Alfreda Ezafryk, 40, ranch cook. The injured were rushed to Glacier County Memorial hospital for treatment.

It appeared that Schaefer and his four passengers were flying to Cut Bank from his ranch on the Milk river and crashed just off the run-way or landing strip trying to land in a heavy rain storm that blacked out the land-strip.

Schaefer owned and operated the Gamble Store and Furniture Mart and the Furniture Exchange in Cut Bank in addition to his Milk river ranch property.

JACOB SCHAFER

Birth: October 19, 1884 - Died: October 23, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 27, 1955

Funeral Held for Jacob Schafer

Funeral services for Jacob Schafer, 71, were conducted from the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of Kalispell officiating.

Mr. Schafer was born October 19, 1884, the son of Jacob and Mary Christine Stumph-Schafer at Rittsville, Washington, and grew to manhood in that area. He came to Chester in 1910 from Odessa, Washington, and has lived here ever since.

He was married to Matilda Martel in 1916, who survives. He worked at farming for a time, had a well drilling rig at one time, and in the early twenties he began work as care-taker of the court house, where he was employed for more than 20 years.

Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his passing, two daughters, Mrs. Fenton Burgess, (Inez) of Chester, Mrs. Lada Kaffka, (Sylvia) of Havre, two sons, Charles of Billings and William of Inverness. Two brothers, three sisters and his step-father, John Conrad Cash of Chester.

The choir, consisting of Mrs. Richard Hunnewell, Mrs. O. D. Gifford, Mrs. Mike Nardi and Mrs. Fred Barrett sang "In the Garden" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Mrs. Hunnewell sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Mrs. Peggy Ann Wiley was pianist.

Pall bearers were Dodds Keith, Stewart Zentzis, Harry Heimbigner, Joe Burrows, Fred Brown and Leonard Staudacher. Interment in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery.

HENRY F. SCHWARTZ

Born: March 18, 1878 - Died: October 15, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 20, 1955

Henry F. Schwartz Dies in Salt Lake

Henry F. Schwartz, 77 long time resident of Gildford, passed away Saturday at Salt Lake City, Utah, where he had been visiting a son, Allan.

Schwartz was born March 18, 1878 at Dennison, Iowa. He was married to Mary Hamilton Gray, December 4, 1901 at Fort Benton. He settled at Gildford two years later, operating a general store there and running sheep with his brother, Byron.

He was prominent in Hill County affairs for several years, serving his county as State Representative and later as Sheriff. He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge at Gildford.

His wife preceded him in death.

He is survived by three sons in addition to Allan, Henry of Lamont, Washington; Kenneth of Torrance, California; and Robert of Big Sandy; a daughter, Mrs. Ben Sprague of Gildford, 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre.

OLE C. SELMYHR

Born: N/A - Died: December 2, 1955

Liberty County Times

December 15, 1955

Ole C. Selmyhr Dies in Spokane

Ole C. Selmyhr, former resident of this area north of Ruddyard, passed away at his home, So. 14 Wall Street, Spokane, Washington, December 2.

He is survived by his wife, Mathilda, a daughter, Mrs. Stanley Topness and a son, Orville, both of Port Orchard, Washington. There are eight grandchildren. He was stepfather to Mrs. John A. Clark and Mrs. Roy L. Zerba, both of Spokane; Mrs. W. C. Wehr of Kalispell, Wm. Wanke of Havre and Rudolph Wanke of Manhattan. There is also a step-grandson, Harold Wanke of Shelby.

Interment was made at Fairmount Memorial park cemetery in Spokane.

GARY DEAN SKONARD

Birth: September 11, 1939 - Died: October 9, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 13, 1955

Two Killed, Four Injured In Accident On Bear Den Road Sunday Afternoon

Grim Death stalked the highways of Liberty county Sunday afternoon snuffing out the lives of two teen-agers, Rae Jean Smith, 18 of Inverness and Gary Skonard of Joplin, when the cars in which they were riding collided, head-on on the Bear Den road about 29 miles north of Chester.

Miss Smith was riding in a car driven by Vernon Moog, Inverness, to whom she was to have been married today, Thursday. Her neck was broken in the crash, and she suffered head injuries. She lived only a few minutes after the accident.

