

MRS. D. G. AFFLERBAUGH

Birth: N/A - Died: 1949

Liberty County Times

April 7, 1949

**Mrs. D. G. Afflerbaugh  
Rudyard Pioneer Dies**

According to word received in Rudyard a few days ago, Mrs. D. G. Afflerbaugh, well known Rudy-

yard pioneer, passed away at her home in San Diego.

The couple homesteaded near Rudyard and resided in that community until 1924 when they moved to California. They had made many friends on the Hi-Line and had been here on vacations many times since their departure.

Mrs. Afflerbaugh passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Survivors include her husband; a son, Paul of Fontana, California; and daughters, Mrs. Paul Spannuth (Hester) of Hamilton, Montana; Mrs. Ole Kolfold (Irene) of Spokane; Mrs. Cloyd Hawkins (Ruth); of Alexandria, Minn.; Mrs. Wilton Ballinger (Patiece) of San Francisco and Mrs. Harold Nelson (Marie) of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Franklin Phillips visited Mrs. Afflerbaugh on a recent trip to California.

## JAMES ENOCH ANDERSON

Birth: August 24, 1949 - Died: October 18, 1949

Liberty County Times

October 20 - November 3, 1949

### Enoch Anderson Baby Passes in Havre

James Enoch Anderson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Anderson of Joplin, died Tuesday evening, October 18, at the Deaconess Hospital in Havre.

The funeral will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, the Reverend C. H. Jacobson, pastor, but final arrangements are not yet complete.

### Last Rites Held For Anderson Baby

Last rites for Baby James Anderson, two month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Anderson of Joplin, were held recently from the Joplin Lutheran Church with the Rev. C. H. Jacobson officiating.

The Joplin Lutheran choir accompanied by Mrs. Sanford Anderson sang "What a Friend," "Children of the Heavenly Father," and "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story."

Pallbearers were Lysle James, David Wilmes, Clinton Temple, and Eugene Meldrum. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery.

Baby James Anderson was born in Havre, August 24, 1949 and passed away on October 18.

## CLARENCE PALMER BAKKE

Birth: July 13, 1894 - Died: March 6, 1949

Liberty County Times

March 10, 1949

# Clarence Bakke Rites Held In Joplin; Man Was Always Leader In His Community

The many friends of Clarence P. Bakke were shocked to learn of his sudden passing last Sunday morning while attending services at the Joplin Lutheran Church. Mr. Bakke, accompanied by his wife and family, was just entering the church after hanging up his coat when he collapsed into his son's arms. He was carried next door to the parsonage, but never regained consciousness, and was pronounced dead upon the arrival of Dr. Harry Simmonds about 15 minutes later. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Bakke was one of the most highly respected farmers in the Joplin-Inverness area and claimed a wide circle of friends. He was always active in social, civic and fraternal affairs and held many responsible offices in such organizations. He was lauded many times for his straight-forwardness and untiring effort in promoting community and social improvement.

Clarence Palmer Bakke was born July 13, 1894, at Hatton, North Dakota, and came to Montana with his parents in 1910, where they homesteaded north of Joplin. On July 18, 1918, he enlisted in the U. S. Marine corps at Mare Island, California, and served in France with the 11th Regiment. He was discharged June 30, 1919. On October 16, 1926, he was married to Sylvia Winje at Great Falls, Montana, and to this union, a son, Clarence J. Jr., and a daughter, Sylvia Marguerite were born.

Mr. and Mrs. Bakke and family lived in Chicago from 1926 until 1931 and in Seattle, Wn., from 1931 until 1935. Following the death of Mr. Bakke's father in 1935 they returned to Joplin where Clarence assumed the management of his father's farm. They have resided there since that time.

Bakke was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church. He was an outstanding worker in veterans affairs and was a member of both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. For many years he was a member of Bear Paw Post of the V.F.W. in Havre, and in 1945 was instrumental in organizing the Chester Post No. 3997 of the V.F.W. He served as commander for two terms and as Post Chaplain during the past year. He was also Senior Vice-Commander of District No. 2 of the V.F.W. and a member of the Marine Corps League. He was a member of the Joplin Order of the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge and was a Past Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star.

Survivors, besides the widow and son and daughter, include six sisters, Mrs. I. G. Tunelius of Milwaukie, Oregon; Mrs. L. J. Rapstad of Billings, Montana; Mrs. J. T. Cleveland, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mrs. E. O. Olson, Oregon City, Oregon and Mrs. B. J. Storvik and Mrs. Victor Friberg of Inverness.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday afternoon) at 2:00 at the Joplin Lutheran Church with Rev. C. H. Jacobson officiating. Pallbearers were John Lyle, Mike Meyers, Emil Storvik, Joe Anderson, Pete Spoonheim and Fred Wicklund. The Chester Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is conducting military honors at the graveside. Interment was in the family plot beside his father and mother and brother.

## TOM BUCK

Birth: January 12, 1882 - Died: September 10, 1949

Liberty County Times

September 15, 1949

### Tom Buck Passes After Several Year's Illness

Tom Buck, pioneer Montanan, and a resident of Chester the past few years died at the Liberty County hospital Saturday night after a lengthy illness.

Funeral arrangements are pending word from the man's relatives, Mrs. Lulu Perrington, a sister of Toronto, Mrs. Lolo Cary, another sister in Oklahoma City.

Details of the man's life were still lacking this morning. He was born in Sedan, Kansas, on January 12, 1882 and resided there until he came to Montana in 1903. He lived for a time in Columbus and later moved to Helena and thence to Great Falls.

Most of his life was spent in the sheep business. He was a herder in various sections of Montana and was once called to California by the California Sheepmen's Association to instruct herders in the care of a Swiss breed of sheep.

Mr. Buck was married in Baker, Oregon, in 1908. His wife preceeded him in death. The man was a life-long member of the Catholic faith and had made many friends during the years he spent in Liberty County. He was well read in matters of history, politics and current events.

