

JOSEPH BERTHELOTTE
Born: N/A - Died: March 12, 1932
Liberty County Farmer
March 17, 1932

**JOS. BERTHELOTTE, PIONEER
IS TAKEN BY GRIM REAPER**

Jos. Berthelotte died at Great Falls on March 12, after a long and severe battle with cancer, during which time he had made trips to Rochester for relief. Following an operation he returned home to recuperate. He is survived by his widow and one son.

Mr. Berthelotte was a member of the first board of county commissioners of Hill county, and in the early days had operated a large stock ranch in the Sweet Grass Hills. After Hill county was created from Choteau, he resided in Havre, serving the county one term as commissioner.

When Liberty county was created he returned to that county, and in recent years had resided in Great Falls. One of the old timers of this section, Mr. Berthelotte had many friends in Havre and Hill county.—Havre Daily News.

ALPHONSE BIALEK

Born: Janaury 26, 1907 - Died: December 5, 1932

Liberty County Farmer

December 8, 1932

**ALPHONSE BIALEK CALLED
BEYOND**

Alphonse Bialek, of Inverness, 25, died in a Havre hospital Monday afternoon, December 5. Funeral arrangements were not announced.

The deceased was a son of Mrs. Carl Beranek, and was born in Czechoslovakia January 26, 1907. Death followed an operation for acute appendicitis.

J. C. BOWMAN
Born: 1859 - Died: March 27, 1932
Liberty County Farmer
March 31, 1932

**J. C. BOWMAN, OLD SETTLER
CALLED IN DEATH IN TEXAS**

Mrs. John Lyle and Mrs. Fred Daleen received a telegram Sunday from Texas telling of the death of their father, J. C. Bowman. He was born in Ohio in 1859; was united in marriage to Fannie Long in 1883. To this union five children were born, one dying at birth. Those who survive his death are his widow, Mrs. Fannie Bowman; one son Ralph Bowman; three daughters, Mrs. A. W. Whitman of Texas, Mrs. Fred Daleen and Mrs. John Lyle of Joplin.

He was one of the early homesteaders of this community, filing on land ten miles north. He moved to Texas in the fall of 1920, came back to Montana in the fall of 1924 and returned to Texas again in the spring of 1926.

MARGARET L. BURKE
Born: 1880 - Died: August 31, 1932
Liberty County Farmer
September 1, 1932

MRS. JOHN M. BURKE
DEATH WAS SUDDEN

The Yakima Herald gives the following account of the sudden death of the former Mrs. John M. Burke:

"While dancing at a party in Mrs. S. T. Shafer's home at 605 North Sixth street at 9:30 last night Mrs. Margaret L. Burke 52, was stricken with a heart attack and died. A physician who was summoned declared death had been instantaneous.

"Capt. J. W. Lewis and R. E. Hill of the fire department's inhalator squad, who were summoned, worked over Mrs. Burke for 40 minutes, but to no avail. Dr. H. S. McGinnis, deputy coroner, pronounced the death due to heart disease.

Just before she collapsed, Mrs. Burke commented to her partner that she felt dizzy, investigation officials were informed. Mrs. Burke had lived in Yakima 13 years. Her home was at 1214 Fairbanks Ave. The family includes three sons, Lewis 9, Clyde and Ralph, all of Yakima."

HUGH CARGILL

Born: October 16, 1874 - Died: October 25, 1932

Chester Reporter - Liberty County Farmer

November 3, 1932

OBITUARY

Hugh Cargill was born in Michigan on the 16th day of October, 1874. He came to Montana in 1909, taking up a homestead south of Chester, where he has resided since, with the exception of 1926, spent in Great Falls.

He leaves to mourn him his wife Louise, and three stepsons, Ward, Donald and Jack Stores. Also five sisters and three brothers, one sister living in Saskatchewan, and the other relatives living in Michigan.

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Funeral services were held from the Methodist church in Chester, Thursday, October 27th. The Rev. Hannah of Shelby conducting the services and the Methodist choir consisting of Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Ballou, Mrs. Coon, Mr. Woare and Kenneth Nordstrom, singing hymns for the occasion.

