Rev. W. Ames
Killed, California

Rev. Wm. Ames was killed in an automobile accident when a fugitive from justice fleeing from policemen in a 120 mph chase drove his car broadside into a car being driven by Ames. The tragedy occurred in southeast Los Angeles. The driver of the runaway car, Moses Shepherd Jr., 26, was booked on suspicion of manslaughter, felony hit and run, reckless driving, failure to stop for a traffic signal, violation of the basic speed law, operating a motor vehicle without drivers license, driving under the influence of drugs and possession of marijuana, heroin and dangerous drugs.

Rev. Ames was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ames Sr. who resided in Lothair for many years before moving to Salem, Ore.

In spring of 1941 Bill came to Montana to visit his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thielman, and went to work for Pete Smith during the summer months. He attended Chester High School in the fall, for a few months, then returned to Oregon to continue his schooling.

He later joined the Marines, met and married Judy Heppner. Upon completion of duty in the service, Bill decided to study for the ministry. He moved his family to Arkansas so he could attend a Baptist seminary. Five years later he finished school and pastored a church or two while doing so.

Survivors besides the widow are daughters Mrs. Kenneth (Cindy) Lancaster, Tulare, Cal., Terri, at home, and son Timothy, also at home. Another son, Larry, preceded him in death in 1969. He is also survived by sisters Mrs. Harold (Mina) Thielman, Chester; Phyllis Wakefield, Portland, Ore.; brothers, Earl Kalspell, Claude and Jim of Portland. Two sisters and a brother preceded him in death as did his parents.
Service held for
Ted Anderson, 72

Graveside services were held Friday at 3 p.m. for Ted Anderson, 72, who was discovered dead in his apartment at the MX Motel Wednesday. Authorities estimate he had been dead for about two days before the body was discovered. He was last seen on Monday. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Ted Anderson was born in North Dakota Jan. 7, 1898. Little is known of his early life. It is believed he has two brothers, but authorities have not been able to locate them. He came to this area about 30 years ago, and worked as a farm laborer and bartender. He retired about 10 years ago.

Rev. Dan Wanders conducted the services. Pallbearers were Russ Hansen, Darby O'Brien, Bob Aitken, Jack Wright and Henry Heinbigner.
WALTER SHERWOOD BAKER
Born: October 8, 1885 - Died: July 20, 1970
Liberty County Times
July 23-30, 1970

Walter Baker
Funeral Monday

Funeral service for Walter Sherwood Baker, 84, Oregon City, Ore., who was reared in Chester, were Monday at 11 a.m. in Croxford and Sons Mortuary Chapel, Great Falls. Burial was in Highland Cemetery. Baker had returned to Chester to visit when he became ill. He had been a hospital patient for two months at the time of his death in the Chester hospital. He had been in ill health for nearly a year.

Baker was born Oct. 8, 1885 in Ohio. He came to Chester with his family. He began his occupation as a bookkeeper here and then moved to Oregon in 1921. He was a widower.

Among the survivors are a son, Franklin Baker of Corvallis, Ore.; a brother, Charles Baker and a sister, Helen Baker, of Chester.

Funeral Mon.
For Walter Baker, 85

Funeral services for Walter Baker, 85, will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Croxford Mortuary in Great Falls. Interment will be in the Highland cemetery. Baker died Monday at 2 p.m. in the local hospital, following a lengthy illness.
FRANCIS A. BLEEKER
Liberty County Times
March 12, 1970

F. A. Bleecker
Died In Oklahoma

In 1947 he joined Guy H. James and Phelps Contracting Co. When the present Guy H. James Construction Co. was incorporated he was made vice president and director, managing several large earth fill and rock fill dam projects throughout the United States.

He supervised construction on two of the country’s largest earth dams, the Tiber dam at Chester, Mont., and Enders dam in southwest Nebraska.

In 1952 he became assistant to the general manager, in charge of all company earth work projects. He was appointed executive vice president and general manager Jan. 1, 1956, and was elected president in September 1966.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Schumacher, Rapid City, S. D.; two sons, J. L., Yukon, and R. L., Tulsa; two sisters, Lorene Seago, Oklahoma City, and Jeanette Smith, Ponca City, and a brother, Allen, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to the Hematology Trust Fund of the Department of Medicine, University of Oklahoma Medical Center, 800 NE 13.

Francis A. Bleecker, president and director of Guy H. James Construction Co., died Sunday, Feb. 22 at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Oklahoma City, Okla. Graveside services were Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery. Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Highland Hills Baptist Church.

Bleecker, 61, of 3212 NW 61, was born in McAlester. He studied civil engineering at the University of Oklahoma. He was a member of Highland Hill Baptist Church.

Bleecker was an engineer with the Oklahoma State Highway Construction Department between 1930 and 1942. During World War II he was a captain in the Corps of Engineers commanding troops in the construction of the Burma Road from India to China.

Francis A. Bleecker
Rites yesterday
For Mrs. Boucher

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine chapel for Constance Boucher, 86, who died Dec. 21 in the Chester hospital.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery in Havre.

Born July 29, 1884 in Colfax, Wis., Mrs. Boucher came to Montana in 1910 from Minneapolis, to homestead north of Inverness. For the past year and a half she was a resident of the Chester rest home.

Mrs. Boucher belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star.

In Elwood, Ind. in 1915, she married Thomas Henry Boucher who preceded her in death in 1938. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth of Rudyard and Thomas of Billings; eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; a sister, Cora Fjelstad of Colfax, Wis., and a brother, Ingman Selmyhr of Minneapolis, Minn.
Alice Brennan
Died Sept. 8,
Services Sept. 11

Services were held Friday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Hingham Lutheran Church for Alice M. Brennan, Hingham resident who died in a Havre Hospital Sept. 8. She was 63.

Born Jan. 9, 1907 in Racine, Wis., Mrs. Brennan came to South Rudyard at the age of five with her parents. She was raised and school­ed in Hingham.

The Rev. Gerald Ebel officiated.

Pallbearers were Lowell, Lloyd and Allen Tweedt, Bob Petrick, Bob Pester and Bob Blake. Ushers were Erwin Carlson and Bob Rathbun.

Mrs. Ethel Thompson accompanied Pastor Larry Thompson as he sang “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” and “The Lord Is My Shepherd.”

Interment was in the Hingham cemetery.


Mrs. Brennan was a member of the Lutheran ladies group.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mitchell (Arlene) Bengochea, Nashua, Mrs. Douglas A. (Carol) Beagles in Greece and Mrs. Alice Ann Lambott, Great Falls; five grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Bonham, Oakland, Cal., Mrs. Louise Lustgraf, Great Falls, Mrs. Frances Kobeck, Rudyard and two brothers, James Mickish, Washing­ton and Charles Mickish, Rudyard.
Bernard Brennan
Died January 5,
Services Jan. 9

Pastor Gerald E. Ebelt officiated at services Friday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Hingham Lutheran Church for Bernard Patrick Brennan, 64, who died Jan. 5.

Pallbearers were Lloyd Tweed, Lowell Tweed, Bob Blake Sr., Erwin Carlson, Bob Pester and Jim Pester. Honorary pallbearers were Alton Sterry, Lawrence Foix, John Morrissey, Martin Sylte, Ben Drum and Walter Greene.

Ushers were Miriam Severud, Bob Petrick and Bob Ruthnum. Organist Sharon Speicher accompanied Larry and Ethel Thompson as they sang a duet “How Great Thou Art.” The congregation sang “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” and “My Faith Looks Up to Thee.”

Interment was in the Hingham cemetery.

Brennan was born in Trent, S. D., in 1905, and came to Montana in 1912. He was a member of the Lutheran church and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

In 1930 in Havre he married the former Alice M. Mikish, who survives him. Other survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mitchell (Marilyn) Bengtson of Nashua, Mrs. Douglas A. (Carol) Beagles, presently living in Greece and Mrs. Alice M. Lambott of Great Falls and five grandchildren.
Mrs. Victor Brooks  
Died in Washington  

Mrs. Victor Brooks, 75, died suddenly, March 1, at her home in Bothell, Wash. Graveside services were at Acacia Memorial Park, Seattle, Wash., March 4.

Her husband preceded her in death a few years ago. They farmed south of Chester for several years.

