

ISABELLA ABRAHAMS

Born: January 8, 1882 - Died: July 29, 1959

Liberty Times County

August 6, 1959

**Services Held for
Mrs. Isabella
Abrahams Friday**

Funeral services for Mrs. Isabella Abrahams, 77, of Rudyard, were held at the Holland and Bonine funeral home Friday at 2:00 p.m., Rev. William Harris, of St. Mark's Episcopal church officiating. Mrs. Abrahams passed away at a Havre hospital Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Abrahams was born at New South Wales, Australia, January 8, 1882. She was married to Charles Abrahams at Sydney, Australia, March 20, 1907. Mr. Abrahams preceded his wife in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Roy Phillips of Rudyard; brother, Roy Randall of Bondi, New South Wales, Australia and four grandchildren.

JAMES ARMSTRONG
Born: August 28, 1919 - Died: September 22, 1959
Liberty County Times
September 24, 1959

**Funeral Today for
James Armstrong**

James Armstrong, son of Etta Armstrong and the late Thomas Armstrong, was born August 28, 1919, at Fort Benton, and passed away very suddenly at 3:00 a.m. September 22 in the Deaconess Hospital at Great Falls.

He had been in poor health for the last several years.

He attended High School at Fort Benton and spent the early years of his life on the Circle ranch. He was married to Violet Jabes Carlson October 9, 1943, and he and his wife have made their home on the farm south of the Marias for the last 12 years. He was always interested in his home and his farm and in being a good neighbor.

He was a former member of the City County of Chester, and he was a Soil Conservation District Supervisor.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Violet and his mother, Etta M. Armstrong, both of Chester; his brother Alan and three nieces and nephews of East Grand Forks, Minnesota; cousin, Bob Armstrong of Nanton, Alberta, Canada; and a host of friends in and around Chester.

He will be laid to rest in the family plot in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Chester this (Thursday) afternoon, following funeral services in the Lutheran church at 2 p.m.

**Funeral Services
For J. Armstrong**

Funeral services for James Armstrong, 40, were conducted at the local Lutheran church on Thursday of last week at 2:00 p.m., Rev. J. L. Walla in charge.

The Chester Lutheran Choir with Mrs. Ed Thielman at the organ, sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "The Old Rugged Cross".

Bud Broadhurst, Archie Bishop, Stanley Thisselle and Ronnie Hanson served as ushers.

Pallbearers were Ben Oraw, Austin Broadhurst, Robert Pugsley, Clarence Romain, Bud Romain and Joe Brannon.

There were eight honorary pallbearers; Cliff Hanson, John Romain, George Mattson, Raymond Romain, Leo Jensen, Lawrence Romain, Ed Thielman, and Milton Anderson.

Mr. Armstrong was a member of the local Lutheran church, was Chester City Councilman for several years, and had been chairman of the board of supervisors of the Liberty County Soil Conservation District.

Interment was in the family plot in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery.

DONNA JEAN BERG
Born: October 30, 1939 - Died: April 30, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 7, 1959

Two Killed at Rudyard Rail Crossing

Donna Jean Berg, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Berg of Havre, and Rosalia Ann Innot, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Innot of Butte, were killed early Thursday night when their car reportedly went into a passing Great Northern Ry. freight train at the crossing in Rudyard east of the depot.

Miss Berg was killed instantly and Miss Innot died en route in an ambulance to the hospital in Chester.

According to a preliminary report by Harold H. Holmquist, superintendent of the Butte division, the girls' car was traveling slowly when it went into the freight train, which was traveling about 50 mph.

It was reported the girls were thrown from their car on impact, clear of the passing train.

Both girls were employed as operators at the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph office in Havre. Miss Berg was with the phone company since last October and Miss Innot since September.

Miss Innot, it was reported, has several aunts residing in Havre.

Miss Berg was driving the car belonging to her parents at the time of the fatal accident. Both girls were known to be close friends and at the time were on their way to have dinner at another girl friend's home.

The girls' car was demolished in the accident.

