ERNEST GEORGE ALBRIGHT
Born: November 13, 1885 - Died: September 8, 1972
Liberty County Times
September 14, 1972

Funeral held for
Ernest Albright, 86

Ernest George Albright was born Nov. 13, 1885 in Hollansburg, Ohio, the son of Thomas and Martha (Payne) Albright.

He married Helen Lilly April 6, 1908 in Rockford, Ill. They came to Montana April 7, 1910, where he barbered until 1936. They then spent 16 years in San Jose, Cal., and came back to Chester in July of 1970, where he has spent the past two years in the Liberty county hospital and nursing home.

Ernest Albright passed away Sept. 8, 1972 at the age of 86 years and 9 months, leaving his wife Helen; three sons, Leslie Albright and Robert Albright of Chester, and Willard Albright of San Francisco, Cal.; five grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Services were held in St. Mary Catholic church, Chester on Sept. 11, 1972, with Father Beemster officiating. Burial followed in the family plot in St. Mary's cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Schaefer, Richard Eveland, Orval Brain, Mike Kammerzell, Tom Staudacher, and Ed Thieman.

Ushers were Verne Bresnahan and Raphael Hull. Helen Ann Aaberg played the organ. Mrs. Kenneth Wolfe sang "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All" and "Jesus, Jesus, Come To Me."
Fred Amez-Droz, 70,
Dies in Kalispell
**June 15, 1972**

Fred Amez-Droz, age 70, who had resided at Route 3, Kalispell, passed away in Kalispell Thursday evening. Mr. Amez-Droz was born Jan. 23, 1902, at Hill, Montana, a son of Louis and Caroline Amez-Droz. He had received his education at Hill and Chester. He was then engaged in ranching operations at Chester until his retirement about nine years ago, when he moved to Kalispell and has resided there since that time. Mr. Amez-Droz was a single man and is now survived by two sisters, Louise Grier and Lucille McCasby, both of Kalispell and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Nettie Weldon and Charlotte Grayson. Funeral services for Mr. Amez-Droz were conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 3:30 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel officiating. Interment was in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.
One car accident west of Kremlin claims one life

A one-car accident Tuesday forenoon took the life of a North Dakota man, Roy P. Anderson, 77, who died in a Havre hospital shortly after being brought here by city ambulance.

Highway patrolman Clyde Miller reported the accident occurred on U.S. Highway No. 24 of a mile west of Kremlin when Anderson's 1967 Buick which was headed east toward Havre went off the highway on the right hand side, hit an approach and rolled over several times. The accident occurred at approximately 10:35 a.m.

Anderson was not thrown out of the car. He was driving alone.

—Havre Daily News
Mrs. Anna Maria Anez, a long-time resident of the Havre area, died Thursday, November 2, in the Chester rest home.

Rosary was recited Sunday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home. Funeral services were Monday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Jude’s Catholic church, with interment in the Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Anez was born in Somerset, Wisconsin April 21, 1883. She married Ira Anez in Stillwater, Minnesota in 1902 and the couple moved to Havre in 1916 and made their home there.

She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America and the Altar Society of St. Jude’s Catholic church in Havre.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1969. Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Adell) Bakken and Mrs. Lorraine Prevost, both of Sidney, Mrs. Lester (Ira Mae) Kenfield of Inverness and Mrs. Harold (Shirley) Burkett of Fancy Farm, Kentucky; a son, H. F. Anez of Havre; 36 grandchildren and 68 great grandchildren; sisters Mrs. Myrtle Brynildsen and Mrs. Peggy Heckenkamp, both of Seattle; and brothers James McGoldrick of Olympia, Washington and John McGoldrick of Seattle Washington. One son preceded her in death.
Services in Iowa for Andrew Arnold, 95

Funeral services were held for Andrew R. Arnold, 95, who passed away November 24 in Perry, Iowa.

The father of Mrs. Floyd Hader of Chester was born February 15, 1877 on a farm near Boughton, Iowa and was a lifetime resident of Perry except for the 15 years he spent on his homestead at Co-burg, Montana.

He was married to Marguerite Blougher September 4, 1901 in Panora, Iowa. They celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary this past September.

Arnold was a retired caretaker and superintendent of Violet Hill cemetery, a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his widow and daughter, Mrs. Jennimae Hader of Chester. Granddaughters, Mrs. J. Woods of Spokane, Washington, Mrs. Darrell Beals, West Unity, Ohio, and Mrs. Clifford Lybeck of Chester; 15 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.
HELEN S. BAKER
Born: January 31, 1892 – Died: June 22, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 29, 1972

Helen Baker, 80,
Died June 22,
Services June 26

Helen S. Baker, 80, a native of Montana and a resident of Chester many years, died Thursday in the Chester hospital. She had been in poor health the past four years.

Funeral services were Monday at 11 a.m. at Croxford Sons Mortuary in Great Falls. Burial was in Highland cemetery.

Pallbearers were Steve and Max Brown, Tom Staudacher, Olen and Leo Jensen and Vern Anderson.

Miss Baker was born in Helena Jan. 31, 1892. Her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker, moved to Great Falls when she was a child. She was graduated from Great Falls high school. Her parents then operated a mercantile store in Chester and she was employed there. After their death, she and her brother continued to run the business. She was a member of Assembly of God.

Survivors include a brother, Charles, Chester, and a nephew, Franklin Baker, Corvallis, Ore.
Former resident dies

Harold Bapp was born Jan. 19, 1906, in Rapid City, S. D.
He died March 26 in Anaheim, Calif. at his son's home.
He lived in Chester since 1952 until going to California almost two years ago.
He farmed in the 30s and 40s at Hogeland, Wagner and Dodson.
Surviving are three sons, Elwyn of Great Falls, Floyd of Anaheim and Allen at Williams AFB, Ariz., also a step daughter, Mrs. Gordon Jensen of Snoqualmie, Wash. A sister, Mrs. Tony Sudan of Hogeland, two brothers, Lawrence and Lester, both of Long Beach, Calif. and several grandchildren also survive.
Burial was Wednesday, March 29 at 11 a.m. in Long Beach, Calif. at Dillday Mortuary.
Anyone wishing to send cards may send them to: The Dillday Mortuary, 1250 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90801.
Funeral services were held at Griffiths-Hendrick Chapel, Beatrice, Nebraska Monday, October 9, 1972 at 1:30 p.m. Casket bearers were John Trauernicht, Tom Gerdes, Kenneth Ottersberg, Harold Jeffery, LaVera Johnson and Roy Abrams Sr. Interment was in the Crab Orchard cemetery at Crab Orchard, Nebraska.

Teacher dies in Chester

A teacher at the Sage Creek Colony school, Mrs. Ellyn L. Bartholomew, 62, died in Chester last Thursday and her body was sent to Beatrice, Nebraska for services with interment to be at Crab Orchard, Nebraska.

She is survived by sons, Sid Chester and Jimmy Jo, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Loren and Nyla Bartholomew, Beatrice, Nebraska and a daughter, Mrs. Loranneta Styers, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Bartholomew was born May 24, 1910 at Mankato, Kansas.
DORINDA BIEGALKE
Born: ?, 1956 – Died: August 26, 1972

Liberty County Times
August 31, 1972

Former residents
Killed near Miles City

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IDA M. BJORNSTAD
Born: February 20, 1884 - Died: May 17, 1972
Liberty County Times
May 25, 1972

Ida Bjornstad
Buried May 19th

Pastor Donald Tigges officiated at funeral services Friday, May 19 at 2 p.m. in the Bethel Lutheran church of Joplin for area homesteader Ida M. Bjornstad, 88, who died in Chester May 19.
Theim Anderson was the accompanist, and the choir sang, "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross."
Pallbearers were Norbert Van Dessel, Robert Van Dessel, Lewis Burnham, Ralph Postter, Rex Gulick and Donald Fusk. Ushers were George T. Colbry and Willy Hodges.
Burial was in the Joplin cemetery.
Monday rites for
Retired contractor
April 13 - 72

John J. Blessing, 84, well-known retired building contractor, died Thursday, April 13 in Big Sandy.

Funeral services were Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre. The Rev. Curtis Lee of Van Orsdel Methodist church officiated. Mrs. Judy Doxtater was organist. Mr. Lee sang two vocal numbers, "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Pallbearers were Joe Stucker, Don George, Jim England, Ron Golies, Bud Campbell and Lee Daulton.

Mr. Blessing was born July 8, 1887 in Repet, S. D. He was married Dec. 12, 1912 in Dawson, N. D. to Doris Joslin. His wife died May 28, 1963 and one son preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Ervin of Havre and Arvid of Rudyard; four daughters, Mrs. Vera Raisanen, Mrs. Lorraine Daulton and Mrs. Florence Mimnaugh, all of Havre and Mrs. Lucille Swanson of Great Falls; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, in addition to two brothers, Gust of Ashley, N. D. and Edwin of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Burial was in Havre's Highland cemetery.
Laura E. Brandt
Services August 25

Mrs. Laura E. Brandt, early day Rudyard area resident, died Sunday, Aug. 20 in Van Nuys, Calif. She was 80.


Mrs. Brandt owned and operated the Grand Hotel in Rudyard from 1944 until 1951, when she moved to Havre. She remained in Havre until 1960, and then made her home in Van Nuys, Calif.

Survivors include sons, Harold of Inverness, Edwin of Seattle, Elmer of Ojai, Calif., George of Oxnard, Calif., Eugene of Van Nuys, daughters, Cora Brandt of Van Nuys, Mrs. Eunice Robertson of Havre, Calif., Mrs. Laurelta Wodarz of Havre, Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Havre, and Mrs. Lydia Hansen of Rudyard; 21 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Ernest Brandt, and Mrs. Henry Langel, both of Rudyard; and brothers, George and Waldemar Krueger of Rudyard.

Funeral services were Friday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Dale Brandt, Merle Brandt, Jerry Brandt, Roy Wodarz, Dan Nelson, and Don Hansen, all grandsons of Mrs. Brandt.
Elmer Brown, 82, Dies at rodeo, Services June 29

Elmer Marshall Brown, 82, 2904 1st Ave. N., Great Falls resident for more than 25 years, died Sunday in Cut Bank after he was stricken while attending a rodeo. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday in Shelby by Rev. H. R. Anderson of Great Falls. Burial will be in Mountain View cemetery in Shelby.

Brown, a retired rancher, was born May 24, 1890, in Ontario, Canada. He came to Great Falls in 1892 with his parents. In 1900 they moved to the Sweet Grass Hills.

He and Randi Forseth were married Dec. 30, 1914, at Whitlash. They ranched there until moving to Great Falls in 1949.

Survivors include the widow; two sons, George F., Minneapolis, and Irvin, Whitlash; three daughters, Mrs. Frank (Grace) Miller, Rapid City, S. D., Mrs. Jim (June) Clark, Sunburst and Mrs. Jack (Myrtle) Robinson, Cut Bank; one sister, Mrs. Harry (Amelia) Demarest, Whitlash; 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.
Gildford resident
Passes March 30, 
Services April 1

Funeral services were Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Gildford homesteader Theodore S. Burfield, 73, who died Thursday, March 30 at his home in Gildford. The Rev. Conrad Rhoads officiated.

Terry Stevenson, accompanied by Mrs. Bill Spicher, sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "Goodnight and Good Morning."

Pallbearers were Mac Brownlee, Willie Cady, Buster Mann, Snook Sande, Don Swinney and Jack Swinney. Honorary pallbearers were Jennings Swinney, Walter Stuart, John Woods, Rueben Sande and Norman Johnson. Ushers were Pat Conway and Earl Watson.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery.

Burfield was born in Muskegow, Mich. on March 4, 1899. He came to Montana in 1910, and his family homesteaded north of Gildford.

He married the former Hazel Brown in Hingham in 1927. She survives him. Also surviving are three children, Mrs. Chester (Marilyn) Welsh, Hingham, Mrs. Don (Rita) Dees, Kremlin and Ted Burfield Jr., Gildford; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Martin Callahan, Anaheim, Cal. Two children preceded him in death.

A memorial has been established to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch.
Howard Cady died

April 12, 1972

Services April 15

Longtime Montana resident Howard Richmond Cady, 89, died April 12 in Havre.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home.

Capt. Wayne Osborne of the Salvation Army officiated at the service. Mrs. Henry Sapp and Mrs. Lois Cowan sang two duets, "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Pass Me Not, Oh Gentle Savior," accompanied by Mrs. Osborne.

