

CORA ASPEVIG
Born: June 21, 1893 - Died: May 8, 1987
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Cora Aspevig

Cora Aspevig was born on June 21, 1893 in Ulen, Minnesota to Emma (Martinson) and Olaf Grendahl.

Prior to coming to Montana, Mrs. Aspevig attended Moorhead State Normal School in Moorhead, Minnesota, and taught a few years in country schools in Minnesota and western North Dakota. She attended public school in Ulen, Minnesota. She was baptised and confirmed at the United Lutheran Church in Ulen.

She married Herbert E. Aspevig on November 19, 1915, in Havre, Montana. Cora and her husband homesteaded south of Rudyard in the Black Coulee area. In the early 1920's they moved into Rudyard and continued to farm. Mr. and Mrs. Aspevig were charter members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. They sang duets for many years at special occasions. Herbert died in 1948.

Cora's hobbies included knitting, crocheting, quilting, and tatting.

She moved to the Eagles Manor in Havre in 1978 and to the nursing home in Havre in 1981.

Cora had five sons; Donald, Rudyard (1963) and LeRoy "Bud", Rudyard (1973) preceded her in death. Three sons survive - Hugo, Rudyard, Paul, Yakima, WA, and Roger, Crookston, MN.

Pallbearers were her grandsons: Dale Aspevig, Mark Aspevig, Dexter Aspevig, Clyde Aspevig, Jerome Aspevig, Jay Aspevig, Jim Aspevig, Herb Aspevig, and Monte Aspevig.

Honorary Pallbearers were Cora's granddaughters: Twila Kjensrud, Lanea Gunderson, Karen Stevenson, and Linda Aspevig.

Ushers were Fred Rigg and Allen Twedt.

Jerome Lincoln sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by organist, Stanleigh Barbie.

Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery followed by a luncheon reception held in the basement of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rudyard.

Memorials are to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rudyard.

MARIAN AUREN

Born: December 9, 1907 - Died: July 24, 1987

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Marian Auren

Marian Auren, age 79, died Friday afternoon, July 24th at an Auburn, WA nursing home where she had been a resident the past 2 1/2 months.

Marian was born December 9, 1907 at Minot, ND daughter of Charles and Hanna Enerson Johns. As a child, she moved with her parents to a homestead near Chester where she attended schools. She graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in education in 1927. She taught high school in Conrad where she met Everett Auren. They were married in Great Falls, July 19, 1930. Her husband operated the Chevrolet dealership in Conrad and she worked there as bookkeeper until they sold to Cliff Wright in 1961.

Her husband preceded her in death June 3, 1967. She continued to live in Conrad until 1972 when she moved to Sun City, AZ. She moved to Auburn in 1984 to enjoy her family. She was a member and Elder of the Presbyterian Church, Chapter

#86, O.E.S. Conrad, of which she was a Past Matron, a Past President of the Conrad Women's Club, a member of the Advisory Board, Order of the Rainbow, and had received the Grand Cross of Colors, she loved gardening and Duplicate Bridge and became a Life Master of the game.

Survivors include two daughters, Joanna Truchot of Auburn, WA and Sharon Ellwood of Stanwood, WA; and one brother, LeRoy Johns of Grand Forks, ND; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 30th at the First Presbyterian Church in Conrad at 2 p.m. Rev. Paul Cousins will officiate and interment will follow in the family plot in Hillside Cemetery. Casket bearers will be her six grandchildren: Gregory Truchot, Clayton Truchot, Sandra Truchot, Sharil Truchot, Paul Lester, and Marcus Lester.

Wyse Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials to the Arthritis Foundation, Montana Chapter, c/o Betty Ann Conrad, P.O. Box 1424, Conrad, MT would be appropriate.

DAISY MARY BILLER

Born: October 12, 1896 - Died: December 1, 1987

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Daisy Biller

Daisy Mary Biller was born on October 12th, 1896 at Pymoor, Cambridgeshire, England. She was the only daughter of four children born to Eliza Ann Moore and Martin Read. The family moved to Lincolnshire, England where Daisy received her education and had training as a primary teacher.

Daisy came to the United States with her parents, who homesteaded near Inverness (Montana) in August of 1916. While there, she worked in the post office and served as a rural mail carrier.

In October of 1933 Daisy married Adolph E. Biller in Havre. They lived and worked on different farms in the Flathead Valley in the years that followed. In 1945 they moved to Columbia Falls and remained there until Ed's death in 1962. Daisy continued to live alone in Columbia Falls. In November of 1984, when her health failed, she moved to Chester to live at the Sweetgrass Lodge. She remained there until October of 1987, when she entered the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Daisy died at the rest home on Tuesday afternoon, December 1st, at the age of 91 years.

While in Columbia Falls, Daisy was a member of the United Methodist Church and had served as organist for several years. In addition to playing the organ, she enjoyed singing. She and Ed raised a

big garden every year and sold vegetables, strawberries and eggs to local residents. Although they never had a family of their own, they loved children, and Daisy babysat many kids during her 40-year stay in Columbia Falls. She was an avid letter-writer and kept in contact with her many dear friends. She had a fantastic memory, and liked to visit and share stories with friends and neighbors. In her quiet hours at home she enjoyed knitting and crocheting. Daisy had a special love for animals of all kinds, but was especially fond of cats.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her three brothers (Leslie, Thomas and Cyril). Daisy is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Terry (Mary Ann) Stevenson of Hingham and Jeanette Read of Campbell, California and by one nephew, Robert Read of Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

Funeral services were held at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church on Friday, December 4th, at 2:00 p.m. The Reverend Howard Hunter officiated. The congregation sang one of Daisy's favorite hymns, "Sun of My Soul", accompanied by Mary Bond on the organ. Special vocal numbers by Mike Stevenson included "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Just As I Am". Ushers were Ted Andrew and Jack Schilling. Friends serving as pallbearers were Kenneth Knapton, Ed Fledderman, Dick Farrington, Floyd Barnhart, Allen Quick, and Bob Bucasovich.

Interment followed in the Woodlawn Cemetery, and a coffee hour for family and friends was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorial gifts will be given to the Chester Sweetgrass Lodge and to the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church.

ROBERT EDWARD BLAKE, JR.
Born: October 26, 1934 - Died: July 11, 1987
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Robert Blake, Jr.

Robert Edward Blake, Jr. was born in Havre, Montana on October 26th, 1934. He was one of three sons born to Louise Norenberg & Robert J. Blake. Bob grew up on the family homestead 14 miles north of Hingham and attended schools in Hingham.

At an early age he began farming; he worked for various farmers in the Hi-line area before buying his own place north of Hingham. Bob married Irma Gustafson of Rudyard in 1955, and the product of that marriage was three children. He continued to work & live in the Hingham community until 2 months ago, when he was admitted to a Great Falls hospital. He was transferred to the convalescent home in Chester on June 11th. He remained there until his death on the evening of Saturday, July 11th. Bob was 52 years old.

In his younger days Bob did some hunting and enjoyed snowmobiling. At one time he had been active in the bowling leagues at Rudyard. Bob liked people, and he was a great one for telling stories or personal experiences to family & friends. He enjoyed movies, and was especially fond of action-packed dramas & comedies. Bob was a generous man and was always willing to let a friend use his shop, tools, & equipment. He loved Montana agriculture and was very proud to be a dryland farmer....

Bob's survivor's included a daughter & son-in-law, Jody & Kevin Rocks of Great Falls; a son & daughter-in-law, Randy & Chris of Hingham; a son, Scott of Great Falls; his father, Robert (Sr.) of Hingham; 2 brothers, Donald of Rudyard and Roger of Nevada; 2 granddaughters, Randon Rocks & Kramer Blake; and numerous nephews & neices. Bob was preceded in death by his mother in 1986.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Hingham Lutheran Parish. The Reverend Ran Drollman officiated. Vocalist Terry Stevenson, performed "The Lord's Prayer", and the congregation sang "How Great thou Art". Accompanist was Sharon Spicher. Friends serving as pallbearers included Eddie Alex, Don Spoonheim, Donald Blake, Dick Diemar, Chris Richter, Edwin Sorendon, Ed Norenberg, Ben Spinler, and Don Kline. Ushers were Daryl Spicher & Ed Lipp. Burial was in the Hingham Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Following graveside services, a luncheon was held at the church. Memorial gifts will be given to the Northern Montana Chemical Dependency Center in Havre.

DELORIS ILENE BRANDT
Born: February 20, 1923 - Died: May 14, 1987
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Deloris Brandt

Deloris Ilene Brandt, 64, passed away in St. Clair Hospital in Monroe, Wisconsin on May 14, 1987. Services were held in the Steinke Funeral Home in Galena, Illinois on Saturday May 16, 1987 at 10 a.m. with Rev. Donna Wrzeszcz officiating. Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 19 at 2 p.m. at the Rudyard Cemetery, Rudyard, Montana with Pastor Rand Drollman officiating.

She was born in Schapville, Illinois on February 20, 1923, the daughter of Benjamin and Carrie Menzemer. She married Wilmar Brandt in Schapville, Illinois on February 22, 1949 and they farmed at Elizabeth, Illinois for 27 years.

Survivors beside her husband, Wilmar, of Elizabeth, IL, are her son Terry Brandt of Lincoln, NE, and daughter, Mrs. Joe (Sherry) Phillips of Blandinsville, IL, two grandchildren, and two brothers-in-law, Irvin and Robert Brandt of Rudyard.

Local funeral arrangements were handled by Holland and Bonine.

Memorials to the Cancer Fund.

RODNEY GLENN (ROD) BUTLER

Born: April 19, 1938 - Died: June 19, 1987



Rodney Butler

Rodney Glenn Butler was born in Great Falls, Montana on April 19th, 1938. He was one of seven children born to Ruth Galvin and Hilary Butler. Rod attended the Westside Franklin School, then transferred to Great Falls High. In 1955 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged in 1959. He transferred to the U.S. Naval Reserves until 1963. At the same time he attended the College of Great Falls and Northern Montana College in Havre, where he received his Masters Degree in Elementary Education. In 1964 Rod taught school in Power. The following year he came to Chester where he had lived and worked since. He taught English and Social Studies in the Chester School system. About three years ago he was diagnosed with colon cancer, and has had numerous treatments since that time. Rod continued to teach school until this spring when his health deteriorated. He moved to Great Falls to be near his treatment center. Rod officially retired from teaching at the end of this school year, and was credited with 25 years of service in education. Rod and his wife, Tammy (whom he married on

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December 31st, 1986), flew to Miami on vacation in mid-June. While aboard a cruise ship in the Caribbean Sea. Rod died on the morning of Friday, June 19th. He was 49 years old.

Rod was a life member of the M.E.A. and had held numerous offices in the Chester Education Association. He had also served a president and treasurer of the Hi-Line Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. In recent months he had been attending services at the Alliance Church in Chester. Rod loved Chester and had spent essentially the last half of his life here, and it was his wish that his funeral and burial also be here.

In his younger days, Rod enjoyed hunting and fishing. As a teenager he won a Golden Gloves boxing award. He was an avid basketball fan, and in his quiet hours he enjoyed playing chess. As a hobby he collected coins. Rod enjoyed electronic, so he ran a TV sales/repair shop out of his home for many years in Chester. In more recent years he had a burning desire to travel, in fact, last summer he put over 12,000 miles on his van while traveling in the New England states. At every historical point he collected pamphlets and other appropriate literature, and then categorized this information and donated it to the social studies program at the school. Rod shared many of his life's experiences with his students, and was very open with them about his terminal disease. He always maintained a good, positive attitude and was well-known at school for his "corny" jokes. Even with the ailments of his disease, he never complained. Teaching wasn't just a job to Rod, but rather something fun and exciting. He left home in the morning with a smile on his face, and he came back later wearing that same smile.

Rod's survivors include his wife, Tammy of Chester; two daughters, Cynthia Buck of Columbia Falls, and Mrs. Terry (Gina) Colwell of Bozeman; two step-daughters, Amber and Heidi of Chester; his father and step-mother, Hilary and Lona of Riverside, CA; a grandson, Michael Buck; two sisters, Lois Birdseye of Camarillo, CA and Joan Baker of Great Falls; four brothers, Larry of Great Falls, Francis of Globe, AZ, Dale of West Covina, CA, and Danny of Spokane, WA; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Rod was preceded in death by his mother in 1978.

Prior to Rod's death, the C.E.A. established an annual scholarship fund in tribute to Rod's dedication to the Chester School system. All undesignated memorials will be given to the "Rod Butler Education Fund."

Memorial services were held on Friday evening, June 26th at the First Alliance Church in Great Falls, with Rev. Charlie Hanson officiating. The congregation sang "He Lives," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "I Surrender All." Accompanist was Edith Hodges. A coffee hour followed.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Chester Alliance Church with officiating again by Rev. Charlie Hanson. A male quartet, made up of Garth Good, Mark Zerbe, Orville Solum, and Rudy Cicon, performed "In the Sweet By and By." A duet of Garth and Orville sang "What a Day That Will Be." Edith Hodge accompanied the congregation, who sang "I Surrender All." Vocalist/guitarist, Carole Hanson, performed a special number, "For Those Tears I Died."

Ushers were Don VanDessel, Marvin Krook. Rod's four brothers served as pallbearers. Memorial bearers included all of Rod's friends at the Chester School system.

JOHN CHINADLE
Born: ?, 1915- Died: January 14, 1987
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John Chinadle

John Chinadle, 72, of Hingham, died Wednesday Jan. 14 at

the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. Services were at 10 a.m. Friday Jan. 16 at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home Chapel with burial at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Father John Harrington officiated. Soloist Terry Stevenson sang "Beyond the Sunset", "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by organist, Sharon Spicher. Pallbearers were Herb D. White, James White, Chris Richter, Virgil Jurenka, James Chvilicek, Leonard Chvilicek. All friends of John were asked to serve

as Honorary Pallbearers. Military Graveside Rites were performed by the Havre VFW Post. Members were the following: Fay McDonald, Acting Commander; John Gallagher, Kenneth Engebretson, Lars Golie, Joe Fouarge, Bob Styber, Al Quiring, Larry Wiese, John Simpko, John O'Leary, Jack Yates, Whitey Ophus, Mark Whalen.

He was born at Hingham. He married Anne Thennis in Shelby in 1943, and they moved to north Hingham, where they farmed. They

later moved into the town of Hingham. He served in the India, China and Burma theaters during World War II. He was a former commander of the American Legion Post 61 in Gildford. Survivors include his wife, Anne; sisters, Betty Ellerhorst of Columbus, Ohio, and Elsie Jones of Carlsbad, New Mexico; brother, Alfred Chinadle of Hingham. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, two sisters and one brother.

Memorials to the Liberty County Hospital, Chester MT.

JAMES A. CHVILICEK
Born: June 22, 1929- Died: October 30, 1987
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Jim Chvilicek

James A. Chvilicek, 58, died of natural causes Friday, October 30 at a Havre hospital.

A funeral mass was at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham.

He was buried at Chvilicek Cemetery on the family farm north of Hingham.

Born in Havre June 22, 1929, he was raised and educated in the Hingham area. He graduated from Hingham High School in 1946.

He married Charlotte L. Meadows in Hingham on June 22, 1950. He worked for the Great Northern Railway from 1952 to 1955. He had farmed north of Hingham since. Survivors include his wife; sons, Larry and wife Mary of Bozeman, John and wife Gayle of Helena and Ray of Bozeman; daughters, Mrs. Stuart (Marie) Anderson of Roseburg, Oregon, Mrs. Kevin (Patty) Luchrs of Bozeman and Becky Chvilicek of Roseburg; a daughter-in-law, Tracy (Mrs. James) and Josh Chvilicek of Havre; a sister, Alice Langel of Rudyard; brothers, Leonard of Hingham, Norbert of Wasilla, Alaska, Robert of Chester, Lawrence of Pendleton, Oregon, and Gerald of Woodward, Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

A son, James, died in March, 1987.

Memorials may be sent to the First Responders group at Hingham.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES L. CHVILICEK
Born: March 28, 1951 - Died: March 28, 1987
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James Chvilicek

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 1st at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church for James L. Chvilicek, 36, of Hingham. A prayer vigil service was held Tuesday at the Catholic Church in Hingham. Mr. Chvilicek died Saturday, March 28th, at Northern Montana Hospital. Burial was in the family cemetery north of Hingham.

Father John Coady celebrated the mass and Terry Stevenson, accompanied by Sharon Spicher, sang "Morning Has Broken," "Amazing Grace," and "Ave Maria." Pallbearers were Larry, John and

Ray Chvilicek and LeNay Kapperud, Kevin Luehrs, and Bryce Gragg. Ushers were Bill Mulvaney and Stuart Anderson.

Born in Havre on March 28, 1951, he was educated in rural schools north of Hingham and attended Hingham High School, graduating in 1969. He attended college at Susanville, California, was drafted into the Army and served in Vietnam. He was discharged in 1972. He married Pham Thi Nhi (Tracy) in Hingham in November 1973. He graduated from Northern Montana College in June 1986 with a degree in diesel technology and auto mechanics. He moved to the family farm north of Hingham in July 1986. Along with his farming duties, he owned Western Technical Services, which he operated out of his shop on the family farm.

Survivors include his wife, a son Joshua, and his parents Mr. & Mrs. James Chvilicek, all of Hingham; sisters Marie Anderson of Roseburg, Oregon; Patty Luehrs of Bozeman and Becky Chvilicek of Hingham; brothers, Larry of Bozeman, John of Laramie, Wyoming; and Ray of Hingham; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

JOHN E. CHVILICEK
Born: May 14, 1917—Died: January 27, 1987
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February 11, 1987

John E. Chvilicek

Services for John E. Chvilicek, 59, of San Bernadino, California, were held Tuesday February 3, 1987 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham with Father John Coady officiating. Vigil services were Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Mr. Chvilicek died January 27 in San Bernadino.

Soloist Jim O'Leary sang "Prayer of St. Francis", "Ave Maria", "O Lord I am not Worthy", and "God be With You" accompanied by organist Bill Lisenby.

Pallbearers were Jerry Hybner, Danny Whalen, Howard Dolph, Frank Huestis, James L. Chvilicek and Bud VandeSandt. Ushers were Larry Chvilicek and Bill Langel.

Burial was in the Hingham Cemetery in Hingham, Montana.

Mr. Chvilicek was born on May 14, 1917 in Oilmont and moved to Hingham where he graduated from high school. He joined the U.S. Navy and received an honorable discharge in 1946. In 1948, he graduated from the Sacred Heart School of Nursing. He later moved to California where he was an anesthetist.

Survivors include 4 step-children,

Bernard, Gary and Donna Kerkvleit, all of California, and Carol of Anchorage, Alaska; a sister, Alice Langel of Rudyard; six brothers, James and Leonard of the Hingham area, Robert of Chester, Lawrence of Pendleton, Oregon, Norbert of Palmer, Alaska, and Gerald of Woodward, Oklahoma; four step grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. The family suggests memorials of a person's choice.

MARGARET ANNA COOMES COLE
Born: May 17, 1905 - Died: August 1, 1987
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August 12, 1987

Margaret Cole

Margaret Anna "Peg" Coomes was born on May 17, 1905 at St. Louis, MO. Her parents were Lilly Clements and James F. Coomes, and she was one of two children. Her father died when she was an infant. Her mother later married a gentleman named Wolff and they came to his homestead south of Gildford in 1915. Peg attended the Kansas Valley Country School near the farm and then transferred to St. Vincent's Academy in Helena. She graduated from Havre High School in 1925. On March 1st of that same year she married Edward M. Cole in Havre. They lived at Fort Assiniboine for over a year, then moved to the farm south of Gildford, where they lived and worked for the next ten years. In 1936 they bought a farm northwest of Chester. They farmed and ranched there until their retirement in 1977, and have continued to live in their home on the farm since then. Peg's health began to fail about 8 months ago. Following a week's stay in the Liberty County Hospital, she died on Saturday evening August 1st. She was 82 years old.

