

MARY SCHAFFER ADAM
Born: ? 1889 - Died: January 7, 1985
Liberty County Times
January 24, 1985

Services for Mary Schaffer Adam, 96

Mary Schaffer Adam, one of the few surviving homesteaders of Liberty County, died January 7, at the age of 96. She and her husband, Jacob Adam, homesteaded about 12 miles north of Chester along the Whitlash road in 1911, and she still retained ownership of the land at the time of her death. Her husband Jacob died in Liberty County in 1915 and she then returned to St. Paul, Minnesota where she remained until the last few years when she lived at Kimberly City, Missouri near her son and daughter-in-law, James and Mavis Adam. About eight years ago she returned to Liberty County with her son and daughter and their families and spent the night in a motor home on the site of the farmstead, now leased by the Skari family.

She is survived by son James and daughter-in-law, Mavis Adam now of Lake Elmo, Minnesota, and daughter Irene and son-in-law Michael Galvin of Sun City West, Arizona. She was Granny to seven grandchildren, 25 great-

grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jacob Adam, a brother Phillip Schaffer, and sisters Ann Endres, Elizabeth Hilbert, and Frances Schaffer.

Mass of the Resurrection was Thursday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, North St. Paul, Minnesota. Interment took place in New Rockford, North Dakota.

MILBERT J. (MEL) BAUDER
Born: April 12, 1924 - Died: March 5, 1985
Liberty County Time
March 14, 1985

Services held for Milbert Bauder, 60

Milbert J. (Mel) Bauder, age 60, resident of Pacific, Washington, died at the Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle March 5.

Born in Bowdle, South Dakota April 12, 1924, his early life was lived in McLaughlin, South Dakota moving to Chester in 1955, and to the Auburn, Washington area in 1967.

He was a transmission technician and mechanic for General Motors and for the Gene Fiedler Chevrolet of Seattle for the past 15 years. Member of the Catholic Church, Washington State Auto Dealers Association and the Auto Machinist Union #289.

Surviving is his wife of 31 years, Almetha (Mitzi) Bauder of the home, three daughters, Mrs. Gary (Barbara) Frost of Sumner,

Cathryn Bauder of Kent, Mrs. Chas. (Donna) Booth of Ellensburg, Washington; five brothers, Richard of Great Falls, Edward of San Diego, California; Erwin of Castro Valley, California, Walter of Kent, Harvey of McLaughlin, South Dakota; three sisters, Mrs. John (Ernestine) Ballard of Vista, California, Mrs. Eugene (Viola) Stotz of McLaughlin, South Dakota, Mrs. Carroll (Bernice) Record of Buena Park, California; one granddaughter, Kaitlyn Booth of Ellensburg, Washington.

Services for Mr. Bauder were held Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the Price-Helton Funeral Chapel. Interment in Mt. View Cemetery. Memorials to the Virginia Mason Hospital Cancer Research Center.

CLARA GERTRUDE (SANDA) BERGE
Born: April 3, 1890 - Died: December 9, 1985
Liberty County Times
December 12, 1985

Clara Berge, 95, dies in Toole County

Clara Gertrude (Sanda) Berge was born April 3, 1890, in Girard Township, Minnesota. She was the eldest daughter, and one of 11 children born to Hilborg Ness and Sveinung Sanda. She died the morning of December 9 at the Toole County Hospital, at the age of 95 years, eight months and six days.

Clara homesteaded north of Rudyard in the fall of 1912. She married Eivind S. Berge August 21, 1914. They farmed and ranched in the Goldstone area until 1967, when

they retired and moved to Shelby.

Four children were born to this union, Hilda Ewald, Shelby; Sam W. Berge, Rudyard; Lillian Ulmen, Rudyard; and Evelyn Wanke, Rudyard.

She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother. Clara was an excellent cook and baker. She knew the trials of a homesteader and hard times. She raised many chickens, a large garden of vegetables and flowers which she willingly shared.

Clara was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby, the Alpha-Naomi Circle, the Sons of Norway Normont Lodge #507, and the Shelby Garden Club.

Clara is survived by all her children, six granddaughters, 11 great grandchildren, and two great great grandsons, one sister, Connie Skalman of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and two brothers Alfred Sanda of Folsom, California, and Emil Sanda of Harlingen, Texas, one brother-in-law, Sveinung Berge of Ulefoss,

Telemark, Norway, and several nieces and nephews.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Eivind, five brothers, Ole, Edwin, George, Sam and Carl, and two sisters, Hilda and Agnes.

Funeral services will be held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby at 2 p.m. Friday, December 13 with Pastor David Larson officiating. Committal services will be at the Rudyard Cemetery.

JESSE RICHARD BLAIR

Born: January 10, 1902 - Died: January 23, 1985

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January 31, 1985



Jesse Blair

Jesse Richard Blair was born in Kalispell, Montana January 10th, 1902. He was one of nine children born to Fred Blair and Anna Cox. Jess was baptized Methodist and attended schools in Kalispell. Because their Flathead Valley farm was too small to support nine children, the family came to the Chester community in 1917. They purchased the old Bourne-Hamilton farm located 16 miles north of Lothair. In those first years here the farming business was depressed because of dry weather, so the Blair's got into the cattle and sheep business. Jess remained on the family ranch and helped with the farming operations. November 9th, 1928 he married a neighbor girl, Ada Flo Henry, in Great Falls. Following the death of his parents, Jess took over the ranch in 1940. He continued ranching until 1962, at which time he retired and his boys took over.

Jess and Flo remained on the farm in their home until 1980, when they moved to Shelby. They lived in Shelby until November of 1984, when Flo brought Jess to the Chester Rest Home because of failing health. Jess died at the Liberty County Hospital the late evening of Wednesday, January 23rd, at the age of 83 years.

Jess had been a member of the Chester United Methodist Church and had served on the church board. After moving to Shelby, they transferred their membership to the Methodist Church there. In his younger years Jess enjoyed playing baseball, but in later years he limited his sporting activities to fishing. Each summer on the farm he liked to raise a big vegetable garden. In their early married years, Jess and Flo enjoyed dancing. Jess liked to play cards, and was especially fond of pitch, whist and pinochle. He was not a real hobby person because most of his time and interest was spent in farm and ranch activities. People were important to him and he loved his family...

Survivors include his wife, Ada Flo of the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester; two sons, Cliff of Hobson and Floyd of Denton; one daughter, Mrs. Joe (Carolyn) Seidlitz of Chester; four sisters, Myrtle Forseth of Puyallup, Washington, Bertha Rambo of Whitefish, Beatrice York of Missoula, and Ellen Cowan of Kalispell; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces. Jesse was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers (Bert and Harvey), and two sisters (Susie and Libby).

Funeral services were held at the Chester United Methodist Church Saturday, January 26th, at 2:00 p.m. The Reverend Nancy Wright officiated. Special music by the church choir included "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross" with accom-

paniment by Meredith Anderson. The congregation sang "Softly and Tenderly." Ushers were Chris Frederickson and Leonard Matteson. Pallbearers included Jim Sherrard and five grandsons, Jerry, Frank, Michael and Darvin Blair and Eugene Seidlitz. Memorial bearers were "all of Jess' many friends and neighbors." Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. Following graveside services, a luncheon was held at the church. Memorial gifts will be given to the National Arthritis Foundation.

RICHARD KENNETH BUSH
Born: August 26, 1908 - Died: December 13, 1985
Liberty County Times
January 9, 1986

Big Sandy resident dies

Richard Kenneth Bush, 77, longtime resident of Big Sandy, died in the Big Sandy Medical Center Friday, December 13th. He had been ill with cancer for two and a half years.

Born in Spokane August 26th, 1908, Dick lived in Washington with his family until they moved to this part of Montana when he was four years old. He attended school in the Eagleton community and high school in Big Sandy. As a young adult, he served three years with the Civil Conservation Corps and then returned to Big Sandy to ranch with his father.

December 12, 1939, Louise Lanning Jenkins and Richard were married in Great Falls. They ranched together for some time, and then operated Dick's Dairy in Big Sandy for ten years. In 1951 they returned to ranching and continued that for 16 years until retirement in 1967.

Dick's so-called retirement included working part-time for many years as an employee of Holland and Bonine, as a custodian at the Rohrer Memorial United Methodist Church, the Big Sandy Medical Center, and Big Sandy high School, and as a servant to the whole Big Sandy community - shoveling snow, delivering mail to shut-ins and generally cheering up everyone he would meet. He was a member of the Methodist Church for many years. He was also a member of Masonic Treasure Lodge #95. Dick's marvelous sense of humor endeared

him to many friends near home and others very far away.

For most of his life his banjo was a regular companion. He played it with much vitality and was often sought out as a 'back-up' musician. Other interests were camping and traveling. Whether he was inside the Kremlin walls of Russia, the beaches of Bali, or the streets of Mexico City, he reached out with genuine friendliness to others, never letting culture or language stop him. In a foreign country or on the banks of the Missouri River, Dick Bush was always ready to visit with a stranger who soon became a friend. Even after he became seriously ill, he continued his story telling and music making. Friends of all ages came to visit him right up to his death and he was always happy to see them.

Rev. Alan Broere and Grahame Nicholson officiated at the funeral service held at the Rohrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Big Sandy. Judy Pleskac played the organ preceding the service. Joanne Kibbee, playing the organ, accompanied Marla Ray, who sang: "In The Garden." Grahame and Karen Nicholson sang "Softly and Tenderly." Paul Merrill played "Taps" at the graveside.

Pallbearers were: Robert Gasvoda, Robert Lanning, David Clausen, Clair Sykes, Glenn Terry and Stuart Brown. Ushers were: Harv Kibbee.



Richard Bush

Robert Marten and Marlyn Cornett. Honorary pallbearers were: Jack Taylor, Frank O'Neil, Roy Pagar, Bill Snow, Warren Ross, Ted Worrall, Leon Jonson, Alvin Bitz, H.H. Bitz and Harold Michels.

Survivors include his wife, Louise; daughters, Judy Pleskac of Escondido, California, Patricia Ish-tar of Barstow, California, Nicki Lubrich of Helena and Melanie Brown of Chester; son Jerry Jenkins of Lewistown; foster daughters Ruth Sykes of Fort Benton and Joan Gasvoda of Big Sandy; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Burial was in the Big Sandy Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the Big Sandy Medical Center.

KENNETH H. CARLSTAD
Born: October 1, 1932 - Died: June 3, 1985

Liberty County Times

June 13, 1985

Kenneth Carlstad

Kenneth H. Carlstad was born in Minot, North Dakota October 1st, 1932. He was one of four children born to Otto and Edna (Arneson) Carlstad. Ken was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He grew up near Ambrose, North Dakota and attended schools in Crosby. Following his education, he helped his dad on the family farm. In 1953 Ken enlisted in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Kansas, he met his wife-to-be, Charlene I. Orcutt. They were married in Atchison June 18th, 1955. Following his military discharge, he began working in the construction business. They lived near Dallas, Texas for seven years, then spent time in Salem, Oregon. They came to Montana in 1968. Ken worked for Walt Laas in the Browning area before coming to Chester. They lived in the Chester/Joplin communities for the next 11 years, where Ken operated his own excavation/construction business. Ken retired in 1980 due to a debilitating asthmatic condition. They moved to Lewistown in 1981 and have lived there since. Ken's health continued to deteriorate, especially this past year. Following a two-week stay at the Deaconess Hospital in Billings, Ken died the morning of Monday, June 3rd. He was 52 years old.

Ken had been a member of the Moose organization and the American Legion. He had many hobbies over the years, including camping, fishing and sculpturing. His favorite pasttime, especially during the past four years, was oil painting, and many of his paintings are now being enjoyed by different families along the Hi-Line. Ken had been very proud of his own business and equipment. He liked to look at anti-



ques, especially old cars and tractors. He enjoyed playing cards, and was an avid football fan. Before his health failed he liked to dance, and his love continued for country western music. In his quiet hours he liked to read, and was especially fond of local histories. Ken's family was very important to him and there wasn't anything he wouldn't have done for them.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene of Lewistown; two sons, Kenneth and Gary, both of Great Falls; four daughters, Mrs. Rick (Debbie) Miller of Joplin, Mrs. Rob (Sherry) Johnson of Sidney, Jane of Lewistown, and Mrs. Gordie (Donna) Petersen of Lewistown; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Edwin of Chester and Wallace of Joplin; one sister, Mrs. Joyce Gustafson of Kalispell; in-laws, George and Elaine Orcutt of Wathena, Kansas; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ken was preceded in death by his parents and a son (Steven in August of 1982).

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Wayne Bungum at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester

Friday, June 7th. Vocal music by Sue Violett included "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by Juanita Wardell. Ushers were Ken Miller and Bob Anderson. Pallbearers included Ken's sons-in-law, Gordie Petersen, Rob Johnson and Rick Miller, and his nephews, Galen Gustafson, Larry Carlstad and Dale Carlstad. Memorial bearers included all of his friends and relatives. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a coffee hour was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

CHARLES M. CURFMAN
Born: January 31, 1897 - Died: August 7, 1985
Liberty County Times
August 15, 1985

Charles M. Curfman

Charles M. Curfman, 88, died Wednesday morning, August 7th, at his residence in Hamilton.

He was born January 31, 1897, in Petersburg, Pennsylvania, the son of David and Nettie Locke Curfman.

He moved with his family as a young boy to Hope, North Dakota where he was raised and educated.

In 1915 he moved to Lothair, Montana, where he and his brother Paul farmed. He entered the U.S. Army in 1918. Following his discharge in 1919 he returned to Lothair where he continued to farm.

He married Bernice Allen in Havre, Montana, September 6, 1923. They continued to farm north of Lothair, and following his retirement in 1963 they moved to Ronan. In 1970 they moved to Stevensville and then in 1975 moved to Hamilton where he has resided since.

Survivors include his wife Bernice of the family home in Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Melva and Rodney Wellen of Helena; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Marvelle Curfman of Missoula; 13 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Charlene Storkel, and her remains will be placed with her father, a grandson, Russell Howerly in 1978, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Hamilton LDS church with a member of the local bishopric officiating. Interment followed at the Riverview cemetery in Hamilton.

Pallbearers were Bob Pradett, Lloyd Curfman, Raymond Fritz, Hal and Wade Goodsell and Erick Sutter.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Hospice of Hamilton, P.O. Box 1343, Hamilton, Montana 59840.

Holmes accompanied by Karen Helman. Selections were "Peace In The Valley," "One Day At A Time," and "Come to The Garden Alone."

Woodrow was born in Westboro, Wisconsin March 29, 1913. He attended schools in Medford, Wisconsin. Then he enjoyed driving heavy trucks in and around Wisconsin, Minnesota and Washington.

In November 1942 he entered the U.S. Army, served in the Canon Co. 363RD Regiment 91 Inf. Div. for three years. Following discharge he came to Montana and started working for various ranchers in the Bears Paw, and worked on farms doing combining and driving grain trucks on the hi-line.

November, 1963, he was united in marriage to Sherrie Owens of Inverness, Montana. They lived on various ranches in the Bears Paw until 1973, then he worked for the Union 1334 of Great Falls, Montana as a laborer, doing heavy construction. He helped build the new water plant and the new addition of the Blaine County Court House in Chinook, and numerous highways and Havre waterlines.