George Fox, Montana Highway Patrolman at Chester, investigated the circumstances of the fatal accident.

It was reported by Fox that a possible cause of the accident was that neither of the girls in the car had seen the oncoming train soon enough to stop the car in time.

The girls' car, Fox reported, struck the right-front side of the train engine. The train was traveling east at the time, heading for Havre when the accident occurred.

Fox reported that both girls had been thrown from the car on impact with the moving train and they were about six feet away from the train on the ground.

At the time of the accident at the Rudyard railroad crossing, it was reported, the Great Northern signal-warning lights were functioning normally.

Funeral services for Miss Berg were conducted last Monday at the First Lutheran Church in Havre. A memorial has been established at the First Lutheran Church.

Miss Berg was born October 30, 1939 at Lewistown. She graduated from Havre high school in June, 1958. She was employed by the Safeway prior to her present job

with Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company.

A member of the First Lutheran Church, she has taken a very active part in church work for years. She was a member of the First Lutheran choir during her high school years and has been Sunday school teacher during various years.

Survivors include her parents, a sister, Dorothy Irene and two brothers, James Edgar and Robert Eugene.

Miss Innot was born at Glasgow January 31, 1939. Her family lived at Nashua and Glasgow and later moved to Malta where she attended high school.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ivan Innot, of Butte, two brothers, Michael and Richard, and four sisters, Connie, Patricia, Susie and Rachael, all of Butte, and her grandmother, Mrs. Jens Nelson, Havre.

She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church.

BENJAMIN HARRISON BORING
Born: ?, 1889 - Died: January 7, 1959
Liberty County Times
January 22, 1959

**Harry Boring Dies
In Ronan**

According to an exchange, Benjamin Harrison (Harry) Boring, 70, died in a Ronan hospital January 7. Funeral services were conducted the following Sunday afternoon at the Ronan Methodist church, Rev. Theodore Cox officiating.

Harry Boring was born November 15, 1888 at Kirksville, Missouri. He came to Montana and settled on a farm near Inverness until 1935 when he moved to Round Butte, where he has lived ever since. He was married to Mrs. Alice Hughes, Joplin, in 1927, who survives.

Other survivors are two sons, Ronald and Elmer of Round Butte, a stepson, Norman Hughes of Libby, a step-daughter, Mrs. Bill Martin of Renton, Washington, two brothers, Clinton and Burr, both living in Missouri, four sisters, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Roxie Higginbottom, both in Missouri, Mrs. Blanche Carrol in Arizona and Mrs. Nettie Taylor, Boise, Idaho; two grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Mountain View cemetery, Ronan, under direction of Shrider's Mortuary.

MONS BORLOUG
Born: January 7, 1889 - Died: September 21, 1959
Liberty County Times
September 24, 1959

**Mons Borlaug, 70,
Gildford, Dies**

Mons Borlaug, 70, Gildford farmer, died Monday morning at a Havre hospital. Funeral services have not been announced as this is written Tuesday morning.

Mr. Borlaug was born January 7, 1889 in Norway. He homesteaded in Canada in 1908 and came to the Hi-Line area in 1911 where he has lived and farmed ever since. He was married to Esther Bronson of Havre in 1942.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Montford and Roger, both of Gildford, a sister and six brothers.

He was a members of the Sons of Norway and the Hingham Lutheran Church council.

GREEN H. BUFFINGTON
Born: December 10, 1872 - Died: October 13, 1959
Liberty County Times
October 15, 1959

G. H. Buffington
Dies in Gt. Falls

Green H. Buffington, 76, retired rancher from north of Carter in Chouteau county and a Montana resident 45 years, died Tuesday in a Great Falls hospital after about a year of failing health.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, October 9, at 2:00 at the Croxford Chapel. Burial was at the Carter cemetery.

Buffington had been a resident of Montana since 1914 when he came here from Missouri to take up his homestead north of Carter.

He lived there until his retirement in 1946, and since that time had spent the winters at Mesa, Arizona, and the summers at Rollins, Montana. He was born December 10, 1872, in Douglas County, Missouri. He was a member of the Fort Benton Lodge No. 25 of the Masonic order and the Scottish Rite of Great Falls.

