ERVIN ALFRED AFDALH
Born: March 19, 1894 - Died: December 21, 1980
Liberty County Times
December 25, 1980

Funeral held for Ervin Afdahl

Ervin Alfred Afdahl was born on March 19th, 1894 in Baldwin, Wisconsin. His parents were Knute and Josephine (Johnson) Afdahl, and he was the second eldest of four children. Ervin attended schools in Baldwin, then in 1913 came with his parents to Montana, where they homesteaded 3 miles northwest of Rudyard.

Times were tough in those early years with the hazards of drought, cutworms, grasshoppers, etc., so Ervin helped on the family farm during the summer months, but spent the winter months working on a ranch and at the lumber mills near Kalispell. On June 26th, 1918 he married Bernadette LeCuyer in Havre. They took over the family homestead in 1928. Bernadette died in 1933, so Ervin kept himself busy with the farm work and raising their three children. On October 20th, 1959 he married Ella Grayson in Marshtown, Iowa. They made their home in Rudyard in 1962, but Ervin continued to farm until 1971, when failing eyesight forced him to retire. Following a relatively short illness, Ervin died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the early morning of Sunday (December 21st). He was 86 years old. Ervin had been a Rudyard school board member for many years and had been active in the Farmer's Union. He was also a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Ervin loved the Hi-Line area and the people here. His greatest love was agriculture; nothing pleased him more than driving a tractor, working with cattle, or bringing in the harvest! His favorite pasttime was reading a good book.

Survivors include his wife, Ella of Rudyard; 2 sons, Kenneth of Rudyard and Elmer of Shoshone, Idaho; 1 daughter, Mrs. Dale (Loyce) Lumsden of Havre; 1 brother, John of Great Falls; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. Ervin was preceded in death not only by his parents and his first wife, but also by a brother (Clarence) and a sister (Hilda).

Funeral services were held Friday, December 26th, at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. The Reverend Gregory Kaiser officiated. Special vocal music by Mike Stevenson included "Whispering Hope" and "Beyond the Sunset", accompanied by Mrs. Stanleigh Barbie on the organ. Pallbearers were Clarence Wendland, Clifford Ulmen, Morris Ewald, Alfred Voss, Joe Domire and Leander Schweitzer. Friends serving as honorary bearers included Selmer Sanvik, Adolph Klemetson, Ted Langel, Leland Flint, Harland Wendland, Clarence Wehr and Albert Budeau. Interment was in the Hingham Cemetery, after which a luncheon was given for family and friends at the church. Funeral arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel in Chester. A memorial fund is being established.
EUGENE MORRIS (GENE) ANDERSON
Born: October 17, 1922 - Died: January 15, 1980
Liberty County Times
January 24, 1980
Funeral held for Eugene Anderson

Eugene Morris ("Gene") Anderson was born on his folks' homestead south of Joplin on October 17th, 1922. His parents were Joseph and Marguerite (Zech) Anderson and he was one of 4 children. Gene attended Hay Coulee country school and Joplin High School, graduating in 1941. He had been active in F.F.A. and was given a State Farmer award. Following high school he helped on the family farm, then purchased his own farm located about 17 miles south of Joplin. In the fall of 1949 he married Zetta R. Holzheimer, and they have farmed together since that time. Gene had been a Boy Scout leader and master for many years and was a past member of the Shelby Elks Club. He liked to bowl for recreation, but spent his leisure hours reading "historical westerns". In recent years he thoroughly enjoyed camping and traveling. Gene suffered a sudden attack at home and died on the early morning of Tuesday, January 15th. He was 57 years old.

Survivors include his wife, Zetta of Joplin; 3 sons, Earl Joseph ("Joe") of Billings, John Allen of Seattle, and Gary Wayne of Joplin; 1 daughter, Marguerite Louise ("Marg") of Billings; 1 brother, Larry of Chester; 1 sister, Mrs. Robb (Joanne) Smith of Great Falls; 4 grandchildren, Travis, Carol, Kari and Erica; and aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother (George), and two infant sons (William Eugene and Donald Chester).

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Jan. 17th at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Reverend John Olson of Bethel and Reverend David Barker of Our Savior's Lutheran in Chester officiated. Organist Iris White accompanied vocalist Wayne Wardell, who sang "How Great Thou Art", "Rock of Ages", and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Friends serving as pallbearers included Harley Rudolph, Ellsworth Graff, Kenneth Miller, Lawrence Terwolbeck, Bill Wood and Tom Wood. Ushers were Larry Olson and Duane Johnson and honorary bearers included Jim Laird, Ken Han, Charles Han, Clark Buffington, Joe Terwolbeck and Lyle Mansfield. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery under the direction of the Rockman Chapel, Chester. Following graveside services, a luncheon was given to family and friends by the Bethel ALCW ladies in memory of Gene.
LESTER CRIS AUSTIN
Born: October 31, 1894 - Died: November 3, 1980
Liberty County Times
November 13, 1980

Lester Austin services held

Lester Cris Austin, an early day homesteader and farmer in the Minneota Community North of Inverness and Rudyard passed away the morning of November 3, 1980 at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre at the age of 86.

Mr. Austin was born to Martin and Alice Austin in Osage Becker County, Minnesota October 31, 1894. He accompanied his parents from Park Rapids, Minnesota to Northern Montana in 1910 when the family secured a homestead claim. Because of the Austin family's promising reports about the land in and around the Minneota Community other friends and relatives soon followed to help settle the area.

Enlisting in the army in 1917, after having completed a mechanics course on airplane engines in Kansas City, Missouri, Lester was stationed for a period of time at Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas before shipping to England. He spent his war duration in London, receiving the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Mr. Austin farmed with his father until Martin's passing in 1941 and he continued to farm until his retirement in 1950. His mother, Alice passed away in 1951.

Lester married the former Irene Kops who preceded him in death in 1969. Survivors are three step-children: Melvin and Franklin Kops of Havre and Mrs. Charles (Bernyce) Mills of Puyallup, Washington and also six step-grandchildren. Also, surviving are cousins: George Clink, Mrs. Clive (Lillian) Owens of North Inverness; Mrs. Jerry (Mary Lois) Hybner of North Rudyard; Elwin Stanford of Libby; Raymond Stanford of Joplin; Mrs. Charles (Maxine) Naber of Havre; Dorothy Naber of Great Falls; Wilma Ball of McGill, Nevada; and Mrs. Gilman (Mildred) Anderson of Rushford, Minnesota as well as many grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Holland and Bonnies Funeral Home Thursday, November 6th at 2:00 p.m. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery, Havre. A memorial has been established.

Serving Pastor was Rodney Kvanme; organist, Bill Lisenby; soloist, Zarren Pasma singing "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art"; Pallbearers were Bruce Packer, Clive Owens, Jerry Hybner, Bert Adams, Kenneth Bangs and Olyn C. Wolery.
CHRISTOPH (CHRIS) BAUDER
Born: June 2, 1917 - Died: October 9, 1980

Liberty County Time
October 16, 1980

1955-1971. On July 19th, 1957 he married Violet M. Hanson in Shelby, Montana. They made their home in Chester, where Violet (“Butch”) has babysat for many families and more recently has worked at the Chester Trading Company. From 1971 until May of this year Chris worked at the Marathon Equipment Company. Following a short stay at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Chris died on the early morning of Thursday (October 9th) at the age of 63 years.

Chris was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. He was also a member of the V.F.W. Bakke Post #3997 and the American Legion. In past years, he had been an avid hunter and fisherman. As far as sports were concerned, his great love was stock-car racing. In fact, he had built a couple of stock-cars in years past. His private hours were spent reading and tinkering with an old accordion.

Survivors include his wife, Violet of Chester; 7 brothers, Richard of Great Falls, Edward of Bridgeham, Michigan, Reuben, Milbert and Walter all of Seattle, Washington, Harvey of McLaughlin, South Dakota, and Ervin of Castro Valley, California; 3 sisters, Mrs. John (Ernestine) Ballard of Visalia, California, Mrs. Eugene (Viola) Stotz of McLaughlin, South Dakota, and Mrs.'Carroll (Bernice) Record of Buena Park, California; and many nieces and nephews. Chris was preceded in death by his parents, a brother (Fred in 1968), and a sister (Hilda in 1980).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, October 13th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend David Barker officiated. The congregation sang “Just As I Am”, accompanied by Marion Thielman on the organ. A special vocal number by Wayne Wardell was “What A Friend We Have in Jesus.” Pallbearers were Dave Herron, Jim Carter, Bob Moog, Cliff Krejci, Leo Jensen and Glen Enghusen. Honorary bearers included Bob Aitken, Dennis Kenfield, Ray Zorn, Paul Overlie, Porky Lerum, Bill Woods, Tim Campbell, Buzz Zorn and Stanley Thisselle.

There was also a special tribute by members of the V.F.W., American Legion, and V.F.W. Auxiliary. Interment followed in the Chester Cemetery with military rites. “Taps” were played by bugler, Dave Gunder-son. Following graveside services, a luncheon was held for family and friends back at the church basement. Arrangements were handled by the Rockman Funeral Chapel. A memorial fund will be established.

Services held for
Chris Bauder

Christoph (“Chris”) Bauder was born on June 2nd, 1917 in Bowdle, South Dakota. His parents, Jacob and Caroline Bauder, had homesteaded there. They raised a big family; Chris being one of thirteen children.

Chris attended schools in Bowdle and McLaughlin. He then worked on the family farm. At the outbreak of World War II, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. Chris served in the Aleutian Islands Campaign. After serving three years in the military, he was discharged in 1945. In the late 1940's he came to Brady, Montana where he worked on various farms and at the International dealership there. In 1952 he moved to Joplin and took employment at the Hi-Line Equipment Company. Three years later he moved to Chester where he worked as a mechanic for the Keith Chevrolet Company from
LLOYD EVANS BERG
Born: July 6, 1910 - Died: December 21, 1980
Liberty County Times
January 1, 1981

Funeral held for Lloyd Berg, 70

Lloyd E. Berg

Lloyd Evans Berg was born in Nelson County, North Dakota on July 6th, 1910. His parents were Alfred and Andrina (Wikorn) Berg, and he was one of twelve children in the family. In his younger years he attended school in North Dakota and was baptized and confirmed Lutheran. In his teens he worked with his parents on the family farm. Then in 1936 he ventured west into Montana, looking for work. He came to the Harlem community and opened an auto repair garage in Hays. In 1939 he moved to Chester, where he ran a repair shop and sold Minneapolis Moline machinery. In 1944 Lloyd was united in marriage to Janet Marshall. That same year he sold his shop to his brother, Emmers (that garage is now "Chester Motors"), and he purchased the Roosevelt Service Station from Ernie Blanchard. He ran the station for a few years before selling it to Bert Nordstrom. Lloyd then went to Browning where he operated the Browning Meat Market. He went back to North Dakota in 1948 where he sold automobiles in Van Hook. He returned to Winnett, Montana in 1952 where he continued to work in the auto sales business. In 1966 he retired and moved to Great Falls. On the evening of Sunday, December 21st, Lloyd died at a Great Falls Hospital at the age of 70 years. He had been a member of the Eagles Lodge in Lewistown. His favorite pasttime was fishing.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Mrs. Victor (Deborah) Hansen of Great Falls and Mrs. Ben (Lana) Stewart of Lewistown; 5 brothers, Emmers of Chester, Jessel of Great Falls, Lyle of Florence, Oregon, Jadie of Livingston and Excel of Livingston; 5 sisters, Mrs. Ben (Affel) Manwiller of Great Falls, Mrs. Ardie Nelson of Morton, Washington, Mrs. Alfaria Jacobson of Eugene, Oregon, Mrs. Aronia Averill of Wolf Point and Mrs. William (Ansie) Hurd of Junction City, Oregon; 6 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. Lloyd was preceded in death by a sister in infancy, in 1931, by his father in 1943, and by his mother in 1967.