Just before retirement, he worked for the Bear Paw Livestock. He was a very hard worker. Woody loved being with the cattle, and he would sit by the fishing pond by the hours whether he got any fish or not.

He had been a member of the V.F.W. and American Legion Post #48 and also served as Commander for Post #48.

In July he had a family reunion in Wisconsin in which he reunited with most of his family whom he hadn't seen for 12 to 15 years.

MARY E. DEDRICKSON
Born: January 3, 1924 - Died: July 25, 1985
Liberty County Times
August 1, 1985

Mary Dedrackson

Mary E. Dedrackson, 61, died Thursday morning at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby of leukemia. She was born January 3, 1924 at Chester, Montana to Henry and Emma Layton. She was raised on the family farm south of Chester and had attended school in Chester, graduating from Chester High School. She attended Montana State University in Bozeman where she had majored in art. She married John Dedrackson July 31, 1945 at Helena, Montana. They had lived in Butte and also in Scobey from 1960 until coming to Libby in 1964 where she had assisted her husband in his practice of Optometry. She had been a member of Christ Lutheran Church, the VFW Auxiliary, the Royal Neighbors of America and a member and Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had also been a member of Duplicate Bridge Club, Past President of the Kootenai Valley Democratic Women's Club and secretary of the

Lincoln County Democratic Central Committee. She was preceeded in death by her parents, two sisters and three brothers. She is survived by her husband John of Libby; two daughters, Dolly Dedrackson of Fortine; Dana (and Brett) Tandy of Arlington, Texas; two sons, David (and Barbara) Dedrackson of Rialto, California; and Duane (and Janet) Dedrackson of Eugene, Oregon; three sisters, Myrtle (and Ray) Kratcha of Shelton, Washington; Eleanor (and Don) McGarry of Butte; and Alice Schwede of Chester; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mary Dedrackson were conducted Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby with Rev. James Darchuk officiating. Burial was in the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Rt. 3, Box 869 G, Libby, Montana 59923.

ICY BELLE EVANS

Birth: November 18, 1903 - Died: September 21, 1985

Big Fork or Kalispell, Mt. Paper?

September ?, 1985

BIGFORK — EVANS, icy Belle, 81, died Saturday in a Kalispell hospital. Service 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Weatherford Funeral Home; cremation to take place. Born in Oklahoma, grew up in rural Great Falls; in 1919 married James Albert Evans in Great Falls. They lived in Great Falls until 1932, farmed north of Carter until 1939, owned and operated a garage in Chester from 1939 to 1966. After her husband died, she moved to Bigfork in 1967. Preceded in death by two sons, Iver and Benjamin; four brothers and a sister and four grandchildren. Surviving are seven sons, Ross of Newberg, Ore., Joe of Browning, Carl of Kevin, Ray of Huntsville, Ala., and Terry, Garth and Dat, all of Bigfork; a brother, Don Evans of Lincoln, and a sister, Iva Keister of Conrad.

INEZ VIOLET FREDRICKSON
Born: August 18, 1899 - Died: December 19, 1985
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December 24, 1985

Services held for Inez Fredrickson



Inez Fredrickson

Inez Violet Kinyon was born in Moscow, Idaho August 18th, 1899. She was the youngest of six children born to Homer and Vianna (Parks) Kinyon. Inez attended Moscow city school for five years, then came to Montana with her family in 1912. They homesteaded north of Galata and Inez finished her formal

education at the Kline School near the farm. July 3rd, 1917 she married Henry C. Frederickson in Havre. They made their home in a one-room house near the Trommer place north of Tiber. In 1928 they moved to the old Fred Wagner farm, which they eventually purchased. They farmed together there until their retirement in 1962. They bought a home in Chester in 1966. Henry died in 1969. Inez remained in her Chester home until 1979, then moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. She lived there until June of 1984, when declining health took her to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She died just after midnight Thursday, December 19th, at the age of 86 years.

Inez had been a longtime member of the Trinity Church north of Lothair. She transferred her membership to Our Savior's in Chester following her move into town. She was proud of the fact that she had been baptized and confirmed as an adult, and had been active in the A.L.C.W. Inez enjoyed her life as a homemaker and farmer's wife. In those early years she spent many long hours milking cows, feeding pigs, and raising chickens. She liked to work in her vegetable and flower gardens, and was a good cook. In her quiet hours she enjoyed crocheting and embroidery. Although she had no formal lessons, she was an exceptional pianist, and had played in a dance band in the north country in those early years. She loved to play cards, to dance and sing, or to simply visit with friends and neighbors. Inez's favorite Bible passage was "The 23rd Psalm." She loved her family, and an important event in her life was the celebration of her "Golden Anniversary" with Henry in 1967.

Survivors include her son, Lawrence of Chester; her daughter, Vianna Osborne of Shelby; four grandchildren (Chris and Dan Frederickson and Henry and Lester Osborne); 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Ethel Wegner of Sheldon, Washington; and numerous nephews and nieces. Inez was preceded in death

not only by her husband and parents, but also by two brothers (Jim and Neal Kinyon) and by two sisters (Myrtle Kinier and Alpha Whitney).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 21st, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Wayne Bungum and Reverend Ken Bartle officiated. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art," accompanied by Dorothy Heydon. Special vocal tributes included "Beautiful Garden of Prayer" and "Beyond the Sunset," performed by Delores Matteson. Pallbearers were Cliff Blair, Leonard Matteson, Alfred Hanson, Leo Hawks, John Dolezal, Lyle Glee and Darby O'Brien. Ushers were Nathan Lakey and John Schnitzmeier. Memorial bearers included "all of Inez's many friends - past and present." Following the services, a luncheon was held in the church basement. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. at the Angelus Memorial Cemetery in Shelby. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

MYRTLE ROSELLA GREEN

Born: January 21, 1916 - Died: February 15, 1985

Liberty County Times

February 21, 1985

Funeral held for Myrtle Green



Myrtle Rosella Green was born January 21st, 1916 south of Rolette, North Dakota. She was one of four children born to Pauline "Pearl" Peterson and George Sewell Green. Myrtle came to Montana with her family in 1917 and she was raised on the family farm north of Chester. She attended the Sunny Hill Country School for three years, then transferred into Chester. In the early 1940's she enrolled at the L.B.I. in Minneapolis and later worked at the Northrup King Seed Company there. Several years later she came back to Chester and took employment at

the old Chester Trading Company as a clerk. In the early 1950's she moved to Conrad and worked at the telephone office there for the next few years. Myrtle came back to Chester in 1954 to live with and care for her parents. Her father died in 1974 and her mother died in 1975. Myrtle has lived in their home in Chester since. Following a five-week stay in the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, Myrtle died on the early morning of Friday, February 15th. She had just turned 69 years old last month.

Myrtle was active in Our Savior's Lutheran Church and was a faithful member of the Esther Circle of the A.L.C.W. She had taught Sunday school and Bible school for many years. She enjoyed attending summer Bible camps and working with the youth groups. Her hobbies included sewing, embroidery and gardening. Myrtle used to play the piano, was an amateur guitarist, and enjoyed group singing. She had gotten somewhat active in the Senior Citizens in recent years and had made a lot of new friends. In her quiet hours she liked to read, and was especially fond of motivational and spiritual literature. Although Myrtle never had any children of her own, she

loved kids and had developed some special relationships with her nieces and nephews over the years.

Survivors include two brothers, Charles of Chester and Leslie of Cottage Grove, Oregon; one sister, Mabel Meredith of Clarence, New York; four nephews; two nieces; and many great-nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death only by her parents.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 20th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. The congregation sang "Children of the Heavenly Father," accompanied by Juanita Wardell. The vocal duet by Sue Violet and Wayne Wardell was "How Great Thou Art." Friends and neighbors serving as pallbearers included Kenny Gilbert, Dan Mielke, Armand Anderson, Walt Wicks, Darby O'Brien and Larry Bassett. Memorial bearers included Fred Sitch, Bob Mattson, James Hull, Alfred Hanson, Harley Rudolph, Ben Heimhigner, Dick Eveland and Tom Staudacher. Ushers were George Braun and Emmers Berg. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon for family and friends followed back at the church.

JAMES "JIMMIE" HALVERSON

Born: November 24, 1888 - Died: June 15, 1985

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June 20, 1985

Jim Halverson

James ("Jimmie") Halverson was born November 24th, 1888 in McIntosh, Minnesota. He was one of seven children born to Mary Arneson and William Halverson. Jim attended schools in McIntosh and was baptized and confirmed in the Norwegian Lutheran faith there. Following his education, he worked in the livery business with his family. In 1910, when Jim was 21 years old, he came to Montana with his father. They filed a homestead 18 miles north of Galata. In those early years farming was a 'hit-or-miss' business; that is, it was tough to break ground and get crops to grow. To stay busy and keep food on the table, Jim



James Halverson

worked various other jobs including harvesting in North Dakota and the Judith Basin, cutting hay on the Blackfoot Reservation, fixing ma-

chinery and cars in Galata, and helping gravel Highway 2 when it was built through the Hi-Line. In 1939 Jim wintered in Eugene, Oregon where he got into the carpentry business. He would buy old houses, fix them up, and then resell them. He continued running his farm until 1949, then leased it out. Although he lived in Oregon for 30 years, he still missed the old homestead, so he came back every summer to help out. Jim returned to Galata permanently in 1981, where he has lived on the farm near his brother's family, Sharon and Monte Lerum. Although his health had slipped a little this past year, Jim has remained active in the community. In fact, Saturday evening (June 15th) he was attending the Galata Parish 75th Anniversary services, where he was recognized as the church's oldest living member, when he became ill. He was taken by ambulance to the Shelby Hospital, but resuscitative efforts were to no avail. Jim was 96½ years old.

Jim had also been active in the Grandview Church in the north Galata country in years gone by. He had supported the Farmer's Union Cooperative in its early inception. Jim had been athletic in his younger days and enjoyed playing baseball and basketball. He remained an avid baseball fan and also enjoyed watching boxing events on television. He kept up on current affairs by listening to the news and by reading his favorite magazine, "Newsweek." Jim's hobbies over the years included dancing, billiards and cards (his favorite card game was 'Runny'). He liked going to town and being with people. Although a very independent, private-typing person, Jim still had a great love for

people. He was recently interviewed for an article in the May-June issue of the "Montana Magazine," where he told of some interesting events in his life. He had been one of the 'gate crashers' of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight in Shelby in 1923, he had attended the World's Fair in Chicago in 1933-34, and he had the rare privilege of drinking a beer in a Shelby saloon with the infamous Charlie Russell. When asked by the interviewer what Jim attributed his longevity to, he replied "being outside and working in the fresh air!"

Jim never married. His only survivors are nephews and nieces. Local relatives include Sharon, Monte, Dean and David Lerum of Galata. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, by three brothers (George, Andrew and Hank), and by three sisters (Hilda Gredvig, Caroline Jensen and Ella Larsen).

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, June 20th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Galata Lutheran Church by Reverend Ken Bartle. Special music will be provided by the vocal duet of Jean Aspevig and Debra Steinbacher, who will sing "Behold the Host." The congregation will sing "Beautiful Savior" and "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." Hazel Munson will serve as accompanist.

Pallbearers will include Gordon Halverson, Lloyd Halverson, Roger Jensen, George Jensen, Dick Kennett and Hales Scalse. Ushers will be Gary Aklestad, Duane Markuson, Steve Scalse and Leo Kolstad, and memorial bearers will include "all friends, neighbors and relatives." Interment will follow in the Galata Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon is planned back at the church.

CARL JOHN HARLEM
Born: October 15, 1897 - Died: August 28, 1985
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Carl Harlem

Carl John Harlem was born in Norway on October 15th, 1897. He was one of three children born to the Emil Harlem family. His mother died when he was five years old. In 1903 Carl came to the United States with his father and two sisters. They settled in the Barton, North Dakota community, where he was educated. His father died when he was nine, so Carl was raised the next few years by a family in Barton. At age 13 Carl set out on his own, working as a farm laborer in North Dakota. In the final year of World War I, Carl was inducted into the army. He was on a U.S. troop train when the peace treaty was signed, so he was never shipped overseas. He often kidded that the enemy gave up because they heard that "Carl Harlem was coming over". Carl came to Montana in 1936 and worked various farm jobs

along the hi-line. He married Mary Jane Furseth in Great Falls on June 5th, 1944. Carl re-enlisted in the U.S. Army during the outbreak of World War II, but served in a stateside position because he was almost 45 years old. He was honorably discharged in December of 1944 and returned to Chester. Carl continued farming, and then worked as a bartender in his later years at the Golden West and Laas Bar. He retired in 1963, but worked as a handyman helper in the years that followed for Carl Yurman and Arman Anderson. Carl's wife became ill in the 1970's and moved to the rest home. Carl remained dedicated and loyal to her, making many daily trips to the nursing home. She died on November 19th, 1975. The following year, Carl moved to the self-care wing of the rest home. He was transferred into full-nursing service in 1982 and has lived there since.

The morning of Wednesday, August 28th, Carl died at the Liberty County Hospital. He was just 2 months shy of being 88 years old.

Carl had been a life-time member of the Chester American Legion. In 1976 he was honored as Liberty County's Bi-Centennial King. He was an avid pinochle player and baseball fan. He had made several fishing trips to the west coast with local friends, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Carl was very satisfied with his life. He loved to eat and socialize with people. He had a quick wit and good sense of humor, and all of the nurses at the rest home enjoyed him. He was known for singing little songs--little diddies that he had made up over the years. He always seemed to be the "life of the party", be it at work or at play.

Although his family was small, he had a host of good friends...

Survivors include two nieces, Mrs. Ernest (Verda) Evans of Inverness and Mrs. Bill (Donna) Kuder of Spokane, Washington; step-daughter, Mrs. Bob (Marian) Amundson of Weaverville, California; sister-in-law Evelynenia Reed of Hinkley, Minnesota; and several great-nephews and nieces. Carl was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by his two sisters (Marie Green and Emily Harlem).

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, August 31st, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Special music by the congregation included "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art", with accompaniment by Melanie Brown. Old friends serving as pallbearers were Vic Elliott, George Braun, Lawrence Schaefer, Charles Green, Bud Toner, and Charles Laas. Ushers were Boyd Nealy and Craig Rude. Memorial bearers included members of the Chester American Legion, who participated in military rites at the Chester Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon followed at the church basement. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

WOODROW W. HARROLD
Born: 1913 - Died : July 24, 1985
Liberty County Times
August 15, 1985

Woodrow W. Harrold

Woodrow W. Harrold, 72, went to meet the Lord suddenly Wednesday, the 24th of July, in the morning at home after suffering a short illness of emphysema and apparent heart attack. Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held July 29 at 2:00 p.m. at Edwards funeral home in Chinook. Services were conducted by Pastor Douglas Thompson.

He is survived by his wife of Chinook; two daughters, Mrs. Tom (Ione) Gruss and Mrs. Tim (Janice) Roth of Chinook; two granddaughters, Kimberly Gruss and Jessica Roth; six sisters, Olga Meier of Ogema, Wisconsin, Gladys Prochnow of Gilman, Wisconsin, Ruby Hattlestad of Medford, Wisconsin, May Hirsch of Merrill, Wisconsin, Jane Brosseau of Racine, Wisconsin, Barbara Oster of Erie, Pennsylvania; and one brother, Harry Harrold, Tacoma, Washington. Parents and one sister preceded him in death.