Pallbearers were Ernie Price, Elmer Brettne, Jim Kidd, Louie Lineweaver, Leonard Grimes and Pete Pogreba. Bill Lammerding and Wilfred Tow were named honorary pallbearers.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Cady was born in Anoka, Minn., Feb. 4, 1883. He homesteaded near Fergus, N. D., until 1912, and moved his family to a farm north of Joplin in the Goldstone area.

In 1928, Cady left the farm. He captured wild horses and broke them to drive and ride. He also rode in and put on rodeos. He pitched for early Montana and Canadian baseball leagues, and was involved in logging in the Whitefish and Kalispell areas and coal mining out of Box Elder.

Survivors include daughters, Sadie Fredrickson and Ella Rowin of Havre, Ada Groven of Kalispell; sons, Howard of Libby and James of Simms; 35 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren; three stepchildren; five stepgrandchildren; a sister, Nora Holwegar of Grand Forks, N. D.; and a brother, Wallace Cady of Chinook.

He was preceded in death by two wives, five children, five grandchildren, three sisters, and two brothers.

A memorial has been established to the Special Education class of School District 16, Box 791, Havre.
RALPH CLOUSER
Born: September 16, 1916 - Died: May 26, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 1, 1972

Auto crash north of Conrad kills two

A grinding head-in collision at about two Friday morning on the Dry Fork curve three miles north of Conrad, killed two Shelby people and sent a third, also from Shelby, to a Conrad hospital.

According to information, Pete Jansen, 24, of Shelby was enroute to Shelby. He was working on the ABM project. Going south were Ralph Clouser, 55 and Mrs. Mildred Hasselstrom, 42, who were also enroute to jobs in Conrad. The two cars met head-on at the curve. Clouser and Mrs. Hasselstrom died in the crash. Jensen suffered a number of broken bones, cut and bruises, but is reported in satisfactory condition.

The accident is still under investigation by the Highway Patrol and the Pondera county sheriff's office.

Clouser was born Sept. 16, 1916 and had lived in the Lothair area for many years. He was in the U. S. Army Air Corps. His wife Marge passed away in March of 1970. Survivors include a son, Larry in Denver; Lonnie, a member of the Shelby police force, two daughters, Roberta, 17 and Juanita, 13; His mother and father preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 24 at the Burns Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m.

Details on Mrs. Hasselstrom were not available, but she is survived by four children, two boys and two girls.

Funeral services were set for Tuesday, May 23, at 2 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home.

—Shelby Times
Allen A. Conway, 78, retired farmers from Gildford, died Saturday, March 11, while visiting in San Diego, Cal.

Rosary was recited Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home. Services will be Thursday, March 16, at 10 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic church, with burial in the Calvary cemetery in Havre.


He was a member of the Gildford American Legion and Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church in Hingham.

His wife preceded him in death in 1954. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Ruetten of San Diego, Cal., sons William of Laguna Hills, Cal., and Patrick of Havre, and nine grandchildren.

Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home Wednesday for Allen A. Conway, 78, retired Gildford farmer who died March 11 while visiting in San Diego.

The Rev. Fr. Jordan Blecha officiated at funeral services Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic church.

Pallbearers were John McCormick, Willis Cady, Bill Crites, Don Swinney, Ray Kuka, and Ben Sprague. Honorary pallbearers were Herman Beecher, Walter Stuart, Jennings Swinney, Ted Burfield Sr., John Woods, Frank Phillips, and Scott Kindschey. Ushers were Stuart Brownlee and Ted Burfield Jr.

The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars participated in military rites, with Hjalmer Larson, Gervon Yeon, Howard McKay and Charles Wynia representing the American Legion, and Robert Jones, Mike Badgley, John Bahr, Harold Anderson, and Courtland Hills representing the VFW.

Interment was in Calvary cemetery.
DERL L. COUTURE
Born: ?, 1933 - Died: August 26, 1972
Liberty County Times
August 31, 1972

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Killed near Miles City

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Anna W. Crist 94,
Dies in Seattle

Mrs. Ann W. Crist, 94 of 2146
North 148th, Seattle, Washington,
died December 2 in a Seattle
nursing home.

Mrs. Crist was born in Liver-
more, Iowa and came to Chester
and homesteaded south in 1910.
In 1946 she moved with her daugh-
ter Charlene to Seattle. She was a
member of the St. Luke's Catholic
church in Seattle.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs.
Charlene Russo of 2146 North 148
Street, Seattle; a grandson, Steven
Russo and several nieces and
nephews.

Mass was held 9:00 a.m. Wed-
nesday, December 6 at St. Luke's
Catholic church, 175th Street and
Dayton Avenue. Burial was held
in the Holyrood Cemetery under
the direction of the Solie Funeral
Home, Everett, Washington.
HARRY SMITH DEMAREST
Born: November 28, 1879 - Died: May 31, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 8, 1972

Harry Demarest
Died May 31,
Services June 3

Harry Smith Demarest died at a Shelby hospital May 31. Harry was born in Illinois to Mary Smith and Calvin Louis Demarest Nov. 28, 1879, moving with his family to Nebraska as a small child. He came to Billings in 1898, freighting for various ranches. Riding and leading a pack horse, he came to the Sweet Grass Hills in 1900, and divided his time between that area and the Cypress Hills of Alberta and then homesteaded in the Sweet Grass Hills in 1907. He married Amelia Brown in 1911. She survives along with a son, Claude, daughters, Mrs. Carl (Mable) Iverson, Shelby; Mrs. Wilfred (Helen) Weber, Great Falls; Mrs. Clarence (Lucille) Ritter, Turner; and a sister, Mrs. E. J. Sias, Lincoln, Neb., 17 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services were held in the Whitlash Presbyterian church Saturday, June 3, with Rev. Dan Wanders officiating, interment in the Whitlash cemetery. Pianist Donna Jackson, granddaughter, included in the prelude “There is a Long Long Trail” and “Home On the Range” and accompanied Herb Hofer who sang “Safe in the Arms of Jesus” and “Church in the Wildwood.” Ushers were Nelson Bingham and Irvin Brown. Pallbearers were grandsons Douglas Demarest, Warren Iverson, Greg Weber, Mark Weber, Ted Ritter, Claude Ritter, Stuart Weber, Dennis Iverson and Dr. Steve Weber. Two grandsons, Russell Ritter and Byron Weber were overseas and unable to attend.

Other relatives attending from a distance were Auverne Diffenbach of Garden Grove, Cal.; Bruce and Ardell Watkins, Carolyn Ritter of Great Falls; Jane Van Luchene, Kennewick, Wash.; Greg and Donna Jackson, Helena, and Pete and Harriet Mauritson, Eureka.
EDWARD EHLERS
Born: February 20, 1903 - Died: May 27, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 8, 1972

Edward Ehlers
Died May 27,
Services May 29

Funeral services for Edward Ehlers were held at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Hector, Minn., May 29, 1972. The Rev. Gerald Aamot officiated and Hughes Funeral Home had made the arrangements.

Pallbearers were Dale Dean, Orville Dean, Albert Kalb, Lawrence Radloff, Herbert Jahnke and Joe Pederson. Mrs. Eugene Winkelmann was the organist and Miss Becky Olson sang "Beautiful Savior" and "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings." Burial was in the Hector Village Cemetery.

Edward Fredrich Ehlers was born in Hector Township, Feb. 20, 1903, the son of John and Margaret Silberman Ehlers. He became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church through holy baptism and later reaffirmed his faith through the rite of confirmation.

He had served in the armed forces of his country in World War II. He was engaged in farming in Chester and in the Hector area. He passed away at the Rice Memorial hospital in Willmar, Minn., Saturday, May 27 having attained the age of 69 years, three months and seven days.

Edward leaves to mourn his passing three sisters, Mrs. James (Minnie) Fosg of St. Paul; Ann Ehlers of Hector and Mrs. Herbert (Ruth) Krueger of Minneapolis; also three brothers Henry and Arthur of Hector and Harold of Buffalo Lake, plus many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister.
ERWIN INFANT
Born: June 7, 1972 – Died: June 22, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 6, 1972

Services June 26
For Erwin infant

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene D. Erwin, 4816 Pa. Ave. S. E., Salem, Ore., died June 22 in a Salem hospital. He is survived by sisters Dawn, Robin, Tamara; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Erwin, Molalla, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Joy, Joplin. Graveside services were held Monday, June 26 at Belcrest Memorial Park, the Rev. Clete Freed officiating.
Gary E. Flint 56,
Succumbs Nov. 20,
Services Nov. 24

Funeral services were Friday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Rudyard area farmer Gary E. Flint, 56, who died north of Rudyard on his farm November 20.

Pastor Merton Peterson officiated at the funeral services.

Burial was in the Rudyard cemetery.

Lorraine Lincoln was the organist and Walter Woods sang, "Reach Out to Jesus" and "Jesus."

Pallbearers were Gerald Chvilecek, Bill Yackley, Bill Gorder, Roy Phillips, Art Myron, and Victor Gatzemeier. Ushers were Roland Ritter, Frank T. Phillips and Alvin Krejel.

Burial was in the Rudyard cemetery.

Flint was born November 27, 1915 in Horace, Nebraska, and he married the former Crystle Sherman in Broken Bow, Nebraska January 29, 1938.

He was a member of the Evangelical Church of North America. Survivors include his wife: a daughter, Nyla Gayle Flint of Rudyard; a sister, Galene Nelson, Riverton, Wyoming; and brothers, Gale of Riverton, Wyoming and Leland of Fresno, California.
WELDON R. FRANK
Born: January 20, 1909 – Died: May 10, 1972
Liberty County Times
May 18, 1972

Services for Weldon R. Frank were held Saturday, May 13 at United Methodist church in Chester with Rev. Dan Wanders officiating. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre. Pallbearers were Ole Jensen, Bob Mattson, Leo Jensen, Melvin Schaefer, Charles Smith and Jennings Mattson. Ushers were Neil Shepherd, Ed Swank and Max Brown.

Born in Paola, Kansas Jan. 20, 1909, Frank came to Chester with his parents in 1930. He returned to Paola to marry the former Ethel Holtz Jan. 25, 1941, and the couple came back to Chester, where they lived until they bought a home and moved into town last October.

Weldon was a director in the Farmers Union Oil Co. for 14 years. He was also active in the REA and RTA co-ops. Very active in his church, he served on numerous committees. He enjoyed bowling, fishing and baseball.

Survivors include the widow; a brother, Earl, of Seattle; and two sisters, Mrs. Fern Brunn, Kalispell and Mrs. Hazel Petchnick, Renton, Wash. and several nieces and nephews.

In Memory of
WELDON R. FRANK
Date of Birth: January 20, 1909
Paola, Kansas
Date of Death: May 10, 1972
Chester, Montana
Services
Saturday, May 13, 1972
11:00 a.m.
United Methodist Church
Chester, Montana
Officiant
Rev. Dan Wanders
Interment
Sunset Memorial Gardens
Havre, Montana
Services Friday for Hingham infant

Funeral services were Friday, Feb. 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hingham Lutheran Church for the infant daughter of Larry and Anita French of Hingham. Burial was in the Highland cemetery in Havre.

The infant, born Jan. 29 in the Chester hospital died shortly after birth.

Survivors include her parents, a sister, Crystal An, at the home; and grandparents, Mrs. June Warwick and Mr. and Mrs. Ben French, all of Spokane, Wash.
OLEN D. GIFFORD
Born: June 15, 1892 - Died: November 25, 1972
Liberty County Times
November 30, 1972

Funeral services held
For Olen Gifford

November 30, 1972

Gifford was a member of the Masonic lodge (all bodies), the Order of Eastern Star, the IOOF lodge, the Sons of Norway and the Elks. He served as a second lieutenant in the National Guard out of North Dakota for many years.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Wallace of Durata, California, Roland of Columbus, Indiana, O. D. Gifford of Chester, Russell of Aurora, Colorado, Glen of Great Falls and George of Colorado Springs, Colorado; daughters, Mrs. Myra Ross of Spokane, Mrs. Carrie Harmon of Seattle, and Mrs. Susan Brown of Chester; sisters, Mrs. Woodruth Schultz, Kalama, Washington and Mrs. Dorothy Taylor of Altamont, New York; brothers, Wilber of Stantenfield, Oregon, and Woodrow of Rosberg, Washington; 34 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A memorial is being established.
Three killed in car crash June 15

Three persons were killed and three more were hospitalized in a head-on automobile collision seven miles west of Chester. The accident happened Thursday at 4:45 a.m. on highway 2.

Killed were three members of the Goltz family, Helen Goltz, driver, 29, Curt Goltz, 5, and Kimberly Goltz, 6, all from Glasgow. Clifford Goltz, who was in the car with his family, survived the crash and has been released from the Liberty county hospital.

