

**HELEN AFDAHL**  
**Born: May 24, 1932 - Died: April 27, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 6, 1971**

**Services May 1 for  
Helen Afdahl**

Funeral services were Saturday at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church for Helen Afdahl, 38, who died in a Chester hospital April 27.

Rosary was recited at the church Friday at 8 p.m.

Officiating at the funeral rites was the Rev. Fr. Jordan Blecha. Pallbearers were Dale Lumsden, J. E. Grayson, John Afdahl, Bennie Domire, Lawrence Schweitzer and Alfred Voss. Ushers were Victor Gatzemeier and Phillip Wendland.

Interment was in the Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Afdahl was born in Reev-ersberg, Pa., May 24, 1932. She married Otto Afdahl at Bellafont, Pa., June 5, 1955. He survives her.

Also surviving are her mother, Mrs. Hazel Hough of Eureka, Cal.; three children, Joann, Joyce and

Joe, at home in Rudyard; sisters, Mrs. Jennie Sloan, Harrisburg, Pa., Mrs. Irene Miller, Bellafont, Ja., Mrs. Annie Seel, Eureka, Cal., and Susie Hough, San Francisco, Cal., and brothers, Donald Hough, Lewisberb, Pa., Louie Hough, Reevers-berg, Pa., Richard and Nelson Hough, Eureka, Cal., and Frank Hough, Hingham.

**GEORGE W. ANDERSON**  
**Born: February 12, 1921 - Died: November 13, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November ?, 1971**

## **George Anderson Dies of sudden Heart attack**

George Anderson, 50, well-known Chester resident died suddenly at his home in Chester Saturday evening, the victim of a heart attack. Numerous friends had talked with him down town just a few hours before he died, and although it was known that he had a heart condition, his sudden death came as a shock.

He had been taking a shower, and when he didn't come out as soon as expected, Mrs. Anderson found he had suffered the fatal attack.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre, burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Anderson was born Feb. 12, 1921 in Joplin and was a lifetime resident of the area. He married Ada Collar March 27, 1942 in Seattle. Survivors, in addition to the widow, are daughters, Mrs. Gary (Beverly) Jensen; Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Nordstrom, and Susan Anderson, all of Chester; three grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Robb (Joanne) Smith, Cypress, Calif.; brothers, Eugene, Joplin and Larry, Chester.

# GUSTAF ALGOT ANDERSON

Born: November 1, 1881 - Died: September 13, 1971

Liberty County Times

September 23, 1971

## **Algot Anderson, 89 Died Sept. 13, final Rites Sept. 17**

The Rev. Alfred I. Rosgaard officiated at funeral rites Friday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, for Algot Anderson, 89, who died in Chester Sept. 13.

Gustaf Algot Anderson was born Nov. 1, 1881 at Falkenberg, Sweden, one of nine children, all who have preceded him in death. He passed away at the Liberty County Hospital Sept. 13, 1971 at the age of 89, after two weeks of hospitalization.

He emigrated to the United States in 1907 and worked his way west. He came to Montana in 1910 and homesteaded 17 miles north of Lothair. He was married in 1918 to Hulda A. Norling at Great Falls. She preceded him in death in March of 1962. He resided on his farm until about 10 years ago when he moved to Chester.

He was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church, north of Lothair.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Victoria Staudacher and Mrs.

Ben (Lilly) Oraw of Chester; two sons, Vern and Herb of Galata, eight grandsons and three great grandchildren.

Organist was Dorothy Heydon, and soloist was Dolores Matteson. Selections included "Just As I Am" and "Rock of Ages."

Pallbearers were Paul Johnson, Roy Wickum, Leo Hawks, Cliff Blair, Leonard Matteson, and Arnold Jeppesen. Honorary pallbearers were Sigurd Forseth, Jesse Blair, Ingolf Jeppesen and Malvin Matteson. Ushers were Henry Hawks, Marvin Jeppesen and Richard Wickum.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Memorial gifts will be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, Galata.

**MARGERY ANN WOODWARD ANDERSON**  
**Born: May 12, 1945 - Died: October 28, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 11, 1971**

**Margery Anderson**  
**Died October 28,**  
**Services Nov. 1**

Margery Ann Woodward was born May 12, 1945 in the Cut Bank hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Woodward. Margery attended Miss Rassmusson's kindergarten class and all 12 years of elementary and secondary education in the Cut Bank public school system, graduating from Cut Bank High School in 1963. She was a member of Mrs. Haberchack's Brownie Troop which stimulated in her a desire to work with arts and crafts. As an associate member of 4-H, Margery attended a leadership and recreational training camp at Catcolab in Idaho. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cut Bank. As a member of Luther League she traveled to Miami with Mrs. Joe Hodgson and other leaders and members.

Margery attended Northern Montana College from 1963 to 1965, receiving her two year certificate in elementary education in 1965. She began her teaching career on a temporary basis in Chester with Joe Brannon as superintendent and Shirley McDowell, principal. She filled the fourth grade position until a teacher could be hired at Christmas. Margery Ann continued her education by enrolling at Montana State University, specializing in arts and crafts.

On Dec. 26, 1967 Margery Ann married Steven G. Anderson at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cut Bank. Margery and her husband Steve attended Northern Montana College in 1968 with Margery receiving her bachelor of science in elementary education in June. She taught fourth grade in Havre Public Schools during the 1968-69 school year. She began her teaching career in Cut Bank the fall of 1969 as a fourth grade teacher at the South Side grade school which position she held until her death.

Margery Ann Anderson died suddenly in Cut Bank Oct. 28, 1971. Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 1 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with burial in Crown Hill cemetery in Cut Bank. Rev. Donald Schneuker officiated with Mrs. Donald Schneuker and Larry Simonson, organist and soloist.

Bearers and honorary bearers were Duane Milbrandt, Fred Walters, Larry Morhardt, Jerry Keller, Jerry Swenson, Richard Ebert, James Schnee, Wayne Dudley, James Persling and William Carl.

Margery is survived by her husband, Steven G. Anderson; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Woodward of Cut Bank and her brother, Robert A. Woodward of Chester. Other survivors include aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Carroll of King City, Ore., Irvin K. Hauge and Ann H. Parkell of Chester. Two cousins reside in San Diego, Randolph Parkell and Mrs. Vaughn (Jeanie) Huppert.

MILLOURS ALBERT BRAIN  
Born: April 21, 1909 - Died: March 23, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
March 25, 1971



**Funeral held for  
M. A. (Nick) Brain**

M. A. "Nick" Brain, retired Chester area farmer, died Tuesday, March 23 in a Great Falls hospital. He had been in failing health since 1966. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27 at 2 p.m. at Croxford & Sons Mortuary with the Rev. Jack Severns and the Rev. Dorcy Spencer officiating. Burial was in the Great Falls Highland Cemetery.

Casketbearers were O. D. Gifford, Howard Hall, Frank O'Neil, Neil Shepherd, Walter Stuart and Bill Yackley. Pallbearers were Harold Brandt, Andrew Bubnash, Vernon Cramer, Joseph Gagnon, Arlo Graham, Ray Gulick, Henry Hansen, Albert Hanson, Dodds Keith, Earl Keith, Joe Meissner, Bert Nordstrom, Bernhard Storkvik, Earl Thisselle and Delmar Wolfe.

Millours Albert Brain was born to Minnie and Samuel Brain near Bemidji, Minn., April 21, 1909 and came to Montana in 1913 when his parents homesteaded south of Chester. He attended Chester area schools and grew to manhood on the family farm. From 1938 until 1944 he was an assayer at mines in

southern Montana and Wyoming. He then returned to the south Chester area where he farmed until two years ago.

He was a long time member of the Liberty County Airport Commission, had served on the Liberty County Hospital Board, the Montana State Parks Commission, and worked as a fieldman for the Liberty Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. He was a grower of registered and certified

seed grain and had been named Liberty County Wheat King.

Also active in lodges, Brain was a Past Master of Joplin Lodge No. 114 AF & AM, a Past Patron of Joplin Chapter No. 109 OES and a member of the Great Falls Consistory of the Scottish Rite. He had served as a member of the Advisory Board for Joplin Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and had been named Rainbow Dad.

Survivors are the widow, the former Dorothy Curfman, whom he married in Gildford March 10, 1940; a brother, Orval of Chester, and nieces: Marguerite Bivens of Buena Park, Cal., JoAnn Osterman of Chester and Carol Riley of Fort Carson, Colo. Also surviving are uncles and aunts in Montana, Minnesota, Wisconsin and California.

He was a member of the Chester United Methodist Church.

**MAUDE BUFFINGTON**  
Born: August 21, 1882 - Died: October 2, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
October 7, 1971

### **Services for Maude Buffington Monday**

Mrs. Maude Buffington, 89, died last Saturday night at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, where she had been a patient for a week. She had been a resident of Eagles Manor for the past three years.

Mrs. Buffington was born near Springfield, Mo., Aug. 21, 1882. She married M. T. Buffington in Golden City, Mo., and they went to the Joplin area in 1914 to homestead. Mrs. Buffington continued to make her home there until going to great Falls.

Survivors include her son, K. C. Buffington, Great Falls, three grandsons and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the George Co. mortuary Monday with Rev. H. R. Anderson Jr. officiating. Cremation followed the services.

## BENNIE K. BRANDVOLD

Born: September 4, 1886 - Died: June 9, 1971

Liberty County Times

June 10, 1971

### Services for Brandvold Saturday, June 12

Funeral services for Ben Brandvold were held in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester Saturday forenoon with Rev. Noel Petersen officiating. Burial was in the Joplin cemetery following the service.

Bennie K. Brandvold was born September 4, 1886. He died on June 9, 1971 at the Liberty County Hospital where he had been a patient for two months.

December 28, 1914 he married Julia Lintvet in Havre. Into this union eight children were born, six of them who survive. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1935, a son, Benny, in 1950 and Donald in 1961.

Those surviving are two sons, Kenneth of Great Falls, and Leonard of Layton, Utah; four daughters, Helen Keith of Great Falls, Doris Austin, Forest, Mississippi, Betty Krejci and Gladyce Romain of Chester. Also 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rlynn Rockman, Terry Rockman, Don Laas, Monty Nealy, Earl Keith and Maynard Johnson. Ushers were Leo Jensen and Neil Shepherd. Mrs. Ted Zorn sang "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art."

A memorial will be given to the Liberty County Hospital.

**Q. R. BUFFINGTON**  
**Born: August 17, 1891 - Died: November 22, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November ?, 1971**

OBITUARY

Q. R. Buffington was born Aug. 17, 1891, at Eminence, Mo., and attended schools in Missouri. He came to the Fort Benton area in 1909 and in 1916 homesteaded southwest of Chester near the present farm. He entered the Army at Fort Benton in 1917, serving with the famous "Spruce" division near Astoria, Ore. He was discharged in 1918 and returned to the Basin Coulee country where he farmed and ranched until his death. He died November 22, 1971, at Pondera County Hospital in Conrad at the age of 80.