Buffington is survived by his widow, Pearl; sons and daughters, Clinton Buffington, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. R. E. Deadman, Fort Benton; Mrs. Harry Gerdsmeier, Floweree; Mrs. Ray Lohr, Carter; Mrs. Robert McKinley, Seattle; Mrs. Charles Hadd, Phoenix, Arizona; and Mrs. Sadie Christiansen, Edmonds, Washington; brothers, K. L. of Carter, Rufus of Chester and Rua Buffington, Van Buren, Missouri; sisters, Mrs. Ada Cregar, Hepler, Kansas; and Mrs. Cora Webb, Flat River, Missouri; 19 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren. Two son preceded Buffington in death, Leo in 1928 and Wade in 1949.

GOTTLEIB BURKHARTSMEYER
Born: ?, 1891 - Died: October 1, 1959
Liberty County Times
October 8, 1959

G. Burkshartsmeier
Services Held Tues.

Funeral services for Gottlieb Burkshartsmeier, 68, Hingham farmer, were held in the Hingham Catholic church Tuesday morning at 10:00.

Mr. Burkshartsmeier met his death as the result of an automobile accident some two miles east of Kalispell on Thursday of last week. His car was struck by another driven by Mrs. Luesa Tuckett, as he attempted to make a left turn off the highway. He died in the Kalispell hospital Thursday night.

He is survived by his 65 year old wife, who was riding in the car at the time, and who suffered minor injuries; a daughter, Mrs. Christine Hanses, who was also riding in the car, and a daughter, Mrs. Francis Yeager of Havre, two sons, Ambrose and Mike, both of Gildford.

Interment was in the Hingham cemetery.

VIRGIL T. CARMICHAEL SR.
Born: June 13, 1890 - Died: August 27, 1959
Liberty County Times
October 8, 1959

**V. T. Carmichael,
Former Joplin
Supt. Passes Away**

Services for Virgil T. Carmichael, Sr. were held at Lavina Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. August 31, 1959. Rev. Rubin Dutton of Billings was in charge of services. Mrs. Gladys Aber of Columbus sang two solos: "A Perfect Day" and "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by Mrs. C. A. Dunham of Lavina.

Interment was at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings with Masonic graveside rites.

Pallbearers were: John Buttelman, Willow Creek; Enoch Bilden, Lavina; Harold Anderson, Albert Brown, Senator O. P. Balgord and Kenneth Lewis, Lavina.

Honorary pallbearers were: Herbert Clemons, J. F. Slegel, Orin Fraser and Harley Candler, Lavina; B. J. Storvik, M. O. Moulden, Howard Hall, Julius Van Dessel, Bert W. Alley, Joplin; Albert Lee and Joe Campbell, Absarokee; Olaf Vangness, Oscar Larson and Ted Bureau, Savage; George Seivert, Glasgow; Ben Poplar, Havre; E. S. Ayers, Three Forks; Herman Harris, Laurel; David B. Williams, Klein; Rev. Kirk Dewey and Jack Harding, Billings and Senator David James, Joplin.

Surviving are his wife Beulah, two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Van Dessel, Joplin Montana, and Mrs. Angeline Nelson, Rapid City, S. D., one son, Virgil T. Carmichael, Jr., Portland, Oregon, one brother, Howard Carmichael, Hammond, Indiana, six nephews, six grandchildren and a host of friends.

One son died in infancy.

Virgil T. Carmichael, Sr., 69, of Lavina, retired school superintendent, died of a heart attack Thursday morning at his home.

He served as a school administrator in Montana for 40 years, retiring in 1954 from the administrator's post in Klein. He was Superintendent of Schools at Joplin from 1941 to 1945.

He was born June 13, 1890, in Houston, Indiana, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carmichael. After graduation from Valparaiso University in Indiana, he joined the Army and served in the Rainbow Division during World War I.