Gary Skonard apparently died instantly. There was no evidence that he had ever moved after the crash. He had been riding in the front seat of the other car, opposite the driver, and was thrown into the dash and windshield. He was 16 year old.

Moog, 28, suffered multiple fractures, both arms were broken below the elbow, one leg was broken and several ribs were fractured. He suffered severe lacerations on both legs and internal injuries.

Roger Wilmes, 14, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Wilmes, Joplin, the driver of the other car, suffered a fractured skull, a broken leg, possible internal injuries and multiple lacerations about the head and face.

Donald Van Dessel, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Van Dessel north of Joplin, suffered multiple fractures of the left leg and cuts around the head and face.

Kent Meldrum, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meldrum, Joplin had a broken arm, broken nose and lacerations about the head and face.

The accident occurred on what is known as the Bear Den road at around 4:40 p.m., about a mile east of the Emil Zoeller place. Wilmes was driving east and had in his car, Skonard in the front seat and Meldrum and Van Dessel in the rear. As he topped a small hill, one of those sharp little hills that a driver cannot see over, he met the car driven by Moog, with Miss Smith in the front seat with him. The two cars came together about 90 feet from the crest of the hill. Both cars were completely wrecked.

According to reports Eddie Tempel was the first to reach the scene of the accident, though Emil Zoeller was there just a few minutes after. They found Meldrum, dazed, incoherent, and all the others apparently unconscious. They brought Meldrum in to the hospital, notified the Sheriff, and got the ambulance started out to the scene of the accident, with Kenny Shaw at the wheel. Shaw was accompanied by Larry Bassett. Since Dr. Buker

was busy caring for Meldrum, he sent a nurse, Mrs. Huberty out to help with the work at the wreck.

Dodds and Otto brought in the bodies of the dead. Wilmes and Moog were brought in in the ambulance and Van Dessel rode into town in Jack McDowell's pick-up. A Havre ambulance was called and Van Dessel was taken at once to a Havre hospital.

As this is being written Wednesday afternoon, Wilmes is still unconscious in the local hospital, though it is reported he seems to be a little easier than he was Monday. However, he is still in a very critical condition.

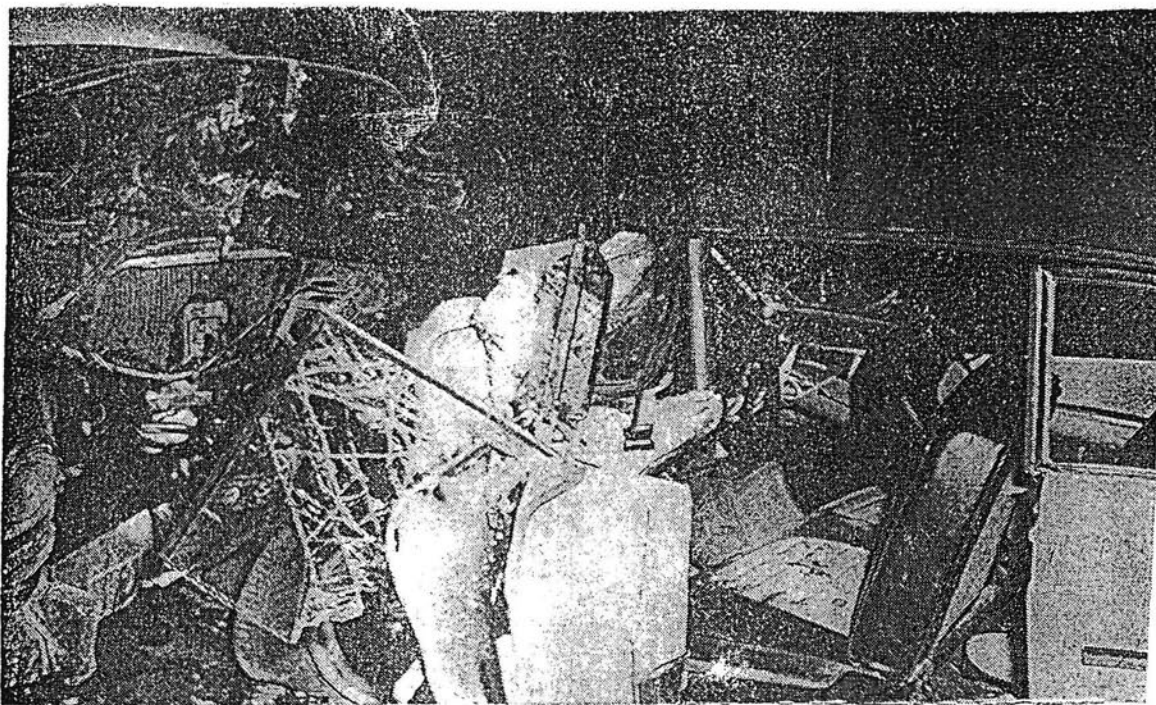
Moog was taken to a Havre hospital Tuesday morning, having started bleeding internally over the night. Surgery was performed and a ruptured spleen removed.