He was past commander of the American Legion Post 88 of Chester.

Survivors include his wife, Alvina; three sons, Donald of Chester, Norman of Los Gatos, Calif., and Phillip of Federal Way, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.



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GEORGE E. CHAMBERS  
Born: ? - Died: April 3, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
April 8, 1971

## George Chambers Died in Spokane

George E. Chambers of Spokane, formerly of Cut Bank, died Saturday in a Spokane hospital. Born in Colorado and reared in Washington, D. C., he was a veteran of World War I.

Chambers came to Chester in 1921 and established an abstract company. In 1937 he and his wife moved to Cut Bank where he established the Glacier County Abstract Co. and lived until his retirement eight years ago when they moved to Spokane.

Survivors include his widow, Edith, Spokane, and two brothers, Harry, Great Falls, and Charles R., Silver Springs, Md.

The funeral was at 2 p.m. Wednesday, with entombment in Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum in Great Falls.

**EMIL A. EGGERS**  
Born: March 18, 1900 - Died: April 13, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
April 15, 1971

**Emil Eggers  
Dies at 71,  
Services Friday**

Emil A. Eggers, 71, 800 36th St. S. Great Falls, a prominent rancher in the Chester area many years, died Tuesday in a Great Falls hospital after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Richard A. Matson in Faith Lutheran Church at 1:30 Friday. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Croxford and Sons Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Eggers had resided in Great Falls since 1960 when he sold his extensive cattle and sheep ranch holdings and retired because of poor health. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

He was born in Centuria, Wis., March 18, 1900. As a young man Eggers worked for a construction firm in St. Paul, Minn. He came to Montana in 1928, working on the Laird Ranch 36 miles north of Chester. He became a partner in the ranch business and then sole owner when J. T. Laird died. For many years Eggers was active in community affairs and was a long-time member of the Chester school board.

Survivors include the widow, the former Levenia Ingebretson, sisters, Mrs. Minnie See and Mrs. Annie Anderson, both of Stillwater, Minn., and brothers, Ed Eggers, St. Paul and Vernon Eggers, Bayport, Minn.

**LEWIS ENGBRETSON**  
**Born: 7, 1900 - Died: December 18, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 3, 1972**

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## **Lewis Engebretson Died in December**

Lewis Engebretson passed away suddenly in a Wallace, Idaho hospital on Dec. 18.

He was born in Whalen, Minn. in 1900. He moved with his parents to Chester in 1913. He received most of his education and grew to manhood here.

Lewis Engebretson and Alice Disbrow were married Feb. 3, 1919 in St. Maries, Idaho, from there they moved to Burke and later to Mullen, Idaho where he was an electrical foreman for the Asarco company until his retirement in 1965.

He was of the Lutheran faith, services were held in the Lutheran church in Mullen with Rev. O. Resmussen officiating.

Survivors include three children, Don Engebretson, Alice Smith and Peggy Summerkings, all of Mullen, four sisters, Eva Dygert, Missoula, Mrs. Wallace Adler, Ronan, Mrs. Elmer Aaberge, Everett, Wash., Ida Engebretson, Kalispell, nine grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren. His grandsons and grandsons-in-law were pallbearers.

**WILLIAM NELSON ERGENBRIGHT**  
Born: December 21, 1880 - Died: July 17, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
August 5, 1971

## **William Ergenbright Services July 26, 1971**

Funeral services were held in Havre at Holland & Bonine Chapel Mon., July 26, 1971 at 10 a.m. for William Nelson Ergenbright.

He passed away July 17 in Phoenix. Rev. William Baker of Havre Christian Church officiated at the services. Interment was in the Highland cemetery at Havre.

He was born to George and Emma Bellas Ergenbright in Winterset, Iowa December 21, 1880 and was 90 years old. His parents, two brothers and three sisters, and one son, Orval, preceeded him in death. One sister, Mrs. Elnora B. Baker resides in West Des Moines, Ia.

Mr. Ergenbright grew to young manhood at Barney, Iowa and married Stella B. Scott, a school teacher in Barney. To this union three children were born, one son and two daughters.

The children's mother passed away in 1945 and in 1948 he remarried and his wife, Carolyn, lives in their home in Mesa.

A prayer service was held at the Chapel of the Roses in Mesa July 23. Rev. Chas. E. Cook of the Christian church officiating.

In 1910 the family moved to Kansas where Ergenbright practiced his profession as a barber. Later returning to Iowa, then to Montana in March 1913 and filing on a homestead at Gildford.

He has seen many changes thru the years spent in Montana and was always loyal to his adopted state, leaving it only once to barber in Crosby, N.D. In recent years he and his wife have spent the winters in Mesa.

Active, alert and interested in his family and friends he leaves his daughter, Opal, with many wonderful memories.

Survivors also include four grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the Havre services were A. R. Peterson, R. S. Jerome, Dennis Anderson, Rodney Swenson, Olaf Knutson and William Taylor.

HAROLD FLOGUM  
Born: April 4, 1883 - Died: January 13, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
January 21, 1971

**Harold Flogum, 87  
Died Jan. 13  
Services Saturday**

Harold Flogum, 87, died at the Liberty County Hospital Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1971. Services were held Saturday, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chester, with Pastor Noel D. Petersen officiating. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Born April 4, 1883 in Etnedal, Norway, Flogum was educated in Norway and received advanced schooling in agriculture. He served with the Infantry Medical Corps in the Norwegian army for two years and left Norway in 1908 for Boston. He traveled to Minot, N. D., and to Norwich, N. D., where he worked for a summer, and in 1909 he worked as a carpenter for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad company. He came to Chester in 1909 to homestead north of town, and remained here until the present time.

He served on the Agricultural Stabilization Committee for 18 years, and was a member of the Farm Home Administration board for 10 years. He was also an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He was one of the charter members of Our Savior's.

Survivors include a sister in Norway, nieces and nephews in Norway and Canada, and cousins, the Elmer Rude family in Chester, Mrs. Norma Dunn of Missoula, Mrs. Thelma Bissertt of Conrad, Mrs. Edna Darroch of Spokane, Mrs. Ina Ploss of Chester and Kenneth Rude of Great Falls. Pallbearers were Emmers Berg, Carman Skari, Albert Hanson, Walter Jensen, Henry Kolstad and Clifford Lybeck. Honorary pallbearers were George Green, Malvin Matteson, Fred Sitch and Les Albright. Ushers were Clifford Leighton and George Braun.

Music was provided by Mrs. Blanche Remington at the organ and "In the Garden" was sung by Neoma Rude. The congregation sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "God Be With You."

**CORRECTION**

In the funeral story for Harold Flogum the names of honorary pallbearers Dodds Keith, Hans Lybeck and Carl Tykeson were inadvertently omitted.

LAWRENCE FOUCHER  
Born: March 22, 1898 - Died: March 27, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
April 1, 1971

**Lawrence Foucher  
Died March 13,  
Services March 16**

Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Francis Catholic church, Fort Benton Tuesday morning for Lawrence J. Foucher, 72, who died unexpectedly during his sleep early Saturday at his home. His health was not vigorous for the past six years since he underwent surgery. Father Thomas Haffey was celebrant at the rites and interment was in Riverview cemetery. Rosary services were held Monday evening at Dowling chapel.

Foucher was born March 22, 1898 in Dollar Bay, Mich., a son of Joseph and Della Foucher, and came to Montana at the age five. His was a large family, there being three sets of twins and one set of triplets. His mother died two years ago at the age of 99 years in Sacramento, Cal.

Mr. Foucher's marriage to Josephine Pellant took place Feb. 7, 1921 in Great Falls. He was foreman for the state highway department at Chester for 22 years, and they also lived at Havre. They moved to the Bitter Root in 1965. Mr. Foucher was a veterans of service in the army during WWI in France. He was a member of the Catholic church, WWI Veterans and the VFW.

He farmed many years in the Fort Benton area. He was an avid baseball player and umpire.

Pallbearers were Alvin Barbie, Thomas Toner, William Pellant, Rolland Pellant, Cecil Heydon, and Fred Roberts.

Surviving beside the widow are sisters Mrs. Lloyd (Genevieve) Henry, Chico, Cal.; Mrs. Tom (Bernice) Verdina, Sacramento, Cal.; nieces and nephews.

**RUSSELL (PAT) FRYDENLUND**  
**Born: 1902 - Died: May 23, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 27, 1971**

### **Pat Frydenlund died**

Russell (Pat) Frydenlund, 69, died Sunday at Liberty County Hospital. Born in Castana, Iowa, he came to Devon in 1910 and operated the Farmers Union Oil Station for 27 years. He married Hareen Heydon Oct. 24, 1936 in Hare. Survivors include the widow; sisters, Daisy Loomis, Shelby, Mrs. Josephine Kennedy, Cut Bank, Mrs. Alvin Nelson, Shelby, Mae Kossel, Chester, Annie Epstein, California and a brother, George, Devon.

Services were Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Devon Lutheran Church with Rev. Alfred Rosgaard officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Shelby.



**ALBERT M. FURNELL**  
Born: March 26, 1885 - Died: February 24, 1971  
**Liberty County Times**  
March 4, 1971

### **Funeral held for Albert M. Furnell, Whitlash pioneer**

Albert M. Furnell, Whitlash pioneer, passed away Feb. 24 at the Deconess hospital in Great Falls. He was born on Sun River at his father's ranch March 26, 1885. He grew up in Great Falls. He worked for the Deer Creek Cattle Co. and Spencer Cattle Co. in Canada in the early 1900s. He returned to Great Falls in 1914 where he married Edna D. Ellis of Whitlash May 21, 1914. He owned and operated the Elephant Livery Stable there until moving to Gilman, near Augusta in 1918, where he worked for the Floweree Cattle Co. In 1919 the family moved to Whitlash where he owned and operated his own ranch until retirement in 1966. He has been in ill health the past four years. He is survived by one son, Matthew Murray of Whitlash, one daughter, Miss Frances Furnell, one sister, Mrs. Florence M. Kumpe, Montrose, Cal., and three grandchildren.

Services were held March 2 at 2 p.m. at the United Community Methodist Church in Shelby. Rev. Ladd Anderson of Great Falls officiated and Rev. Leon Johnson of Shelby. Burials was in Mountain View cemetery in Shelby. Dr. L. M. Iverson sang "In the Garden."

Bert was also a life time member of the BPOE Lodge No. 1696 of Shelby, a director of Marias River Electric, an Elder of the Whitlash Presbyterian Church.

FRANCIS L. GAGNON

Born: July 17, 1914 - Died: February 6, 1971

Liberty County Times

February 11, 1971

**Francis Gagnon  
Died Feb. 6,  
Services Feb. 9**

Francis L. Gagnon, 56, a lifetime resident of Chester, died Saturday at a Great Falls hospital after being incapacitated for a month as a result of an automobile accident. Gagnon died a few hours after entering the hospital.