In the other car, Timothy Curlee, the other driver, 24, and Judy Ross, 23, are both listed in satisfactory condition. Curlee in the Liberty county hospital and Ross in the Deaconess hospital in Great Falls. Curlee and Ross are both from Yuma, Ariz. and were apparently heading toward Glacier Park. The Goltz family was returning home after a vacation.
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THREE KILLED—This is the car the Clifford Goltz family was traveling in. Three were killed, Curt Goltz, 5, Kimberly Goltz, 6 and Helen Goltz, 29, driver, in the head-on collision last Thursday. Clifford Goltz survived the crash.
KIMBERLY GOLTZ
Born: May 11, 1967 - Died: June 15, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 22, 1972

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Three persons were killed and three more were hospitalized in a head on automobile collision seven miles west of Chester. The accident happened Thursday at 4:45 a.m. on highway 2.

Killed were three members of the Goltz family, Helen Goltz, driver, 29, Curt Goltz, 5, and Kimberly Goltz, 6, all from Glasgow. Clifford Goltz, who was in the car with his family, survived the crash and has been released from the Liberty county hospital.

In the other car, Timothy Curlee, the other driver, 24, and Judy Ross, 23, are both listed in satisfactory condition. Curlee in the Liberty county hospital and Ross in the Deaconess hospital in Great Falls. Curlee and Ross are both from Yuma, Ariz., and were apparently heading toward Glacier Park. The Goltz family was returning home after a vacation.

THREE KILLED—This is the car the Clifford Goltz family was traveling in. Three were killed, Curt Goltz, 5, Kimberly Goltz, 6 and Helen Goltz, 29, driver, in the head-on collision last Thursday. Clifford Goltz survived the crash.
EMILIE M. HAAG
Born: December 31, 1889 - Died: July 25, 1972
Liberty County Times
July 27, 1972

Emilie Haag passed Away July 25th

Emilie M. Haag, long time resident of Liberty county, passed away July 25 in Great Falls at a local nursing home where she lived for the past two and a half years.

Mrs. Haag, born Dec. 31, 1889, in San Francisco, Cal., moved to Madras, Ore. and later Oregon City with her folks where she lived until 1917, when she married Gustav Haag (deceased in July 1963) and moved to Montana to live on their homestead north of Lothair until their retirement in 1951. Mr. and Mrs. Haag then moved to Newberg, Ore., but returned again to Montana and the farm in 1960, where they lived until the death of her husband. In 1964, Mrs. Haag moved to Great Falls to live with her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Dahlquist. Other surviving daughters include Mrs. Gorman (Clara) Ellis of Monett, Mo.; Mrs. George (Alice) Tatchell, Helena; Mrs. Oville (Virginia) Davis; sons, Marvin Haag of West Yellowstone and David Haag of San Francisco, Cal.; several brothers and sisters of Oregon and Washington and 17 grandchildren.
CLARA CHRISTINE HAALAND
Born: December 17, 1887 – Died: March 21, 1972
Liberty County Times
April 6, 1972

Former Inverness Resident dies in Mesa, Arizona

Clara Christine Haaland, 84, formerly of Inverness, died March 21 in Mesa, Ariz.

Funeral services were in Mesa, with interment in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Mrs. Haaland was born Dec. 17, 1887, in Crookston, Minn. She taught school in Minnesota, South Dakota and Montana. On Oct. 26, 1918, she married Rasmus Haaland, and the couple farmed north of Inverness until their retirement, when they moved to Mesa, Ariz.

Survivors include two nieces, Mrs. Leon Webster, Deering, N. D. and Mrs. Robert J. Packer, Conrad.

Memorial services for Clara Haaland

Memorial services for Mrs. Clara Haaland are scheduled for 2:30 p.m., April 30, at the Inverness Methodist church. Mrs. Haaland was a long-time resident of Inverness and passed away in Arizona.
Last rites for
John Hader, 70,
June 27, Harlem

Funeral services for John Carl Hader, 70, were conducted Tuesday, June 27, at 11 a.m. in St. Thomas Catholic Church in Harlem. He died Friday in a Havre hospital following a heart attack and pneumonia.

Hader was born April 1, 1902, in Morris, Minn. He came to Montana as a young child, locating in the Savoy community. He was employed as a car salesman in Chinook until his health declined.

On Aug. 5, 1926, he was married in Chinook to Lucille K. Eaves, who survives him.

Other survivors, in addition to his widow, are sons and daughters, John T., Columbia Falls; Donald, Cypress City, Calif.; Mrs. Jack (Ruth) Kilpatrick, Libby; and Mrs. Jim (Willie) Warwick, Great Falls; Mrs. Lee (Denice) Hanks, Jerome, Idaho, and Richard and Roxann of Harlem. Twenty-five grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and brothers and sisters, Clarence, Havre; Sylvester, Kalispell; Charles of Cut Bank; Florence of Havre, and Mrs. Ray (Nellie) Sullivan of Newport, Wash., along with several nieces and nephews.

One brother, Floyd Hader, Chester, preceded him in death on Nov. 16, 1971.

Interment was in the Harlem cemetery.
Russell Hansen 56,
Died December 13,
Services Dec. 19

Russell W. Hansen, 56, died Wednesday, December 13 in the veteran's hospital in Sheridan, Wyoming. Services were Tuesday, December 19 at Holland and Bonine funeral home, Havre. Burial was in Highland cemetery, Havre.

He was born in Marshall County, Minnesota. He never married. He moved to the Inverness area with his parents. He had lived in the Inverness-Chester area since.

He was a veteran of World War II.

He was manager of the Chester VFW Club and the Wheat Sheaf Motel for 25 years.

Survivors include sisters, Mrs. Agnes Larson of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, Mrs. Anna Smith of Great Falls, Mrs. M. Victoria Bronson of Seattle, Washington; and brothers, Ralph of Seattle, Washington, Joseph of Cass Lake, Minnesota, Henry R. of Inverness, Lester of Helena and Carl of Glasgow. His parents and one brother, Floyd preceded him in death.

Final rites for
Russell Hansen

Pastor Donald Tigges officiated at funeral rites Tuesday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. In the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Russell Hansen, 55, manager of the Chester VFW Club, who died in Sheridan, Wyoming December 13.

Donna Ellison was the organist, and Sandy Haugen sang, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," and "In Heavenly Love."

Pallbearers were Bill Hunt, Darby O'Brien, Jacob Wormsbecker, Leo Jensen, Marvin Rishoff and George Mattson.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery with military graveside rites, the Chester Veterans of Foreign Wars officiating with Elmer Muncy in command. Members of the firing squad were Chester Eveland, Bill Wood, Martin Reisenauer, Donald Buffington and John Petlak. The color guard included Joe Anderson, Ted Zorn, Delanor Zorn, Larry Benes, and Elmer Muncy. Bugler was Stuart Brown.
MRS. MILDRED HASSELSTROM
Born: ?, 1930 - Died: May 26, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 1, 1972

Auto crash north of Conrad kills two

A grinding head-in collision at about two Friday morning on the Dry Fork curve three miles north of Conrad, killed two Shelby people and sent a third, also from Shelby, to a Conrad hospital.

According to information, Pete Jansen, 24, of Shelby was enroute to Shelby. He was working on the ABM project. Going south were Ralph Clouser, 55 and Mrs. Mildred Hasselstrom, 42, who were also enroute to jobs in Conrad.

The two cars met head-on at the curve. Clouser and Mrs. Hasselstrom died in the crash. Jensen suffered a number of broken bones, cut and bruises, but is reported in satisfactory condition.

The accident is still under investigation by the Highway Patrol and the Pondera county sheriff's office.

Clouser was born Sept. 16, 1916 and had lived in the Lothair area for many years. He was in the U. S. Army Air Corps. His wife Marge passed away in March of 1970. Survivors include a son, Larry in Denver; Lonnie, a member of the Shelby police force, two daughters, Roberta, 17 and Juanita, 13. His mother and father preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 24 at the Burns Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m.

Details on Mrs. Hasselstrom were not available, but she is survived by four children, two boys and two girls.

Funeral services were set for Tuesday, May 23, at 2 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home.

—Shelby Times
OSCAR C. HAUGE SR.
Born: April 17, 1892 - Died: June 10, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 15, 1972

Oscar Hauge Sr.
80, died June 10,
Services June 13

Funeral services for Oscar C. Hauge, 80, one of Montana's most highly respected lawyers and long identified with the development of Hill county through active participation in many civic activities were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian church in Havre.

The Rev. Calvin Fairton, minister, presided and interment was in Highland cemetery.

Hauge died in a Havre hospital Saturday after a brief illness.

He had been active in the practice of law as senior partner in the firm of Hauge, Hauge, Ober and Spangelo until the time of his illness.

Well-known in public life Hauge had served as Hill county attorney for 14 years, 1934 through 1948. Throughout his years of service he had established himself as a dedicated and capable official.

Hauge, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anders J. Hauge, Elbow Lake, Minn. was born April 17, 1892 at Elbow Lake

He was a 1914 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School.

Aug. 22, 1916 Hauge and Miss Esther M. Powers were married at Buffalo, N. D. and moved to the Joplin area where he practiced law for two years before moving to Havre.

Hauge is survived by his wife; two sons, Lester N. Hauge, Havre and Oscar C. Hauge Jr., Missoula; two brothers, Sam Hauge, Sun City, Cal. and Phillip Hauge, Prescott, Ariz.

Also left to mourn his passing are seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Hauge was a member of the First Presbyterian church.
He was a 50-year member of the Montana Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Interested in Masonic activities, Hauge was a charter member of Joplin Lodge No. 114 AF & AM and in 1936 he was worshipful master of Havre Lodge No. 55 AF & AM. For many years he served as a trustee of the Masonic Temple Corp. in Havre. He was a member of the York Rite and Algeria Shrine Temple.

Hauge was a president of the Havre Chamber of Commerce and he is credited as being among those persons who helped to bring about establishment of Beaver Creek Park.

Among lodge affiliations he enjoyed was that as a member of Havre Lodge No. 1201 BPO Elks.
A charter member of the Havre Kiwanis club, he was the club's president in 1926.

For many years Hauge served as a director of the First National Bank in Havre.

During the winter months Mr. and Mrs. Hauge made their home in Sun City, Cal. Aug. 22, 1966 the Hauges observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

A memorial has been established to the new building fund of Northern Montana Hospital.

Hauge loved the outdoors and particularly enjoyed boating, hunting and fishing.

The family home is at 932 3rd Avenue.
Dr. Gerald Heikkila
Found dead in his
San Francisco office

Dr. Gerald Lee Heikkila, DDS, 29 was found dead in a dental chair in his office in South San Francisco early Tuesday morning. Cause of death is undetermined. His mother, Ruth Heikkila, former well known Chester resident called the Times office Tuesday afternoon to say that they (she and her husband George) were taking an airplane from Butte to San Francisco. The funeral will be in Hillsboro, pending arrangements. Burial will also be in Hillsboro, Cal. Their address is 1775 Florabunda, Hillsboro, o, Cal.

Gerald Lee Heikkila was born Aug. 6, 1942 in Dillon, Montana. He attended Dillon grade school before the family moved to Chester, where he graduated as salutatorian from Chester high school in the class of 1960.

While attending Chester high school he was active in music and sports, and played on a basketball team that went to the state tournament.

In 1967 he graduated from Marquette University, Milwaukee, and following graduation he spent two years in military service.

He was married to the former Sylvia Helen Freeland, a former Chester resident, and they have three children, Carrie Lynn 11, Tracey Joe 9, and Scott George 2.

In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Heikkila of Dillon, one brother, Dr. Ronald Dean Heikkila, O.D. and family of San Mateo, Cal.
Effie Heydon died August 11, Services August 15

Mrs. Effie Heydon, 81, died Friday in Chester. Services were Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home, Havre, with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

She was born Aug. 6, 1891, at Kingsley, Iowa, and married Elmer Frank Heydon in 1913. She came to Montana in 1909. Survivors include daughters Havreen Frydenlund, Devon, Mrs. Dorma Hadford, Joplin, Mrs. Fern Keith, Grand Forks, N. D.; sons, Clyde and Lloyd of Joplin, Cecil, Hamilton, Ferroll, Galata and Lyle, Havre; seven sisters and a brother, including Ralph Taplin, Great Falls, Mrs. Annie Williams, Havre, Mrs. Sadie Marshall, Chester and Mrs. Amelia Johnson, Joplin.

One daughter, Lois (Mrs. Hugo Aspevig) and one son, Franklin preceded her in death as well as one brother Roy.

Other survivors besides those mentioned above are sisters, Mrs. Bertha Head, Mrs. Agnes Jury, Mrs. Clara Ray, Mrs. Katherine Narnst, all of Oregon; 35 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

A memorial is being established in her memory.