Memorial services were held on Saturday (December 27th) at 11 a.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend David Barker of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiated. Special vocal and guitar music provided by Carole Hanson included "Nearer My God To Thee" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere". The body had been cremated per decedent's request, and the remains were interred in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. A memorial luncheon was given for family and friends at Our Savior's Church basement following funeral services. Memorials will be given to donor's choice.
GUSTAV (GUST) ADOLPHUS BERGSLAND
Born: March 18, 1885 - Died: September 2, 1980

Liberty County Times
September 12, 1980

Gustav (“Gust”) Adolphus Bergsland was born on March 18th, 1885 in Walsh County, Vernon Township, North Dakota. His parents, Halvor Tjostel Bergsland (born in Bamble, Norway) and Elletine Anderson (born in Krager, Norway), had immigrated to the United States in about 1870. Gust’s father had been a sailor for 13 years before he became a farmer. His father had a tree claim near Park River, North Dakota (in the Golden Valley), so Gust spent his early years there. Gust was the youngest of six children, was baptized Lutheran, and attended the Garfield school in Park River. In the early 1900’s his family went to LeDuc, Canada where his dad homesteaded. Three years later they returned to Dakota. In 1906, with his brother Ted, Gust made his first trip to Montana, getting a cheap ticket as Montana was in great need of laborers. After working awhile, they “rode the rails” back to North Dakota, and Gust vowed never again to travel unless he had the “price of a ticket”. In 1912 or 1913 he returned to Montana and homesteaded at Homestead (near Plentywood). Due to debts he sold this homestead and in 1923 attended the Modern Automobile Tractor School in Spokane, Washington. He worked in many places and did many kinds of work to make a living, but his trade was carpentry. He lived in Liberty County in the 1940’s through the mid-1950’s, and built many wood granaries that still remain on local farmsteads. He then retired and moved to Bremerton, Washington where he lived for the next 20 years. Gust returned to Chester on April 6th, 1979 to live at the Sweetgrass Lodge and has been here since. He never did forget Chester, and kept his subscription to the local paper those 20 years in Washington! On Tuesday morning (September 2nd) Gust suffered an attack at the Lodge and was taken to the Liberty County Hospital where he died later that day. In March of this year he had celebrated his 95th birthday. Gust was a very polite gentleman with a good sense of humor. He enjoyed to read, and particularly enjoyed Alaska and Montana scenic magazines. He loved the challenge of a hard crossword-puzzle. He had been an excellent fiddler, in fact, wanted to get back to playing the violin and was looking for a good used one! His great love was traveling, and had taken many bus trips, and had always enjoyed showing slides of these tours to friends and relatives. Gust was an avid user of Health Food Vitamins and stayed away from foods with preservatives in them. He enjoyed good health and a good mind for 95 years. He will be missed by those who knew him...

Gustav was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers (Carl and Ted), and 3 sisters (Alma, Johanna and Handa). His only survivors are an adopted niece, Devina Felt of St. Thomas, North Dakota, and numerous cousins, including Josie Wolfe of Chester.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday (September 4th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend David Barker of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Chester officiated. Special guitar and vocal music by Mrs. Carole Hanson included “In the Garden” and “Abide With Me”. Pallbearers were Delmar, Kenneth, Dean and Roger Wolfe. Burial was in the Erickson Cemetery south of Chester. Following graveside services a memorial luncheon was held for family and friends at the Sweetgrass Lodge.
Mary Bright, 70

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Bright were conducted at Holland and Bonine Chapel Friday afternoon, December 5th with the Rev. William Thomas, pastor of the Van Orsdel Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in Highland Cemetery.

A memorial to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch has been established.

Marilyn Nelson was organist and David Rice sang, "What a Friend We have in Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Dean McFadden, Charles Lineweaver, Albert Gifford, Don Cross, Ralph Peterson and Alvin Barbie.

Mary V. Bright died in a Havre hospital Tuesday, December 2. She was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The family moved to the north Rudyard area when she was a child. She married Clarence E. Bright in 1934 in Havre. They lived on the Hi-Line for most of their married life. They spent two years in Idaho just before Bright's death in May 1965. She returned to Rudyard for nine years, then moved to Havre in 1974. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Arvid (Arlene) Blessing, Rudyard; a sister, Dorothy Sauer, Pinehurst, Idaho; brothers, Emery Adams, Pinehurst, and James Adams, Inverness, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
Myrtle Alice Broadhurst was born March 13th, 1907 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her parents were Knute and Christine (Stromberg) Berg, and she was one of seven children in the family. She attended early schooling in Minneapolis, then moved with her family to Montana where her father "homesteaded" in the Ledger area. Several years later, Myrtle moved to Algoa, Iowa with her mother and graduated from high school there in 1925. During her last year of H.S. she received "normal training" for teaching certificate, and taught country school at Plum Creek, Iowa in the few years that followed.

She returned to Chester in early 1928, and in November of that year married Austin Broadhurst in Great Falls. They took over her father's home-stead, which still remains in the family today. They wintered in Chester and summered on the farm; she still found time to substitute teach in Chester on occasion. In 1947 she started working for the U.S. Postal Department on an intermittent basis. From 1957 until she retired in 1976, she worked full-time as a postal clerk at the Chester office.

Myrtle had been extremely active in various organizations over the years. She was a past member and president of the old Chester "Women's Club" and more recently belonged to the B.P.W.C. She helped organize the Brownies in Chester and then served as a Girl's Scout leader for several years. She had recently been awarded a 30-year pin for her work in the American Cancer Society, serving both as Liberty County chairman and on the state board of this organization. She had also served on the Liberty County Hospital Board and Library Board.

Recent club memberships included CowBelles and Garden Club. In addition, she was very much interested in the success of the Liberty County Arts Council and Museum. Last but not least was her active involvement in St. Olaf's Church and A.L.C.W. in Ledger. Myrtle had many hobbies including gardening and flowers, cooking and baking, and quilting and crocheting. In years past she even tried her hand at writing poetry. At age 50 she began taking piano lessons! Friends were always welcome at "Gramma Myrtle's" house, and she always had on a 'smile' and the coffee pot. She cared deeply for her family and had more than enough loving guidance to go around.

Myrtle died at the age of 73 years on the evening of December 13th at the Liberty County Hospital. It's ironic that she died from the ailments of cancer, a disease that attacked her only 5 months ago but became of great concern to her some 30 years ago. For this reason a memorial fund will be established to the American Cancer Society.

Myrtle's survivors include 2 daughters, Gloria Lomen of Chester and Mrs. Bernie (Alice) Bach of Fort Benton; 1 son, Kenneth "Bud" of Chester; 2 sisters, Violet Bauder and Betty Hanson, both of Chester; 2 brothers, Harold Berg of Troy and Charles Hanson of Algona, Iowa; 14 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, 1 sister in infancy, 1 brother (Kenneth Berg), and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 17th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with the Reverend David Barker officiating. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art", one verse of which was whistled as a special tribute. Marion Thielman accompanied on the organ. Special vocal and guitar music by Carole Hanson included "The Lord is My Shepherd". Ushers for the event were Bob Cushing and Dean Wolfe, and pallbearers were John Sherrard, Ted Underdal, Allen Kolstad, Don Buffington, Irvin Hutchison, and Robert Pugsley (Jr.). Memorial bearers included "all of Myrtle's many friends". Interment was in the Chester Cemetery, followed by a luncheon given by St. Olaf's A.L.C.W. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.
Marlin Coats services held

Funeral services for Marlin William Coats were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. Rev. Tim Hutlar officiated at the service at Froid Congregational Church; interment was in Froid South Cemetery. Mr. Coats, 78, died Saturday evening; November 1, at Roosevelt Memorial Hospital in Culbertson.

Marlin William Coats was born at Corona, South Dakota, May 18, 1901; a son of William and Alvina Coats. When Marlin was 6 weeks old, the family moved to Montana, where they homesteaded East of Froid. He married Edith Poling at Poplar November 22, 1933. He spent many years farming, working for Roosevelt County, and was a mechanic for Jacobson Implement in Alexander, North Dakota and John Deere Implement in Chester, Montana. They enjoyed fishing as a pastime. He was a member of Froid Congregational Church.

Marlin is survived by his wife, Edith; two sons: Keith, of Vancouver, Washington; and Dean, of Rock Springs, Wyoming; a daughter, Marlene, Mrs. Oliver Urdahl, of Froid, eight grandchildren and one great grandson. A sister, Esther Walker, of Spokane, Washington also survives.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Art and Lealand Coats; an infant son, Dwain, and a granddaughter, Jana Coats.
AMELIA B. DEMAREST
Born: December 2, 1894 – Died: January 9, 1980
Liberty County Times
January 17, 1980

Amelia Demarest funeral held

Amelia Demarest

Amelia B. Demarest, 85, died Wednesday, January 9 at the Toole County Memorial Hospital. Services were held at the Whitlash Presbyterian Church with Reverend Robert Hermstad officiating. Interment was at the Whitlash cemetery with a memorial dinner following the service at her ranch home.

Born in Great Falls December 2, 1894, she grew up in the Sweetgrass Hills. She married Harry S. Demarest in 1911 at the home of her parents John and Mary Jane Brown. They ranched in the Sweetgrass Hills their entire life.

Mrs. Demarest was a lifetime member of both the National and local CowBelles Association and a charter member of the Whitlash Presbyterian Church. She was active in the local republican clubs, the home demonstration club and Eastern Star. Amelia was instrumental in the building and activities of the Whitlash Liberty Hall and the present Whitlash Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are their four children; one son, Claude Demarest of Whitlash and three daughters: Mable Iverson, Shelby, Helen Weber, Kalispell and Lucille Ritter, Lakeside; and two sister-in-laws, Mrs. Harold (Vera) Brown of Seattle and Mrs. Elmer (Randi) Brown of Shelby. Mr. Demarest preceded her in death in 1972.
ROSE MARIE DOLEZAL
(SISTER MARY FRANCINE DOLEZAL)
Liberty County Times
March 6, 1980

Services held for Sister Francine

Rosary for a longtime official at Sacred Heart Medical Center (Spokane) who died Friday Feb. 22 in Mount St. Joseph's infirmary was held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25 at Mount St. Joseph's. Funeral for Sister of Providence Mary Francine Dolezal, 76, at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 26th in the Chapel, with burial to follow in Holy Cross Cemetery. The Rev. Joseph Nealen officiated.