W. M. ESLICK

Born: N/A- Died: October 11, 1932

Liberty County Farmer

October 13, 1932

**W. M. ESLICK, FORMERLY OF
INVERNESS, TAKES OWN LIFE**

An Associated Press dispatch out of Great Falls, dated October 11th, says W. M. Elick, former Glacier Park store operator, ended his life by hanging here tonight soon after engaging a room in a south side hotel.

"Fellow roomers said they had understood Eslick had planned to open a cafe at Cut Bank. No notes were found by the police."

Mr. Eslick operated a store at Inverness for some time, selling out recently.

MRS. OLE GRIMSTAD

Born: N/A - Died: February 27, 1932

Liberty County Farmer

March 3, 1932

**..MRS. OLE GRIMSTAD
PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY**

Mrs. Ole Grimstad passed away suddenly last Saturday night following a week's illness from flu, and an overindulgence in stimulants. Dr. Lande, Sheriff Dodds Keith, County Attorney J. H. McAlear and Coroner Ainley were here and conducted an examination into the circumstances attending here death, and determined that a coroner's inquest was not necessary. The diseased had been afflicted with a weak heart and was subjected to a severe fright when her car nearly ran into the excavation north of the Grimstad building late Saturday afternoon, and it was thought that this fright was the cause of her death, as it brought on a paralytic condition from which she never recovered.

The funeral is being held this afternoon from the Lutheran church, Rev. O. J. Engh officiating and interment will be made in the Joplin cemetery.

KENNETH HOVEE

Born: 1917 - Died: November 17, 1932

Liberty County Farmer

November 17 - 24, 1932

KENNETH HOVEE IS DEAD

Kenneth Hovee youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hovee, aged about 15 years, died at his home in Inverness this morning at 2:00 o'clock, following hemorrhages. The youth had been practicing basketball during the evening and returned home about 10:30 last evening. Later he was taken with hemorrhages and expired a few hours after.

Further details are not available as we go to press, except that the funeral service will be held at Inverness at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, Nov. 19th.

The sympathy of the entire community will go out to the bereaved family in their hour of deep sorrow.

The community was greatly shocked when they learned that Kenneth Hovee had passed away at 2:30 Thursday morning at his home.

Death came suddenly and unexpectedly. Kenneth was liked by all and was a good student in school, and a great home boy where he will be so sadly missed by the family.

Words cannot express the sympathy to the bereaved family.

The funeral was held from the M. E. church, Rev. Engh of Joplin officiating, and was one of the largest that has ever been held in Inverness.

The floral offering was beautiful very large. Music was furnished by the Joplin choir.

GEORGE J. KOSSEL

Born: 1883 - Died: May 5, 1932

Liberty County Farmer

May 14, 1932

GEORGE J. KOSSEL DEAD

George J. Kossel, aged 49, and for 20 years a resident of this section with a homestead near Blson, passed away at a Havre hospital last Thursday. His death resulted from complications following an operation for appendicitis. A daughter Mrs. Lucille Wilmes of Inverness survives. Services were held at Chester.

PROSPER H. LA VALLEY

Born: March 7, 1864 - Died: February 28, 1932

Liberty County Farmer

March 17, 1932

OBITUARY

Prosper H. La Valley was born in Montreal, Canada, March 7, 1864. He was married October 26, 1884 to Sophia M Wing. About a year and a half ago he suffered a stroke. He had had recurrence from time to time since, from which he had gradually grown weaker. He died Sunday, February 28th having nearly reached the age of 68 years.

Besides his wife, five children are left to mourn his loss; all of whom were at his bedside except one daughter, Mrs. L. M. Sargent of Red Wing, Minnesota. The ones at home at the time of his departure were: Mrs. A. B. Anderson of Joplin; Mrs. Herbert Curtis of Brady, Montana. Arthur La Valley of Joplin, Montana. He has one sister, Mrs. Lyle of Los Angeles, California, and four brothers, one at Moscow, Idaho, one at Fergus Falls, Minnesota. George LaValley of Power, Montana, and William LaValley of Joplin, who was with him during his illness. Three of his children preceded him in death. Two died in infancy and Mrs. Oscar G Larson who died 13 years ago.