Van Dessel is reported as being probably out of danger, having had his leg set in the Havre hospital Monday. Meldrum was dismissed from the hospital Monday afternoon.

Funeral services for Rae Jean Smith, daughter of Alfred Smith, Spokane, Washington and Mrs. Anna Hansen Smith of Inverness were held Wednesday morning in the Inverness Catholic church.

She was born in Havre August 30, 1937 and grew up in the Inverness community, and was graduated from Inverness high school last spring. In addition to her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Joyce and Julie Ann, both her grandmothers, seven uncles and three aunts. A brother preceded her in death.

Funeral services for Gary Skonard are being held from the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin this (Thursday) afternoon, Rev. Theodore L. Mendenhall officiating. The Lutheran choir will furnish music. Gary was a member of the Junior class in Joplin high school, was very active in extra-curricular activities. He was a member of the basketball, football and baseball teams, served on the annual and school paper staffs and belonged to the school chorus. He was very popular among his fellow students, and will be sadly missed in the school and in the community.



Above is a picture of the wreck of two cars on Bears Den Road Sunday where two teenagers were killed and four others hospitalized, two of them dangerously hurt. It took two wreckers to pull the cars apart so they could be moved.

RAE JEAN SMITH

Birth: August 30, 1937 - Died: October 9, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 13, 1955

Two Killed, Four Injured In Accident On Bear Den Road Sunday Afternoon

Grim Death stalked the highways of Liberty county Sunday afternoon snuffing out the lives of two teen-agers, Rae Jean Smith, 18 of Inverness and Gary Skonard of Joplin, when the cars in which they were riding collided, head-on on the Bear Den road about 29 miles north of Chester.

Miss Smith was riding in a car driven by Vernon Moog, Inverness, to whom she was to have been married today, Thursday. Her neck was broken in the crash, and she suffered head injuries. She lived only a few minutes after the accident.

Gary Skonard apparently died instantly. There was no evidence that he had ever moved after the crash. He had been riding in the front seat of the other car, opposite the driver, and was thrown into the dash and windshield. He was 16 year old.

Moog, 28, suffered multiple fractures, both arms were broken below the elbow, one leg was broken and several ribs were fractured. He suffered severe lacerations on both legs and internal injuries.

Roger Wilmes, 14, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Wilmes, Joplin, the driver of the other car, suffered a fractured skull, a broken leg, possible internal injuries and multiple lacerations about the head and face.

Donald Van Dessel, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Van Dessel north of Joplin, suffered multiple fractures of the left leg and cuts around the head and face.

Kent Meldrum, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meldrum, Joplin had a broken arm, broken nose and lacerations about the head and face.

The accident occurred on what is known as the Bear Den road at around 4:40 p.m., about a mile east of the Emil Zoeller place. Wilmes was driving east and had in his car, Skonard in the front seat and Meldrum and Van Dessel in the rear. As he topped a small hill, one of those sharp little hills that a driver cannot see over, he met the car driven by Moog, with Miss Smith in the front seat with him. The two cars came together about 90 feet from the crest of the hill. Both cars were completely wrecked.

According to reports Eddie Tempel was the first to reach the scene of the accident, though Emil Zoeller was there just a few minutes after. They found Meldrum, dazed, incoherent, and all the others apparently unconscious. They brought Meldrum in to the hospital, notified the Sheriff, and got the ambulance started out to the scene of the accident, with Kenny Shaw at the wheel. Shaw was accompanied by Larry Bassett. Since Dr. Buker

was busy caring for Meldrum, he sent a nurse, Mrs. Huberty out to help with the work at the wreck.