Peg had been very active at St. Mary's Church; she had held offices in the Altar Society and taught C.C.D. for 30+ years. She was a charter member of the Liberty County CowBelles and the Utopia Homemakers Club. She had also been active in the Chester Garden Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Hi-Line CattleWomen's Club. In 1985 she received a "Merit Mother of the Year" award through the extension service.

Peg had many hobbies. Her mind and her hands were never idle. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, and crocheting. She was a proud homemaker and kept her house spotless. She loved cooking and

entertaining, and meals at her house were always plentiful and delicious! In those earlier days she enjoyed riding horses and herding cattle. She had also done some bowling and fishing. Although not an excellent pianist, she enjoyed it and took piano lessons as an adult. Peg loved the work around the farm and always looked forward to getting out into the vegetable and flower gardens in the spring. Every fall she and Ed would take a trip somewhere, and she always enjoyed those little side-trips along the way so she could learn about a special person, place, or thing. Peg was her grandkids' biggest fan, and she was always there with two or more cameras taking photographs of special 4-H, church, and sporting events. She liked to play cards,



especially pinochle and "Spite," and her favorite board games were Scrabble and Chinese Checkers. She enjoyed writing, be it short stories, poems, or family histories. She was very interested in genealogy and had done some extensive research in compiling a detailed booklet of her family ancestry for her grandchildren. Peg was always a very generous, caring person when it came to sending cards, gifts, and

other tokens of friendship. Her 62-year marriage and love for her family is what made life exciting and meaningful to her.

Peg's survivors include her husband, Ed of Chester; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Agnes of Chester; five grandchildren, Kathy Kulbeck of Escondito, CA, Mary Fritz of Chester, William "Pete" Cole of Chester, Tim Cole of Soda Springs, ID, and Colleen Boucher of Aurora, CO; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, by her sister (Frances Slocum), by two daughters (Mary Agnes and Rosemary), and by a great-granddaughter (Amy Fritz).

Rosary prayers were held at 8 p.m. on Monday, August 3rd, at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated by Father John Coady at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Vocalists included Jack and Patsy Seidlitz, Anna Cutler and Tim Cole, and accompanists were Helen Ann Aaberg and Muriel Huol. Musical tributes included "How Great Thou Art" by Anna; "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" by Ann and Tim; "Panis Angelicus" by Jack; and "May the Angels Take You Into Paradise" by Patsy and Jack. Peg's four great-granddaughters sang "Amazing Grace," accompanied by their Aunt Colleen.

Friends serving as pallbearers were Leonard Fritz, John Skierka, Eldon Graff, Charles Hull, Raymond Fritz, and Fred Sitch. Ushers were special friends Rosalie Sunderland and Margaret Meissner. Altar servers were Ed Cole, David Hull, and Robert Pulst. Grandsons, Peter and Tim Cole, served as lecturers. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a memorial luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

JAMES CURFMAN
Born: ?, 1934 - Died: January 13, 1987
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James Curfman

Former Liberty County resident James Curfman passed away the morning of January 13, 1987, at the age of 53. He suffered several asthma attacks at home and was taken by ambulance to Missoula General Hospital where efforts to revive him failed.

He was the son of former residents Charles and Bernice Curfman.

He is survived by his wife, Marvel, 2 stepdaughters, 3 sons and 1 daughter, one sister, Melva Wellen of 5930 Del Ray Drive, Helena, MT.

Relatives prefer that any memorials go to the Asthma Foundation.

JOYCE DEES
Born: March 4, 1924 - Died: May 4, 1987
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May 13, 1987

Joyce Dees

Joyce Dees, 63, died Monday, May 4th, at Northern Montana Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 7, 1987 at 11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Havre with Pastor Rand Drollman officiating. Bill Lisenby was organist and Jerry Toner sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Lord's Prayer." Howard Bailey sang "He Gave Me Lord Jesus."

Pallbearers were Jim Stuart, Bill Rathbun, Rick Melby, Steve Dees, Alan Dees, and Mike Hammond.

Ushers were Lon Meldrum and Ron Groseclose.

Burial was in the Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Mrs. Dees was born March 4, 1924 in Havre, Montana, raised and schooled in Gildford, and graduated from Gildford High School in 1942. She worked in Seattle during World War II in the Army Corps as a secretary. Joyce married Arnold Dees July 21, 1946 in Shelby, Montana. The couple made their home on their farm south of Kremlin. Survivors are her husband, Arnold Dees, Kremlin; sons Douglas Dees, Corvalis, MT. and Charles Dees, Kremlin, MT; mother Julia Stuart, Gildford; brother, Lowell Stuart, Gildford; 4 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Joyce was preceded in death by her father and two sisters.

A Memorial is being established in her memory.

DONALD RYALL DONOVEN
Born: February 5, 1904 - Died: November 12, 1987
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November 25, 1987

Don Donovan

Donald Ryall Donovan, longtime resident of Kremlin, passed away on Thursday, November 12, 1987 in Havre after a sudden illness. He was 83 years old.

Don was born on February 5, 1904 in Nagara, North Dakota. In 1910, he came to Kremlin with his family and they homesteaded land next to the Milk River, north of Kremlin.

Don married Clara Marie Gehlen, of Hingham, on October 16, 1928. They had one daughter and three sons.

Don and Clara farmed for many years at the homestead place, next to his brother Loyd Donovan; until ill health forced him to retire. Except for the past few years when he lived in Havre at the Eagles Manor, he had lived most of his life in Kremlin.

Don enjoyed traveling and being in the company of his friends. He was a 38 year member of the Eagles Lodge #166, and a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge #1201, both in Havre.

Don is survived by one daughter, Donna Knutson, of Portland, Oregon; Three sons, Gene Donovan of Havre, and Wayne and Lowell Donovan, both of Kremlin; nine grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; 1 niece, 4 nephews and one sister, Mrs. Lola Holst, of Havre.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara; his parents, two sisters, his brother, and a granddaughter.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, November 17th at 11 a.m. at St. Judes Catholic Church in Havre, with Fr. John Harrington officiating. Rosary services were held Monday evening at 7 p.m. at Holland and Bonine Chapel. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Bill Lisenby accompanied Jerry Toner who sang "Amazing Grace", "Ave Maria", "Prayer of St. Francis", and "How Great Thou Art". Bill Lisenby also played "Crystal Chandeliers". At the cemetery Sister Kathleen Hanley and Jerry Toner sang "On Eagles Wings". Pallbearers were Todd Donovan, Dallas Donovan, Kevin Knutson, Doug Knutson, Norm Dyrland, and Denny Melby. Ushers were John Wipf, Keith Donovan, Earl Donovan and Jim Reinowski.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dons memory to the Eagles Manor retirement home in Havre or to a charity of your choice.

ASHLEY ANNE FRASER
Born: November 4, 1987 - Died: November 4, 1987
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Lamb of God
ASHLEY ANNE FRASER



Taken unto the Lord: November 4th, 1987
at Great Falls Montana

Family Services: Saturday, November 7th,
2:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
in Chester

Officiating: Reverend Steven Nicolai

Interment: Chester Cemetery

Memorials will be given to the Shodair Crippled
Children's Hospital in Helena.

Ashley's family: Parents, Bill and Cyndee; sister,
Courtney; paternal grandparents, Bill and Doris
Fraser; maternal grandparents, Elmo and Helen
Heffernan; paternal great-grandmothers, Mabel
Kolstad & Theresa Fraser; and numerous aunts,
uncles and cousins. . .

Funeral arrangements: Rockman Chapel

**Ashley Anne
Fraser**

Ashley Anne Fraser, full-term infant daughter of Cyndee and Bill Fraser, was stillborn on Wednesday morning (November 4th) at the Montana Deaconess Medical Center in Great Falls. In addition to the parents of Chester, survivors include a sister, Courtney; paternal grandparents, Bill and Doris Fraser of Chester; maternal grandparents, Elmo and Helen Heffernan of Missoula; paternal great-grandmothers, Mabel Kolstad of Chester and Theresa Fraser of Chester; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Private family funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Steven Nicolai officiated. Burial followed in the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Chapel. Memorials will be given to the Shodair Crippled Children's Hospital in Helena.

ARRIC J. GIFFORD

Born: September 12, 1987 - Died: October 25, 1987
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October 28, 1987



Arric Gifford

A 44-day-old Gifford infant was pronounced dead on arrival at the Chester hospital early Sunday morning, October 25th. The baby was found unresponsive in bed at home by his mother, who rushed him to the hospital. An autopsy later in the day revealed the cause of death to be S.I.D.S. ("Sudden Infant Death Syndrome", also commonly known as "crib death").

Arric J. Gifford was born at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on September 12th, 1987. He was the only child of Laura Ann Overlie and Blaine Patrick Gifford, both life-long Chesterites. In addition to his parents, Arric is survived by maternal grandparents, Dick and Bonnie Overlie of Chester; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Olaf (Madonna) Smedsrud of Ledger; maternal great-grandmother, June Kelley of Chester; maternal great-grandparents, Olaf and Elaine Overlie of Shelby; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 29th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Dan Clark of the Chester United Methodist Church will officiate. Special vocal music by Kathleen Lalum will be "Children of the Heavenly Father" and Vonda Overlie will sing "Amazing Grace". Jan Christofferson will provide organ accompaniment. Burial will follow in the Chester Cemetery.

ARRIC J. GIFFORD

Born: September 12, 1987 in Chester
Died: October 25, 1987 in Chester
Age: 1 month, 13 days

Services: Thursday, October 29th, 1987
3:00 p.m.
Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester

Officiant: Reverend Dan Clark

Organist: Jan Christofferson
Vocalist: Vonda Overlie . . . "Amazing Grace"
Vocalist: Kathleen Lalum . . . "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Interment: Chester Cemetery
Luncheon: R.N.A. Hall following graveside services



Arric's family: Parents, Blaine & Laura; grandparents, Mrs. Olaf (Madonna) Smedsrud and Dick & Bonnie Overlie; great-grandparents, June Kelley and Olaf & Elaine Overlie; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins...

JOSEPHINE (PLANK) GUNDERSON
Born: October 12, 1919 - Died: May 7, 1987

Liberty County Times

May 13, 1987



**Josephine
Gunderson**

Josephine Plank was born on October 12, 1919 on the family homestead located 8 miles south of Chester. She grew up there and attended the Norris School near the farm. She later transferred into Chester where she graduated from high school in 1936. Jo continued her education at Northern Montana College and earned a two-year business degree. She came back to Chester and began working for a local attorney.

On August 5, 1938, she married Douglas Gunderson in Great Falls. They moved to the Gunderson ranch 30 miles north of Chester, where they worked and raised their family. Doug died in 1977. Josephine continued to live on the ranch and remained active in the farming operations. She hadn't felt well the past few weeks. On the morning of Thursday, May 7th, Jo died at her home as a result of a heart ailment. She was 67 years old.

Josephine had been active in the Immanuel Church north of Chester, in fact, she had played the piano and organ there for over 40 years. She had also participated in the Ladies Aid. Jo had many hobbies, but

probably her greatest love was reading (she enjoyed the Reader's Digest condensed books and magazines of all kinds). She liked keeping care of her house plants and her pet parakeets, and she collected various bird paraphernalia. In years past, she enjoyed playing "Scrabble" and working crossword puzzles. She loved to play the piano, and was especially fond of the old-time hymns. Josephine liked to bake, and her family and friends will never forget her famous chocolate chip oatmeal cookies! Although she was generally a quiet and reserved lady, she thoroughly enjoyed people and was a great correspondent with family and close friends. Her grandchildren lovingly referred to her as Gramma Jo, as did many other neighborhood children and acquaintances. Her family was first and foremost in her life, and she exuded that special love and kindness that very special people do. Because of this she will be missed greatly, but her memory will not be soon forgotten.

Josephine's survivor's include three sons, Dale (and wife Lanea) of north Chester, Dr. Leonard (and wife Kit) of Rochester, Minnesota, and Dennis (and wife Jeri) of Sunburst; two daughters, Mrs. Daryl (Judy) King of Great Falls, and Mrs. Kevin (Robin) O'Neil of Hickam AFB, Hawaii; 16 grandchildren; her father, Leonard Plank of Helena; two sister, Ruth Barrett of Cascade and Mary Mattson of Helena; and numerous

nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husband, but also by her mother (Stella Goodman Plank) and by a baby brother (Leonard J. Plank).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 11th, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Rev. John N. Olson officiating. Special music was provided by pianist, Betty Ann Wolery, and organist, Tammy Duncan. The congregation sang "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," "How Great Thou Art," and "To God Be The Glory."

Jo's brother-in-law, Fred Barrett, shared a poem entitled "A Little Parable for Mother" and also some personal comments about Jo. Ushers were Lynn Edwards and John Duncan. Pallbearers included George Colbry, Robert Duncan, Donald Fusk, Eugene Peterson, Harold Hodges, Raymond Fritz, and George Mattson. Following interment at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at Kjos Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial fund is being established.

DAVID STANLEY HAAG

Born: February 24, 1932 - Died : November 28, 1987

Liberty County Times

December 23, 1987

David Haag

David Stanley Haag, age 55, of 240 Jones St., San Francisco, California and son of the late Gustav and Emilie Haag was found dead at his home Saturday evening November 28 of apparent natural causes.

Mr. Haag was born February 24, 1932 in Lothair, Montana where he grew up on a farm. He never married. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He was preceded in death in

addition to his parents by two brothers, Arthur in 1936 and Marvin in 1977. Survivors include four sisters, Clara Ellis of Monett, Mo.; Alice Tatchell of Helena, Mt; Hazel Dahlquist of Great Falls, Mt. and Virginia Davis of Garland, Tx.

Bennett-Wormington of Monett was in charge of the arrangements with interment in the National Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri. A short memorial service was conducted Saturday, December 12 at the cemetery by Rev. Stanley Clark with just immediate family present.

ROALD HAALAND
Born: July 30, 1923 - Died: July 20, 1987
Liberty County Times
July 22, 1987



Roald Haaland

Roald Haaland, 63, Inverness, died Monday at a Great Falls hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Van Orsdel United Methodist Church in Havre, with the Rev. Dan Clark officiating and obituary and comments by Rev. Bill Mullette. Sololist: Jerome Lincoln sang: Amazing Grace and In the Garden, accompanied by Rita D'Hoogé. Pallbearers were Charles Lineweaver, Robert Moog, Joel Fenger, Ken Gutcher, Rodney Fraser, and Duane Fraser. Ushers were Ken Monilaws & Dennis Kenfield.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Mr. Haaland was born July 30, 1923 in Inverness to R.M. and Emelita (Peterson) Haaland. He attended a rural school in Inverness.

He married Dorothea Han, June 2, 1944, in Chinook. The couple made a career of farming south of Inverness.

He served on the Inverness Public School Board for nine years and was board chairman several years.

He was instrumental in developing one of the first rural water lines in Montana. He was president of the Hay Coulees Water Users at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Inverness Methodist Church and a former board member.

In recent years he had become well-known as a local artist, developing his own talents in addition to teaching local children oil painting. He assisted several budding young artist who since have become well-known.

He also was known for his musical ability. As a young man he played in a local dance band and continued to play guitar for the remainder of his years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Carsten.

Survivors include his wife Dorothea of Inverness; children and in-laws, Ron and Joanne Haaland of Auburn, Ala., Barlow and Etta Haaland of Inverness, Tami Haaland and James Bradley of Bozeman, and Kim Haaland of Inverness; sisters, Gertrude Grinde of Great Falls, Joan Phillips of Rudyard and Norma Engleson of Havre; brothers, Milton of Florence, Sterling of Ridgecrest, Ca., and Wilbur of Inverness; and grandchildren, Shellie, Wade, Angela, Martin and Christopher.

JOHN EDWARD HEMMER

Born: January 1, 1916 - Died: November 7, 1987

Liberty County Times

November 11, 1987

John Hemmer

John Edward Hemmer was born at Kalispell, Montana January 1st, 1916. He was one of ten children born to Anna Schroer and Mathew Hemmer. John was raised on the family homestead north of Lothair and had his early schooling at the Trommer School located near the farm. He continued his education at Lothair and Galata, and graduated from Shelby High School in 1936. After high school, John joined the C.C.C.'s for the next three years. In 1940 he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served as a technical sergeant in the air corps. During his enlistment he served mainly in the South Pacific, and worked as a side-gunner and aerial engineer on B-17's and B-29's. He was honorably discharged in 1945, and he returned to Montana to farm with his uncle, Frank Schroer. He remained in the air force reserve until 1948. Following his uncle's death in 1954, John took over the farming operations near Lothair and farmed on his own until his retirement in 1983. He lived in a Chester apartment until July of this year, when he moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. John died Saturday evening, November 7th, at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was 71 years old.

John had been a member of the Shelby Elks Lodge and the Galata American Legion. He was an avid sports fan, and was especially fond of baseball and boxing. In fact, when he was in the military, he was the welter-weight boxing champion of the armed forces stationed in the Philippines. John enjoyed traveling and had spent many winters in Texas and Mexico. He also liked hunting, fishing and gardening. John never married, but had great affection for his nephews and nieces, and was loved by them in return...

His survivors include 5 brothers, Lawrence of Galata, Charles of Shelby, Jerry of Lincoln, James of Las Vegas, Nevada, and George of Yuma, Arizona; 1 sister, Analeen Zeeck of Denver, Colorado; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. John was preceded in death by his parents and by 3 brothers (Joe, Frank and one in infancy).

Rosary services will be Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The funeral mass will be celebrated by Father John Coady at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 12th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. The lector will be Bob Zeeck and the ushers will be Lawrence Schaefer and James Hull. John's nephews will serve as pallbearers. Interment will be in the Lothair Cemetery with military rites by members of the Galata Legion Post. A luncheon will follow at St. Mary's Church.

PETER P. HOFER
Born: October 12, 1930 - Died: January 6, 1987
Liberty County Times
January 14, 1987

Pete Hofer

Peter P. Hofer was born at the Elms Spring colony near Warner, Alberta, Canada on October 12th, 1930. His parents were Peter M. Hofer and Rebecca P. Mandel, and he was one of 13 children. He grew up at the Elms Spring and Sunnyside Colonies near Warner. Peter came to Montana in 1952 and settled at the Hillside Colony near Sweetgrass. He was married there on January 28, 1953 to Justina Kleinser. In 1963 they moved to the Rimrock Colony at Sunburst, and

while there Peter became a colony minister. In 1982 they again moved, this time to the Eagle Creek Colony north of Galata. They have lived there since. Peter's health had not been good in recent months. Following a short stay in the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, he died on the morning of Tuesday, January 6th. He was 56 years old.

Peter's survivors include his wife, Justina of Eagle Creek; 5 sons, Peter of Rimrock, and Mike, Willie, John and Ike of Eagle Creek; 4 daughters, Justina, Anna, Rebecca, and Lydia, all of Eagle Creek; 7 grandchildren; 3 brothers, Mike and

Chris of Hillside and Joseph of Eagle Creek; 6 sisters, Rebecca Kleinser of Sakatchewan, Canada, Lydia Waldner of Sand Coulee, and Margaret, Anna, and Martha Wurtz of Rimrock, and Rachel Hofer of Eagle Creek; and numerous nephews and nieces! Peter was preceded in death by his parents, by 1 son (John), by 1 daughter (Sarah), by 2 brothers, and by 1 sister.