*His wife was Sherrie Owens.

BETTY RICHIE HART
Born: ?, 1959 - Died : February 23, 1985
Liberty County Times
March 7, 1985

Funeral held for Betty Richie Hart

Betty Richie Hart, 36, passed away February 23 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Her husband George survives along with two daughters, Richelle and Christine.

Other survivors include her mother, Lola Richie, Rudyard; sisters, Mrs. Eugene (Nancy) Sudan, Hogeland, Montana, Mrs. Buster (Grace) Ness, Rudyard, Montana, Mrs. Ed (Jeanette) White, Hingham, Montana; one brother Keith Richie, Great Lakes, Illinois. Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service was held February 26 at Emmanuel Lutheran in Virginia Beach with Rev. Andrew Ballentine officiating.

ALICE AGNES HEIMBIGNER

Born: December 20, 1907 - Died: November 16, 1985

Liberty County Times
November 21, 1985

Services for Alice Heimbigner

Alice Agnes Shettel was born in Murdock, Minnesota December 20th, 1907. She was one of ten children born to Cynthia Iona Snider and John Nathan Shettel. She came to Montana as a child in 1912 with her family, who homesteaded in the Bison community west of Joplin. Alice was baptized here in Montana by a traveling Methodist minister. She attended the Buelow country school near the farm. April 14th, 1927 she married Walter C. Heimbigner in Havre. They farmed near Chester on the old Nordstrom place, and then later on the McMaster farm. In 1953 they moved into Chester and ran the Husky service station. Walt eventually took a job as maintenance man at the courthouse until his retirement in 1969. Alice kept busy as a homemaker. Walt died in Havre on May 13th, 1982. Alice continued to live in their Chester home, where she died in her sleep the early morning of Saturday, November 16th. She was just one month shy of being 78 years old.

Alice was a member of the Chester United Methodist Church. She was a good Christian lady, both in action and in deed. She loved her fellow man and was a faithful reader of her Bible every night before bedtime. Her hobbies included crocheting, quilting and embroidery. In the summer months she liked to work in the yard, and was especially proud of her strawberry patch. Alice had several collections, including salt and pepper shakers, Avon bottles, and photo albums of her family. Alice loved her family, and they

were first and foremost on her list of priorities. "Work" should have been her middle name, especially in those early years when times were tough. She worked hard — whether it was picking rock, digging fence post holes, or hauling hay — and she never complained. Although Alice was not an extrovert, she did like visiting with people whenever the opportunity arose. She had a special love for children, and one of her family's fondest memories was the way she used to rock and sing her grandkids to sleep. Alice was a very dedicated wife and had never really gotten over the loss of her husband, Walt. Her family finds comfort in the thought that they are finally together at peace again. . .

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Irvin (Ruby) Borst of Havre, Mrs. Clarence (Opal) Borske, Sr. of Great Falls, Mrs. David (Pearl) Morton of Culloden, West Virginia, and Mrs. Jerry (Donna) Perdue of Chester; two sons, Roy and Donald, both of Chester; two sisters, Clara Hadford of Joplin and Lois Clements of Missoula; two brothers, Alva and Clarence Shettel, both of Chester; 19 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Alice was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by four grandchildren, two brothers (Levi and Roy), and three sisters (Florence and twin sisters in infancy).

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 20th, at 2 p.m. in the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Daniel Clark officiated with assistance from



Alice Shettle-Heimbigner

Pastor Wayne Bungum. Organist, Iris White, played one of Alice's favorite hymns, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," and then accompanied the congregation who sang "The Old Rugged Cross." A vocal duet by John Seidlitz and Dean Fox included "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Garden." Pallbearers were Jim and Jerry Shettel, Lyle and Elmer Hadford, Larry Lambott and Harry Heimbigner, Jr. Ushers were Darby O'Brien and Charles Green. Memorial bearers included "all of Alice's grandchildren." Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church.

MARGARET ANNA HEINTZ
Born: ?, 1906 - Died : August 1, 1985
Liberty County Times
August 22, 1985

Margaret Anna Heintz

Margaret Anna Martha Heintz of Lewistown, Montana died Thursday, August 1 at the Central Montana Hospital at the age of 79 years and three months. She had been ill with bone cancer for more than three years.

Margaret had been a resident of Montana since the age of eleven, moving with her parents Edward and Bertha Mottaz from Chaska, Minnesota to Rudyard in 1917. Her parents constructed the town's second hotel, the Rudyard Hotel, the same year. The building is now used for apartments.

It was in the same year that her future husband, Carl C. Heintz, then 21 years of age, began farming just a half mile west of Rudyard. Six years later, in March, 1923, they were married. In March, 1944, the family sold the farm and purchased a farm at Moccasin, in Judith Basin County. Carl died a decade later, in December, 1954.

Nine children were born to Carl and Margaret, two of whom preceded their mother in death--the youngest son Robert, and Marvin.

The couple's only daughter and youngest child, Carole Knudson, cared for her mother during her three-plus years struggle with bone cancer. Other surviving sons and daughters-in-law include: Lloyd and Ann of Lewistown, Howard and Maydene of Quincy, Washington, James and Leora of Spokane,

Washington, Leonard and June of Belgrade, Montana, William of Sonoma, California, and Fred and Cheryl of Columbia Falls, Montana.

Heintz is also survived by five sisters and a brother: Edna Petty of McMinnville, Oregon, Idella Green of Spokane, Washington, Helen Buell of Fremont, California, Walter Mottaz of Spokane, lone Hammon of Spokane and Leona West of Lewiston, Idaho. All of her sisters and brother lived for some years at Rudyard.

Forty-seven direct descendants survived Margaret Heintz. This includes 23 living grandchildren and 17 living great grandchildren. Her granddaughter and grandson, Doreen and Dan Heintz have operated the family farm at Moccasin for the past four years.

Heintz was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod and was active in the Moccasin Women's Club until moving to Lewistown. She was an amateur painter and superb family historian, recalling names and relevant historical dates of all occasions on both her side of the family and her husband. Five hours of taped interviews with her, covering the family's history, will be given to the Montana Historical Society Museum in Helena.

Funeral services were held in Lewistown August 3, 1985.

FRANK ROBERT HEMMER

Born: April 28, 1913 - Died: December 30, 1985

Liberty County Times

January 9, 1986



Frank Robert Hemmer was born in Lothair, Montana April 28th, 1913. He was the eldest of ten children born to Matthew and Anna (Schroer) Hemmer. Frank attended school at Lothair. After his mother died, he went to live with the Parker family in Sweetgrass, where he finished his formal education. In the years that followed, Frank worked at the Fort Peck Dam, the Sweetgrass oilfields, and on various farms and ranches. He started farming on his own in 1937, and the following year he bought the old McFarlane place near Lothair. September 17th, 1940 Frank married Nora C. Hull in Chester. They have lived, worked and raised their family on the farm since that time. Frank's health had been relatively good over the years; however, he was being treated for a heart condition as of recent. Monday afternoon, December 30th, while taking a nap at his home, Frank died peacefully in his sleep. He was 72-1/2 years old.

Frank had been active in St. Mary's Church and the Holy Name Society. He served on the Lothair and Chester school boards for a total of 19 years. In his youth he played baseball, and his love for sports continued in his later years. He was

fond of high school athletics, especially when his children were active, and he was an avid spectator fan of pro football. He enjoyed dancing and country western music. In his quiet hours Frank enjoyed reading, and his favorite subject matter was geography and history. When the kids were growing up, they made frequent family outings to Tiber Lake where they enjoyed boating and fishing. Frank also liked to play cards, and was especially fond of cribbage and pan. Frank loved to be outdoors, whether he was working in the fields, feeding cattle, or simply taking a walk. Education was very important to Frank, and he worked hard to guarantee that each of his eight children had an opportunity to attend college. He enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, including his farm, his church, and his family.

Frank's survivors include his wife, Nora of Lothair; three sons, Ray of Lincoln, Jack of Columbia Falls, and Bob of Belgrade; five daughters, Mrs. Norm (Anna Marie) Anderson of Chester, Mrs. Carl (Janice) Mattson of Chester, Mrs. Wally (Marlene) Hovery of Shelby, Kathy Hemmer of Billings, and Mrs. Mike (Carol) Horinek of Lancaster, California; 13 grandchildren; 6 brothers, John of Chester, Lawrence of Galata, Charles of Shelby, Jim of Las Vegas, Jerry of Lincoln, and George of Port Townsend, Washington; one sister, Mrs. Bob (Anna-leen) Zeeck of Denver, Colorado; and numerous nephews and nieces. Frank was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers (Joe and one in infancy).

Rosary services were held at St. Mary's Church Thursday evening, January 2nd. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Friday by Father John Coady.

Special music was provided by members of the St. Mary's guitar group, and Rock Svenningsen sang "The Lord's Prayer." John Laird served as reader. Altar boys included Gordon Standiford, Jim Englund and Brad Kammerzell. Granddaughters Jenifer and Sara Hemmer presented the communion gifts. Friends serving as pallbearers included Galen Kolstad, Bob Sisk, Willis Violett, Darwin Snuffer, Armand Anderson, Don VanDessel and Richard Buker. Ushers were Lawrence Terwolbeck and Eldon Graff.

Following graveside services at the Lothair Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church basement. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

CLYDE H. HEYDON
Born: July 28, 1915 - Died: May 9, 1985

Liberty County Times

May 16, 1985

Clyde Heydon

Clyde H. Heydon was born July 28th, 1915 on the family homestead north of Joplin. He was one of ten children born to Effie Taplin and Elmer Frank Heydon. Clyde grew up on the farm and attended the Meldrum Country School near there. Following his school years he worked at various jobs in the Joplin community. He helped Ole Bensen install the plumbing system in the Joplin school house, and then later helped Pete Jensen build the sidewalk that runs south from the school house to Main Street. Clyde also mined coal for a while with Berger Johnson, Sr. He worked as a farm hand for several local farmers, including George Gunderson, Vern Sauer, George Frank and John Lyle. After working with M.O. Farden at the Farmers Union Elevator, Clyde took a job with Art LaValley as a mechanic at the old L.M.S. Implement in Joplin. In the mid-1940's, Clyde began farming on his own north of Joplin. During those first seven years on the farm, he worked the winter months at Chester Implement. Clyde married Verna L. Sauer September 14th, 1935, and they have lived their entire married life in the Joplin community. Clyde has continued to farm, in fact, he collapsed at the wheel of his tractor the morning of Thurs-

day, May 9th. He was 69 years old.

Clyde had served as president of the Hill County Water District and had been a member of the Joplin Commercial Club and Farmer's Union. Some of his recreational hobbies over the years included fishing, golfing, bowling and snowmobiling. He was an avid spectator fan of baseball and he loved to attend rodeos. In his quiet hours he enjoyed reading the newspaper and he also liked to do some latch-hooking. But his greatest love was for his family and friends, Clyde liked to laugh and have a good time and be with people. He will be missed, but his memory will not be soon forgotten.

Survivors include his wife, Verna of Joplin; daughter, Peggy Stanberry of Joplin; sons, Earl ("Buzzy") of Milpitas, California, Richard of Fort Benton, and Dean of Joplin; sisters, Havreen Frydenlund of Devon, Dorma Hadford of Joplin, and Fern Keith of Grand Forks, North Dakota; brother, Ferroll of Devon; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Clyde was preceded in death by his parents, one sister (Lois), and four brothers (Lloyd, Cecil, Franklin and Lyle).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 13th, at the Joplin Community Hall. Funeral rites were provided by Larry



Clyde Heydon

Huen. Special music included "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize" and "Making All Things New," sung by the vocal duet of Merry Sveum and Frank Heydon, and accompanied by Dorothy Heydon. Nephews serving as ushers were Stanley and Calvin Johnson. Pallbearers included Gene Keith and Douglas, Tom, Leonard, Kenneth and Jim Heydon. Interment followed in the Joplin Cemetery with graveside message by Curtis Kanning. A luncheon was held at the family home in Joplin. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

RICHARD "BUD" EUGENE HUNNEWELL

Born: February 26, 1917 - Died: April 26, 1985

Liberty County Times

May 2, 1985

Richard Eugene Hunnewell was born February 26th, 1917 in Chester, Montana. He was one of two children born to Esther Wolf and George T. Hunnewell. Bud grew up in the Chester community and attended schools here. Following his education, he worked with his father in the garage business. In 1940 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served as a staff sergeant in the Signal Corps in India. He was honorably discharged in 1945, and returned to Montana. He was married December 22, 1945 to Idella Walden. They made their home and farmed in the Chester community until their retirement in 1976. They moved to the Lakewood area of Tacoma, Washington, but continued to spend their summers in Chester. Bud's health has declined these past few years. He died the early morning of Friday, April 26th, at the Lakewood General Hospital in Tacoma. He was 68 years old.

Bud had been a member of the Shelby Elks Lodge, the Joplin Masonic Temple, the Great Falls Scottish Rite, the Helena Shrine, and the Montana Civil Air Patrol. He had served on the Chester City Council and was a charter member of the Chester V.F.W. Post. In his younger years he enjoyed boating and fishing. Although not outwardly active in politics, he was a staunch Republican. Bud's hobbies included bowling and rock-hounding, but his greatest love was for his ham radio operations, which he had



Bud Hunnewell

been active in since his teens. Bud was very knowledgeable of television and electronics, so he had fixed many appliances for friends and neighbors over the years. He was also an excellent welder, and had assisted numerous times at the oil rigs in north Liberty County. Bud also enjoyed traveling. He was a very quiet, gentle man, and basically liked the simple things in life...

Survivors include his wife, Idella of Chester; two sons, Dick of Tacoma and Dave of Chester; four grandchildren, Rachel, Aaron, Brandon and Camon; one daughter-in-law, Yvonne; and numerous nephews and nieces. Bud was preceded in death by his parents and his only sister, Laverne.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 1st, at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Nancy Wright

officiated, and she was assisted by Reverend Wayne Bungum of Our Savior's. Meredith Anderson provided special piano music, and Carole Hanson sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Whispering Hope." Pallbearers included George Staudacher, Kenny Gilbert, Delmar Wolfe, Leo Wigen, Frank Wanken and Grant Jeppesen. Ushers were Joel Fenger and Speck Helm-

brecht. Military rites by the local VFW and American Legion were held at the Chester Cemetery. A coffee hour followed at the church. Memorials will be given to donor's choice. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

RUTH ROCKMAN ISH

Born: November 5, 1905 - Died: September 24, 1985

Liberty County Times
October 3, 1985



Ruth Rockman Ish

Ruth Rockman was born in Chicago, Illinois November 5th, 1905. Her parents were Chris ("C.I.") Rockman and Helga (Johnson) Rockman. There were ten children in the family. They came to Montana in 1908 and bought the Grand Hotel in Chester. Ruth started school in Chester, but transferred to the Trommer country school near Eagle Creek when her family moved to a homestead there in 1912.