On May 18, 1918, he married Beulah Lenard in Green Castle, Indiana. They came to Montana January 6, 1919. He was superintendent of thirteen schools and received a Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Montana State University. He was teaching his forty-third year when he retired in November, 1954.

WILLIAM A. CHELEY
Born: ? - Died: November 6, 1959
Liberty County Times
November 12, 1959

William A. Cheley Killed In California

(Great Falls Tribune)

William A. Cheley, 38, Spokane, formerly associated with the Great Falls Federal Aviation Authority office, was killed Friday when his car skidded on the San Diego, California, freeway in Los Angeles and rolled over several times. He was dead upon arrival at the UCLA Medical Center.

Cheley was a native of Hamilton. His wife, Jean, who survives, is a native of the Chester area. He also is survived by a daughter, Judy, 14, and a son, Mark, 9.

A member of the Air National Guard from 1948 until the present time, Cheley was an equipment test pilot for the FAA at the time of his death.

He was associated with the GF FAA office from 1948 until 1956, when he transferred to the Spokane office. He served on active duty during the Korean War in 1951-52.

A passenger in his car, John C. Biggs, 32, also of Spokane and also a representative of the FAA, suffered minor injuries.

Police said both men were thrown out of the car after it went into a skid, ran off the San Diego freeway and overturned.

MRS. RILEY CHILDERS
Born: ? - Died: October 13, 1959
Liberty County Times
October 15, 1959

Mrs. R. Childers
Killed in Farm
Accident Tuesday

Mrs. Riley Childers, wife of a Galata area farmer was killed in an accident that occurred at approximately 12:00 noon on the Childers farm Tuesday.

Mr. Childers was the only witness, and he is still under heavy sedation in the Shelby hospital, so the facts are not as yet complete concerning the accident.

Apparently Mrs. Childers went with her husband to bring a combine in from a field for the winter, and while the machine was running her jacket caught in one of the belts on the machine, pulling her into it. She was struck on the head by a sprocket wheel, and was killed instantly.

Mrs. Childers was 39 years old and is survived by her husband, a seven year old son, her mother, Mrs. Gus Thor of Polson and other children by a previous marriage.

The Shelby Sheriff's office received the report shortly after noon and officer Robert Taylor conducted the preliminary investigation. Toole county coroner Robert Burns stated that the investigation is not complete and is waiting until Mr. Childers can give the actual details of the tragedy.

No funeral plans have been announced.

JOHN A. CHVILICEK
Born: December, 1901 - Died: May 9, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 14, 1959

**Last Rites for
John Chvilicek
Held Wednesday**

Rosary for John A. Chvilicek, 57, retired farmer, was recited at Holland and Bonine funeral home at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5. A requiem mass was celebrated at St. Jude's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Mr. Chvilicek was found drowned Saturday afternoon in a farm reservoir about three miles south-east of Havre. Deputy Sheriff Robert Scherer said Mr. Chvilicek had been reported missing since about 9 a.m. Friday. Two sons and some neighbors looked for him on Friday and discovered his pickup truck in a coulee near the reservoir about noon Saturday.

Scherer said he found Mr. Chvilicek's wallet and watch in the truck and his cap near the reservoir's edge. The body was recovered with the aid of a boat, about 20 feet off shore.

Mr. Chvilicek was born December 22, 1901 at Alenov, Czechoslovakia. He came to America with his parents in 1908. The family lived in Texas and later Kansas before moving to Montana in 1913. They homesteaded 22 miles north of Hingham in 1913. He farmed with his parents until 1926 when he moved to Kevin and was employed as an oil pumper with the Ohio Oil company until 1928. He then moved back to Hingham and farmed there until his retirement in March, 1955.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1644 of Havre and St. Jude's Catholic Church.

On July 29, 1926, he married the former Marian Huestis at Shelby.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Alice Langel, Ruddyard, seven sons, Gerald, Havre; Robert, Helena; Dr. Lawrence Chvilicek, Grant Pass, Oregon; Norbert, Shelby; James and Leonard, Gildford; John Jr., Missoula; two sisters, Sister Mary Marietta, Havre and Mrs. Mark Cooper, Hillsboro, Oregon; two half-sisters, Mrs. Matt Sisak, Racine, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Mary Mendenhall, Minneapolis, Minnesota; a brother, Frank, Gildford and eight grandchildren.