Sister Mary Francine supervised the maternity department at Sacred Heart from 1938 to 1947 and then from 1964 to 1968. She was assistant supervisor of the hospital's school of nursing from 1955 to 1964. In 1968 she began serving as patient Coordinator at Sacred Heart. She retired in June 1979. One project of Sister Mary Francine was the decorating every Christmas of Providence auditorium where her artistic talents became part of everyone's appreciation of the holiday season. A biographical article in a recent Heart Beat magazine, said "no need of a patient or employee was ever too small for Sister Francine to give her immediate attention". Sister will be remembered by all who knew her as a dedicated, pleasant, and kind friend, who was always there when she was needed.

Pall Bearers were Sister Amedee Marie, Sister Cyprien, Sister Pauline, Margaret Olney, Betty Harrington and Pinkie Hutton.

Sister Mary Francine was born in Olivia Minn., as Rose Marie Dolezal.

She is survived by three brothers, Frank of Olivia, Minn., Ben of Lewistown, Mont. and John of Chester, Mont. Three sisters; Cecilia Rockman, Three Forks, Mont., Mary Miller, Juneau, Alaska and Lillian Serhus, Olivia, Minn.
CARL ADOLPH DOMIRE
Born: October 27, 1895 - Died: August 22, 1980
Liberty County Times
August 28, 1980

Carl Domire services were held Tuesday

Carl Adolph Domire was born in Portland, North Dakota on October 27th, 1895. He was one of five children born to Olaf and Mathilda (Olson) Domire. He came to Montana in 1910 with his parents, who homesteaded in the Goldstone community 20 miles north of Rudyard. Carl has essentially lived in Montana his entire adult life. He never married. He worked as a farm laborer in the Inverness and Rudyard communities. For years he lived alone in the Inverness Hotel. He moved to Rudyard about 7 years ago and lived at the Grand Hotel there. This spring he entered the Liberty County Rest Home, where he has resided since. Early Friday morning (August 22nd) he died at the Liberty County Hospital. He was 84 years old.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 26th, at 2 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend David Barker of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiated. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "Children of the Heavenly Father", accompanied by Iris White on the organ.


Carl is survived by 2 sisters, Mrs. Mabel Rivitt of Seattle and Mrs. A. Lenore Connolly of Rudyard; 1 sister-in-law, Ann Domire of Rudyard; and many nephews & nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 brothers (one died in infancy and Bennie died on July 4th, 1979).
Catherine Donovan

dies in Illinois

Catherine Patricia Donovan of Melrose Park, Illinois, formerly of Rudyard died of heart cancer December 30 after a brief illness. She was 56.

Survivors include her husband Arthur Donovan, daughters Ellen Donovan of Boston, Massachusetts, Mary Irwin of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, stepmother Mabel Mullikin of Covington, Kentucky, sisters Mabel Ruth Ehresman of Beverly, Kentucky; Cordelia Kopolow of Covington; Beth Hanleck, Palatka, Florida; brother, Charles Mullikin, Racine, Wisconsin. (Catherine's brother Robert died in 1969.)

Catherine was confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rudyard, and graduated from Rudyard Schools in 1942. After service in the United States Navy in 1945-46, she graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota in 1949. She and Arthur Donovan were married on June 24, 1952, and after Arthur completed his schooling at Concordia and the University of North Dakota, the couple made their home in Maywood and Melrose Park. Catherine was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Maywood, having served on the church council, on the Christian Education committee; and as superintendent of the Sunday School. For many years she played flute in the Broadview Community Band. In recent years, Catherine made two trips to Israel, the first with her husband Arthur, who was on assignment by his company, the second last spring with her mother Mabel Mullikin and her daughter Ellen. Catherine was employed by the Pioneer Paint Company of Melrose Park.

Funeral services were on January 2 at St. John's with burial in Oakridge Cemetery, Broadview, near the graves of her father Otis Mullikin and her uncle John McCleary.
THOMAS EDWARD DUCKWORTH
Born: April 20, 1884 - Died: January 16, 1980

Liberty County Times
January 24, 1980

Tom Duckworth
funeral held

Thomas Edward Duckworth was born in Cutler, Ohio on April 20, 1884. His parents were Moses and Annie (Haddix) Duckworth and he was one of 12 children.

Tom attended schools in the Cutler community and worked on his parents' farm in the few years that followed. In 1910 he came to Montana with his brother, Hannibal, and filed a "homestead" south of Devon near the Marias River. Hannibal returned to Ohio permanently in 1926, but Tom stuck with it even though times were hard.

He worked his farm for 50 years, selling it in 1959 to Merle Robertson. He remained on the farm until 1963, when he purchased a small home in Chester. He lived in this home until the fall of 1975, when he entered the Liberty County Rest Home.

Tom died at the nursing home on the evening of January 16th at the age of 95 years. He never married. His only survivors include two brothers, Benton of Greenfield, Ohio and Hannibal of Canton, Ohio, and several nephews and nieces (all out-of-state).

Funeral services were held Saturday, (January 19th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Pastor Doug Davidson of the Christian Alliance Church officiated.

Special vocal and guitar music by Carole Hanson included "In the Garden" and "The Lord is my Shepherd." Pallbearers were Emmers Berg, Darby O'Brien, Harley Christenot, Merle Robertson, Melvin, Adamson and Ernest Gardner. Interment followed in the Chester cemetery.
Services held for Olaf Folden

Funeral services were held for Olaf C. Folden Wednesday morning, November 12 at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel in Havre with Rev. Conrad Rhoads officiating.

Organist was Sharon Spicher with vocalist Terry Stevenson singing "How Great Thou Art", "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Just As I Am".

Pall bearers were Thomas Toner, Leonard Grimes, Robert Lee, Herman Beecher, Donald Swinney and John Campbell. Ushers were Lowell Miller and Lloyd Wolery.

Interment was in Highland Cemetery in Havre. A memorial has been established to the Heart Fund.

Military graveside rites were performed with Cortland Hilla as acting commander. The firing squad was composed of Vern Holmen, John Simko, Butch Schock, Bob Donaldson, Mark Whalen, Harold Anderson, Faye McDonald, Art Formannack, Bob Davey, Don George, Rudy Spinder and John Haas.

George Gregory played "Taps".

Olaf Folden passed away at the Veterans hospital at Fort Harrison, Friday, November 7th.

He was born in Tioga, North Dakota May 2, 1912 and as a child moved to the Wolf Point area with his parents where he attended school. In 1935 he was married to Mildred Nina Kjos and two children were born to this union; Neil Olaf Folden of San Jose, California and Mrs. (Ann) Gale Thielman of Great Falls. Mrs. Folden died in 1946.

In 1946 he moved to north of Joplin where he farmed. In 1959 he moved to Gildford where he owned and operated Folden's Garage until he retired and sold it in the late 1960's.

He was married to Alvira Dixon Wade October 1, 1949. She survives as do four step-children Leslie Wade, Cut Bank; Bruce Wade, East Helena; Mrs. (Belva) Clarence Stratton, Havre and Mrs. (Diane) Donald Miller of Gildford, fifteen grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive. He is also survived by three brothers, John Folden, Estacada, Oregon; Bjorne Folden, Port Orchard, Washington; Ben Folden, Armour, South Dakota and four sisters Mrs. (Ingia) Clarence Lee, Mrs. (Alice) Frank Hapel both of Wolf Point; Mrs. Harold (Ruth) Hodges, Joplin and Mrs. Bernice Peck, Long Beach, California. Three brothers preceeded him in death.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II as a Seaman.
TERESA MAY FOSSEN
Born: July 11, 1980 - Died: July 12, 1980
Liberty County Times
July 17, 1980

Rites for Fossen
infant Thursday

Teresa May Fossen, a newborn baby girl on the late evening of Friday (July 11th), died early the following morning at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. The infant was born several weeks premature with congenital problems. The parents are Lawrence and Christy Jo (May) Fossen, two former Joplinites. They were married in March of 1971, after which Larry taught school in Terry and Billings. For the past two years they have lived in Belgrade, where Larry teaches math and is assistant coach at Bozeman H.S. The baby's survivors, in addition to the parents, are brothers, Shann and Kenny; sister, Raena; paternal grandparents, Errol and Theresa Fossen of Joplin; maternal grandparents, Con and Esther May of Joplin; maternal great-grandparents, Homer and Eldora Kinyon of Columbia Falls; maternal great-grandmother, Frances May of Inverness; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.
Funeral held for
Sylvia Halverson

Funeral services were held at the Galata Lutheran Church December 5th for Sylvia Irene Halverson, with Rev. Ken Battle officiating. Mrs. Eldora Rosling was the organist and Carole Hanson sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Beyond the Sunset". Burial was at the Galata Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Hales Scalese, Ray Zelenka, Leonard Matteson, Grant Flage, Quinten Larsen and Bernard Rosling. Honorary Pallbearers were: Melvin Matteson, Leo Kolstad, Harold Henry, Lester Eide and Austin Stratton.

Mrs. Halverson passed away December 2nd after a lengthy illness. She was born July 25, 1908 in Silverton, Oregon, the daughter of Axel and Sophia Larsen. Most of her childhood was spent in Oregon and she was educated in Silverton schools. In 1929 she came with her family to their farm north of Galata. She was married to Henry Halverson, February 11, 1939 and they resided the rest of her life on his farm in the Grandview area north of Galata. She was very active in the Galata Church, being the organist for nearly 40 years, and a willing worker in every branch of the church.

She is survived by her husband, Henry; her daughter, Mrs. Monte (Sharon) Lerum; her grandsons, Bruce, Dean and David, all of Galata and her sister, Mrs. Jack (Lucile) Cockrell of Shelby.
Mary McCann Hamill Services May 13th

Mary Catherine McCann was born August 15, 1919 at Goldstone, Montana the daughter of Steve and Ina McCann. With her parents she moved to Inverness in 1926.

In 1940 she was married to John Hamill and later moved to Butte.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Ann Kersey and Kathie Oswald both of Spokane. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, three sisters, nieces and nephews. Sisters Blanch Long, Baker, Oregon, Laura Siemens of Spokane and Helen Langel, Rudyard, 4 brothers, Neil McCann of California, Arnold McCann of Idaho, Steve McCann from Sidney, Mt. and Jack McCann of Salt Lake City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, 2 sons, her parents, 1 sister and 1 brother.

Services were held Tuesday, May 13th in Butte at the Saint Ann's Catholic Church.

Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery.
FRANK JOSEPH HECK
Born: January 26, 1913 - Died: November 20, 1980
Liberty County Times
November 27, 1980

FRANK HECK

Frank Joseph Heck was born on January 26th, 1913 in Rudyard, Montana. His parents, John and Katherine (Mangold) Heck, had come to Montana in late 1912 and homesteaded north of Rudyard. Frank and his twin-brother, John, were the only boys in the 12-member family. They attended country school near Rudyard, and later attended in Rudyard. Frank quit school early to help on the family farm. On November 7th, 1936 he married Tracy Schweitzer at the Goldstone Catholic Church. Shortly after their marriage, they acquired their own farm 3 miles south of Inverness, and have lived and worked there since. Tracy died on March 23rd of this year.

Survivors include his daughters, Mrs. Mike (Kaylee) Nussbaum of Great Falls, Mrs. Marv (Linda) Sunderland of Great Falls, Mrs. Mike (Gail) Sweeney of Sunnyvale, California, and Vicki of Bozeman; his son, Tom of Bozeman; 6 sisters, Frances Wendland of Rudyard, Elizabeth Schaller of Havre, Rose Schleppe of Beiseker, Alberta, and Helen Schmaltz, Jennie Schwartzberger, and Barbara Hagel, all of Calgary, Alberta; 3 granddaughters (including Lisa, Traci, and Shay); 5 grandsons (including Lance, Lane, Lindsey, Scott, and Brock); and many nieces and nephews. Frank was preceded in death not only by his parents and wife, but also by his brother and 4 sisters.

Vigil prayers were lead by Father Martin Philipsen on Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. The following day (November 24th) Father Philipsen celebrated the “Mass of the Resurrection” at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Organist Iris White, provided accompaniment to Barry Kenfield, who sang “How Great Thou Art”, “He Touched Me”, and “One Sweetly Solemn Thought”. Readings were given by Marvin Schmaltz, a special communion meditation was recited by Jan LaValley, and a eulogy was provided by Marvin Sunderland. Ushers were friends Tony Jochim and Lester Kenfield. Nephews serving as pallbearers included Dennis Mangold, Leander Schweitzer, Vern Schmaltz, and Bill, Rex, and Dale Wendland. Following graveside services at the Inverness Cemetery, a memorial luncheon given by the church ladies was held at the church.

Arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to the Sacred Heart Church and the American Lung Association.

Following are excerpts from a personal eulogy that the family would like to share with those friends who were unable to attend the service:

"Once again we would like to share our thoughts on a departed loved one. It has been said that you measure a man by how he is remembered - and we remember Frank in many different ways.

We remember him as a strong man that could put in the long hard days needed to make a farm work and gentle enough to caress a newborn grandchild with his loving hands. He was a quiet man but with a strong presence about him that made you feel safe and secure. His grandchildren adored him, his children loved and respected him as did his friends and neighbors.

His wisdom was far greater than any classroom or schooling could give you as he was, a toolmaker, mechanic, veterinarian, salesman, purchasing agent, carpenter, production manager and a good neighbor. But most of all he was an exceptional farmer. His pride and love of farming was evident in the appearance of his farm as there were no weedy summer fallow fields, no crooked rows, no run-down equipment, and finally no junk in his farm yard. Frank always had everything in its proper place, including his life.

Survivors include daughter, Ann, Mrs. Roger Stromberg
TRACY HECK  
Liberty County Times  
March 27, 1980

Tracy Heck was born in the Goldstone community north of Rudyard on April 24, 1917. Her parents, Michael and Francisca (Schwan) Schweitzer, had homesteaded there several years before. Tracy attended country schools in Goldstone. On November 7, 1936 she married Frank J. Heck at the Goldstone Catholic Church. From that time on, they have lived and farmed three miles south of Inverness. Tracy was active in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Ladies Altar Society, and had served on the church council, sung in the church choir, and taught C.C.D. for many years.

She had been involved in many community groups over the years including the Hill County Democratic Women, Hill County Library Board, and member of the Inverness P.T.A. She was a very religious woman and a devoted member of the Hi-Line Prayer Group.

Tracy loved people, especially visiting and assisting the elderly, as evidenced by her volunteer work to the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home. Her family describes her as a “companion person,” that is, her door was always open to friends. Her hobbies included flowers and gardening, and she was an exceptional cook, especially when it came to gourmet German dishes and poppy-seed bread. She was a very special grandmother in the fact that she did those extra-special things that some grandmothers wouldn’t do, like help catch butterflies and go for a motorcycle ride. And she was a very special mother, too.

Tracy has battled the ailments of cancer since October, 1979. She died on Sunday, March 23rd, at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. She was 62 years old. Memorials will be given to the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include her husband, Frank of Inverness; 5 daughters, Mrs. Mike (Kaylee) Nussbaum, Mrs. Roger (Ann) Stromberg, Mrs. Marv (Linda) Sunderland (all of Great Falls), Mrs. Mike (Gail) Sweeney of Sunnyvale, California and Vicki of Inverness; 1 son, Tom of Bozeman; 3 sisters, Mrs. Barbara Mangold of Inverness, and Mrs. Amelia Mangold and Mrs. Barry (Frances) Bull (both of Phoenix, Arizona); 2 brothers, Adam Schweitzer of Geyser and Frank Schweitzer of Reno, Nevada; 5 grandsons (including Lance, Lane, Lindsey, Scott and Brock); 3 granddaughters (including Lisa, Traci and Shay); and many nephews and nieces.

Tracy was preceded in death by her parents and 3 brothers (Michael, Anton and Leo). Vigil Prayers were recited Tuesday evening (March 25th) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church by Father Martin Philipsen. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday by Father Jordon Blecha and Father Philipsen at Sacred Heart.

Other participants in the mass included Marv Sunderland as eulogist, Marvin Schmaltz as reader and Jan LaValley for communion meditation. Rachael Blake, as organist, accompanied Judy Lake who sang “Because He Lives” and “Just A Closer Walk With Thee,” and Barry Kenfield who sang “How Great Thou Art” and “He Touched Me.” Ushers were Lester Kenfield and Tony Jochim. Nephews serving as pallbearers included Vernon Schmaltz, Ron Mangold, Leander and Calvin Schweitzer, and arrangements by the Rockman Chapel, Chester. Following graveside services, a memorial luncheon was given for family and friends by the Ladies Altar Society.
Art Holum services
Monday

Arthur E. Holum was born on May 27th, 1891 near Twin Valley, Minnesota in a little community called Flom. His parents had immigrated to Minnesota from Norway. They were Erick and Randi (Otterness) Holum. Art was one of nine children and had a twin brother, Clarence. He attended country schools near Twin Valley and was raised Lutheran. Art came to Montana in the homestead days (probably 1912) and settled in the Joplin community. A brother and sister, Ole and Edith, also settled here. He lived in Joplin for several years, working as a farm laborer and carpenter. In 1917 at the outbreak of World War I, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Army of Occupation. He returned to Joplin in about 1920. He remained here for a few more years, then moved to Scobey. For the past 37 years he has lived in Great Falls. About a month ago his health failed, so he entered the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre. Art died there on the afternoon of September 18th at the age of 89 years. Art had never married and lived alone all those years. He liked to read and did a lot of walking.

Art was preceded in death by his parents and all of his siblings. His five brothers were Ole, Amund, Jens, Garfield and Clarence. His three sisters were Mrs. Martha Urdahl, Mrs. Anna Lein, and Mrs. Edith Fossen. His only survivors are numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Monday, September, 22nd, at 2 p.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Pastor John Olson officiated. Vocalist, Judy Lake, sang "Behold A Host" and "In The Garden", accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Anderson on the organ. Pallbearers were Dale, Allan, and Marlowe Fossen, Bruce Mansfield, Leroy Bilden, and Ronald Anderson. Interment followed in the Joplin Cemetery where Brian Gutcher played military "taps". Arrangements were handled by Rockman Chapel, Chester.
Services for Alice Horinek Dec 9

Funeral mass for Mrs. Vince (Alice) Horinek, 82, who lived in the Hingham area many years, conducted at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham was at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 9th.

Interment was in Calvary cemetery in Havre.

She died last Friday, December 5th, in a local hospital.

Mrs. Horinek was born June 30, 1898 in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

The couple farmed six miles north of Hingham for 60 years.

For the past 1½ years Mrs. Horinek lived at Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John (Helen) Morrissey, Hingham; nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Horinek was preceded in death by sons Albert and Charles and three sisters.

She was a member of the Catholic Church Altar Society.
Raphael Hull
funeral held

Raphael James Hull was one of nine children of Anselm and Mary Ann (Friel) Hull. He was born on July first, 1914 on his parents' homestead northwest of Chester. He attended elementary school at the Grauman country school near the family farm. He transferred to DePere, Wisconsin where he completed two years of high school at St. Norbert's Academy. While in high school, he competed in both football and basketball. At the outbreak of the depression, he returned to the family farm. Raphael's father died in 1950, at which time he and his two brothers (Michael and James) took over the farming opera-
tions. Raphael never married, but remained loyal to the farm and his family. He retired in the early 1970's due to ill-health, but remained on the farm and took care of his mother until her death in 1975. Raphael had been very active in the St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was in the Knights of Columbus for 25 years, and had held several offices including "Grand Knight" during that time. More recently he was involved in the local Senior Citizens program. Raphael became acutely ill several days prior to his death. He expired on the early morning of August 26th at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. He was 66 years old. Those who knew Raphael will remember him as a happy, courteous, and gentle man. He enjoyed people and people enjoyed him. He liked the quiet, peaceful things in life, like reading, gardening, fishing, etc. His memory will live on...

Survivors include one brother, James of Chester; five sisters, Mrs. Frank (Nora) Hemmer of Lothair, Mrs. Ernest (Genevieve) Gagnon of Chester, Mrs. Ed (Susanna) Nickol of Ledger, Mrs. John (Patricia) Schaller of Gildford, and Sister Marleen Hull of Spokane; and many nephews and nieces. Raphael was preceded in death by his parents, a brother (Mike), and a sister (Catherine, Sister Mary Louise).

Rosary services were held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Chester on Thursday evening (August 28th) at 8 p.m. Rosary was recited by Father Rene Petit, who also celebrated the “Mass of the Resurrection” on Friday morning at St. Mary’s.

Con-celebrants Father Tim Werner and Father Jordan Blecha. Special music, including "Prayer of St. Francis" and "Draw Me to You", was provided by Helen Ann Aaberg and members of St. Mary's Choir. Nephews Ray Hemmer, Louis and Don Hull, Wayne and Rodney Schaller, and Ken Gagnon served as pallbearers, and Charles Hull served as reader. Ushers for the event were Verne Bresnahan and Ed Cole and altar boys were Travis Burrows and Pat Harmon. Presentation of the offertory gifts was made by Sister Marleen and James Hull. Raphael's friends in the "Knights of Columbus" served as honorary bearers. Following graveside services at the Chester Cemetery, a memorial luncheon was given by the Ladies Altar Society at the church. Arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial fund will be established.
Funeral held for
Arthur Kaiser Sr.