Funeral services were held at the Eagle Creek Colony Church at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, January 8th. Burial was in the Eagle Creek Cemetery.

WILLIAM HORINEK
Born: December 14, 1894 - Died: May 12, 1987
Liberty County Times
May 20, 1987

William Horinek

William M. (Bill) Horinek, 92, passed away in the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, Havre, on Tuesday, May 12, 1987.

Services were Thursday, May 14 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, MT. Rosary was held at the church on Wednesday evening, May 13 at 7 p.m. Burial was in the Calvary Cemetery in Havre.

Bill was born December 14, 1894 at Atwood, Kansas and was raised there. Later he worked in the oilfields in Oklahoma. Then he homesteaded south of Rudyard, Montana and came to the Hingham area in 1915 where he farmed north of Hingham.

He married Mary Malone in Hingham on May 6, 1919 and she preceded him in death on October 7, 1957.

They moved into Hingham in

1956 and lived there until he entered the Lutheran Home in January of 1986.

Bill is survived by two sons- Robert Horinek and Richard Horinek, both of Hingham, and 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Father John Coady. Nick Alex sang "Amazing Grace," "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," and "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by organist, Iris White.

Pallbearers were Ronald Horinek, Mark Horinek, Dan Horinek, Larry Horinek, Gary Gregoire and Randy Paulson.

Memorials of a person's choice.

HERBERT JOHN JACOBSON
Born: July 7, 1921 - Died : August 1, 1987
Liberty County Times
August 12, 1987

H. Jacobson

Herbert John Jacobson, 66, passed away at home in Arvada, WY on Saturday August 1, 1987. He was born July 7, 1921 in Chester and spent his entire life ranching and farming; he retired three years ago.

He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, and playing cribbage. He served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. Herbert was a gunner on PT Boat 131 in the Pacific theater during WW II.

Jacobson is survived by four sons, Bobby, Sterling, CO; Gordon and Tim, both of Auburn, WA; and Bill of Arvada; a sister, Selma Williams, Vancouver, WA; and five grandchildren.

Burial was Saturday August 8th at the Arvada Cemetery. A memorial service was held August 11th at 4 p.m. at the Arvada Cemetery with Pastor Michael Lovato officiating.

DOROTHY F. JONES
Born: January 3, 1915 - Died: October 5, 1987
Liberty County Times
October 14, 1987

Dorothy Jones

Memorial services were held Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Hingham Lutheran Church for Dorothy F. Jones, 72. She died Monday, October 5 in a local hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born January 3, 1915 at the family farm north of Hingham. She received her education and was married in Hingham. She was a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church and the A.L.C.W. She was a member of the Hingham Duplicate Bridge club and she also enjoyed bowling.

Survivors include her husband, Victor E. Jones of Hingham, and a son, David Jones, also of Hingham; a brother, Ed Norenberg of Rudyard, and three sisters, Mrs. Roy (Vera) Rambo of Hingham, Mrs. John (June) Richter of Havre and Mrs. Kenneth (Marlene) Hanson of Rudyard and grandchildren, Mrs. Scott (Rhonda) Huntley of Great Falls, Vicki Bitz of Missoula, Danielle Bitz of Box Elder and Wade Bitz of Box Elder.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ray Norenberg, and two sisters, Verda Alex and Louise Blake.

Rev. Rand Drollman officiated at the memorial service. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the O'Connor Funeral Home.

DOROTHY KENFIELD
Born: March 4, 1913 - Died: May 31, 1987
Liberty County Times
June 10, 1987

Dorothy Kenfield

Dorothy Kenfield, age 74, Columbia Falls, passed away Sunday evening, May 31st, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born March 4, 1913 in Hingham, Montana to Joe and Edith Simon. She was raised and educated in Hingham and was married to Bernard I. Kenfield on

A graveside service was held Thursday, June 4 at 10 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Rev. Thomas Gopp of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls officiated. Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls was in charge of arrangements. Visitation was Wednesday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home. Friends met at the cemetery for the service.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Montana Lung Association.

September 30, 1933 in Havre, Montana.

They moved to Columbia Falls in 1953 where they owned and operated Barney's Grocery Store for several years. She worked as a store clerk in several stores in Columbia Falls.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Bernard, in 1972.

She is survived by two sons, Brad of Columbia Falls, and Douglas of Bozeman; three sisters; two brothers; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

ROGER E. (BUD) KEUNE
Born: November 29, 1928 - Died : June 23, 1987
Liberty County Times
July 8, 1987

Roger Keune

Roger E. 'Bud' Keune, 58, of Hamilton, died Tuesday morning, June 23rd at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls.

He was born November 29, 1928 in a farm house in Winnishiek County, Iowa, the son of Clifford and Margaret Keune. He was raised and schooled in Iowa. He and Glenda Ross (born in Chester to Myra Ross Sitch) were married October 30, 1950 at Havre, MT. He entered the U.S. Army in January 1951 and served in Korea, where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He was discharged in January 1953 and returned to Montana. The couple settled in Hamilton where he worked as an electronics technician for the U.S. Forest Service, retiring in 1979. He and his wife, Glenda, owned and operated Bud's TV and Radio Service for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Keune of Hamilton, one son, Rod Keune, of Great Falls, and two daughters: Fay Keune of Salt Lake City, UT and Vicki Schwartz of Hamilton; one brother, Kenneth Keune of Ft. Atkinson, IA; five grandchildren, Chandra, Trevor, Krista, Kara and Terra and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 26th at the Dowling Funeral Home in Hamilton, with Rev. Edgar Toevs officiating. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton. The Hamilton American Legion Post #47 provided Military Graveside Rites.

Pallbearers were Les Mathews, Dean Wolfe, Brent Garrard, Andy Anderson, Ken Birnel, Bill Neal, Nick Evanoff, and Mick DeZell.

Those attending the funeral from the Chester area were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sitch, Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wolfe and daughters, Janine, and Deanna Hull and her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hughes from Reardon, WA, Glenda's sister, were also there.

ELDORA C. KINYON
Born: May 3, 1914 - Died: July 4, 1987
Liberty County Times
July 8, 1987

Eldora Kinyon

Eldora C. Kinyon, age 73, Columbia Falls, passed away Saturday (July 4) at the Kalispell Regional Hospital in Kalispell.

She was born May 3, 1914 in Maddock, ND to Sigurd and Esther Lalum. She was raised and educated in Maddock, ND. She received her nurses training in Rugby, ND in 1939. She then moved to Montana where she worked as a nurse in Shelby, Eureka, and Whitefish.

She was married to Homer B. Kinyon on November 13, 1945 in Polson, MT. They moved to Joplin the following year and farmed until retiring in 1974. After retiring from the farm, the bowling team and Joplin's church activities, Eldora took up crocheting, rock hounding, snowbirding to Arizona, gardening, and arts and crafts.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, one brother and one son.

She is survived by her husband, Homer of Columbia Falls; three daughters, Mrs. Bernard (Eldora) Rosling of Joplin, MT, Mrs. William (Myrna) Orme of Anchorage, AK, and Mrs. Conrad (Esther) May of Joplin, MT; three brothers, Palmer Lalum and Luther Lalum of Kalispell, and Ray Lalum of California; one foster son, Evan Mueller of Livingston, MT; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 7 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. Thomas Gopp officiated. Burial followed in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

GEORGE KRUEGER

Born: March 12, 1901 - Died: May 23, 1987

Liberty County Times

June 3, 1987

George Krueger

Funeral services for F. George Krueger were held Tuesday May 26, 1987 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havre with Pastor Donald Ryding officiating. Mr. Krueger passed away in Northern Montana Hospital on May 23rd. Bill Lisenby was organist and Jim O'Leary sang "How Great Thou Art," and "Softly and Tenderly." Ushers were Henry J. Miller, and Wad Stark. Pallbearers were Fred Elling, Clyde Brandt, Darren Brandt, Don Hansen, Bill Henry and Ross Bartz. Honorary Pallbearers were Albert Hanson, Clarence Wendland, Clarence Aevertmann, Irwin Brandt, Robert Brandt, and Thomas Wilson.

Interment services were held in the Rudyard Cemetery in Rudyard, MT. at 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

George was born on March 12, 1901 in Stewart, Minnesota to Gustave and Emilie Krueger. He was educated in the elementary grades in North Dakota and in Montana when his family moved here in 1910. He was the first boy to graduate from Rudyard High

School in 1923. He received his teaching certificate and taught two years in the north Hingham community. He was also a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

George farmed with his father, then his brother, Wally, for many years northwest of Rudyard. He moved to Rudyard in 1975. He has resided at the Liberty County Nursing Home and the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd since 1981.

George was interested in all sports, but his main interest was traveling in Montana and painting its scenery. He passed away at Northern Montana Hospital on May 23rd, where he had been a patient for 9 weeks.

Krueger was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and four brothers. He is survived by a twin sister, Mrs. Lydia Langel of Rudyard, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were made by Holland and Bonine of Havre.

HELEN FRANCES LAIRD
Born: February 18, 1911 - Died: December 21, 1987
Liberty County Times
February 24, 1987

Helen Laird

Word has been received that early day resident Helen Frances Laird passed away December 21, 1987 at Long Beach, California. Helen lived in Long Beach for over 45 years and was an office worker during her adult life at Memorial Medical Center. She was born January 18, 1911 in Chester to Frank and Lucy Laird. She is survived by brother James Laird of Downey, California.

Memorial service was Sunday December 27, 1987 at 2:00 p.m.

SOPHIE LALUM

Born: December 19, 1918 - Died: May 12, 1987

Liberty County Times

May 20, 1987



Sophie Lalum

Sophie Lalum was born on her family's homestead located 24 miles south of Chester on December 19, 1918. She was one of 15 children and her parents were Katherine Lapata and Stanley Kantorowicz. She grew up on the farm and attended the Hay Coulee School near there. While working on a ranch north of Browning in 1939, Sophie met Sigvald E. Lalum. They were married that same year on August 5th in Great Falls. They worked on various Montana ranches, then moved to Chester in 1945, where they lived and raised their family. Sophie worked as head laundress at the Liberty County Hospital for 27 years. Following the onset of her illness in 1983, she retired. During the past several months her health had deteriorated, and she died at the local hospital on the evening of Tuesday, May 12th. She was 68 years old.

Sophie was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and had been active in the V.F.W. Auxiliary. She loved animals, especially cows, sheep, horses and chickens. She was a very organized

homemaker with special skills in cooking and canning. Sophie enjoyed reading the Bible, the daily newspaper, and books about our heritage and the pioneer days. She had hidden artistic talents when it came to sketching, but never expanded on those talents and drew simply for the enjoyment of her children. Sophie was a very headstrong, opinionated lady and was not afraid of hard work. She instilled honesty, morality, and simplicity as important aspects of life. In these later years, she enjoyed working in her vegetable garden, taking long walks, going on short camping trips, and traveling to see her children (of interest is the fact that she took her first commercial airplane trip when she was 66 years old!). Sophie loved her grandkids, and during those special times together they played dominoes and did puzzles. Her life was totally devoted to her family, and she was their symbol of strength, courage and faith.

Sophie's survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Michael (Mariene) Roden of Centerville, Utah; Mrs. Leo (Edna) Somerfeld of Power; Mrs. Bill (Alice) Wilcott of St. Maries, Idaho; Mrs. Jim (Patsy) Michaelson of Lolo; and Mrs. Marv (Donna) Gulick of Fairfield. Four sons and their wives: Arnie and Micki of Conrad; Allen and Diane of Columbia Falls; Clint and Kathi of Lancaster, California; and Dale and Dana of Chester. 28 grandchildren; seven sisters including: Josephine Bubnash of Joplin; Ruth Corbett of Polson; Mary Ennis of Spokane, WA; Julia McIntyre of Spokane, WA; Sister Susanne of Santa Maria, CA; Bernice McCabe of Muskogee, OK; and Bessie Wanken of Shelby. Three brothers, including Frank Kantorowicz of Joplin; Carl Kantorowicz of Great Falls; and Alfred Biggs of Tonasket, WA; and

numerous nephews and nieces. Sophie was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter (Margaret), a son (Arthur), two sisters (Agnes and Anna), and two brothers (Chester and John).

Funeral services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 15th with Rev. Wayne Bungum officiating. Organist, Jan Christofferson, accompanied Sue Violett, who sang "Majesty" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd;" the congregation sang "To God be the Glory." Daughter-in-law, Kathi Lalum, played a special piano rendition of "Amazing Grace." Pallbearers were grandsons: Kevin Lalum, Erik Somerfeld, Steve Lalum, Larry Merriman Lalum, Todd Somerfeld, and William Lalum. Ushers were Andy Lalum and Nick Bubnash, Jr. Memorial bearers included "all friends and staff, past present, at the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home". Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. The VFW Auxiliary performed graveside rites. A luncheon followed back at the church. A memorial fund is being established.

ROBERT RAYMOND MAKELA

Born: March 20, 1940 - Died: June 26, 1987

Liberty County Times

July 8, 1987

Robert Makela

Robert Raymond Makela was born in Kemmerer, Wyoming on March 20, 1940. Bob was one of three sons born to Ila Danley and John A. Makela. He grew up in Great Falls and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1958. After a year at the University of Montana, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged three years later and returned to Montana. He finished his education at the U. of M. in Missoula, where he graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science in secondary education (with a biology minor). On November 14th of that same year, Bob married Doris M. Johnson in Missoula. They both accepted teaching positions at Rudyard High School in 1970. Bob has lived and worked in Rudyard since that time, where he has taught science and computers at Blue Sky High School. During the summer months, Bob and an old college buddy, Jack Horner, worked on various fossil sites around Montana. In 1978 they brought notoriety to a site near Choteau, where they discovered a cache of duckbill dinosaur fossils. Since then, they have both led paleontological teams at sites near Choteau and Cut Bank. On the evening of Friday, June 26th, Bob was returning to a site north of Cut Bank with appropriate supplies. His pick-up left the roadway and rolled several times. Bob died at the scene of the accident. He was just 47 years old.

Bob belonged to numerous organizations, including the Montana State Science Teacher's Association and the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology. In 1985 he attended the National Science Foundation convention, the National Geographic convention, and was one of the finalists for Montana's Presidential Scientist Award. Bob was well-known for his talents at finding productive fossil

sites and was an expert at excavating sites without damaging the fossils. He had given various workshops at M.E.A. conventions and had given interviews to several prominent television newscasters. Bob loved to read, especially any technical literature available on fossils and dinosaurs. He did some writing, too; he wrote several articles in the "Highlights" magazine for children and was recently working on a book for teachers that dealt with creative lesson planning in science programs.

That early fossil discovery near Choteau was named "Egg Mountain" because they found five fossilized eggs and dinosaur bones. It has since been listed as the first dinosaur nesting ground discovered in North America. In 1983, Bob became formally involved in research for the Museum of the Rockies, which is a paleontology museum associated with M.S.U. in Bozeman. Bob has worked as camp manager on various dinosaur digs since that time.

Bob loved his work at Blue Sky School. He initiated and headed the computer program there. He enjoyed photography, so got a photography club going at the school. He had an undying love for science and tried to instill an interest of the "mysteries of nature" into his students. Their annual coast trip dates back to 1974, where Bob and his students studied marine biology. Other trips included the nature study of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, desert biology in the Grand Canyon, and the state trip which included the study of natural history and science. His impact at the school cannot be measured in a single paragraph of an obituary column.

Bob had many hobbies. In his youth he was active in boxing and hockey. During his early Boy Scout years, he collected insects, plants, and

stamps. He eventually became a Boy Scout leader and taught swimming and canoeing. While in high school, he played the saxophone in the band. In later years he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and digging for sapphires. His new collections included fossils and rocks. Bob was an avid spectator fan of football and wrestling. He also enjoyed what he called the "fine arts," that is, bowling, golfing, and playing poker. At family gatherings he liked to play pinochle or the game, "Risk." He had that natural scientific curiosity to experiment, so he tried many unusual things over the years (for example, he fermented his own beer). Bob loved life and the great outdoors. He was happy and excited about the new fossil sites near Cut Bank, so it seems appropriate that he died while doing what he enjoyed most.

Bob's survivors include his wife, Doris of Missoula; two sons, James of Phoenix, AZ, and Jay of the Naval Training Center in Orlando, FL; two brothers, John of Atlanta, GA, and Donald of Kelowna, BC; one aunt, Avlyn Conley of Maryland; numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 1st in the Blue Sky gymnasium. Reverend Jim Sheldon officiated, and special eulogists were Jack Horner and Jim Smith. Mike Stevenson sang "One Day At A Time," "The Long Winding Road," and "Montana Melody," accompanied by pianist, Sharon Spicher. Ushers were Joe Jurenka, and Don Kline. Presentation of the military flag was made by Larry French. Memorial bearers included all of Bob's fellow teachers, students, and friends—past and present. A luncheon followed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

EFFIE R. MANSFIELD

Born: June 3, 1890 - Died: November 2, 1987

Liberty County Times

November 11, 1987

Effie Mansfield

Effie R. Mansfield, 97, passed away November 2, 1987 at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre.

Mrs. Mansfield was born at Forestville, Virginia on June 3, 1890. At the age of nine she moved with her parents to Bisbee, North Dakota where she was raised and educated. After attending college at Mayville, North Dakota she was a teacher for ten years in rural schools in North Dakota and Montana prior to her marriage to Herbert F. Mansfield on November 5, 1919 at Havre. They resided 30 miles north of Joplin, Montana on their homestead. They moved to Havre about 1934.

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert F. Mansfield on August 6, 1952. She is survived by

two children: H. Lyle Mansfield of Joplin, and Mrs. Joe (Evelyn) Fouarge of Havre. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Lyle, Michael, Bruce and Dean Mansfield, Mrs. Scott (Cheri) Swank of Chester, and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, November 5th at 2:00 p.m. at Holland & Bonine Chapel in Havre with Rev. Terry Dunn officiating. Bill Lisenby accompanied Dave Rice who sang "Amazing Grace" and "In The Garden." Pallbearers were Mike Mansfield, Bruce Mansfield, Scott Swank, Waldo Spangelo, Lester Hauge, Charels Barsanti. Honorary pallbearers were Dean Mansfield and Lyle A. Mansfield.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Havre. Memorials are of a person's choice.

JESSE MANSFIELD
Born: 7, 1892 - Died : August 11, 1987
Liberty County Times
August 19, 1987

Jesse Mansfield

Jesse Mansfield, 95, a former trailer court manager, died last Tuesday of natural causes at his home at 3240 2nd Ave. S., Great Falls.

His funeral service was held at the Chapel of Chimes, Monday at 2 p.m., followed by burial in Highland Cemetery.

He was born in Echo, Minnesota, where he grew up and received his education. Mansfield moved to Montana in 1914 and homesteaded north of Inverness in 1916. In 1929, he married Clara Falla in Havre. She died in 1981.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Washington, D.C. Following his discharge, he was a rural mail carrier in Inverness, where he also farmed until 1949 when he moved to Great Falls. While he lived in Inverness, Mansfield served as the president of the local and county Farmers' Union organizations.

In Great Falls, he owned and operated rental properties and managed a trailer court. He retired in 1976.

Survivors include one daughter, Janet Mansfield of Great Falls.