A memorial has been established at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham.

ANNETTE M. COPENHAVER
Born: November 1, 1921 - Died: May 23, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 28, 1959

Mrs. Annette Copenhaver Dies of Injuries Received In Auto Accident

Mrs. Annette Copenhaver, 37, wife of Ernest H. Copenhaver, superintendent of schools at Joplin, died Saturday in a Great Falls hospital where she was brought for treatment of brain injuries sustained in an automobile accident 1.3 miles north of Joplin Thursday night about 10:15.

Contrary to reports, Mrs. Copenhaver regained consciousness after the accident. She did not think her injuries were serious, and she wanted to get up and see how badly the other passengers in the car were hurt. She lost consciousness after arrival at Liberty County Hospital.

When it was determined that she was suffering from a brain injury, she was rushed to a Great Falls hospital.

Her husband suffered severe bruises and possible internal injuries. Three children, Cheryl, 15; Jerry, 11 and Bobby, 17, escaped with cuts and bruises.

The accident occurred when a pickup driven by Bert Alley, also of Joplin, hit the rear bumper of the Copenhaver car. According to reports, Alley was attempting to pass the Copenhaver car. Both the car and the pickup went into the

ditch on the right-hand side of the road, and both rolled over.

Bert Alley escaped with minor injuries. His sister-in-law, Elva Van Dessel, who was a passenger with Alley, suffered a fractured vertebra.

Mrs. Copenhaver was born November 1, 1921, at St. Louis, Mich., and was reared on the Colbry farm north of Joplin, attending business college in Great Falls. After her marriage she and her husband lived at Oilmont, Hinsdale and Choteau before returning to Joplin three years ago. In addition to her husband and three children, Mrs. Copenhaver is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Colbry and brothers George and Jerry Colbry, all of Chester; and a sister, Mrs. Emma Reginbal, Anacortes, Washington.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Lutheran church at Joplin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Theodore Mendenhall officiating. Burial will be in Hinsdale.

County Attorney Bill Hunt stated Monday that an inquest will be held. However, no definite date had been set. A coroner's jury was impaneled in Joplin Tuesday by assistant County Attorney, Jim Johnson for the inquest.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Copenhaver

Funeral services for Mrs. Annette M. Copenhaver, 37, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Joplin Lutheran Church by Rev. Theodore Mendenhall.

Mrs. Copenhaver, wife of Joplin school superintendent Ernest H. Copenhaver, died the previous Saturday in a Great Falls hospital, where she was brought following an automobile accident near Joplin on the previous Thursday.

Pallbearers were Frank Meldrum, Elwin Cady, Thomas Wood, Bill Wood, Eddie McClellan, all of Joplin and Bruce Schuler, Hinsdale.

Honorary pallbearers were Eddie Swanson, Carl Fahlgren, Everett Boucher, Charles McMary, Bob O'Brien, Herman Burns, Vernon Richter and Foran Drabbs.

The ushers were Edward Minar, Harold Hodges, Kent Meldrum, Donald Rocks, Cecil Heydon and Cliff Anderson. The Joplin Lutheran choir sang "Behold a Host," "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" and "Softly and Tenderly" accompanied by Mrs. L. Lyle. Interment was in the Hinsdale cemetery.



The demolished Copenhaver car that was involved in a fatal accident with a pickup last Thursday.

WILLIAM CALVIN DIERLAM
Born: August 11, 1929 - Died: May 31, 1959
Liberty County Times
June 4, 1959

Plane Crash Fatal to Pilot Sun.

William Calvin Dierlam, 30, of Pasco, Wash., was killed near Tiber Dam about 6 a.m. Sunday while spraying a wheat field on the Carl Brown farm. The accident occurred about a half mile downstream from Tiber Dam in the river banks.