## CARRIE REBSTOCK CICON

Birth: September 12, 1872 - Died: September 25, 1949

Liberty County Times

September 29, 1949

### Funeral Services for Mrs. Carrie Cicon Held Here Wednesday

Funeral services for long-time resident, Mrs. Carrie Rebstock Cicon, 77, were held here yesterday afternoon from the Methodist Church with Rev. A. L. Swarens officiating. The beloved county matron passed away at her home in the Sweetgrass Hills Sunday morning after lingering illness.

Mrs. Cicon was born on September 12, 1872 in Winona, Minnesota. She later worked in St. Paul and Fargo, North Dakota. She came to this part of Montana in 1912 and homesteaded near Joplin.

She became the wife of Joseph Cicon in Havre on January 10, 1917. The couple made their home near the Sweetgrass Hills and lived there the rest of their lives. Mr. Cicon passed away several years ago.

Mrs. Cicon was highly respected by members of the community and was always active in community af-

fairs and was well known for her respect to everyone she knew.

Survivors include two sons, James and John, and a brother, Ernest Rebstock, of Mankato, Minnesota. Her husband preceeded her in death in 1939.

Paulbearers were Clarence McDowell, Orville Jacobson, Allister Murray, William Hodges, Dodds Keith and Harry Hoffner. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

RONNIE WALLACE CLOUSER  
Birth: N/A - Died: March 10, 1949  
Liberty County Times  
March 24, 1949

## Ronnie Clouser Buried In Devon Cemetery

Last rites for Ronnie Wallace Clouser, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clouser of Devon were held recently from Burns Funeral Parlor in Shelby. Burial was in the Devon cemetery beside his uncle, Wallace Benjamin, who preceeded him in death in 1943.

Ronnie passed away March 10 at Galen where he had been taken two weeks earlier. The youngster was born with a collapsed lung which never inflated.

Those taking part in the funeral were Will Bailey, officiating, Mrs. Robert Bucher, Phebe and Lillian Benjamin sang, "Our Baby's Book," and Miss Fern Ball, Mrs. Ole Clark and Mrs. Arliss Torgerson sang, "Precious Thought," accompanied by Lillian Benjamin. Clarence Benjamin, the baby's uncle was pallbearer.

Ronnie leaves to mourn his passing, a brother, Lonnie, his parents, two grandmothers and grandfathers, eight cousins, six uncles and five aunts.

MRS. A. C. CURTIS

Birth: N/A - Died: February 19, 1949

Liberty County Times

February 24, 1949

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**Mrs. A. C. Curtis  
Dies in Canada**

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Word received here recently from Barne, Ontario tells of the passing of Mrs. A. R. Curtis, formerly of Rudyard. The woman died unexpectedly last Saturday. Funeral services were held at Thorton, Ontario, Monday.

Mrs. Curtis, the wife of Dr. Curtis, resided in the Rudyard community for nearly thirty years before leaving about five years ago for Canada. Her husband had operated a drug store and practiced medicine in Rudyard for many years.

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**JOHN FREDRICK DALEEN**

**Birth: 1883 - Died: August 7, 1949**

**Liberty County Times**

**August 11, 1949**

**John Daleen Services  
Held Here Thursday**

Funeral services were conducted at the Chester Methodist church Thursday afternoon for John Fredrick Daleen, 66, well known resident of this community since 1910, who died Sunday afternoon at a Havre hospital.

The Rev. C. H. Jacobson officiated at the rites, which were attended by a great many friends and neighbors. Members of the Joplin Lutheran choir sang three numbers, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," "Rock of Ages," and "Abide With Me," accompanied by Thelma Anderson, the choir members included Naomi Hanson, Elnora Anderson, Marie Anderson, Esther McClellon, Pearl Moore, Hazel Anderson, Olive Voelker, DeFlorence Jacobson and Esther Meldrum.

Pallbearers were Frank Heydon, Jack McDowell, Julius Schaefer, Hayes Starks, Rasmus Haaland, and ay Rudolph, interment was in the Chester cemetery.

CHARLES A. DICKENS

Birth: December 24, 1912 - Died: August 22, 1949

Liberty County Times

August 25 - September 1, 1949

**Charlie Dickens Passes  
In Loami, Illinois, Mon.**

According to word received here from Loami, Illinois this week, Charlie Dickens, former Chester resident, passed away recently.

Details on the man's death were lacking at press time, but complete details will be given later. Dickens and his family lived here several years ago and were well known.

Funeral services and burial will be held in Loami this week.

**Last Rites Held for  
Charles A. Dicken**

Charles A. Dicken, 37, of Loami, Illinois, formerly of Chester, passed away in a Springfield, Illinois, hospital Monday, August 22. He has been in poor health for the last year and in the hospital since early May.

He was born December 24, 1912, in Illinois. In 1936 he married Lois Shettel of Chester, and to this union, four children were born.

He is survived by his widow, Lois, and family: Iona 11, William 9, Robert 7, Juanita 6; his mother in Auburn, Illinois, a sister, Jesse, also of Auburn and a brother, Don, in California, also many friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held August 26 in Loami. Burial was in Loami cemetery.

## JAMES FITZPATRICK

Birth: March 28, 1886 - Died: February 11, 1949

Liberty County Times

February 24, 1949

### James Fitzpatrick, County Pioneer, Dies in Seattle

Word was received here from Seattle recently telling of the passing of James Fitzpatrick, 63, former resident of Liberty County. The man passed away in Seattle February 11.

Fitzpatrick lived here for nearly thirty years before moving to Sunburst and thence to Seattle. Born in Sault St. Marie in Michigan on March 28, 1886 the man later moved to Fort Benton, Montana by ox team.

The man received his education in Fort Benton schools and early in 1912 moved to Liberty County and Chester. He was married to Alpha E. Arndt at Memononie, Wisconsin, on March 12, 1913. To this union were born two children, Mrs. Eleanor Neupert of Seattle, Washington and James Fitzpatrick of Mt. Vernon, Washington.