He went to his eternal home Sunday, February 28, 1932, at sunset; He was

anxious to go and meet his Saviour. He came to Montana in 1909 and filed on the homestead north of Joplin in November of that year and had made his home there from that time until the date of his demise. Mr. LaValley was a man of strong integrity and character, and the impress of his upright, Christian life will be felt for many generations to come. Not dead, only asleep. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away Blessed be the name of the Lord

CLARA MARIE LEDIN

Born: N/A - Died: December 20, 1932

Liberty County Farmer

December 22, 1932

CLARA LEDIN DIES SUDDENLY

Miss Clara Marie Ledin of Rudyard graduate nurse of the Kennedy Deaconess hospital of Havre, died very suddenly shortly after 6 p. m. Tuesday, after an illness of only about a day. Her death has come as a great shock to both her family and her many friends. Taken ill Monday evening at her home at Rudyard, she was taken to the hospital at Havre Tuesday evening, dying about ten minutes after arrival at the hospital.

Funeral services for Miss Ledin are to be held from the German Lutheran church at Rudyard on Friday, December 23, at 2:00 p. m., with the Rev. O. J. C. Norem officiating, assisted by Rev Ramsey of Hingham.

CLAUDE G. MERRILL

Born: June 27, 1874 - Died: September 29, 1932

Chester Reporter

October 6, 1932

**FORMER CHES-
TERITE SUICIDE
GREAT FALLS**

**Claude Merrill Sales-
man Takes Life**

Claude G. Merrill, committed suicide at Great Falls last Thursday morning at 9:30 on the floor of a room he had engaged a few hours previously. He ended his life by firing a bullet from a .38 caliber revolver into his head. Ill health is given as the cause for his act.

About eight years ago he left Chester for Fairfield, Montana, remaining there only a short time when he removed to Great Falls where he has been a bond salesman since.

For some time Merrill had been in the employ of the Montana State Building and loan Association and again for the National Bond Corporation.

Mr. Merrill was born in New Orleans, La. on June 27, 1874 and had earned his way through school and 30 years ago came west for his health settling in Canada. About twenty years ago he came to Chester where he operated a barber shop for several years.

OLAF NESS

Born: July 6, 1867 - Died: September 14, 1932

Chester Reporter

September 22, 1932

**OLD RESIDENT
PASSES AWAY
AT HIS HOME**

Mr. Olaf Ness was born in Iowa, July 6, 1867 and moved to Minnesota while a boy, moving later to South Dakota where he married Miss Christie Olson. After a few years residence they moved to Omaha, where he engaged quite extensively in farming. In the year 1910 they moved to Chester where he was engaged in farming and general labor until his death. Maintaining his home here still he spent much of his time in Kalispell. He died here at his home in Chester on Sept. 14, 1932 at the age of 65 years, 6 months and 4 days.

He was of a quiet and modest disposition and was highly respected by his many friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the local Methodist church by Rev. Engh of Joplin and the remains laid to rest in the local cemetery. Floral offerings had strewed the casket with some beautiful flowers, the ceremonies and songs being very appropriate to the occasion.

MRS. FRANCIS E. OWENS
Born: August 10, 1862 - Died: May 21, 1932
Liberty County Farmer
May 26, 1932

MRS. FRANCIS OWENS
IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Francis E. Owens, of 27 miles north of Inverness, died in a Havre hospital Saturday evening, after being taken to Havre in the American Legion ambulance.

Funeral services were held at Grace church north of Inverness Tuesday afternoon, and a large number of friends and neighbors were in attendance.

Mrs. Owens was the wife of Richard W. Owens, by whom she is survived. She is also survived by a son L. R. Owens. She was born August 10, 1862 in Wisconsin, the daughter of Henry Gilman. She was at the time of her death, nearly 70 years of age.

CHRISTINA PETERSON

Born: December 4, 1860 - Died: December 4, 1932

Liberty County Farmer

December 29, 1932

FUNERAL DEC. 19TH FOR MRS. CHRISTINA PETERSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Christina Peterson, former homesteader in this section and resident of Joplin, who passed away in Westwood, Calif., December-4, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. P. Roe, were held in Spokane at 10:30 Monday morning, December 19, from the chapel of Hazen and Jaeger. The Rev. O. Andrew Norem, pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran church, conducted the services.