He was an Air Force mechanic in World War II in the Pacific Theater. He returned to Chester after the war and resumed farming.

A member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Chester, he was married June 22, 1949 in Conrad to Marcella Koenig.

Survivors include the widow; a son, Lee Ernest, Chester; sisters Mrs. Michael (Jeanne) Hull, Chester, Mrs. Marie Boucher, Bell Flower, Cal., Mrs. Erma Riecke, Eureka, Cal., and brothers Ernest, Great Falls and Narciss and Joseph, Chester.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mary Catholic Church, Chester, where rosary was recited Monday at 7:30 p.m. A rosary service also was held at the O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls Monday at 8 p.m. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

SUSAN GATZEMEIER  
Born: April 8, 1955 - Died: October 25, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
October 28, 1971

## **Gildford student dies from injury Received in automobile accident**

Susan Gatzemeier, 16, Gildford, died Monday afternoon in a Havre hospital from injuries suffered in a one-car accident reportedly near Gildford early Sunday.

Her brother, Alvin, was taken to Northern Montana Hospital East and is reported in good condition, Tuesday.

The accident was investigated by Highway Patrolman Alan Michaels, Chester. Details of the accident were unavailable.

Miss Gatzemeier was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gatzemeier and in addition to her parents and her brother Alvin she is survived by her grandmothers, Mrs. Pauline Klindworth, Harlem and Mrs. Carrie Gatzemeier, Havre.

The accident victim was born in Havre, April 8, 1955 and was a junior at K-G High School, Gildford.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Hingham Lutheran Church and interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

—Havre Daily News

CHARLES D. GOOD  
Born: August 29, 1924 - Died: May 4, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
May 13, 1971

## Charles Good Killed in Tractor mishap

Chester's unfortunate tragedies of 1971 continued this week when Charles Good, about 47, prominent south Chester farmer was killed instantly in a tractor accident on his farm Tuesday afternoon. According to reports he was working alone on an irrigation ditch with the tractor when it overturned on him.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lomen noticed the overturned tractor as they were driving by, just south of the river bridge. They investigated and upon discovering the accident, summoned help.

Funeral services will be held in the United Methodist Church of Chester at 11 a.m. Friday, May 7.

## Funeral held for Charles D. Good

Services were Friday, May 7, at 11 a.m. in the Methodist church in Chester for Charles D. Good, 46, Chester area farmer who died May 4 on his farm in a tractor accident.

Good was born in Warsaw, Ind., Aug. 29, 1924. He moved with his parents to Montana when he was eight years old, living in the Chester area. The family returned to Wisconsin briefly and then came back to settle 17 miles south of Chester. Good was raised and schooled in Chester, attended Northern Montana College in 1944 and went to college in Madison, Wis., in 1945.

Community affairs in which Good was active included the Agriculture Stabilization Committee, the Liberty County Development Corporation, the Montana Water Development, the Liberty County hospital board, the Soil Conservation board, the Chester High School board, the North Central Health Planning Council, the Montana Water Resources Development and the Montana State Parks board. He was a 4-H club leader and an active member of the Methodist church.

He married the former Phyllis Patrick in Great Falls June 29, 1946. She survives him. Also surviving are his children, Gail, Janet, Garth and Corinne, all at home.

The prominence of Charles Good was attested when there was standing room only for the funeral. Pallbearers were Clarence J., Lloyd, Wayne, Raymond, Clifford, Ralph and Bernard Patrick. Mr. and Mrs. Grahame Nicolson of Great Falls sang "How Great Thou Art" and "In The Garden." The congregation sang "Nearer My God To Thee" and "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Mrs. Ruth Barrett was organist. Ushers were Neil Shepherd and Jennings Mattson. Services were conducted by Rev. Dan Wanders, with the oration by Grahame Nicolson. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Havre.

**MYRA ANN GUNBY**  
Born: May 5, 1871 - Died: April 24, 1971  
**Liberty County Times**  
April 29, 1971

## Rites Tuesday for Myra Gunby

Pastor Sam Taylor officiated at funeral services Tuesday, April 27 at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Myra Ann Gunby, 99, long-time Gildford resident who died April 24 in Chester.

Pallbearers were Tom Gummer, Don Gummer, Sivert Gummer, Tom J. Gummer, Clarence Welch and Ben J. Oswood.

Soloist Mrs. Don Swinney sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Beyond the Sunset." Mrs. Charles Griffith accompanied her, and also played an organ solo, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells."

Burial was in the Gildford cemetery.

Born in Fredonia, Kan., May 5, 1871, Mrs. Gunby made her home for many years in the Gildford area. Her husband preceded her in death in 1923. Also preceding her in death were a son and a daughter, five brothers and two sisters. Survivors include four grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren.

## Myra Gunby, 99 Services April 27

Myra Ann Gunby, 99, long-time Gildford resident, died in Chester. Funeral services were Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre, with burial in the Gildford cemetery. Born in Fredonia, Kan., she was widowed in 1923. Surviving are four grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren.

## FLOYD HADER

Born: January 19, 1905 - Died: November 16, 1971

Liberty County Times

November 18, 1971

### **Floyd Hader, 66, Passes, services Friday morning**

Services for Floyd Hader will be held Friday morning at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

Tuesday morning Floyd W. Hader succumbed to heart failure at the Liberty County Hospital.

Floyd, "a man of hello's" was born Jan. 19, 1905 to Emma and John Hader Sr. at Morris, Minn.

He was united in marriage on Sept. 24, 1926 to Jenniemae Arnold. They have made their home in this community for 44 years. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Margie) Woods, Boardman, Ore., Mrs. Darrell (Bobbie) Beals, West Unity, Ohio, Mrs. Clifford (Shirley) Lybeck, Chester; two sisters, Mrs. Ray Sullivan, Newport, Wash and Florence Hader, Havre; four brothers, John Hader Sr., Harlem, Sylvester (Bud) Hader, Kalispell, Clarence Hader, Havre, Charles Hader, Cut Bank; 15 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

### **Last rites for Floyd Hader Nov. 19**

Funeral services were Friday at 11 a.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Floyd W. Hader, 66, who died in Chester Nov. 16.

Pastor Donald Tigges officiated at the funeral rites. Organist was Sharon Spicher, and soloist was Walter Woods, who sang "Peace in the Valley" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Richard Eveland, Howard Eveland, Willard Lybeck, Sig Lalum, John J. O'Leary and Bert Nordstrom.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

**ALFRED T. HAGEN**  
**Born: January 16, 1925 - Died: March 25, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 1, 1971**

**Alfred Hagen**  
**Died March 25**  
**Services March 29**

Chester area resident Alfred T. Hagen, 46, died March 25 in Chester. Funeral services were Monday, March 29 at 11 a.m. in the Lutheran church in Chester, with interment in the Chester cemetery.

Hagen was born in Erstkin, Minn., Jan. 16, 1925. He married the former Arlene Runnestrand in Thief River Falls, Minn., Nov. 21, 1953, and the couple moved to the Chester area in 1955. They lived in Joplin and in Chester, operating cafes and Hagen also did construction work. The couple made their home for the past 10 years in Chester.

Survivors include the widow; one son, Randall, at home; his mother, Mrs. Esther Hagen, Thief River Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Joyce Hansen, St. Cloud, Minn., and Mrs. Jean Hansen, Fosston, Minn., and a brother, Merle of Minnesota.

Services were conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Pastor Noel Petersen officiating. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were Art Kaiser, Bernard Mader, Lloyd Hjermstad, Bud Greer, Leo Jensen and Norman Waite. Ushers were Delanor Zorn and Alfred Hanson.

Marion Thielman was the organist and the congregation sang "In the Garden" and "Old Rugged Cross."

SYLVIA (GUMMER) HAGEN  
Born: August 5, 1898 - Died: February 17, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
February 25, 1971

**Sylvia Hagen died  
Feb. 17, services  
Feb. 20**

Services were Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home for Mrs. Sylvia (Gummer) Hagen, 72, who died in Chester Feb. 17.

Officiating at the funeral rites was the Rev. Jack Rampelberg. Pallbearers were Clarence Welch, Kenneth Engebretson, Willis Cady, Del Anderson, Arthur Morrison and Tom Gummer.

Mrs. Charles Griffith accompanied Mrs. Don Swinney who sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "How Great Thou Art."

Interment was in the Gildford cemetery.

Born in Buffalo, Kan., Aug. 5, 1898, Mrs. Hagen came to Gildford in 1912 and made her home in the area since that time. She married Charles Gummer in Havre Jan. 3, 1916, and he preceded her in death. In Hingham in 1959 she married Jens Hagen, who also preceded her in death.

Survivors include her sons, Donovan Gummer of Chester, Thomas Gummer, Spokane, Sivert Gummer, Butte and Earl Gummer; 15 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. One brother and one son, Morris preceded her in death.



**ELIZABETH HANSES**

Born: December 13, 1889 - Died: March 12, 1971

Liberty County Times

March 18, 1971

**Elizabeth Hanses  
Passed away**

Elizabeth Hanses, 92, died Friday in Chester. Rosary was recited Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, Hingham. Services were at the church Tuesday at 10 a.m. Burial was in the Hingham cemetery.

She was born in Watkins, Minn. She married Charles Hanses in Watkins in 1903. They moved to Montana to homestead north of Hingham in 1913. He died Feb. 14, 1944. Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Karen Wilbur of Newport, Ore., Mrs. Martin Sylte of Hingham, Mrs. Julia Jackson of Ruddyard and a son, Joe of Hingham; two brothers, 10 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

JANET HANSON

Born: March 18, 1897 - Died: November 12, 1971

Liberty County Times

November 18, 1971

**Mrs. Jim Carter's  
Mother asphyxiated  
At Miles City**

An elderly Miles City woman, Mrs. Janet Hanson, died Friday apparently from carbon monoxide fumes from an old heater in her home.

Authorities said her husband, Jim, was hospitalized in critical condition after breathing the same gas.

They said a daughter-in-law found the couple overcome when she paid a visit to the home.

Mrs. Hanson was the mother of Mrs. Jim Carter of Chester. The Carter's left for Miles City immediately upon learning of the tragedy Friday morning.

**PANSY (CLAUSSEN) HESS**

Born: February 25, 1888 - Died: April 20, 1971

Liberty County Times

May 6, 1971

**Services at Lewiston,  
Idaho, Pansy Claussen**

Services were held in Lewiston, Idaho for Pansy (Hess) Claussen April 22 at the Little Chapel of Flower, Lewiston. She had resided in Chester for many years, previous to moving to Lewiston.

Pansy Claussen was born Feb. 25, 1888 in St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada and died in Lewiston April 20, 1971.

Officiating at the services was John Nymeyer. Organist and soloist was Mrs. Lorna Beaudoin.

Casket bearers were Harry Knoke, Clarkston, Idaho, Paul Schnoor, Ashby Smith, John Branting, Alan Christensen and Marvin Miller, all of Lewiston.