While living in this area Mr. Fitzpatrick farmed Southeast of Chester. Characterized by an intense love of home and neighbor, his philosophy of life gained him many friends during his Chester residence.

Funeral services for the deceased were held in the West Home Chapel in Seattle, Washington, on February 16. At Mr. Fitzpatrick's own request, the services were conducted by the Rev. Cecil F. Risto of the University Methodist Temple. The two had been inseparable friends from the old days they spent in Great Falls. Interment was in Acacia Mausoleum in Seattle.

Survivors include his wife, the two children, his mother, a brother, John Fitzpatrick of Billings, and three half-brothers.

## ALEX FLINK

Birth: December 7, 1866 - Died: December 3, 1949

Liberty County Times

December 8, 1949

### Alex Flink Dies At His Kalispell Home

Alex Flink, 82, a pioneer in the Chester area passed away Saturday at his home in Kalispell. His survivors include his widow and a son, Robert of Seattle. There are two grandchildren.

Flink was well known in this area having worked at the Prescott ranch north of here for about 20 years. He left 25 years ago and became foreman of the Prescott Ranches in Conrad.

Leaving Conrad 15 years ago, the deceased became a member of the Forest Service in Glacier National park and held the position until his death.

Alex Flink was born in Sweden on December 7, 1866 and came to America when a young man. He settled in Montana at the turn of the century and shortly after went to work for the Prescott firm. He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and was always active in cattle rancher circles.

**STINA REGINA FREELAND**

Birth: March 25, 1884 - Died: May 6, 1949

Liberty County Times

May 12, 1949

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**Last Rites for Regina  
Freeland Held from  
Joplin Lutheran Church**

Funeral services for Mrs. Stina Regina Freeland, 65, of Joplin were held yesterday from the Joplin Lutheran Church with the Rev. C. H. Jacobson officiating.

Mrs. Freeland passed away at a Havre hospital Friday evening following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Freeland was born March 25, 1884, at Hatton, North Dakota and came to Joplin in 1910, where she homesteaded. On June 1, 1913, she married Leon G. Freeland, who died in 1930. She had resided in Joplin since 1910, except for a short period in Havre.

Mrs. Freeland is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sanford Anderson and Mrs. John Tempel, and one son, Charles M. Freeland, all of Joplin. A sister, Mrs. Louise Olson, a brother, M. S. Haakenson, both of Hatton and nine grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Freeland was a member of the Lutheran Church and the Joplin chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was always active in community and school work and was highly respected throughout Liberty County.

## EDWARD (ED) R. FURLONG

Birth: February 17, 1881 - Died: June 30, 1949

Liberty County Times

July 7, 1949

### Last Rites for County Pioneer Edward 'Ed' R. Furlong Held Here Sunday

A crowd estimated at over 200 persons attended funeral services here Sunday afternoon for Edward (Ed) R. Furlong in the Methodist church. Rev. A. L. Swarens officiated.

The Methodist Choir composed of Mrs. John Swank, Mrs. Fred Barrett, Mrs. A. L. Swarens and Mrs. Glen McComas sang two numbers. Leonard Plank was the accompanist. Pallbearers were: John Hutchison, Dodds Keith, Ben Ish, Clarence Kolstad and Tom Wright of Chester and Edgar Warburton of Big Fork. Graveside services were conducted by the Joplin Masonic Lodge and interment was in the IOOF cemetery.

Edward Russell Furlong passed away last Thursday morning in a Kalispell hospital following an operation which he underwent June 20. He had been in failing health for the past two years and at first seemed to be recovering nicely from the operation, but complications set in last Sunday and the family was called to his hospital bedside. Death came at 5:30 Thursday.

Ed was a true member of the rapidly passing group of pioneers who settled in the west near the turn of the century. He came here from Havre forty years ago and established a blacksmith shop during the heyday of the settlement of the homesteaders in this country. He

had operated his own business here since that time, and at the time of his death, had been in the same business longer than any of Chester's present businessmen.

Ed was a friend of young and old alike, and was never too busy to stop working on a piece of farm machinery, during the rush season, to repair some small boy or girl's bicycle or wagon, where the only remuneration received was a broad smile and "thank you Ed" from the youngster.

Edward Russell Furlong was born February 17, 1881, at Fort Pierre, S. Dak. and came with his parents to Hill county. He moved to Chester in 1909 and opened a blacksmith shop which he operated until the time of his death. He was married in 1911 to Nina M. Keith. He was a member of the IOOF and Masonic Lodges.

Surviving are his wife, Ina Marie; seven sons, Edmond, Kalispell, Philip, Miles, Noel and David, all of Chester; Russell, Great Falls and Warren of Compton, California; three daughters, Mrs. Lilly Eveland and Mrs. Alice Morrison, Chester, and Mrs. Inabelle Foreman, Bozeman; three brothers and three sisters, including Mrs. Edgar Warburton, Bigfork and Mrs. Clyde Welsh, Missoula and Tom Furlong of Havre.

**GLENWOOD HENRY HOWENDOBLER**

Birth: N/A - Died: January 14, 1949

Liberty County Times

January 20, 1949

**Last Rites for Rudyard  
Man Held Tuesday**

Last rites for Glenwood Henry Howendobler, 57, of Rudyard were held at the Holland and Bonine funeral chapel in Havre Tuesday afternoon. The well known Hi-Line man died in a Havre hospital Friday.

A native of Worthington, Minn., he moved to a homestead near Inverness in 1912. Survivors include his widow; a son, Glenwood Jr. of Havre; two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Cuthler of Yakaa, and Mrs. C. P. Hughes of Haywood, California.

MRS. CARL M. IVERSON  
Born: 1880 - Died: December 31, 1949  
Liberty County Times  
January 5, 1950

### Rites Held for Carbon Monoxide Victim

Last rites for Mrs. Carl M. Iverson 70, who died from carbon monoxide in a gas filled home near Whitlash Saturday night, were held today from the Methodist Church in Chester with the Reverend C. A. Jacobson officiating. Burial was in the Whitlash cemetery.