Arthur Raymond Kaiser was born January 24, 1890 in the Bear Paw Mountains southeast of Big Sandy. He was born on the homestead of his parents, Casper & Linnie (Diggle) Kaiser, who were early settlers in this area in the mid-1880's. As a child Art attended the Warrick country school. In his teens he began working as a cow-puncher for the McNamar & Marlow Ranch (presently, the IX Ranch) until the outbreak of World War I, at which time he served in the U.S. Army. His involvement in the war included service at the Argonne Front & the Army of Occupation. Those two years, 1918 & 1919, were the only years in his entire life that he spent away from the Big Sandy community. On May 6, 1928 he married Mary M. Linn in Great Falls. That same year they purchased a small ranch 8 miles south of Big Sandy. They sold the ranch in 1932 and moved into Big Sandy where he worked various jobs including mail-messenger, cattle inspector and relief city policeman. Art retired in 1970. He was active in the VFW Post #6107 and was a past member of the Oddfellows. Art could best be described as a “typical American cowboy”...he was accustomed to long hours and hard work and loved working with horses and cattle. In his younger years he enjoyed the excitement of a rodeo and hunting and fishing. In his later years he liked to read. Art had great love and loyalty for his family and his country. On Sunday evening, June 1st, Art died at the Big Sandy Medical Center at the age of 90 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Big Sandy; 2 sons, Art Jr. of Minneapolis and Edwin of Long Beach, Calif.; 2 daughters, Mrs. Earl (Irene) Williams of Butte and Mrs. James (Sandra) Elliffitt of Portland, Oregon; 8 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter (Clara, who died in infancy), 2 brothers (Edwin and Casper), and 4 sisters (Florence, Linnie, Edna, and Irene).

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 4th, at the Rohrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Big Sandy. Pastor Ira Miller Robison officiated. Vocal music by Art Svennungsen included "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Joanne Kibbee on the organ. Friends serving as ushers were Carmen Farley and Harry Kibbee, and pallbearers included Arnold Hoekanson, John O'Malley, Bob Brewer, Ray Williams, Bernhard Sonksen, and Peter Norden. Honorary pallbearers included Jake Ketterling, Frank O'Neil, Emmet Quinn, Fred Henderson, Albert Archibald, and Otto Hurst. Interment was in the Big Sandy cemetery, with special military rites given by VFW Post #6107. Arrangements were by Rockman's Big Sandy Funeral Chapel. A memorial fund will be established to the Big Sandy Medical Center and to the Methodist Church.
Ida Kersey, 97
Funeral held

Ida L. Kersey, 97, who owned the Hingham Hotel and operated a restaurant there for many years, died in a Havre nursing home Saturday.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Holland-Bonne funeral home in Havre, with burial in Hingham Cemetery. She was born in Tipton County, Indiana, and married George C. Kersey in Indiana in 1907. They came to the Hingham area to homestead in 1910.

Mrs. Kersey began operating her restaurant in 1927 and the next year purchased the hotel. She retired in 1961. Her husband died in 1941. Surviving are a daughter, Marguerette L. Mattish of San Jose, California, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.
Services held for
John Kleinsasser

John S. Kleinsasser was born on April 21, 1903 at the Rockport Hutterite Colony in Alexandria, South Dakota. His parents were Samuel J. Kleinsasser and Anna J. Wipf. He grew up at the Rockport Colony and married Katherine M. Hofer there on May 3, 1923.

They lived in Alexandria until 1934, when they moved to Canada. They came to Montana from Canada in 1948 and took residence at the Miller Colony near Choteau. They remained there until 1961, when a new colony called Sage Creek was started near the Sweetgrass Hills.

They have lived and worked as a shoemaker at the Sage Creek Colony since that time. John's wife died on February 23, 1973. John died early Friday morning, March 7, 1980 at the colony following a long illness. He was 76 years old.

Survivors are eight children including Rev. Mike J. Kleinsasser of the Miller Colony, David Kleinsasser of the Miller Colony, Samuel J. Kleinsasser of the Sage Creek Colony, John and Rachel Kleinsasser of the Sage Creek Colony, Annie and Kathrina Wipf of the Martinsdale Colony in Harlowton, and Margrath P. Hofer of the Winnifred Colony in Winnifred, Alberta. Also surviving are 33 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 9 at 1 p.m. at the Sage Creek Colony Church. Burial was in the Sage Creek Colony Cemetery.
Dick Layton, 64 died in Kalispell

services Thursday

Richard B. Layton, 64, Lakeside, Montana, died Saturday at the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Mr. Layton was born October 24, 1915, at Chester, Montana, the son of Henry and Emma Schultz Layton. He attended schools in Chester and then enlisted in the Army in 1940, serving in Central Europe, Ardennes, Rhineland and Iceland. Following his separation from the service in 1944 he returned to Chester where he operated a radio and TV shop, a greenhouse, a restaurant and followed construction. On January 14, 1967, he married Betty Haymaker at Chester and they moved to Lakeside, Montana in 1973 and had made their home there since that time. In 1976 they purchased the Blacktail Inn in Lakeside and were operating it at the time of his death. Mr. Layton was a member of the Chester VFW. Surviving are his wife, Betty, at the family home in Lakeside, four sons; Leslie of Alaska, Gary and Steve of Chester, and Richard of Glendive, Montana; four daughters: Marilyn at the family home, Darlene of Tucson, Arizona, Carol, San Jose, California and Charlene of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; two brothers: Edward and Lawrence of Chester; four sisters: Mrs. Ray (Myrtle) Kратча, Shelton, Washington, Mrs. Alice Schwede, Chester, Mrs. Don (Eleanore) McGarry, Butte, Mrs. John (Mary) Dedrickson, Libby, Montana, and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son and two sisters.

Services will be Thursday, July 10th at 11:00 a.m. in the Lakeside Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. Graveside services will follow at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell at 12:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department.

Weatherford Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
ROY EDGAR LINCOLN
Born: May 27, 1938 - Died: July 19, 1980
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Roy Lincoln funeral held

Roy Edgar Lincoln was born on May 27th, 1938 in Havre, Montana. His parents were Edgar A. and Marie (Packer) Lincoln and he was one of five children. He grew up in the Rudyard community, graduating from high school there in 1957. From 1958-61 he served in the U.S. Army in Germany, after which he returned to Montana. On June 29th, 1962 he married Fern Kay Colbry in Joplin. They lived in Great Falls for a year, then in 1964 moved to Spokane where he worked for Pacific Northwestern Bell Telephone for the next 10 years.

They transferred to Billings in 1974 where he was employed by Mountain Bell Telephone. In 1978 they moved to Burlington, Washington where he continued with the Continental Telephone Company as a central office equipment installer. It was just a year ago that Roy discovered that he had cancer, and he had been battling the disease since. These past months he has been cared for at home by his family and visiting nurses, and he died on the early morning of Saturday (July 19th) at the age of 42 years.

Roy was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #89 of Everett, Washington. Roy enjoyed younger people, and had worked closely with youth through church activities. He had served as a Sunday school superintendent at the E.C.N.A. congregation in Billings. In 1975 he travelled to Haiti on a work-crusade for missions. While living in Burlington, he attended the Alliance Church there. Roy was a spectator "sports nut"; that is, he enjoyed watching all kinds of sporting events. As far as sports participation was concerned, hunting was his greatest love. In his quieter moments, he enjoyed the relaxation behind a good book. Roy had accepted his imminent death and spoke frankly with his family about it to prepare them. He never lost faith and accepted God peacefully, and for this the family is happy.

Survivors include his wife, Fern: a son, Edgar; and a daughter, Lori (all of Burlington); his mother, Marie Lincoln of Rudyard; three brothers, Joseph of Rudyard, Lee of Missoula and Arthur of Colorado Springs; one sister, Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Newton of Diamond Bar, California; his parents-in-law, George and Edna Colbry of Chester; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Roy was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were held Thursday (July 24th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Pastor Kent Swift of the E.C.N.A. of Billings officiated. Special music by a vocal trio of Dave Robertson, Connie Blackbird and Faith Robertson included "It Will Be Worth It All", "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow", and "I'll Fly Away".

Sharon Spicher accompanied the group on the organ. Ushers for the service were Wayne Hodges and Jerry Copennaver. Pallbearers included Bill Riddle, Richard Jackson, Loren Brandt, Paul Fischer, David Robertson and Fred Henderson. Honorary bearers were Leo Fowler, Ken Byrd and Bazle Fischer. Gravestone services were held at 3:30 p.m. at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Local arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel in Chester.

The family is establishing a memorial fund. In addition, there will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (August 2nd) at the Burlington Alliance Church.
Sadie Marshall funeral held

Sadie Marshall was born in Kingsley, Iowa on March 19th, 1894. She was one of ten children born to Solomon and Katherine (Morwood) Taplin. Her father had immigrated to the United States from England and her mother from Ireland, and they met and married in Iowa. Sadie attended schools in Kingsley before coming to Liberty County, Montana with her family in 1911. Her parents homesteaded 16 miles north of Chester on a farm that later became the Weldon Frank place. Sadie married William Robert Marshall on December 4th, 1916 in Havre. Her husband had come to Liberty County from Canada in 1910. Following their marriage, they worked on various ranches north of Chester, except for a short time when they lived in Great Falls where Bill worked for the Smelter. After the birth of the first of nine children, they returned to the Chester community to a farm that was later acquired by Jack McDowell. In 1934 they moved into Chester where Bill worked for the city and county until his death in 1954. Sadie has lived in Chester since. In years past she worked for John and Mary Roke at their dairy; she washed dishes at the Golden West, Mint and Grand Hotel restaurants; and more recently she worked as a maid at the Wheat Sheaf Motel. She lived alone and maintained a home until four years ago, when she entered the Liberty County Rest Home. Recently her health failed, and she died at the Liberty County Hospital on the early morning of October 14th at the age of 86 years.

Sadie Marshall

Chesterites will always remember her walking around town—she loved to walk because she felt it was “good for her” and would refuse rides even in inclement weather. Sewing was her hobby, and she excelled especially in the making of quilts and aprons. Her family will always remember her talents as good cook and housekeeper.

Sadie is survived by 2 sons, Darrell of Douglas, Wyoming and James of Chester; 6 daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Stores of Chester, Mrs. Larry (Maude) Bassett of Chester, Mrs. Janet Nessan of Great Falls, Mrs. Harold (Ethel) Belstad of Winnett, Mrs. Ralph (Mabel) Jacobson of Chester, and Mrs. Jack (Edith) Cherry of Houston, Texas; 4 sisters, Bertha Head of Eugene, Oregon, Agnes Jury of Springfield, Oregon, Amelia Rubino of Joplin, and Annie Williams of Havre; 32 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1 son (Wm. Robt., Jr. in 1930), 2 brothers (Roy and Ralph), and 3 sisters (Effie, Katherine and Clara).