Born in Norway, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Milton Sexton of Bothell and Mrs. Glenn Mankind of Woodinville, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. Arne Hauge of Chester and Mrs. C. T. Griffith of Santa Rosa, Calif.; a brother, Oliver Morkrid of Spokane, Wash.; and six grandchildren.
Rosie Cash Died, Services Monday

Rosie Martha Cash, 63, passed away at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester Saturday, Sept. 12. She had been an invalid all of her life and had been a resident of the Liberty County Nursing Home since it was built in 1958.

Survivors include two sisters, Mary Ber, Spokane and Susan Newbury, Kelston, B.C., a brother, Henry of Calgary, Alta., Canada. She is also survived by two nieces, Inez Burgess and Mrs. Sylvia Kafka, 43 of Havre; nephews, Bill Schafer, Inverness and Charles Schafer of Billings.

Rosie was born in Odessa, Wash. Aug. 3, 1907. The family moved to Chester in 1909 and later into Canada, then came back to Chester in the mid 30s.

Services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14 with Pastor Noel Petersen in charge.

Pallbearers were Loyd Lund, Jay Heimbigner, Tom Staudacher, Ray Eveland, Neil Shepherd and Al Hanson Sr.

Pastor Noel Petersen sang two numbers for the service “How Great Thou Art” and “The Old Rugged Cross.”
Roy Harold Edmister, died Wednesday, Sept. 2 at the Liberty County Nursing Home.

He was born June 24, 1912 at Galata. He was the son of Leonard W. and Nellie Edmister. He attended schools in the Galata area and was a member of the Galata Lutheran Church.

Roy married Eva Rishoff and lived in the Galata area most of his life. He worked on farms, at the Farmers Union Oil Co., Devon; the Galata Co-op and had the Galata Lumber and Hardware for five years. He was hurt in July 1952 and was paralyzed and in a wheelchair since. He spent about 12 years in the Liberty County Nursing Home at Chester.

Roy is survived by his widow Eva, a son Terry in the Armed Forces at Brooks Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; three sisters, Dorothy Violett and Mabel Standford of Lothair and Vivian Cavitt of Kasilof, two brothers, Ronald and Leonard of California; a grandson Richard of Molalla, Ore.; and 25 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son Harvey, his parents and two brothers, Merlin and Donald.

Funeral services were at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby Saturday afternoon with A. Rosgaard officiating. Mrs. Leonard Matteson and Rev. Rosgaard sang "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art," accompanied by Mrs. Ferroll Heydon.

Pallbearers were Grant Flage, Quinten Larsen, Ray Zelenka, Leonard Matteson, Adolph Olson and Brondel Kinyon. Burial was in the Mountainview Cemetery.
Fred Fenger
Services Dec. 16

Frederick Herbert Fenger was born July 27, 1888 at Willow Lake, Minn. He was united in marriage Jan. 26, 1909 to Pauline A. Bauer. In 1913 they homesteaded north of Lothair, where they lived until retiring. In 1948 they moved to Hot Springs. They were active members of Trinity Lutheran Church, north of Lothair and later transferred to the Lutheran church at Hot Springs. His wife Pauline preceded him in death on July 17, 1958, and a son Clarence on June 22, 1926.

On Feb. 14, 1960 he was united in marriage to Marie Gouchenar of Hot Springs who survives him.

Also surviving are: three sons, Harvey of Bigfork, Herbert and Willmer of Galata; two daughters, Mrs. Esther Gouchenour, Ledger and Mrs. Dorothy Tufts, Ritzville, Wash.; 14 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews; and two sisters, Mrs. Hulda Merkel, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and Mrs. Pauline Goldschmidt, Rock Island, Ill.; two brothers, William of Mankato, Minn. and Walter, Cottonwood, Minn.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Dec. 16 in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chester, by Pastor Noel Petersen.

Pallbearers were: Alvin and Adolph Olson, Raymond and Leonard Fritz, Ted Gibson and Bill Skinner.

Ushers were Lloyd Hendrickson and Ben Oraw.

Interment was at the family plot in the Chester cemetery.
Mass of Angels
For Amy Fritz

Mass of the Angels was celebrated by Father Beemster at St. Mary Catholic Church Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. for Amy Marie Fritz, who was born Nov. 21, 1969 and passed away at the Liberty County Hospital Jan. 21, 1970. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Survivors include her parents, John and Mary Fritz, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fritz and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole, great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cole, all of Chester, great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hew, Mesa, Ariz., Mrs. Ila St. Mars, Havre, Albert Postka, Garner, Iowa and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.
FRITHIOF A. GUSTAFSON  
Born: April 6, 1900 - Died: July 11, 1970  
Liberty County Times  
July 16, 1970  

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Rites July 14 for  
F. A. Gustafson  

Rudyard area farmer Frithiof A. Gustafson died in Chester July 11. He was 70.

Services were Tuesday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

Gustafson was born April 6, 1900 in Hawley, Minn., and came to the Minneota community in 1913 with his parents to homestead 15 miles north of Rudyard. He remained for the rest of his life.

In 1928 in Havre he married the former Hatty Bradbury, who survives him. Other survivors include his brother Stuart of Bigfork and his sister, Mrs. Thomas (Alston of Rudyard.
Mrs. Barbara Haas
Died here Saturday

Long time Hingham resident Mrs. Barbara Mary Haas died in the Chester hospital Saturday, April 25 at the age of 86.

Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 and funeral services were Wednesday, April 29 at 10 a.m., both in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham.

Mrs. Haas was born in Fergus Falls, Minn. Dec. 3, 1893. She married John Haas July 30, 1907 in Lidgerwood, N. D. and the couple moved to a farm south of Hingham in 1912 to homestead. They returned to Lidgerwood briefly in 1918, and came back to Hingham, making their home there.

Survivors include her children, Michael G. Haas of Spokane, Mrs. Sterling (Louise) Villett of Hingham, Mrs. Vance (Ann) Fallon Superior, John A. Haas of Vancouver, Wash. and Leonard F. Haas of Hingham; 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Rose Bohenstingl of Lidgerwood, N. D.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1967.

—Havre Daily News
FANNA R. HAN
Born: July 13, 1892 – Died: December 9, 1970
Liberty County Times
December 17, 1970

Mrs. Fanna Han Services Dec. 12

Mrs. Fanna R. Han, 78, died at the Liberty County Nursing Home Dec. 9, after an illness of seven months.

Mrs. Han, a long-time resident south of Inverness, was born July 13, 1892 at Macy, Ind. She was married Jan. 30, 1914 in Peru, Ind. to L. B. Han and the couple moved that year to Montana, to homestead south of Inverness. He preceded her in death, July 31, 1966.

Survivors include sons, Charles and Kenneth of Inverness and Richard L. of Las Vegas, Nev.; daughters Mrs. Kenneth (Reba) Boucher of Rudyard, Mrs. Roald (Dorthea) Haaland of Inverness; one brother, Kenneth Luckenbill of Akron, Ind. and a sister, Mrs. E. (Loda) Goff of Stanwood, Wash.; 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. One grandson, Charles W. Han was killed in Vietnam.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre with Pastor Lawrence Thompson of Rudyard officiating. Burial was in Highland cemetery in Havre.

Pallbearers were Albert Hansen, Frank O’Neil, Rodney Fraser, Lester Kenfield, Carl Borys and Larry Anderson. Honorary pallbearers were Howard Shults, Harley Freeman, Roy Gutcher, Pete Siemens, Frank Kantorowicz, Alfred Rathbun and Donald Meyer. Ushers were Ken Gutcher and Bob Woods. The following numbers were sung by Pastor and Mrs. Lawrence Thompson: Children of the Heavenly Father; How Great Thou Art; and Thine Is the Glory.
Marie Hauge, 83
Died in Cut Bank
Services yesterday

Marie Hauge, 83, died in Cut Bank. She was born in Norway. Services were Wednesday at the Lutheran church in Chester at 2 p.m., burial in Highland Cemetery in Great Falls. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Robert Woodward, Cut Bank and Mrs. Ann Parkell, San Diego, one son, Irvin, Chester; a brother and a sister.
Funeral held for Harry Hoffner

Services were Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Whitlash Presbyterian Church for Harry Hoffner of Chester, retired farmer and rancher who died Sunday at the age of 83.

The Rev. Leonard A. Watson of Cut Bank officiated at funeral rites. Mrs. Madonna Gifford sang, "Beautiful Isle." A duet, "Face to Face," was sung by Mrs. Gifford and Mrs. Don Anderson, and the congregation sang, "Old Rugged Cross." Accompanist was Janice Engel.