The victim had been flying for Ness Aviation Co. of Chester. He arrived in Chester only Saturday from Pasco.

Dierlam was piloting a Call-Air spray plane. The fatal crash was witnessed by C. A. Scott who was following Dierlam in a second spray plane.

Sheriff Dodds Keith of Liberty County said he believed that Dierlam's plane either stalled on a sharp turn or hit a downdraft.

Dierlam is survived by his widow and one child in Pasco.

William Calvin Dierlam was born August 11, 1929, and resided at 1528 W. Irving, Pasco, Wash. His body was sent to the Bruce Lee Memorial Chapel in Pasco for funeral services and interment.

LOTTIE B. EVELAND
Born: January 25, 1893 - Died: July 14, 1959
Liberty County Times
July 23, 1959

Lottie B. Eveland

Funeral services for Mrs. Lottie B. Eveland, 66, were held July 17 at Paulson Funeral Home, Osceola, Wisconsin, Rev. Ralph Kelemay officiating.

Mrs. Eveland was born January 25, 1893, and passed away July 14, 1959, after a lengthy illness.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse J. Eveland of Osceola, Richard, Howard, Chester, Wilbur and Alice, Mrs. Robert Pettapiece Sr. of Chester, Martin and Bess, Mrs. Laurence Hoverman of Nye, Wisconsin, and Myrtle, Mrs. LaVerne Owen of Osceola, Wisconsin. She was preceded in death by infant twin daughters.

Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Centuria, Wisconsin.

PAULINA ALVINA (BAUER) FENGER
Born: October 30, 1891 - Died: July 18, 1959
Liberty County Times
July 23, 1959

Mrs. Fred Fenger
Passed Away Fri.

Mrs. Fred Fenger, 67, passed away at her home in Hot Springs, Montana, July 18, 1959.

Mrs. Fenger was born Paulina Alvina Bauer, October 30, 1891 at Sanborn, Minnesota, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bauer. She spent her childhood in Minnesota, and on January 26, 1909 was married to Fred Fenger at Wanda, Minnesota.

The couple had planned to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary next Sunday at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester.

She leaves, to mourn her passing, her husband, Fred Fenger, two daughters, Esther Gouchenour of Galata and Dorothy Tufts of Ritzville, Washington; three sons, Harvey, Herbert and Willmer, all of Galata; a brother, Walter Bauer of Galata and a sister, Leona Stonack of Sanborn, Minnesota; twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. One son, Clarence, preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran church at Galata and later transferred her membership to Trinity Lutheran at Hot Springs, where she and her husband have lived for the last several years.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rev. Joseph Walla officiating. The pallbearers were Pete Smith, Marvin Haag, Bill Skinner, Sid Rockman, Ed Rockman and Adolph Olso.

The choir sang "Old Rugged Cross," "Jesus Loved My Soul" and "Nearer My God To Thee" accompanied by Mrs. Walla.

MARTIN VALENTINE FIEDLER
Born: May 7, 1878 - Died: July 21, 1959
Liberty County Times
July 23, 1959

**Valentine Fiedler
Dies, Service Here
Friday Morning**

Martin Valentine (Val) Fiedler, 81, died at St. Mary's hospital, in Great Falls, July 21st. He had been living in Great Falls since 1954 when he retired from his farm north of Great Falls.

Mr. Fiedler was born at Brockway, Minnesota, May 7, 1878. He came to Montana and filed on a homestead near the Ledger community in 1919. Some five years later, he moved to the farm north of Great Falls where he spent thirty-five years.

Val Fiedler was brother to John Fiedler, and uncle to George Fiedler who was known by many Liberty County residents. He was never married.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of E. F. Wyse and Son Funeral Home of Conrad.

The funeral will be held in the local St. Mary's Catholic Church Friday morning, Father McDonnell in charge, with interment in the local Catholic cemetery.

ANDREW DELOS FLINT
Born: November 29, 1888 - Died: May 7, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 21, 1959

Services Held For Andrew D. Flint

Funeral services for Andrew Delos Flint were conducted from the Catron Chapel, Whitefish, May 11 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Paul V. Neel of the Presbyterian Church officiating.