Funeral services were held Friday, October 17th, at 11 a.m. at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend David Barker officiating. Vocalist, Rock Svennungsen, sang “Nearer My God To Thee” and “The Old Rugged Cross,” accompanied by Marion Thielman on the organ. Grandsons serving as pallbearers included Monty Belstad, Kenny Marshall, Butch Marshall, Danny Heimbigner, Bruce Marshall and Pat Stores. Grandsons serving as honorary bearers were Bill Marshall, Johnny Marshall, Scott Marshall, Mike Cherry, Robert Stores, and Tony Marshall. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held for family and friends at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. A memorial fund will be established to the Liberty County Nursing Home.

CHESTER — MARSHALL, Mrs. William R. (Sadie Taplin), 86, who first came to Liberty County in 1911, died in a Chester hospital Tuesday. Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Chester Cemetery with Rockman Chapel in charge. Mrs. Marshall was born in Kingsley, Iowa. At the age of 17 she came to Montana with her family, who homesteaded north of Chester. She married Marshall in 1916 in Havre. The couple worked on Chester area ranches, then moved to Great Falls, where he was employed by Anaconda Co. They later returned to the Chester area and farmed. They moved into the Chester community in 1934, and he was employed by the city and county until his death in 1954. Mrs. Marshall had lived in the Liberty County Rest Home for the past four years. Surviving are sons, Darrell of Douglas, Wyo., and James of Chester; daughters, Dorothy Stores, Mrs. Larry (Maude) Bassett and Mrs. Ralph (Mabel) Jacobson of Chester, Janet Nessan of Great Falls, Mrs. Harold (Ethel) Belstad of Winnett and Mrs. Jack (Edith) Cherry of Houston; 32 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, including Amelia Rubino of Joplin and Annie Williams of Havre.
Born: October 29, 1925 - Died: January 20, 1980

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Alvin McDaniels

funeral held

Alvin Theodore ("Alvie") McDaniel was born on October 29, 1925 in Hill, Montana. His parents were Clarence and Margaret (Loehr) McDaniel and he was one of eleven in the family. Alvie was baptized and confirmed Lutheran.

He received his elementary education at the Laird School north of Chester and graduated from Joplin High School in 1944. That same year he entered the military and served in the Army in the South Pacific until 1946. He returned to Montana to help on the family farm. In 1950 he took over his mother's homestead northeast of the Sweetgrass Hills and has farmed there since. Alvie had been in ill health for a number of years. This fall he went to Yuma, Arizona to spend the winter. He became ill there, so traveled to Phoenix for special treatment. He died at the Phoenix General Hospital on the early morning of Sunday, January 20th. He was 54 years old.

Alvie was a member of the V.F.W. Post #3997 and the Havre Eagles Lodge. His church membership was at Immanuel Lutheran north of Joplin.

Alvie enjoyed fishing, camping and reading for relaxation. He loved all kinds of music; he not only appreciated music for listening sake, but liked to sing and play for his own amusement (he played several instruments including the guitar, mandolin, trombone and trumpet). His favorite charities were the Diabetes and Heart Foundations, so memorial funds will be established for these important causes.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Clarence and Nela McDaniel of Kalispell; 3 brothers, Charles of Havre, Vern of Chester, and Earl of Columbus; 2 sisters, Mrs. Ed (Joyce) Tempel of Chester and Mrs. Verna Wood of Gildford; 2 half-brothers, James Wood of Galata and Raymond Wood of Craig, Mt.; 2 half-sisters, Mrs. Knut (Ollie) Svenson of Joplin and Mrs. Wilbert (Leora) Ness of Lethbridge; and many nephews and nieces. Alvie was preceded in death by his mother and a half-brother (Edgar Wood).

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 23 at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend John Olson of Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin officiated.

Vocal music by Judy Lake included "How Great Thou Art" and "Mansion Over the Hilltop." Iris White provided special organ music. Pallbearers included Cliff Lybeck, Rex Gulick, Ted Tempel, Robert Turner, Bob Moog and Norbert Vandessel. Honorary bearers included "all of his good friends" and ushers were Robert Lake and Robert Duncan.

Interment was in the Chester Cemetery under the supervision of the Rockman Chapel, Chester. Special military ceremony at graveside was provided by the local V.F.W. Post #3997.
CLARENCE (BUD) MCDOWELL
Born: January 26, 1909 - Died: February 26, 1980
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March 6, 1980

Bud McDowell

Clarence "Bud" McDowell was born on January 26, 1909 in Chester. His parents were Mary K. Osler and John Walton McDowell, and he was one of five children. Bud's father had filed a declaration of occupancy in 1894 on a piece of land just east of Mount Lebanon in the Sweetgrass Hills, so Bud spent his childhood years on this ranch. He attended the Osler and Roke country schools, and in the years that followed he worked on the Laird, Keith, and Prescott ranches in the north Chester community. He later worked on the Fred Lewis ranch in Browning and at the oilfields near Kevin for a short while. In the spring of 1937 he married Shirley Blake, a Chester schoolteacher, and the product of that marriage was three children. Bud worked on the Leo Miles ranch near Whitlash until his father died in 1938, at which time he took over the original homestead. He eventually acquired more land and has farmed and ranched that place ever since. For several years in the 1960's, Bud served as a Deputy Sheriff in Liberty County. In the fall of 1971 he married Annetta Zell Meech in Shelby. Bud was an early member of the Whitlash Presbyterian Church and was recently ordained as an elder there. He was also a member of the Montana Stockgrower's Association and Farmer's Union. Bud's whole life was his family, his ranch, and his love for horses and cattle. He was an excellent horse trainer and appreciated the hours of relaxation his horse would provide on those frequent rides around the ranch and into the Sweetgrass Hills. Bud will always be remembered for his friendly, soft-spoken, easy-going manner.

Bud died peacefully at home early Tuesday morning, Feb. 26th at the age of 71 years.

Survivors include his wife, Annetta of Chester; a son and daughter, Lance of Chester and Mrs. Roger (Peggy) Nystrom of St. Paul; their mother, Shirley of Chester; 3 grandsons, Shawn, Blaine, and Charlie; 1 granddaughter, Jana; 3 sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Elizabeth) Miller of Great Falls, Mrs. Ina Wilkening of Olympia, Wash., and Mrs. Dave (Mary Ellen) Stallcop of Spokane; and many nephews and nieces. Bud was preceded in death by his parents, a brother (Jack) and a son (Blake).

Funeral services were held Friday (Feb. 29th) at 2 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Bob Hermstad officiating. Vocal music by Wayne Wardell included "The Old Rugged Cross" and "The Ninety and Nine". The organist, Juanita Wardell, played a special postlude number, "Home on the Range". Pallbearers were Bob Dafoe, Rudy Cicon, Earl Colby, Dale Gunderson, Willis Hodges, and Doug Demarest. Lifelong friends serving as honorary bearers included Sterling Wardell, Troy Lakey, Red Morris, John Duncan, Claude Demarest, Nelson Bingham, Irvin Brown, Darby O'Brien, Earl Thompson, George Meissner, and Paul Meissner. Ushers were Robert Turner and B.J. Oswood. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery. A memorial luncheon given by the Bear's Den Home Demonstration Club was held at the church following graveside services.
Louis Miller
funeral held

Louis Miller, 75, longtime
Gildford area farmer died Mon-
day of last week at a Havre
hospital. Services were 11 a.m.
Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran
Church in Havre, with burial in
Highland Cemetery there. Hol-
land and Bonine funeral home
was in charge. Miller was born
in Starkweather, North Dakota
and came to the Gildford area
with his parents at age 6. He
married Elizabeth Irene Penni-
well in 1931. She survives,
along with sons, Lowell and
Donald, both of Gildford; a
daughter, Mrs. Bill (Dina) Kline
of Sunburst; two brothers,
Leonard and Henry of Havre;
three sisters; Mrs. Clarence
(Lillian) Nace and Mrs. Eugene
(Laura) Aageson, both of Hav-
re, and Pearl Hamilton of
Chinook, 10 grandchildren and
seven great-grandchildren.
Bjarne Ludvig "Bud" Mork was born in Havre, Montana on April 2nd, 1922. He was one of eight children born to Peter and Anna (Peterson) Mork, who farmed 1½ miles south of Gildford. Bud grew up and lived on the family farm until 1952, the year that both parents died. From that time on he resided with his two sisters in the Hingham and Joplin communities. On April 10th, 1976 he entered the Liberty County Rest Home where he has lived since. He was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital on August 5th, and expired there on the evening of August 17th at the age of 58 years.

Survivors include a brother, Ever of Havre; three sisters, Mrs. Marlin (Eva) Spicher of Hingham, Mrs. Bertha Anderson of Libby; and Mrs. William (Ida) McCormick of Joplin; and many nephews and nieces. Bud was preceded in death not only by his parents, but by a brother (Arthur) and two sisters (Agnes and Borghild).

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 20th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend John Olson of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin officiated. Mrs. Carole Hanson of Chester provided special vocal and guitar music. Nephews acting as pallbearers included Jerry Tempel, Carl Olson, and Douglas, Ronald, Wayne, and Marlin Spicher. Interment followed in the Highland Cemetery in Havre.
ALISTER MURRAY
Birth: January 10, 1906 - Death: June 27, 1980
Liberty County Times
July 3, 1980

Funeral services for
Alister Murray July 1

Alister Murray was born on January 10th, 1906 in Liberty County, Montana. His parents were Finlay and Janie (Noble) Murray, and they had come to Montana in 1900 from Scotland. They initially worked on the Crighton ranch near the Sweetgrass Hills, and eventually bought the ranch in 1914. They built a home and barn that still remain. That big hip-roofed barn has some historic significance in that it was used for community dances for many years, the proceeds of which went towards teachers' salaries and other community needs. Alister was an only child. He attended the Osler country school through grade seven, then attended school in Chester. An interesting story in "Our Heritage" told of Alister winning a gopher contest sponsored by the county. He killed, trapped, or snared 1700 gophers that summer and was paid a penny a tail! Alister's mother died in 1942 and his dad in 1956. From that time on he continued to ranch. He never married. Several years ago he retired and turned the ranch over to Clarence and Lance McDowell. Since that time he has lived in Chester at the Rest Home. He was a quiet yet friendly sort of a guy, and up until this past year you could see him walking the streets of Chester (especially near the nursing home). He was a generous man, too, donating $100,000 to the Sweetgrass Lodge project. He was extremely loyal to Liberty County, leaving only occasional trips to Havre. His closest friends were his neighbors, but there wasn't anyone he didn't like. This past year Alister's health deteriorated and he died Friday evening, June 27th, at the Liberty County Nursing Home. His only survivors are distant relatives in Scotland.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday (July 1st) at 11:00 a.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Whitlash, summer intern pastor, Will Mason, officiated. Special guitar and vocal music including "Whispering Hope" and "Lead Me Home" was provided by Carole Hanson. Pallbearers included Lance McDowell, Ralph Sells, Ted Tempel, Wayne Dafoe, Sterling Wardell and Richard Laird. Interment was in the family plot at Chester Cemetery.
J. M. O'Brien Services in Spokane