Pallbearers, all nephews of Hoffner, were Clifford Hanson Jr., Ronald Hanson, Albert Hanson, and Alfred Hanson, O. D. Gifford and Glenn Gifford. Ushers were Claude Demarest and Troy Lakey.

Interment was in the Whitlash cemetery.

Funeral held for Harry Hoffner, 83

Harry Hoffner, 83, well-known Sweet Grass Hills rancher died Sunday in the local hospital. He had been in failing health for many months.

Born in Pennsylvania, he moved to Kalispell in 1905. He came to the Whitlash area in 1907 and filed on a homestead in 1908. He was married in 1919 in Havre to Myrtle May Hanson Graham, who survives. In 1919 they moved to Tennessee where they lived until 1925, when they returned to the Sweet Grass Hills area. He retired in 1939 to Chester.

Survivors in addition to his widow include one daughter, Mrs. Wayne Mable Maet Dafoe who lives on the home place in the Hills, one step-daughter, county assessor Mrs. Walter (Edris) Jensen, Chester; and one step-son, Liberty County commissioner Arlo Graham; a sister, Mrs. Grace Transue, Chambersburg, Pa.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. An infant son and an infant daughter preceded him in death.
Sister Mary Louise Hull dies Sunday

Sister Mary Louise Hull, 53, assistant administrator of Columbus Hospital in Great Falls from 1961-64 and administrator of Holy Family Hospital at St. Ignatius since 1965, died unexpectedly Sunday morning, Aug. 23.

Sister Mary Louise was a native Montanan, having been born in Chester. She became a registered nurse through studies at Columbus' School of Nursing and graduated from the College of Great Falls in 1960.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Hull; three brothers, Michael, James and Raphael, all of Chester; five sisters, Sister Marleen, director of nursing at Columbus Hospital, Great Falls, Mrs. Frank (Nora) Hemmer of Lothair, Mrs. Ernest (Genevieve) Gagnon of Great Falls, Mrs. Edward (Susan) Nichols of Ledger and Mrs. John (Patricia) Schaller of Goldstone, and several nieces and nephews. Her father died in 1950.

Pall bearers for the service were her nephews, Louis and Charles Hull, Bob and Ray Hemmer, Vernon Nickel and Kenneth Gagnon.

Honorary pallbearers were Sisters of Charity of Providence, the order in which Mary Louise was a member.

Six nurses with whom she graduated from the Columbus School of Nursing, were honor guard.

Burial was Tuesday, Aug. 25 in Mount Olive Cemetery, in Great Falls.
KATHRYN C. JOHNSON
Born: April 30, 1903 - Died: August 13, 1970
Liberty County Times
August 20, 1970

Kathryn Johnson
Services August 17

Mrs. Kathryn C. Johnson, 67, died Thursday, Aug. 13 at the Liberty County Hospital, Chester.

Mrs. Johnson was born April 30, 1903 in Park River, N. D. The family moved to Vancouver, B. C. and in 1915 to Bowdoin, Montana.

On June 27, 1921 she married Hugo H. Johnson at Malta. They have lived in Chester more than 30 years. Before moving to Chester they lived in Malta, Hinsdale and Havre where Mrs. Johnson was active in church choirs and the Eastern Star. In Chester her interests have been in church, library and civic affairs. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Havre.

She also was a member of Chapter 80 of the Order of Eastern Star of Hinsdale, Daughters of the Nile, Terzah Temple.

Services were held Monday, Aug. 17 at the Holland and Bonne Chapel, Havre with Pastor Rev. Calvin Fahron of the First Presbyterian Church, Havre, officiating. Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Havre.

Organist for the service was Donna Ellison and soloist, Margaret Eaves who sang "Beyond the Sunset," "In the Garden" and "Beautiful Savior.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Schaefer, Allen Ray, C. A. Kolstad, Henry Kolstad, Dedds Keith, John Swank, Darby O'Brien.

Honorary pallbearers were Gilbert Richardson, Frank Jensen, C. E. Collison, Arvid Bureen, Rockwell Crane, Clair Duncan.

Besides the widower, Mrs. Johnson is survived by a daughter, Eleanor Hattersley and grandsons, Scott and Kent Hattersley of Plaza Del Rey, Cal.

A memorial has been established to the cancer fund.
Mrs. Hazel Kinyon
Died at Kalispell

Mrs. Hazel Kinyon, 49, died at Kalispell. Services were Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home, burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. Born in Whitlash, she married Wayne Kinyon in 1940 in Great Falls. The couple farmed north of Galata 18 years, later moving to Thompson Falls, Butte and Missoula before moving to Columbia Falls in 1966. Survivors includes the husband; sons, Duane, in Nevada, and Kerry, Columbia Falls; daughters, Mrs. Margaret Bieber, Mrs. Donna Martin and Helen Kinyon, Columbia Falls; her mother, Mrs. Ellen Howery, Devon; brothers, John in California, Charles, Columbia Falls and Earl Howery in Nevada.
ELIZABETH KUHRY
Born: August 31, 1884 - Died: December 31, 1970
Liberty County Times
January 7, 1971

Elizabeth Kuhry
Died Dec. 31
Services Jan. 2

Mrs. Peter (Elizabeth) Kuhry passed away Thursday morning, Dec. 31 at the local hospital. Born Aug. 31, 1884 in Formosa, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Kuhry was a fashion designer and dressmaker before her marriage to Peter Kuhry Nov. 26, 1912. Mr. Kuhry preceded her in death in 1961.

The Kuhrys came to Chester in 1917 and Mrs. Kuhry was long active in community and church affairs. She continued her interest and flair for fashion and sewing throughout the years. Her creations were a chronicle of the fashions of Liberty county for almost half a century.

Music was always a great love and she directed St. Mary's choir for over 30 years. A tribute to her love of music was mirrored in the music of her funeral Mass - that of Bach and Handel. A Concelebrated Mass was held with Fathers Beemster, Werner and Blecha officiating. St. Mary's choir sang with Mrs. Kuhry's grandson Philip as organist and his wife, Lou Ann, as flutist.

Pallbearers were Michael Hull, Edward Cole, Peter Thielges, Narciss Gagnon, Verne Bresnaham and Bert Nordstrom. Darby O'Brien was lector, Eldon Graff and Larry Terzolbeck ushered. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Survivors are Wilfred A. Kuhry, Havre, Florian J. Kuhry, San Diego, Cal., Mrs. James (Marietta) Pace, Bozeman, Mrs. George (Marguerie) Freemole, Great Falls, Mrs. Helen Ann Aaberg, Chester and eight grandchildren.
ALAN J. KULTGEN
Born: June 9, 1950 – Died: April 22, 1970
Liberty County Times
April 30, 1970

Former resident
Dies in Vietnam

Alan J. Kultgen, 19, died April 22 of war wounds, four months to the day that he left Cut Bank for Viet­nam.

Born June 9, 1950, he attended schools in Shelby, Chester, and Big Sandy and was a 1968 graduate of Cut Bank High School. He entered the service in October 1968, and left Cut Bank, after an army leave, and Dec. 22, 1969.

He is survived by his parents, Joe and Betty Kultgen, three sisters and a brother.

He was a nephew of Urban Kult­gen of Whitlash.
Tracy Lee Lambott  
Died Jan. 12;  
Services Jan. 16

Tracy Lee Lambott, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Lambott of Seattle, passed away late Monday night, Jan. 12, in Seattle hospital, of a sudden and tragic illness. Tracy was born April 10, 1967 in Seattle. Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Ploeger-Hart Mortuary in Seattle. Burial was at Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Survivors include her parents, Doris and Lance, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wright of Chester, Fred Hirst of Great Falls and Mrs. Pearl Murray of Portland and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.
GERALD J. LEIF
Born: October 27, 1911 - Died: August 12, 1970
Liberty County Times
August 27, 1970

Gerald Leif dies

Gerald J. Leif, 58, a former resident of Hingham, died August 12 following an extended illness.

Mr. Leif was born October 27, 1911 in Sanborn, N.D. He graduated from Hingham High School in 1929 and attended Carroll College in Helena.