The deceased's husband, who also suffered severe monoxide poisoning, was revived by Dr. Stephen A. Adaskavitch of Shelby, who was called to the little town in the Sweet Grass hills to attempt to revive the couple with a pullmotor.

The couple was discovered by a hired man Sunday afternoon. Both were unconscious in bed. The hired man called Carl Iverson, a son of the victims, who lives nearby, and they attempted to revive the couple by artificial respiration.

After three hours Iverson responded to the treatment of the pulmotor but Mrs. Iverson was pronounced dead many hours later.

Mrs. Iverson was a native of Denmark. With her mother, Mrs. Wicklander she came to the United States in 1906. After living in New York a short time, they came to Montana, taking up a homestead in the Sweet Grass Hills. She married Iverson in 1912. They were the first couple to receive a marriage license in Hill county.

Surviving are the husband, the son, a daughter, Mrs. William Earl of Great Falls, and seven grand children.

## DAGNY HAUGE JEPPESEN

Birth: December 9, 1886 - Died: July 31, 1949

Liberty County Times

August 4, 1949

### Many Attend Last Rites for Mrs. Jeppesen

Mrs. Dagny Hauge Jeppesen, pioneer county resident, was laid to rest yesterday in the Chester cemetery. Her death, which occurred Sunday afternoon, came as a great shock to her many friends throughout Liberty County.

Officiating at the services were Rev. Holland of Fairfield and Rev. Mikelson of Galata. Mrs. Richard Wickum sang "Old Rugged Cross" and the Lutheran Choir sang "Nearer My God to Thee," and "God Will Take Care of You."

Pallbearers were John Oswood, Hans Ness, Lief Ness, Louis Oswood, Harold Prescott and Sigurd Forseth.

Mrs. Jeppesen was well known and highly respected by all who knew her. She belonged to that set of pioneer women who were among the first to settle in the Hill community. She was known to all as a fine and self-sacrificing mother of the highest integrity and raised her children as both good Christians and good citizens. She had for years taken an active interest in Lutheran church work and was loved for her interest in community affairs. She was a member of Trinity Church and Ladies Aid of Galata.

Mrs. Jeppesen was born in Haugesund, Norway on December 8, 1886. She attended schools and lived her early girlhood there before coming to America in 1913.

She became the bride of Emil J. Jeppesen in Hoboken, New Jersey on September 11, 1913. The couple left New Jersey a few months later to homestead in the Hill community, north of here.

Mrs. Jeppesen lived on the Hill ranch 26 years and for 20 years was post mistress or assistant at the Hill post office.

Her death Sunday came as a shock to the entire community. She had gone about her regular housework on Saturday and had been using her sewing machine Saturday night and was apparently in good health.

She suffered a heart attack Sunday morning and died only a few hours later.

Survivors include two daughters; Mrs. Hales (Amborg) Scales of Galata and Mrs. Harold (Kathryn) Jensen of Hill. A son, Harold, also of Hill survives. There are three sisters, Mrs. Anna Severson of Butte, Miss Thea Hauge of Berkeley, California and Mrs. Jennie Garmaud of Oslo, Norway. One brother, Oscar Hauge, lives in Haugesund, Norway. There are also three grandchildren. Her husband passed away in 1934 in 1934.

**FRANK KENNY**

Birth: December 16, 1877 - Died: January 12, 1949

Liberty County Times

January 20, 1949

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**Requiem High Mass is  
Celebrated Here  
For Frank Kenny**

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Requiem high mass was celebrated at the Catholic Church here Monday morning for Frank Kenny, 71, highly respected former Chester and Havre teacher who was found dead here Wednesday of last week.

Rev. Fr. John Kohnke of Hingham was celebrant of the mass, responses to which were sung by the church choir. Pallbearers were Stuart Zentz of Inverness, Dodds Keith and John Hutchison of Chester, Pete Spoonheim of Joplin and Howard Moon and L. F. Roubinek of Havre.

Many persons from all along the Hi-Line attended the last rites for Kenny. Students that were former members of his classes were present at the funeral.

Present for the rites were his daughter, Mrs. Frances Hunter of Washington D. C., and his son, Frank, who is in naval training at San Diego.

Interment was in the family lot at Highland cemetery in Havre where his wife is buried. Committal services were in charge of Fr. Maurice Corrigan of Havre.

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JOHN F. KREMER

Birth: 1860 - Died: April 16, 1949

Liberty County Times

April 21, 1949

### Last Rites Held for John F. Kremer

Last rites for John F. Kremer, Joplin community pioneer, were held yesterday afternoon from the Holland and Bonine Funeral chapel in Havre.

The man passed away at his Havre home Saturday night where he had been living since he retired from farming more than six years ago.

The 88 year old man had been once national head of the Ancient Order of Druids and had resided in the Joplin area for many years.

Born at Port Huron, Michigan in 1860, he spent his youth hood here. He moved with his parents to Minnesota in 1885 and while there married Mary Deering. The couple homesteaded nine miles north of Joplin in 1911 and spent their life there until retiring six years ago.

Interment was in Highland cemetery in Havre.

LILLIAN RAGHILD AABERG LALUM  
and INFANT

Birth: N/A - Died: June 14, 1949

Liberty County Times

June 16, 1949

**Last Rites Held  
For Galata Woman**

Last rites were held at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Galata Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Luther Lalum and infant of Montana State College in Bozeman.

Mrs. Lalum died in a Bozeman hospital in childbirth. Her child was stillborn Tuesday. Born Lillian Raghild Aaberg in Galata, she married Lalum, a student in agricultural education in the summer of 1948.

Officiating at the funeral was Rev. Mikelson of the Galata Lutheran Parish. Burial was in the Galata cemetery.