J. M. ("Jim") O'Brien was born on October 10th, 1896 in Bridgewater, South Dakota. His parents, Martin and Mary Nora (Donovan) O'Brien, moved around the Dakota's where there was work as his father was a bricklayer, but Jim was raised and schooled mainly in the McHenry, North Dakota community. After high school he attended the Dakota Business College for a short while, then entered the Army on the outbreak of World War I. He served in Georgia in the mounted military police division. After the war he returned to North Dakota, where he married Lucy Willoughby at Grace City on April 17th, 1921. Times were tough in the Dakota's, but Montana had a bumper year in 1927, so Jim arranged for a job in Inverness. He hopped a freight train to Montana, but it didn't slow down through Inverness so he stayed on until Chester. The first man he met here was old S. O. Shamey, who asked him if he needed work, so Jim took a job on a threshing crew for Slim Wigen. His wife and 3 children came out that next spring, and they remained in Chester through the mid-40's. He worked many jobs here including farming south of town and digging in city water lines by hand. At the outbreak of World War II he left to Spokane because jobs were plentiful there. He took employment as a carpenter's helper. In 1950 he went to VanCouver and graduated from a cobbler's course, then returned to Spokane and operated his own shoe shop until his retirement in 1970. He and his wife have maintained their own home since that time. Because of ill-health he came to Chester in August of this year to be cared for by his son, Darby. He resided in the Liberty County Rest Home, where he died on the late evening of Saturday, December 13th. He was 84 years old.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy of E. 1924 Boone Ave., Spokane; 3 sons. R. Darby of Chester, Dennis of Seattle, and D. Martin of Ephrata, Washington; 2 daughters, Mrs. Earl (Dorothy) Ames of Kalispell and Mrs. Lloyd (Denice) Vassar of Spokane; 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, 2 sisters, and 1 son.

The body was forwarded to the Hennessey Funeral Home in Spokane for services. Rosary services were held Tuesday evening at the mortuary, followed by funeral mass on Wednesday at St. Ann Catholic Church in Spokane. Interment was in the Holy Cross Cemetery there. Local arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.
Brady man fatally injured in accidental shooting

A 20-year-old Brady man died Monday afternoon in a Great Falls hospital after an apparently accidental shooting near Tiber Dam early Sunday.

Delbert Petersen, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Russell Petersen of Brady, died at 1:20 p.m. after suffering a gunshot wound to the head.

According to Liberty County Undersheriff Doug Riggin, Petersen was attending a party early Sunday less than a mile from Tiber Dam. While inside a pickup truck with two other persons, he picked up a hand gun he apparently thought was unloaded, Riggin said. He said Petersen apparently began playing with the .22-caliber revolver then pulled the trigger, Riggin said.

A sheriff's spokesman said the incident took place Sunday after midnight in the truck. He identified the two other persons in the truck as Lawrence C. Hamma, 20, Brady and Lenore Elaine Gordon, 16, Chester.

After the shooting, Petersen was brought to Liberty County Hospital in Chester before being transferred to Great Falls about 2 p.m. Sunday.

Although Riggin said Monday the investigation had not been completed, he said sheriff's investigators have "pretty much" ruled out any foul play in the case.

Petersen was born at Conrad August 10, 1959 and was raised in Brady. He attended the Strauss School and was graduated from Brady High School. Following that he attended Montana State University in Bozeman for one year. He was later employed in Denver and was recently working in Chester as a carpenter with Jerry Siebert.
Orville Leonard Pimley was born on October 28th, 1924 in Chester. He was one of eleven children born to Percy and Estella (Skonord) Pimley. His parents farmed 26 miles north of Joplin and he attended the Burke school near there. Orville was in Joplin high school at the outbreak of World War II, so he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. In 1943, following his tour of duty, he received his high school diploma. He attended Northern Montana College for a short while, then took a job as switchman on the railroad. On November 4th, 1947 he married Della Mae Cole in Havre. The product of that marriage was ten children. Orville eventually moved back onto the family farm where he farmed/ranched in partnership with his brother, Jesse. He has lived in the Joplin community since that time, and part of his farm was the original family homestead. Orville had been a past member of the VFW in Chester and had served as past president of the board of the Joplin Farmer's Union Co-op. He had also served as clerk of the Burke school district and was on the Mount Royal TV committee. On the morning of September 6th he suffered a heart attack while working at his home in Joplin. He died later that night, Saturday, at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was 55 years old.

Orville's great gift to his family was that he was an excellent father. He always had time for his children, be it work or play, and was a patient teacher to them. He was interested in the youth, and had served as a Boy Scout leader for many years. He loved fishing and hunting and had been a hunter's safety instructor. He was fairly knowledgeable about everything, that is, he was your basic "Jack of All Trades"...he was a self-taught mechanic, engineer, plumber, etc. His greatest amateur ability was his carpenter and wood-working skills. In recent years he had taken up photography as a hobby. His tremendous imagination and creativity had won him several awards in photography. He loved farming and was always a hard worker.

Orville's survivors include his wife, Della of Joplin; 6 sons, Joseph of Joplin, William (and wife Maureen) of Downs, Illinois, Robert of Bozeman, and Dale, Richard and Jerry of Joplin; 4 daughters, Linda (Mrs. Allan) Fossen of Joplin, Connie (Mrs. Delbert) Anderson of Joplin, Lois (Mrs. Larry) Evans of Chester, and Mary Ann (Mrs. Daren) Moog of Joplin; his mother, Mrs. Estella Pimley of Joplin; 5 brothers, Anson of Babh, Vern of Joplin, Francis ("Ike") of Londonderry, New Hampshire, Percy (Jr.) of Libby and Mrs. Les (Joyce) Wade of Cut Bank; 10 grandchildren, including Melody, Sabrina and Tammy Pimley, Shane and Karley Fossen, Jesse and Kimberly Anderson, and Rikki, Ryan and Austin Evans; a host many nephews and nieces. Orville was preceded in death by his father (Percy) in 1976 and his brother (Jesse) in 1977.

Funeral mass was held on Tuesday afternoon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Con-celebrants were Father Rene Petit of St. Mary's and Father Martin Philipsen of Sacred Heart. Special music by members of the St. Mary's Choir included "I'm the Bread of Life", "Prayer of St. Francis", "How Great Thou Art", "Happy the Man", and "May the Angels Take You into Paradise". Readers were Mike McLain and William Cole and altar boys were Joe Dahinden and Dave Kantorowicz. Friends serving as pallbearers included Sterling Wolery, Ted Tempel, Robert VanDessel, Rodney Svenson, Wayne Wolery and Frank Richter. Ushers were Norbert VanDessel and Lloyd Wolery. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery, where Brian Gutcher played "Taps". Following the graveside services a memorial luncheon was held at the KJOS Hall at Bethel Church in Joplin. Memorial gifts will be given to the Heart Foundation.
Louise Ray, 95
funeral held

Chester has lost another widely respected Liberty County homesteader, Louise M. Ray, 95 passed away in Phoenix, Arizona May 7 after two weeks of illness. She was born in Germany August 25, 1884 and moved to Waverly, Minnesota at the age of two with her parents. She was the youngest of seven children. Her last remaining sister passed away in Minneapolis in October of 1979.

She is survived by two sons, Gene Ray of Los Angeles and Allen Ray of Chester, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Her farm was located south of Tiber near Lake Elwell.

In her lifetime Louise Ray was active in many civic organizations in Chester and Liberty County.

Funeral services were held in Waverly, Minnesota.
Louise B. Rehal
Born: October 2, 1915 – Died: March 8, 1980
Liberty County Times
March 13, 1980

Louise Rehal

Services held for Louise Rehal, 64

Louise B. Rehal, prominent business woman in the Chester community, died at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls early Saturday morning (March 8th) at the age of 64 years.

Louise was born on October 2, 1915 in Joplin, Montana. Her parents, Shebel and Sophie (Sawaya) Rehal, were early settlers in Montana, having immigrated here from Lebanon. Louise was one of six children. She grew up in the Joplin and Chester communities, graduating from high school in Chester in 1935.

In the years that followed she worked as a grocery clerk at the Chester Trading Company and at the Shamey Grocery Store. In 1953 she went into business for herself in the retail clothing industry. She has owned and operated "Louise's Dress Shoppe" since that time.

In conjunction with her business, her sister Rosalie has operated a beauty salon in the same building that their father had used as a confectionery/newsstand back in the depression years.

Louise had been active in the Business and Professional Women's Club and had served as past president of that organization. She was well-known and well-liked, both in her business and social life. She was always involved in the many Chester activities and celebrations. She was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church and had been active in the church choir and Altar Society. Louise loved her work, especially dealing with people. She also enjoyed travelling and the excitement of new friendships and experiences.

Her quiet hours at home were spent doing "fancy-work" in front of the television, and in the summer months she raised flowers. She loved to play bingo and seldom missed an opportunity to do so. Although she has suffered from the ailments of cancer for the past 6 years, Louise remained conscientious and loyal to her family, her friends and her work. A memorial fund will be established to the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include her three sisters, Lottie Rehal and Rosalie Sunderland of Chester and Mrs. Roy (Kathryn) Green of Great Falls; 4 nephews, Steven and Robert Green and Mary Sunderland of Great Falls and Ron Sunderland of Colorado Springs; 2 nieces, Charlotte Plaster and Carolyn Green of Great Falls; and 4 great nephews and 3 great nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother (Norman) and a sister (Eleanor).

Mass of the Resurrection was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 11th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Father Rene Petit celebrated the mass, and also recited Rosary Prayers the evening before at the Rockman Chapel. Music at the funeral services was provided by Helen Ann Aaberg and members of the St. Mary's Church Choir. Friends serving as pallbearers included Narciss Gagnon, Lawrence Hemmer, John Dolezal, Bud Ish, Darby O'Brien, and Dale Muncy. Honorary bearers were Leo Jensen, Bill Kimball, Lawrence Schaefer, Ellsworth Graff, Harold Prihoda, and Cliff Hanson. Following the mass, a memorial luncheon was given in the church basement for family and friends by the Ladies Altar Society. That same afternoon at 3 p.m. graveside services were conducted at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls, where interment took place.
JOHN PATRICK RILEY
Born: September 20, 1962 - Died: May 27, 1980
Liberty County Times
June 12, 1980

Youth drowns in Oregon

John Patrick Riley, 17-year-old son of a former Rudyard couple, drown on May 27th in Salem, Oregon. His parents, Adrian Riley, Sr. and MaryAnn Evans, lived in Rudyard from 1955-1964. John was born in Chester on September 20th, 1962. He was baptized at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and his God-parents are Richard and Cyrilla Burrows of Chester. His family moved to Great Falls in 1964 and he attended elementary schools there. He graduated from the 8th grade from the Sun River School in 1976, the year his family moved to Salem. On December 24th, 1979 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in Portland and was presently a Seaman E-2. He was home on leave in Salem when the drowning occurred. The body was recovered this past Sunday, June 8th.