Surviving in addition to his wife, whom he married in Carpinteria, Calif in 1951 are four sons, Leland Wynn of Minteka, Calif; James Gensler and Myer Gensler, both of Santa Barbara, Calif; and Robert Gensler, with the air force in Japan; two daughters, Mrs. Linda Bailey of Olive Hill, Ky, and Mrs. Belle Fish of Glendora, Calif; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Herring of Santa Barbara; 23 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.
Funeral will be Thursday for Cliff Lerum

Clifford Lerum, 58, died unexpectedly Monday evening. Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Benton Funeral Home, Ft. Benton with Pastor Noel Petersen of Chester officiating. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

Born in Crookston, Minn., he married Doris Ruud at Shelby March 19, 1938. The family lived at Ethridge for eight years before moving to Chester in 1956 and to Fort Benton in 1962. Following his wife's death in 1965, Lerum returned to Chester.

Survivors include four sons, Gordon, Chester; Monte and Bruce, Galata and Westley Hemerling, Medford, Ore.; three daughters, Mrs. Vivian House, Helena; Mrs. Betty Heimbigner, Chester; Diane Hemmerling, Medford and two sisters.
Born: July 29, 1888 - Died: ?, 1970

Liberty County Times
September 10, 1970

E. Minckler,
82, Dies;
Funeral Set

Ernest Charles Minckler, 82, 3404 3rd Ave. S.; retired rural mail carrier, died Sunday morning in a local rest home after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 9:15 at Holy Family Church. Rosary will be recited Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the chapel of O'Connor Funeral Home. Burial will be Calvary Cemetery, Oshkosh, Wis.

Born July 29, 1888, in Utica, Wis., he attended schools and graduated from high school in Omro, Wis. He worked on his father's farm for a year prior to his marriage to Agnes M. Haigh Feb. 17, 1909. They moved to Beach, N.D.

In 1910 he filed a homestead five miles northeast of Chester and moved there in 1911. An avid sports fan, he played baseball with both the Chester and Joplin teams for years. In 1917 he became the rural route mail, map out of Chester, a position he kept until July 29, 1958, when he retired after 40 years of carrying mail by horse, car, buggy and airplane.

His wife, Agnes, died in 1933. He married Rose Didier March 4, 1940, and after his retirement, they moved to Great Falls.

In addition to the widow, survivors include two daughters, Margaret Minckler of Denver and Mrs. Tom (Tessie) Meredith of Helena; one son, Lawrence of Great Falls; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Richard (Theresa) Osborn of Des Plains, Ill., and Mrs. Lloyd (Joan) Watson of Great Falls; eight grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.
MATT MORGAN
Born: ?, 1890 - Died: April 21, 1970
Liberty County Times
April 23, 1970

Matt Morgan
Passes;
Former resident

Matt Morgan, 80, a former Havre resident died Tuesday in Phoenix, Ariz. His home was Arivaca, Ariz. Morgan was with the U. S. Border Patrol for many years and was transferred from Havre to the Mexican border. He retired 10 years ago. Surviving are the widow, Catherine; sons Leigh of Havre, Henry of San Diego and Matt of San Francisco, and daughters, Mrs. Edna Hutchinson of Tubac, Ariz., Mrs. Edith Hurst of Levittown, Pa., and Mrs. Dorothy Bryant of Phoenix. Matt Morgan was a brother of Mrs. Letha Hanson of Chester and a former resident of this community.
Fred Nelson killed in Gildford crash

Services will be Thursday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home for Fred Kenneth Nelson, 39, who died in a one-car crash on U.S. 2 outside of Gildford Sunday.

Born in Seattle, Wash. Feb. 2, 1931, Nelson had made his home in Joplin, where he was a farmer.

Survivors include his children, Kenneth 19, Lawrence 17, Tracy 14, Rhonda 12 and Lana Mae 11; his parents, Emil Nelson and Ina Nelson; and a brother Emil John of Bothell, Wash.

A Joplin area man, Frederick K. Nelson, 39, was killed Sunday and his three children seriously injured in a one car crash on U.S. Highway No. 2 near Gildford.

The Nelson car was traveling west and about 1:45 a.m. crossed to the left side, hitting the abutment of a bridge.

Taken to Northern Montana Hospital were the children, Rhonda 12, Tracy 13 and Lana 6.

Tracy was in serious condition and underwent surgery for the removal of an injured spleen. He suffered fractures, a chest injury and facial injuries.

In satisfactory condition is Lana who in the accident suffered a compound fracture of the right forearm and fractures of both legs.

Rhonda was transferred to the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls with serious head injuries. She was admitted about noon.

The hospital here reported that Tracy and Lana were improved from the time they were admitted.

Patrolman Alan Michaels, Chester, who with Patrolman Don Seyfert investigated the accident, said Nelson's son Tracy was driving the car at the time of the accident.

The death was the 184th of the year on state highways.

Site of the accident is the same one at which Roger D. Gilbert was killed June 8 when his car struck the bridge abutment.

— Havre Daily News
Funeral held for
Inez Nordstrom

Inez Carlyle Nordstrom, 73, of Ronan, died at St. Luke hospital in Ronan Monday after a brief illness.

Funeral services were Thursday, at the Ronan Methodist Church at 2 p.m. with the Rev. George Sanders officiating. Burial was at Mountain View cemetery in Ronan.

Pallbearers were Don Hurt, Harald Olsson, Lewis Johnson, Gerald Leighton, Don Olsson, L. Sandmark. Honorary pallbearers were H. G. Redlaczyk, Harald Olsson Jr., Dewey Anderson, Robert Hanson, Ray M. Loman, Robert Sterling, Al Swo­ gen, all of Ronan.

Mrs. Nordstrom was born Feb. 1, 1893 in Triplett, Mo., to Dora and Marvin E. Carlyle. She moved from Missouri to Chester in 1919, Pablo in 1921, and to Ronan in 1924. She was a past matron of the Anemone Chapter OES, 50 year member of the OES, also had been a mother advisor of the Ronan Rainbow Assembly, which she helped to charter. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She married Frank Nordstrom Oct. 23, 1920 in Missoula. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this October. She also helped her husband manage Nordstroms Clothing store in Ronan.

Survivors include her husband at the family home: two daughters, Mrs. Bill (Betty) Roberts of Bozeman and Mrs. Marjorie Evans of Long Beach, Cal.; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Stanley Heriford of Woodland Hills, Cal.

Attending the funeral from Chester were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nordstrom, Mrs. Florence Trovatten, Mrs. Ellen Irons, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nordstrom, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keith and Ryndee.
Harvey Olson  
Died Jan. 31,  
Services Feb. 5

Harvey A. Olson, 83, died Saturday, Jan. 31 at St. John's nursing home in Billings. No cause of death was given. He had lived at the home since January of 1964.

Mr. Olson was groundskeeper and superintendent for Custer Battlefield National Cemetery in the 1930's and worked at a similar job at Fort Snelling when he left this area.

He was born March 18, 1885, in Albertville, Wis., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Olson. He married Mary Elizabeth Proctor July 25, 1923 at Whitefish. She is now deceased.

Mr. Olson was an Army Pfc during World War I. Committal services were at the Custer Battlefield Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, with the Rev. Chester Bentley, a retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Survivors include two sons, John, Circle Pines, Minn., and Henry D., Houston, Texas; and 10 grandchildren.

—Harvey Olson was a former resident of Liberty County and the above article from the Billings Gazette was submitted by Harry Greiner.
JULIA OLSON
Born: January 7, 1890 - Died: February 18, 1970
Liberty County Times
February 19, 1970

Services held
Feb. 18 for
Julia Olson

Funeral services for Julia Olson, who passed away at the Liberty County Hospital Feb. 15, was held at the Burns Funeral Home in Shelby Feb. 18, with Pastor Rosgaard officiating.

Julia Olson was born in Norway, Jan. 7, 1890. She came to McCloud, N.D. in 1891 with her parents. Oct. 24, 1900 she was married to Peder Olson at Minot, N.D., and in 1911 they moved to their homestead north of Lolhair, and has lived there her entire life until she passed away. Her husband preceeded her in death, also three sisters and two brothers. One brother passing away the same day.

Survivors are one daughter and three sons; Mrs. Ovedia Rishoff of Shelby, Edwin and Alvith of Galata, and Adolph of Chester. Seven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Also two sisters and one brother, along with several nieces and nephews.

Palbearers were Lyle Glee, Henry Hawks, Marvin Rishoff, Joel Fenger, Roy Wichum and Leonard Matteson.