Pastor Donald Tigges of Bethel Lutheran church, Joplin officiated at the services. Joplin Bethel Lutheran choir, accompanied by Mrs. S. L. Anderson, sang “Softly and Tenderly” and “Abide With Me.” Merry, Frank and Gary Heydon sang “In the Garden” accompanied by mother, Mrs. Ferroll Heydon.

Pallbearers were grandsons Calvin Johnson, Dean, David and Kenneth Heydon, Mark Aspevig and Gene Keith.
Thomas Hodges 93,  
Died March 28,  
Services April 1

Joplin homesteader Thomas Hodges, 93, died in the Chester nursing home Tuesday, March 28.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 1, at 2 p.m. in the Lutheran church in Joplin, with burial in the Joplin cemetery.


He sold his farm to Homer Kinyon in 1950 and moved to Joplin where they lived until the last three years.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Gus (Frances) Robo, Joplin; two grandsons and four great-grandsons; and several nieces and nephews both here and in England. Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Pastor Donald Tigges officiated at the funeral rites. Mrs. Sanford Anderson was the organist and the Joplin Lutheran choir sang, "Old Rugged Cross" and "Abide With Me."

Pallbearers were Homer Kinyon, Robert Lake, Bill Wood, Tom Wood, Bud Poppler, and Ed McClellan. Ushers were Frank Mel-drum and Clifford Anderson.
JANIS ANN (JOHNSON) JONES
Born: June 28, 1946 – Died: June 8, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 15, 1972

Mrs. John W. (Janis Ann) Jones was born June 28, 1946 in Great Falls to Rev. and Mrs. Leon H. Johnson. She attended schools in Glasgow, Hardin, Roundup and graduated from high school at Chinook in 1964.

She was united in marriage to John W. Jones June 13, 1965 in Chinook. One daughter, Connie Ann, was born Sept. 16, 1966.

Janis attended college at Northern Montana College in Havre and also Eastern Montana College in Billings, from which she received her degree in Elementary Education in August 1970. The past two years she taught in the Chester schools.

She passed away June 8, 1972 in Liberty County Hospital at Chester, at the age of 25 years.

Besides her husband, John, and daughter, Connie, she is survived by her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Leon H. Johnson, her brothers, Steven, Bruce and Glenn, and her sister, Carolyn, all of Shelby; grandparents Mrs. Fern Knutson and Mr. and Mrs. Milton D. Johnson, Dutton; parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones, Billings; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grades of Chester school would like to establish a memorial fund for Mrs. Jones at the school library. The funds will go toward a master reference book in the library. Donations may be given to Dean Hendrickson, Thaddeus Didier or Kim Thieman or they may be left at the office of the county superintendent of schools in the court house.

Services were held Monday, June 12 at 10 a.m. in the Community United Methodist church at Shelby. Rev. Wilbur Whanger, district superintendent of the United Methodist church, Great Falls officiated at the services, shared by Rev. Daniel Wanders, pastor of the United Methodist church in Chester. Interment was in the Moutview cemetery, Billings.

Pallbearers were cousins as follows: Ronald and Larry Brumwell, and Mike Hagen, Power; Tom Goszack, Great Falls; Donald and Gerald Milholland, Federal Way, Wash.
Marie Laird Kane
Died October 11,
Services October 14

Marie Laird Kane passed away at her home in Spokane October 11 after an extended illness.

Services were held October 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic church, Post Falls, Idaho, the Rev. E. L. DeBuys as celebrant. Burial was in Holy Cross cemetery with Kane Valley Funeral Home of Opportunity, Washington in charge.

She was born in Newark, New Jersey May 15, 1897. She lived in Seattle from 1907 to 1920. Married John Laird in 1920, he died in 1942. She married Louis Kane August 1951 and they moved to Washington.

She is survived by the widower, daughter Mrs. Sam (Rita) Melonas, Vancouver, Washington; sons, Richard, Robert and James Laird, all of Joplin and John of Great Falls; 12 grandchildren, brothers Edmund and Anthony Daly, both of Seattle.

She had lived in Spokane for 15 years. She was preceded in death by one son, Donald.
DEBBIE KELLY
Born: ?, 1953 - Died: August 26, 1972
Liberty County Times
August 31, 1972

Former residents
Killed near Miles City

A Saturday collision near Miles City took the lives of Derl L. Couture, 39, Billings and four Miles City residents: Gary Biegalke, 22, his sister Dorinda, 16, Virginia Nason Kelly, 37, and her daughter Debbie, about 19.

Gary Biegalke died Sunday evening of injuries sustained in the jarring crash, authorities said.

The Montana Highway Patrol said the Couture vehicle crossed the centerline of Interstate Highway 94, about 3.6 miles west of Miles City triggering the collision. One person remains critically injured. The cars struck with such force that wreckage was thrown several hundred yards from the scene of the accident, investigating patrolmen said.

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Funeral held for
Raymond Kerr, 66

Raymond M. Kerr, 66, died Thursday in Chester. Services were Monday at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Burial was in the Chester cemetery with Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in charge. He came to Chester in 1955 to farm and work with the Gallatin Valley Elevator Co. He married Ida Yurman Feb. 16, 1961 in Shelby. Survivors include the widow; a daughter, Mary Lou Kerr of Ottawa, Ont.; stepdaughters; Martha Steven of Big Sandy and Helen Conrad of Columbia Falls; 42 grandchildren and six great grandchildren; two sisters and a brother.

Pastor Noel Petersen officiated at the funeral. Mrs. Petersen played the organ. Betty Jean Wolfe and Jack Seidlitz sang "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Pallbearers were Ed Cole, Vern Cramer, Fred Broeder, Gus Laas, Gus Robe and Rae Steven. Honorary pallbearers were Ben Oraw, Ed Conrad, James Hull, Bill Cole, Curt Lakey and Harold Thielman. Ushers were Armand Anderson and Charles Green.
Rudyard funeral for
Oscar Knutson, 91

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 18 at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Rudyard for Oscar Knutson, 91, who died May 13 at a convalescent home in Great Falls.

Officiating at the funeral rites was Pastor Lawrence Thompson.

Burial was in Highland cemetery, in Havre.

Organist was Mrs. Lawrence Thompson and Pastor Thompson sang "I Know of a Sleep in Jesus" and "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less."

Pallbearers were Leo Bialek, Lloyd Twedt, Bud Aspevig, Fred Elling, David Anderson, Allen Twedt. Honorary pallbearers were Swen Twedt, Chris Klemetson, Martin Sylte and Ben Domire. Usher was Ken Boucher.

Knutson homesteaded in the Black Coulee community and later was in the Great Falls city park service.

Survivors are several nephews and nieces in Minnesota and a nephew, Norman Knutson of Rudyard.
HENRY B. KOLSTAD
Born: October 8, 1902 – Died: September 2, 1972

Henry was baptized into the Christian family in Larimore, N. D. and was confirmed at Our Savior’s Lutheran in Chester. He served many years on the Our Savior’s council. He was a past president of the congregation. He was one who was instrumental in helping to raise the money for the church building, and served also on the building committee.

He served as chairman of the observance of the 50th anniversary of the congregation in 1960.

He was a member of the Lutheran men’s organization, Lutheran Brotherhood, and served on numerous committees of the congregation down through the years. Henry took an active part in almost every project of the congregation for many years, and usually he served on the difficult finance committee. He attended worship services regularly, and along with his good wife Mabel saw to it that the Kolstad children were all well versed in the Christian faith.

But Henry didn’t confine his life to his business and his church. He was also active in community affairs. He was a past president and the only senior active member of the Chester Rotary club. Previously he was a member of the old Chester commercial club. At one time he was a member of the city council, and for many years served on the Chester school board.

He founded the Chester Implement Co. in 1942 and was involved in its operation until his death, and had owned the Kolstad Grain Co. at Lothair since 1941.

He loved to play Santa Claus and give the treats to the children under the community Christmas tree each year.

Once he was convinced that a project was worthy, Henry was generous in his support. He worked and gave generously for the things he believed in—and they were very numerous.

Preceding him in death were his father Chris, a daughter Hannah and a grandson, Cary.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel, a son, State Representative Allen Kolstad, and three daughters: Doris Fraser of Chester, Kay Lingen of Great Falls and Sonja Hendrickson of Great Falls. His mother Anna Kolstad of Chester; two brothers, Selmer of Great Falls and Clarence of Chester; and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Our Savior’s Lutheran church of Chester Tuesday afternoon. Pastor Noel Petersen officiated. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Carl Brown, Mike Kammerzell, Dodds Keith, Oliver Morkrid, Lawrence Schaefer and Math Thielman.

Honorary pallbearers were: Lee Albright, Vic Anderson, Henry Arnt, Emmers Berg, Arvid Bordeen, George Braun, Fred Brown, Marvin Calahan, Joe Gagnon, Narciss Gagnon, Alfred Hanson, Cliff Hanson Sr., Martin Haugen, Ben Heimbigner, Lloyd Hendrickson, David James, Leo Jensen, Ole Jensen, Walt Jensen, Hugo Johnson, Stanley Johnson, Walt Laas, Charles McBride, Joe Meissner, Bert Nordstrom, George Spicher, Stan Stephensen, John Wantken.

Ushers were: Verne Bresnahan, Harvey Harstad, Arvid Hutchinson and Cliff Leighton.

Mrs. Noel Petersen was the organist. Jack Schildt and Betty J. Wolfe sang: “How Great Thou Art” and “Nearer My God to Thee.” The congregation sang “The Old Rugged Cross.”
Edward J. Kulpas, 60
Died December 22
Services Tuesday

Edward J. Kulpas, 60, died Friday at his home in Lothair.
Funeral services were Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at Burns funeral home, Shelby. Pastor Noel Petersen officiated. Entombment was in Hillcrest Lawn Memorial, Great Falls.
He was born in Chester and for the past 30 years worked for the Burlington-Northern Railroad as a station agent in Lothair.
Surviving are his widow, Shirley, a son, Gerald of Havre, and daughters, Cheryl Laird of Billings; a sister, Hilda Rasmussen, Lake-wood, California.
FRANK R. LUDWIG
Born: ?, 1912 - Died: June 25, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 29, 1972

Frank Ludwig, 60,
Died June 25,
Funeral Thursday

Frank R. Ludwig, 60, died at a Fort Benton hospital Sunday. Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Benton Funeral Home with Rev. Ross Allen officiating, burial in Riverside cemetery with Masonic rites by the Fort Benton Lodge. Born at Harlem, he later moved to an area north of Carter. He married Lucille Bartlett at Whitefish July 15, 1933. He farmed until 1965 when he retired to Fort Benton. Survivors include the widow; two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Fisher and Mrs. Anna Mae Taylor, Fort Benton; mother, Mrs. Hattie Larson, Seattle; sister, Clara Elsner, Juneau, Alaska; four half sisters and two half brothers and eight grandchildren.
Loyd Lund, 64, 
Died April 6, 
Services April 10

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, April 10, 1972 at the United Methodist church in Chester for Loyd M. Lund, 64, long-time resident of Chester. He passed away at the Liberty County hospital April 6. Rev. Dan Wanders officiated.

Loyd came to Chester with his parents at the age of two. He has farmed in the Chester area for a number of years.

Dec. 2, 1947 he married the former Edna Showell Wicklund in Havre. He was past commander of American Legion Post No. 88 and served as special deputy to Liberty County Sheriff's office for a number of years. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Loyd (Gloria) Boyer and four grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Veredella Baysista, Stockton, Cal.; brothers Arnold, Silverton, Ore., Carl, Aberdeen, Wash., Martin, Sunland, Cal., Carl and Irvin, Stockton, Cal., and Odin. Modesto, Cal. One sister, Norma preceded him in death.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery with military and American Legion at the graveside. Holland Bonine of Havre were in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Dean Baker, Neil Shepherd, Emmers Berg, Earl Thisselle, Max Brown, Don Buf- fington, Leo Jensen.

Honorary pallbearers were Swen Sundgren, Stering Wardell, George Gass, Dick Eveland, Allen Ray, Art Kaiser, Clark McBride.

Soloist Elvin Sundgren sang “How Great Thou Art,” accompanied by Dorothy Brown.
Fred Harold Madison, former Chester school supt. died

Fred Harold Madison, 82, former school superintendent at Fort Benton, Rudyard and Chester, died in Issaquah, Wash. Services were in Eugene Ore. A native of Bowen, Ill., he held bachelor and master degrees from the University of Montana. He married Rebecca LaLonde Aug. 27, 1912, in Missoula. He was an educator for over 40 years and principal at many Montana schools. He retired in 1956. Survivors include the widow, six children and a sister.