Survivors include his parents, Adrian and MaryAnn of Salem; 3 brothers, David, Adrian (Jr.), and James, all of Salem; 2 sisters, Mrs. Tim (Kerry) Abbott of Salem and Mrs. Neil (Judith) Swartz of Havre; maternal grandparents, Clinton and Tillie Evans of Rudyard; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Helen Riley of Wanda, Minnesota; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by a sister (Linda Ann) in 1964.

The body is being sent to Montana for services and burial. Funeral mass will be tomorrow (Friday, June 13th) at 1:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Father Martin Philipsen will celebrate the 'mass, followed by interment in the Inverness Cemetery. Local arrangements are being handled by the Rockman Chapel in Chester.
Crash injuries fatal to Rural Fisherman

The Rural Fisherman, a south Dakota minister flying to speak at a church service in Joplin was fatally injured Sunday forenoon when his single-engine plane crashed while landing at an air strip on the Ken Nelson farm two miles north of Joplin.

Rev. Aaron Ronken, 43, died shortly after arrival at Liberty County Hospital.

His 11 year-old son, Joshua, suffered head injuries, a broken left wrist, very severe cuts and bruises. His condition was listed as serious but not critical. The boy was brought to the hospital by Ken and Candace Nelson. During the trip the lad kept asking, "Is my dad dead?" He was released from the hospital in his mother's care Monday.

Ronken was brought to the hospital by Liberty County ambulance. Answering the ambulance call were Don Pulst, Mike Novak, Rod Keith, Keith Bailey and Quannah Bailey.

Pastor Ronken spoke at 9 a.m. Sunday in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 20 miles north of Joplin. He was flying to Joplin to speak at the 11 a.m. service of Bethel Lutheran Church when the crash occurred. Frank Meldrum, a member of the church was waiting at the airstrip for Ronken. The landing seemed perfectly normal, he said, until one wing tip hit the ground. Meldrum said he couldn't tell whether the plane, a Bellanca Citabria, had stalled after being banked too sharply or was tipped onto its wing by a gust of wind.

Meldrum pulled Ronken and his son from the plane, which was leaking gas.

Ronken, an aviation missionary for the American Lutheran Church was based in Buffalo, S.D. He was known as the Rural Fisherman because he used his airplane to minister to isolated ranchers in western South Dakota and eastern Montana. He had served the Joplin Lutheran Parish about a year ago when there was a pulpit vacancy. He was so well liked that when the regular minister, Pastor John N. Olson was away on a trip the congregation had asked the rural Fisherman to fill the pulpit again. The students of the vacation Bible School had made his ministry their missionary emphasis. They had presented him with their offering at the worship service, and he had been most gracious in thanking each child for the support. He had spent the night Saturday at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Dave Barker in Chester. He had been scheduled to speak in Chester later in the summer.

Verlin B. Tranter, air safety investigator of the National Transportation Board and Richard J. Baesius, national investigator of the FAA arrived in Chester Monday and inspected the crash sight. No cause for the crash was given following their investigation.

Aaron Daniel Ronken was born on December 1st, 1937 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was one of three children born to Clifford and Ellionora (Miessner) Ronken. He grew up in the Bloomington, Minnesota community, graduating from Bloomington High School in 1956. He attended the University of Minnesota for a year, then transferred to P.L.U. in Tacoma, Washington where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Philosophy in 1965.

He then attended the Luther Seminary in St. Paul and received his Divinity degree in 1969. Since that time he has lived in Buffalo, South Dakota. He served as pastor of the Buffalo Lutheran Parish for 8½ years. For the past 3 years he has served as pastor for the "Rural Fisherman", a program he helped initiate through the Buffalo parish. He has been a licensed pilot since 1972, and the program enabled him to fly to rural areas without churches where he could preach the word of God and make "fishers of men". During these past three years he has ministered in many areas in South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. Aaron is survived by his wife, the former Marjorie B. Bowers, whom he married September 7th, 1963 in Seattle. She and their three children, Joshua (11), Scott(7), and Moriah(9), are all of Buffalo. Other survivors include his father, Clifford of Minneapolis; one brother, David of Burnsville, MN; one sister, Mrs. Mac (Mary) Redmond of Bloomington, MN; his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bowers of Yelm, WA; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his mother.

The body was forwarded to the Ohm Funeral Chapel in Bowman, North Dakota for arrangements. Funeral services are tentatively planned for today (Thursday) at the Buffalo Lutheran Church with Rev. Eric Folkers officiating. Burial will follow in the Buffalo Cemetery.
Word has been received that Joseph Patrick Skierka, 34, of Creston, British Columbia passed away suddenly, Wednesday, December 24, 1980 near Salmo, British Columbia.

Funeral services were held in St. Michaels Catholic Church at Pincher Creek, Alberta, Tuesday, December 30, 1980 at 2 p.m. with Rev. D. McDonald officiating with interment in the Fairview Cemetery in Pincher Creek.

Friends who wish may donate to the Terry Fox Cancer Fund, c/o Ames Insurance, Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada.

Arrangements were by Eden's Funeral Home of Pincher Creek.

Complete obituary in Times next week.
Dr. Clarence E. Stephens, 71, Great Falls, a Montana dentist for 44 years, died Wednesday at his home. He had been hospitalized before his death.

Stephens was born at Choteau, grew up there and graduated from Teton County High School in 1927.

He attended the University of Montana for a year, then attended Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill., graduating with his doctor of dental surgery degree in November 1934. He returned to Choteau and started a dental practice there in 1935. Until 1940 Stephens practiced in Choteau and Valier, then spent four years in Harlowton before moving to Great Falls in 1944. He continued his dental work here until retiring in November 1979.

His wife survives with two sons, William C. Stephens, Columbia, Md.; and Donald E. Stephens, Fort Shaw; two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Jean) Baringer, Conrad and Mrs. Robert (Karen) Gunderson, Polson; seven grandchildren; a brother, Richard B. Stephens, Great Falls and a sister, Margaret A. Arps, Belt.
CHARLENE STORKEI
Born: August 24, 1924 - Died: August 31, 1980
Liberty County Times
February 7, 1980

Charlene Storkel
funeral held

Charlene R. Storkel, 55, died recently in a Missoula hospital. She was born August 24, 1924 in Chester and attended schools here.

She married Elmer Lehrman in 1943 in Chester. She moved to the Victor and Missoula areas in 1967. Most recently she had lived in Wheeler Village with a daughter, Wanda Larson who now survives her.

Other survivors include two sons, Richard of Fairfield and Ronald of Mountain Home, Idaho; three daughters, Verna Welch of Missoula; Debra Christman of Belfry and Linda Moench of Germany and 19 grandchildren.

She is also survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curfman of Hamilton, a sister Melba Larson and a brother Jimmy Curfman whose addresses are not known here.

Funeral services were Thursday at 11:30 in the Livingston Malletta Chapel with Rev. Emmett O’Neill officiating. Cremation followed in the Sunset Memorial Garden.
MABEL HARRIET WARRINGTON
Born: March 14, 1893 - Died: January 29, 1980
Liberty County Times
February 7, 1980

Mabel Harriet Warrington was born in Keosauqua, Iowa on March 14, 1893. She was one of nine children born to George and Addie (Bell) Shepherd. Mabel attended schools in Iowa and North Dakota. On March 1, 1915 she married Simon O. Warrington in Cooperstown, North Dakota. Simon had "homesteaded" south of Chester, so they made their home here, and have farmed and ranched in this community since those early homestead days. For the past 34 years they have wintered in California and Arizona, but continued farming until a few years ago when Simon retired.

Mabel was a charter member and the oldest living member of the Chester United Methodist Church. In years past she had been very active in church affairs and enjoyed participating in other community activities. After a long illness, she died at the age of 86 years at the Liberty County Rest Home on Tuesday, January 29th.

Survivors include her husband, Si of Chester; 2 daughters Mrs. Richard (Helen) Welch of Portland, Oregon and Mrs. Frank (Thelma) Shaw of Deer Lodge; 2 sisters, Mildred and Gladys Shepherd of Des Moines, Iowa; 2 brothers, Dr. Loyd Shepherd of Des Moines, Iowa and Glen Shepherd of Kalispell; 8 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Wilda.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday (February 1st) at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Robert Hermstad officiating. Special music by Wayne and Juanita Wardell included "How Great Thou Art," and "This is My Father's World," and the congregation sang, "God Be With You Until We Meet Again." Pallbearers were Roger Shepherd, Frank Shaw, Neil Shepherd, Scott Shaw, Dan Shepherd, and Ray Seidlitz. Ushers were Gene Cady and Sterling Wardell and friends serving as honorary bearers included Albert Hanson, Walt Wicks, Aden Ward, Chet Eyeland, Steve Brown, and Vern Bresnahán. Following graveside services at the Chester Cemetery, a memorial luncheon was held at the church for family and friends.
VIVIAN E. WICKLUND
Born: April 15, 1903 - Died: March 2, 1980
Liberty County Times
March 13, 1980

Vivian E. Wicklund, 76, died Sunday, March 2 at her home at 54 LaSalle Road, in Evergreen, in the Kalispell area.

She was born April 15, 1903 in Elbow Lake, Minnesota, a daughter of Carl and Tina Harrison. In 1916 she moved to the Alma community north of Joplin with her parents. She attended school in Minnesota; Kremlin and Minnesota. She worked in Bozeman for a short time.

She married Philip Wicklund in Havre on December 1, 1923. The couple farmed north of Joplin until 1963, when they sold their farm and moved to the East Lake shore of Flathead Lake and managed the Our Point of View Motel. In 1971 they sold the motel and moved to their present home in Evergreen.

Mrs. Wicklund was preceded in death by an infant son and daughter; her parents, a sister Geneva and a brother Clifford. She is survived by her husband Philip at the family home, two sons, Marvin Wicklund of Tekoa, Washington, Glenden Wicklund of Evergreen and Virginia Ramsfield of Bigfork; two brothers, Norris W. Harrison of Rudyard and Gerhard H. Harrison of Castle Rock, Washington and ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wicklund were held on Thursday, March 6 at 2 p.m. in the Little Brown Church at Bigfork with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial was in the Lonepine Cemetery at Bigfork.

Rev. Pierce sang, "In the Garden," and "Where the Roses Always Bloom," Mrs. Pierce was organist.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Wicklund were: Lee Hodges, Olyn Welsey, Eldon Graff, Albert Gifford, Delmar Mildren, Ray Brandewiel.

Honorary pallbearers were Halvor Lee, George Clink, Frank Hodges, Thomas Wilson, Jerry Hybner, Lloyd Wolery and Palmer Skonord.