Dodds and Otto brought in the bodies of the dead. Wilmes and Moog were brought in in the ambulance and Van Dessel rode into town in Jack McDowell's pick-up. A Havre ambulance was called and Van Dessel was taken at once to a Havre hospital.

As this is being written Wednesday afternoon, Wilmes is still unconscious in the local hospital, though it is reported he seems to be a little easier than he was Monday. However, he is still in a very critical condition.

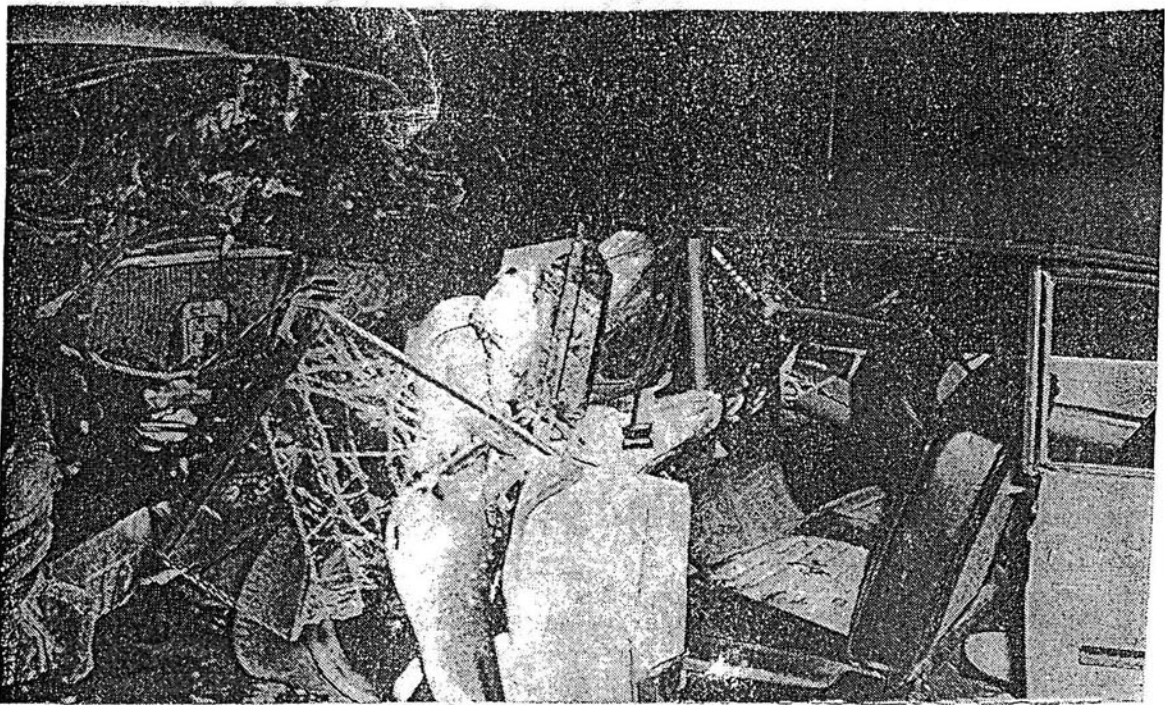
Moog was taken to a Havre hospital Tuesday morning, having started bleeding internally over the night. Surgery was performed and a ruptured spleen removed.

Van Dessel is reported as being probably out of danger, having had his leg set in the Havre hospital Monday. Meldrum was dismissed from the hospital Monday afternoon.

Funeral services for Rae Jean Smith, daughter of Alfred Smith, Spokane, Washington and Mrs. Anna Hansen Smith of Inverness were held Wednesday morning in the Inverness Catholic church.

She was born in Havre August 30, 1937 and grew up in the Inverness community, and was graduated from Inverness high school last spring. In addition to her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Joyce and Julie Ann, both her grandmothers, seven uncles and three aunts. A brother preceded her in death.

Funeral services for Gary Skonard are being held from the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin this (Thursday) afternoon, Rev. Theodore L. Mendenhall officiating. The Lutheran choir will furnish music. Gary was a member of the Junior class in Joplin high school, was very active in extra-curricular activities. He was a member of the basketball, football and baseball teams, served on the annual and school paper staffs and belonged to the school chorus. He was very popular among his fellow students, and will be sadly missed in the school and in the community.