Burial was in Lewis-Clark Memorial Garden, Lewiston.

## WILLIAM N. HODGES

Born: May 8, 1912 - Died: May 31, 1971

Liberty County Times

June 3, 1971

### **Bill Hodges died Sunday, services today**

William N. Hodges, 59, died at the Liberty County Hospital Sunday. Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Pastor Donald Tigges officiating. Burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Havre, under direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Hodges was born in Alexis, Ill., and came to the Joplin area as an infant. He married Helen Tempel in Joplin April 5, 1935. Survivors include the widow; two sons, Richard, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dean, Joplin; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Sherping, Brady; a sister, Mrs. Julius Van Dessel, Havre; brothers, James, Seattle; Harold, Joplin; Donald, St. Paul and Eugene, Kalispell.

### **Final rites for Bill Hodges held June 3**

Funeral services were Thursday, June 3 in the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, with Pastor Donald Tigges officiating, for William N. Hodges, 59, who died May 31 in the Liberty County Hospital.

Thelma Anderson was the organist. The choir sang "Rock of Ages" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," and the congregation sang "A Mighty Fortress."

Pallbearers were Harlen Bilden, Erwin Cady, George Colbry, Eldon Graff, Paul Johnson and Elbert Olson. Ushers were Clifford Anderson and Donald Rudolph.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

SAM A. HOLE †  
Born: February 10, 1883 - Died: July 28, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
August 5, 1971

## Sam A. Hole funeral Services held Saturday

Funeral services for another long-time resident of Shelby, Sam A. Hole, were conducted Saturday, July 31 from the Burns Funeral Home with Rev. Leon Johnson of the Community Methodist church in Shelby, officiating.

Time of the services was 2 p.m. and members of the Masonic Lodge conducted graveside services.

Deceased was born Feb. 10, 1883 in Deerfield, Illinois and was united in marriage to Lela Glynch on October 28, 1920 in Chicago. They came to Shelby in the 20's and he was employed in the oil fields for many years. He and a brother owned an oil refinery east of Cut Bank for several years. He also owned the Shelmont Apartments in Shelby.

He passed away at the home of his daughter in Champaign Wed., July 28.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Jean Peterson, Champaign, Ill. and Miss Carol Hole, nursing home in Chester, and four grand children.

Her father's death came as a severe blow to Carol. She had been waiting all winter and summer to see him, and arrangements had been made for him to become a patient at the Liberty County Nursing home. He was preparing for the trip from Champaign to Chester when he was the victim of a fatal heart attack.

MARTHA ALMA (BEDDOW) HUNT  
Born: October 14, 1876 - Died: February 19, 1971

Liberty County Times

February 25, 1971



Alma Beddow Hunt

### Services for Alma B Hunt Saturday At 2 p.m.

Alma Beddow Hunt passed away Feb. 19 at the Liberty County Hospital after a brief illness. A memorial service will be held Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Chester Methodist church. She had donated her body to the Department of Anatomy, University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

She was born Oct. 14, 1876 near Spring Valley, Minn. In 1881 her parents moved to Dakota Territory where they homesteaded. She taught school in Miner County, South Dakota before she and Wallace Alton Hunt were married at Rosewell, S. D. April 9, 1897. To this union were born four children before the family moved to Montana in 1913 and homesteaded in Hill County. Her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Alfred (Winnie Maie) Taylor, a son Wallace Ray Hunt, preceeded her in death. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sever (Almira) Brevick of Chester and Mrs. Richard (Marion) Zickman of Warrenville, Ill., a son-in-law Alfred Taylor of Roundup, a daughter-in-law Marilyn Hunt of Shelby, 17 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The family requests no flowers, a memorial has been established.

Martha Alma Hunt—was born October 14, 1876 to Martha and William Ray Beddow at Spring Valley, Minnesota.

In 1881 she came to Dakota Territory with her parents where they homesteaded in what is now Miner County, South Dakota. She had eight brothers and one sister, all preceeding her in death.

She taught school before marrying Wallace Alton Hunt April 9, 1897 at Rosewell, South Dakota. To this union were born four children, before the family moved to Hill County, Montana in 1913 to homestead. They lived on the homestead until they moved to Chester where they lived several years. Her last few years were lived in Shelby.

She passed away February 19, 1971 at the Liberty County Hospital after a brief illness.

Her husband passed away in December 1950 and her daughter Winnie Maie (Mrs. Alfred Taylor) in July 1937, her son Ray Hunt in December 1969. She is survived by daughter Almira Charlotte (Mrs. Sever) Brevick of Chester, Montana and Marion (Mrs. Richard) Zickman of Warrenville, Illinois; a daughter-in-law Marilyn Hunt and son-in-law Alfred Taylor. Also by one sister-in-law Hattie Merriam of Howard, S. D., seventeen grandchildren, fifty-eight great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She had donated her body to the Department of Anatomy, University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

EMMA LAYTON  
Born: June 11, 1890 - Died: March 4, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
March 11, 1971

### **Emma Layton Services March 9**

Mrs. Emma Layton, Chester resident since 1910, died in Chester March 4. She was 80.

Born June 11, 1890, in Denton County, Minn., Mrs. Layton came to Chester in November of 1910. She had resided in a local rest home for the last two years, in ill health.

Mrs. Layton was a member of the Chester Methodist Church, the Royal Neighbors of America, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was married Jan. 17, 1912, in Chester, to Henry Layton, who preceded her in death in 1953. Survivors includes sons Edward, Richard and Lawrence, all of Chester; daughters, Mrs. Ray (Myrtle) Kratcha, Shelton, Wash., Mrs. DeForest (Alice) Schwede, Chester, Mrs. T. D. (Elinor) McGarry, Butte and Mrs. John (Mary) Dedrickson, Libby; 21 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, and one sister, Augusta Layton, Spokane, Wash. Two daughters preceded her in death.

Services were Tuesday, March 9 at 2 p.m. in the Chester Methodist Church, with burial in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ray Schwede, Delmar Wolfe, Richard Friesen, Duaine Sloan and Curtiss Sloan.

Honorary pallbearers were Harold Shepherd, Wilbur Eveland, Bert Nordstrom, Ray Zorn, Floyd Schwede, Harvey Seidlitz, Donald Swank, Joe Gagnon, Art Norris, Glen Shepherd, Leonard Plank, Richard Burrows and Don Buffington.

Mrs. Fred Barrett was organist and along with Fred Barrett, sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden". The congregation sang "Rock of Ages."

Ushers were Ed Swank and Earl Keith.

The family has requested that a memorial fund be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home.

MINNIE C. LIGHT  
Born: September 1, 1878 - Died: February 1, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
February 4, 1971

## Rites Friday for Minnie Light, 92

Gildford area homesteader Mrs. Minnie C. Light, 92, died Feb. 1 in Havre, where she had made her home for the last few years.

Services will be Friday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. in the Baptist church in Gildford, of which she was a member. Burial will be in the Gildford cemetery.

Mrs. Light was born in Iowa Sept. 1, 1878. She was raised in Iowa and traveled to California with her parents when she was 18. The family moved on to Pendleton, Ore., by wagon train the following year, and she was married Nov. 11, 1903, in Pendleton to Floyd Light. The couple moved to the Flathead area in 1909 and then came to Gildford in 1910 to homestead. Mrs. Light moved into Gildford following the death of her husband in 1941, and came to Havre in 1965 to live with her daughter.

Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Frances Welte, Havre, Mrs. Gladys Crites, Gildford, and Mrs. Ritha Olmstead, Tacoma, Wash.; a son, Glenn of Lewistown; a sister, Mrs. Grace Seeley, Woodburn, Ore.; 15 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

## Last rites Feb. 5 For Minnie Light

Services were Friday at 2 p.m. in the Gildford Baptist Church for Mrs. Minnie C. Light, 92, who died Feb. 1 in Havre.

Officiating at the funeral rites was the Rev. Conrad Rhodes. Pallbearers were Vernon Locke, Leonard Opperud, Dean Locke, Russell Crites, Darryl Thackeray and David Doperay.

Mrs. Charles Griffith accompanied Mrs. Don Swinney who sang "Amazing Grace" and "Rock of Ages."

Burial was in the Gildford cemetery.



ARTHUR J. LORANGER  
Born: September 18, 1890 - Died: December 23, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
December 30, 1971

## Arthur Loranger Died Dec. 23

Longtime Havre resident Arthur J. Loranger, 81, died in a Havre hospital Thursday, Dec. 23.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Loranger was born in Wayne County, Mich., Sept. 18, 1890. He came to Havre in 1897. His early life was spent as a cowboy. He served as deputy sheriff for Hill County, and he worked for the Great Northern Railroad until he retired in 1962, after 50 years as a switchman and yard master.

He was an ardent sportsman, fond of hunting and fishing.

In 1966 Loranger moved to Phoenix, Ariz., and remained there until August 1971 when he returned to Havre and made his home.

On Oct. 12, 1913, Loranger married the former Gladys R. Rakestraw in Havre. She preceded him in death in 1952. In June of 1957 he married the former Helen R. Duncan, who survives him.

Also surviving are sons, Sydney E. and Robert C. Loranger of Burbank, Cal. and Donald E. of Havre; a stepson, John Duncan of Joplin; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Ina Kelly, Phoenix, Ariz., a brother, Hugh E. Loranger of Patterson, Cal.; several grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Florence Dobson, preceded him in death in October of 1971.

A memorial has been established to St. Mark's Episcopal church and to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd.

**MARGARET MARIE (LALUM) McCARTY**  
Born: June 9, 1942 - Died: August 30, 1971  
**Liberty County Times**  
September 9, 1971



**Final services for  
Margaret McCarty  
September 4th**

Mrs. Margaret Marie (Lalum) McCarty, 29, was killed in a plane crash near Forbes, N. D. Aug. 30, enroute from Kingston, N. C. to Chester to attend her sister Mariene's wedding.

Born June 9, 1942 in Shelby, she was the eldest daughter of Sig and Sophie Kantorowicz Lalum. She was reared and attended school in Liberty County and graduated from Chester High School in 1960. Jan. 22, 1965, she was married to J. F. McCarty Jr. from Stringer, Miss. She received her degree from Montana State University School of Nursing in Bozeman in 1967, and had done her clinical work at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. From early 1967 until late in 1969, when she left for North Carolina, she was employed at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. She was surgical floor supervisor and student nurse instructor at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, N. C.

A licensed pilot, she had over 125 flying hours and was alone in the small plane when the crash occurred, which was due to weather conditions.

Survivors besides her parents include five sisters and five brothers: Mrs. Michael (Mariene) Roden, Great Falls; Mrs. Leo (Edna) Sommerfeld, Power; Mrs. George (Alice) Beeby, Butte; Misses Patsy and Donna Lalum, Chester; brothers Arthur, Arnold, Allen, Clinton and Dale Lalum, Chester. Three nephews and one niece and many aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends mourn her death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Pastor Noel Petersen officiating. Interment was in the Chester cemetery with Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

Pallbearers were uncles of the deceased: Ray, Luther and Palmer Lalum, Frank and Carl Kantorowicz and Nick Bubnash Sr. Ushers were also uncles, Homer and Brondle Kinyon. Mrs. Gregg Carlson sang, accompanied by Mrs. Noel Petersen.