Delores Matteson and Pastor Rosgaard sang duets accompanied by Dorothy Heydon.
MARTHA SUCKOW PACKER
Born: September 22, 1880 - Died: January 29, 1970
Liberty County Times
January 29, 1970

Martha Packer
Died Jan. 21;
Services Jan. 24

Funeral services for Mrs. E. M. Packer were held Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. at Grace Church, north of Rudyard. Rev. Merton Peterson conducted the service. Walter Woods and Orville Solum, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Lincoln, sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." Mrs. Packer's grandsons, Joe, Lee and Art Lincoln, Keith and Bruce Duncan and Clint Kegel were the pallbearers and Roger Lincoln and Jim Hall Jr. served as ushers.

Mrs. Packer, nee Martha Suckow, was born in Durbin, Dakota Territory, on Sept. 22, 1880 to Rev. and Mrs. William Suckow. In 1910 she came to Montana with her brothers and sisters and homesteaded north of Rudyard where she made her home ever since. In 1914 Martha was married to Erwin M. Packer and to them were born Marie (Mrs. Edgar Lincoln) of Rudyard, Doris (Mrs. Charles Kegel) of Havre, Bruce of Inverness, Cora Mae (Mrs. Frank Theobald) of Churchville, N. Y. and Dorothy (Mrs. John Duncan) of Joplin.

Mrs. Packer was a charter member of Grace Evangelical Church which was erected on the corner of her homestead in 1912, and which has been an important center of the activities of her life ever since. She served as church organist over a period of 40 years, and was accompanist for a male quartet during most of that time. She was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society of her church, Pioneer Home Demonstration Club, and the Hill County Friends of the Library.

Mr. Packer passed away in 1964 and she continued farming and ranching with her son until recent retirement. Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Reuben and Alfred Suckow.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Charles Mills and Mrs. Hilliard Ritter, both of Columbia Falls, a brother E. B. Suckow of Ronan, her five children, seventeen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.
Kyle Patrick
Funeral

Pastors Lawrence Thompson and Gerald Ebel officiated at funeral rites last Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hingham High School gym for Kyle Warren Patrick, 20, who died north of Hingham Saturday.

Pallbearers, all cousins, were Ronni Larsen, Lance Ramberg, Roger Meredith, Mike Larsen, Lowell Patrick and Garth Good. Ushers were Richard Wanke, Norman Kaperud, Leonard Chvilicek and Ron Fuestis.

Mrs. Sharon Spicher accompanied Walter Woods as he sang "How Great Thou Art" and "I Know My Redeemer Lives."

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Patrick was born in Havre Oct. 27, 1949. A 1968 graduate of Hingham High School, he was in his sophomore year at MSU in Bozeman. He was baptized and confirmed in Goldstone Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Patrick of Hingham, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Larsen of Havre, and brothers and sisters, Kerry, Glenn, Bonnie, Craig and Brian, all of Hingham.

Kyle Patrick, 20, well-known Hi-Line youth, was killed Saturday in a motorcycle accident in a field near his family's farm north of Hingham.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Patrick.

Undersheriff Howard Taylor investigated the accident. He was accompanied by Highway Patrolman Harold Savik.

Young Patrick apparently lost control of his motorcycle and was thrown, striking his head when he landed.

Services for Patrick were Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hingham High School gym, with Pastor Larry Thompson officiating.

The death does not count in the Montana highway death toll since it occurred on private property.
Gladys Patton
Died April 22,
Services April 25

Resident of the Hi-Line area since 1950, Mrs. Gladys Irene Patton died in Liberty County Hospital Wednesday, April 22. She was 71.

Mrs. Patton was born in Montgomery County, Iowa, Oct. 2, 1898. She married Emory Oscar Patton July 8, 1917 in Corning, Iowa. The couple moved to Hogeland in 1950 and have lived in the area since.

Survivors includes her husband; five daughters, Mrs. Eva Kernen, Panarama City, Calif., Mrs. Lola Richie, Rudyard, Mrs. Jean Haley, Nodaway, Iowa, Mrs. Fern Sprague, Villisca, Iowa, and Mrs. Louella Bailey, Newmark, Iowa; one son, Forest of Havre; 20 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; one brother, Roland Clawson of Bellflower, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. Lucille Jorden, Riverside, Calif.

Services were Saturday at 10 a.m. in Our Savor’s Lutheran Church in Rudyard for Gladys Irene Patton, 71, Rudyard resident who died April 31 in the Chester hospital.

Pastor Lawrence Thompson officiated at the funeral rites. Pallbearers were Charles Cross, Jack Hasty, Al Voss, Richard Johnson, Ben Bradbury and Norman Knutson.

Mrs. Lawrence Thompson accompanied Walter Woods as he sang “In the Garden” and “What A Friend We Have In Jesus.”

Arnold Goldberg and Bob Toner were ushers.

Interment was in the Rudyard cemetery.

—Havre Daily News
James Peters
Services Dec. 14

James R. Peters, 42, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peters, died at his ranch home near Conrad. Born in Conrad he was active in community affairs east of Conrad. He was a board member of Farmers Supply Cooperative, the Three Rivers Telephone Cooperative, and a school board member. Survivors include the widow, Edna; sisters, Mrs. Oliver (Margaret) Baker, Cascade and Mrs. Arnold (Marie) Lindberg, Conrad; and three stepchildren. Services were Monday at 2 p.m. at the Golden West Lutheran Church, 23 miles east of Conrad, Pastor Daniel Stime and Pastor Dwayne Ferchen officiating, burial in the Hillside cemetery under the direction of Wyse & Son funeral home.
Memorial services
Held for
Buelah Peterson

Memorial services were held Saturday, Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. in the Calvary Evangelical Church of Rudyard for Mrs. Buelah W. Peterson, 60, who died in the Chester hospital Dec. 30.

Interment was in the cemetery in Sentinel Butte, N. D.

Mrs. Peterson was born Sept. 7, 1910 in New England, and she was raised and educated in North Dakota. Her education qualified her to teach school, which she did for a total of 24 years. She continued her education, receiving her bachelor's degree at Northern Montana College in 1968. She had taught the first grade in a Libby school since that time.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Wesley (Marilyn) Isbell, Sandpoint, Idaho; a son, the Rev. Merton Peterson, of Rudyard; five grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Hazel Anderson, San Diego, Cal.; Mrs. Eunice Oe, Belfield, N. D.; and Mrs. Viola Nunn, Athol, Idaho; and two brothers, Bernard Wilson of Sentinel Butte, N. D. and Max Wilson of Loon Lake, Wash.
HENRIETTA PUGSLEY
Born: September 17, 1915 - Died: February 2, 1970

Liberty County Times
February 5, 1970

Funeral services
For Henrietta
Pugsley Thursday

Funeral services for Henrietta Pugsley will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church, Chester. Interment will be in the local cemetery.

Henrietta Roark Pugsley was born in Browns Valley, Minn. Sept. 17, 1915. She came to Montana in February 1935 and was married to Robert L. Pugsley April 2, 1937, in Conrad.

She was active in community affairs, garden club president two years, charter member of Liberty County CowBelles and held many offices and was also a bridge enthusiast.

She is survived by husband Robert, one son, Robert Jr., Chester; three daughter, Ellen Kemper, Forest Grove, Ore., Elizabeth at home and Edith at Gonzaga University; six grandchildren; one brother, Ellis Roark, Grenora, N. D.; three sisters, Ruth Hoag, Jenson Beach, Fla., Velma Kleindl, Browns Valley, Minn. and Hazel Flesch, Shelby.

She was pre-deceased by a son, Thomas David, in 1947.

Pallbearers will be Frank Skierka, Kenneth Wolfe, Kenneth Broadhurst, Orval Brain, Earl Thisselle and Paul Meissner.
Carl Ramberg
Rites Dec. 30

Pastor Lawrence Thompson officiated Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. funeral rites in the Holland and Bonine funeral chapel for Carl J. Ramberg, retired farmer who died Dec. 25 at the age of 82.

Pallbearers were Lucian Gibson, Bill Brower, Clive Owens, Kenneth Bangs, Olyn Wolery and Bob Blake Jr. Ushers were Tom Wilson and Percy Dow.

Mrs. Lowell Anderson accompanied Pastor and Mrs. Thompson as they sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "Old Rugged Cross."

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.
ALEX P. REID
Born: May 14, 1882 - Died: March 26, 1970
Liberty County Times
April 9, 1970

Funeral services Held for Alex Reid

Funeral services were held in Great Falls March 30 for Alex P. Reid who passed away at the Liberty County Rest Home March 26, 1970. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Reid was born May 14, 1882 in Aberdeen, Scotland. He came to the U. S. in 1901 and May 17, 1905 married Wilma Thompson in Kalispell. In 1909 they homesteaded northeast of Chester. In 1911 he managed the first grain elevator in Chester, owned by McCabe Bros.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1963 and a son Robert in 1954.