Above is a picture of the wreck of two cars on Bears Den Road Sunday where two teenagers were killed and four others hospitalized, two of them dangerously hurt. It took two wreckers to pull the cars apart so they could be moved.

CHRISTINA T. UNDERDAL

Born: November 6, 1885 - Died: September 22, 1955

Liberty County Times

September 29, 1955

**Mrs. C. Underdal
Dies After Long
Illness**

Mrs. Christina T. Underdal, 69, 1921 4th Ave. N., Gt. Falls died at her home Thursday following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at Croxford's Mortuary, Monday, September 26, at 10:00 a.m. and at St. Olaf church in Ledger at 2 p.m. with Rev. Griffith Williams officiating. Burial will be in St. Olaf cemetery.

She was born November 6, 1885, at Undredal, Sogn, Norway and immigrated to South Dakota in 1902. She married John Underdal at Albert Lea, Minn., in 1905. He died in 1950.

They moved to Everett, Wash., in 1907, where they took up a homestead. They retired in 1949 and moved to Great Falls.

Survivors include two sons, Ted and Selmer, Galata; three daughters, Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Tacoma, Jeannette Underdal, Great Falls, and Mrs. Inez Gaarder, Fairfield; two brothers, Peder Underdahl, Shelby, and Gilbert Underdahl, Great Falls, and two grandchildren.

JAMES VAKOCH

Born: N/A - Died: August 11, 1955

Liberty County Times

August 18, 1955

Funeral Services Held Tuesday For James Vakoch

A Requiem High Mass was celebrated Tuesday, August 16, at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham for James Vakoch, 75, who passed away Thursday at the home of his niece, Mrs. Rose Kocar in Hingham.

He was employed at Fort Peck in 1936 on the construction of the dam, and then moved to Hingham in 1938. For several years he farmed around Circle, and for years before his death he resided with his niece in Hingham. He was not married.

Pallbearers for the funeral were Clifford Sedivy, Vincent Sedivy, Jr., James Sedivy, Leonard Ulmen, Louis Kocar and Edwin Sorenson.

Surviving him are his nieces, Mrs. Rose Kocar and Mrs. Os

car Sorenson of Hingham and Mrs. Martin Sirek and Mrs. Thomas Sirek of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and his nephews, Vincent Sedivy, Sr. of Hingham and John, Charles, Edward and George Vakoch, all of East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

CHARLES S. VANCE

Birth: 1918 - Died: October 14, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 20, 1955

Harry McKinney Injured in Auto Accident

An automobile accident in which a car collided with the rear of an auto-transport truck west of Cut Bank claimed the life of driver Charles S. Vance, 37 of Whitefish, and injured a resident of Chester, Harry McKinney, 29. McKinney was a passenger in the car which was demolished as the hood came back through the windshield and cut Vance's throat and crushed his chest. McKinney is still in the Cut Bank hospital in serious condition.

EINAR EBENHARD WARNES

Birth: January 15, 1890 - Died: November 2, 1955

Liberty County Times

November 3 - 10, 1955

Einar Warnes Dies Suddenly

According to a wire received here Einar Warnes died suddenly at Fairdale, North Dakota Wednesday at the home of his brother-in-law, Edwin Erickson. He had just arrived there from visiting in Minnesota when death came. Some of his children here left for Fairdale Wednesday night. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Einar Warnes Funeral

Einar Ebenhard Warnes, 75 years of age, Polson, once an old time Chester residence passed away suddenly at Fairdale, North Dakota, November 2, 1955.

He was born January 15, 1890 at Selsovig, Norway. He is survived by his wife, Nora, and nine children. Three daughters, Ellen (Mrs. Archie) Violett, Ella (Mrs. Robert) Wigen, of Chester and Esther (Mrs. Frank) Meldrum, Joplin. Six sons, Robert, Erwin, Edward of Chester, Chris of Roseburg, Oregon, Dee of Polson, and Richard of the U. S. Navy.

He was a son of Elling and Ingeborg Warnes. He had two brothers Thoralf and Axel of Norway and two sisters Mrs. Anna Howaag and Ella Tidemann both of Norway. Eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was married November 7, 1914 to Nora Erickson at Fairdale, North Dakota.