ANNA J. MAY
Born: February 5, 1901 - Died: August 8, 1987
Liberty County Times
August 19, 1987

Anna May

Anna J. May was born February 5, 1901 in Springfield, Minnesota to James and Kathryn Peterson. She was raised by her father and four brothers as her mother died when she was an infant. She attended school in Springfield and later graduated from Northwestern University in Minneapolis as a registered nurse. March 28, 1925 she married George P. May. Following their marriage they moved to Inverness where they became engaged in farming. In 1979 she moved to the Eagles Manor in Havre. When her health began to fail she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. July 31 she entered the Liberty County Hospital where she died August 8, her great-grandson Kevin Lineweaver's first birthday. She was 86 years old.

Anna loved to read and she waited every day for the mail to arrive. She was an excellent cook and always had the coffee pot on and fresh cookies baked for anyone who came to visit. She was always more than happy to loan out her spare bedroom to a grandchild, school teacher, or anyone who needed a



Anna May

place to stay. As a nurse she was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. She was an active member of the Joplin Lutheran church until her health failed.

Survivors include a daughter,

Dorothy Lineweaver and her husband Charles of Inverness; two sons, John J. May and his wife Gay of Inverness, and Uriel May and his wife Margaret of Havre; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1966; a daughter Katherine Ann; and four brothers.

Funeral services were held at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre Tuesday, August 11th, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor John Olson officiating. Granddaughter Susan Berg recited two poems, "A Mother's Love" and "When I Must Leave You" by Helen Steiner Rice. Special music "The Old Rugged Cross" and "I'll Walk With God" was provided by Terry Stevenson and Sharon Spicher. Pallbearers were grandsons John G. May, Donald M. May, John A. May, Ron Lineweaver, Bob May and Craig Berg. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the home of Uriel and Margaret May.

Memorials may be sent to the Inverness First Responders or to a person's choice.

LAURENCE MCLENNAN
Born: ?, 1917 - Died : January 21, 1987
Liberty County Times
February 4, 1987

Laurence McLennan

Laurence McLennan, aged 70, formerly of Joplin, MT passed away in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 21, 1987. He operated Mac's Conoco and Helen's Lunch in Joplin. He was a member of the Mason's Lodge No. 114, and Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, and the B.P.O.E. No. 1468 in Las Vegas.

He is survived by his wife, Helen and daughter, Lois of Las Vegas, Nevada.

CATHERINE JANICE MIKULECKY
Born: December 24, 1903 - Died: October 12, 1987
Liberty County Times
October 21, 1987

Janice Mikulecky

Catherine Janice Mikulecky was born on December 24th, 1903 in Kenmare, North Dakota. Her parents were Laura Evelyn Stevens and Charles Clark, and she was one of four children. She grew up in Crosby, North Dakota. After finishing her secondary education, she attended Normal School at Minot and received her teaching certificate in 1922. Janice then came to Montana and taught school at Hingham for the next few years. She met Charles J. Mikulecky in the Black Coulee community south of Rudyard. Janice continued teaching for a short while at a country school near the farm, then began



raising her family. They lived and worked on the farm until 1979, when they retired and moved into Rudyard. Charles died in 1981. Janice remained at home in Rudyard until June of 1984, when declining health took her to the rest home in Chester. Recently, she was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital where she died on the evening of Monday, October 12th. Janice was 83 years of age.

She was a past member of the Hingham Methodist Church. In more recent years she had been active in the Methodist Women's group at the Inverness United Methodist Church. In her younger years in North Dakota she was a member of the Eastern Star. After coming to Montana she joined the Rebecca Lodge of Hingham. She had also been active in the Black Coulee Home Demonstration Club, the Black Coulee Farmer's Union, the Liberty County-Hospital Guild, and the Democratic Women's organization. Janice had many hobbies over the years. She loved to crochet, and had done many lovely tablecloths and quilts for family members. She also enjoyed embroidery, quilting and knitting (she knitted hundreds of dish-cloths at the nursing home and gave them away). Janice played the piano, had a nice singing voice, and her favorite flower was the peony. She was a good cook and her family will never forget her wonderful breads, her coffee cakes, her glorified rice, and her chocolate cake with brown sugar frosting! Janice's father was a banker with strong political convictions, and she often told of the time when President Taft spent the night at their house back in North Dakota. It seems that Taft made a few long-distance calls and later sent the family a two-dollar bill to cover the expense. That \$2 remained as a family keepsake until recent years, when it was forwarded to a federal museum for posterity. Another special memory dated back to 1977 when Janice and Charles vacationed in Hawaii. Their health was still relatively good at the time,

so they thoroughly enjoyed this trip to "paradise". At the time of Charles' death, they had been happily married for 55 years.

Janice adjusted well in her move to the nursing home. She became best of friends with her roommate, Amelia Will, who became the sister she never had. In 1986 she was selected as nursing home resident of the year and spent a day in Helena with the Governor...

Janice's family includes 3 daughters; Mrs. Tony (Jean) VanRisswick of Ocean Park, Washington, Mrs. Shirley Kroshus of Hawthorne, Nevada, and Mrs. Roy (Joyce) Waples of Colstrip; a son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Pat of Rudyard; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a son in infancy and by 3 brothers (Donald, Douglas and Porter Clark).

Funeral services were held at 9 a.m. Saturday, October 17th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Pastor Jim Shelden officiating. Special remembrances and comments were shared by Janice's grandson, Jim Kroshus, and a poem was read by a friend, Helena McCann. Special vocal music by Terry Stevenson included "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross", and Iris White served as organist. Pallbearers were friends and neighbors: Ralph Sylte, Vic Gatzemeier, Lloyd Diemert, Gordon Twedt, Allen Twedt and Russ Twedt. Memorial bearers were all of Janice's grandchildren. Following burial in the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon was given at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

OLIVER CHRISTOPHER MORKRID
Born: June 24, 1900 - Died: October 9, 1987
Liberty County Times
October 14, 1987



Oliver Morkrid

Oliver Christopher Morkrid was born in Sogn, Norway on June 24th, 1900. He was one of seven children born to Marie Olson and Christopher I. Morkrid. His family immigrated to the United States in 1910. They came to Montana in 1911 and homesteaded 10 miles southwest of Chester. Oliver attended the Prairie Rose School near the farm and later graduated from the Wilson Business College in Seattle. On March 30th, 1944 he married Greta Morrison in Seattle. They made their home and raised their family in the Chester community, and continued farming until their retirement in 1970. For many years they wintered in Seattle, Spokane and Mesa, but have stayed close to home these past few years. Oliver's health had failed recently and he was admitted to the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls on October 4th. He died there on the

early morning of Friday, October 9th. He was 87 years old.

Oliver had been a life-time member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and had served on the church council. Of interest is the fact that Oliver was confirmed by Pastor Kjos in the very first confirmation class at Our Savior's, and at the time of his death, Oliver and his sister (Sophie) were the last surviving members of that class. Oliver had also been a member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge, a member of the Chester School Board, a member of Chester Rotary, and a charter member of the Montana Grain Growers. Oliver had fond memories of those early years in Montana and good times at the Prairie Rose School (some of his old classmates were Henry Arnst, Carl and Fred Brown, Henry Kolstad, Ben Heimbigner and Mike Kammerzell). In those younger days he enjoyed attending dances and auto races. He was an avid baseball and basketball fan. He loved to read and was especially fond of historical, political and western literature. As a hobby Oliver collected china plates, stamps and souvenir spoons. His greatest loves in life were his home, his family and his farm.

Oliver is survived by his wife, Greta of Chester; 3 sons, William ("Bill") of Chester, David of Vernon Hills, Illinois, and John of Great Falls; 5 grandchildren, including Ray, Gail, Angie, Wendy and Lisa; 1 sister, Sophie Griffith of Fremont, California; and several nephews, nieces and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, by 3 sisters (Hilda Axness, Hannah "Joan" Brooks and Marie Hauge), and by 2 brothers (Iver and

one in infancy).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 13th, at Our Savior's with Reverend Steven J. Nicolai officiating. Organist, Juanita Wardell, accompanied the congregation to "Faith of Our Fathers". Vocal tributes by Sue Violett included "Beautiful Savior" and "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say". Ushers were Jerry Hendrickson and Kelly Christenot. Friends and relatives serving as pallbearers were Curtis Morkrid, Morton Skari, Robert Woodward, Bill Fraser (Sr.), Bill Fraser (Jr.), Leonard Streit, Carl Brown, Ben Heimbigner, Mike Kammerzell, Darby O'Brien and Pete Henderson. Interment followed in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon was given by the ALCW at the church. Memorial gifts will be given to the Shodair Children's Hospital in Helena, the Intermountain Deaconess Home in Helena, the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, or to donor's choice.

CLIFFORD JOSEPH (TONY) NAHRGANG

Born: January 5, 1937 - Died: December 12, 1987

Tony Nahrgang

Liberty County Times

December 23., 1987

Clifford Joseph Nahrgang was born on January 5th, 1937 in Helena, Montana. He was one of five children born to Eleanor Riley and John Nahrgang. Tony was raised in Craig, Montana and had his early education there. He graduated from Cascade High School in 1955, and then joined the Air National Guard. He worked at the Montana Air National Guard for several years as a jet engine mechanic. On September 7th, 1957 he married a Chester girl, Diane Borys, in Great Falls. In the fifteen years that followed, they made their home in Great Falls, Fairfield and Cascade, where Tony worked in the construction business as a heavy equipment operator. In 1971 they came to Chester and took over the operation of the Borys farm south of town. They have made their home in the Chester community since that time. On Saturday afternoon (December 12th) Tony was at a ranch near Fairfield loading a truck with hay bales. He accidentally fell from the truck and became comatose after hitting the ground. He was taken by ambulance to the Teton Medical Center in Choteau, where he was pronounced dead about an hour later. Tony had turned 50 years old this past January.

Tony's club memberships included the Chester Lions, Shelby Elks and Hi-Line Sportsmen. He also participated in the N.R.A. and the Montana Grain Grower's Association. Tony loved sports of all kinds. Not only was he active in high school sports, he remained an avid spectator fan all these years. He loved hunting, fishing, boating, camping, and anything to do with the "great outdoors". He loved the Montana mountains and always looked forward to those hunting trips when they packed deep into the wilderness on horseback. Tony was proud of his gun collection and his belt-buckle collection (he has a buckle from almost every National Rodeo Finals). In the summer



months Tony enjoyed golf, and had been an active member in the league and tournaments at the Marias Valley Golf & Country Club in Shelby for many years. Tony liked farming and was always proud of the fact that he had nice equipment in good working condition. Tony loved his three children. He never missed any of their school functions. He was always generous with them and made sure that their needs were met.

His survivors include his wife, Diane of Chester; two sons, Mike of Chester and John of Glasgow; one daughter, Lisa, who attends MSU in Bozeman; his mother, Eleanor Pauley of Great Falls; three sisters, Carol Halmes of Great Falls, Mrs. Jack (Janet) Burkland of Great Falls, and Mrs. Pat (Kathe) Deitchler of Dayton, Wyoming; one brother, Roger of Fort Shaw; and numerous nephews and nieces. Tony was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 16th, 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Father John Coady and Reverend Charlie Hanson officiated. Music was provided by St. Mary's choir,

accompanied by Helen Ann Aaberg. Vocalist/guitarist Carole Hanson performed "How Great Thou Art", "We Have This Moment Today", and "I Think God Must be a Cowboy at Heart". A special reading was done by Tony's niece, Caren Low. Friends serving as pallbearers included Albert Hanson, Tom Gummer, Vance Graham, Joe Minnehan, Boyd Nealy, Bill Hamel, Gordon Kammerzell and Dean Wolfe. Ushers were Bob Nordstrom and Roger Wolfe. Memorial bearers were Gordon Nelsen, Pete Schuhmacher, Gary Violett, Mike Violett, Ken Wolfe, Bill Earl, and all of Tony's golfing buddies and other good friends... Altar servers were Ivan Wodarz, Robert Pulst and Lucas Kammerzell. Following the services a luncheon was held at the church. The funeral cortege left for Craig, Montana at 12:30 p.m., where graveside services were held at the Craig Cemetery at 3:30 p.m. Father Carl Peltz of Fort Shaw conducted the committal services. A coffee hour followed at the Craig Gym. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

MARGARET NYGAARD
Born: ?, 1903 - Died: June 13, 1987
Herald News, Wolf Point, Mt.
June 18, 1987



State deaths

WOLF POINT — NYGAARD, Margaret, 84, died Saturday at a local hospital. Her funeral will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First Lutheran Church. Born at Stewart Minn., she came here at age 13. After her marriage to Paul G. Nygaard here in 1920, they lived on a farm north of town until moving into Wolf Point in 1935. He died in 1968. Surviving Mrs. Nygaard are a son, Burle of Wolf Point; daughters, Elaine Sethre of

Wolf Point and Lyla Pugsley of Chester; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Morris (Dona) Nygaard; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Clayton Memorial Chapel.

Sunday, June 14, 1987

Margaret Nygaard

WOLF POINT — Margaret Nygaard and her husband farmed north of Wolf Point until moving into Wolf Point in 1935. She enjoyed yardwork and gardening and took special pleasure in decorating the outside of her home at Christmas time. She was a member of ALCW, American Legion Auxiliary and Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Nygaard, 84, died Saturday in Trinity Hospital.

Born in Stewart, Minn., a daughter of M.B. and Bessie Yuly, she moved to Wolf Point at age 13 and finished school. She married Paul G. Nygaard on May 17, 1920; he died in 1968.

Survivors include a son, Burle of Wolf Point; two daughters, Mrs. Elaine Sethre of Wolf Point and Mrs. Lyla Pugsley of Chester; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Morris (Dona) Nygaard of Wolf Point; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Lutheran Church with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

JERRY CLIFFORD OPHUS

Born: March 31, 1914 - Died: August 27, 1987

Liberty County Times

September 9, 1987



Jerry Ophus

Jerry Clifford Ophus was born in Madison, Minnesota on March 31st, 1914. He was one of five children and his parents were Johanna Dybdahl and Christian Ophus. As an infant Jerry was baptized into the Lutheran faith. He came to Montana as a child with his family. He grew up and was educated in Big Sandy, graduating from high school there in 1933. He began working in retail sales. On May 6th, 1936 Jerry married Virginia E. Pearson in Helena. They made their home primarily in Big Sandy, but had also lived in the communities of Great Falls, Billings and Havre. Jerry managed the McCabe Elevator in Havre from 1955 to 1958. In more recent years he worked for Oliver Realty as an insurance/real estate agent. Jerry retired in 1977, but continued to work intermittently in the insurance business until 1984. At that time they moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester to be closer to their daughters. Jerry's health began to deteriorate about two years ago. Following a short stay in the Liberty County Hospital, he died on the afternoon of Thursday, August 27th. He was 73 years old.

Jerry was a past member of the Great Falls Elks Club and the Havre Eagles Lodge. He loved the sales industry, and over the years he had sold many different things (including sewing machines, cars, spark plugs and small tractors). Because of this involvement with the Singer Corporation, he became an expert tailor, and took great pride in sewing and mending family garments all those years. Jerry also enjoyed carpentry, and had completed many remodeling projects for family and friends. Other hobbies included sketching, vegetable gardening, dancing and playing horseshoes. In his quiet hours he enjoyed reading. He also liked to make toy gadgets or unique games for his grandkids. Jerry loved his family, and just last year they all celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary . . .

In addition to his wife, Virginia of Chester, he is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Chvilicek of Chester, Mrs. Louis (Joann) Schadewitz of Van Couver, Washington, and Mrs. Lon (Jere) Schaub of Chester; 2 sisters, Adella Gleason of Portland, Oregon and Mrs. Manning (Helen) McIntyre of Conrad; 7 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 brothers (Burton and Walter), and by a grandson (Brian Chvilicek).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 31st, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy. Reverend Rich Jespersen officiated. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art", "I Love To Tell The Story", and "Earth and All Stars", accompanied by Joanne Kibbee on the organ. Ushers were Allan Pearson and Jon Tester. At

Jerry's request, he was cremated, and the cremains were buried in the Big Sandy Cemetery. A luncheon followed the services at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial fund is being established to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

HATTIE OSTERBAUER
Born: October 26, 1886 - Died : February 17, 1987
Liberty County Times
March 4, 1987

Hattie Osterbauer

Hattie Osterbauer, 100, born October 26, 1886, died February 17, 1987 in Spokane, Washington of natural causes. Services were February 21, 1987 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havre, MT.

Hattie was born, raised, and educated in Dakota Territory. She married Charles Beecher June 22, 1908. They homesteaded 24 miles

north of Gildford. In October 1913, Charles died. On December 14, 1914, Hattie married Lawrence Osterbauer. They farmed on their homesteads, which is now owned by the Gildford Hutterite Colony, until 1956. Hattie was instrumental in forming the Goldstone Lutheran Church and was the first Lutheran Ladies Aid president.

She was preceded in death by her

son, Herbert, daughter Freida, and four brothers and a sister. She is survived by a sister, Selma Garske, and children, Ervin Beecher, Harlem, MT.; Herman Beecher, Gildford; Walter Osterbauer, Mount Vernon, WA.; Lorraine Alfred, Spokane, WA.; and Joe Osterbauer, Hamilton. Hattie had 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

EMMA PEARL PERRIN
Born: September 12, 1894 - Died: October 9, 1987
Liberty County Times
October 14, 1987

Emma Perrin

Emma Pearl Perrin was born in Gardiner, North Dakota on September 12th, 1894. She was one of three children born to Robert and Rachael (Flat) Humphrey. Her mother died during her childbirth, so Emma was later adopted by the Martin Tenberg family. She grew up and was educated in Gardiner. In 1911 Emma married Joseph K. Collins at Amenia, North Dakota. They came to Montana in 1917 to homestead near Carter. They had three children, two sons and a daughter. Joseph died in 1941.

Emma married George H. Mahoney in 1943 and together they ran the Benton Shoe Repair in Fort Benton. They later moved to Browning and continued in the shoe business there. They eventually moved to Hot Springs, Montana where George died in 1964.

Emma ran a motel in Hot Springs for a while, then married Donald L. Perrin, Sr. in 1965. Donald died in 1970.

Emma moved to Chester in 1971 to live with her daughter. After her health deteriorated, she moved the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1981. She lived there until her death on the morning of Friday, October 9th. She was 93 years old.

Emma was a good cook and homemaker. She enjoyed gardening, and in her younger years she liked to crochet and do fancy-work. Although she had no formal lessons, she was an excellent pianist and also had a very good singing voice. She had also done some hobby sketching and painting. Emma was a very caring person and was always concerned about friends and neighbors who needed help of any kind.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Rudolph Lehman of Chester; 3 grandchildren, Carolyn Kirsch of Port Angeles, Washington, Donna Kanewischer of Shelby, and Melvin Leyman of Gainesville, Florida; 7 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Emma was preceded in death not only by her parents and husbands, but also by 2 sons (Joseph in 1937 and Richard in 1939), by a sister (Ada), and by a brother (Chester).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 13th, at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Dan Clark



Emma Perrin

officiating. Special music was provided by Rusty and Kathryn Dowell, who performed "Amazing Grace", "Sweet Hour of Prayer", and "How Great Thou Art". Pallbearers were Arnold Kanewischer, Mel Leyman, Fred Blaisdell, Rocky Highfill, Leroy Beeby and Brett Windrel. A coffee hour followed at the church. Graveside services were held at 4:30 p.m. at the Carter Cemetery, where Emma was buried next to her first husband, Joseph. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home.