—Great Falls Tribune
Violet J. Malmberg

Born: November 22, 1917 - Died: June 17, 1972

Liberty County Times
June 27, 1972

Violet Malmberg

Died July 17,

Services in Ohio

Funeral services were held in Tipp City, Ohio, for Violet J. Malmberg, 54, of Rudyard who died in Great Falls July 17.

Mrs. Malmberg was born in Ohio Nov. 22, 1917. She married Wilford Malmberg June 17, 1971 in Houston, Texas, and the couple made their home in Rudyard.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Porter Mahoney Jr. of Pasadena, Tex; a daughter, Mrs. Donald Dyer of Memphis, Tenn; seven grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. J. D. Palmer of Tipp City, Ohio; and two sisters, Jean and Mary, both in Tipp City, Ohio.
Death takes Daniel J. McIsaac, 88

Daniel Joseph McIsaac, 88, Great Falls, died Saturday at a convalescent hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Burial was in Mount Olivet cemetery.

McIsaac was born Sept. 23, 1883 in Ontario, Canada and came to the United States in the early 1900's. He worked at Lewistown and later homesteaded south of Chester. During the depression he was employed by Montana Flour Mill and for Carl Weissman in Great Falls.

In the early 1930's, he returned to the ranch south of Chester and he farmed there until his retirement and moving to Great Falls in 1952.

He married Cora Jessie Widdifield at Lewistown, Sept. 6, 1920. She died Jan. 15 of this year. Survivors include two nephews and a niece.
Myrtle McKee, 84
Died July 19,
Services July 24

Funeral services for Mrs. Clarence L. (Myrtle) McKee, 84, formerly of Browning, Montana, were held Monday, July 24th at 2 p.m. from the George Co. Chapel in Great Falls, Montana with entombment in Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Mausoleum beside Mr. McKee.

Mrs. McKee passed away Wednesday in the Chester hospital after an illness of several years.

Born in Illinois Nov. 5, 1887, the former Myrtle Elizabeth Van Buskirk married Clarence McKee September 23, 1908. They came to Montana the following year, homesteading near Whitefish. In 1918 they moved to Browning, Montana, where McKee was agent for the Great Northern railway for 24 years. They were charter members of Chapter 120 O. E. S. where Mrs. McKee had been honored with a 50 year membership.

Survivors include sons, Donald of Kevin and Robert of Thousand Oaks, California; three granddaughters, Marjorie, Linda and Ruth Ann and a grandson Darrel; eight great grand children; and brothers Jessie of Spencer, Iowa; John of Escondido, California and Glenn of Hoquiam, Wash.
Funeral yesterday
For Roy Miller

Retired Joplin farmer Roy J. Miller, 84, died in Chester Saturday, Jan. 22.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home.

Miller was born in Pennsylvania Oct. 19, 1887. He married the former Maude Rolph in Minot, N. D. Nov. 21, 1913, and the couple moved to Joplin in 1917. Miller taught school south of Joplin and in Salem, Ore., and owned a service station in Joplin for many years.

A past master of Joplin No. 114 AF and AM, Miller belonged to the Algeria Shrine in Helena and the Scottish Rite in Great Falls.

His wife preceded him in death in 1971. Survivors include his son, Kenneth, of Joplin; two grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Herb (Maude) Rolph of Salem, Ore. One brother and one infant daughter preceeded him in death.
ROSE C. MINCKLER
Born: March 3, 1907 - Died: November 18, 1972
Liberty County Times
November 23, 1972

Death takes
Mrs. Ernest Minckler

Mrs. Ernest (Rose C.) Minckler, 65, Great Falls, active in education programs in her church for many years, died early Saturday morning in a Great Falls hospital.

She had been ill the past three days. Funeral services were Monday at 9:15 a.m. in Holy Family Church. The body was sent to Corrigan funeral home in Sauk Centre, Minnesota for services in St. Alexius church in West Union, Minnesota, tentatively set for Wednesday. Burial will be in St. Alexius cemetery.

She was born March 3, 1907 at West Union. She and her husband, John Didier, homesteaded north of Chester in the 1930s. He died in 1937. She married Minckler in 1940 and they farmed in the Chester area until they retired in 1959. They then moved to Great Falls. He died in 1970.

Mrs. Minckler was a member of Holy Family Altar Society and St. Catherine's Circle. She was active in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for a number of years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lloyd (Joan) Watson of Great Falls and Mrs. Rich (Teresa) Osborn of Chicago; two stepchildren, Lawrence Minckler of Great Falls and Tessie Meredith of Helena; six grandchildren and four sisters, Elizabeth Dueker, Jean Marthaler, Bernie Weldner and Olivia Olson, all in Minnesota.

—Great Falls Tribune
Last rites Saturday
For Art Norris, 85

Pastor Dan Wanders officiated Saturday at 2 p.m. funeral rites in the United Methodist church of Chester for Arthemas Norris, 85, who died Jan. 4 in Chester.

Mrs. Don Anderson was the accompanist and the congregation sang "Jesus Calls Us," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "A Charge to Keep I Have" and "Oh Jesus I Have Promised."

Pallbearers were Lawrence Layton, Art Kaiser Jr., Clifford Hanson Jr., Jack Wright, Clarke McBride and Richard Overlie.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Norris was born Dec. 9, 1886, in Illinois. He came to the Chester area in 1909 and farmed eight miles south of town. He also worked on the bridge gang for the Great Northern for several years, and was a carpenter and painter in Chester.

For the past five years, Norris had worked in the sheriff's office in Chester.
CORNELIUS OLSON
Born: May 9, 1890 - Died: May 8, 1972
Liberty County Times
May 11, 1972

Col Olson, 81,
Died May 8,
Services May 11

Funeral services were Thursday, May 11 at 2 p.m. in the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin for Cornelius Olson, 81, retired Joplin area farmer, who died May 8 in Chester.

Officiating at the funeral rites was Pastor Donald Tigges. Thelma Anderson accompanied the choir, which sang “How Great Thou Art” and “Nearer My God To Thee.”

Pallbearers were Sig Amundson, Thomas Wood, Elwin Cady, Eugene Anderson, Max Moore, and Ed McClellan. Ushers were Clifford Anderson and Clifford Thorson.

Burial was in the Joplin cemetery.

Col. Olson was born in Zumbrota, Minn. May 9, 1890 and came to Montana to homestead north of Joplin in 1912. In 1937 he married Ruth Graff in Kalispell. In 1957 he retired and they moved to Joplin, where he was a resident until his death. Col. was a member of Bethel Lutheran church of Joplin.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Ruth, a son, Ellsworth Graff and his wife Margaret, and a daughter, Ila Jane Cox, from a previous marriage; four grandchildren, Greg, Martin, and Glenda Graff and Adam Cox.
KENNETH WAYNE PATRICK
Born: October 15, 1951 – Died: April 21, 1972
Liberty County Times
April 27, 1972

Services Monday for
Kenneth Patrick
April 24-72

Funeral services were Monday morning, April 24 in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Kenneth Wayne Patrick, 20, of Missoula, who died in a one-car accident west of Missoula April 21.

Pastor Larry Thompson of Rudyard officiated at funeral services Monday, April 24 at 11 a.m. in the First Lutheran church for Kenneth Wayne Patrick.

Donna Ellison was the organist, and Jean Alex sang, "The Lord's Prayer," "Oh Lord on High" and "Morning Has Broken."

Pallbearers were Rex Wendland, Mark Boydston, Terry Schestedt, Christopher Vich, Greg Sanvik and Spence Manlove. Ushers were Eugene Aageson, Kenneth Boucher and Bud Aspevig.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Patrick was born in Havre Oct. 15, 1951. He graduated from Hellgate High School in Missoula in 1969 and was a student at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Patrick; a brother, Scott; and two sisters, Pamela and Peggy, all of Missoula.

Memorial services were Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Squire-Simons-Carr Rose chapel in Missoula.
FRANK PETLAK
Born: September 18, 1884 - Died: February 10, 1972
Liberty County Times
February 17, 1972

Rites Saturday,
February 12 for
Frank Petlak, 87

Retired rancher and farmer from Chester, Frank Petlak, 87, died Feb. 10 in the Chester hospital.
Funeral services were Saturday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic church in Chester.

The Rev. Fr. Gustaz P. Salutz, O. Praem. officiated at the funeral services.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seidlitz sang a duet, accompanied by Helen Ann Aaberg.
Pallbearers were Nick Bubnash, Robert Henke, Frank Kantorowicz, Chester Eveland, Carl Borys and Darby O'Brien.
Burial in the Chester cemetery.
Petlak was born in September of 1884 in Russia. He came to Chester in 1913 to homestead 17 miles southeast of Chester. On May 15, 1915, in Havre, he married the former Bernice Klaczak. She preceded him in death in 1946. Petlak remained on his farm until 1971 when he moved into Chester.
Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. L. D. (Josephine) Crowe, Lewiston, Idaho, Mrs. T. E. (Ann) Gilbert, Fresno, Cal.; Miss Sophie Petlak, San Pedro, Cal., Miss Leona Petlak, Fresno, Cal., and Mrs. Bill (Frances) Hochberger, Chester; a son, John of Chester; 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.
Franklin Poetzl 61, 
Died November 23, 
Services Nov. 27

Franklin K. Poetzl, 61, of Joplin died Thursday in Great Falls. Services were Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Havre.

Pastor Donald Tigges officiated at the service, with Mrs. Betty Tigges at the organ. The Bethel Lutheran church choir sang, “Nearer to the Heart of God,” and “Open My Eyes.”

Pallbearers were Elwin Cady, Eldon Graff, Paul Johnson, Les Milnar, Norbert Van Dessel and Harley Rudolph.

He came to the Joplin area in 1912 from Springdale, Washington, where he was born. He was a Joplin area farmer. He never married. Survivors include a brother, Herbert of Joplin.
THE PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OBITUARY

Franklin Karl Poetzl was born to Joseph and Bertha Poetzl at Springdale, Washington, on February 9, 1911. He moved with his family to Joplin in the winter of 1912. He attended the Meldrum school in the Joplin area where he completed the 8th grade.

Franklin farmed in the Joplin area with his family until his death on November 23, 1972 in Great Falls, Montana.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1966 and by his mother in 1968. He is survived by his brother, Herbert, of Joplin, and by one aunt in Minneapolis, Minn. and by several cousins in the mid-west.

Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

PASTOR OFFICIATING: Pastor Donald L. Tigges, Joplin.


ORGANIST: Mrs. Bette Tigges


Will those driving in the procession to the cemetery kindly turn on headlights for safety.
Florence Purdy
Born: April 3, 1886 – Died: November 30, 1972
Liberty County Times
December 7, 1972

Funeral held for Florence Purdy, 86

Early-day Gildford area resident Florence Purdy, 86, died in Havre Thursday, November 30.

Funeral services were Monday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home with burial in the Highland cemetery.

Mrs. Purdy was born in Howard Lake, Minnesota April 3, 1886. She married Fred B. Purdy in Santa Cruz, California in 1906, and the couple came to Gildford in 1917 from North Dakota. They made their home in the area.

A member of the First Presbyterian church, Mrs. Purdy was a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star and a member of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1954. Survivors include a son, Lowell of Helena; three grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Jessie Brewster, Oakland, California.
ALBERTINA MAGNELIA RAMBERG
Liberty County Times
February 10, 1972

Final rites for
Albertina Ramberg

Pastor Rodney Kvamme officiated at funeral services Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonnine funeral home for Albertina Magnelia Ramberg, 84, longtime homesteader who died Jan. 28 in Havre.

Organist was Donna Ellison and soloist was Sharon Ellenwood. Selections included, “He Leadeth Me” and “Old Rugged Cross.”

Pallbearers were Willard Gustafson, Marvin Anderson, Lloyd Wolery, Charles Lineweaver, Kenneth Bangs and Olive Owens. Ushers were Tommy Wilson and Robert Blake.

Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens.
Fred Reisenauer

81, spends last Days in mountains

When he failed to make his customary trip to town last week end, Fred Reisenauer's friend, Ado Koehmstedt of Superior began to worry about him. Last Friday Ado hiked four and a half miles up a steep mountain trail to the head of Windfall where Fred has his mining claims. He was dead on the floor of his cabin, apparently from natural causes.

Fred Reisenauer was born at Uniontown, Washington, on December 8, 1890. He was one of 12 children of Michael and Margaret Reisenauer.

He came to Mineral county in 1936 and took several mining claims on Trout creek. In the early days he worked as partners with Otto Jahnke and Gus Stromberg, but for many years he batched and worked his placer and hard rock mines all alone.