Three hymns, old favorites of the deceased, were beautifully sung as duets: "Rock of Ages," "Nearer My God, to Thee," and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Interment was in the Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Christina Peterson had celebrated her 72nd birthday on Dec. 4.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. O. P. Roe of Westwood, Calif., and Miss Ida Peterson of Cut Bank, Montana, and three sons, John M. Peterson of Fargo, N. D., Irvin Peterson of Spokane, and G. W. Peterson of Havre, Montana. All the children with the exception of John Peterson were at the funeral.

by many friends in this part of Mon-

Mrs. Peterson will be remembered tana, having resided here and hereabouts for a number of years. She was one of the early pioneers north of Joplin, and lived in town later with her daughter, Miss Ida, during the time the later was in charge of the local telephone exchange. She and her daughter, Mrs. Roe, visited in Havre last September.

JAMES THOMAS ROACH

Born: November 3, 1858 - Died: January 2, 1932

Chester Reporter - Liberty County Farmer

January 7, 1932

Thomas Roach died at the home of his son, J. A. Roach, near Chester on Friday of last week at the age of 73 years, 2 months and 29 days. He was born in Ottawa, Canada Nov. 3, 1858 and leaves besides his son, J. A. Roach of Chester, a daughter, Marian Roach of Glasgow. The remains were sent to Lisbon, N. D. for interment.

JAMES ROACH OF CHESTER DEAD

James Roach of Chester, died Saturday, January 2, at the home of his son, A. J. Roach, from influenza. Burial will be at Lisbon, No. Dak., the body having been shipped there on Monday.

The decased was 73 years of age, and is survived by the son with whom he lived and a daughter, Margaret Roach, of Glasgow, who arrived at her father's bedside just before he died.

FRED G. SCHNEIDER

Born: September 8, 1880 - Died: September 19, 1932

Chester Reporter

September 22, 1932

F. G. SCHNEIDER LAID TO FINAL REST THURSDAY

IMMENSE CROWD GATHERS AT SCHNEIDER FUNERAL RITES

Fred G. Schneider died at the Deaconess hospital in Havre Monday evening of this week, after an illness extending over a period of nearly one year. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at 2:30 P. M. today, and a sermon filled with some valuable thoughts held the large audience that crowded the church to capacity.

Burial arrangements were conducted by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of which Mr. Schneider was an ardent and lifelong member, making the trip in through many a cold stormy night to attend their sessions. The Brethern were present in a body and paid tribute to one of its members by laying on his bier a beautiful floral wreath, a fitting commemoration of the high regard in which he is held, following him to the grave and laying him to rest with the stately ceremonies of the order. It was one of the largest funerals held in Chester in many a day.

Mr. Schneider was born at Black Wolf, Wis., on September 8, 1880. His early life was spent at that point, he in early manhood removing to Fon du Lac, Wis., where he worked for the Soo railway. He was a member of Lodge No. 412, B. of L. F. and E. He and his family came to Chester in 1912, where they settled on a farm.

The deceased is survived by his wife and one daughter, Marlea Annabel; also by five sisters, Mrs. A. P. Rickmeier of Minneapolis, Mrs. C. Westfall of Fon du Lac, Wis., Mrs. G. Barnes of Chicago, Mrs. A. F. Bulter of Oshkosh, Wis., and Miss Pauline Schneider of Bach Wolf, and Wm. G. Schneider of Gettysburg, S. Dak.

OTTO WILLIAM SCHONTZ

Born: 1872 - Died: August 2, 1932

Chester Reporter

August 11, 1932

DIED ALONE

Otto William Schontz, 60 years of age, died August 2nd 1932 at his home in Lothair, some of the neighbors coming in and finding him dead in his bed. Death was probably due to heart failure. Nettie C. Schwartz, his wife who resides in Colorado, arrived Friday morning to attend the funeral services which were held from the Presbyterian church at Lothair by Rev. Hellen. Deceased had lived in his last location about two years and was favorably known by those who knew him. Funeral services were conducted by the Holland--Bonine service with George Ainley, Jr. in charge.

GEORGE STRODE

Born: 1906 - Died: April 29, 1932

Chester Reporter - Liberty County Farmer

May 5, 1932

ACCIDENTALY SHOOTS SELF RIDING HORSE

George Strode of Whitlash Dies of Wound, Large Funeral Havre on Sunday.