Survivors include a sister, Helen Reid in Scotland, three daughters, Mrs. Martin (Helen) Rankin in Spokane, Mrs. Arthur (Alice) Thielman and Mrs. Vernon (Aeneas) Cramer of Chester, five sons, John of Seattle, Gordon of Sitka, Glenn and Stanley of Petersburg and Alex of Ketchikan, Alaska. 31 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.
L. Reiland killed in car-train crash

Leonard Reiland, about 76, prominent north Chester homesteader and farmer was killed instantly in a car-train collision at the Joplin crossing at 12:52 Wednesday noon. According to witnesses, the car started to cross the tracks going north when the signal gates began to descend. The car stopped, and apparently the motor stalled. Reiland tried in the last few seconds to get out of the car, but didn't have time.

The train traveled about 3,000 feet before coming to a halt. Reiland's body was found 700 feet from the crossing. The body of the car was pinned to the snow plow of the train, completely demolished. The engine of the car was found near the crossing, and parts of the car were found alongside the track all the way to the engine.

Allen Fox, a retired Great Northern superintendent of communication was aboard the train. He said the first thing he noticed out of the ordinary was when the engineer hit the brakes of the train. Next there was a cloud of dust, and then he smelled gasoline. Fox said he knew at that time that the train had hit something.

Highway Patrolman Alan Michaels, Deputy Sheriff Earl Thisselk and Deputy County Coroner Doctor Richard Buker investigated the accident. Jack Joy was the engineer of the train, the west bound Empire Builder, William St. James, was the conductor. A. G. Quinn and W. Webb were the brakemen. All members of the train crew are from Whitefish.

The train did not resume its journey until 1:55 or almost exactly one hour after the accident.

Services for Leonard Reiland will be private, and the body cremated.
OLE P. RESE
Born: July 12, 1883 - Died: April 4, 1970
Liberty County Times
April 9, 1970

Ole Rese, 86
Died April 4,
Services April 7

A long time resident and one of the early pioneers of Chester passed away in the Liberty County Hospital Saturday morning, April 4. Ole P. Rese was born in Norway July 12, 1883.

He came to the United States in 1906, and settled in Adams, N. D., where he worked in a harness shop and as a carpenter. He came to Chester where he operated a harness shop and in 1913 established a homestead north of Chester.

For a time Ole worked as a mechanic at the Engstrom Garage. After working for Liberty County for many years on the road crew, he worked at Chester Implement until his retirement in 1953.

Ole never married, but is survived by many nieces and nephews in Norway. His many friends in Chester and vicinity will greatly miss his kindness and cheerful manner.

A memorial fund to the Liberty County Hospital has been established.

Funeral services for Ole P. Rese were conducted from Our Savior's Lutheran Church Tuesday afternoon with Pastor Noel D. Petersen officiating.

Mary Ann Zorn with Blanche Remington at the organ sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "For You and For Me."

Pallbearers were Henry Kolstad, Lloyd Germstead, Allen Mattson, E. R. Greer, Jennings Mattson and Ole Jensen. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Jorgen Steen, Ted Steen, Art Norris, Clarence McKnown, Bert Nordstrom, Charles Baker and Ben Brandvold. Albert Hanson and Darby O'Flrien served as ushers.

Holland and Bonine was in charge of arrangements and interment was in the local IOOF cemetery.
ELMER O. RUDE
Born: December 14, 1919 - Died: October 19, 1970
Liberty County Times
October 22, 1970

Funeral Friday
For Elmer Rude
Oct. 19, 1970

Elmer Olaf Rude, 50, prominent
popular Chester businessman, died
in the local hospital Monday afternoon following a lingering illness.
Funeral services will be held in
Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fri-
day at 11 a.m. Pastor Noel Peters-
sen will officiate. Interment will
be in the Chester cemetery.
Survivors include his widow,
Coral; two daughters, Neoma Car-
olyn, 20 and Karla Renee, 15 and
one son, Craig Arlan, 17; his
mother, Mrs. Oliver Hartland and step
father, Oliver Hartland of Seattle,
Wash.; one brother, Kenneth of
Great Falls; and four sisters, Mrs.
Bill (Norma) Dunn of Missoul; Mrs.
Bill (Thelma) Bissert of Con-
rad; Mrs. George (Edna) Darroch
of Spokane, Wash.; and Mrs. Al
(Ina) Ploss of Chester and several
nieces and nephews. An infant
daughter preceded him in death
in 1951.
Elmer Rude was born Dec. 14,
1919 on the Harold Flogum farm
north of Chester, the son of Thor-
val and Annie Madslangrud. He attended
grade school in Chester, and
high school.
He attended high school in Lewistown,
He graduated from Class of 1931.
He worked in Coeur d'Alene,
Idaho for the Ohio Match Co. until
1941 when he went to Burbank,
Cal. to the Fletcher aircraft school.
He received training in aluminum
welding, riveting and sheet metal
work, and was employed by Lock-
heed Aircraft Corp. at Pamona,
Cal., as general assembler and in-
structor.
He served in the army combat
infantry from Sept. 18, 1944 to
Nov. 17, 1946 in World War II. He
was overseas 21 months and his
unit and all members received
presidential citations for liberation
of Spider Ridge in the Philippine
liberation.
Rude returned to Chester in
1948 to work with Heinz Starke in
a sheet metal and plumbing busi-
ness. Shortly thereafter he founded
the Rude Sheet Metal business in
Chester. The business grew, and
in 1958 the Rude Sheet Metal
building was erected in Chester.
The business featured Lennox heat-
ing, and more recently Maytag ap-
pliances. He was married June 16, 1949
in Devils Lake, N. D. to Coral
Aaberg.
Rude was active in Our Savior's
Lutheran Church of Chester, and
served on many church boards and
committees. He was a director of
Liberty Bank of Montana, and a
charter member of Chester Rotary
Club. He was a member of the local
posts of the Veterans of Foreign
Wars and the American Legion.
Mrs. Rude has requested that a
memorial fund be established in
preference to an over abundance
of flowers at the funeral.
That is, perhaps the obituary of
Elmer Rude, but it is not the story.
Elmer Rude, as this writer knew
him, was a good businessman, a
Christian father, and a popular,
prominent, respected pillar of the
community.
As a young man he came to
Chester to start a business. Many
thought could never succeed in a
small town. Through honest deal-
ings, a thorough knowledge of his
business, a friendly personality,
and that ever present smile, he
built a business which brought
several much-needed jobs to Che-
ster.
He worked hard, and he worked
long hours, but he took time to
raise three of the finest children
of the community. Aided by his
devoted wife, he saw to it that
these children were regular in
their attendance in Sunday school
and church, and are well versed
in solid Christian principles.
MARY ELIZABETH SCHAFER
Born: ?, 1894 – Died: July 1, 1970
Liberty County Times
July 9, 1970

Long-time resident
Of Whitlash passes

Ranch owner Mary Elizabeth Schafer, life-long resident of Montana, died in her home in Whitlash Wednesday, July 1. She was 76.

Services were held Sunday, July 5 at 2 p.m. in the Whitlash Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Schafer was born in Great Falls and raised near Whitlash. She attended school in Kalispell and returned to the Sweet Grass Hills to teach. In 1916 she began to homestead in the area and remained there for the rest of her life.

In 1918 in Spokane, Wash. she married William Schafer, who preceded her in death in 1968.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Norman (Margaret) Engstrom and Mrs. Robert (Lois) Brauer, both of Bellevue, Wash.; a brother, Robert Edward Rogers of Seattle, and two grandchildren, Mark and Carrie Engstrom.

Pallbearers were John Dolezal, Troy Lakey, Mark Engstrom, Claude Demarest, Nelson Bingham, and Edgar Woods.

Ushers were Matt Furnell and Earl Thompson.

Mrs. Tom Bianchi accompanied Joan Woods as she sang “In the Garden” and “Old Rugged Cross.” The congregation sang “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds.”

Interment was in the Whitlash cemetery.
CLIFFORD P. SEM
Born: March 15, 1918 - Died: September 25, 1970
Liberty County Times
October 1, 1970

Clifford Sem
Funeral Tuesday

Clifford P. Sem, who died Sept. 25 at the Chester hospital, was born March 15, 1918 in Joplin to Carl and Petra Sem. He graduated from Joplin Public Schools in 1936 and was a confirmed member of Bethel Lutheran Church of Joplin.