Those from out of town who attended the services were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lalum and Mary Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lalum, Kalispell; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kantorowicz, Wolf Creek; Palmer Lalum, Whitefish; Mrs. John Wanken and Mr. and Mrs. George Russell and family, Shelby; Mrs. Eva Edmister and Mr. and Mrs. Brondle Kinyon and girls, Galata; Joe Manchak, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bubnash Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. John Ginnaty and family, all of Great Falls.

Rosary was recited by her family and friends at St. Mary's Catholic Church Saturday evening. A special Mass in memory of Margaret will be offered at St. Mary's Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Chester. A memorial is established in her memory to the Christian Childrens Fund.

**MAUDE E. MILLER**

Born: November 5, 1895 - Died: March 28, 1971

Liberty County Times

April 1, 1971

**Wednesday funeral  
For Maude E. Miller**

Long-time Joplin resident, Mrs. Maude E. Miller died in a Chester hospital March 28 at the age of 75.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 31 at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home with burial in the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Miller was born Nov. 5, 1895 in Omro, Wis. She married Roy J. Miller Nov. 21, 1913, in Minot, N. D., and the couple moved to Joplin in 1917 from Fessenden, N. D.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the Methodist church and the Royal Neighbors of America.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Kenneth of Joplin; two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Jessie Haigh of Fargo, N. D.

**ANNA LOUISE (WIJK) NESS**  
Born: ? - Died: May 17, 1971  
**Liberty County Times**  
May 20, 1971

## **Funeral set for Anna Ness, Friday, May 21**

Funeral services for Anna Louise (Wiik) Ness will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard Friday at 10 a.m. She died in Seattle Monday.

She was born in Kleive pr. Molde, Norway, of parents Amund and Gunhild Wiik. She came from Norway in 1910 to Seattle, Wash., where she lived for six years before moving to Goldstone, Montana to homestead in the Minneota community. There she met Sveinung Ness from Seljord, Telemark, Norway, and on April 8, 1918, she was united with Sveinung in Helena, Montana. They continued to homestead at Goldstone until 1923, and at that time moved to Rudyard, where they spent most of their lives until her husband passed on Feb. 12, 1963. There were three sons, Robert (deceased Feb. 12, 1962), Arnold who lives in Pasco, Wash., Ferris of Rudyard and one daughter, Grace, who lives in Seattle, Wash. There are eight grandchildren.

**JOHN OHMAN**  
**Born: October 31, 1895 - Died: December 4, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 9, 1971**

1971  
**John Ohman died,  
Services December  
8 and December 11**

John Ohman was born in Harnas, Sweden Oct. 31, 1895 to Carl and Christina Ohman. He came to the United States in 1909 and to Montana in 1910 where he homesteaded three miles southwest of Joplin. He enlisted in the U. S. Marines in World War I and served with the AEF in France. He returned to the farm following the war, and except for short periods of working at mining in Michigan and near Townsend, Montana, he farmed or worked at farming or ranching until his retirement in 1960.

John was a charter member of C. P. Bakke Post 3997, VFW in Chester. The past four years he lived in Escondido, Cal. He passed away Dec. 4 at the Valle Vista convalescent hospital in Escondido. Services were held in the chapel of Alhiser-Wilson mortuary there on Dec. 8, and he was buried in the Chester cemetery Dec. 11, with graveside services conducted by Pastor Donald Tigges, and the C. P. Bakke Post.

He is survived by two sisters, Mary Kidd and Carrie Walworth, and a nephew, Donald Kidd, all of Escondido, Cal., two nieces, Edith Ohman Rowe of Lansing, Mich and Ann Ohman Erickson of Kankakee, Ill.

EDWIN P. (EDDIE) OLSON

Born: August 24, 1915 - Died: July 16, 1971

Liberty County Times

July 22, 1971

### **Eddie Olson dies July 16 Funeral services July 19**

Edwin P. "Eddie" Olson passed away suddenly Friday, July 16.

He was born Aug. 24, 1915, and was raised around the Chester and Galata area.

He went to Shelby to live in 1940. He later married Delores A. Hefter.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Eugene (Blanche) Halverson of Idaho Falls, Ida. and Mrs. Tom (Linda) Howell of Shelby; two grandchildren, Steven Halverson and Tammy Howell; one sister, Mrs. Cyrus Rishoff, Shelby; two brothers, Adolph and Alvin of Chester.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Bonnie Lou and his parents, Peter and Julia Olson.

Funeral services were Monday at 2 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, Shelby, burial in Mountain View cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bill Stover, Dick Klang, Eddie Renna, Bob Hannah, Ray Robbins and Leo Hawks.

**ANDREW E. OSCARSON**  
Born: April 8, 1877 - Died: March 23, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
April 1, 1971

### **Former Rudyard Man died in Oregon**

Former Rudyard area resident Andrew E. Oscarson died March 23 in a Newport hospital near Tualitin, Ore., where he had made his home for the past several years. He was 93.

Born in Glava, Sweden, April 8, 1877, Oscarson came to the United States in 1909, doing carpenter work in Fargo, N. D. In 1910 he sent for his wife, the former Hilma Magnuson, whom he married in Sweden, and his children, and in 1912 he moved his family to a homestead 27 miles north of Rudyard where he lived for many years.

His wife preceded him in death in 1932 and one daughter also preceded him in death in 1970. Survivors include two sons, David of Malta and Paul of Gelndive, and two daughters, Charlotte Sullivan of Tualitin, Ore. and Elsa Green of Portland, Ore.

Funeral services were Saturday in Tigard, Ore. Mr. and Mrs. David Oscarson of Malta went to attend the services.

## AMORY O. PATTON

Born: November 27, 1895 - Died: April 22, 1971

Liberty County Times

April 29, 1971

### Services Monday for A. O. Patton, Rudyard

Amory O. Patton, 75, of Rudyard died at the Chester hospital. Services were Monday at 10 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rudyard, with burial in the Rudyard cemetery.

Patton was born at Guss, Iowa and married Gladys Clawson July 8, 1917 at Corning, Iowa. She died a year ago in April. They came to the Hogeland area in 1915 and later moved to Rudyard. He was a 50 year member of the Legion.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Eva Kernan, Panorama City, Cal.; Mrs. Lola Richie, Rudyard; Mrs. Jean Haley, Nodaway, Iowa; Mrs. Ferné Sprague, Villisca, Iowa; Mrs. Luella Bailey, New Market, Iowa; a son, Forrest, Havre. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home, Havre was in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. Lawrence Thompson officiated Monday at 10 a.m. funeral services in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Rudyard.

Etehl Thompson accompanied Walter Woods, who sang, "In the Garden" and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."

Pallbearers were Alfred Voss, B. A. Bradbury, George Hanson, Charles Cross, Norman Knutson and Jack Hasty.

Burial was in the Rudyard cemetery.



FLORENCE PETERS  
Born: May 2, 1904 - Died: March 15, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
March 25, 1971

**Florence Peters  
Died March 15,  
Services March 19**

Florence Emmaline Peters, 66, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson March 15. Rosary was held in the Mosley funeral home Thursday evening and Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Leonard Jensen at 10:30 the 19th. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery at Polson.

Mrs. Peters was born in Ohio May 2, 1904 moving to the Galata region in 1916. She married Joseph Edward Peters June 8, 1921 and she and her husband resided on a farm southwest of Chester, where the Allen Kolstad family now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Peters moved to Polson in 1946 and lived there until the present time.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Grace Elton, Seattle, Mrs. Marjorie Nickol, Ledger and one son, Gayle of Austin, Tex. Fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive. Her husband preceded her in death in August 1962.

LEON E. PHILLIPS  
Born: July 14, 1883 - Died: June 28, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
July 8, 1971

## Leon E. Phillips dies In Missoula June 28

Leon E. Phillips passed away June 28 in a Missoula hospital after a six month illness. He was born in West Monroe, N. Y. in 1883 and would have been 88 years of age July 14. The early years of his life were spent in the Brewerton, N. Y. area and he purchased a ticket for Portland, Ore. at the turn of the century. He went as far as Chester, Montana where he started to work for Bourne and Hamilton Mercantile, which later became the Chester Trading Co. In 1911 he constructed a store for himself and entered the men's furnishings and

shoe business. In 1912 he bought out Walter V. D. Chapman and moved into the building thus consolidating the two stocks. In early 1915 he bought a business in Highwood where he remained until moving to Ronan in 1937. He served as postmaster 12 years while in Highwood.

Mr. Phillips and Crete D. Mc-Masters of Chester were married July 18, 1915 and to this union was born two daughters and a son Eldon who passed away at the age of three. Evelyn, now Mrs. Hydn P. Morgan lives in Spokane, Wash. Elsie, Mrs. George Garbe, resides in Pablo. Two granddaughters Mrs. Richard E. Phennege (Claudia) and Mrs. Robert L. Conn (Gwyneth) reside in California and Mrs. Larry Sheumaker (Bonnie) lives at Pablo. Two great granddaughters, April and Heather Phenneger also survive.

In Ronan Mr. Phillips operated the Phillips' Variety Store until 1963 when he retired from business life. He served on the Ronan Chamber of Commerce and the Ration Board for World War II. He was a lifetime member of the Christian Church and served as an elder in the Ronan Church over many years.

He was a member of the Ronan Masonic Lodge No. 131 AF & AM

and served as Master in 1948. He was also a member of Algeria Temple of The Shrine in Helena and Missoula Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons. He was a 50 year member of the Masonic Order.

Two brothers, Lyle Phillips, Brewerton, N. Y. and the Rev. Lemley Phillips, Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Delano Smith, Ilion, N. Y. and Mrs. Herman Vollmer, Central Square, N. Y. and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 1 at the Ronan Christian Church with the Rev. Preston Wilkins officiating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery with the Ronan Masonic Lodge in charge.

**VIVIAN SELA PIERSON**  
**Born: September 20, 1936 - Died: December 21, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 6, 1972**

**Mrs. Ervin Pierson**  
**Died December 21**  
**Services Dec. 27**

Mrs. Ervin Pierson of Chinook died Dec. 21, 1971 in a Great Falls hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. from the Eliason Funeral Home. Pastor Bruce Dahl officiated.

Pallbearers were Jim, Bill, Leo, Jerry and Paul Bilger and Charles Vaughn. Burial was in the Chinook cemetery.

Vivian Sela Pierson was born Sept. 20, 1936 at Stanley, N. D., the daughter of Ben and Clara Hime. She grew up in Minot, N. D. where she attended schools and was baptized in the American Lutheran church.