In addition to farming, the Rockman family ran a little country store (which was located near the present Arlo Skari farm). Ruth started high school at Lothair, but later graduated from Chester High School in 1925. While attending school in Chester she participated in tennis, basketball and baseball.

May 20th, 1925 Ruth married Bennie C. Ish in Havre. In the few

years that followed, they lived in various towns along the hi-line as Ben worked as a telegraph operator for the Great Northern Railroad. In 1928 they bought a home in Chester. They lived together there until Ben's death in 1955.

Ruth had begun working for the postal department in 1953 and was appointed as Chester's postmaster in 1955. She worked that job until her retirement in 1971. She remained in her Chester home until 1979 when she moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge. Because of failing health, she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home a few months ago. Following a short stay in the Chester Hospital, she died the evening of Tuesday, September 24th. Ruth was just a few months shy of being 80 years old.

Ruth joined the Eastern Star in 1942, was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and also held membership in the V.F.W. Auxiliary. She became actively involved in the Chester Royal Neighbor group in 1929. The R.N.A. club was very important to her, and she missed very few meetings over the years. She held most every office in the R.N.A. and served as the State Oracle from 1958-61. Ruth attended several national conventions, some of which were in Denver, Los Angeles, Miami, Atlantic City and Seattle. Not only did she enjoy the fraternal comradery of R.N.A., but also the many social events and opportunities to express her love for the community.

Ruth was also a faithful Christian. Of interest was the fact that she was the first parishioner baptized in Our Savior's Lutheran Parish here in Chester. After she was married, she began attending the Methodist Church. Not only was

she active in the Ladies Aide, she also taught Sunday School for 20 years and assisted with the M.Y.F. program. Ruth loved people, but had a special fondness for children. Although life had not always been good to her, she never faltered from her happy, optimistic attitude. She was a kind, caring person who never spoke evil of anyone. For this, and much more, she will be greatly missed. . .

Survivors include her son, Elwin ("Bud") of Chester; daughter, Lila Loy Senger of Great Falls; two sisters, Lillian Wright of Chester and Helen Carr of Poulsbo, Washington; one brother, George Rockman of Buena, Washington; five grandchildren, Ben, Tamie, Jodine, Derik and Roxan; and many nephews and nieces.

Ruth was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a daughter (Helen in 1941) and by six brothers (Lloyd, Gunnar, Willard, Sid, Harry and Ed).

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 27th, at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Daniel Clark officiating. Special congregational music included "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "When We Walk With The Lord," with accompaniment by Merideth Anderson. Ushers were Neil Shepherd and Ed Swank. Pallbearers included Dick Burrows, Gene and Tyrone Rockman, Derik Senger, Ben Ish and Phillip Zeren. Honorary bearers were members of the Chester R.N.A. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A fellowship hour followed at the church. A memorial fund is being established at a later date.

MAYNARD M. JOHNSON

Born: September 23, 1919 - Died: December 13, 1985

Liberty County Times
December 19, 1985



Maynard Martin Johnson was born on his family's homestead located northeast of Chester, Montana September 23rd, 1919. He was one of ten children born to Marie Ethel Erierson and Arthur Karl Johnson. Maynard was baptized and confirmed Lutheran. He attended the Meldrum school near the farm. Following his formal education, Maynard worked on various farms and ranches in Liberty County. In 1940 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the 25th Infantry Division in the Aleutians, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. After achieving the rank of sergeant, he was honorably discharged in 1945. Maynard returned to Montana and began ranching the old home place. He remained a bachelor until October 5th, 1966, when he married Cletus Wright Brandvoild in Chester. They made their home in Chester and continued farming northeast of town until ill-health forced his retirement in September of 1984. Following a lingering illness, Maynard died peacefully at his home the morning of December 13th. He was 66 years old.

Maynard had been a member of the Bethel Church for many years and had served on the church coun-

cil. He was also a member of the Chester V.F.W. Post #3996. He was an avid fisherman and had done some hunting in his earlier years. He enjoyed raising a large vegetable garden each year and always shared his corn with his friends and neighbors. Maynard had picked a lot of field rock in his lifetime and had selected a collection of unusual shapes and sizes. He was a fan of Western music. He loved all animals, but was especially fond of dogs and cats. Although he never had children of his own, he was a "natural" with kids and those who knew him respected him. At family gatherings he was one of the first ones to the table to play a board game. Maynard was an excellent stockman; he loved his cattle and was always concerned for their comfort. He was also a good horseman, and had worked hard in those early days when it came to herding and moving cattle. In his quiet hours Maynard enjoyed reading; he liked magazines of all kinds and read from the Bible each night before retiring to bed. He was a reserved, private-type individual, and this was exemplified in the fact that he had kept a daily diary dating back to 1945. Maynard was a very contented and happy man, especially since his marriage to Cletus (of interest is that family and close friends affectionately called them "Arnold and Hank"). Maynard leaves behind many special friends with many special memories.

Survivors include his wife, Cletus of Chester; mother, Marie of north Chester; two brothers, Victor and Paul, both of north Chester; five sisters, Jennie Hatleberg of Havre, Lillian Rohrig of Portland, Oregon, Judy Moss of Havre, Jean Marsich

of Billings, and Doris Humphries of Gainesville, Georgia; and numerous nephews and nieces. Maynard was preceded in death by his father, a brother (Arthur), and a sister (Ellen).

Funeral services were held Monday, December 16th, at the Bethel Church in Joplin with Reverend John N. Olson officiating. Organist, Thelma Anderson, accompanied the congregation, who sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Musical tributes by vocalist/guitarist, Carole Hanson, included "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Because He Lives." Nephews serving as pallbearers were Dan, Ron and Ken Marsich, Speed Wright and Mike, Art and Ron Johnson. Special friend serving as usher was Jerry Albright. Memorial bearers included Elvin Sundgren, John and Rudy Cicon, Gerald Buker, Lloyd Oswood, John Osler and Eldon Graff. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with military taps and presentation of the flag by Ray Standiford. A luncheon followed for family and friends at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. Memorials will be given to the American Cancer Society or to donor's choice.

CECIL T. KAVANAUGH
Born: ?, 1896 - Died : August ?, 1985
Liberty County Times
August 29, 1985

1918 Chester newspaper publisher dies

Cecil T. Kavanaugh, a former newspaper editor in Chester, passed away recently in Kalispell at the age of 89.

Kavanaugh was part of a partnership that published a forerunner to the *Liberty County Times*, the *Chester Democrat*.

A member of one of Montana's long-time newspaper publishing families, Kavanaugh joined with Henry O. Woare in purchasing the *Democrat* from D.P. VanHorne April 5, 1918.

Kavanaugh was listed as editor of the paper but sold out his interest to Woare after just three months. Kavanaugh's father founded the *Galata Journal* in 1910 and founded

other newspapers, including the *Devon Register*, *Lothair Ledger* and *Dunkirk Times*, all short-lived publications that thrived from early requirements that all homesteading proving-up claims be published. Kavanaugh was editor of the *Devon* paper at the age of 16.

The family sold its Montana interests and Kavanaugh worked as a printer at several towns in Montana, North Dakota, Washington, Oregon and Alaska, before the family bought the *Shelby Promoter* in 1927.

He was a printer for several years at the *Daily Interlake* in Kalispell until that newspaper converted to off-set type in the late 1960s. He

chose to retire then, but did part-time work for Mel Ruder, publisher of the *Hungry Horse News* in Columbia Falls.

But at the age of 71, Kavanaugh decided to take on full time work again. He accepted a job with O'Neill Printing in Kalispell, specializing in hot metal type.

After finally retiring in 1980, he tried his hand at writing, publishing a history about early Montana newspapermen, a book on fishing and an autobiography.

A nephew, John Kavanaugh, still runs the family publishing business, which includes newspapers in Shelby, Cut Bank, Browning and Kalispell.

ROBERT JAY (BOB) KEITH
Born: April 5, 1924 - Died: March 12, 1985
Liberty County Times
March 21, 1985

Funeral held for Bob Keith

Robert Jay Keith was born in Redwing, Minnesota April 5th, 1924. He was one of four children born to Hazel Violet Staudacher and Devall "Shorty" Keith. Bob was baptized in the Methodist parish. He grew up in Chester and attended schools here. While in high school he participated in basketball and played the trumpet in the band. He graduated in 1943. For several years Bob worked for Walt Hensley at the Havre Airport. During the war years he helped his dad in the service station business in Chester and also farmed the Russell Keith place south of town. November 8th, 1947 he married Helen Brandvold in Chester. Bob eventually took over Keith's Conoco & Bulk Plant, the business he operated until 1965. At that time, they moved to Great Falls where Bob purchased the Holiday Village Texaco Station on 10th Avenue. He operated that business for the next 4-5 years, then bought interest in a tire retread shop in Black Eagle. The business was named U.G.M. Tire Company, as they specialized in underground mining equipment tires. In fact, Bob patented a special retreading process which involved the manufacture of these big tires using an off-set procedure. Bob continued with U.G.M. until 1981, when he sold his interests and the company transferred to Salt Lake City. In 1982 Bob was recruited by the International Nickel Corporation to go to Indonesia and help them set up a retreading shop there. Shortly after his return to Montana, he suffered a stroke, and his health has deteriorated since. Even so, Bob continued to be independent in his Great Falls residence. He died peacefully at home the afternoon of Tuesday, March 12th. Bob would have been 61 years old next month.

While in Chester, Bob had been active in Commercial Club and Rotary. He had been one of the

early promoters for the development of the Chester swimming pool. He loved basketball, and kept active in it not only as a spectator, but also as a high school referee. His hobbies included hunting and fishing, and he enjoyed traveling in his motor home. Since his retirement, his outdoor activities were pretty limited, but he did enjoy gardening. Bob loved people and places, and was a great entertainer and socializer. He liked to laugh and have a good time and exchange a story or two. He enjoyed life...

Survivors include two daughters, Krystal Laas of Hillsboro, Oregon and Kimberly Kane (pronounced "Connie") of Portland, Oregon; two grandchildren, Haven Laas and Tiason Kane; one brother, Alvin of Grand Forks, North Dakota; one sister, Elaine Thelma Perugini of Boulevard, California; and numerous nephews and nieces. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lloyd.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 16th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Charlie Hanson of the Alliance Church officiated. Special vocal music by Carole Hanson included "If I Can Help Somebody" and "Mansion on the Hilltop." Memorial pallbearers included Earl Keith, Don Laas, Neil Shepherd, Horace Stensrud, Vern Koop, Speed Wright and Alfred Hanson. Per Bob's wishes he was cremated following the memorial services, and his ashes will be buried in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon was served to family and friends at the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Memorial gifts will be given to the American Diabetes Foundation.

WESLEY H. KIELBAUCH
Born: December 6, 1907 - Died: January 3, 1985
Liberty County Times
January 10, 1985

Memorial service for Wesley Kielbauch

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, January 10, at the Community United Methodist Church, Shelby, for Wesley H. Kielbauch, who died January 3 in Turlock, California. Born December 6, 1907, he spent his life in Toole County until he retired from farming in 1965.

A graduate of Shelby High School, he worked in Kevin and in Sweetgrass before starting his own grocery store there in 1936. He farmed southwest of Sweetgrass for more than 20 years. His wife of 53 years, the former Marguerite Olson of Joplin, died in 1983. He is survived by a daughter, Peggy Woodworth of Turlock, California; four grandchildren, Mark Woodworth, Robin Casson, Heidi Owens and Page Woodworth; two great-grandchildren, Seth Woodworth and Amy Owens; a sister, Edna Nutter of Sunburst and two brothers, Otto of the Sweetgrass Hills and Howard of Nevada.

MYRTLE MARIE KRATCHA
Born: April 11, 1914 - Died: August 25, 1985
Liberty County Times
September 5, 1985

Myrtle Kratcha

Myrtle Marie Kratcha of Shelton, Washington died at Mason General Hospital August 25. She was 71 years old.

Myrtle was born April 11, 1914, the second of nine children, to Emma and Henry Layton on a farm south of Chester. She farmed wheat and cattle with her family before moving to Mason County, Washington in 1939.

Surviving are her husband, Ray J.

Kratcha of Shelton, Washington; a daughter, Janice R. Cookson, also of Shelton; a granddaughter; two sisters, Eleanor McGarry of Butte, Montana, and Alice Schwede of Chester; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held in the Garden Chapel in Shelton Memorial Park with Dr. Ludvig Eskildsen officiating at 1 p.m. Thursday, August 29.

LUCILLE LEISCHNER
Born: July 3, 1914 - Died : May 1, 1985
Liberty County Times
May 30, 1985

Lucille Leischner

Lucille Leischner, 70, former resident of Rudyard, passed away May 1 in Visalia, California, in Visalia Community Hospital.

She was born July 3, 1914 in Lakeview, South Dakota. Lucille was raised in South Dakota and moved to Montana in the early 1940's where she lived in Cut Bank and Havre until moving to Rudyard in 1963.

Lucille retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 17 years of service and had been retired for about five years. She dearly enjoyed the outdoor life through her hunting and fishing and loved Montana for the abundance of both.

She moved to Poulsbo, Washington, in 1980 where she resided until mid 1983 when she moved to Visalia, California for health reasons.

Lucille belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church in Lakeview, South Dakota.

Survivors include one son, Rick Leischner of Poulsbo, Washington, three sisters, Anne Hite of Trenton, Nebraska, Bernice Goodwin of Rapid City, South Dakota, Lavonne Inks of Visalia, California, and two grandchildren, Sean and Ryan of Poulsbo.

Private cremation was performed by Belmont Memorial Park in Fresno, California.

A memorial service was held under the direction of Rev. Harold Dreauger of Grace Lutheran Church, Visalia at the Meadows Retirement Center.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund, c/o Rick Leischner, P.O. Box 1446, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

FRANK MANGOLD

Born: May 31, 1908 - Died: March 27, 1985

Liberty County Times

April 4, 1985



Services held for Frank Mangold

Frank Mangold, 76, died Wednesday, March 27 in a Phoenix, Arizona hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Odessa, Russia May 31, 1908 and immigrated to the United States with his parents to North Dakota and then to Montana in 1909.

He was raised and educated in Inverness, Montana where the family was engaged in farming. He worked all his life in Montana as a farmer, mechanic and TV repairman until his retirement in 1971 when he moved to Phoenix and then to Cottonwood, Arizona where he resided until his death.

He loved country music and had his own western band called the 'Rangers.' His band was well known in the Chester, Havre and Chinook areas for many years. He could play several instruments, but his favorite was the accordian and the organ.

He was married to Bernice Sapp at Havre in 1929. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Howard of Rudyard and Edward of Everett, Washington; daughters, Mrs. Roy (Betty) Sattleen and Mrs. Floyd (Ruby) Skoyen of Chinook, Mrs. Don (Shirley) Kline of Rudyard and Mrs. John (Marjie) Stubbs of Phoenix, Arizona; 24 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; one brother, Andrew of Hingham; sisters, Helen Gangness of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Barbara Schaefer of Chester and Mrs. Charles (Marie) Cross of Rudyard. He was preceded in death by a son, William, and five brothers, Walter, Leon, Mike, Nick and Joe.

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass will be held at the Inverness Catholic Church April 9 at 10:00 a.m. A memorial has been established.