He usually spent the winter months at his farm in Chester, or with friends in the area, but sometimes he wintered over in the cabin which might be under several feet of snow. He was a slightly built man, but had a rugged physique. As a young man he played baseball, and it was one of the great interests of his life.

At times he worked at the Nancy Lee mine, logged for Charles Horning, cut cedar for posts or stacked lumber for Diamond Match. However as soon as he got a few hundred dollars for a grub stake he went back to his beloved mines in the high country.

His claims were platinum and berillium mines, let other miners grub for copper, lead, zinc and common metals if they wished. It is not known that he extracted any marketable ore.

Survivors include brothers Martin of Chester and Carl of Colton, Washington, and a sister Clara Cords of Seattle.

A mass of the resurrection was held Friday, November 10 at 11:00 at Mary Queen church and interment in the Superior cemetery under direction of Geraghty funeral home.

—Mineral Independent, Superior
HENRY A. RITTER
Born: November 14, 1879 - Died: February 3, 1972
Liberty County Times
February 10, 1972

Services February 7 for Henry Ritter

The Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard was the scene of funeral service Monday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. for Henry A. Ritter, retired Rudyard farmer, who died Feb. 3 in the Chestor hospital. He was 92.

Officiating at the funeral rites was Pastor Merton Peterson. Mrs. Jack Lincoln accompanied Walter Woods and O. K. Solium who sang two duets, "Old Rugged Cross" and "That Will Be Glory."

Pallbearers were Jerry Ritter, Ross Ritter, Claud Ritter, Ted Ritter, Kenneth Heydon and Roger Lincoln. Ushers were Arvid Blessing, Bruce Packer, and Ervin Lincoln.

Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Ritter was born in Dashwood, Ontario, Nov. 14, 1879. In Ellendale, N. D., Jan. 14, 1908, he married the former Sarah Herman, and the couple came to Rudyard in 1910 from North Dakota. Ritter served as a circuit minister in the area from 1910 to 1915, and later farmed until his retirement.

He was an elder of the Grace Evangelical Church north of Rudyard.

Survivors include his wife: sons, Clarence of Turner, Sam of Sidney, and Roland of Rudyard; a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Mary) Lincoln of Gildford; 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters.
Ed Ross, 59, died
May 12 services May 16

Funeral services for former Chester resident, Ed Ross, 59, who died Friday in Spokane, were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Dowling Funeral Home in Hamilton with the Rev. G. J. Mandigo officiating with burial in Riverview cemetery.

Ed was born in Chester May 16, 1912 and attended school here, marrying Myra Gifford in Great Falls in 1934. He worked as Liberty County Treasurer for 12 years prior to moving to Hamilton in 1953 when he went to work for a plumbing firm. In 1968 the couple moved to Helena and later lived in Spokane. He is survived by his wife in Spokane; two daughters, Mrs. Roger Keune of Hamilton and Mrs. Kenneth Hughes of Edwall, Wash.; two sons, Mark and Scott Ross, both of Spokane; his father, George Ross of Hamilton; five sisters, Mrs. Harry Lane, in Washington, Mrs. Dan Kitter of Missoula, Mrs. Charles Martin in North Dakota, Mrs. Harold Moen of Kalispell and Mrs. Les Matthews of Hamilton, and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Candace Watson.

 Pallbearers were Harry Peterson, Clare Pearson, Earl Hagen, Don Hughes, Don Fullerton and Hugh Kitter.
MATILDA SCHAFER
Born: December 6, 1896 - Died: October 12, 1972
Liberty County Times
October 19, 1972

Matilda Schafer
Died October 12, 1972
Services October 14

Funeral services for Mrs. Matilda Schafer of Shambo Route, Havre, were conducted at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 14 at the Chester United Methodist church with Rev. Leon Johnson officiating. Organist was Mrs. Don Anderson, and Pastor and Mrs. Lawrence Thompson of Rudyard sang, "The Old Rugged Cross," "It Is No Secret" and "Surely Goodness and Mercy."

Pallbearers were Charles and Robert Schafer, Kim Kafka, Randy Schafer, Sterling Wolery, and Ronald Mangold. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Brown, John Sears, Joe Harrison, Fred Sherburne, Terry Sherburne, and Ray Porter, all of East Glacier. Max Brown was the usher.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Mrs. Schafer died Thursday in a Great Falls hospital where she had been a patient since September 25.

She is survived by sons, Charles Schafer, Billings and William Schafer, Inverness and by daughters, Mrs. Inez Burgess, Havre and Mrs. Lada Kafka, Havre. Ten grandchildren and two great granddaughters also survive.

A daughter, Vivian, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Schafer was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, December 6, 1896. She came to the Chester area in 1910. October 11, 1916 she was married in Chester to Jacob Schafer. He died in 1955.

The past 18 years Mrs. Schafer spent her summers at East Glacier and the winters with the Lada Kafka family.
Howard J. Shults, long-time resident of the Inverness area, died during the week end at his home in Inverness. He was 74.

Funeral services were Friday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home, with interment in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Mrs. Stana Birdwell was the organist and Brent Streeper sang, "How Great Thou Art," and "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Pallbearers were Duane Fraser, Charles Han, Howard Hall, Robert Woods, William Strissel and Frank O'Neil. Honorary pallbearers were Alfred Rathbun, Walter Hovee, Harley Freeman, Bernard Storvik, Donald Meyer, Archie Frame, B. F. Phillips, Carl Domire and Hugo Johnson.

Masonic services were conducted by Emil Eliason, acting worshipful master for the Joplin Masonic Lodge.

Shults, born in Delaware, Ohio, January 13, 1898, came to the Big Sandy area in 1915 with his family. He later moved to Inverness, where he married the former Emma Mary Woods in July of 1924. He worked for 45 years as depot agent for the Great Northern Railroad in Inverness.

A 50 year member of the Joplin Masonic lodge and the Order of Eastern Star, Shults also belonged to the Shrine, the Grotto, and the White Shrine of Great Falls. He was a member of the Moose lodge.

His wife preceded him in death in 1958. Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Esther Sharp of Marion, Ohio; brothers, Dan of Shelby, Harold of Spokane, Washington, Ralph and Dosia of Hettinger, North Dakota and Hugh of Irving, Texas; and nieces and nephews.
CARMAN M. SKARI
Born: June 14, 1932 - Died: May 25, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 1, 1972

Active in community affairs, Skari was a former president of the Liberty County Arts Council, acted as a substitute teacher in the Chester school system and was a 4-H leader. He served as a delegate for District 14 to the 1972 Constitutional Convention.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mora MacKenon, whom he married Dec. 23, 1955, in Butte. Also surviving are daughters, Tala, 16, and Lisa, 6; brothers, Arlo and Morton of Chester; and his father, Oliver Skari of Great Falls. He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, Duane.

A memorial has been established in his name.

Rev. Burkhardt in his talk reviewed Carman's participation in community affairs including his election as Constitution Delegate. Rev. Burkhardt was also a delegate to the convention and had the opportunity to observe Carman representing the people of this area. Rev. Burkhardt had searched the minutes of the convention for an invocation Carman presented to the convention March 14, and read it as part of his talk: The invocation, said Rev. Burkhardt, represented to him Carman's deep sense of humility but dedication to the job of preparing the Constitution. The invocation went as follows: "As we begin a new day, may we continue to feel a sense of what we do. May we be aware of the limitations of our knowledge and the existence of our prejudices. May we be tempered by this self knowledge but not intimidated from making the decisions that we must. May we have confidence in our ability and a proper respect for the opinions of our fellow delegates. May we not forget that we represent not only those who sent us but also those who are not yet born. For this purpose we ask guidance, for knowledge, for wisdom, but mostly for tolerance and understanding. Amen."

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday, May 29, in the United Methodist church in Chester for Constitutional Convention delegate Carman M. Skari, 40, who died May 25 at his home 14 miles north of Chester.

Officiating at the services were the Rev. Dan Wandsers and the Rev. William Burkhardt. Organist was Mrs. Ruby Peterson, and Betty Jean Wolfe and Jack Seidlitz sang duets, "Singers of Life," and "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Mrs. Lawrence Gookin of Havre played several selections on the flute.

Ushers were M. Sterling Wardell and Richard McCrea. Pallbearers were Norm Buffington, Phil Buffington, Don Marble, Al Ploss, Stephen Brown and Richard Thielges. Honorary pallbearers were William Hunt, Darby O'Brien, Henry Hawks, Armand Anderson, Allen Kolstad, Joe Brannon, Dale Lyders, Bill Skinner, Bob Matson and Steve Asberg.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Skari was born in Petersburg, N. D. June 14, 1932. He came to Chester with his parents in 1947 from the western part of Minnesota, and made his home in Chester since that time. He attended Chester schools and Northern Montana College, and graduated cum laude from the University of Montana in Missoula with a BA in history.

He was a member of the Unitarian church of the Larger Fellowship.
BRADFORD ILLSLEY SKINNER
Born: October 12, 1881 - Died: January 1, 1972
Liberty County Times
January 13, 1972

Services for Bradford Illsley Skinner Jan. 5

Funeral services for Bradford Illsley Skinner, a pioneer of Liberty County, were held Wednesday, Jan. 5 at the Burns Funeral Chapel in Shelby.

Burial was in the Mountainview Cemetery with Rev. Woody Northcutt officiating.

He passed away in the Liberty County Nursing Home, Chester at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 1.

Skinner was born Oct. 12, 1881 in Brooking, S. D. He moved to Delta, Colo., as a boy and later came to Montana about 1910 where he began ranching and farming.

He married Ellen Elizabeth Clark Nov. 19, 1927. They lived together on a farm north of Lothair until her death. To this union two children were born, a son, Bill, who lives north of Lothair, and Betty Ann Limesand of Whitlash.

He is also survived by five grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Russel Bryan of Old Mexico, and Mrs. William Mathers of San Jose, Cal.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, Howard, Phillip and Elmer.

Pallbearers were Adolph Olson, Alvin Olson, Raymond Fritz, Lyle Glee, Herbert Fenger, and Wilmmer Fenger. Honorary pallbearer was Sid Rockman and organist was Donna Bennett.
Mrs. Bessie Smith Dies at 61

Mrs. Bessie Smith, 61, who had resided most of her life in the Great Falls area and recently lived in Rudyard, was dead on arrival Saturday at the Chester hospital after apparently being stricken at home.

She was born Nov. 30, 1910 in Java, S. D. and was raised there and in Fort Shaw and Great Falls. She married August Smith in Great Falls June 30, 1929. He died in 1952.

Survivors includes sons, Stanley, Great Falls; Ronald, Hingham and Donald, Browning; 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Shirley Kulpas, Lothair, and a brother Maurice Ewald, Rudyard.

The body was at Holland Bonine Funeral Home in Havre through Monday, taken to Great Falls on Tuesday. Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Croxford's Mortuary. Burial was in Highland cemetery. Memorials are requested to the Heart Fund.
MARIE JANE SMITH
Born: January 31, 1888 - Died: January 14, 1972
Liberty County Times
January 20, 1972

Mrs. Jane Smith, 83,
Died January 14,
Services, January 17

Marie Jane Smith, 83, died Friday, Jan. 14 in Chester. Services
were at 2 p.m. Monday at the Chester United Methodist Church in
Chester. Burial was in the Chester cemetery. The Rev. Daniel Wan-
ders officiated. Pallbearers were
Tom Gummer, Ben Oswood, Ron-
ald Patterson, Edwin Cramer, Dale
Muncy, Elmery Muncy. Ushers
were Alfred Hanson and Neil Shep-
herd.

The congregation sang “Old
Rugged Cross,” “What A Friend
We Have In Jesus” and “Let The
Lower Light Be Burning.”

Jane Smith was born in Three
Rivers, Ont. She moved to Montana

with her parents when she was a
child. She attended Fort Benton
schools. She married Charles Cra-
mer in March 1907. He died in

1919. She married W. A. “Pete”
Smith in Havre Sept. 3, 1930. He
died March 13, 1971.

Survivors include daughters,
Mrs. Hilda Gummer, Chester and
Mrs. Ethel Patterson, Great Falls;
a son, Vernon Cramer of Chester,
11 grand children, 12 great grand-
children; brother Ernest of Spo-
kane, sisters Cecelia Otis of Liv-
ingston and Helen Brigger of Post
Falls, Idaho.
## Services for Katharina Sneider

**August 3, Rudyard**

Mrs. Katharina W. Sneider, 83, of Rudyard, died in Chester July 30, following several years of ill health.

Pastor Lawrence Thompson officiated at 10:30 a.m. funeral services Thursday, Aug. 3 in Our Savior’s Lutheran church in Rudyard.