He spent the greater part of his life in Joplin except for the last nine years in Chester, where he was employed as caretaker of the local cemeteries.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Survivors include a brother, Alvin, and two sisters, Clara Leslie, Portland, Ore. and Ruby Freeman, Rialto, Cal., and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 10:30 a.m. in Bethel Lutheran Church of Joplin. Pastor Donald Tigges officiated at the funeral rites.

Pastor Tigges sang "Still, Still With Thee" and "In Heavenly Love" accompanied by Thelma Anderson.

Pallbearers were Bud Poppler, Joe Terwelbeck, Carl Wood, Clifford Anderson, Tommy Wood and Prosper Anderson.
Funeral services For Dorothy Shettel in Wash.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 13 at Edmonds, Wash., for Mrs. Dorothy May Shettel.
Mrs. Shettel died May 10 in the Edmonds Hospital after a lingering illness.
Mrs. Shettel was born Nov. 17, 1923 to Earl and Harriet Heavirland at Bradley, S. D. She moved with her family at the age of six to Fer­ dig where she attended grade school. She attended high school at Thomp­ son Falls and later lived in Shelby and Chester before moving to Wash­ ington.
Mrs. Shettel was preceded in death by her mother and one brother. She is now survived by her husband, Clarence of Endicott, Wash.; four sons, Dennis with the Air Force in Texas, David in Missoula, Tom with the Army in Maryland and Billy at the family home; two daughters, Lois and Lola at the family home; her father, Earl Heavirland of Chester; one brother, Hudson Heav­ irland of Shelby; one sister, Mrs. Helena Olson of Lakeside.
Services were conducted at Beck's Funeral Home in Edmonds, and burial was in Floral Hills Memorial Park, Alderwood Manor, Wash.
FRANCES SKINNER
Born: August 28, 1933 - Died: December 5, 1970
Liberty County Times
December 10, 1970

Funeral held for
Mrs. Frances Skinner

Mrs. Bill (Frances) Skinner, 37, died Saturday at the local hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Baptist church in Shelby with Rev. Woody Northcutt officiating.
Mrs. Skinner was born Aug. 28, 1933 in New Canaan, Conn. She came to Montana in 1960, and was married to Bill Skinner Dec. 3, 1960. She was a registered nurse for six years before she came to Montana.

She is survived by her husband, Bill of Lothair; one daughter, Donna, a student in Chester grade school; her father, Frank McCabe of New Canaan, Conn.; two brothers, Ed McCabe of Gilford, N. H. and Frank McCabe Jr. of Tyler, Tex.; two sisters, Betty McCabe of Norwalk, Conn. and June Breedlove of Philadelphia, Pa.

Pallbearers were Marvin Atkins, Earl Bennett, Marvin Cox, Ray Buechler, Dwayne Irvin and Darrell Copeland. Burial was in the Mountain View cemetery, Shelby.
JULIA C. SMRZ
Born: July 29, 1900 - Died: October 21, 1970
Liberty County Times
October 29, 1970

Mrs. Julia Smrz
Died Oct. 21,
Services Oct. 26

Rosary was recited Sunday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham for longtime Hingham resident, Mrs. Julia C. Smrz, 70, who died in Havre Oct. 21. Requiem Mass was Monday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. in the church.

Mrs. Smrz was born July 29, 1900 in Litchfield, Minn., and came from North Dakota to Hingham in 1910 with her family, who ran the hotel in Hingham until 1922. She married James Smrz in Hingham in 1925, and the couple made their home there until the present time. Survivors include her husband.
FLORENCE SODERHOLM
Born: March 5, 1890 - Died: December 29, 1970
Liberty County Times
December 31, 1970

F. Soderholm
80, passes,
Services Saturday

Mrs. Florence Soderholm, 80, a long time resident of Rudyard and the Hi-Line area, passed away at the Liberty county hospital Tuesday, Dec. 29, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Soderholm was born March 5, 1890 at Willow City, N. D. She was married in 1910 at Willow City to Walter Soderholm, who preceded her in death in 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Soderholm came to Rudyard in 1913 and homesteaded north of Rudyard that same year. They also operated a small grocery business in Havre and Rudyard for many years.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Inez) Meyer, Inverness and one sister, Mrs. Merle Vandelin, Los Angeles; two grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Methodist church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 2 at the Holland Bonine Funeral Home with Rev. Daniel Wanders officiating.

Burial will be in the Highland cemetery, Havre.

Soderholm rites
Saturday, Jan. 2

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral chapel for Mrs. Florence Soderholm, 80, who died in the Chester hospital Dec. 29.

Officiating at the funeral rites was the Rev. Daniel Wanders. Pallbearers were Harold Struck, Henry Langel, B. F. Phillips, Carl Domire, Charles Mikulecky and Charles Cross. Ushers were Lester Van Wechel and Harley Freeman.

Organist was Mrs. Bill Spicher and soloist was Terry Stevenson who sang "Abide with Me" and "How Great Thou Art."

Interment was in Highland cemetery.
Funeral held for
Dorothy E. Spencer

Mrs. Dorothy E. Spencer, 66, 110 10th St. S., Great Falls, wife of Rev. Dorcy J. Spencer, assistant at First United Methodist Church, died Sunday morning at a Great Falls hospital. She had been ill for the last year. Funeral services were Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at First Methodist Church with Rev. Hugh Herbert and Rev. Wilbur Whangor officiating. Burial was in the Livingston Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 16, 1904 in Cainesville, Mo. The daughter of a Methodist minister, she spent her youth in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. She worked as a secretary for Carter Oil Co. in Kansas and California.

On July 19, 1931, she married Spencer in Kansas City, Mo. The couple lived in El Monte, Calif., until 1948 when they moved to Livingston where they were associated with Spencer's Ready to Wear store. She was Livingston's city treasurer from 1956 until 1961 when they moved to Chester.

They moved to Geraldine in 1966 and in April of this year they moved to Great Falls. She was active in church work and belonged to Eastern Star in Livingston.

In addition to the widower, she is survived by daughters, Mrs. Richard (Sylvia) Johnson of Great Falls and Mrs. Donald (Margaret) Strouf of Belt; a son, David J. of St. Paul, Minn., and six grandchildren.

A memorial has been established at Chester United Methodist Church.
Peder Sponheim
Died Nov. 22,
Services Nov. 25

Peder Sponheim, age 73, passed away Nov. 22 at the Liberty County Hospital after a short illness. Peder was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peder Sponheim Sr., Aug. 28, 1897 at Hatton, N.D.

He was united in marriage to the late Genevieve Ternstrom in Oct. 1930 in Fort Benton, Mont.

He was a farmer for many years in North Dakota and Montana.

He was an active member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin.

Surviving him are a son, Donald, a daughter, Donna and six grandchildren, a brother Herman, Portland, N.D., and two sisters, Gurie Decorah, Oowa and Amanda, in Woodland Hills, Calif.

Funeral services will be in the Joplin Lutheran Church Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Tigges officiating. Funeral arrangements will be handled by Holland-Bonine Funeral Home.
ALBERT STRATTON
Born: May 8, 1891 - Died: August 4, 1970
Liberty County Times
August 13, 1970

Funeral service for
Albert Stratton Mon.

Funeral services for Albert Stratton, old-time resident of the Whitlash area, were conducted in the Burns Funeral Chapel Monday, Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. with Rev. John Gronli officiated. Burial was in the veterans plot in Mountainview cemetery.

Stratton was born May 8, 1891 in Blue Earth, Minn. and was a veteran of World War I, having served with the 13th Infantry. He was discharged July 25, 1919 and resided in the Sweet Grass Hills area until about three years ago. He died Aug. 4 at the Toole County Rest Home.

Survivors include sisters Mrs. Ellen Howery, Devon and Mrs. Hans Vergoron of Hamilton and a brother, Allen of Whitlash.
LOUIEN AGNES SUCKOW  
Born: March 15, 1885 - Died: March 31, 1970  
Liberty County Times  
April 9, 1970

Services in Rudyard  
For early resident

Mrs. Louien Agnes Suckow, longtime Montana homesteader from the Rudyard area, died in Phoenix, Ariz. Tuesday, March 31. She was 85.