PHYLLIS THORA MATTESON

Born: April 4, 1942 - Died: November 26, 1985

Liberty County Times
December 5, 1985



Phyllis Thora Matteson was born in Conrad, Montana on April 4th, 1942. She was the youngest of four children born to Malvin and Margaret (Ek) Matteson. She grew up on the family farm north of Galata and attended the Grandview country school. Phyllis was baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Church north of Lothair. She spent her freshman year of high school in Fargo, North Dakota and then transferred back to Shelby where she graduated in 1959. She was active in many school activities and the 4-H program. For the next two years Phyllis attended Concordia College in Moorehead, Minnesota. She married George McGuire in Chester on July 1st, 1961. They lived and worked in the Chester community until 1967, when they bought the Leepers Motel in Lincoln. Phyllis was very active in the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and helped initiate the groundwork for a high school and new gymnasium. In 1980 Phyllis moved to the Flathead Valley where she worked as lodging manager for Big Mountain in Whitefish. In the summer of 1983 she attended the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. She returned to Montana that fall and was married to Ed Renna in Havre on October 22nd. Phyllis made her home in

Havre until January of 1985, when she re-enrolled at U.N.L.V. to study hotel administration. She has lived in Las Vegas since. On the evening of Tuesday, November 26th, while en route to Phoenix to spend Thanksgiving with her son, Phyllis was involved in a fatal traffic accident. She died at the young age of 43 years. . .

Phyllis had been a life-time member of the Trinity Church and had been active at St. Olaf's and in the Lincoln Community Church, and recently was teaching Sunday school at the Community Lutheran Church in Las Vegas. Her religion was important to her and she was a faithful reader of the Bible and other spiritual books. Phyllis loved music; she was an amateur pianist and liked to strum on a ukulele. She had sung at a lot of weddings and funerals in past years and was recently trying to renew her musical talents by taking voice lessons at college. She loved Whitefish and her work in the lodging industry, and had planned to return following her education. Phyllis had many hobbies and interests. She enjoyed fishing, camping, wild berry-picking, gardening and entertaining. She also liked to snowmobile and play racquetball. She collected spoons and depression glass, and loved to take care of houseplants. She enjoyed playing cards and "Scrabble," and cooking was a favorite pastime. Phyllis was a fun-loving lady; she liked to dance and have a good time. Family and friendships were very important to her. She had that special personality that touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with. . .

Phyllis' survivors include a son, David McGuire, who attends college in Phoenix; a daughter, Carrie McGuire, who attends college in Bozeman; her mother, Margaret Matteson of Chester; a brother, Leonard Matteson of Galata; two sisters, Iva Kolstad of Ledger and Christabel Matteson of Galata; and numerous nephews and nieces. In addition to her family, Phyllis is also survived by her two former husbands and friends, George McGuire of Lincoln and Ed Renna of Havre. She was preceded in death by her father, Malvin.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 2nd, at the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Lothair. The Reverend Ken Bartle officiated. Vocalist, Doug Freeman, sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace," accompanied by Carolyn Frederickson. The congregation sang "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us," "Beautiful Savior," and "I'll Fly Away." Friends serving as pallbearers included Dick Wilson, Cy Mace, Paul Meissner, Sonny Scalse, Dewey Sloan and Gary Standiford. Ushers were Chris and Cedric Kolstad, Hal Schlotfeldt and Greg Matteson. Interment followed in the Trinity Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon was provided for family and friends at the church immediately after the graveside services.

DOROTHY BANGS MCMURPHY
Born: ?, 1917 - Died: October 7, 1985
Liberty County Times
October 17, 1985

Dorothy Bangs McMurphy

Dorothy Bangs McMurphy, 68, born and raised on the family farm north of Inverness and a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico for the past 40 years, passed away Monday, October 7. She is survived by one daughter, Jody and husband Rick Davidson of Albuquerque; five grandsons, Michael Dwyer, Aaron Dwyer, Christopher Dwyer, Jeremy Svejcar and Chris Davidson, all of Albuquerque; one sister, Gen and husband Ted Schwartz of Boise, Idaho; two brothers, Kenneth Bangs and wife Norma of Stevensville, Montana and Howard Bangs of

Seattle, Washington; and also by many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William McMurphy, in 1972.

Graveside services were held Saturday, October 12 in Fairview Memorial Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, 1801 Mountain Road N.S., Albuquerque, NM 87104 or to the Albuquerque Center for Peace. Mrs. McMurphy was an active member of each organization.

BURTON MIDGE
Born: April 20, 1923 - Died: March 22, 1985
Liberty County Times
March 28, 1985

Burton Midge rites

Dutton cowboy and ranchhand Burton E. Midge, 61, died Friday at a local nursing home after an extended illness.

Midge was born in 1923 to Robert and Myrtle Midge in Lake Mills, Iowa, and came to Montana at an early age. He was raised at Dutton, attended rural Pondera Elementary School and Conrad High School.

After his schooling, he was a hunting guide for Baker's Dude Ranch near Choteau. He was employed by the Pugsley Ranches near Chester and later by the Meissner Ranches, located at Babb, Montana. He later operated the family ranch in southern Toole County and most recently ranched near Dutton. He was a cowboy and rode saddle bronc and bareback in many rodeos throughout Montana and in other states.

In 1968 he married Marcile O. Trebesch at Dutton.

He was a member of Dutton's Bethany Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Carl Trebesch of Dutton and Loren Trebesch, a student at the University of Montana in Missoula; two daughters, Mrs. Faruk (Kay) Karim of Edmonton, Alberta, and Mrs. Michael (Lynne) Baber of Great Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Oliver (Marian) Aaberge of Great Falls and Mrs. William (Nellie) Sherman of Conrad; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Ronald, in 1964, and two sisters, Doris Allen in 1981 and Betty Raymer in 1984.

Funeral was 2:00 p.m. Monday at Bethany Lutheran Church with the Rev. Steve Jackson officiating. Pallbearers were Skip Fowler, Marty Ambuehl, Dennis Midge, Steve Midge, Luther Aaberge, Chris Sherman. Burial was in Dutton Cemetery. O'Connor Funeral Home handled arrangements.

JAMES J. MORRISON
Born: September 8, 1904 - Died: January 30, 1985
Liberty County Times
February 7, 1985



Jimmy Morrison

James J. Morrison was born in northern Scotland September 8th, 1904. He was the second of eleven children born to Mary Milne and Arthur G. Morrison. Jim's father came to the United States in 1910 and took a job on the Laird ranch north of Chester. His father also homesteaded near Mount Lily in the Sweetgrass Hills and served as a mail carrier. Jim's mother and the children came to the U.S. in 1913. Jim finished his schooling at the Laird country school. In the years that followed, he worked for numerous ranchers in the Sweetgrass Hills. Jimmy bought a small "spread" near Whitlash in 1935. He lived and worked in the cattle business there until 1942, when he was inducted into the U.S. Army. The following year he was honorably discharged and returned to Montana. He sold his little ranch in 1947 and took employment at the Prescott ranch. When the Prescott's sold out in the early 1950's, Jimmy bought a portion of their land. He made his home there from that time on. His health had been good up until three years ago. Jim died at the Chester Hospital the morning of Wednesday, January 30th, at the age of 80 years.

Jim was your basic Montana "cowboy." He loved horses and cattle, and spent his entire life in the ranching business. Although he ran a relatively small cattle feedlot, he was well-known by cattlemen throughout Montana. Jim was a self-taught veterinarian, and did a lot of vet work for community ranchers in those early years. When it came to breaking and training horses, his skills were excellent. He helped produce many rodeos in Montana and also had performed in all phases of rodeo. Of interest is the fact that the last rodeo Jim was involved in was when he was 55 years old! It's not surprising that he was hired by Liberty County as foreman of the wild horse round-up in 1929. In addition to his cowboy abilities, he was an excellent sheep shearer and a great trapper. In his youth he did some amateur boxing and played baseball, and he remained an avid

sports enthusiast throughout the years. Jim was a member of the Montana Stockgrower's Association and was very proud of his Montana heritage. He liked people and people liked him...

Jim never married. His survivors include three brothers, Arthur of Chester, John of Whitlash, and Francis of Davenport, Washington; five sisters, Lily Murray of Scotland, Mabel Getz of Helena, Violet Racine of Medford, Oregon, Margaret Sarrazin of Livingston, and Lucy Lakey of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Jim was preceded in death by his father in 1952, his mother in 1957, and by two sisters (Kathleen and Mary).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 4th, at the Chester United Methodist Church. The Reverend Grover Briggs of Shelby officiated, and he was assisted by the Reverend Nancy Wright of Chester. Special music by members of St. Mary's guitar group included "Beyond the Sunset," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Home on the Range." Eulogist was Rlynn Rockman. Pallbearers included Robert Pugsley, Bob Nordstrom, George and Joe Meissner, Dick Burrows, Bill Cole and Claude Demarest. Ushers were George Braun and B.J. Oswood. Memorial bearers included a special friend, "Edwin" Cole, and nephews, Doug Getz, Donald and Jim Price, Tom Lakey, Danny and Bobby Sarrazin, and Robert,

Benj, Clarence and Kenny Morrison. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Following graveside services, a luncheon was held at the church for family and friends.

MAVIS MARIE MCCORMICK OLSON
Born: March 19, 1952 - Died: October 13, 1985
Liberty County Times
October 24, 1985



Mavis, Carl, Shannon and Michelle Olson
Mavis McCormick Olson

Mavis Marie McCormick was born in Lewistown, Montana on March 19, 1952. She was one of five children born to Ida Mork and William McCormick. As an infant she came to Joplin with her family, where she was baptized and later confirmed at the Bethel Lutheran Church. Mavis attended Joplin Schools. While in high school she participated in track, annual staff, and school newspaper. She also worked in the student secretarial pool under Dave James during the 1970 State Legislature in Helena. Mavis graduated from Joplin High School in 1970 and then attended

Great Falls Vo-Tech for a short time. She accepted a bookkeeper job for Ryan Wholesale in Havre and later worked there as a clerk for the Federal Crop Insurance office. On July 21, 1973 she married Carl LeRoy Olson at the Bethel Church in Joplin. They have made their home in Havre, where Mavis kept busy as a housewife and Carl worked for the railroad. Mavis contracted hepatitis about a year ago and has suffered complications since. She died at the Billings Deaconess Hospital on the evening of Sunday, October 13. She was just 33 1/2 year old.

Mavis had many hobbies. She was a very talented cake decorator and enjoyed making hand-crafted items. She did some sewing and crocheting, and was a good cook. While in Havre, she played in the women's softball league and also participated in volleyball. Her favorite spectator sport was basketball and her favorite color was purple. Mavis enjoyed camping, working in her garden, and decorating her house. She also was an amateur pianist and like to sing. She was a very concerned mother and friend, and for this her memory will live on.

Survivors include her husband, Carl of Havre; 2 daughters, Shannon and Michelle; mother, Ida McCormick of Joplin; 2 brothers, Russell of Stevensville and Bill of Billings; 2 sisters, Denise Tempel of Joplin and Janice Mlinar of Billings; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins. Mavis was preceded in death by her father, Bill, in 1981.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bethel Church in Joplin. Reverend K. David Gabrielson of Havre officiated. Special vocal music by Judy Lake included "In the Garden" & "Behold the Host", and accompaniment was provided by Iris White. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Neil McCormick and Dave Mork, and pallbearers were Gary Fisher, Richard Hyllig, Jim Greytak, Richard Chapman, Les Anderson and Richard Hanson. Following the services, a coffee hour was held in Kjos Hall. The comittal services were conducted at 3:30 p.m. that afternoon at the Havre Highland Cemetery, after which a memorial luncheon was given at the home of Richard and Doris Hanson in Havre. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial fund is being established.

JOHN JOSEPH PETLAK

Born: November 17, 1920 - Died: December 30, 1985

Liberty County Times

January 9, 1986



John Petlak

John Joseph Petlak was born November 17th, 1920 on the family homestead located 17-1/2 miles southeast of Chester. He was the only son of eight children and his parents were Frank and Bernice (Klaczak) Petlak. John attended the Hay Coulee School near the farm. Following his formal education, he worked for various neighbors and also assisted on the family homestead. In September of 1942 he was inducted into the U.S. Army, where he served overseas. He was honorably discharged in September of 1943 and returned to Montana to help with the farming operations. John took over the family farm in 1962, and continued working it until his retirement in 1983. In March of 1984 he bought a home at Woods Bay where he has lived intermittently since. John's health failed this past year from Hodgkins Disease. He died on the early morning of Monday, December 30th, at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. He was 65 years old.

John had been active in the American Legion and Chester V.F.W. Post #3997. He was proud of his military experience and had often said that he would have liked to be a career soldier. He had great allegiance to the V.F.W. organization, and was always willing to serve on funeral firing squads, in parades and other functions. After his move to Woods Bay, John joined the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell. John never married and consequently, he became a respectable housekeeper and cook (of interest was that he made the best huckleberry pie around). John loved to dance, and was especially fond of square dances in days gone by. He was an outdoorsy person and enjoyed working in his vegetable garden, tinkering in

his shop, raising chickens, or hunting predators around the farm. In his quiet hours he liked to read Westerns. He was an honest, dependable, hard-working man...

Survivors include five sisters, Josephine Crowe of Thompson Falls; Ann Gilbert, Sophie Petlak and Leona Petlak, all of Fresno, California; and Frances Hochberger of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. John was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters (Helen and Mary).

Funeral mass was held at 3 p.m. Friday, January 3rd, at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Father John Coady officiated. Iris White accompanied St. Mary's Choir, who sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond the Sunset." Ken Osterman served as usher. Friends acting as pallbearers included Tim Campbell, Pete Schuhmacher, Tom Osterman, Joe Terwolbeck, Jake Wormsbecker and Lawrence Terwolbeck. Honorary bearers were members of the V.F.W. and American Legion, who provided military rites at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

HILDA CHRISTINE LEDIN PHILLIPS
Born: May 18, 1904 - Died: May 31, 1985
Liberty County Times
June 6, 1985

Hilda Phillips

Hilda Christine Ledin was born in Ingells, Minnesota May 18th, 1904. Her parents were Walter John Ledin and Frida Bloomquist, and she was one of five children. Hilda was born on her father's homestead in a building used as an inland post office and general store. As a child she moved with her family to Wadena, Saskatchewan, Canada where her father proved up another homestead. They returned to Middle



Hilda Phillips

River, Minnesota in 1910. The following year they came to Rudyard, Montana, where Mr. Ledin started a general store. Hilda received her education in Rudyard, and then helped in the family store.

January 5th, 1925 Hilda married Benjamin Franklin ("B.F.") Phillips in Havre. They made their home on a farm west of Rudyard until 1926, then moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was there that B.F. worked for the Oil Well Supply Company. They returned to Rudyard in 1935 and continued farming until their retirement in 1961. B.F. died in March of 1982. Hilda has maintained her own home

in Rudyard since. She had recently been discharged from the Chester Hospital and was recuperating at home. The afternoon of Friday, May 31st, Hilda was outside working in her yard when she collapsed. She had just turned 81 years old a few weeks ago.