Andrew Delos Flint was born at Willow Lake, South Dakota, on November 29, 1888, the son of Isabelle and Andrew D. Flint.

His early childhood was spent in the States and in 1901 the family moved to Northern Alberta, Canada, where he grew to manhood. In 1910 Mr. Flint came to Chester, Montana, where he homesteaded before going to Whitefish in 1917.

He was united in marriage to Miss Avis Stevens on December 10, 1917, and they made their home in Whitefish. His wife preceded him in death in September of 1947.

Mr. Flint was employed at the Great Northern roundhouse from April 1923 until his retirement in March of 1956.

He is survived by four daughters, four brothers, two sisters and 18 grandchildren.

EDITH AGNES FUNDERHIDE
Born: July 23, 1897 - Died: December 14, 1959
Liberty County Times
December 17, 1959

**Funeral Services
for Mrs. Edith
Funderhide Wed.**

Solemn High Mass for Mrs. Edith Agnes Funderhide was celebrated in St. Mary's Catholic Church by Rev. Fr. H. E. McDonnell, Rev. Fr. Joseph Byrne of Butte and Rev. Fr. James A. Wagner of Shelby. The services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. Burial was in the Chester cemetery beside her husband.

Edith Agnes Funderhide was born July 23, 1897 at Drayton, North Dakota. She passed away December 14, 1959 at Chester after a lingering illness. She came to Montana in 1911. She was married to Paul J. Funderhide November 11, 1930. Mrs. Funderhide was postmistress in Lothair for many years. She was also a news correspondent for the Liberty County Times in the Lothair community. She had many friends in the area.

Survivors include: her mother, Mrs. Maud A. Greiner; daughters, Rebecca (Mrs. Robert Manthey), Great Falls, Sister Mary Luke, Crystal City, Missouri; sons, Paul Jr., Seattle, Washington, Robert A. of Rudyard; a sister, Minnie (Mrs. Leo Byrne), Kevin; a brother, Harry Greiner, of Chester, and three grandchildren.

Her husband and a sister, Ethel, preceded her in death.

A memorial fund is being received in the court house in Chester. It will be used toward something in the new Catholic church in Chester.

Pallbearers were Austin Stratton, John Englund, Frank Hemmer, Kenneth Backen, Keith Mrnak and Leonard Poier. Honorary pallbearers were Dodds Keith, Shebel Rehal, John W. Hutchison, Glen Standiford, Gordon Standiford and Archie Violett. Usher was Raphael Hull.

LOUIS GAGNON
Born: September 19, 1880 - Died: May 25, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 28, 1959

**Funeral Held for
Louis Gagnon**

Requiem Mass was held for Louis Gagnon Friday, May 29 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chester. Fr. McDonnell conducted the services.

Pallbearers were Bill Hamel, Narciss, Joe, Ernest and Francis Gagnon and Michael Hull. Honorary pallbearers were John Schaub, Si Warrington, Dodds Keith, Orville Brain, Frank Eggers and Art Norris.

Mr. Gagnon, a long time resident of the Chester area passed away May 25 in Hot Springs, Montana, at the age of 78. Survivors include his wife, four sons, Narciss, Joseph, Ernest and Francis, all of Chester. Three daughters, Mrs. Michael Hull, Chester; Mrs. Leslie Rickie, Fieldslanding, Cal.; Mrs. Marie Boucher, Great Falls Mont.; two sisters, Sister Ste Illumnia and Marie Gagnon, Quebec City Quebec; and twenty-three grand children.

Interment was in the local Catholic cemetery in Chester.

**Funeral Services
For Louis Gagnon
Will Be Friday**

Louis Gagnon, 78, died Monday, May 25 in Hot Springs, Montana. He and his wife, Elise, had been living north of Chester on the Michael Hull farm. Mr. Gagnon returned to Hot Springs last week to take care of matters there. He was found dead in his apartment there by a neighbor, Tuesday.