CHRISTINA PESTER
Born: 7, 1901 - Died: September 12, 1987
Liberty County Times
September 16, 1987

Christina Pester

Christina Pester, 86, died last Saturday in a Walla Walla, Washington nursing home. The Rosary was held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Mass was at 10 a.m. Thursday in the church with burial in the Hingham Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Kiemelle, Richard Pester, Kraig Pester, Brian Pester, Darryl Pester, Gary Pester, Bruce Pester and Lowell Pester. Honorary pallbearers were Michael Murphy, Wayne Pester, Jerome Pester, Kenneth Pester, Donald Pester, Gregory Pester and Thomas Pester. Ushers were Ben Spinler and Leonard Chvilicek. Gary Pester was Reader with Jeffrey Pester and Rachel Blake providing the music "Because the

Lord Is My Shepherd," "It Is Well With My Soul" and "Prayer of St. Francis."

Mrs. Pester was born and raised in Medford, Minnesota. She married Tom Pester in 1919 in Owatona, Minnesota. They moved to a homestead south of Hingham and later moved to a farm north of Hingham, where she lived until 1973. She moved then to College Place, Washington. Her husband died in 1972. A son also died before her.

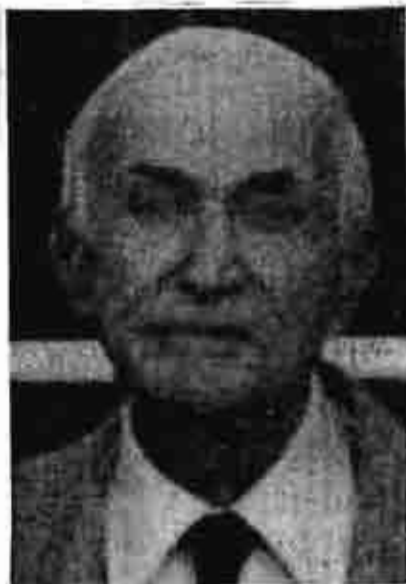
She is survived by her sons, Jerry of Canada, Charles of Windham, Robert and James of Hingham and Gene of Great Falls; daughters, Mrs. Alfred (Martha) Kiemele of Havre and Mrs. Con (Rosemary) Murphy of College Place, Washington; sister, Martha Manderfield of Medford, Minnesota; and brother, Pete Spinler of

Medford, Minnesota; 34 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

LEONARD PLANK
Born: September 3, 1892 - Died: July 12, 1987
Liberty County Times
July 22, 1987



Leonard Plank

Leonard Plank was born on September 3, 1892 in Harrisonville, MO. His parents were Isaac and Emma (Hooley) Plank. Leonard was educated in Oklahoma public schools and graduated from the Henry Kendall Academy in Muskogee in 1907. He continued his studies at Fairmont College in Wichita, KS and later at Mason City College of Music and the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA. He aspired to be a concert pianist, however, in 1917 he came to Montana to farm with his step-father, David Plank. While in the Chester community, Leonard met his wife-to-be, Stella A. Goodman, and they were married on September 19, 1918 in Havre. Soon after their marriage, Leonard was inducted into the U.S. Army, but was honorably discharged a month later when the war ended. They continued farming southeast of Chester. Leonard, a staunch Democrat, was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1924 and served 2 terms. In 1928 he was elected to fill a vacancy in the State Senate, where he went on to serve four more 4-year terms without opposition from either party. His last

year in the Senate was 1947. Leonard and Stella retired from farming in 1948 and moved to a home in Woodland Hills, CA. In 1957 they moved to Mesa, AZ where Stella died 3 years later. Leonard remained in Mesa until 1975, then came back to Montana

(the state he always considered "home"). He lived at the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester for 5 years, then moved to Helena in 1981 so he could spend more time with his two daughters there. About six weeks ago Leonard's health declined, so he moved into the Big Sky Care Center in Helena. He died there on Sunday evening, July 12th, at the age of 94.

Leonard was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church. During those early years in Chester he was active in the Oddfellows and Lions Clubs. Leonard was an accomplished pianist and he shared those talents whenever he could. He played in a dance band, taught piano lessons, performed at numerous church functions, and provided entertainment at family gatherings and social events. He continued to play the piano until age 92! In addition to music, Leonard loved to read. He was well-informed on current events and political issues, and was well-versed on the history of Montana politics. He enjoyed sports of all kinds, but was especially fond of baseball. In his younger years, he did some fishing and camping. Leonard had a great memory for words, people, places, and dates, probably as a consequence of his love for reading and the fact that he did crossword puzzles on a daily basis. Leonard was considered a very conservative person, yet very generous when it came to his grandchildren. He had wisdom and concern, multiplied by honesty and integrity, that made him the special person he was.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Barrett of Cascade, and Mary Mattson of Helena; 8 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Leonard was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by an infant son, by his eldest daughter (Josephine Gunderson in May of this year), and by a grandson (Monte Barrett).

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 18th at 2 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Clark officiating. Special eulogists included Fred Barrett, Leonard Gunderson, Jodi Hill, Neil Shepherd, and David James. Leonard's grandchildren sang "Softly and Tenderly," "Be Still My Soul," and "Londonderry Air" accompanied by Carolyn Dolderer. Pallbearers were Dale, Denis and Leonard Gunderson, Daryl King, Alan Hill, Robert Dolderer, and Carl Mattson. Ushers were Daniel and Sarah Gunderson and Pamela and Stacy Dolderer. Prelude and postlude music was provided by taped recordings of Leonard playing the piano. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery followed by a coffee hour at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

INA GLADYS PLOSS

Born: June 19, 1929 - Died: August 20, 1987

Liberty County Times

August 26, 1987

Ina Ploss

Ina Gladys Ploss was born on her family farm near Lewistown, Montana on June 19th, 1929. Her parents were Anne Byfuglin and Thorvald Madslangrud, and she was one of six children. She received her early education at Lewistown and Glasgow. As a young teenager she moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho with her family and graduated from high school there in 1947. Ina attended the Northern Idaho Junior College for a while, then transferred to the American Academy of Art in Chicago. She majored in art and received her degree in 1950. For the next few years she worked as a commercial artist in Chicago, where she produced lay-outs and designs for a major department store. On a trip to Montana, Ina met her husband-to-be, Alvin L. Ploss, and they were married in Coeur d'Alene on December 27th, 1953. From that time on they made their home on Al's farm north of Chester. They worked and lived in the Chester community until 1981, when they retired from farming and leased out their place. Since then they have wintered in Mesa, lived intermittently in Chester and Kalispell, and traveled to various places throughout the world. About two months ago, Ina was diagnosed with lung cancer. She had been receiving radiation treatment and medical care in Kalispell. Following a short stay in the Kalispell Regional Hospital, she died on the evening of Thursday, August 20th. She was just 58 years old.

Ina had been a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the A.L.C.W. in Chester. She was active in the organization of the Liberty Arts Council, the Liberty Village, and the Liberty County Museum. In addition, she had been a member of a local extension club



Ina Ploss

and the League of Women Voters. Her attachments to Chester dated back to her teenage years when she used to come out here in the summer months and work for relatives on the Harold Flogum ranch. Also, her father had lived here and was one of the charter members of the Lutheran Church in Chester. Ina loved the outdoors of Montana, especially when it came to gardening, hiking and fishing. Her hobbies included rock-collecting and photography, and she was a lover of the fine arts. She enjoyed music and dancing, and in her younger years she had played the ukulele. Ina had designed numerous booklet covers and emblems for local festival and school projects, and enjoyed sharing her artistic talents whenever she could. She had a quick wit and good sense of humor, and loved making puns. She was an easy person to like and she enjoyed meeting people; that's why their world travels were so pleasurable for her. About four years ago they "adopted" a young Japanese girl and she has been a special friend of theirs since. Because they never had children of their own, Ina and Al became close

companions and best friends. Ina will be remembered best for her basic belief that there is good in every person, and that you should always look for those good attributes and never the bad...

Ina's survivors include her husband, Al of Chester; her mother, Anne Hatland of Spokane, Washington; her Japanese daughter, Takako Abe of Chester; 3 sisters, Norma Dunn of Hayden Lake, Idaho, Mrs.

William (Thelma) Bissett of Conrad, and Mrs. George (Edna) Darroch of Spokane; 1 brother, Kenneth Rude of Hayden Lake; 2 uncles, Alfred Byfuglin of Coeur d'Alene and Ryder Byfuglin of Lewistown; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her father and a brother (Elmer Rude).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 25th, at Our Savior's Church in Chester. Pastor Hal Curtiss of Kalispell and Pastor Wayne Bungum of Chester officiated. Eulogist was Allen Kolstad. Organist, Juanita Wardell, accompanied the congregation, who sang "How Great Thou Art". Special taped music included "Friend" by Renae Solum, "The Lord's Prayer" by Noema Anderson and "What A Day That Will Be" by Ken and Renae Solum. Ina's nephews served as pallbearers: Kenneth Dunn, Douglas Darroch, Craig Rude, Keith Rude, Kurt Rude and Brad Rude. Ushers were Larry Hendrickson, Clyde Lee and Phillip Anderson. At the graveside services the congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Following interment in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

EMMETT L. PURDY
Born: February 26, 1888 - Died: January 22, 1987
Liberty County Times
February 4, 1987

Emmett L. Purdy

Emmett L. Purdy, age 98, passed away in the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre Thursday January 22nd. Funeral services were Monday January 26, 1987 at the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church in Havre; Rev. Robert J. Klein officiated. Terry Stevenson sang "Softly and Tenderly", and "How Great Thou Art" and Julie Haugen sang "Be Still My Soul" accompanied by organist Rita D'Hooge. The congregation sang "I

Would Be True". Pallbearers were Scott Purdy, Todd Purdy, Dusty Kline, Sid Haugen, Mike Meek, and Jim Kennedy. Ushers were Wilbur Rolston and Don Swinney. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Emmett was born in Grant County, South Dakota on February 26, 1888 and was raised there. He graduated from high school in Summitt, South Dakota and South Dakota State Teachers College at Aberdeen, South Dakota. He came to the Kremlin area in 1912 and homesteaded with his brothers.

Emmett married Laura Conne in Havre on November 27, 1926 and she survives at Havre. After marriage they continued to farm until he retired in 1956.

Purdy was an associate member of the Kremlin United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Laura; daughter, Donna Haugen of Kremlin, Montana; and son, Boo Purdy of Great Falls; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, four sisters, and one grandson.

LENA (SALAGER) REW
Born: June 28, 1889 - Died: October 30, 1987
Liberty County Times
November 4, 1987

Lena Rew

Lena Slager was born in Elgin, Illinois on June 28th, 1889. She was the youngest of six children born to Annie Douma and Henry Slager. As a child she moved to Clara City, Minnesota with her family. Following the death of her father, they moved to Tolley, North Dakota and filed a homestead there. Soon afterwards, the railroad came through their land at Tolley and they decided to move to Saskatchewan. It was there that Lena met her husband-to-be, Gust Stubbe, and they were married on December 2nd, 1907 at Tribune (Sask.). They lived in Canada for the next five years, then homesteaded near Westby, Montana in 1913. It was in Westby that they raised their family of three and worked together on the farm until Gust's death in 1952. Lena began

wintering in Arizona, and it was there that she met her second husband, Murry Rew. They were married in Mesa on January 8th, 1957. Murry died in 1974. Lena came to Chester in 1976. She was one of the original residents of the Sweetgrass Lodge and remained there until recent months when her health began to fail. She moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home where she died on the evening of Friday, October 30th. Lena was 98 years old...

Lena was a life-long member of the American Lutheran Church and had been active in many church circles. Religion was important to her and she read her Bible on a daily basis. She enjoyed many of the simple pleasures in life, like gardening, homemaking, fanci-work, or spending time with her

family.

Lena is survived by 2 daughters, Mrs. Ed (Jennie) Hamilton of Grass Valley, California and Mrs. Raymond (Lillian) Fritz of Chester; 7 grandchildren, including Lorraine Magee, Dorothy Chedwick, Ron Stubbe, Bonnie Johnson, Donna Griffin, John Fritz and Bob Fritz; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her parents and husbands, but also by a son (Charles), a great-granddaughter (Amy Fritz), 2 sisters (Ida and Jennie), and 3 brothers (John, Jake and Minhardt).

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 2nd, at 11 a.m. in the Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Dan Clark officiated. Organist, Juanita Wardell, played some of Lena's favorite old-

time hymns and the congregation sang "Just As I Am". Many of Lena's grandchildren participated in the services. Karla Griffin Duncan sang "On Eagle's Wings". Jennifer Fritz shared a special reading. Angie, Whitney and Katie Fritz served as candlelighters and handed out memorial folders. Pallbearers were John and Bob Fritz, Ron Stubbe, Kyle Griffin, Jack Wagner and Jennings Johnson. Following the church services, a luncheon was held in the basement for family and friends. The graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. later that afternoon at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to Our Savior's Church in Chester.

NANCY ELIZABETH REYNOLDS
Born: March 25, 1972 - Died : November 17, 1987
Liberty County Times
December 2, 1987

Nancy Reynolds

Nancy Elizabeth Reynolds, 15, died Tuesday afternoon, November 17, in a two-vehicle collision on U.S. Highway 2 about 10 miles west of Havre.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church.

Nancy was born March 25, 1972 in Havre. She was a sophomore at KG High School and had attended schools in the KG system. She was very active in basketball, choir, band, drama and 4-H.

Survivors include her parents, Dr. Stuart and Virginia Reynolds of west of Havre; two sisters, Karrie Hanson of Portland and Julie Reynolds of Bozeman; and her maternal grandfather, Avery Sturm of Mariposa, California.



The family have established a memorial scholarship fund to KG High School in Nancy's name.

HELEN LOUISE SOLUM RICHTER
Born: October 10, 1929 - Died: November 27, 1987
Liberty County Times
December 16, 1987



Helen Richter

Helen Louise Solum was born October 10th, 1929 at Havre, Montana. Her parents were Karen Spaberg and Edwin Solum, and she was one of five children. Helen's father had homesteaded south of Inverness, so she grew up there and attended the Rathbun Country School. She graduated from Rudyard High School in 1947. September 21st of that same year she married Jacob M. Richter in Great Falls. They made their home in Inverness and farmed south of town. Helen worked hard as a homemaker and mother, and when her children grew up and left home, she decided to get into the nursing field. So in 1973-74 she attended the Clover Park Vo-Tech Institute in Washington state where she received a two-year nursing degree and became an L.P.N. In the years that followed she worked at the Havre Head-Start, the Great Falls Crisis Center, and the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Her husband, Jake, died

in an accident in August of 1986. Helen moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester and lived there until June 30th, 1987 when she mysteriously disappeared. Her body was found in an abandoned barn near Browning Friday, November 27th, and authorities suspect foul play. At the time Helen disappeared, she was 57 years old.

Helen had been active in the United Methodist Parish in Inverness during those earlier years, but more recently she had attended church at the Methodist Parish in Chester. She had also been active in the Rudyard Saddle Club many years ago. She enjoyed flowers and gardening, and loved to cook and bake. She had made many wedding cakes for Hi-Line families during those years she lived in Inverness. During her quiet hours at home, she enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and reading. Helen liked to stay busy, and she was best described as a "helper" (she was always ready to pitch-in whenever she could). She was considered a kind, caring person and was especially good at working with older people. She loved younger people, too, especially her grandkids.

Helen is survived by three sons, Ken of Sandy, Utah, Bob of Cut Bank, and Richard of Cody, Wyoming; one daughter, Karen Kleiv of Midland, Texas; 3 grandchildren, Corey, Tyler and Christopher; her mother, Karen Solum of Rudyard; three brothers, Glen Solum of Havre and Orville and Marcel Solum of Rudyard; one sister, Evelyn Griffin of Puyallup, Washington; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husband, but also by her father and an infant son (Lloyd).

Private family graveside services were held at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, December 12th, at the Inverness Cemetery with prayers by Reverend Dan Clark. A memorial service followed at 2 p.m. at the Inverness United Methodist Church. In addition to Reverend Clark, special comments were shared by Reverend Leon Johnson, Organist, Iris White, accompanied the congregation, who sang "How Great Thou Art". Special vocal music by Margaret Novak and Rudy Cicon included "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross", with accompaniment by Gail Cicon.

Ushers were nephews Ed and Ken Solum. Memorial bearers included "all of Helen's many friends, young and old". A luncheon followed at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

Body identified, investigation ensues

The body found in Glacier County on November 17 has now been identified as that of Helen L. Richter, formerly of Chester. Richter, age 58, was last seen on June 30, 1987 traveling to Cut Bank in her red Ford Tempo automobile. The car was found abandoned later that day along Highway 2 about one mile east of the Cut Bank city limits. Richter's body was accidentally discovered in a barn on a ranch between Blackfoot and Browning, Montana, in Glacier County by two children who were accompanying their father on a trapping trip. An autopsy performed in Great Falls on the badly decomposed remains revealed that

death had been caused by criminal means.

Glacier County Attorney, Jim Nelson, stated that identification of the body had been difficult, but that Glacier County authorities had been finally able to satisfy themselves that the body was Richter's on the basis of comparisons of clothing and jewelry found on the body and on the basis of x-rays, medical information and dental records. Nelson noted that final identification was not possible until late Wednesday evening and was made on the basis of dental records that had been only located earlier that day.

Nelson declined to elaborate on the cause of death, but stated that Richter was killed by criminal means and that her death was being investigated as a deliberate homicide by Glacier County authorities, the F.B.I. and by Bureau of Indian Affairs Peace Officers. No charges have been filed in the case, and, at the present time, investigating authorities are seeking information and are following up on a number of leads, according to Nelson.

Anyone having information regarding the death is urged to contact the Glacier County Sheriff's office at 406-873-2711. All sources will be kept confidential.

OLIVE SCHOW MALLERY SAUNDERS
Born: December 9, 1887 - Died: February 1, 1987
Liberty County Times
February 25, 1987

Olive Saunders

Early day homesteader and teacher, Olive Schow Mallery Saunders died February 1st in Eugene Oregon.

Olive Schow was born in Wells, Minnesota on December 9, 1887. She attended school in Wells and graduated from Hamline University in St. Paul in 1910. She taught school in Minnesota and married Albert "Lea" Mallery in Wells on April 12, 1912.

Olive and Lea came to the Minneota community north of Inverness in 1912 where Lea filed on an abandoned homestead close to

his mother's claim. While proving up on the homestead, Lea taught school at the Earle and Swift school, and Olive taught the Minneota community school; first at her own home, and later in the Jack Feeney shack. Students included children from the Oscarson, Hill, Clink, Smith, Gustafson, Geesey and Lineweaver families.

After proving up on the homestead, Olive and Lea moved to Bozeman for a summer and then back to Bertha, Minnesota, where he was principal for two years.

In 1920, the couple moved to

Oregon where they published weekly newspapers in Falls City, Tillamook, Klamath Falls, and Oakland. During WW II they moved to Seattle where Olive worked as a cook. In 1944 they settled in Salem, Oregon.

Lea Mallery died in 1947. Olive worked for the Oregon State Department of Welfare until her retirement in 1953.

She moved to Eugene, Oregon and married Herbert Saunders there in 1957. He died in 1961.

Olive Saunders is survived by sons, James Mallery of Springfield, OR; and Maj. Gen. Ret. Raymond Conroy of Burlingame, CA. Daughters, Doral Hannon of Springfield, OR., and Helen Hakanson of Milwaukee, WI.; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Long live the fighting, pioneer spirit of this talented and gracious lady.