Hilda was a life-time member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Rudyard. She had been active in the church circles. Other memberships included the Chester American Legion Auxiliary, the Rudyard Senior Citizens Club, and the Rudyard Women's Club. Hilda had many hobbies, including bowling, sewing, crocheting and oil painting.

She enjoyed playing cards and was an avid spectator fan of basketball and baseball. Hilda loved life and the great outdoors. It seems fitting that she died peacefully while planting in her garden on a beautiful spring afternoon . . .

Hilda's survivors include her sister, Ruthie Letang of Rudyard, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by a son (Hal Ray), one brother (Emil Ledin), and two sisters (Clara Ledin and Amanda Wichmann).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 4th, at the

Rudyard Lutheran Parish with Reverend Jim Sheldon officiating. Alberta Langel sang "In the Garden" and "The Lord's Prayer," with accompaniment by Stanleigh Barbie. Ushers included Lyle Twedt, Bill Gorder and David Rugtvedt. Pallbearers were Clarence "Bud" Een, Ron Vestal, Allen Chinadle, Ben Bradbury, Gerald Langel, and Robert Christenson. Memorial bearers included all of Hilda's friends and neighbors.

Following interment in the Rudyard Cemetery, a coffee hour was held for family and friends at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ALFRED E. (PETE) RATHBUN

Born: September 11, 1894 - Died: November 12, 1985

Liberty County Times
November 21, 1985

Alfred Edwin ("Pete") Rathbun was born in Kimball, Minnesota September 11th, 1894. His parents were Edwin and Esther (Hicks) Rathbun, and he was one of seven children. Pete was educated at Rice, Minnesota. He came to Montana with his family in 1912 where his father filed a homestead 20 miles south of Hingham. When Pete



"Pete" Rathbun

turned 18, he purchased a relinquished homestead south of Inverness. In 1917 he married Winifred Evelyn Boyer in Havre, and they made their home on his farm. After a long illness, Winnie died in October, 1979. Pete retired from farming and moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Pete died on the morning of Tuesday, November 12th, at the age of 91 years. . .

Pete held memberships in the Hingham Oddfellows Club and the Havre Moose Lodge for many years. He had served on the Inverness school board and had become very active in the Senior Citizens group after moving to Rudyard. He had done a lot of traveling in years past, in fact, there probably wasn't a state in the union that he hadn't visited. Pete was a spectator fan of high school basketball, and enjoyed watching baseball and wrestling on television. In his quiet hours he loved to read or work in his vegetable garden. When with family and friends, Pete was always anxious for a good card game, and was especially fond of cribbage and

whist. Pete loved the Hi-line community and had spent many hours traveling up-and-down Highway #2; he made these trips not only for the purpose of visiting friends and relatives, but also for the pure simple pleasure of enjoying the countryside. Pete loved working his farm and feeding his cows. He liked being active and maintained a good sense of humor, and this probably attributed to his long, healthy life...

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 15th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Jim Sheldon officiated and special music was provided by organist, Stanleigh Barbie. Musical tributes by Jerome Lincoln included "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Ushers were Raymond Lincoln and Vic Gatzemeier. Pallbearers were grandsons, Pat Foster, Jim Meyers, Rick Hansard, Danny Hansard, Dale Hansard and nephew, Bill Rathbun. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church.

EARL (PAT) RATHBUN
Born: ?, 1903 - Died : May 25, 1985
Liberty County Times
June 6, 1985



Earl Rathbun

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Funeral services for Earl "Pat" Rathbun were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at 2 p.m. at Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel in Havre, with burial in the Highland Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bill Rathbun, Ron Groseclose, Patrick Andersen, Phillip Lipp, Glen Alex and John Hultin. Soloist Nick Alex sang "For Those Tears, I Died" and "In the Garden" accompanied by Sharon Spicher on the organ. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

Mr. Rathbun, 82 died Saturday in the Liberty County Hospital, Chester.

Born in Kimball, Minnesota, Mr. Rathbun came to the Hingham area in 1912 with his family. The family homesteaded in the Black's Coulee area south of Hingham, where he was reared and educated. October 6, 1924, he married Eleanor Irene Alex in Havre.

Mr. Rathbun is survived by his wife; a son, Robert of Gildford; a daughter, Carole Jean Anderson of Maple Grove, Minnesota; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; a sister, Jenabell Brevik of Havre; brothers, Alfred of Chester, John of Kalispell and Phillip of Lewistown. A sister, Leatha Surovi, and daughter, Irene, preceded him in death.

GUSTAV ROBO

Born: April 6, 1910- Died: January 13, 1985

Liberty County Times

January 24, 1985

Funeral held for Gustav Robo



Gus Robo

Gustav Robo was born in Belvue, Canada on April 6th, 1910. His parents were Gustav Roboweitra and Emma Selg, and he was one of three children. His parents had immigrated from Estonia to Canada, where his father worked in the coal mines beginning in 1908. In 1910 his father filed a homestead deed 10 miles northwest of Chester. Following his father's death in a coal mine accident in 1911, the family came to the homestead in Montana. Emma and the children milked cows, churned butter, and sold the products to make ends meet. Gus attended schools near the farm and in Chester. In the years that followed, Gus and his brother operated a "trapline" and worked for various farmers in the Liberty County community. Gus had worked for Ida Kerr, Frank Laird and Harry Hodges, and also had a mail route north of town. November 1st, 1935 he married Frances E. Hodges in Havre. The following year they purchased a farm north of Joplin. In addition to farming there, he ran a trucking business (he hauled coal) and operated a small service station on the farm. Gus and Frances

lived and worked on the farm until 1972, when Gus had a health set-back. Since then he has been semi-retired. In 1981 they moved to a new home in Chester. The past few months Gus' physical condition had weakened. He died in the Chester Hospital following a two-week stay on the morning of Sunday, January 13th. Gus was 74 years old.

Gus had been a member of the Joplin Commercial Club and had served on the Liberty County Hospital Board in past years. He was confirmed as an adult at the Emmanuel Church in the early 1940's. In his younger days he enjoyed hunting coyotes and birds, but his favorite pastime was fishing. He spent countless hours on the lake, sometimes in undesirable weather, trying to hook that elusive "big one." Gus also enjoyed gardening, and especially liked to raise vegetables and strawberries. For exercise since his retirement, he chopped a lot of wood for their indoor stove. In his quiet hours he enjoyed watching the news and weather on TV. Gus and Frances had made many annual trips to Hot Springs, Montana where they enjoyed soaking in the mineral baths. Gus had developed a coffee made from wheat and barley products, and he was very proud of a plaque awarded to him in 1977 by the Chester Lions Club for his continuing efforts in the development of alternate uses of Montana agricultural products. Gus was a good neighbor and friend, and had an undying love for his family.

Survivors include his wife, Frances of Chester; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Eunice of Fort Benton and David

and Jean of north Joplin; six grandchildren, James, Jeff, Tom, Brian, David and Justin; one sister, Renette Roboweitra of Minneapolis; and numerous nephews and nieces. Gus was preceded in death by his parents (father in 1911 and mother in 1924), a daughter (Violet in 1960), and a brother (Ferdinand in 1981).

Following is a poem written by son, David, and family friend, Helen McCann, in memory of Gus: We had no fear...

He was just here.
It can't be so...

He left home a few hours ago.
So shown the light of God...

His likeness
stamped on his brow.

The long road he has trod...

He resides in Glory now,
Although our tears still run
and our hearts are sorely riven,
Our father is now a gem
in "Our Savior's Cross",
residing now,
another soul in heaven.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 16th, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Reverend John N. Olson officiating. Judy Lake sang "In the Garden," accompanied by Thelma Anderson, and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Pallbearers included Tom Wood, Bob Moog, Olyn Wolery, Norbert Van Dessel, Ernie Tempel and Albert Gifford. Ushers were Wayne and Willis Hodges. Memorial bearers included Knut Svenson, Harry Heimbigner, Vern Pimley, Emmers Berg, Darby O'Brien, Palmer Skonard, Troy Lakey, and all of Gus' other old friends. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed in Kjos Hall.

DONALD ARTHUR ROSS

Born: August 13, 1906 - Died: February 11, 1985

Liberty County Times

February 21, 1985

Funeral held for Don Ross, 78



Donald Arthur Ross was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota August 13th, 1906. He was one of two children born to Hulda Anderson and Guy Ross. Don attended schools in the Minneapolis area and following his education, he went to work as a buttermaker in a local creamery. He then took a job as a salesman for the International Harvester Corporation. February 4th, 1928 he married Margaret Clark at Zimmerman, Minnesota. Soon after their marriage, I.H.C. transferred them to Billings where he continued in implement sales. In 1945 Don purchased the old L.M.S. Implement store in Joplin. He ran that business for the next seven years, then moved to the Bitterroot valley. Don farmed near Missoula and kept active in machinery sales until his retirement in 1971. They lived near Florence until coming back to Joplin in 1976. He died there the evening of Monday, February 11th, at the age of 78 years.

Donald had been a very active man; he was described as a "doer," not a "sitter." He had

been a licensed pilot and a member of the Civil Aeronautics Patrol for many years. He was an amateur radio operator and photography buff. While in Florence he maintained his own darkroom, and one Christmas he made hundreds of pictorial cards for family and friends. Although not an active sports enthusiast, he did enjoy baseball and tennis for recreation purposes. Don loved music and played several musical instruments. He had been a member of Lions International and at one time belonged to the Masonic organization. He loved farming and farm machinery, and was especially fond of driving tractors. In later years he enjoyed playing checkers and scrabble. Don first accepted the Lord into his life at age 13 in the Methodist faith. About 25 years ago he experienced a spiritual renewal and became active in the lay ministry. He spent many enjoyable hours studying the Bible or listening to spiritual tapes and sermons. He liked to minister to people, and although not pushy, he had a knack of meeting people who seemed to have a need for what he had to offer. To Don the world was not only friendly, but small, and he never forgot a face or the name that went with it. There's a claim that he never met anyone new who didn't have a friend that he also knew. People were important to Donald and he cherished friendships and memories. He loved his family, especially his loyal wife of 57 years. Had his health not failed, he would still be in the sales business, selling the "word of the Lord" to all people.

Donald's survivors include his wife, "Peggy" of Chester; two sons, Clark of Aynor, South Carolina and Leland of Corvallis; two daughters, Mrs. Eugene (Dawn) Bjornstad of Joplin and Glee Adele Pflieger of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a foster-son, David Rico of El Paso, Texas; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister (Eloise).

Funeral services were held at the Chester Alliance Church Friday, February 15th at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Charlie Hanson officiated. Special vocal music by Orville Solum and Edith Hodges included "My God and I" and "I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy." The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art," accompanied by Edith Hodges. Pallbearers were Larry Anderson, John Duncan, Harold Hodges, Dean Hodges, David Kidd and Les Mlinar. Ushers were Willis and Wayne Hodges. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed the graveside services at the Alliance Church.

GEORGE WATSON ROSS
Born: September 20, 1882 - Died: April 24, 1985
Liberty County Times
May 9, 1985



George Ross

George Watson Ross, 102 years, 7 months, 4 days, died Wednesday evening, April 24th, at Missoula Community Nursing Home from natural causes.

He was born September 20, 1882 at Leesburg, Indiana, the son of Meshack and Elizabeth Ross. He enrolled in Purdue University around 1901. While in school there he took agriculture and electronics. He married Martha Louise Stroock in 1908 in Syracuse, Indiana.

George and Martha homesteaded ten miles north of Chester in 1910. Other members of George's family to homestead at the same time were his parents, Meshack and Elizabeth Ross, brothers Jay and Virgil and only sister Leatha

Ross Scott. They all settled in the same area. Later George worked as an electrician and at one time owned the telephone exchange in Chester. They lived in Oaksdale, Washington for a time, doing electrical work and moved back to Hamilton, Montana from Washington in 1956. His wife preceded him in death in July, 1968 and he later moved to Missoula.

Survivors include five daughters, Louise Lane, Kenniwick, Washington, Helen Kidder, Missoula, Marjorie Martin, Regent, North Dakota, Gwenith Moen, Kalispell, Georgie Wickberg, Missoula; one daughter-in-law, Myra (Ross) Sitch, Chester; 18 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Martha, in 1968, by his only

son, Ed, in 1972, by an infant daughter, Juanita Maxine, in 1911, by his parents, Meshack and Elizabeth, his only sister Leatha and brothers Jay, Virgil, Laomer and Carl; also by a granddaughter, Candyce Claire Ross in 1966, and a grandson Harlan H. Mathews in 1969.

Graveside funeral services were conducted Monday, April 29 at 11 a.m. at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton with the Rev. Wayne Wardwell officiating. Pallbearers were five grandsons, Robert Mathews, California, Eddie Mathews, Missoula, Gary Moen, Kalispell, Steve Moen, Kalispell, Bruce Kidder, Missoula, and one great grandson, Scott Ross, Chinook.

He was laid to rest beside his wife, Martha and near his son Ed and grandchildren, Candyce and Harlan.

KEVIN MICHAEL RUGTVEDT
Born: September 10, 1965 - Died: October 18, 1985
Liberty County Times
November 7, 1985

Friend eulogizes Kevin Rugtvedt

This eulogy was written and presented by Mr. Ed Hahn of Idaho Falls, Idaho. He is Charlie Rugtvedt's closest friend. This was delivered at the memorial service for Kevin before his remains were sent to Everett, Washington for funeral and interment.

Kevin Rugtvedt

Kevin Michael Rugtvedt, 20, died Friday, October 18, 1985 at his home in Idaho Falls of causes related to epilepsy.

He was born September 10, 1965 at Everett, Washington, the son of Linda Seeber and Charles Rugtvedt. He spent his childhood at Everett, graduating from Mariner High School in 1983.

He worked for K-Mart in Everett until April 1984 when he moved to Idaho Falls to work for Valley Bank. He liked outdoor sports very much and was active in baseball, golfing and skiing. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church.

This is how the newspaper re-

membered Kevin. This is how I chose to remember him.

I first met Kevin when he was 15 or 16. He and his sister, Jeri Lynn, came to visit their dad during summer vacation. His dad, Chuck, is a special friend with whom I and my family have had many great capers.

From the first time that tall lanky kid strode into our home, Janice and I took a special liking to him. He always had that big wide grin on his face that so many of you had come to know. I doubt if I ever saw him at his worst. He was so even tempered. To my recollection, the only real fault he had was the way he kept his bedroom. And boy that was bad.

Kevin loved sports, especially baseball, golf and skiing. He played city league softball for Valley Bank and Software Galeria.

He had recently taken up golf and in no time at all, he could outplay his dad. But then come to think of it, I've beaten his dad once or twice

myself and I don't even know the game very well.

One day Kevin was out in his back yard throwing a Frisbee to his dog Ginger. Now, Ginger is a fat, slow-moving Irish Setter who would rather roll over and play dead than run and fetch. But, on this particular day, she was doing a good job of catching Kevin's Frisbee.

I was watching then and, feeling a little frisky myself, I decided to join in the fun. Well, that's all the excuse Ginger needed. She ambled off to lay in the shade while I chased that darn Frisbee. After many frustrating minutes of trying to catch the Frisbee, Kevin suggested we stop for a rest. I remarked about how lazy that fat dog was. Yeh, said Kevin, but at least she can catch a Frisbee.