On April 21, 1957 Vivian and Ervin J. Pierson were united in marriage. They came to Montana and lived at Chester for six years before coming to Chinook where Mr. Pierson is employed as a mechanic by DePriest Trucking.

Immediate survivors are her husband, Ervin and two children, Cindy and Jeff; one son, Ervin J. Pierson Jr. died March of 1965.

## ROBERT L. REMINGTON

Born: November 13, 1919 - Died : March 6, 1971

Liberty County Times  
March 11, 1971



Liberty County Sheriff Robert Remington, 51, died in the local hospital about 3:30 p.m. Saturday, apparently from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head. He had been found nearly two hours earlier by Deputy Sheriff Earl Thiselle in a walkway between the jail and court house in Chester. It was estimated that he had been there for about an hour before he was found.

Earlier in the forenoon, numerous people had seen and talked with the sheriff as he was walking his dog around town. These people as well as the entire community were shocked and grieved when they heard the tragic news.

Robert Lee Remington was born at Villard, Pope County, Minn. Nov. 15, 1919 to Pearl and Bardwell Remington. He was baptized in infancy; attended the Methodist Church and Sunday School; grade and high school also of Villard.

In March 1942, he served as a security guard for radar equipment to Panama. In January 1944 to November 1945, he served in England, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe, where he was assigned to SHAEF HQS under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and the American Theatre Service Ribbon. He was discharged as Master Sergeant Nov. 18, 1945 at Camp McCoy, Wis.

He was married Aug. 3, 1943 to Blanche P. Lingen at St. John's Lutheran Church at rural Starbuck, Minn. He was employed at the Villard Elevator and Villard Creamery before coming to Montana in August 1955, where the family worked on the Allen Kolstad ranch near Tiber Dam. On Nov. 15, 1962, he took over duties as Liberty County Sheriff, Coroner and Public Administrator.

He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Chester, a 1963 graduate of Montana Law Enforcement Academy, National Sheriff's Association, Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association, serving on the board of directors and serving as its president the 1967-68 term, the Milk River Peace Officers Association, American Legion, Liberty Post No. 88, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, C. P. Bakke Post No. 3997, Montana Department Committee Chairman of the National Security Law and Order, Liberty County Search and Rescue, which he helped organize. He was a past master of the Galata Lodge No. 106 AF and AM.

He assisted Holland and Bonine Funeral Home, Montana Fish and Game Commission, Montana Livestock Commission and local Red Cross chapter. He assisted and worked closely with the Montana Highway Patrol, U. S. Border Patrol and F. B. I. Butte division.

He was held in the highest respect by all law enforcement officers with whom he worked.

He was also an active, popular member of many local organizations and civic projects.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche; daughters Mrs. Roger (Dorothy Marie) Herman, Mrs. Carl N. (Carol Ann) Morkrid and a granddaughter Laura Lee Herman, all of Great Falls, also one sister, Mrs. Irma Roering of Atwater, Minn.

Funeral services were held in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester Wednesday forenoon with Pastor Noel Petersen officiating. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Pall bearers were Allen C. Kolstad, Darby O'Brien, Loyd Lund, Clarence McDowell, William Hunt and Neil Shepherd. Organist was Mrs. Noel Petersen. The congregation sang "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less." Ushers were Leo Jensen, Robert Mattson, Clifford F. Hanson and Quannah Bailey.

Flag bearers were Dale Muncy and Buzz Zorn. Color guards were Skip Zorn and Tim Campbell. The firing squad was composed of Albert Hanson, Bill Woods, Jake Wormsbecker, Martin Reisenauer, Chet Eveland and Clint Fraser. Commander was Don Buffington. The firing squad was made up of members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Bugler was Steve Brown.

In his funeral oration Pastor Petersen spoke of the times when Bob Remington was called out in all hours of the night to settle fights, investigate accidents and stop disturbances, and he said, "Few of us have ever had such devotion to our jobs as he has had." Truer words were never spoken.

An estimated 75 law enforcement officers from all over Montana came to Chester to attend the funeral.

ADEN KNOLF SCHROUDER  
Born: ?, 1889 - Died: May 15, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
May 27, 1971



A. K. Schrouder

## A. K. Schrouder passes In Fort Benton

Aden Knolf Schrouder, 82, passed away at the St. Claire Hospital in Fort Benton May 15, 1971. Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Benton Funeral Home with Rev. Jacob Beck of St. Paul's Episcopal Church officiating. Burial was in the Riverside cemetery. Pall bearers were Loren Jenkins, Albert Bold, Robert Leinart, Orville Ayers, Clarence Middlestadt and G. C. Schmidt.

Aden Schrouder was born at Olney, Ill. the son of George and Mary Ellen (Hall) Schrouder. In the early days he homesteaded in the south Rudyard country near the old Brinkman Post Office and farmed there until his death.

On Sept. 12, 1928 he married in Havre to Laura Ruth Peake of Northfield, Minn. Survivors include his wife Laura, brother Harvey, Big Sandy, niece Cora De Lay of Glasgow, nephews Eugene, Rudyard, Glen, Norwood, Mo., and Loren Musgrove, Fort St. John, B. C., cousins Dora Barker, Olney, Ill., Ralph Barker, St. Louis, Mo., and Richard Barker, Florida and many other relatives and friends.

**HARVEY HAYWOOD SCHROUDER**  
Born: February 16, 1889 - Died: June 29, 1971  
**Liberty County Times**  
July 8, 1971

**H. H. Schrouder**  
**Died June 29**  
**At Big Sandy**



**Harvey H. Schrouder**

Harvey Haywood Schrouder, 82, passed away at the Big Sandy Medical Center June 29, 1971 after about a week's illness.

Born Feb. 16, 1889 at Olney, Ill., the son of George and Mary Ellen (Hall) Schrouder. He homesteaded near Glasgow in the early days, later moving to North Dakota where he farmed near Bisbee for a while. He worked out on farms and in the forest service in Idaho, later moving to Spokane where he became a "newsboy" until he retired. He lived at Great Falls and Rudyard after retirement until he entered a rest home in Big Sandy in 1964. He never married.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Mrs. Huldah Musgrove and two brothers, James Schrouder of Missouri and Aden Schrouder (who passed away just a little over a month ago). Those left to mourn his passing are a niece, Cora De Lay of Glasgow, three nephews, Eugene Schrouder of Rudyard, Glen Schrouder of Norwood, Mo. and Loren Musgrove of Fort St. John, B. C.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p.m. in Rohrer Methodist Church, Big Sandy with Rev. Lawrence S. Morely officiating. Interment was in the Big Sandy cemetery. Pallbearers were Aaron Wilson, Albert Bold, Frank O'Neil, Albert Hansen, Fred O'Neil and Pete Siemens.

**LAWRENCE SCHWEITZER**  
Born: January 11, 1931 - Died: September 14, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
September 23, 1971

## Lawrence Schweitzer

40, died Sept. 14

Final rites Sept. 18

Hingham farmer Lawrence Schweitzer, 40, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, in a Havre hospital.

Schweitzer was born Jan. 11, 1931, in Goldstone, and was raised in Rudyard and Hingham. He spent most of his life in this area.

Survivors include his wife, the former Luella Jane Seamon, who he married in Great Falls June 15, 1959. Also surviving are stepchildren, Martin Roy Springer, Franklin Springer and Pauline Springer, all of Hingham.

Among other survivors are his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Schweitzer, Hingham; sisters, Mrs. Helen McCann, Panama Canal Zone, Mrs. Leona Lakman, Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Beverly Smith, Hingham; and brothers, Joe of Portland, Ore., Leander of Conrad, William of Kodiak, Alaska, Eddie of Anchorage, Alaska, Marvin and Randall of Hingham, Richard of Reno, Nev. and Donald of Havre.

Services were Saturday, Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, with burial in the Calvary cemetery in Havre.

LYNDON SLOAN

Born: May 13, 1915 - Died: November 25, 1971

Liberty County Times

December 2, 1971

## Rites Tuesday for Lyndon Sloan

Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 11 a.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester for Lyndon Sloan, 56, who died in Chester Nov. 25.

Sloan was born in Montrail County, N. D. May 13, 1915. He farmed for most of his life in the area of Tagus, N. D., until poor health forced him to retire in 1960. He moved to Chester and made his home there.

Survivors include his wife, the former Lulu Schwede, whom he married Nov. 12, 1937. Also surviving are children, Duaine of Havre, Curtis of Fort Benton, and Linda Sloan of Chester; two grandsons; a sister, Mrs. Berniece Butler of Arizona; and a brother, Dwight Sloan of Everett, Wash.

Pallbearers were Glen Peterson, Orville Gandrud, Melvin Schwede, Dick Layton, Gary Deaver, Gerald Schwede. Ushers were Leo Jensen and Monte Lerum.

Mrs. Ted Zorn was soloist. She sang "In the Garden" and "Old Rugged Cross." Organist was Mrs. Noel Petersen.



**W. A. (PETE) SMITH**  
Born: December 11, 1899 - Died: March 13, 1971  
*Liberty County Times*  
March 25, 1971

**W.A. 'Pete' Smith  
Died March 13,  
Services March 17**

The Rev. Dorcy Spencer of Great Falls (former pastor at Chester) and the Rev. Dan Wanders officiated last Wednesday, March 17 at 2 p.m. funeral services at the United Methodist Church for W. A. (Pete) Smith, Chester area farmer who died March 13 in Rochester.

Meredith Anderson and Rose Ish sang a duet, "It Is Well With My Soul," accompanied by Dorothy Brown. The congregation, accompanied by Helen Ann Aaberg, sang "Now Thank We All Our Lord" and "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name."

Pallbearers were Elmer Muncy, Neil Shepherd, Darwin Snuffer, Ray Fritz, Leonard Fritz and Lyle Glee. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Thornton, Ray Kerr, Carl Yurman, Jess Blair, Sid Rockman, Jake Walkman, Harold Thielman, Glen Shepherd, Harry Cady, Simon Warrington, Frank Schwan and Jim Carr. Ushers were Alfred Hanson and Weldon Frank.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Born in Missouri Dec. 11, 1899, Pete lived with his parents in Nebraska and Texas. In 1927 he came to Montana and started farming northwest of Chester. In 1930 he married Marie Jane Lawlor.

Survivors include his widow, Marie; children, Vernon Cramer of Chester, Mrs. Hilda Gummer of Chester and Mrs. Ethel Patterson of Great Falls; 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren: sisters, Mrs. Alta Rupert, Maywood, Neb., Mrs. Ethel Viles, Norwalk, Cal., Mrs. Emma Wilhelmson, Harrisonville, Mo., Mrs. Lizzie Wilhelmson, North Platte, Neb., brothers, Carl, Hemit, Cal., Francis, Vanzant, Mo., and John, Eugene, Ore.

He was a member of the Chester United Methodist Church.

## Rev. Dorsey J. Spencer, 70, Methodist Minister, Dies

*Spencer 1971*

Rev. Dorsey J. Spencer, 70, 1609½ 2nd Ave. S., died Sunday afternoon after being stricken suddenly at home. He was assistant minister at the First United Methodist Church here.