ESTHER JENSEN SCHWARTZ
Born: December 1, 1911 - Died: August 18, 1987
Liberty County Times
September 16, 1987

She is survived by sons: Douglas of Elmhurst, Illinois; George of Fairfield, Connecticut; daughter, Joan Bowling, Salt Lake City; grandchildren: Kimberly, Mary Allyn, Deanna, Francis and Rob Schwartz; great-grandson, Ryan Matthew; sister, Marie Anderson of Longview, Washington; and brother, Walter Jensen of Chester, Montana.

Esther J. Schwartz

Esther Jensen Schwartz, age 75, passed away August 18, 1987, at her home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Esther was born December 1, 1911 at Joplin, Montana, to Peter and Sylvia Jensen. She married Allan Gray Schwartz in October of 1937. He died May 27, 1984. Esther was a graduate of the University of Utah and taught in Salt Lake City public schools for 30 years until her retirement. She was loved by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 20th at 11:00 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Salt Lake. Interment was at Fort Douglas Military Cemetery under the direction of Larkin Mortuary. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to The American Cancer Society, 610 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102.

BONNIE LYNN HODGES SEBASTIAN
Born: April 18, 1949 - Died: April 7, 1987
Liberty County Times
April 15, 1987

Bonnie Sebastian

Bonnie Lynn Hodges Sebastian, 37, Bigfork, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Wednesday evening.

She was born April 18, 1949 in Havre, a daughter to Wesley R. and Virginia Wicklund Hodges. She attended elementary school in Ferndale and Bigfork, and was a graduate of Bigfork High School.

She then attended C and C Beauty School in Kalispell for a short time.

She worked as a waitress at the Bigfork Lake Cafe and did house cleaning and ironing while in Kalispell.

She was baptized at Bethany Lutheran Church of Bigfork.

In 1968, she moved to Long

Beach California, where she worked for various insurance companies.

She married Jamie Sebastian and they had two children. The family moved to Crab Orchard, Ken., in December 1978, and while there she was employed in clothing factories.

In May 1986, Mrs. Sebastian moved her family to Bigfork and in June to Kalispell.

She had been employed at Herberger's Department Store and was recently employed at Office Specialists of Kalispell.

She enjoyed dancing, camping, family outings and work.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wesley R. Hodges; her stepfather, Orville Ramsfield; a half-brother, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wicklund.

Survivors include her children, Kevin and Natasha "Nikki" Sebastian at home; her mother, Virginia Ramsfield of Kalispell; two brothers, Dale and Terry Hodges both of Kalispell; a sister, Noella Hutton of Kalispell; a half-brother, Chris Hodges of Riverside, California; a half-sister, Desiree AeKire, address unknown; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodges of Bigfork; her boyfriend, Steve Gaikawski of Kalispell; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Herb Knutsen of Bethany Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation followed the services.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of donor's choice.

HARVEY DEWEY SEIDLITZ

Born: February 14, 1906 - Died: August 7, 1987

Liberty County Times

August 12, 1987

Harvey Dewey Seidlitz was born on February 14, 1906 in Stavely, Alberta, Canada. He was one of three children and his parents were Mathilda Jabes and John Seidlitz. As an infant he moved to California with his family. They came to Montana in 1911 and his father homesteaded south of Chester. Harvey grew up on the farm and attended schools near there. On September 19, 1932 he married Ruth E. Brownlee in Havre. They took over part of the family farm in 1933, and continued in the farming/ranching business for the next 50 years. They retired in 1984 and moved to a new home in Chester. On Friday afternoon, August 7th, Harvey and Ruth drove out to their farm to look at the crops. While getting back into the pick-up, Harvey collapsed. He was dead on arrival at the Chester Hospital. Harvey was 81 years old.

Harvey was a very quiet, soft-spoken, and gentle man who enjoyed the simple things in life. He liked to read, and was especially fond of farming and political literature. He appreciated good friends and neighbors, and liked to visit. He was a thoughtful, caring man and felt it was very important to live by the "Golden Rule." He enjoyed working in his vegetable garden and helping Ruth with her flowers. Harvey liked to tinker in carpentry; he built many things over the years, be it dollhouse furniture for his daughter, shelving for his shop, or magazine racks for their new home. And when their new home was being constructed, both he and Ruth pitched in and helped with the finishing work. Harvey loved music, and in his quiet hours at home he liked to do "brain twister" puzzle games. During those early years on the farm, he had

collected numerous rocks and Indian artifacts. He did not go for traveling; he enjoyed the simple peace and security of being at home. In fact, during their 55 years of married life, Harvey had never slept away from his own bed (except during hospital



stays)! Harvey was a good father and husband, and he and Ruth were best friends together on the farm. Harvey loved his farm, and it seems fitting that he died the way he did, on a beautiful day of harvest in Montana.

Harvey's survivors include his wife, Ruth of Chester; a daughter, Mrs. Bob (Laurie) Melius of Portland, OR; a brother, Elle of Chester; 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister (Helen Tyler).

Funeral services were held at the RNA Hall in Chester on Tuesday, August 11th, at 2 p.m. Ruth's brother, Harry Brownlee, officiated. Special music including "The Old Rugged Cross" and "I'm Satisfied in Jesus Now" was provided by the vocal duet of Glenn Sparks and Sue

Hashley, accompanied by Dorene Dutton. Pallbearers were Jack Seidlitz, John Nuxoll, Neil Shepherd, Earl Keith, Robert

Henke, John Englund, and Fred Barrett. Craig Henke served as usher. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery, and at graveside the congregation sang "He Waits for Thee." A luncheon followed at the RNA Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

HELEN C. SEIDLITZ
Born: January 1, 1903 - Died: October 13, 1987
Liberty County Times
October 21, 1987

Helen Seidlitz

Helen C. White was born on January 1st, 1903 in Flaxton, North Dakota. She was one of seven children and her parents were Rose Mader and Alphonse White. In 1910 her family came to Montana and homesteaded near Inverness. Helen attended schools in Inverness, in fact, was one of four students in the very first graduating class of Inverness High School in 1921. She then attended Normal School in Dillon and received her teaching certificate. In the few years that followed, she taught at the Een School south of Rudyard, the McFadden School north of Inverness, and the Galata School in Galata. On August 25th, 1926 she married Elle W. Seidlitz in Hingham. They moved to Elle's farm southeast of Chester, where they have lived and worked since. Helen went into the Liberty County Nursing Home in June of 1987. She died there on the evening of Tuesday, October 13th, at the age of 84.

Helen was a member of St. Mary's Church and Altar Society. For many years she had sung in the church choir. She also had served as education director for the Farmer's Union, and had attended many meetings around the state. She was also an early member of a local Woman's Club (of interest is the fact that they entertained themselves at meetings by performing in a "kitchen band"). Helen loved to raise flowers and vegetables, and was very proud of their tree grove at the farm. In her quiet hours she enjoyed reading and crocheting. In her younger days she played girls basketball, pecked away at the piano, and enjoyed going to dances. In more recent years she kept herself busy with her family. She loved her many grandchildren and proved it with frequent letters and notes. She

was a dedicated mother and wife, and spent 61 years of marriage and love for each and every one of them. . .

Helen's survivors include her husband, Elle of Chester; 5 daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Betty Jeanne) Wolfe of Chester, Mrs. Donald (Virginita) Dyrud of Ledger, Mrs. Ted (Adella) Wagner of La

Mirada, California, Mrs. Norman (Pat) Bruce of Columbus, and Michelle of Chester; 3 sons, Joe (and Carolyn) of Chester, Jack (and



Pat) of Chester, and Ray (and Sharon) of Chester; 40 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Herb White of Inverness; 2 sisters, Irene Moog of Inverness and Violet Smith of Superior, Iowa; and numerous nephews and nieces. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, a son (Dick in 1960), a grandson (Gary), a sister (Margaret), and 2 brothers (William and one in infancy).

Rosary services were Friday evening, October 16th, at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Funeral mass was celebrated by Father John Coady at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Lectors were Jack and Joe

Seidlitz. Helen's grandsons served as pallbearers and ushers, and her granddaughters presented the gifts to the altar. Servers were Robert Pulst and Ed Cole. Patsy Seidlitz assisted in serving communion. The grandchildren provided musical tributes, including "Seek The Lord", "Blest Be The Lord", "You Are Near", "I Lift Up My Soul", "Peace Be Still, Our God is Dwelling", and "Sing a New Song". . .

Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Ladies of the church provided a fellowship luncheon following the graveside services.

LAWRENCE L. (VERN) SHELDON
Born: ?, 1928 - Died: July 22, 1987
Liberty County Times
July 29, 1987

Vern Sheldon

Lawrence L. "Vern" Sheldon, 59, Great Falls, died Wednesday in a local hospital of natural causes.

Services were held Saturday, July 25 at Sunrise Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William Postler officiating and on Monday, July 27th at the First Presbyterian Church in Deer Lodge with the Rev. Marion Horton officiating. Cremation has taken place. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

Sheldon was born in Harlowton, where he attended schools. He received his GED in 1969. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was stationed in Japan after the war. He attended Chicago Commercial Trades Institute for Body and Fender work in 1950 and married Jeanne L. Scheuerle in Chicago on November 11, 1950.

He attended Moller Barber College in Spokane, WA in 1953. Sheldon worked 27 years for the Old Milwaukee Railroad and seven years for the Burlington Northern Railroad as a carman.

He was an elder and a deacon for the First Presbyterian Church in Deer Lodge and was a member of Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Great Falls. He also belonged to the Eagles Lodge in Great Falls and held a degree of high honor in Ivy Lodge 2 of Great Falls.

One sister and two brothers preceded him in death. Surviving are his wife, Jeanne of Great Falls; a son, Lawrence, of Helena; a daughter, Carol Wilson of Chester; a brother, Wesley of Hudson, FL; and four grandchildren.

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THOMAS SHERRARD
Born: February 7, 1924 - Died: August 29, 1987
Liberty County Times
September 9, 1987

Thomas Sherrard, age 63, died at the Toole County Hospital in Shelby Saturday evening, August 29th, of natural causes following a long illness.

Tom was born in Shelby on February 7th, 1924. His parents were Maude Barnes and John H. Sherrard, and he was one of five children. He grew up on the family homestead near Ledger and attended the Beatrice country school. He finished his education at Galata, graduating from high school in 1942. On November 9th of that same year he married Katheryn N. Fowler in Great Falls. In 1944 they purchased a farm located 10 miles S.W. of the family homestead, and he continued to farm there until his death.

In 1974 Tom was elected to the position of Toole County Commissioner, a job he held for the next 12 years. He retired as commissioner this past January. Tom was proud that he had been active in the organization of the first Toole County Soil Conservation District, and that he had served for 17 years as a trustee on the Pondera School and Shelby High School boards. He was a member of the St. Olaf Lutheran

Church and had served as past president of the Lutheran Brotherhood. In 1985 he received an "outstanding achievement" award from the North Central Council on Aging and in 1987 he received the "Silver Spur" award at the Montana Farm Forum. Tom had many hobbies over the years, including boating, fishing, goose hunting, archery, bowling and recreational baseball. He enjoyed playing cards, especially pinochle and whist, and he also liked to dance. Tom's greatest love in life was his farm and his family. He and his wife, Katie, were about to celebrate their 45th year of married life together . .

In addition to Katie, Tom is survived by a daughter, Patty Culp of Spokane, Washington; 3 sons, Tom, Jr. of Helena, Mike of Shelby, and Roy of Ledger; 7 grandchildren; 1 sister, Mrs. Ted (Jessie) Fowler of Ledger; 3 brothers, John of Great Falls, Jim of Shelby, and Jerry of Cut Bank; and numerous nephews and nieces. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter, and a great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Olaf Church east of Ledger. Reverend Mike Borge of Conrad officiated. Special music was provided by Laila Lindberg and DeeDee Brown. Ushers were Lanny Christman and Warren Wickum. Pallbearers included Lyle Sherrard, Layne Sherrard, Shawn Sherrard, Skip Fowler, David Fowler and Jerry Bacon. Memorial bearers were all of Tom's good friends and neighbors. Burial followed in the St. Olaf Cemetery and a luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorial gifts will be given to the Shriner's Hospital of Spokane or to donor's choice . . .



RAYMOND MARVIN STANBERRY
Born: February 2, 1934 - Died: July 21 1987
Liberty County Times
July 29, 1987

Ray Stanberry

Raymond Marvin Stanberry was born in Havre, Montana on February 2, 1934. His parents were Mimmie Geesey and Roy Stanberry, and he was one of four children. He grew up on the family farm north of Inverness, where he attended the Minneota country school. The family moved to Rudyard in 1945. "PeeWee," a nickname given him by childhood friends, finished his education in Rudyard, graduating from high school in 1952. In the few years that followed, he worked in the grocery business for Sarvik's in Rudyard and Price-Rite in Havre.



On November 14, 1954 he married Peggy Heydon in Havre. In December of 1956 they moved to Joplin and purchased the Joplin Mart. They have owned and operated the store since that time.

PeeWee's health has been relatively good over the years, that is, he has been without severe pain and illness. On the morning of Tuesday, July 21st, he was found dead in bed at his residence by his wife. An autopsy revealed the death attributable to heart disease. PeeWee was just 53 years old.

In his high school days, PeeWee had participated in baseball, basketball, and football. He had also enjoyed hunting and fishing. His love for sports continued in these later years. He enjoyed golfing and bowling and was a fan of softball and

the Great Falls Dodgers baseball team. He had helped coach the Little League program when his boys were involved.

PeeWee had been a member of the Joplin Fire Department and Commercial Club. He loved country-western music and had a large collection of tapes and records. It was common place to shop in the Joplin Mart to the beat of a "cowboy tune." PeeWee was a self-taught guitar player and spent many winter evenings at strumming sessions with friends. He also enjoyed simple solitude and spent many quiet hours assembling elaborate jigsaw puzzles.

Since their boys had grown up and moved away, PeeWee and Peggy had done some traveling and were recently making plans for their retirement. A great thrill in their lives was a surprise party from the boys on their 25th wedding anniversary.

PeeWee's survivors include his wife, Peggy of Joplin; sons, Marvin and Steven of Gardnerville, NV; sister, Mrs. Jerry (Mary Lois) Hybner of Rudyard; brother, Melvin of Laramie, WY; mother-in-law, Verna Heydon of Joplin; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother (Elwin in 1982).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday July 24th in the Joplin Community Hall. Reverend Jim Shelden from Rudyard officiated, and the obituary was read by Greg May. Vocal tributes by Mike Stevenson included "Montana Melodies" and

"One Day at a Time," with accompaniment by Sharon Spicher. Ushers were Bob Chapman and Don Rocks. Friends serving as pallbearers were Con May, Tiger Evans, Don Martinson, Frank Richter, Duane Alley, and Lon Meldrum. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon followed at the Community Hall.

On Saturday morning, Dave Wilson, host of KMON's "Grassroots Gold," dedicated the country music show in memory of PeeWee.

ANNA STARK
Born: August 28, 1896 - Died: September 29, 1987
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October 21, 1987

Anna Stark

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Stark, 92 were held Friday, October 2 at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre. She died September 29.

Mrs. Stark was born in Cavalier, North Dakota, August 28, 1896 to Chris and Julie Dittrich. She moved to Montana in 1911. In 1919 she married Charles Lynn Stark. They lived north of Rudyard until 1957 when they moved to Havre where they were living at the time of her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Charles in December of 1976; sister Elizabeth Sterrett; and a nephew Jack Sterrett. She is survived by son Donald Stark of Rudyard; granddaughters Marjorie Kroeger of Libby, Donna Hall of Great Falls and Jean Becker of Helena; four great-grandchildren Katie and Eric Kroeger and Christopher and Adam Becker; brothers A.C. Dittrich of Portland, Oregon, C.C. Dittrich of Seattle, Washington, and Edward Dittrich of Honolulu, Hawaii; nephews Dick and Howard Sterrett of Havre and niece JoAnn English of Havre.

A memorial is being established in her memory.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held at Holland and Bonine Chapel on Friday, October 2, 1987 with Rev. Terry Dunn officiating. Iris White accompanied Marcus Jochim who sang "How Great Thou Art", "Beyond The Sunset" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Ushers were Joe Becker and Tom Healy. Honorary pallbearers were Howard Sterrett, Richard Sterrett, Larry Sterrett, Jerry Sterrett, Douglas Sterrett, Greg English and Eddie English.

THOMAS ANDREW (TOM) STAUDACHER
Born: July 30, 1901 - Died: September 16, 1987
Liberty County Times
September 23, 1987



Tom Staudacher

Thomas Andrew Staudacher was born in Choate, Michigan on July 30th, 1901. He was one of five children and his parents were Amanda A. Crye and Thomas A. Staudacher. Tom's early schooling was in Medford, Wisconsin. In 1912 he came to Chester in an emigrant car with his family, and they homesteaded six miles south of town. Tom attended the Norris School near the farm and finished his education in Chester. In 1923 he moved to Libby, Montana and took a job in a lumber mill there. While in Libby, Tom met his wife-to-be, Aina C. Johansson, and they were married on August 14th, 1927. In 1930 Tom got a bid on a mail route from Chester to Gold Butte, so they

moved back to the Chester community. He handled the mail route for the next four years, then took over the family farming operations south of Chester. In 1955 Tom and Aina built a new home in town and have lived here since. He retired from farming in 1982. His health had failed this past year and he had numerous hospitalizations. On Wednesday afternoon (September 16th), Tom died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was 86 years of age.

Tom was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and had been baptized there as an adult. He had also been active in the Lutheran Brotherhood. He was charter member of the local Sons of Norway lodge and participated in functions at the Senior Citizen's Center. In his school days, Tom was a good athlete and he enjoyed wrestling at carnivals and fairs. He also enjoyed fishing, dancing and singing (he knew the words to many old time ballads and limericks, and he often shared these melodies at social events). Tom loved to play cards, and was especially fond of pinochle and rummy. In his healthy years, he seldom missed a good auction sale. His hobby was carpentry, and although he never had formal training, he was considered a skilled builder. Tom had done cabinet work and remodeling projects in various dwellings in Chester, and was very proud of the fact that he had built their home from "the bottom up". In his later years he enjoyed raising chickens

and plum trees. Tom will be remembered by many as a practical joker with a good sense of humor, yet still a very compassionate and caring gentleman.

Survivors include his wife, Aina of Chester; 2 sons, Tom of Everett, Washington and Dale of Havre; 1 daughter, Mrs. Bob (Lois) Bonnes of Salem, Oregon; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Henry of Holcombe, Wisconsin; 1 sister, Jessie Fagerberg of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 brothers (Maurice and Wesley), by a daughter (Marilyn in 1941), and by a son (James in 1979).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, September 21st, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The services were conducted by Pastors Fred Dommer and Dan Mielke, with a special message read by former Pastor Wayne Bungum. Vocal tributes by Wayne Wardell included "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Juanita Wardell. The eulogy was provided by Allen Kolstad, and ushers were Jerry Albright and Jerry Hendrickson. Friends serving as pallbearers were Charles Green, Alfred Hanson, Russell Furlong, Palmer Skonard, Wilbur Eveland and George (Ed) Staudacher. Memorial bearers were "all of Tom's many friends". Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

EDWARD W. STROM

Born: December 19, 1899 - Died: October 19, 1987

Liberty County Times

October 28, 1987



Ed Strom

Edward W. Strom was born on December 19th, 1899 at Stockholm, Wisconsin. He was one of five children of Amanda Jackson and John Strom. When he was an infant, his family moved to McGregor, Minnesota where he received his early education. Ed attended high school at Deerwood, Minnesota, then went on to an agricultural school (S.U.A.M.) in St. Paul. In the years that followed Ed worked various farm jobs and at the iron mines in Minnesota, and

also worked at the Dodge automobile factory in Detroit. On June 25th, 1933 he married Ethel Carlson at Norma North Dakota. They leased a farm at Greenland Township for several years. They eventually bought their own farm in 1943 near Ypsilanti, North Dakota. In 1978 they retired and leased their farm out. They remained in North Dakota until 1985, when they moved to Chester to be near their only daughter. In 1986 they moved into the Chester Sweetgrass Lodge. Ed's health had failed these past few years. He died at the Liberty County Hospital on the evening of Monday, October 19th. He was 87 years old.