## EMMETT ARMOND MARTELL

Birth: May 15, 1852 - Died: February 2, 1949

Liberty County Times

February 3 - 10, 1949

### Emmett A. Martell Rites are Saturday

Mr. Emmett A. Martell, well known, elderly Chester man, passed away at the Liberty County Hospital, Wednesday, February 2.

Funeral services will be conducted in the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Fr. Kennett will celebrate high mass.

Details of the man's life will be published next week.

### Emmett Martell Rites Held Saturday Morning

Last rites for Emmett A. Martell, 97 year old Liberty County pioneer, were held from St. Mary's Catholic Church here last Saturday morning. Celebrant of the requiem high mass was the Rev. Father Kennet of the Hi-Line Catholic Parish. Assisting in the mass were members of St. Mary's Choir.

Mr. Martell passed away last Wednesday in a local hospital. The aged man had a host of friends during his lifetime and many of them crowded the church to pay final respects.

Pallbearers were Dodds Keith, Pete Kuhry, George Gau, Vernon Cramer, John Schwab and William Zorn. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Born in Thief Rivers Canada on May 15, 1852, Martell grew to manhood there. He came to the Chester area in 1909 and homesteaded 4 miles southwest of here for many years.

He later moved to Chester where he continued residence the remainder of his life. For the past few years the aged man has resided with his daughter, Mrs. Jacob Schafer of Chester.

Married to Mary Marco at La-Crosse, Wisconsin in July 3, 1883, the couple raised eight children. Three preceeded Mr. Martell in death. Mrs. Martell died many years ago.

Martell was always a booster for community and church. He became well known in Chester in the early 1900's when he established one of the first housing projects in this part of the state.

Surviving the man are: one brother, Reynold Lambert of Iron River, Wisconsin; four daughters, Mrs. L. A. Ward of Kalispell, Mrs. Mable Turnbow of Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. Andrew Guse of Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. Jacob Schafer of Chester; one son, Arnold Martell of Chester; 20 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren.

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**JAMES D. McDONALD**  
**Birth: 1913 - Died: May ?, 1949**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 12, 1949**

**James D. McDonald,  
Wife Kidnapper,  
Dies in Fort Benton**

James D. McDonald, 36, Fort Benton mechanic who kidnapped his wife last week, died in a Fort Benton hospital of self inflicted gun shot wounds suffered when he attempted to take his own life before being captured by Liberty County lawmen last week.

The man had been hospitalized in the Chester hospital before being removed to Fort Benton. He lived only 48 hours after his capture.

JOSEPH McDONALD

Birth: N/A - Died: 1949

Liberty County Times

July 14, 1949

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## Joseph McDonald Dies At Wisconsin Home

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Joe McDonald, long time north Chester farmer and rancher died recently in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, according to word received here from his sister, Mrs. Jessie Gorton.

McDonald was well known in Liberty County, having homesteaded north of Chester in 1910. He continued his farming operations thru the years and won many friends. He sold his holdings here in 1944 and went to Seattle where he worked in a flour mill.

About a year ago he left Seattle and made his home in Eau Claire. He underwent three major operations recently and apparently was unable to overcome the effects.

Funeral services and burial was in Eau Claire.

**JOHN L. MCGOWAN**

Birth: October 19, 1888 - Died: March 28, 1949

Liberty County Times

March 31, 1949

**John L. McGowan,  
Rudyard Man,  
Buried This Morning**

Last rites for John L. McGowan, Rudyard pioneer who passed away Monday night in a Havre hospital, were held this morning from St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre.

McGowan was well known along the Hi-Line having homesteaded near Rudyard in 1910. A native of North Dakota, the man had spent his entire manhood in the farming industry.

Mr. McGowan was born at Northwood, North Dakota on October 19, 1888. He was married in Havre on November 5, 1913, to Miss Emma Bakke.

Besides his wife, Mr. McGowan is survived by a sister, Mrs. Lulu Ovind. and two brothers, George and William, all of Grand Forks, North Dakota. There are no children.

Rosary was recited at the Holland and Bonine Funeral home Wednesday evening. Burial was in Calvary cemetery in Havre.

MERLE W. OAKLEY

Birth: December 17, 1894 - Died: December 25, 1949

Liberty County Times

January 6, 1950

**Funeral Services for  
Merle W. Oakley  
Held in Superior**

Last rites for Merle W. Oakley, well-known former Chester resident, were held from the Superior Methodist Church in Superior, Montana, Friday afternoon with the Rev. John P. Ginter officiating. Miss Idella Hodgkin sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" during the services.

Oakley's passing came as a surprise to his many relatives and friends in both Chester and Superior. He had been ill only a few hours before he passed away on Christmas Day.

Oakley was well known in Liberty County, having lived here for many years. He homesteaded here in early days and in later periods of his life was employed on various ranches in the county.

Born on December 17, 1894 near Council Bluffs, Iowa, the man lived his early manhood there. He came to Chester early in the century and lived here until about 17 years ago when he went to Browning.

At the time of his death he was living with his mother, Mrs. Lorena Oakley, also a former Chester resident. The deceased was one who made friends easily with his high interest and participation in civic and church activities.

Surviving the man are his mother, Mrs. Lorena Oakley; three sisters, Mrs. Eva Irish, of Dillon, Mrs. Edith Witt of Nebraska and Mrs. Blanche Hutchison of Chester and two brothers, Mr. Leslie Oakley of Fairfield, Montana and Mr. Perry Oakley of Superior, Montana.

Relatives from a distance at the funeral were Mrs. Eva Irish and Mr. and Mrs. George Heikkila of Dillon, Mr. Leslie Oakley of Fairfield and Mrs. Blanche Hutchison of Chester.

## NELSON H. OSWOOD

Birth: December 3, 1874 - Died: April 4, 1949

Liberty County Times

April 7, 1949

# Nels Oswood Succumbs To Heart Attack; Funeral Services Saturday

Nelson H. Oswood, well known north Chester farmer-rancher was found dead in an over-turned auto near the Prescott ranch Monday evening about 6:30.