Born in Oakes, N. D. March 15, 1885, Mrs. Suckow married Alfred E. Suckow in Sage, Mont., in 1919. They homesteaded north of Rudyard until 1948 when they moved into Havre. Mrs. Suckow has lived for the past year in Phoenix, Ariz., with her daughter.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. James (Caroline) Hall of Rudyard, Mrs. William (Alfreda) Weidenraar, Pullman, Wash., and Mrs. Thurman (Mary Louise) Packard of Phoenix; 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, and one brother, Roy Phifer of Havre. Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death.

Services were Friday, April 3 at 2 p.m. in Grace Church north of Rudyard. Grandson of Mrs. Suckow, the Rev. Dale Wolery of Tennessee officiated at the funeral rites.
Arvid Sundgren
Died Jan. 8

Arvid Sundgren was born Aug. 30, 1884 in Sweden. He had received his education and spent his early life in Sweden. In 1903, he came to America and had lived in the eastern part of the United States for a short time before moving to North Dakota. On Oct. 23, 1909, he was married to Erica Lund at Barton, N. D. In 1910 the couple moved to Joplin, where they homesteaded 11 miles north of Joplin until 1947. They then moved to Columbia Falls for about seven years before moving to Lakeside for a short time. They then made their home on the East Lakeshore of Flathead Lake until moving to the Immanuel Lutheran Home Jan. 24, 1963.

Mr. Sundgren was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife, Erica, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home; two sons, Swen Sundgren of Chester and Arthur Sundgren of Joplin; four daughters, Mrs. George (Margaret) Thielman of Joplin, Mrs. Carol Ness and Mrs. John (Gladys) McNeely, both of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Estrid Freeland of Billings; two sisters, Mrs. Vincent (Elsa) Neptune of Santa Monica, Calif., and Mrs. Frieda Johnson of Glendale, Calif.; nine grandchildren; nine great grandchildren and a number of other relatives. Mr. Sundgren passed away Thursday, Jan. 8 at the age 85 years. Funeral service for Mr. Sundgren were conducted in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell at 11 a.m. Monday, with the Rev. Russell A. Hillman officiating.

Interment was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers were Sam Rogers, John Nelson, Sig Amundson, Clarence (Duke) Hawks, Norman Skifton and Glen Shepherd.
DONNA E. SVENNUNGSEN
Born: September 11, 1917 - Died: January ?, 1970
Liberty County Times
February 5, 1970

Services for Mrs. Phil Svunnungsen

Funeral services for Donna E. Svunnungsen were held in Big Sandy Saturday afternoon, Jan. 24 at Christ Lutheran Church. Interment was in the Big Sandy cemetery.

Donna E. Lloyd Svunnungsen was born Sept. 11, 1917 at Havre. She married Phillip Svunnungsen June 1, 1937, and with the exception of a short time when they lived in Chester she made Big Sandy her home until they moved to Great Falls in 1962.
WILLIAM WANKE
Born: September 28, 1896 - Died: August 22, 1970

Liberty County Times
September 3, 1970

Last rites forWilliam Wanke

Retired farmer William Wanke, died Saturday, Aug. 22 in a Havre hospital. He was 73.

Pallbearers were Frank Bouch, Jalmar Rismon, Russell Rismon, Dan Morse, Cliff Springer and Paul Verploegen. Honory pallbearers were Lynn Stark, Jake Van Wechel, Walter Greeno, Leonard Poier, Alfred Sather and Floyd Watson.

Ushers were Gary, Marty and Wayne Patrick. Organist was Donna Elliasan and Walter Woods sang “Old Rugged Cross,” and “Nearer My God to Thee.”

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Wanke was born September 28, 1896 in Green Bay, Wis., and homesteaded north of Rudyard in 1911. He later moved to Havre to work for the Great Northern and farm north of Havre until his retirement nine years ago.

July 19, 1922 in Chester, he married the former Esther Miller, who survives him. Other survivors include a brother, Orville Semny of Beaverton, Ore., and four sisters, Mrs. Martha Zerba and Mrs. Anna Clark of Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Vilna Wehr of Kalispell and Mrs. Florence Jenkins of Seattle.
MARIAN LAURA WARD  
Born: January 3, 1892 – Died: August 9, 1970  
Liberty County Times  
August 13, 1970

Funeral Aug. 12  
For Laura Ward

Former Chester area resident Mrs. Marian (Laura) Ward died Sunday, Aug. 9 in a Chester hospital. She was 78.

Mrs. Ward was born in Onalaska, Wis. on Jan. 3, 1892, and moved with her family to homestead south of Chester in 1909. In Chester on July 30, 1912, she married Leslie Ward and the couple farmed in the Chester area until 1945, when they moved to Hot Springs. In 1947 they moved into Kalispell where they made their home until the present time.

Mrs. Ward was a lifetime member of the WBA in Kalispell, a charter member of the VFW Auxiliary in Chester and a member of the Daughters of Isabella in Kalispell. She was also a member of St. Matthews Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include her children, Walter Ward of Browning, Mrs. Angus (Vena) McCullock of Garden Grove, Cal., Mrs. Earl (Stella) Thisselle of Chester, Aden Ward of Chester, Mrs. Walter (Lila) Laas, Chester and Lawrence D. Ward of Kalispell; 33 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. Mabel Thompson of Eugene, Ore., Mrs. Mathilda Shaffer, East Glacier and Mrs. Marie Guse, Eugene, Ore.

Two sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church in Chester. Rosary was recited Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., also in St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were Walter Ward, Aden Ward, Lawrence Ward, Angus McCulloch, Earl Thisselle and Walter Laas. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Brouillard, Bert Nordstrom, Narcisse Gagnon, Orval Brain, Kenneth Wolfe, Oscar Erickson, Robert Pugsley and Earl Keith. Ushers were Darby O'Brien and Raphael Hull. Father Matthew Beemster officiated at the mass.

A memorial has been established to the cancer fund.
HENRY B. WOLF
Born: June 7, 1891 - Died: May 3, 1970
Liberty County Times
May 7, 1970

Henry B. Wolf
Died May 3
Services today

Henry B. Wolf was born June 7, 1891 in Selby, S. D. He homesteaded south of Chester in 1913, and moved to Joplin in 1921 where he became rural mail carrier for 36 years. He also had an insurance and real estate business. He died in Liberty County Hospital May 3, 1970.

He leaves to mourn his passing many friends and his widow Irene Granger Wolf and daughters Lucille Cady of Joplin, Gladys Johnson of Seattle, Wash., Betty Van Dyke of Pokomoke City, Md., Eileen Wodry of Turner, and Leila Berg of Carlisle, Iowa, and sons Gordon Wolf of Seattle, Wash., and Robert Wolf of Crookston, Minn. His son Donald R. Wolf died in March 1968. He is also survived by his sisters Esther Ray of Milbrae, Calif., Mae Greve of Columbia Falls and Caroline Wendt of Minneapolis, Minn. and his brothers Jake Wolf of Spokane, Wash., and Walter Wolf of Deer Park, Wash., and stepfather Joseph Loer of Deer Park, Wash. He had 25 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Services conducted by Rev. Donald Tigges at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 7. Interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

H. B. Wolf
Funeral services

Funeral services for Henry B. Wolf were conducted by Pastor Donald Tigges at Bethel Lutheran Church, Joplin, on May 7, 1970.

All of the Wolf's seven children were home for the services, as were two brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers were Ellsworth Graff, Bud Poppler, Tommy Wood, Delmar, Dean and Kenneth Wolf. Ushers were Frank Meldrum, Eddie Minar and Dean Lyle.

Music was by the Bethel Choir, Thelma Anderson, organist.

Interment was at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Havre.
Henry Wood, 46
Died Oct. 6,
Funeral Oct. 9

Funeral services for Henry John Wood, 46, Gildford area farmer, were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home and interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Wood died in Havre Tuesday.

Survivors includes his wife, Mrs. Verna Wood; sons Wayne, Fort Walters, Tex., Leland and Delbert, Gildford, and foster son Kenneth C. Wood, Inverness; daughters Janet and Kathryn, Gildford.

He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wood, Gildford, and a sister, Mrs. Betty Marshall, Chester.

Mr. Wood was born at Gildford March 8, 1924, and June 21, 1947, was married at Gildford to Verna Josephine McDaniel.

He farmed with his father a number of years before taking over the family farming operations.

Mr. Wood was an army veteran of World War II and was a technical sergeant in the Pacific Theater. He entered the army at Butte in January 1943 and was discharged in January 1946 at Fort Lewis, Wash.