Ed was a life-long member of the Farmer's Union at Ypsilanti. He helped organize the Dakota Central Telephone Company at Carrington, North Dakota, and served as a director on its board for many years. He had also served on the board of Mann's Township and the local school board, and was a member of the Ypsilanti Lutheran Church. Ed enjoyed reading and was especially fond of historical, political and western publications. He loved sports of all kinds, but his favorite was boxing. In his youth he played baseball and basketball. He had also enjoyed hunting, fishing and swimming. Ed liked music, too, and for his own entertainment he played around with the piano and the guitar. During those farming years in North Dakota, he always had a big vegetable garden every year.

Ed had a few memorable experiences during his life that are worth sharing. He was a loyal Democrat and had the opportunity to shake hands with J.F.K. in the early 60's. Some years later Ed attended a telephone convention in Dallas

where he visited the site of J.F.K.'s assassination. Several weeks later he attended a Farmer's Union convention in Washington, D.C., where he visited the grave of J.F.K.

Another fond memory came in 1970, when Ed made a trip to VanCouver to visit his brother. That was the first time they had seen each other in 50 years!

Ed's survivors include his wife, Ethel of Chester; his daughter, Mrs. Harry (Shirley) Heimbigner, Jr. of Chester; 4 grandchildren, Stanley of Bigfork, Roger of Chester, Cheri of Ragland, Alabama, and Neil of Billings; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ed was preceded in death by his parents, by an infant daughter and granddaughter, by 3 brothers (Elmer, Edwin and George), and by 1 sister (Elfreda).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday (October 22nd) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Dan Clark of the Chester United Methodist Church officiated. Special vocal music: "Beyond the Sunset" and "How Great Thou Art" was performed by Jan Christofferson, accompanied by Marilyn Oraw. Pallbearers were Ed's 3 grandsons and 3 local friends, Emmers Berg, Don Raunig and Armand Anderson. Memorial bearers included old friends in North Dakota: Harry Parfit, Kenneth Gehlhar, Dale Larson, James Lein, Chester Vaught, Arnold Hanson, Fabian Noack and Andrew Headland. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was given at the Sweetgrass Lodge. All undesignated memorial gifts will be given to Dr. Ann Carlson's Crippled Children's School in Jamestown, North Dakota.

KNUT SVENSON
Born: January 7, 1902 - Died: March 14, 1987
Liberty County Times
March 25, 1987

Knut Svenson

Knut Svenson was born in Fran Skogen, Sweden on January 7th, 1902. He was one of four children born to Alma Johansson and Albert Svenson. Knut grew up in Sweden and received his formal education there. In the early 1920's he served in the Swedish Army. In 1925 he came to the United States where he took a job in a furniture factory in Rockford, Illinois. In 1928 he moved to Montana where he began working on the Olaf Benson farm north of Joplin. Knut met his wife-to-be, Olive B. Wood, and they were married in Havre on November 17th, 1933. They leased some ground in 1936 and began farming for themselves. In 1944 they purchased a farm north of Joplin, and continued farming operations there until their retirement in 1968. For the next 11 years they wintered in Yuma, Arizona. Because of Knut's failing health, they have made their permanent residence in Joplin these past four years. Knut was recently discharged from the hospital to home care. On Saturday afternoon, March 14th, he was found unresponsive at home. He was taken to the Liberty County Hospital emergency room where resuscitative measures were to no avail. He died at the age of 85 years.

Knut was a member of the Immanuel Church north of Joplin. Recently, he had been attending luncheon functions at the Senior Center in Chester. He loved to play cards, especially Whist and Pinochle, and he enjoyed playing shuffleboard during those winter months in Arizona. In his quiet

hours he liked to sketch and read "westerns." His hobby was farming. He enjoyed hard work and felt that



any new job or experience was a challenge to him. Knut loved his family, and was especially fond of his 53-year companionship with his best friend, Olive...

In addition to his wife, Knut is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Edith of Joplin; a daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Charles Fraser of Joplin; 5 grandchildren, including Shawn Jones, Sherri Svenson, Tammy Koch, Pamela Brough, and Gay Buffington; 6 great-grandchildren; one sister, Viola Abrahamsson of Sweden; one brother, Frits Svensson of Sweden; and numerous nephews and nieces. Knut was preceded in death by an infant son, a granddaughter (Karina), and a sister

(Greta).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday (March 18th) at the Bethel Church in Joplin with Reverend John N. Olson officiating. Organist was Thelma Anderson, who accompanied the congregation in singing "The Old Rugged Cross." Pianist was Eldora Rosling. The Bethel Women's Choir sang "How Great Thou Art" and "In the Garden."

Pallbearers were Olyn Wolery, Vern Pimley, Homer Kinyon, Cliff Lybeck, Albert Olson, and Harold Hodges. Ushers were Russ Pimley and Cliff Thorson. Following burial in the Joplin Cemetery, a luncheon for family and friends was given at Kjos Hall by the ALCW. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

JOSEPH P. TERWOLBECK

Born: December 2, 1917 - Died: January 19, 1987

Liberty County Times
January 28, 1987

Joseph Terwolbeck

Joseph P. Terwolbeck was born December 2, 1917 to Frank and Agnes Terwolbeck of Joplin, Montana. He passed away on Monday, January 19, 1987.

Rosary was held Wednesday, January 21, 1987 at Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre.

Funeral Mass followed on Thursday, January 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. Officiating at the Mass were Father John Harrington and Father John Coady, assisted by Sister Catherine. Rev. William Olsen from Messiah Lutheran was Lector and gave scripture readings. The eulogy was read by Chet Knabb. Iris White was organist. "America the Beautiful" was sang by Judy Lake and Jerome Lincoln, "Gifts of Finest Wheat" was sang by Jerome Lincoln, and Judy Lake sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise". Pallbearers were Robert Lake, Duane Johnson, Spike Unterscher, Leon Doiran, Vern Dahinden, and Raymond Lincoln. Honorary Bearers were Cliff Thorson, Frank Richter, Nick Bubnash and E.C. McClellan. Graveside services took place in the Calvary Cemetery, at which time military graveside honors were performed by the Havre VFW and American Legion Posts. Fay McDonald was acting Commander, and Detail was composed of Ken Engebretsen, Bill Marquardt, Rudy Spindler, Butch Schock, Bob Styber, Al Quiring, John Simko, Art Ruff, Harold Cassile, Bill Cole, Lars Golie, John O'Leary and Joe Fouarge.

Joe was raised and attended school in Joplin. In September of 1942 he enlisted in the Air Force and served with the 446th Bombing Wing during World War II. Joe received the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal of Honor and numerous other medals. He was discharged on October 31, 1945 with honors. Joe then returned to Joplin and entered into the family business with his father and brother. He was an excellent mechanic and sold farm implements, continuing to do so until his death on Jan. 19, 1987.

Joe also farmed.

Joe was a member of the Havre Eagles and the Moose Club. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Church of Chester and St. Jude's of Havre.

On June 25, 1957 he married Emily Wilmes of Chester. Born to this union was a daughter, Joetta Jones. Emily preceded him in death on May 22, 1969.

On April 30, 1982 he married Nora Mork in Sand Point, Idaho.

Joe was a very caring husband, father and grandfather. His love for children will be remembered by many. He was an avid fisherman who always had a wink in his eye, a smile on his face, and candy in his

pocket. Joe's love for animals provided a home for many a stray. Joe loved to dance and travel. His lifetime wish was to visit Germany where his parents were born. This wish of Joe's was fulfilled in September of 1984, when Joe and Nora spent six weeks in Germany. At Heek, Germany he attended mass where his father had been alterboy, and he also met many of his first cousins.

Joe had a special knack of analyzing mechanical problems over the phone. This Joe did countless times for many a friend, just for a cup of coffee.

Those who knew Joe will always have special memories, whether it be over coffee at Jean's Cafe, a beer in the shop, or visiting in their homes. His special sense of humor will always have a place in our hearts. Joe's love of life will be remembered by all.

Joe is survived by his wife, Nora of Joplin, one daughter, Joetta of Havre and her husband Dale Jones, and one grandson; a sister, Mrs Errol (Theresa) Fossen, Joplin; a brother, Lawrence Terwolbeck, Joplin; and numerous step-children and nieces and nephews and step-grandchildren.

Memorials have been established to the Joplin Community Hall, the Moose Club of Havre or the memorial of your choice.



CHARLES RUDOLPH THENNIS

Born: January 7, 1915 - Died: May 19, 1987

Liberty County Times

May 27, 1987



Charles Thennis

Charles Rudolph Thennis was born on his family's farm near Kremlin, Montana on January 7, 1915. He was one of eight children born to Minnie Guenther and Christopher J. Thennis. Chic was baptized and raised in the Catholic

faith. He attended schools in Gildford. Following his high school years, he took employment with the Great Northern Railroad and worked as a signal maintainer. In those years that followed, Chic worked all along the stretch of railroad from the North Dakota line to Bremerton, Washington. In 1942 he was inducted into the U.S. Army and worked as telegraph/telephone lineman technician. He was honorably discharged in 1945, and returned to his job in Montana with Burlington Northern. After working 3 years in Great Falls, he moved to Chester and decided to make his permanent residence here. On August 28, 1971 Chic married Dorothy Rishoff in Malta. He retired in 1975, after spending 40+ years in railroad service. Dorothy died on March 16, 1984. Chic remained at his home in Chester until recent illness sent him to the hospital. He died on the evening of Tuesday, May 19th at the age of 72.

Chic was a lifetime member of the Chester VFW Post #3997 and the Shelby Moose Lodge #728. In

his youth he participated in baseball and basketball, and remained an avid fan of both sports in his later years. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting. Chic liked to play cards, and after his marriage to Dorothy he became a loyal Bingo player. Although generally a quiet man, he enjoyed people. Those who really knew him will remember Chic as a kind, generous person.

Survivors include 3 sisters, Mrs. Francis Stevens of Columbia Falls, Mrs. Warren (Delores) Sauby of Oilmont, and Mrs. Ann Chinadle of Hingham; 1 step-daughter, Mrs. Howard (Melody) Rummel of Whitefish; 3 grandsons, Greg, Tom and Mark; 1 great-granddaughter, Michelle; and numerous nephews and nieces. Chic was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by a brother (Edward) and by 3 sisters (Christine Wanke, Irene Baker, and Josephine Hale).

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 22 at 2 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Rev. Wayne Bungum of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiated. "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" were sung by Wayne Wardell, who was accompanied by Jan Christofferson. Friends serving as pallbearers included Bill Gunderson, Reuben Halvorsen, George Mattson, Don Buffington, Darby O'Brien, Carl Green, and Ray Standiford. Military rites at the Chester Cemetery were performed by members of the VFW and American Legion. Following graveside services, a coffee hour was held in the basement of the Vets Club for family and friends as provided by members of the VFW Auxiliary.

PETER THIELTGES

Born: June 16, 1902 - Died: November 15, 1987

Liberty County Times
November 25, 1987



Peter Thieltges

Peter Thieltges was born in Adenau, Germany on June 16th, 1902. He was one of seven children born to Susanna Lehnertz and Johann Thieltges. Pete was raised and educated in Germany. In April of 1925 he came to America. He settled in Montana where he began farming for his Uncle Matt and True Ray in the Chester community. He later moved to Spokane, Washington where he worked various jobs. After the outbreak of World War II, Pete entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942. He served as a gunsight specialist in the 532nd Bomb Squadron. He was honorably discharged the following year and returned to Spokane. It was there that he met and married Florence Erlandson on March 10th, 1945. They moved to Chester in 1948 and began farming the old Prescott Ranch located 18 miles north of town. They raised their two sons and farmed in the Chester community until Pete's retirement in 1970. The following year Pete made a deal on a farm south of Chester and his son (Richard) has been farming that place since. Pete and Florence lived in town. Pete remained active until two years ago

when his health began to fail. Recently he has had several hospitalizations and spent some time at the local nursing home. Pete died on Sunday evening, November 15th, at the Liberty County Hospital. He was 85 years old.

Pete was a member of St. Mary's Parish. He had been active in the American Legion and was past commander of local post #88. He had also served as a 4-H leader for several years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, and gardening. For social entertainment he liked to bowl and play cards, and during his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading. A great thrill for Pete came in 1971 when he and Florence visited family and old friends in Germany. Pete's two sons and grandchildren were always a most important part of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Florence of Chester; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Martha Jane, and their 2 children, John and Katie, all of Chester; a son, Gary of Los Angeles, California; 3 sisters in Germany, including Trina Thieltges, Anna Etienne, and Susanna Thieltges; and many nephews and nieces. Pete was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (Jakob and Franz), and by a sister (Maria Rink).

Wake services were held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The funeral mass was celebrated by Father John Coady at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's

Church in Chester. Pat Seidlitz served as lector and ushers were Darby O'Brien and Lin Duffin. Altar servers were Robert Pulst, Ed Cole, and Ivan Wodarz. Organist, Helen Ann Aaberg, accompanied members of St. Mary's choir, who sang "On Eagle's Wings", "How Great Thou Art", "I Am The Bread of Life", and "Mary's Song". A solo number, "Ava Maria" was performed by Glenn Wolfe. Pallbearers were John Wanken, James Hull, Ed Cole, Sterling Wardell, Bill Cole, and Darby O'Brien. "Other good friends and neighbors" were listed as memorial bearers. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with military taps and presentation of the flag by Don Buffinton. A luncheon followed at St. Mary's.

DOUGLAS THISSELLE
Born: January 4, 1955 - Died: July 11, 1987
Liberty County Times
July 22, 1987

Douglas Thisselle

Douglas Thisselle, age 32, a farrier, died instantly Saturday morning, July 11th, while at work horseshoeing a colt for a customer on a ranch near Browning.

Doug was born at Chester, January 4, 1955, son of Stanley and Alice Thisselle. He attended Chester schools and graduated from high school there with the Class of 1973.

He married his high school sweetheart, Maria Duncan, August 26, 1973, in Chester. He attended Helena Vo-Tech taking a mechanics course through 1973 and 1974. They then moved to his grandfathers, Stanley Broadhurst ranch, south of Chester, where he worked until 1978. They moved to Maupin, Oregon, where he worked on a ranch. In 1981 they moved back to Montana and worked with his father-in-law, Bert Duncan on his farm east of Conrad. In October 1986 they purchased a ranch west of Conrad where they resided at the time of his death. A graduate of Northwest School of Horseshoeing in Walla Walla, Washington, he had been working as a farrier in this area for the past year.

He was a member of the American Farrier's Association and The Back Country Horsemen's Association.

Survivors include: his wife, Maria at the family home, a son: Luke Duane, a daughter: Nadine Elizabeth, his father: Stanley, (Pudge) Thisselle, Chester, his mother, Alice Bach, Fort Benton, 2 sisters: Christine Brooks, Bigfork, and Lynnette Axtman, Fort Benton, 2 brothers: Wayne, Havre and Jon, Chester. His paternal grandparents: Earl and Stella Thisselle, Chester, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 14, at the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church in Conrad with Pastor Mike Borge officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Ken Osterman, Russ Davis, Mike Waite, Robert Inabnit, Gerald Gunderson, and Ralph Diedrich.

The family prefers memorials to be sent to either the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church Building Fund or the Cancer Society.

GLADYS MAE THORSON
Born: March 18, 1908 - Died: December 9, 1987
Liberty County Times
December 16, 1987

Gladys Thorson

Gladys Mae Thorson, age 79, formerly of Choteau, died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester Wednesday evening, December 9th, of an apparent heart attack.

Gladys was born in Langdon, North Dakota to Mabel Lewis and Gilbert Thorson March 18th, 1908. She came to Montana with her family in 1913, and they homesteaded north of Joplin. She grew up in the Joplin community and graduated from high school there in 1926. She attended college at Dillon, Billings and Bellingham (Washington) and received her teaching certificate. Gladys returned to Joplin and taught school there. In the years that followed she served as an elementary teacher in several communities, including White Sulphur Springs, Helena, Chinook and Fort Peck.

In the late 1940's Gladys suffered a debilitating back injury following a bus accident, so she moved to Boise, Idaho to be near her sister. In 1970 she moved to Choteau to be close to her ailing mother, who died the following year. Gladys has lived at the Sky Line Lodge in Choteau ever since. About two weeks ago she was transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester.

Gladys believed in education. She was well-read and well-informed on current issues. Religion was important to her and she was well-versed in the Bible. She enjoyed plants and gardening, and loved music and singing. In her younger days she used to play the piano. Although Gladys never married, she maintained strong loyalties to family and friends.

She is survived by three sisters, Alviva Tabor of Lincoln, Montana, Violet Leichner of Boise, Idaho, and Beulah Anderson of Fairfield, Montana; one brother, Cliff Thorson of Joplin; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 13th, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Reverend John Olson officiating. The Bethel choir sang "Because He Lives" and "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Thelma Anderson. A solo was performed by Gladys' niece, Laura Lyn Kasper. Pallbearers included Jerry Thorson, Larry Olson, Kenny Nelson, Barry Anderson, Tate Thorson and Bud Poppler. Following burial in the Joplin Cemetery, a luncheon for family and friends was held at Kjos Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

DOROTHY MLINAR TYLER
Born: August 26, 1919 - Died: September 19, 1987
Liberty County Times
October 7, 1987

Dorothy Tyler

Services for Dorothy Mlinar Tyler were held Tuesday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dorothy passed away September 19 at the age of 68 years. Rev. Virgil Johnson officiated the service with Larry Anderson as vocalist. Songs included were "How Great Thou Art", "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" and the congregational hymn "Children Of The Heavenly Father." Pallbearers were Ernest Krueger, Palmer Devick, Don Stowsand, Roy Jastrum, Frank Kloxin and Martin Reineoke. Interment was at the Hills of Rest Memorial Park of Sioux Falls.

Dorothy A. Mlinar was born August 26, 1919 at Joplin, Montana to Joseph and Mary Mlinar.

Dorothy grew up in the Joplin area and graduated from Joplin High School.

Dorothy was united in marriage to Ralph Tyler on July 23, 1941 at Joplin, Montana. The couple have farmed in the Hartford and Sioux Falls, South Dakota area for the past 32 years.

Mrs. Tyler was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and active in the church circles. She was also an active member of the Lucky Leven Extension Club, Minnehaha County Extension Chorus, and participated in the Community Concert Series.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband, Ralph; 2 daughters, Mrs. Richard (Marilyn) Ronken of Sioux Falls and Mrs. Mel (Mardella) Anderson of Sioux Falls;

3 sons, Herb of Shebogan, Wisconsin, Dean of Sioux Falls and David of Hartford; 9 grandchildren; and 2 brothers, Leslie and Edward Mlinar, both of Joplin, Montana.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and 3 sisters, Doris, Lorraine and an infant sister.

HARRY G. VAHL
Born: October 1, 1903 - Died: July 7, 1987
Liberty County Times
July 7, 1987

Harry G. Vahl, 83

Harry G. Vahl, 83, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

He was born Oct. 1, 1903, in Gibbon, Minn., a son of Fred and Mollie Lentzahl, one of seven children. He then moved with his family to Wood Lake, Minn., where he received his education.