The body was found by Bennett and Alfred Oswood. Sheriff Dodds Keith and Dr. Harry Simmonds investigated and say that the 74 year old man apparently suffered a heart attack while driving home from Chester. They say that Oswood was probably dead before the accident occurred.

The deceased has resided in Liberty County since 1909, having come here from Norway. He was born in Norway on December 3, 1874; and spent his early manhood in a fishing town on the Norwegian coastline. Before coming to America he was a Norwegian seaman and travelled extensively.

Tentative funeral arrangements have been made for Saturday afternoon at 2:00 in the Chester Lutheran Church with Rev. C. A. Jacobson officiating.

Never married, the man is survived by four sisters, Sina Oswood, Eli Oswood, Margaret Oswood, Anna Oswood and by three brothers, Louis H. Oswood, Christ Oswood and Haldor Oswood.

The deceased lived a quiet life and had many friends throughout Liberty County. He was a devout member of the Lutheran Church.

**BABY BOY PANTZER**

Birth: January 2, 1949 - Died: January 2, 1949

Liberty County Times

January 6, 1949

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**Graveside Services For  
Pantzer Infant Held**

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Private funeral services for Baby Boy Pantzer were held this week. The three hour old child passed away in a Havre hospital Sunday night after a premature birth.

Immediate survivors of the infant are his parents, County Attorney and Mrs. Robert Pantzer, a sister Julia Ann, and Robert Jr. all of Chester.

Mrs. Pantzer's condition is improving and she is expected to arrive home from the hospital within the next week.

## ERVINE C. "ED" PHELPS

Born: 1871 - Died: November ?, 1949

Liberty County Times

December 1 - 15, 1949

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### Ed Phelps Funeral In Joplin Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mr. Ed Phelps of Joplin will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church there Friday at 2 p.m.

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### E. G. Phelps Rites Held

Funeral services for E. C. Phelps were held at the Joplin Lutheran Church Friday afternoon. Mr. Phelps passed away at a Havre hospital last week.

The Rev. C. H. Jacobson officiated at the services. The Joplin Lutheran Choir, accompanied by Mrs. John Lyle, sang three numbers, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Rock of Ages" and "Thou Art the Way."

Pallbearers for Mr. Phelps, who lived in Joplin for the past seven years, were: David James, Pete Spoonheim, Otto Fossep, Oscar Anderson, Cliff Anderson and Ed Foster. Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

**RUDY REISENAUER**

**Birth: 1899 - Died: October 23, 1949**

**Liberty County Times**

**October 27, 1949**

**Rudy Reisenauer, Dies  
In Idaho Sunday**

Rudy Reisenauer, about 50, former Liberty county farmer, died Sunday at his home in Lewistown, Idaho. Reisenauer was well known in Liberty County, having farmed for several years in the north Joplin country.

Many residents will recall that the deceased was married to the former Valborg Jensen, sister of Walter Jensen of Chester.

Cause of death was not known here but relatives of the deceased said the man had been in poor health for some time.

Funeral services and interment were held yesterday in Colton, Washington.

## LOTTIE ROVREIT

Birth: 1882 - Died: October 5, 1949

Liberty County Times

October 13, 1949

### Funeral Services For Mrs. Rovreit Held Monday

The Joplin Lutheran Church was filled beyond capacity Monday afternoon for funeral services for Mrs. Lottie Rovreit, 67, pioneer Chester and Joplin resident who died at a Conrad hospital last Wednesday night.

The Rev. C. H. Jacobson officiated at the services and the Joplin Lutheran choir, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. John Lyle, sang three numbers, "My God How Wonderful Thou Art," "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," and "The God We Praise."

Pallbearers for Mrs. Rovreit were Martin Reisenauer, John Kindschy, Oscar Sorenson, Arnold Michaelson, Bud Coon and Eddie Gunderson. Interment was in the family lot in the Joplin cemetery.

The Rovreits homesteaded one mile north of Hingham in 1910, and later lived in Wyoming for three years. They came back to Montana and spent five years in the oil fields north of Shelby. In 1928 they came to the Joplin community where they have since made their home.

Mrs. Rovreit became ill on Oct. 3 while she was visiting in Cut Bank with her son, Harold. She was taken to the hospital in Conrad where her death occurred the next day.

She is survived by her husband and son, Harold, three sisters in

Norway, a brother, Knut Langmo of Byron, Minn., and three grandchildren. Three of her children preceded her in death.

Mrs. Rovreit was a devout member of the Lutheran church and was always a strong church worker. She taught Sunday school classes many years, and was a living example of the faith she taught.

LILLIE H. SIMS

Birth: N/A - Died: June 13, 1949

Liberty County Times

June 16, 1949

### **Mrs. Sims Passes In Malta Monday**

Mrs. Etta Armstrong just received word that her aunt, Mrs. Lillie H. Sims, passed away at the home of her son, I. H. Sims of near Malta, on Monday p.m., June 13th.

Mrs. Sims has been a resident of Montana since 1890, with the exception of four years spent in Seattle, where she has three daughters living, having come to Chester vicinity in 1890.

She spent many years in or near the Sweet Grass Hills, Marias River, Wild Horse Lake (north of Havre) Chinook and Hamilton, and coming to Malta in September of 1943.

She saw the Great Northern railway being built west from Havre, and was a true lover of Montana.

She leaves four daughters, one son and her husband, A. U. Sims, many nieces and nephews, eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren, besides hosts of friends for whom she was always ready to lend a helping hand.

## WESLEY SINDT

Birth: August 27, 1926 - Died: July 10, 1949

Liberty County Times

July 14, 1949

# Last Rites Held for Drowning Victim

Last rites for Wesley Sindt, 22 year old youth who drowned in the Marias River south of Inverness Sunday, were held from the Methodist church here yesterday.