Prior to coming to Great Falls, he was minister at the Clyde Park-Wilsall Methodist churches from 1960 to 1961, and at Chester from 1961 to 1966. At that time he assumed a similar position at Geraldine. He came to the Great Falls church on April 1, 1970.

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In 1936, they went to El Monte, Calif., where he continued his employment with Metropolitan. The couple moved to Livingston in 1948, and he became associated with Spencers Ready to Wear.

After suffering a heart attack at the age of 57, he decided to devote his life to the ministry. He was ordained after study at the College of the Pacific, Stock-

ton, Calif. He had previously earned a degree from Washington State University, Pullman.

Spencer was a member of KOF Eastern Star Orient Chapter No. 6 in Livingston, and of the Rotary Club and Delta Lodge No. 128, AF&AM in Great Falls.

Mrs. Spencer died May 17, 1970.

Survivors include two daughters and a son, Mrs. Donald (Margaret) Strouf, Belt, Mrs. Richard (Sylvia) Johnson, Great Falls, and David J., St. Paul, Minn.; four sisters, Mrs. Lou Phelps, Mrs. Elsie Lancaster and Mrs. Myrtle Manfre, Kansas City, and Mrs. Ethel Davis, Scottsdale, Ariz.; six grandchildren.

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DELOS STERRY

Born: July 19, 1917 - Died: January 5, 1971

Liberty County Times

January 14, 1971

### **Death attributed To freezing**

Dr. Richard Buker has established freezing as the cause of death for Delos Sterry, 53, whose body was found in a farm house where he worked, 7 miles south of Joplin. He was last seen Monday, Jan. 4, and was found Wednesday forenoon, Jan. 6. There was a mark on his head, but this was not considered serious enough to have caused the man to die.

According to the theory, Sterry fell, and while falling somehow shut off the oil release valve on the stove. He probably froze to death without regaining consciousness.

Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Holland Bonine Funeral Home.

Born in Hingham July 19, 1917, Sterry served in Europe during World War II and returned to Joplin.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Bernice Hughes of Havre and Miss Marjory Sterry of Seattle, two brothers, Norman of Seattle and Alton of Hingham and nieces and nephews.

ELSIE JANE (GULICK) SULLIVAN  
Born: ?, 1924 - Died: September 6, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
September 9, 1971

**Elsie Sullivan  
Succumbs to heart  
Attack**

Mrs. Elsie Jane (Gulick) Sullivan died Monday in Olympia, Wash. from a sudden heart attack. Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 10 in the Elenne Bros. Funeral Home in Olympia.

She was born in San Diego, Cal. in 1924 and was raised on the Gulick farm north of Joplin. She was a member of the Joplin Chapter 109, OES.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Sullivan, one daughter and two sons, all of Olympia; her mother, Virginia Gulick of north Joplin; four brothers, Rex and Ray Gulick of north Joplin, George of Great Falls and Seward of Snohomish, Wash.

MRS. ERICA SUNDGREN  
Born: 7, 1881 - Died: October 28, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
November 4, 1971

*Mrs. Erica Sundgren dies in  
Kalispell, services Monday*

Mrs. Erica Sundgren, 90, died Thursday in Kalispell. Services were Monday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens. She was born in Sweden. She came to the United States about 1905 and married Arvid Sundgren Oct. 23, 1906, in Barton, N. D. They homesteaded at Joplin, and moved to Columbia Falls in 1947. In 1953 they moved to the East Shore of Flathead Lake. Survivors include sons, Swen of Chester and Arthur of Joplin; daughters, Mrs. George Thielman of Joplin, Mrs. Carol Ness and Mrs. John McNeely of Seattle and Mrs. Estrid Freeland of Billings.

**PAUL H. SUROVI**  
Born: June 13, 1887 - Died: August 9, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
August 19, 1971

## Final rites for Paul H. Surovi

Hingham area farmer Paul H. Surovi died in the Chester hospital Monday, Aug. 9 at the age of 84.

Surovi was born June 13, 1887, in Czechoslovakia and came to the United States when he was 21. He landed in New York and moved to Chicago where he stayed for some time before coming to the Hingham area where he made his home.

A member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, Surovi belonged to the Knights of Columbus in Havre.

He married the former Leatha

Rathbun in Hingham Dec. 14, 1926.

She survives him. Also surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Esther Livin, Los Angeles, Cal.; two grandchildren, and two brothers, Felix of Erickson, Manitoba and Simon in Czechoslovakia.

The Vigil of the Word was Wednesday at 9 p.m. in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church. Funeral rites were Thursday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. at the church, with Rev. Fr. Jordan Blecha officiating.

Pallbearers were Walter Welsh, John Hultin, Victor Gatzemeier, Gene Pester, G. E. Carlson and Dale Muncy. Ushers were Phillip Lipp and Frank Jochim.

Burial was in the Hingham cemetery.

## DONALD (CASEY) SWANK

Born: August 24, 1915 - Died: March 10, 1971

Liberty County Times

March 11, 1971

### Casey Swank dies From severe burns

Donald Swank (Casey as he was affectionately known by his many friends) passed away in the local hospital Wednesday forenoon. His untimely death came at a time when much of the community was attending the funeral of Sheriff Bob Remington, and the entire community is in mourning over the tragic events of the past week.

Donald Swank had received second and third degree burns over 60 per cent of his body in a farm accident east of Chester Saturday afternoon. He was rushed to Liberty County Hospital.

According to reports, Casey was working on a tractor in a garage. He had crawled under the tractor and was cleaning some parts when a trouble light fell into the gasoline and exploded. He crawled out from under the tractor with his clothes aflame.

Ed Swank and Scott Swank were there at the time, and brought Casey to the hospital.

Chester Volunteer Fire Department was called. However, the garage was not burning when they arrived. The door to the garage had been closed and the flames smothered. The cab of the tractor was scorched, and the wiring burned. There was also some damage to the insulation of the garage above the tractor.

### Funeral Services For Donald (Casey) Swank held Mon.

Donald (Casey) Swank, 55, died Wednesday, March 10 in the Liberty County Hospital from second and third degree burns over half his body in a fire while working on a tractor March 6, at his ranch east of Chester.

Born in Chester Aug. 24, 1915, Swank was a farmer in the Chester area. He served in World War II and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Methodist Church with Rev. Daniel Wanders officiating. Mrs. Dorothy Brown and Rose Ish sang a duet "In the Garden" accompanied by Betty Langdon. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art." Pallbearers were Bill Wood, Darby O'Brien, Bud Hunnewell, Bud McDowell, Lloyd Keith and Carl Yurman. Ushers were Earl Keith, Alfred Hanson, Don Buffington and Tom Wood. Burial was at the Chester cemetery with the VFW Post conducting graveside services.

He married the former Beverly Hays in Brady March 31, 1962. She survives him, as well as his daughter Renee Swank at home, Mrs. Arnold (Micki) Lalum, Chester and Mrs. Darrol (Patricia) Groven, Troy; sisters Mrs. Mildred Shettel, Chester, Mrs. Edith Poirier, Seattle, Mrs. Lorene Jacobson, Chester and Mrs. Grace Anderson, Vancouver, Wash. and brothers DeVoe of Valier, John, Dallas and Edward of Chester, Russell of Anchorage, Alaska and Emanuel of Seattle. His parents, two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

A memorial has been established to the Diabetic Foundation.



MINNIE THENNIS  
Born: January 6, 1881 - Died: May 3, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
May 6, 1971

## Final rites May 5 for Minnie Thennis

Rosary was recited Wednesday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home for Mrs. Minnie Thennis, 90, Gildford resident who died in the Chester hospital May 3.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 6 at 10 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic Church, Havre, with burial in the Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Thennis was born in Brandon, Minn., Jan. 6, 1881 and grew up there. She was married in Brandon Feb. 2, 1904 to Christopher J. Thennis and the couple came to homestead near Kremlin in 1912. They moved into Gildford in 1920 and made their home there since.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1949. Survivors include children, Edward of Libby, Charles of Chester, Mrs. Irene Baker of Libby, Mrs. Alvie (Frances) Stevens, Columbia Falls, Mrs. Charles (Josephine) Hale of Havre, Mrs. Warren (Delores) Sauby, Great Falls, and Mrs. John (Anne) Chinadle of Hingham; 18 grandchildren and 57 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Zwack, Moorhead, Minn. and Mrs. Anna Davis, Brandon, Minn. and two brothers, Andrew Guenther, Parkersprairie, Minn., and Rudolph Guenther, Brandon, Minn.

One daughter preceded her in death.

**JULIA MORKRID THIELTGES**  
**Born: May 5, 1887 - Died: April 13, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 15, 1971**

**Funeral services Monday for  
Mrs. Julia Thieltges**

Mrs. Julia Thieltges, 83, passed away at a Palm Springs, Calif., hospital Tuesday, April 13.

Services were held in Chester Monday, April 19 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Pastor Noel Petersen officiating. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Julia Morkrid Thieltges was born May 5, 1887 in Bergan, Norway. She came to America at the age of 17 and lived with an uncle at Petersburg, N. D. and attended school there. She came to Montana in 1912 and homesteaded with her mother southwest of Chester.

In December 1917 she was united in marriage to Math Thieltges, who survives. Since 1930 she and her husband had spent the winters in California, returning each summer to their farm at Chester.

In addition to the widower, she is survived by several cousins.

Pallbearers were Bill Fraser, Henry Kolstad, Clark McBride, Oliver Morkrid, Darby O'Brien and Carman Skari. Honorary pallbearers were Carl Brown, Fred Brown, Lloyd Hendrickson, Carl Morkrid, Sig Olson, Harold Thompson, Clarence Kolstad and A. C. Kammerzell.

Ushers were Curtis Morkrid, Bill Morkrid and Jerry Hendrickson.

The congregation sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "Nearer My God To Thee" and Pastor Petersen sang "How Great Thou Art." Organist was Mrs. Noel Petersen.

The family asks that memorials be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home.

STANLEY J. THILL  
Born: May 21, 1919 - Died: April 28, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
May 6, 1971

## **Thill dies suddenly Services Saturday**

Stanley J. Thill, consulting engineer, died at the Pondera County Hospital Wednesday, April 28. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 1, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Conrad.

Stanley Thill was born in Conrad May 21, 1919, graduated from the local high school and the University of California where he received a BS degree in civil engineering in 1939. During World War II he served as a First Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and was honorably discharged from military service in 1946. He married Estelle Ezbecki of Philadelphia on June 4, 1944. They returned to Conrad where they first farmed at the family homestead southwest of Conrad; then in 1949 Stanley established the consulting engineering firm of Stanley J. Thill and Associates which he conducted until the time of his death.

This firm drew the plans and engineered Chester's water system.