He farmed during the Depression, losing his farm and moving to Montana by boxcar in 1936. He lived in Helena for a time, then moved to Chester where he did ranch work.

On Sept. 9, 1942, he entered the U.S. Army, working with the Army Engineers at Hackum and Rogers fields in Hawaii and Ladd Field in Alaska. He came to Kalispell following his discharge and on April 13, 1946, he married Irma L. Nelson.

He was employed with the Forest Service and Kalispell Lumber Co. for nine years, and in 1955, was employed with Anaconda Aluminum Co. in Columbia Falls until his retirement in 1970. He then moved to Hot Springs for several years, returning to Kalispell, where he had resided since that time.

He is survived by his wife, Irma, at the family home; a daughter, Phyllis Jahn of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Randa Wenstrom of Wait Park, Minn., and Mollie Schulz of Wood Lake, Minn.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren;

PAUL J. WALDNER
Born: October 4, 1907 - Died: March 14, 1987
Liberty County Times
March 25, 1987

Paul Waldner

Paul J. Waldner was born on October 4th, 1907 at the Rockford Colony near Mitchell, South Dakota. He was one of ten children and his parents were Joe Waldner and Mary Wipf. He grew up, was educated, and eventually married at the Rockford Colony. His marriage was to Anna Hofer in 1933. The following year they moved to Canada where they made their home at the O.K. Colony near Raymond, Alberta. They lived there until 1948, then moved to the Miller colony at Choteau, Montana. During most of those years, Paul worked as a carpenter/mechanic. He became colony boss when they came to Sage Creek Colony north of Chester in 1961. His wife, Anna, died there in 1973. Paul retired in 1985, but continued to remain active as he enjoyed walking around the colony and watching new construction or other projects being done. In his private hours he enjoyed reading the Bible. Paul's health failed as of recent and he died on the early morning of Saturday, March 14th, at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was 79 years old.

His survivors include 6 sons, Paul and Jacob of Sage Creek, Joseph of Kingsbury (near Valier), and David, Eli, and Edward of Riverview; 6 daughters, Anna Wipf and Margaret Wurtz of Riverview, Rebecca Kleinsasser of Golden Valley (near Ryegate), Mary Wurtz of Sage Creek, and Susanna and Lydia Wurtz of Kyle (near Kyle, Sask.); two brothers, John, of Kingsbury and Elias of O.K.; three sisters, Rebecca Entz of Big Stone (near Sand Coulee), Anna Hofer of Miller (near Choteau), and Susie Hofer of Springside (near Brooks, Alberta); and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. Paul was preceded in death by his parents, wife, 3 brothers (Jacob, Joseph, and John) and one sister (Mary Hofer).

Funeral services were held at the Sage Creek Colony Church at 1 p.m. Monday, March 16th. Burial was in the Sage Creek Colony Cemetery.

SIMON O. WARRINGTON

Born: April 16, 1889 - Died: July 7, 1987

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Si Warrington

Simon O. Warrington was born in Buffalo, Missouri on April 16, 1889. He was the fourth of eight sons born to Mary Lauderbaugh and John Warrington. When Si was five years old, both parents died, so the 8 children were scattered among relatives in western Kansas. Because of severe hardship and lack of affection, Si ran away at age 12 and began working on a bridge gang. He eventually ended up in North Dakota, where he worked for George Shepherd. In 1910 Si came to Montana to help work on a homestead filed by the Shepherd family near Chester. Two years later Si filed his own homestead near Cottonwood Coulee about 6 miles south of Chester. To supplement his income, Si made numerous trips to North Dakota. While there, he began courting his employer's niece, Mabel H. Shepherd, and they were married on March 1, 1915 in Cooperstown. They moved to the Chester homestead where Si continued to work other jobs to make ends meet (to name a few, he worked on threshing crews, hauled timbers, did road work, and worked on the Great Northern Rail-

road). They remained on the farm until the 1940's when they moved into town. They eventually built a new home in west Chester, and continued farming until Si's retirement in 1976. During the winter months they lived in California and Arizona. After 64 years of marriage, Mabel died in 1980. Si continued to live in their home until 1982, when he moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. Following complications of a broken hip in 1985, Si moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home where he has resided since. On the evening of Tuesday, July 7th, he died peacefully at the Chester Hospital at the age of 98 years.

In those early years in Montana, Si was baptized by the famous Methodist minister and circuit rider, Brother Van. At one time, he had been active in the Joplin Masonic Lodge. Despite his small size, Si was a natural athlete, and his love continued over the years for baseball, bowling, horseshoes and golf. Of interest is the fact that he made his first hole-in-one at age 65 and he was a loyal participant in the annual Liberty County Golf Tournament until age 96! Si also enjoyed TV sports, reading, and playing the harmonica. In 1986, Si was nominated to receive one of Montana's "Century Citizen" awards (which was recognition of the centennial of both Montana and Si in 1889). His physical and mental health remained relatively good. He often delighted children by reciting the alphabet backwards or reciting the alphabet in sign language. And over all the years, he maintained a good sense of humor.

Si's survivors include 2 daughters, Mrs. Frank (Thelma) Shaw of Deer Lodge, and Mrs. Richard (Helen) Welch of Lake Oswego, OR; 8 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 1 sister-in-law, Mildred Shepherd of

Des Moines, IA; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by a daughter (Wilda) and 7 brothers (Roy, Cleve, William, Edgar, Floyd, Alonzo and Charles).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 11th, at the Chester United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Clark officiating. Eulogist was Frank W. Shaw and obituary reading was done by Dan Shepherd. Wayne Wardell led the congregation in singing "This Is My Father's World," "Church In The Wildwood," and "Harvest Time," accompanied by Marilyn Oraw. Ushers were Sterling Wardell and Gene Cady. Pallbearers included Rick Welch, Frank W. Shaw, Jim Hendren, Aden Ward, Albert Hanson, and Neil Shepherd. Postlude music was "Home on the Range" and "Missouri Waltz," played on the violin and guitar by Oscar Erickson and Wilbur Eveland. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery, and a luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

MARY G. WELTE
Born: March 31, 1899 - Died: January 13, 1987
Liberty County Times
January 28, 1987

Mary G. Welte

Mary G. Welte, age 87, passed away early morning on January 13, 1987, at the Valley View Estates in Hamilton, Montana. She was born on March 31, 1899 in Ladoga, Indiana, the daughter of Walter and Hortense Terry Goodbar. She began her education in Indiana and moved with her parents to Montana and completed her education in Blaine County. On April 12, 1916 she married Clarence Graves in Chinook. The couple homesteaded on Clear Creek in 1932, then moved to Lohman, where she operated a Texaco Station. In 1938 they moved to Hingham and continued operating a Texaco service station, and moved to Havre in 1947, where she was a receptionist for the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home until 1952.

She was preceded in death by her husband on January 17, 1951.

In May of 1952, she married Norman Welte in Havre. The couple moved to Hamilton in the fall of 1968.

Norman preceded her in death in August of 1971. Mary Welte was preceded in death by one brother, Roy L. Goodbar, and two grandchildren Ronald E. Simon and Carol Graves.

Relatives left to mourn her passing include two sons, Robert E. Graves, of Hamilton and William E. Graves of Selma, Oregon; three daughters, Mary Ann Heiydt of Cheney, Washington, Virginia H. Martin of Great Falls and Ruby J. DeFrance of Rudyard, Montana; one brother, Terry Goodbar of Chinook; and a sister, Margaret Hirter of Chinook; two stepdaughters, Mona Belle Opperud of Havre and Lois Locke of Billings. She is also survived by twenty grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren and 22 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Daly Leach Chapel in Hamilton, Montana with Rev. Roland Reed officiating. Interment followed at the Riverview Cemetery.

Mary had a full life and was definitely an achiever. Among the goals she accomplished were: Correspondent for the Chinook Opinion, Liberty County Times, and the Texaco Marketer. She was featured in an article by Jo Rainbolt, entitled "Elephants in Every Yard" which appeared in Montana

Magazine, May-June edition, 1981. Mary was honored and featured in the Texaco Marketer in February, 1983, White Plains, New York,



Rosalie Jenkins, editor. Mary was the author and publisher of the book "Cow Chips" in 1979. She also compiled a number of short stories and poems for her children.

Mary was interviewed at her home by the Montana Arts Council. As a result of the interview "My Home in Montana" was entered in the U.S. Library of Congress. Mary was a lifetime member of the Rebecca

Lodge. Mary was also an artist, and enjoyed painting flowers and landscapes. She loved to garden and grow flowers and also enjoyed fishing.

Mary was an American Red Cross Instructor. She was co-owner and manager of the Hingham Hotel and Cafe.

Mary played the guitar in dance bands from an early age, she was an Charter member of the Golden Age Club in Hamilton, and played in the Golden Age Orchestra until 1984.

Mary was a member of the Methodist Baptist Federated Church.

Mary will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She left all with many rich memories of a Great Lady of Montana Heritage.

Memorials may be sent to the donors choice.

HARLAN AUGUST WENDLAND
Born: December 27, 1916 - Died: December 20, 1987
Liberty County Times
December 30, 1987

Harlan Wendland

Harlan August Wendland was born December 27th, 1916 on the family homestead north of Rudyard, Montana. He was the eldest of five children born to Margaret Hartman and Andrew Wendland. Harlan was raised and educated in the Rudyard community and after schooling continued to farm with his father. On September 13th, 1941 Harlan and Eleanor M. Diemert were married in Hingham. They made their home on the farm north of Rudyard, where they raised their family.

The past few months Harlan and Eleanor had been visiting children out-of-state, and recently returned home. Last Sunday morning, December 20th, Harlan passed away at the family farm. He was 70 years old. Harlan was an active member of Our Lady of Ransom Church. He had numerous and varied interests,

but his greatest love was farming.

Harlan is survived by his wife, Eleanor, and 14 children; eight sons: John (Rudyard, MT), Michael (Rudyard, MT), Nicholas (Casper, WY), Jerome (Rudyard, MT), Gregory (Havre, MT), Peter (Casper, WY), Francis (Bozeman, MT) and Sylvester (Portland, OR); Six daughters: Mary Bunek (Denver, CO), Caroline Barker (Monticello, MN), Theresa Ketron (Farmington, NM), Martha Kantorowicz (Minneapolis, MN), Barbara Newkirk (Grand Marais, MN) and Elizabeth Wendland (Billings, MT); 17 grandchildren; three sisters: Marieann Vavruska, Janet Lehman and Dorothy Ferda; and numerous nephews and nieces. Harlan was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Phillip; and by three children, Leon, Lawrence and Katherine.

Rosary services were held at 7

p.m. Tuesday, December 22nd, at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. The funeral mass was celebrated by Father John Coady at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Special music was provided by organist, Rachel Blake, and vocalist, Jerome Lincoln. Songs included "Amazing Grace", "Immaculate Mary", and "Silent Night."

Altar servers were Joe Domire, Leonard Chvilicek and Terry Hybner and ushers were Virgil Jurenka and Jerry Hybner. Friends serving as pallbearers included Tom Ludwig, Dale Wendland, Kenneth Afdahl, Tom Jurenka, Dave Warhank and Paul Wolery. Internment was in the Hingham cemetery with funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the Rudyard Catholic Youth Center.

EMILY BERGSTROM WHEELBARGER
Born: July 16, 1911 - Died: November 22, 1987
Liberty County Times
November 25, 1987

Emily Wheelbarger

Emily (Bergstrom) Wheelbarger, former resident of the Goldstone-North Rudyard community was killed November 22, 1987 in a two-vehicle accident in Tigard, Oregon. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and three sisters. She is survived by her husband, Clarke Wheelbarger, Sr. of Tigard, Oregon; one son and two daughters of Oregon; one sister, Myrtle Bergstrom; one brother Algot Bergstrom of Rudyard; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Emily was the daughter of Per John and Anna Bergstrom, born July 16, 1911 at Sage, Montana. She attended grade school at Goldstone, Montana, graduating from Rudyard High School, Class of 1930. She graduated from Havre Deaconess Nurses Training in 1933 and worked in hospitals in Glasgow and Missoula prior to moving to Portland, Oregon.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Friday, November 27 at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 6835 SW 46 St., Portland, Oregon.

KENNETH WILSON Age 71 & STELLA WILSON Age 67

Died: December 7, 1987

Liberty County Times

December 16, 1987

Kremlin couple murdered in Texas

MISSION, Texas -- Four young Texas men have been apprehended, and three of the four have been charged in the beating deaths of a Kremlin couple who spent winters at their citrus orchard in south Texas. Kenneth Wilson, 71, and his wife Stella, 67 were found dead in their bed last Wednesday afternoon, after neighbors became concerned that they hadn't been out yet that day and went to the home.

According to Hidalgo County Sheriff's officers, the two victims' heads had been beaten with a long, thin instrument. Their home had shown signs of a burglary. Torres said Stella Wilson died of a fractured skull, and her husband died from beating wounds about his head. They were declared dead at the scene.

Word of the killings came as a shock to friends and neighbors in Kremlin, where both Wilsons had grown up and spent most of their lives.

Several people contacted said the deaths would be a loss to the community, where Kenneth Wilson had been a lay minister and his wife had been active in community

affairs and a member of the Havre School Board from 1967 to 1971.

Friends in Mission, Texas, were equally shocked by the brutal crime. One neighbor there, who asked that he not be identified, said he had been a friend of the Wilsons for at least ten years. He described them as outgoing, generous people who had been active in community affairs.

"They were people who did not deserve this...They weren't rich, they were simple people," he said.

Another neighbor, Evelyn Alaniz, said people in the community - which attracts many retirement-age "snowbirds" or "winter Texans" - were horrified by news of the deaths.

"What can you say when it happens so close to people you know so well? We're just shocked," Alaniz told a local news reporter.

Mission is one of a string of towns on the far south border of Texas and Mexico in the Rio Grande Valley. The area is known for its citrus orchards and scenic, palm-tree lined drives. Locals say the population swells considerably in winter, when "snowbirds" from

northern states head south.

Kenneth Everett Wilson was born and raised in Kremlin and Gildford. His wife was born Stella Marie Twedt in Litchville, North Dakota, and moved with her family to Kremlin, where she too was raised. Both had been the children of early area homesteaders.

They were married October 12, 1941, at her parents' home near Kremlin.

They raised wheat on a farm near Kremlin and Kenneth Wilson was a lay Baptist and Methodist minister. Stella Wilson was on the Havre School Board from 1967 to 1971. They had eight children.

Survivors include sons, A. David in Kremlin, Robert D. in Bismarck, North Dakota, Roger E. in Circle Pines, Minnesota, Donald E. in Bozeman, Howard of Harrisburg, Missouri, and Bruce E. of Palo Alto, California; daughter, Rachael M. Theopanes in Junction City, Oregon; and 14 grandchildren. Another daughter, Ruth M. Wilson, died before them.

Kenneth Wilson is survived by his brothers, L. Albert of Atlanta,

Georgia, and Marion W. of Houston; and sister, Naomi M. Hockman of Zillah, Washington.

Stella Wilson is survived by her sister, Hazel T. Rolston of Kremlin; and a cousin, Mabel Johnson of Gildford.

SUSIE D. WURTZ
Born: October 28, 1914 - Died: August 1, 1987
Liberty County Times
August 5, 1987

Susie D. Wurtz was born at the Rock Port Colony near Alexandria, South Dakota on October 28, 1914. She was one of eleven children born to Annie Hofer and Reverend Jacob Kleinsasser. They moved to Canada in 1934, where she was married to David J. Wurtz in 1936. In 1949 they moved to the Miller Colony near Choteau, MT. They lived there until 1961, when they came to the Sage Creek Colony north of Chester. Since January of 1980 they have lived at the Riverview Colony south of Chester. Susie had a history of diabetes. Following a 3-day stay at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, she died on the evening of Saturday, August 1st. She was 72 years old.

In addition to raising a large

family, Susie worked faithfully as a colony cook for many years. She enjoyed reading the Testaments each day and had a great love for her family.

She is survived by her husband, David, of Riverview Colony; 7 children, including John Wurtz and Annie Kleinsasser of Sage Creek, Dorothy Kleinsasser and Susie Waldner of Duncan Ranch, and Butch Wurtz, Jacob Wurtz and Katie Waldner of Riverview; 2 brothers, Peter "Speedy" Kleinsasser of Sage Creek and Big Jake Kleinsasser of Kingsbury (Valier); 4 sisters, Sarah Kleinsasser of Sage Creek, Rachel Wurtz of Bow City (Brooks, Alberta), Mary Wurtz of Sunrise (Foremost, Alberta), and Rebecca Wurtz of Sunnyside (Warner, Alberta); and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Susie was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers (Samuel, John and Sam Kleinsasser), 1 sister (Annie Kleinsasser), and 1 son (David).

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 4th at 12:30 p.m. at the Riverview Colony Church and burial followed in the Riverview Cemetery.

CLIFFORD FREDERICK ZENTZIS
Born: March 5, 1909 - Died: September 26, 1987
Liberty County Times
September 30, 1987

Clifford Frederick Zentzis was born in Baldwin, Wisconsin March 5, 1909 to Olga and Fred Zentzis. His father and three other brothers homesteaded four miles north of Inverness in 1911. Then a year later, Clifford and his mother joined him. Cliff had farmed and lived at Inverness ever since. He attended the Center School located two miles north of the farm for four years and then went into Inverness where he was graduated from high school in 1926.

In 1927, Clifford rented 160 acres from his oldest brother Maynard and began his farming career. He received a Diploma in Theoretical and Applied Electricity by correspondence in 1931 and was one of the earliest electricians when the REA line and Montana Power lines were brought into the Hi-Line area.

He married Valborg Tollefson of Rudyard on New Year's Day in 1933. They had two children, Cheryl and Roger.

Clifford was a confirmed member of Bethel Lutheran Church of Joplin and had served on the Parish Council for several years. He was a

lifelong member of Montana Farmers Union and a former director of the Farmers Union elevator at Inverness. He was elected as a Hill County ASC Committeeman and served for 22 years.

Clifford was preceded in death by his wife, Valborg in 1985; three brothers, Lloyd in World War I, Maynard in 1962, and Stewart in 1976. He is survived by his children, Cheryl and Charlie Causey of Burke, Virginia and Roger and Merlene Zentzis of Inverness; two granddaughters, Christina and

Stefanie; one grandson, Nicky; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 1 at 11 a.m. in Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Services will be conducted by Pastor John Olson. A luncheon will follow immediately in Kjos Hall. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at the Highland Cemetery in Havre with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorials are requested to be made to the Inverness Quick Response Unit, Bethel Lutheran Church, or the Senior Citizens Center of Rudyard.

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Clifford Zentzis

Clifford F. Zentzis, age 78, Inverness area farmer, died Saturday evening, September 26th. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 1st, at 11 a.m. in the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Reverend John Olson officiating. Special vocal music by Jerome Lincoln included "In the Garden" and "The Lord's Prayer", with accompaniment by Iris White. Friends serving as pallbearers were Walter Hovee, Ralph Peterson, Milton Haaland, Bob Woods, Alvin Barbie and Leo Bialek. Memorial bearers included all of Cliff's friends at the Rudyard Senior Citizen's Center. Ladies from the ALCW provided a luncheon immediately afterwards in Kjos Hall. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. that same afternoon at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

Cliff is survived by a son, Roger of Inverness; a daughter, Cheryl Causey of Burke, Virginia; 3 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife, Valborg, in 1985.

Memorials will be given to the Inverness Quick Response Unit, Bethel Church, and the Rudyard Senior Citizen's Center.