One of our popular Young Men

The even tenor of Liberty County life was rudely startled when news of the untimely death of George Strode, 26, became general.

He had been at Goldstone for a few days and on his way back to his home in the Hills stopped over at the home of Lewis Nerem north of Rudyard over Thursday night.

While Nerem and a neighbor were out in the Nerem garden planting a few potatoes Friday morning for a half hours work the accident happened although no sound of the shot had reached them. When they returned they found young Strode lying sorely wounded; the bullet from a 22 rifle he had been carrying had entered his head above the left ear.

A phone call reached Sheriff Timmons and Dr. McKenzie, but before they reached the scene of the accident he had died. From appearances the officers concluded that the deceased was the victim of accidental shooting.

He was immediately taken to the offices of Holland and Bonine at Havre where the body was prepared for burial.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon and the body laid to rest in the cemetery at that place.

High regard was paid the Strode family in the large number of people from Liberty County who attended the funeral ceremonies.

George Strode is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Strode of Whitlash and one of the oldest and best known of the families of the Sweet Grass Hills district. The young man leaves to mourn his death besides his parents, two sisters, Mrs. Eva Melvin of Great Falls, Montana, and Mrs. Delaney of Los Angeles.

GEORGE STRODE DEAD FROM GUNSHOT WOUND

The many Liberty County friends of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Strode of the Sweet Grass Hills section were grieved to learn of the death of their son George, which took place at the Lou Heron farm north of Rudyard early Friday morning following a gun shot wound when a bullet from a .22 caliber rifle passed through his temple. The wound was self-inflicted, the cause having passed through his temple.

George leaves, besides his father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. Eva Melvin of Great Falls and Mrs. Anna Daleen of Los Angeles.

The funeral was held at Havre last Saturday.

ARTHUR E. WEAVER

Born: April 10, 1886 - Died: April 11, 1932

Liberty County Farmer

April 14, 1932

ARTHUR E. WEAVER

Arthur E. Weaver was born April 10, 1886 at Des Moines, Iowa and moved to Rogers, Ark., when small. He learned the printers' trade on The Rogers Democrat. He was married at Grand Rapids, Minn., December 21, 1918, to S. Florence Burch. He leaves to mourn his passing, besides his wife, five children, Leland, Vernon, Phyllis, Joseph and Elinor. He came to Montana in Oct., 1927, and has worked in printing offices at Joplin, Chester, Sweet Grass and Big Sandy. He died April 11, 1932, at Chester at the age of 46 years and one day. The funeral was held at Chester Tuesday, April 12. Rev. Stuart officiating.

ALBIN ZANDA

Born: April 22, 1892 - Died: June 19, 1932

Chester Reporter - Liberty County Farmer

June 23, 1932

ANOTHER MAN DOWNED WITH RECKLESS GAS

Albin Zanda Suffered Serious Burns. Taken to Hospital

Another case of exploding distillate and the third of its kind in this community in the course of the past two years, was visited upon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zanda. While dumping a few spurts of distillate on the kindling in his kitchen stove Monday evening about 5 o'clock, the stuff exploded in the stove, igniting the two or three gallons that remained in the can which he held in his hands.

The concussion was so violent that it blew the bottom out of the bottom of the can against his breast, spattering burning gas all over his clothes, setting him on fire from head to foot. Before he could get out of his clothes he was severely burned, about two-thirds of his body being badly burned and scorched. He was immediately brought to town where Dr. Hough attended to his injuries, referring to the hospitals at Havre where his case is receiving attention.

ALBIN ZANDA, PIONEER OF LIBERTY COUNTY IS DEAD

Albin Zanda, farmer near Chester, who was badly burned at his home June 6, died June 19 at a Havre hospital. His burns had been very bad on his arms, less so on his body, but his system was unable to withstand the poison of infection. If he had lived he would have entirely lost the use of his hands. The burns were received when he attempted to light a fire with distillate.

Funeral services were conducted at Chester Wednesday afternoon, June 22 at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. John Stuart officiating.

Mr. Zanda was born on April 22, 1892 in Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, and daughter, Hazel aged two years. Also by four brothers: William, in Silver Lake, Minn.; Edward, in Wisconsin; Joseph, in California, and Robert Zanda of Chester. He has been a resident of Liberty county since 1912, when he homesteaded in that vicinity.