**MABEL SERENA THORSON**

Born: July 3, 1886 - Died: October 8, 1971

Liberty County Times

October 14, 1971

**Mabel Thorson, 85,  
Dies in Choteau**

Mabel S. Thorson, 85, died Friday, Oct. 8 in Choteau where she

had lived the past 10 years. Services were Monday at 10 a.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church, Joplin. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre was in charge. She was born in Pigeon Falls, Wis. Her family homesteaded near Joplin in 1913. She married Gilbert Thorson

in 1905. He died in 1934. Survivors include daughters, Gladys of Choteau, Mrs. R. K. (Vi) Liechner of Boise, Mrs. J. E. (Al) of Warm Springs and Mrs. Don (Beulah) Anderson of Fairfield, a son, Cliff of Joplin, 13 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

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GILBERT UNDERDAHL  
Born: November 19, 1889 - Died: December 5, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
December 16, 1971

**Gilbert Underdahl  
Died December 5,  
Services Dec. 8th**

Gilbert Underdahl, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 5 at Great Falls after a lengthy illness. He had homesteaded and farmed near Ledger until his retirement in 1953 when he moved to Great Falls. Born Nov. 19, 1889 at Underdahl, Norway, he came to the United States in 1906 and moved to Montana in 1910. He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Survivors are the widow, Bessie; sons, Irwin and Orlo, both of Ledger; a daughter, Mrs. Borghild Thord, Great Falls, and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church with Rev. Thomas Housholder officiating. Burial was in St. Olaf Lutheran Church cemetery, near Ledger.

CLARA A. UNDERDAL  
Born: January 3, 1897 - Died: March 10, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
March 18, 1971

## Clara A. Underdal Died in Great Falls

Mrs. Olav K. (Clara A.) Underdal, 74, Great Falls died Wednesday morning soon after her admittance to hospital. She had been in ill health three years.

Funeral services were Saturday at 2 p.m. at Croxford & Sons Mortuary chapel. Burial was in the St. Olaf cemetery near Ledger.

A resident of Great Falls 27 years, Mrs. Underdal was born in Candy, Minn., Jan. 3, 1897. She grew up and received her education in Minnesota. She taught school in Minnesota, South Dakota and near Ledger for a total of 23 years. She and Underdal were married Jan. 24, 1931, in the latter locale. After coming to Great Falls she worked for Vallet Fur Co. for several years.

Survivors are the widower and sisters, Mrs. Carl (Alice) Zimmer of Great Falls, Mrs. L. N. (Della) Beagley of Mankato, Minn., Ida Nelson of Lake Preston, S. D. and Mrs. Viola Leasure, Madison, S. D.

**MRS. LEONE VIOLETT**  
**Born: December 25, 1882 - Died: September 2, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 9, 1971**

**Mrs. Leone Violett**  
**Rites September 4th**

Mrs. Leone Violett was born in Leicester, England, Dec. 25, 1882 and passed away in Sheridan, Montana Sept. 2, 1971. She migrated to America with her parents and the rest of her family as a small child. They traveled to Cooperstown, N. D. where her father was engaged in

farming for many years and there Leone Marson grew to womanhood and became the bride of Lee William Violett of Missouri.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Lee Violett made a decision to leave Cooperstown and move farther west, which they did and chose a homestead site south of Lothair, where they lived for many years and raised a family of two sons and two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Violett also raised a foster son, Francis Moran, who preceded her in death, three years ago, and a step-son also survives, Francis Violett of Fruitland, Idaho. Francis Violett was raised by his maternal grandparents.

Her survivors are: Mr. and Mrs. Willis Violett, Lothair; Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lasich, Dillon; Mr. and Mrs. Arie Doornbos, Sheridan; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Violett of Fruitland, Idaho and nine grand children and twelve great grandchildren.

The funeral services were held in the Burns Funeral Home Chapel in Shelby at 11 a.m. Sept. 4, with Rev. Leon Johnson of the First Methodist Church of Shelby, officiating.

Helen Ann Aaberg, Chester was organist and Betty Jean Wolfe of Chester was vocalist.

The pallbearers were Galen Kolstad, Glen Standiford, Frank Schwann, Frank Meldrum and Emers Berg. Usher was Jack Stower of Shelby.

Excluded from Mrs. Leone Violett's survivors in her obituary last week was Mr. and Mrs. Archie Violett, Lothair; also pallbearer Bob Wigen.

**CHRIS P. VOSEN**  
**Born: January 5, 1883 - Died: December 25, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 6, 1972**

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**Chris Vosen, 88**  
**Died December 25**  
**Services Dec. 29**

Retired Kremlin area farmer Chris P. Vosen, 88, died Dec. 25 in a Havre hospital.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Dec. 29 in St. Jude's Catholic church, with burial in Calvary cemetery.

Pall bearers were Leon Vosen, Ray Vogel, Elton Mangels, Norman Johnson, Art Berg and Bob Koutnik. Ushers were John McCormick and Cliff Heggen.

Vosen was born in Hires Corner, Wis. Jan. 5, 1883. He married the former Ella Benson in Buckman, Minn., Jan. 28, 1908, and the couple moved south of Kremlin from Fessenden, N. D. in 1910 to homestead.

Vosen farmed in the area and also worked as a blacksmith. He retired from farming in 1950, but continued his blacksmith work for a few more years.

His wife preceded him in death in 1965. Survivors include a son, Ray of Kremlin, and a daughter, Mrs. Ed (Eileen) Ordway of Havre; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; a brother, S. G. Vosen of Helena; and sisters, Mrs. Harry Cady of Kremlin, Mrs. Florence Holdorf of Butte, Mrs. Max Turks of Waterford, Wis., and Mrs. Lilla Adamson of LaVerne, Cal.

A memorial has been established to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch.



**WILLIAM JOHN WALLACE**  
**Born: May 12, 1879 - Died: November 30, 1971**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 2, 1971**

**William John Wallace died**  
**Services Saturday at Chester**

William John Wallace, 92, died Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Libby. Rev. Kutz will conduct services at Libby Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Services will be at the United Methodist Church in Chester Saturday at 2 p.m. with burial in the Chester cemetery.

NORMAN A. WELTE  
Born: October 30, 1905 - Died: August 21, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
August 26, 1971

## Norman Welte's Funeral August 17

A member of Hamilton's retirement community, Norman A. Welte, died suddenly Saturday morning while on a fishing trip to the Bitter Root River just north of the city.

Welte suffered an apparent heart attack and succumbed while fishing with a visitor to Hamilton. Death was attributed to natural causes by acting coroner Don Clatworthy and undersheriff Ray Allen who were called to the scene to investigate.

Welte was born Oct. 30, 1905 in North Dakota. He farmed in the Havre community for many years before retiring and moving to Hamilton in 1968.

The man was president of the newly-formed Golden Age Club of Hamilton and also was active in the IOOF lodge and Federated Church.

Survivors include the widow, the former Mary Graves, whom he married in 1952 at Havre; two daughters, Mrs. Monabelle Opprudd of Havre and Mrs. Lois Locke of Billings; two stepsons and three stepdaughters and eight grandchildren.

Two sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Foix, at Hingham, and Miss Evelyn Welte, Warm Springs, also survive.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Dowling Chapel. Rev. Edwin Dover officiated and burial was in the Riverview cemetery.

FLORENCE B. WICKS  
Born: August 6 1892 - Died: January 25, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
January 28, 1971

### **Florence Wicks, 78, died Monday Services Friday**

Mrs. Florence B. Wicks, 78, passed away Monday morning, Jan. 25 at the Liberty County Hospital. She was born Aug. 6, 1892 at Sanborn, Minn.

On Feb. 21, 1911 she was married to John Jewel Wicks at Cottage Grove, Ore. To this union were born five children. Mr. and Mrs. Wicks came to Montana in 1913, and homesteaded 34 miles north of Joplin. They continued to farm in this area. Mrs. Wicks was a very active 4-H leader for many years. Since 1954 she has resided at Rudyard.

She is survived by two sons, Bertram Wicks, north of Joplin, and Walter Wicks of Chester, and one daughter, Mrs. Vic (Adeline) Seuser of Rudyard; also 15 grandchildren. Her husband and two sons preceded her in death. Mr. Wicks passed away in October, 1944.

Also surviving are five sisters: Mrs. John (Nettie) Eichten, Wanda, Minn.; Mrs. Joe (Merle) Lipetzky, Kensal, N. D.; Mrs. Conrad (Frances) May, Inverness; Mrs. Otto (Leone) Wagner, St. Cloud, Minn.; and Mrs. Wilbur (Evelyn) Olson, New Ulm, Minn; and five brothers: Victor Evans, Centerline, Mich.; George Evans, Havre; Otis Evans, Redwood Falls, Minn.; Ernest Evans, Inverness and Clinton Evans, Rudyard; and a host of nieces and nephews. Three sisters preceded her in death: Mrs. Henry (Bessie) Mertz, Mrs. Orrin (May) Carpenter and Rose May.

Funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre with Pastor Lawrence Thompson of Rudyard officiating. Burial will be in the Highland cemetery, Havre.

### **Services held Friday For Florence Wicks**

The Rev. Lawrence Thompson officiated Friday at 2 p.m. funeral rites in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home for Mrs. Florence B. Wicks, 78, who died Jan. 25 in Chester.

Pallbearers were Olyn Wolery, Clive Owens, Norris Harrison, Norman Knutson, Sterling Wardell and Raymond Patrick.

The organist was Mrs. Lawrence Thompson, and Rev. Thompson sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art."

Interment was in the Highland cemetery.

MRS. ELIZABETH PEARL WIDDIS  
Born: October 17, 1882 - Died: November 5, 1971  
Liberty County Times  
November 11, 1971

## Services November 9 Elizabeth Widdis

Mrs. Elizabeth Widdis, 89, Chester, died Friday in Chester. Services were Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Holland Bonine Funeral Home, Havre. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Widdis was born in Bear Lake, Mich. She came to Bozeman in 1906 with her first husband, Bill Williams. He died in 1909 and a year later she homesteaded north of Rudyard. A year after her marriage to Robert Widdis in 1920, she moved to Canada. He died in 1940 and in 1946 she returned to Rudyard, to live with a brother, Ray Bair. She lived there until 1963 when she entered a rest home. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Vira King, Creston, B. C.; sons, Mark of Rudyard, and Don in British Columbia, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

GUY C. WOLERY

Born: May 24, 1892 - Died: November 1, 1971

Liberty County Times

November 4, 1971

## Services today For Guy Wolery

Retired farmer Guy C. Wolery of Havre died in a Havre hospital Monday, Nov. 1. He was 79.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home.

Wolery was born in Glenville, Minn., May 24, 1892. He came to Montana in the spring of 1914, and homesteaded 30 miles north of Joplin.

He married the former Blanche L. Wilson Oct. 21, 1915, and the couple farmed until his retirement in 1957, when they built a home in Havre. They lived in Havre since that time.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Elvyn of Turner, Olyn, Rayne, and Lloyd of Joplin; a daughter, Mrs. Opal Harrison of Rudyard; 26 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.