Organist was Mrs. Lawrence Thompson, and Pastor Thompson sang “Nearer My God To Thee” and “How Great Thou Art.”

Pallbearers were Arnold Goldberg, Bill Strissel, Frank Aevermann, Kenneth Boucher, Hugo Aspevig and Arthur Rugtvedt. Ushers were Clarence Patrick and LeRoy Aspevig.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery in Havre.

Born in Dickson County, Neb., April 10, 1889, she was raised and schooled in Concord, Neb. She came to the Rudyard area in 1916, and returned to Concord to marry William F. Sneider in February of 1917. The couple moved to Rudyard and homesteaded south of town.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1952. Survivors include children, Minna Sneider of Concord, Neb., Norman Sneider of Rudyard, and Mrs. Anna Gabbert of Chester; four grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Emma Einspahr, Holyoke, Colo., and Mrs. Mathilda Aevermann of Rudyard; and brothers, Bernard, Carl and Frederick Koch of Concord.
Evert E. Sparks
Died May 11, 1972
Services in Kansas

Evert E. Sparks, retired Alberta farmer and legislator, died Thursday, May 11 in Chester. He was 92.

Born in Mound Valley, Kansas Sept. 10, 1879, Sparks was educated in Kansas schools. He attended business college in Portland, Ore., and worked in Lewiston, Idaho until 1910 when he moved to Medicine Hat, Alta. to homestead. He married the former Jimmie L. Craven in Everett, Wash. July 10, 1910 and the couple farmed in Alberta until his retirement in 1944, when they moved to Thayer, Kansas.

His wife preceded him in death in 1945, and Sparks came to Montana in 1956 and made his home with a daughter in Inverness until 1963, when he moved into the Liberty County Nursing Home.

Sparks was elected to the Alberta legislature in 1921 and served for nine years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Order of Eastern Star in Thayer, Kan., and he belonged to the United Farmers of Alberta. He was a member of the Christian church.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Peterson, Inverness; a son, Edward, Sacramento, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. J. R. Gordon, Calgary, Alta.

Funeral service and interment were in Thayer, Kansas.
DARYL JOE SPICHER
Liberty County Times
December 28, 1972

Joe Spicher
Memorial services
Held Wednesday

Daryl Joe Spicher, 10, of Hingham died in Chester after a long illness. Prayer service was held Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at the Catholic church in Hingham and a memorial Mass was Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Born in Chester, survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Spicher, brothers, Daniel and Robert, Hingham; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mangold, Inverness and Mrs. Hildegarde Spicher, Hingham. Arrangements were by Holland and Bonine funeral home, Havre.
HAYES E. STARKS
Born: February 23, 1892 – Died: May 19, 1972
Liberty County Times
May 7, 1972

Hayes Starks

Hayes Starks was born in Michigan, when he was ten years old he moved to North Dakota. In 1910 he came to Montana and in 1913 homesteaded 32 miles north and east of Joplin, where he resided until selling the farm to John Tempel and moving to Mesa, Arizona in 1959. He improved on his land and set out 1500 trees for a shelter belt. At first times were very hard and there were no crops because of drought and grasshoppers. Hays married Tracie Langel in 1922. He believed in the Co-op movement and served on the Farmers Union Elevator and Oil Station Board of Directors in G.T.A. board in St. Paul for several years. Hays was a State Senator for four years. He was an accomplished musician and enjoyed playing until a month before he passed away, May, 1972.
MINERVA E. STIPP
Born: October 1, 1886 – Died: June 12, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 22, 1972

Services June 17
For Minerva Stipp

Funeral services were Saturday, June 17 at 2 p.m. in the United Methodist church in Chester for Mrs. Minerva E. Stipp, 85, Chester resident who died June 12 in Chester.

Officiating at the services was the Rev. Dan Wanders. Meredith Anderson was the organist. Dorothy Brown and Rose Ish sang two duets, “Rock of Ages,” and “Shall We Gather at the River.” The congregation sang “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.”

Pallbearers were Charles Lincoln, Harvey Seidlitz, Alfred Stone, Bud Greer, Russell Furlong and Emanuel Gabbert. Ushers were John Swank and Glenn LaValley.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Mrs. Stipp was born Oct. 1, 1886 in Lost Creek, Tenn., and raised in that area. She moved to Idaho in 1909 to care for an ailing sister, and on Jan. 6, 1910, in Kellogg, Idaho, was married to Arthur D. Stipp. The couple moved to Chester in 1910 and homesteaded southeast of Chester.

They returned to Arkansas in 1940 and in 1944 moved to Portland, Ore., coming back to Chester in 1946, where they operated the Stipp Lumber Co. Mrs. Stipp made her home in Chester since that time.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1956. Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Blanche Boyer and Mrs. Ruth Eveland, Chester, Mrs. Gladys Bonneville, Lafayette, Ore., Mrs. Ethel Still, Alpena, Ark., and Mrs. Mary Rudolph, Joplin; 20 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

A memorial has been established.
PHILLIP M. SVENNUNGSSEN
Born: January 30, 1915 - Died: August 3, 1972
Liberty County Times
August 10, 1972

Services Sunday, August 6 for Phil Svunnungsen

Philipp M. Svennungsen, 57, Rt. 1 South, Great Falls, owner and operator of Chevrolet garages in two northern Montana communities for a number of years, was dead on arrival at a Great Falls hospital Thursday.

Funeral services were Sunday at 2 p.m. in Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy. Rev. Phillips Rue officiated. Burial was in Big Sandy Cemetery.

Svennungsen was born Jan. 30, 1915 in LeRoy, Minn. When a child he came to Montana with his parents. He owned and operated the HiWay Chevrolet Garage in Big Sandy for many years. He then operated a Chevrolet garage in Chester. For the past few years he has been involved in a real estate business throughout the state.

Surviving are a daughter Mrs. Gary (Charlotte) Gray of Great Falls; twin sons, David J. and Donald, both of Great Falls; three granddaughters; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Madison of Big Sandy and Mrs. Don (Esther) Brown of Helena, and five brothers, Art and Rolf of Big Sandy, Amos and Paul of Shelby and Dave of Helena.

Final rites for Phil Svunnungsen

Pallbearers for Phil Svennungsen’s funeral Aug. 6 in Big Sandy were his five brothers, Amos, Paul, Dave, Rolf and Art, and Hugh Sweeney of Bigfork.

Mrs. Glen Skaalure and Robert Boettcher sang “In Heavenly Love Abiding” and “I Know Of A Sleep In Jesus Name.” The congregation sang “Beautiful Savior.”

Phil was born Jan. 30, 1915 in Le Roy, Minn. When a child he came to Montana with his parents. He was married to Betty Lloyd in 1937. The family lived in various places in Montana where Phil was engaged in garage business. The last few years were spent in real estate.
ARTHUR L. SWARENS
Born: ?, 1903 - Died: September 25, 1972
Liberty County Times
October 5, 1972

Arthur Swarens, 69
Dies in Indiana

Arthur Swarens

Arthur L. Swarens, aged 69, retired Methodist minister, residing since 1960 at 814 Pell Drive, Brazil, Indiana, and pastor of the Chester, Inverness, Hingham and Kremlin Methodist churches 1948-1951, died at home Monday morning, September 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Swarens received diplomas from DePauw University, and Garrett Theological Seminary, and had credits from Evansville College and Indiana Central College, and did graduate work at Butler University and Miami University. He held the A.B. and B.D. degrees.

After teaching in the Harrison County (Indiana) schools, he served 16 years as minister of Methodist churches in Indiana, leaving French Lick, Indiana to serve four years as Army chaplain during World War II in the West Indies and South America. Following the war he transferred to the Montana Conference, where he served as pastor of Methodist churches and as the regimental chaplain of the Montana Regiment of the 96th Division of the U. S. Army Reserve.

For 10 years Rev. Swarens was news correspondent for the Montana Conference, representing the Methodist churches to the state newspapers and to the church press. Rev. Swarens felt that civil rights is the number one moral issue of our time. The most spiritually rewarding accomplishment of his career was in race relations. When he was in the West Indies he selected a 12 year old Negro girl, Miss Kathleen Pigott, for a scholarship, and with funds raised from Army officers and men, and other friends, he put her through a private high school on her native island, then sponsored her passage to the United States where she attended eight years of college. She spent holidays and summer vacations in the Swarens home as a member of the family. With degrees from Montana University, the University of North Dakota, and Wayne State University, she

technician and instructor in the Hospital Laboratory of the University of the West Indies, Jamaica. She is married to Keith Moodie, manager of a hardware chain store and lives with her family in Kingston, Jamaica.

Rev. Swarens was transferred to the retired relationship by the Army Reserve in 1953, and was retired by the Methodist church in 1958, having served the Army for 11 years, and the active ministry of the church for 30 years. He was a member of the 32nd Degree Scottish Rite, the Masonic Lodge, the order of the Eastern Star, past chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Lions International, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mae Jones, of Bowling Green, Indiana, and two sons, Vernon, U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Darrell, a teacher at Laboratory School in Terre Haute, Indiana, and a brother Daniel, U. S. Navy, retired of San Diego.

Services at the Brazil First United Methodist Church were held Thursday, September 28, 1972 at 2:00 p.m.
MRS. BESSIE SWINNEY
Born: ?, 1896 - Died: April 8, 1972
Liberty County Times
April 20, 1972

Last rites for
Mrs. Bessie Swinney

The Rev. Conrad Rhoades officiated at the funeral rites for Mrs. Jennings Swinney, 76, Gilford, who died April 8 in Havre. Services were conducted at the Holland and Bonine funeral home April 11 at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Howard Bailey was the organist. Howard Bailey sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey sang "Ring the Bells of Heaven."

Pallbearers, all grandsons, were Dick Hansen, Jerry Staples, Gary Griffith, Bob Swinney, Dennis Staples, Chuck Griffith and Tom and Roger Swinney. Ushers were Emil Ellason and John McMaster.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery.
George Thielman
Services August 11,
Burial at Joplin

Joplin area farmer George Thielman, 60, died in Chester Monday, Aug. 7.

Born in Gardena, N. D., Dec. 19, 1911, Thielman married the former Margaret Sundgren in Havre in 1934. She survives him.

Also surviving is a daughter, Shirley Wangen, Mandan, N. D.; three grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Sitch of Chester and Mrs. Freda Dockter of Ellendale, N. D.; and brothers Harold and Edward of Chester.

He came to Montana with his family who homesteaded with his parents at Tiber. He later moved to the Joplin area where he was engaged in farming.

He was an active member of Bethel Lutheran church, Joplin.

Funeral services were Friday, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Joplin Lutheran church.

Pastor Donald Tigges officiated. Pallbearers were Leif N. Amundson, Errol Fossen, Albert Olson, David James, Clifford Zentzis and Paul S. Johnson. Ushers were David J. and Glenn LaValley.

Mrs. S. L. Anderson was at the organ, with Judy Lake singing "Beautiful Garden of Prayer." The congregation sang "Beautiful Savior" and the choir sang "How Great Thou Art."
JOHN THIES
Born: January 1, 1882 – Died: November 2, 1972
Liberty County Times
November 9, 1972

John Thies died
Oct. 24, services
Oct. 28 at Conrad

John Thies, 90, died at Liberty County hospital at Chester Octo-
ber 24. Funeral services were held at St. Michael's Catholic church in
Conrad Saturday. Burial was in
Mount Olivet cemetery, with the
Wyse funeral home in charge of
arrangement.

Thies was born in Wisconsin
January 1, 1882. He came to the
Ledger area and homesteaded in
1911, farming until his retirement
in 1955 when he moved to Conrad.
He resided in Conrad until his re-
cent illness. He was a member of
St. Michael's Parish for over 60
years.

Survivors include two sisters,
Anna Peters of Ledger and Mary
Moulton of Great Falls; and sev-
eral nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Larry Linn, El-
mer Philipps, Donald Koenig, La-
Vern Ries, Alfred Ries and Darrell
Meier.
Graveside rites for early
Kremlin homesteader

Pastor Jerome Einess officiated
Friday, Jan. 28 at 3 p.m. funeral
services in the Holland and Bonine
funeral home for Mrs. Emma Twedt
88, Kremlin area homesteader who
died in Havre Jan. 25.
Organist was Donna Ellison. The
congregation sang "Rock of Ages,"
and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."
Pallbearers were Earl Carpenter,
Lowell Johnson, Charles Melby,
Bob Koutnik, Joe Ervin and
Richard Vosen. Ushers were Ed
Haughen and Don Danell.
Burial was in the Highland ceme-
tery.
LLOYD B. TWEDT
Born: February 4, 1917 - Died: October 19, 1972
Liberty County Times
November 2, 1972

Funeral services in Hingham October 23 for Lloyd Twedt

The Hingham Lutheran church was the scene of funeral services Monday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m. for Lloyd B. Twedt, 55, Hingham area farmer, who died in a car accident near Helena October 19.