Officiating at the services was Rev. Amos Crawford, a Kalispell minister, who was a close friend of the youth. Pallbearers were Benjamin Heimbigner, Walter Heimbigner, John Kulpas, Cecil Bassett, Roy Heimbigner and Bud Pope.

The Methodist choir composed of Mrs. Glenn McComas, Mrs. Fred Barrett, Mrs. A. L. Swarens, Mary Plank, Mrs. Leonard Plank and Nina Plank and Mrs. Nina Shepherd sang, accompanied by Mrs. Leonard Plank.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Though Wesley had not been in the Chester community long, he had many friends and was popular with the younger set. He had been mar-

ried only two days before to Helen Adams of Rudyard.

The tragic drowning occurred Sunday afternoon when Wesley and his bride of 48 hours joined a family picnic at the Marias River. Arriving at the river, Wesley and Charles Dunbar immediately went into the water. Wesley, an expert swimmer quickly swam across the river and rested a few moments before starting back.

He again dived into the cold water and began swimming toward the other shore. As he neared the middle of the river he waved frantically and hollered "help."

His swimming companion, only an amateur swimmer, was at this time foundering in 10-foot deep water and unable to render assistance.

Wesley sank below the water line only to appear again moments later. He yelled "Help" once more and disappeared again.

The excited family rushed to the river side but none could swim. Sheriff Dodds Keith, Sheriff R. C. Timmons of Havre and Marshall Joe Burrows were summoned.

Burrows, working from a boat, hooked the body at about 5:30 p.m., nearly five hours after it had last disappeared.

Wesley was born in Comerton, Montana on August 27 1926, and resided in western Montana most of his life. He came to Chester June 1 and hired out to McNutt Brothers ranch.

He married Miss Helen Adams, 21, of Rudyard here Friday afternoon. Survivors include his widow, his parents, six sisters, Mrs. Orville Marsh and Gladys Sindt of Chester, and Mrs. Pat Orr of Kalispell, and Marcie, Darlene and Marlene of Martin City, and by three brothers, Lewis of Hot Springs, Gordon of Libby and Vernon of Kalispell.

## LARS PETERSON SKONARD

Birth: October 14, 1872 - Died: January 19, 1949

Liberty County Times

January 20, 1949

### Lars Skonard Rites To be Held in Joplin Saturday

Lars Skonard, 78, well known Liberty County farmer passed away in a local hospital here yesterday after an illness of more than two years. The aged man had been confined to the hospital here for the past five months.

Funeral services for the man will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the Joplin Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jacobson officiating. Interment will be in Joplin Cemetery.

Skonard was born in Norway in 1873 and came to the United States in 1891. He lived in Minneapolis for fifteen years where he operated a barber shop and managed a dairy farm. He was married to Gutava Johnson in Minneapolis in 1901.

The Skonards came to Montana in 1914 where Skonard homesteaded north of Joplin. The man has resided there until his hospital confinement.

Skonard was a quiet man who most loved the quiet of his home and the friendliness of his neighbors. He made many friends during his life in Liberty County and was respected by old and young alike. The man was a life long devout member of the Lutheran faith.

Surviving the deceased are his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Percy Pimley and Mrs. Franklin Heydon of Joplin and Mrs. Raymond Zorn of Chester; two sons, Rudolph of Great Falls and Palmer of Joplin; one sister, Mrs. Ben Fossum of Orfordville, Wisc. There are twenty six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Another son, Trygve, passed away several years ago.

## JOHN EDWARD STORES

Birth: May 5, 1910 - Died: June 7, 1949

Liberty County Times

June 9 - 16, 1949

### Jack Stores Dies; Funeral Pending

Jack Stores, 39, prominent Chester tavern owner and farmer, took his own life here last Tuesday by consuming an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Stores, who friends say has been despondent for the past several weeks, entered the Tip Top Tavern here shortly after 4:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon and told the bartender he was tired of life.

A few minutes later Dr. Harry N. Simmonds and Sheriff Dodds Keith entered the bar and Stores dropped onto the floor unconscious. He was later taken to the hospital where he lived for only a few minutes.

Fire department resuscitator was used on the man for nearly an hour before he was pronounced dead by Dr. Simmonds at 6:15 p.m. A coroners jury composed of county coroner Dodds Keith and jurymen Ben Ish, Henry Kolstad, Herman Swan, Lawrence Schaefer, Hugo Johnson, George Gau and John Hutchison set the reason for death as heart failure caused by an overdose of sleeping tablets and other complications.

Dr. Simmonds told the jury that he doubted if the sleeping tablets alone would have caused the man's death. He said that sleeping tablets and other possible complications were jointly responsible.

Stores was born in Sherwood, North Dakota, on May 5, 1909 and came to this country with his parents a year later. He has been a farmer and tavern owner in the Chester vicinity for many years.

He is survived by his widow, seven children, Evelyn, John, Dennis, Fred, Gloria, Jean and twins, James and Joan and by two brothers, Donald of Chester and Ward of Inverness.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

### Jack Stores Passing Mourned by Many

John Edward Stores was born May 5, 1909 at Sherwood, North Dakota.

John came to Chester with his parents in the spring of 1910. He has lived here ever since, with the exception of a short time at Great Falls. He started farming southeast of Chester in 1929 and has continued farming since that time. He also owned and operated the Tip Top Tavern for a number of years.

The survivors are his wife, Josephine and children, Evelyn, John, Dennis, Freddy, Glora Jean and twins, James and Joan; and two brothers, Ward of Inverness and Donald of Chester and a host of other relations.

John Stores had many friends in this county and surrounding area, and will be mourned and remembered as a good friend and a good neighbor.

RICHARD LEE THIELMAN

Birth: June 23, 1939 - Died: May 27, 1949

Liberty County Times

June 2, 1949

## Dickie Thielman Services Held Tuesday Afternoon

Hundreds of friends crowded the Methodist Church here Tuesday afternoon to pay final respect to Richard Thielman, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Thielman, who lost his life in the Great Northern Reservoir here Friday afternoon.