Kevin and Chuck often went camping with Janice and me. We would always take a hike up some steep mountain trail. Of course, long-legged Kevin was always out

in front, leading us on to victory over that steep trail. One time, Janice tried to keep up with him and her short legs and middle-aged body darn near caused her to have a coronary.

One thing we learned about Kevin and camping. The fresh outdoors did something to his metabolism causing his appetite to explode. He'd eat us out of camper and cooler.

And after the sun went down, Kevin and Chuck and the rest of us would retreat to the camp trailer and play cards. Kevin would usually skunk us all.

Kevin departed before we had a chance to say good-bye.

But I have a vision of him, like when in the past he'd be striding up that steep trail. But in my vision, Kevin has made it all the way to the top. He's looking back at us, waiting, with that big grin on his face.

Ed Hahn

LUELLA SUSAN GANSER SCHWAB
Born: January 9, 1910 - Died: November 7, 1985
Liberty County Times
November 14, 1985

Luella Susan Ganser was born January 9th, 1910 near Cleveland, North Dakota. She was one of four children born to Martin and Anna (Lence) Ganser. Her family farmed, so Luella attended rural schools. She completed her high school education at St. John's Academy in Jamestown, graduating in 1928. Luella was given a teaching certificate, so she taught at country schools in North Dakota in the years 1928-1934. During that same time-span, she attended summer school at the State Teacher's College at Valley City and earned her degree in 1932. Luella came to Montana in 1935, and for the next seven years taught at the Erickson school south of Chester. In 1940 the State of Montana granted her an Elementary Life Teaching Certificate. In 1942 she taught in the Chester grade school system.

Luella married John A. Schwab in May of 1943 at Hingham. They made their home on his farm south

of Chester. After her husband died in 1965, Luella moved into Chester. She lived and maintained her own home here until August of 1984, when ill-health sent her to the Liberty County Nursing Home. Luella died there the evening of Thursday, November 7th. She was 75 years old.

Luella had been active in St. Mary's Church and the Altar Society. She was always anxious to help with church projects - be it cleaning and yardwork, assisting with special luncheons, or teaching Catechism. Although Luella never had children of her own, she loved young people, and was known affectionately by many as "Aunt Luella." For many years she gave financial support to young priests in seminary school, to mission orphans, and to other needy children. Luella loved the community and participated whenever she could. She enjoyed watching high school sports, especially when her nephews

and nieces were active. She was an excellent cook and loved to entertain. In her younger years she liked dancing and fishing, and in her later years kept active in her garden. Luella loved playing cards, and was especially fond of duplicate bridge. Her kindness and gentle personality were a tribute to her life. . .

Survivors include a sister, Sister Anne Martina Ganser of Somerset, Wisconsin; step-sister, Georgie Brain of Chester; two step-brothers, Ronald Sonnek of Jamestown, North Dakota and Armond Sonnek of Washington, D.C.; sister-in-law, Anna Nordstrom of Chester; three nephews, Max Ganser, Milan Ganser and Robert Nordstrom; four nieces, Wealthy Slattery, Marquerite Bivens, Jo Ann Osterman and Carol Riley; and numerous cousins, great-nephews and great-nieces. Luella was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by an infant daughter (Mary) and two brothers (Henry and Matt Ganser).

Rosary services were Monday evening, November 11th, at St. Mary's Church. Prayers were recited by Fathers John Coady and Timothy Werner. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Con-celebrants were Father Coady, Father Werner and Monsignor Martin Werner. Altar servers included Gordon Standiford, Marty Duffin and Ivan Wodarz. Members of St. Mary's choir sang "Alleluia," "Bread of Life," "Hosanna," "Lamb of God" and "Amazing Grace." Ushers were Aden Ward and Darby O'Brien. Friends serving as pallbearers included Narciss Gagnon, James Hull, Earl Keith, Dick Harmon, Joe Gagnon and Lawrence Schaefer. Memorial bearers were "all of Luella's friends and neighbors." Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church.



Luella Schwab

ALVIN O. SEM
Born: ? , 1906 - Died : December 6, 1985
Liberty County Times
December 12, 1985

Rites held for Alvin Sem, former Joplin resident

Alvin O. Sem, 79, died Friday, December 6th at the Glacier Memorial Hospital in Cut Bank.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service is planned.

Alvin Sem was born in North Dakota; served in World War II, worked as a carpenter and in the oil fields. He lived in the Cut Bank area for the past 36 years, and had formerly lived in the Joplin area.

Survivors include son, Mickey; two sisters in California; numerous nieces and nephews in the Dupuyer, Cut Bank and Kalispell areas.

HILDA CATHERINE SMITH
Born: March 5, 1893 - Died: April 27, 1985
Liberty County Times
May 2, 1985



Hilda Smith

Hilda Smith funeral today

Hilda Catherine Smith was born at Churches Ferry, North Dakota March 5th, 1893. Her parents were Edward and Hulda Rieck. She came to Chester with them in 1909. May 2nd, 1910 she married Joel "Tommy" Smith in Minot. They made their home in Chester, where Hilda was active as a homemaker and Tommy worked in the butchering business. In 1928 they started the Mint Cafe, which had a lot of Liberty County history pass through its doors in the next 20+ years that they ran it. They retired in 1949, although the Mint remained in the family until 1959. Tommy died in 1969 and Hilda continued to live in their Chester home. In 1977 she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge where she remained for the next four years, then transferred to the Liberty County Rest Home. Following a short hospital stay,

Hilda died in Chester Saturday evening, April 27th. She had just turned 92 years old this past March.

Hilda was a charter member of the Joplin Chapter of the Eastern Star. She was also a long-time member of the Royal Neighbors of America. She was best described as a 'home-body', that is, she liked the domestic chores related to cooking, keeping house and sewing. She was very talented with a crochet needle, and there isn't a grandchild who doesn't have a sample of her fancy-work. Hilda was a caring person and had a great love for people in general. Life hadn't been easy for her, but she seemed to have no regrets...

Hilda's only survivors are three grandchildren, including Mickey Smith of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, Betty Lou

Standiford of Chester, and Barbara Dolan of Gresham, Oregon; 11 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, three brothers, five sisters, her only son (Joel), and a great-grandson (Kevin).

Funeral services will be today (Thursday), May 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. at the Chester Lutheran Parish. Reverend Wayne Bungum will officiate. Special music by Wayne and Juanita Wardell will include "In the Garden" and "Nearer My God To Thee." Pallbearers will be George Meissner, Alfred Hanson, Wilbur Eveland, Cliff Krejci, Lawrence Schaefer and Darby O'Brien. Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon will follow at the church.

RUTH EMILY SMITH

Born: April 23, 1938 - Died: March 2, 1985

Liberty County Times

March 7, 1985

Rites held for "Ruthie" Smith

Ruth Emily Smith was born in Havre, Montana April 23rd, 1938. Her parents were Ernest Shipman and Anna Schwartz, and she was one of eight children in the family. Ruthie was baptized and confirmed in the Rudyard Lutheran Parish. She grew up in

Rudyard and attended schools there, graduating from high school in 1956. September 29th, 1957 she married Donald A. Smith in Rudyard. They lived in Rudyard before moving to Glasgow, and then later moved to Browning. Since 1964 they have lived at East Glacier Park, where they operated the Glacier Construction Company. Following a lengthy illness, Ruthie died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester the evening of Saturday, March 2nd. She was 46 years old.

Ruthie's survivors include her husband, Don of East Glacier; three daughters, Mrs. James (Judy) Hurley of Gillette, Wyoming, Mrs. Kevin (Pam) Olson of Havre, and Mrs. Monty (Donette) Groth of Rudyard; three grandchildren; her mother, Anna Shipman of Rudyard; six sisters, Bernice Wolery of Inverness, Ann Tracht of Kalispell, Louise Richter of Omak, Washington, Doris Ludwig of Rudyard, Marion Gilson of Havre, and Donna Nealy of Chester; one brother, Ercel Shipman of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 5th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Jim Sheldon of Rudyard and Reverend Wayne Bungum of Chester officiated. Stanleigh Barbie provided special organ music and Mary Dietz sang one of Ruthie's favorites, "In the Garden." Friends serving as pallbearers included Mel Colter, Don Woolf, Tom Rutherford, Bob Sitzmann, Eugene Gallup, Tom Jones, Ron Walter and Tim Novick. Interment followed at the Rudyard Cemetery with funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial fund is being established for the Liberty County Hospital.

GEORGE LEWIS SPICHER
Born: ? , 1917 - Died : April 1, 1985
Liberty County Times
April 4, 1985

Funeral held for George Spicher

George Lewis Spicher, 68, of Lakeside and Great Falls, a former mayor of Hingham and a horse-racing enthusiast, died Monday in a Great Falls hospital after an extended illness.

Born on his family's farm in Hingham, he attended Hingham schools through the 11th grade, then was graduated from Missoula High School. During World War II, Spicher served with the Merchant Marines.

July 15, 1945, he and Jean Cölby were married in Spokane, Washington.

He was a wheat rancher most of his life. He was also managing partner of Chester Motors from 1962 to 1973 and had been a partner in Hi-Line Fertilizer in Hingham.

In the 1950s, Spicher was mayor of Hingham. During his time as mayor, he initiated and completed the municipal water and sewer project for that community.

Spicher was also a Thoroughbred horse breeder whose race horses won more than 100 races at tracks throughout the West and Northwest, in Canada and on such well-known race tracks as Santa Anita in the Los Angeles area. He sponsored a race in Great Falls each year in the name of Hi-Line Fertilizer.

He was a life member of the Havre Elks Lodge.

From 1973 to 1980, the Spichers lived north of Spokane, then moved to Lakeside.

His wife survives with two daughters, Mrs. Douglas (Cheryl) Allen of Great Falls and Mrs. John (Marsha) Badger of Havre; two grandchildren; two brothers, Clement of Missoula and Richard of Whitefish, and a sister, Fern Flanagan of Helena.

Funeral services were Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Weatherford Funeral Home, Kalispell, followed by burial in Conrad Memorial Cemetery at Kalispell.

VONNIE DIANE (ROBERTSON) SPICHER
Born: January 2, 1950 - Died: August 13, 1985
Liberty County Times
August 22, 1985



Vonnie and Wayne Spicher

Vonnie Diane Spicher

Vonnie Diane Robertson was born in Havre, Montana January 2nd, 1950. Her parents were Kenneth and Esther (Rueb) Robertson, and she was one of four children. Vonnie grew up on the family farm in the Kenilworth community near Big Sandy and attended the Ferndale country school through grade six. She graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1968. Vonnie attended the College of Great Falls for a year, then transferred to M.S.U. at Bozeman where she graduated in 1974 with a major in geology. May 10th, 1975 she married Wayne E. Spicher in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They made their home in Hingham for a year. Since 1976 they have lived and farmed north of Inverness. The early morning of Tuesday, August 13th, Vonnie died at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre. She was just 35 years old.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne of Inverness; two children, Mindy (seven) and Brett (three); parents, Kenneth and Esther Robertson of Zurich; parents-in-law, Marlin and Eva Spicher of Kali-

spell; sisters, Connie Myers of Ryder, North Dakota and Kathy Cuff of Post Falls, Idaho; brothers, Randy Robertson of Malta and Clyde Wall of Big Sandy; and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins. Also surviving is a maternal grandmother, Martha Wall of Spokane, and a host of friends...

Per Vonnie's wishes, a memorial fund will be established at "HELP Child Abuse." Contributions will be sent to this fund at the First Bank of Havre, Box 351, Attention: Steve Velk.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, August 16th, at the Hingham Cemetery. Lay-clergy included Tom Hinkle and Marlene Benjamin. A musical tribute, "It Pays To Serve Jesus," was sung by the vocal ensemble of Carolyn Jacobsen, Mike Lefevre, Marlene Benjamin and Bill Kitto. The congregation sang "Life At Best." Following interment, a memorial luncheon was held at the Hingham H.S. multi-purpose room. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

LOUISE CHRISTINE (HEYEN) TEMPEL

Birth: September 1, 1896 - Died: March 20, 1985

Liberty County Times

April 4, 1985

Louise Christine Heyen was born in Bayless, Illinois September 1st, 1896. She was one of seven children born to John Heyen and Elizabeth Haterdorn. Louise grew up and attended schools in the Dorchester, Illinois community. She later went to Kansas, and then to Colorado, where she worked as a housekeeper in hotels and private homes. She began writing to a Montana homesteader named Gus Tempel. They corresponded for quite some time before he finally proposed. Louise came to Montana by train June 23rd, 1917. Gus met the train in Havre, and they were married there that same day. They made their home at Gus' farm, which was located in the Alma community 20 miles northwest of Joplin. Because the crops were bad those first few years, they traveled to - and - from Everett, Washington where Gus worked for the railroad. In the spring of 1921, they returned to the farm to stay. They lead an interesting life, as most homesteaders did, and simply grew with the land. They purchased their first car in 1923, and their first trip in it was to the Dempsey-Gibbons fight in Shelby. They bought their first farm truck in 1925, and two years later they traded in their eight horses for their first tractor. They loved and worked the farm until Gus' death in 1943. Louise remained on the farm until 1947, then moved to Great Falls. She has lived at 1812-1st Ave. So. since that time. Louise died at home the afternoon of Wednesday, March 20th. She was 88 years old.

Louise had been a charter member of the Ladies Aide at Immanuel Lutheran Church. She was an excellent cook and loved

to can fruits and vegetables. In those early years she enjoyed cards (especially pinochle and whist), but in more recent years she liked word games and trivia on television. In addition, she played the piano, liked flower gardening, and enjoyed crocheting. In her quiet hours she loved to read, and was especially fond of historical novels, Biblical literature, and the Chester newspaper. Although her education was minimal, she was a great "storehouse of knowledge," and she kept up with the times. Louise liked to travel and spend time with family and friends. She loved her grandchildren and was very understanding where they were concerned. Although her life had its share of trials and tribulations, she never complained and always kept an even temperament. She will be missed by many...

Survivors include three sons, Ernie of Chester, Kenneth of Chester, and Clinton of Great Falls; three daughters, Margaret ("Maggie") Anderson of Joplin, Dorothy Heydon of Joplin, and Ellen Overton of Great Falls; one sister, Margaret Shade of Natrona, Pennsylvania; 22 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Louise was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by one child in infancy, two brothers (Herman and Bill), and three sisters (Helena, Hannah and Dena).

Funeral services were held Saturday a.m., March 23rd, at the Joplin Bethel Lutheran Church with Reverend John Olson officiating. Organist was Thelma Anderson. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Beautiful Savior." A special vocal tribute, "In the Garden," was provided by the ensemble of Art

Svennungsen and Gaynell, Scot and Stacy Tempel. "Grandsons" serving as pallbearers included Mike and Leonard Heydon, Delbert Anderson, and Ron, Robert and Scot Tempel. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed the graveside services at the RNA Hall in Chester.