Pastors S. Jerome Elness, Gerald Mundson and Gerald Ebelt officiated at the services.

Pallbearers were Jim Grey, Evan Hansen, Dale Skaalur, Alton Sterry, Ralph Sylte and Jake Vavruska. Ushers were Robert Brandt, Leif Kapperud, Art Brekke and Robert Blake.

Sharon Spicher was the organist. Pastor Lawrence Thompson sang, "I'm A Pilgrim, I'm A Stranger," and Pastor Thompson and Terry Stevenson sang a duet, "Behold the Host." The congregation sang, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less," and Terry Stevenson sang "How Great Thou Art."

Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Twedt was born in Hingham February 4, 1917. He attended Hingham high school and Northern Montana college, and he lived and farmed in the Hingham area all of his life. He was also the local representative of Waddell and Reed.

He served on the board of regents of Concordia college in Moorhead, Minnesota. President of the Hingham Lutheran church council, he was active in the Lutheran church both locally and throughout the state.

He married the former Ranvig Roen in Hingham October 27, 1945. She survives him. Also surviving are children, Lyle, attending the University of Montana; Paul, at home, and Mrs. Chuck (Diana) Griffith, attending the University of Montana; one grandchild; sisters, Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Peterson of Hingham and Mrs. Gerald Amundson of Saratoga, California; a brother, Lowell, of Hingham, and his mother, Mrs. Esther Twedt of Hingham.
MRS. GILBERT (BESSIE) UNDERDAHL
Born: April 23, 1887 - Died: April 5, 1972
Liberty County Times
April 27, 1972

Mrs. Gilbert Underdahl
Passed away April 12,
Services held April 14

Mrs. Gilbert (Bessie) Underdahl, 84, 211 Smelter Ave., NW, Great Falls, died Wednesday morning in a local nursing home. Funeral services were Friday afternoon at Redeemer Lutheran church with Rev. Thomas Housholder officiating. Burial was in St. Olaf cemetery at Ledger. She was born April 23, 1887, in Iowa. Mrs. Underdahl and her husband moved to Great Falls in 1953 after retiring from ranching near Ledger. They were married June 21, 1919 in Silverton, Ore., where they lived until 1930 when they moved to Ledger. She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Borghild Thorp, Great Falls; sons, Irwin, Shelby, and Orlo, Conrad; 12 grandchildren; sisters, Josie Johnson of New Hampton, Iowa, Clara Sanderson, Cresco Iowa, and Lena Iverson of Rochester, Minn., and a brother, Henry Iverson, Caldwell, Idaho.

Her husband died Dec. 5, 1971.
JULIUS VAN DESSEL
Born: July 3, 1894 - Died: January 30, 1972
Liberty County Times
February 3, 1972

Julius Van Dessel
Died January 30,
Services today

Julius Van Dessel passed away at a Havre hospital Sunday morning, Jan. 30. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Interment is to be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Born in Baischot, Belgium, July 3, 1894, he came to Canada at the age of 17. After one year in Canada he moved to Montana where he set up a homestead near the Bears Den area. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I. After retiring from farming in 1958 they moved to Havre where they resided until moving to Chester in December of 1971.

He married Maude Hodges at Hingham Dec. 7, 1925.

Survivors include his widow; three sons, Norbert and Robert of Joplin and Donald of Chester; two daughters, Elva Moore of Havre and Mrs. Bert Alley, Joplin; one brother, Francis, Erie, Pa. and two sisters, Mathilda Dean of Baton Rouge, La. and Augusta in Belgium. Two sisters, Marie and Elsa preceded him in death. Twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive.

Last rites for
Julius Van Dessel

The Rev. Fr. Jordan Blecha officiated at funeral services Thursday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Chester farmer Julius Van Dessel, 77, who died Jan. 30 in Havre.

Organist was Donna Ellison and Judy Holsapple sang, “My Faith Looks Up to Me,” and “How Great Thou Art.”

Pallbearers were Eugene Bjornstad, Donald Fusk, Rex Gulick, Jim Laird, Eldon Graff, and John Duncan. Ushers were Howard Sterrett and Cliff Hatleberg.

Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Garden in Havre.
George Van Heesch
Died May 11,
Services May 15

Rosary was recited Sunday, May 14 at 8 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for retired farmer George N. Van Heesch, 79, who died in Chester May 11. Funeral services were Monday, May 15 at 10 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic church, Havre.

Van Heesch was born in New Rockford, N. D. May 21, 1892. He came from North Dakota to homestead north of Kremlin in 1917, left to serve during World War I, and returned to his farm, where he stayed until 1938 when he moved to the Spokane area for a few years. He spent six years in Fort Shaw, and came to Havre in 1957, making his home with his sister, Mrs. Kate Donoven.

Survivors include his sister and several nieces and nephews.
Sifrín G. Vossen
Rites January 28

Sifrín G. Vossen, 83, retired Kremlin homesteader, died in a Helena rest home Friday, Jan. 28.

Funeral mass was at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at St. Cyril and Methodius church in East Helena. Graveside services were Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the Calvary cemetery in Havre.

Vossen was born May 31, 1888, in Green Valley, Minn. He came to Montana in 1910 and homesteaded south of Kremlin. He farmed in this area until 1947, when he retired and moved to East Helena. He was hospitalized in October of 1971 and later moved to a nursing home.

Nov. 30, 1918, he married the former Mary C. Casey, who survives him. Also surviving are children, Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Thiepen, Helena; John (Jack) S. Vossen, Glasgow and William (Bill) D. Vossen, Kremlin; 17 grandchildren; and four sisters, Mrs. Harry Cady, Kremlin, Mrs. Florence Holdorf, Butte, Mrs. Lilla Adamson, California and Mrs. Max Turk, Wisconsin. A brother preceded him in death in 1971.
EDMART WALKMAN
Born: March 11, 1906 – Died: June 5, 1972
Liberty County Times
June 29, 1972

Edmart Walkman
Services June 9,
June 29, 1972

Funeral services for Edmart Walkman were conducted at the Burns Funeral Home in Shelby on Friday, June 9 with the Rev. John Gronli of St. Luke's Lutheran church officiating and burial was in Mountainview cemetery. Pallbearers were Andy Senger, Gary Green, Bud Orvis, Leroy Gragg, Bill Stover and James H. Allmaras.

Organist was Mrs. Beth Iverson and Miss Dinah Lindberg sang “In the Garden” and the “Old Rugged Cross.”

Members of VFW Post 2484 conducted graveside services.

Edmart Edward Walkman was born in the Crimea in Russia on March 11, 1906, the son of Karl and Luisa Walkman. He served in the Air Force in World War II and for many years was engaged in farming near Chester. He passed away at the Toole county hospital on June 5 after a short illness.

Survivors include the widow; four brothers, Jake of Chester; John in Essex; Art in Great Falls and Oscar in Helena; two sisters, Mrs. Emily Sigler of Milwaukee, Wis. and Wilma Chase, of Long Beach, Cal. and an uncle, Ed Malberg of Sunburst.
CLARENCE B. WILLIAMS
Born: March 14, 1898 - Died: April 19, 1972
Liberty County Times
April 27, 1972

Clarence Williams
Passes April 19,
Services April 22

Following a period of failing health, Clarence B. Williams, 74, retired brick layer, died Wednesday in Havre.
The Rev. Curtis Lee officiated at funeral services Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home.
Organist was Donna Ellison. Pastor Lowell Anderson sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "My Hope Is Built."
Pallbearers were Homer Randolph, Noel Davidson, Ralph E. Anderson, Ray Ellis, Richard LaSalle and Leonard Bogut.
Burial was in the Highland cemetery.
Born March 14, 1898, in Minnesota, he moved to Montana in his early life, locating in Chester area where his parents were homesteaders. He moved to Havre in 1933.
Williams was married Nov. 25, 1921, to the former Annie Taplin, who survives at their Havre home. Other survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Ray (Thelma) Crawford, Mrs. John (Charlotte) Rominger and Mrs. Gordon (Barbara) Rominger, all of Havre; two sons, Charles Williams of Havre and Earl Williams of Butte; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, in addition to one sister, Mrs. Al (Irene) Lathrop of Havre, and two brothers, Everett Williams of Palm Springs, Cal., and Hubert Williams of Seaside, Ore. One brother, Charles preceded him in death.
A memorial has been established in his name at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd.
MRS. HENRY B. (IRENE) WOLF
Born: April 12, 1893 - Died: January 11, 1912
Liberty County Times
January 13, 1972

Irene Wolf died,
Services Jan. 19

Mrs. Henry B. (Irene) Wolf, Joplin, passed away in the Liberty County Nursing Home Tuesday night, Jan. 11.
Funeral services will be Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church, Joplin. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Havre. Holland and Bonine are in charge of funeral arrangements.
A complete obituary will be printed next week.

Mrs. Irene Wolf died
January 11, services
Wednesday, January 19

Joplin resident Mrs. Irene G. Wolf, 78, died Tuesday, Jan. 11 in Chester.
Mrs. Wolf was born in Custer, S. D. April 12, 1893. She married Henry B. Wolf in Chester June 7, 1917. She lived in the Joplin area for 48 years, and taught school south of Chester for many years.
She was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church and Royal Neighbors of America.
Her husband preceded her in death in 1970. Survivors include sons, Gordon of Seattle and Robert of Crookston, Minn.; daughters, Mrs. Lucille Cady, Joplin, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Seattle, Mrs. Betty Van Dyke, Pocomoke, Md., Mrs. Eileen Wolery, Turner and Mrs. Lella Berg, Carlisle, Iowa; 24 grandchildren and several great grandchildren; and sisters, Mrs. Homer Roushe, New Carlisle, Ohio and Mrs. Alice Mortha, Riverside, Cal.
Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. in Bethel Lutheran Church, Joplin, with burial in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.
Pallbearers were Frank Meldrum, Edward Milnar, Elsworth Graff, Delmar Wolfe, Thomas Wood and Sandy Anderson. Ushers were Maynard Johnson and Clifford Thorson.
THOMAS WRIGHT
Born: November 14, 1890 - Died: April 6, 1972
Liberty County Times
April 13, 1972

Thomas Wright, 81
Died April 6,
Services April 10

Thomas Wright, 81, long-time resident of Chester, died at the Liberty County Nursing Home April 6.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic church, Chester, April 10 with Rev. Owen Pharris officiating and burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons of Mr. Wright. They were Duane Wright, Paul Zorn, Monty Nealy, Bruce Jacobson, William Flowers and Larry Lambott.

Mr. Wright was born Nov. 14, 1890 in Petersburg, N. D. and came to Chester in 1929. He managed Buttrey's Food Store for a number of years.

He took office as county treasurer in 1939 and served four years and was deputy county treasurer for two years. He was also city treasurer for 20 years.

He later opened a store, known as Wright's Market, which he operated until his retirement in 1958.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Maynard (Cletus) Johnson, and sons, Bob Wright and Jack Wright, all of Chester; 14 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Frances, one daughter, Phyllis and one son, Lynn.

Memorials go to Liberty County Nursing Home.
Services for Carl Yurman, 67, held Friday, July 21

Retired Chester farmer Carl Hans Yurman, 67, died on July 13 at the University of Minnesota Hospital.

Funeral services were Friday, July 21 at 10 a.m. in Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Chester with burial in the Chester cemetery.

Yurman was born in Akmolinsk, Siberia, Nov. 17, 1904. He came to the United States with his family in 1907, and homesteaded with his parents north of Chester. He remained in this area all his life.

He was a member of the Elks club, and a charter member of the Chester Lions club. An ardent outdoorsman, Yurman was an active hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, the former Elsie Hanek, who he married in Shelton, Wash., in 1941. Also surviving is a daughter Susan, at the home, and a brother, John J. Yurman of Anchorage, Alaska.

Pall bearers were Charles Green, Ed Swank, Gus Robo, Raymond Fritz, Leonard Fritz and Jennings Mattson.

Honorary pallbearers were Mark Reisenauer, Nick Laas, Walter Laas, Carl Harlem, Ed Thieltman, and Robert Albright.

Pastor Tigges officiated at the services. Renee Rude and Valerie Thrasher sang “In the Garden” and “Old Rugged Cross.”

Congregational hymn “How Great Thou Art” with Blanche Remington as organist. Burial was in the Chester cemetery. Holland and Bonine were in charge of arrangements.