Rev. C. H. Jacobson of the Joplin-Chester Lutheran Parish officiated at the services. Members of the Chester Lutheran Choir sang "In the Garden," "Beautiful Savior," and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." The choir was composed of Mabel Kolstad, Mrs. Mildred Hanson, Miss Lorraine Muncy, Mrs. Ella Wigen, Mrs. Ellen Violet, Mrs. Elsie Brown, Mrs. Violet Boreen, Mrs. Elsie Berg, Mrs. Lucille Kammerzell. The pianist was Mrs. Jean Cheley.

Pallbearers were Ralph Shepherd, Robert Wigen, Robert Keith, Vernon Cramer, George Staudacher, and Gus Laas. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Richard was a popular student in Chester grade school and during his lifetime had many friends with both young and old.

He was a member of the junior choir and Sunday school at the Chester Lutheran church, and was also affiliated with the Royal Neighbors juvenile organization at Chester. All who knew him had high praise for his ability to get along with his playmates.

Services for the youth were originally to be held in the Lutheran Church but the attending crowd was too large for accomodation. The crowd moved to the Methodist church and overfilled the main floor of the church and spilled over into the basement.

Richard lost his life here Friday afternoon when he fell from a raft and drowned in the reservoir. Volunteers working in motor boats dragged the body from the deep reservoir an hour and 40 minutes after he fell. Dr. Harry L. Simmonds and Chester volunteer firemen who had been trained for such an emergency, worked over the body with a resuscitator for more than four hours before giving up hope.

The lad had been playing on a raft with several companions when he lost his footing and fell into 10-foot deep water. Swimmers at first tried to recover the body, but it was not until five motor boats took to the water that it was found.

The boy is survived by his parents, a brother James, and two sisters, Jodine and Marjorie.

Richard's drowning came almost exactly one year after the drowning of his cousin, Dale in a reservoir west of here last year.

ARTHUR C. THISSELLE

Birth: 1878 - Died: November ?, 1949

Liberty County Times

November 17, 1949

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### Arthur Thisselle Rites Held in Fort Benton

Last rites for Arthur C. Thisselle, 71, rancher, were conducted in the Fort Benton funeral chapel recently. Burial was in the Fort Benton Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Thisselle was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and came to this country in 1909. He homesteaded in the Russell section and lived there until moving to Fort Benton in 1942.

Survivors include a son, Earl of Chester.

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MYRTLE ONEDA BREVIK TUTVEDT

Birth: June 29, 1907 - Died: July ?, 1949

Liberty County Times

July 28, 1949

**Last Rites Held  
For Galata Matron**

Funeral services for Mrs. Myrtle Tutvedt who passed away in Seattle recently were held last Thursday afternoon from the Galata school house with the Rev. George Sanders officiating.

Born Myrtle Oneda Brevik on June 29, 1907 in Gary, Minnesota, she came to Galata at the age of three with her parents. She attended Galata grade and high school. On November 19, 1924, she was married to Peder J. Tutvedt at Kalispell.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Brevik of Galata; three daughters, Mrs. Harold Shepherd, Mrs. Lyle Gee, and Mrs. Leo Shepherd. There are three grandchildren and several aunts and uncles. One step-brother, Alvin Osborne, also survives. A brother, Clark, passed away in 1927.

Burial was in the Galata cemetery.

## WALTER ROBERT WIDMER

Birth: October 20, 1877 - Died: April 28, 1949

Liberty County Times

May 5 - 12, 1949

### Walt Widmer Passes

Walter R. Widmer, a county resident since 1910, passed away at his ranch south of Tiber Thursday night after a long illness.

The 71 year old farmer was born in Black Wolf, Wisconsin on October 29, 1877. He came to this country in 1910 from his Wisconsin birth place and farmed near Tiber since that time.

Mr. Widmer was married to Anna Nimmer at Havre on January 6, 1916. His survivors include his widow; two sisters, Mrs. James Donovan and Mrs. Clara Meyers, both of Wisconsin, and a brother, Arnold Widmer of Oskosh.

Funeral services were held earlier this week in Oskosh, Wisconsin.

### Walter Widmer Rites Held At OshKosh

Funeral services for Walter Widmer, who passed away at his home near Chester on April 28 were held May 3rd from the Konrad Funeral Home in OshKosh, Wisconsin. The body was accompanied to OshKosh by his widow and a niece, Miss Ester Wachter.

Rev. Theodore Irion, pastor of the St. Pauls Evangelical and Reformed Church, officiated. Vocal selections, "Adibe With Me." and "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling," were sung by Mrs. Harold Kleinhans.

Pallbearers were Louis Widmer, Herbert Zwicky, Art Zwicky, George Zwicky, Oscar Zwicky and Walter Zwicky.

Burial was in the Lakview Memorial Park in Oshkosh. Attending the services were many childhood friends and relatives from various parts of Wisconsin. Mr. Widmer had resided on his farm near Chester since 1910 and had been in ill health since November.

## ISAAC YOUNG

Birth: 1878 - Died: October 30, 1949

Liberty County Times

November 11, 1949

### Isaac Young Laid To Rest in Joplin

Isaac Young, 71, pioneer of Joplin, passed away in a Billings Hospital Sunday, October 30. The cause of death was due to a lingering illness.

Isaac Young was born in South Wales, England in 1878. In 1896 he migrated to the United States at the age of 18. He was married at Edina, Missouri, to Ethel Bonine in 1897. Both his wife and one son had preceded him in death.

In 1910 he came to Montana, and has resided in the vicinity of Joplin since then. He was buried at Joplin Thursday, November 3rd.

Funeral services at Bethel Lutheran Church of Joplin were conducted by the Reverend C. H. Jacobson, pastor. The Ladies choir sang three numbers: "My Jesus, As Thou Wilt", "Rock of Ages", and "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me."

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Fred Hodges of Joplin; two brothers in England and many nieces and nephews around Joplin and in England.