He was reared in Norway, and came to Fairdale, North Dakota in 1910. He came to Chester in 1913 from Exshaw, Alberta where he started to farm and farmed until 1929 when he entered a garage business in Chester. He retired in 1951 and moved to Flathead Lake near Polson in 1954.

Pallbearers were his sons Erwin, Edward, Robert, Chris, Dee and Richard. Rev. E. S. Tollef from Polson and Jersing Thompson officiated at the services.

Music was furnished by the Chester and Joplin Lutheran choirs, accompanist was Mrs. Mrs. Edward Theilman. The choirs sang "When Peace Like a River" and "In Heaven Above." Mr. and Mrs. Chris Erickson sang a duet entitled "No Night Thee." Mr. and Mrs. Chris Erickson are of Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

ANNA WIDMER

Birth: February 3, 1882 - Died: December 9, 1955

Liberty County Times

December 15, 1955

Anna Widmer Funeral

Funeral services were held for Anna Widmer Saturday, December 10 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, with Rev. W. F. Biel of Havre officiating. Burial will be in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in the Lake View Memorial cemetery.

She was born February 3, 1882 at Van Dyne, Wisconsin, died December 9th at a Havre hospital.

She is survived by two brothers, Otto and Carl Nimmer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and several nieces and nephews.

She came to Montana in 1918 and married Walter Widmer. They lived on a farm south west of Chester. He preceded her in death in 1949.

Pallbearers were Henry Langel, Henry Elling, Dean McFadden, Ernie Minckler, John Englund and John Wanken.

Two solos were sung by Truman Struck and music furnished by Mark Misch.

ROGER JOSEPH WILMES

Birth: December 8, 1940 - Died: October 14, 1955

Liberty County Times

October 20, 1955

Roger Wilmes Dies Friday Night As Result of Injuries Recieved in Crash

Funeral services for Roger Wilmes, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmes, Joplin, were held in the Bethel Lutheran church at Joplin Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Theodore L. Mendenhall officiating.

Wilmes died Friday night in the Liberty County hospital, after being injured in an accident on the Bear Den road some 29 miles north of Chester in which two other teenagers were killed and three other people injured.

Wilmes received severe head injuries and never regained consciousness from the time of the accident, Sunday afternoon.

Roger was born in Havre December 8, 1940, and had lived in and around Joplin all his life. He was very popular among the students in Joplin high school, was very much interested in the sports program carried on by the school and played on the football team this fall.

He is survived by his parents, a brother David and a sister, Rosalie, and a host of relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

It is reported on good authority that Vernon Moog, who suffered two broken arms, a broken leg and several fractured ribs plus internal injuries in the accident is now in a wheel chair in a hospital in Havre, with better than an even chance to survive.

DANIEL WOLFE

Birth: March 23, 1900 - Died: August 9, 1955

Liberty County Times

August 11 - 18, 1955

Dan Wolf Passes Away Suddenly

The sudden death of Dan Wolf, a long time farmer and friend to Chester community came as a shock on Tuesday of this week. He apparently succumbed to a heart attack in his bed at home. Well known to the people of Chester, and Liberty County, Dan had farmed south of Chester, the combines on his farm were already busy with harvest when his death was discovered about noon.

Funeral services will be held in the Chester Lutheran Church on Friday afternoon of this week.

Lutheran Services Conducted Here For Daniel Wolfe

Daniel Wolfe, 55, Chester, a long time Liberty County farmer, died at his home in Chester Tuesday. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Thompson officiating.

Pallbearers were Orville Brain, Arvid Boréen, Les Ward of Kalispell, Robert Pugsley, Johnnie Schwab and Bert Nordstrom. Accompanied by Mrs. Ed. Thielman, Our Savior's Choir sang "In Heaven Above" and "Still, Still With Thee", and Miss Diane Ross sang "Beyond the Sunset."

Mr. Wolfe was born March 23, 1900 at Selby, S. D., and in 1913 came to Montana from there. In 1922 he married Josephine Steen, who survives him. He is also survived by four sons, Delmar, Kenneth, Dean and Roger and two daughters, Mrs. Albert Hanson and Mrs. Leo Wigen.

Three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Wendt, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mrs. Esther Ray, Chester and Mrs. May Greve, Columbia Falls, three brothers, Henry of Joplin and Walter and Jacob of Deer Park, Washington, and six grandchildren survive him.