Louise Tempel

EARL GORDON THOMPSON
Born: November 5, 1906 - Died: May 24, 1985

Liberty County Times

May 30, 1985

Earl Thompson

Earl Gordon Thompson was born in Hannah, North Dakota on November 5th, 1906. He was one of five children born to Arthur George and Mary Ellen Thompson. Earl came to Montana as a child with his parents in 1912, and he was raised in a homestead shack north of Gildford. He attended country schools near the farm. Following his education, he worked on the family farm and then helped on various sheep ranches in the Chinook community. At age 18 Earl began tending bar, and continued to work in the bar business until his retirement. He married Laura L. Layton on May 18th, 1945 in Chester. They lived on the Hi-Line, mainly in Chester, Havre and Shelby, during their married years. Laura died in 1967. Earl lived at the Eagles Manor in Havre for several years, then spent some time at the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester. In January of 1984 he moved to the Toole County Nursing Home in Shelby, where he has resided since. Following a short stay in the Shelby Hospital, Earl died on the evening of Friday, May 24th. He was 78 years old.

Earl had been a member of the Havre Elks Lodge for many years. He loved horses and enjoyed reading western novels. He was an excellent cook and had cooked at hunting camps in years gone by. He enjoyed picnicking with family and friends. For many years Earl made an annual trip to Hot Springs where he liked to soak in the mineral baths.

Survivors include one son, Jim of Santa Clara, California; two brothers, Warren of Havre and Merritt of Apache Junction, Arizona; one sister, Mildred Toldness of Coolidge, Arizona; and numerous nephews and nieces. Earl was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by a sister (Lillian Holsapple of Kalispell).

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 29th, at 2 p.m. in the Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Reverend Nancy Wright of the Chester United Methodist Church officiated. Special music was provided by organist, Juanita



Earl Thompson

Wardell. Vocalist Margaret Novak performed "Beyond the Sunset" and "How Great Thou Art." Pallbearers included Steve and Gary Layton, Albert Larson, Dewey Sloan, Loren Toldness and Lawrence Schaefer. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery. Following graveside services, a luncheon was held for family and friends at the R.N.A. Hall in Chester.

LURRIE LOUISE VILLET
Born: June 4, 1940 - Died: December 18, 1985
Liberty County Times
December 31, 1985

Rites for Lurrie Louise Villet

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 21st in the Hingham Lutheran Church for Lurrie Louise Villet. She passed away Wednesday, December 18 after a six-month battle with cancer.

Lurrie Villet was born to Sterling and Louise Villet June 4, 1940 in Havre. She was raised and schooled in Hingham. At the age of 19 she moved to Malta and worked at Trafton and Door Dress Shoppe.

Lurrie was employed by the Phillip's County Sheriff's Department as a clerk for the past fifteen years.

She is survived by her father and mother, Sterling and Louise Villet

of Hingham, and two brothers, Russell Villet of Havre and Lloyd Villet of Ventura, California.

Funeral services were performed by Pastor Gary Pabst. Sharon Spicher, organist, accompanied Terry Stevenson, soloist. Songs included "How Great Thou Art", "Closer I Walk With Thee", and "Amazing Grace". Pallbearers were Mike Camp, Jim Maxie, Gene Peigneux, Lee DeMarais, Jim Chvilicek, and Roger Haas. Burial took place in the Hingham Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in Lurrie Villet's name to the Cancer Society.

NELLIE WICHMANN
Born: March 17, 1889 - Died: October 27, 1985
Liberty County Times
November 7, 1985

Nellie Wichmann dies

Funeral services for Nellie Wichmann, who died Sunday, October 27 in Chester, were held Wednesday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre, Montana. The officiate was Pastor Kermit Owen. The organist was Myra Hedman. The songs, In the Garden and Whispering Hope, were sang by Rick and Susan Rogge. Paulbearers were Sterling Wolery, Lloyd Wolery, Olin Wolery, Merlin Wolery, Melvin Kops, & Clive Owens. Burial was in Highland Cemetary.

Ms. Wichmann was 96 years old. She was born on March 17, 1889 in Leonard, North Dakota. She was

raised and schooled there. In 1912 she moved to the Goldstone area, north of Inverness where she homesteaded her own farm. Her parents and her brother each homesteaded nearby. Ms. Wichmann lived there many years until, in 1959 she bought a home in Havre and moved there. In 1979 she moved into the Liberty County Nursing Home.

Ms. Wichmann never married and was a member of the Minneota Friendly Club while she lived in the Goldstone area.

Ms. Wichmann is survived by 1 nephew, Lyle Wichmann of Inverness, Montana.

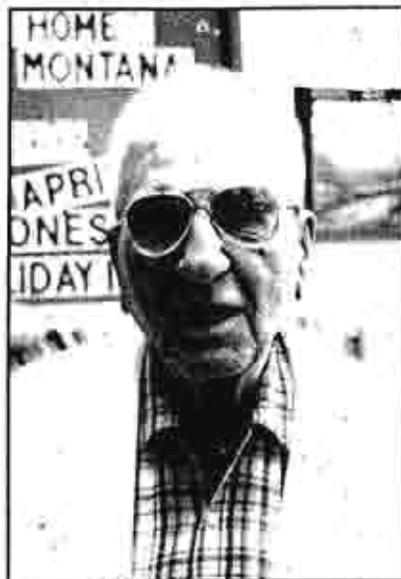
WILLIAM WILL

Born: January 22, 1903 - Died: March 14, 1985

Liberty County Times

March 21, 1985

William Will rites held Mon.



William Will was born in Logan County, North Dakota January 22nd, 1903. He was one of eight children born to Regina Diede and Michael Will. Bill attended schools at Velva and Garrison, North Dakota. He later farmed in the Wishek community. December 7th, 1921 he married Amelia Koth at Ashley. They continued farming in North Dakota until 1946, when they moved to Richey, Montana. Bill worked as a grain buyer for the Peavey Company in Richey until 1957, and then moved to Outlook to manage an elevator there. In 1965 they moved to Macon (near Wolf Point), where he continued working in the grain business until his retirement in 1975. They returned to Richey. In April of 1980, Bill and Amelia came to Chester to live at the Liberty County Rest Home. Following a short hospital

stay, Bill died the early morning of Thursday, March 14th. He was 82 years old.

Bill had been a member of the Richey Missionary Alliance Church. He had also served on school boards at the Red Lake, North Dakota district for many years. He had been an avid hunter and fisherman in his younger days. Bill enjoyed spectator sports, especially baseball and basketball. He loved music and was fond of singing, and had been a talented harmonica and piano player. Bill liked to play table games and work crossword puzzles. In his quiet hours he enjoyed reading, especially the Bible and the news. Bill could be best described as a 'people person,' that is, he was an easy man to meet and he loved to visit. His life had been centered around agriculture, so he never missed an opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of farming. Bill was a loyal family man and friend...

Survivors include his wife, Amelia of Chester; five sons, Dave of Chester, Earl of Othello, Washington, Harley of Wolf Point, Harold of Plentywood, and Arden of Hardin; five daughters, Mrs. Henry (LaVina) Mitzel of Prosser, Washington, Mrs. Vern (Lucille)

McDaniel of Joplin, Mrs. Dave (Laura) Johnston of Richey, Leona Will of Franklin Park, Illinois, and Mrs. Don (Dyann) McCrory of Outlook; 26 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, three sisters, three children (a son, Victor, and two stillbirths), and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 18th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Chester Alliance Church. Services were conducted by Reverend Charlie Hanson and Reverend Wayne Bungum. Edith Hodges served as pianist. A vocal duet by Orville Solum and Edith Hodges was "In the Garden," Carole Hanson sang "Because He Lives." A vocal quartet of Garth Good, Orville Solum, Marke Zerbe and John Hofer performed "Mansion Over the Hilltop."

The congregation sang "It is Well With My Soul," one of Bill's favorite hymns. Grandsons serving as ushers were Tyler Will and Marlin Johnston. Grandsons serving as pallbearers included Garold Johnston, Terry Will, Greg Johnston, Davey McCrory, Todd Will and Myron Johnston. Memorial bearers included "all of Bill's many friends - past and present." Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed graveside services at the church.

JOHN HENRY WOOD
Born: July 26, 1896 - Died: May 11, 1985
Liberty County Times
May 23, 1985

John Wood

John Henry Wood was born in Tate Springs, Cocke County, Tennessee July 26, 1896. He was one of eleven children born to John William Wood and Mary Elizabeth Beckner.

At the age of 13 he and his family moved to Aronogo, Missouri and from there moved to Coatsville, Indiana in 1911. In March of 1913 John and his family joined an emigrant train and came to Montana where he helped his father prove up a homestead 18 miles northwest of Kremlin, Montana.

John served one year in the military service in France during World War I. After his return he worked on a farm in Montana near Valier and then in Washington at several jobs. John came back to Montana and got into farming.

September 30, 1922 he married Clara Zabel in Havre, Montana and they made their home in the Gildford area ever since.

There was two children born to this union, a son, Henry John, and a daughter, Mrs. James (Betty) Marshall of Chester.

John has been a member of the American Legion for 65 plus years. Some of the things he

enjoyed doing was playing and managing baseball, fishing and gardening.

After deteriorating health John passed away May 11, 1985 at the Liberty County Nursing Home, Chester, Montana.

Surviving is his wife Clara, one daughter Mrs. James (Betty) Marshall of Chester; 11 grandchildren: Wayne Wood of Billings, MT; Leland Wood of Seattle, Washington; Delbert Wood of Havre, MT; Mrs. Scott (Janet) Baird of Romona, California; Mrs. Doug (Kathy) White of Hingham, MT; Tony and Scot Marshall of Chester; Arthur (Butch) and Kenneth Marshall of Kremlin, MT; Mrs. John (Lynn) Muir of Bakersfield, California; Jodine Jeppesen of Clear Lake, South Dakota. Also 19 great grandchildren; two brothers, Curtis of Los Lunas, New Mexico; James of Kalispell, MT and numerous nephews and nieces. John was preceded in death by his parents, his son, and two sisters Minnie, and Sarah, five brothers; Jacob, William, Van, Thomas and Freddy Kite.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 14 at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre. Rev. Don Ryding of the St. Paul Lutheran Church officiated. Special vocal music was by



May Secora included "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," "In The Garden," and "The Lord's Prayer." Organist was Tim Englebertson.

Grandsons served as pallbearers. Burial was at the Highland Cemetery in Havre, with military rites. A luncheon was served for family and friends at Mr. and Mrs. Willis Myers home in Havre.

MARTIN VAN BUREN WOOD
Born: January 30, 1901 - Died: January 9, 1985
Liberty County Times
January 24, 1985

Former resident dies

KREMLIN NEWS
By Carol Heggen

Word has been received in Kremlin that Van Woods of Seattle passed away in that city January 9th. A memorial service was held for him January 17th. Van suffered from Alzheimer's disease and lived in a convalescent home. Laura, his wife, lived a short distance from the home so that she could visit Van each day. Besides his wife Laura, Van is survived by Loretta and Steve. Van came to the Kremlin area in 1910 with his parents from Tennessee. He attended school north of the Ray Wall farm for a number of years. It seems there is some possibility that Grace Winter may have been his teacher during those early years. Sympathy of the community is extended to this family. Van was 83 years old at the time of his death.

RAYMOND FRANCIS WOOD
Born: 7, 1918 - Died: June 24, 1985
Liberty County Times
June 27, 1985

Raymond Francis Wood, 67, of Craig Route, Wolf Creek, died Monday in the veteran's hospital at Fort Harrison after a long illness.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will be Thursday (today) at 2 p.m. in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel. Burial, with military honors, will follow in the Craig Cemetery.

Born in Superior, he was a year old when his family moved to the Chester and Joplin area, where he attended country schools. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed in the South Pacific.

He and Lorraine Hammel were married in 1949 at Fort Benton.

They lived in Havre, Chester and Stockett for a few years, then moved to Craig where they had lived the past 23 years.

Wood was a mechanic for construction equipment. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife; seven daughters, Sonja Helen Pellen, Roberta Espelin, Judy Luraas, and Beth Venete, all of Great Falls; Mavis Willman of Jamestown, North Dakota, and Nancy Cislo and Patricia Wood of Craig; three sons, Dale and Rex, both of Great Falls, and Lloyd of Garden Grove, California; 12 grandchildren; three sisters, Olive Svenson of Joplin; Joyce Temple of Kalispell, and Verna Wood of Havre; and four brothers, James Wood of Galata; Charles McDaniels of Havre; Vernon McDaniels of Joplin and Earl McDaniels of Columbus.

DOROTHY ILENE YATES
Born: November 30, 1919 - Died: April 27, 1985
Liberty County Times
May 2, 1985

D. Yates rites

Dorothy Ilene Yates, age 66, of Highwood, died unexpectedly at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester early Saturday morning, April 27th.

Dorothy was born November 30th, 1919 in Hardesty, Alberta, Canada to Mary Myers and William Brown. She was one of five children. She grew up and attended schools in Box Elder. March 15th, 1941 Dorothy married Earl Wayne Yates in Havre. Since 1952 they have lived in the Highwood community, where they loved their home, family and good neighbors.

Survivors include her husband, six daughters, two sisters including Mrs. James (Mary) White of Hingham, 18 grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 1st, at the Highwood Methodist Church with Reverend Ken Cates officiating.

VALBORG G. ZENTZIS

Born: August 29, 1909 - Died: August 27, 1985

Liberty County Times

September 5, 1985

Services held for Valborg Zentzis, 75

Valborg G. Zentzis, 75, of Inverness, died of a heart attack Tuesday morning at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. She was born on August 29, 1909 in Nekoma, North Dakota to Margit and Hans Tollefson and moved to their farm north of Rudyard in 1911.

Val was the oldest of five children, and along with her brothers and sisters, attended the Oreana country school until she went to Rudyard High School and was graduated as salutatorian of the class of 1928. She had a special fondness for all the little creatures of the prairie and frequently befriended pet skunks, snakes and frogs during her early school years.

On New Years Day, 1933, she married Clifford Zentzis of Inverness and lived on the family farm until earlier this year when she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She was a 4-H leader for 14 years

guiding her daughter, Cheryl Causey, now of Burke, Virginia, and son, Roger of Inverness, in their various projects. She was a member of the Bethel Lutheran Church at Joplin and spent many years as the Sunday School secretary. She also worked for several years on quilting projects and Circle activities until her arthritis made it impossible to continue.

At the Liberty County Nursing Home, Val was affectionately known as "Smiley" because her happy eyes and smile were constantly shared with everyone.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford of Inverness; daughter, Cheryl Causey of Burke, Virginia; son, Roger of Inverness, two sisters, Signe Johnson of Great Falls and Inga Miller of Havre; two brothers, Alfred Tollefson of Rudyard and Harold Tollefson of Santa Barbara, California; two granddaughters,

Stefanie and Christina Causey of Virginia; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 31st, at the Joplin Bethel Church with Reverend John N. Olson officiating. The congregation sang "In Heaven Above" and "I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name", accompanied by Thelma Anderson on the organ. Pallbearers included Rodney and Merlyn Miller, Calvin and Alfred Tollefson, Chris Frederickson, and Milton Haaland. Users were Bub Poppler and Dave James.

Following the services, a luncheon for family and friends was held in Kjos Hall. That same afternoon at 2:00 p.m., graveside services were held at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial fund is being established to Bethel Church and the Liberty County Nursing Home.