Mr. Gagnon was born September 19, 1880 at Remuski, Quebec, Canada. He left Canada at the age of 14, and became an American citizen in 1900. In 1909 he moved to Whitefish, Montana, and married Elise Hammel two years later. Mr. and Mrs. Gagnon moved to Chester in 1914, and homesteaded south

of here, on what is now the Narciss Gagnon farm.

Retiring in 1945, Gagnons moved to Hot Springs, returning here only a few years ago.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, Narciss, Joseph, Ernest and Francis, all of Chester. Three daughters, Mrs. Michael Hull, Chester; Mrs. Leslie Rickie, Fieldslanding, Calif.; Mrs. Marie Boucher, Great Falls, Mont., two sisters, Sister Ste Illumina and Marie Gagnon, Quebec City, Quebec; and 23 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother Antonine, only a month ago, and two sons, George and Leon in infancy.

Rosary will be said at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chester, tonight at 7:30 by Father McDonnell. Funeral services will be Friday, May 29 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be at the Catholic cemetery in Chester.

ELIZABETH ANN GRAYSON
Born: April 1, 1881 - Died: August 2, 1959
Liberty County Times
August 6, 1959

**Rudyard Woman
Dies at Local
Hospital Sunday**

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Grayson, 78, Rudyard, died Sunday evening at the local hospital. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre.

Born Elizabeth Ann Liddle in Canada on April 1, 1881, she was married to John Grayson at Lan-kin, North Dakota on December 8, 1899. He preceded her in death in 1942.

They moved to northeastern Montana in 1910 and were the first family to live in the community later known as Antelope. They returned to Canada in 1929 and Mrs. Grayson moved to Glasgow in 1943. For the past two years she has been living with her daughter, Ella in Rudyard. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include four sons, John, Glasgow; William, Dallas, Texas; Earl, Assiniboine, Saskatchewan; Robert, Oroville, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. Ivan Teichenor, Chinook; Miss Ella Mae Grayson, Rudyard; a sister, Mrs. Ella Gorgerson, Park River, North Dakota; 25 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Three children preceded her in death.

KENNETH GREEN
Born: ?, 1911 - Died: August 25, 1959
Liberty County Times
August 27, 1959

Kenneth Green Dies

Kenneth Green, a farmer living east of Chinook, passed away in a Havre hospital August 25th. He was the brother of Mrs. Armand Anderson of Chester.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Green of Cooperstown, North Dakota; and they both attended the funeral and spent some time visiting with their daughter and family, Mrs. Anderson, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Cooper of Lake Stevens, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Hochberger of Cooperstown and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kjelgaard of Sutton, North Dakota, also attended the funeral and visited with Mrs. Anderson. The three women were sisters of the deceased.

He was 44 years old at the time of his passing. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and three children.

GARY GUNDERSON
Born: August 10, 1955 - Died: August 8, 1959
Liberty County Times
August 13, 1959

**Gary Gunderson, 4
Dies Suddenly,**

Gary Gunderson, who would have been four years old Monday, died suddenly at Grand View, Wisconsin, Saturday. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Gunderson of Chester.

The Gunderson family had gone to Wisconsin to spend a vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Enar Gunderson at Grand View, Wisconsin. According to reports, they had started back home Saturday morning when Gary suddenly became so ill that they turned back to Grand View. The boy failed to respond to treatment and passed away Saturday evening. Death is believed to have been due to Meningitis.

He leaves to mourn his passing his father and mother, two sisters, Diane, two and one-half years old and Mary Ellen, eight weeks, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Enar Gundersson and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zorn, his uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services were held in St. Mary's Catholic church Wednesday morning at 9:30, Father McDonnell in charge of the services.

Pall bearers were Reuben Halverson, Quannah Bailey, Kenneth Shaw and Eugene Bengston.

Interment was in the local Catholic cemetery.

JOLENE MARIE HEIMBIGNER
Born: September 27, 1959 - Died: September 27, 1959
Liberty County Times
October 1, 1959

Services Held for Heimbigner Infant

Funeral services for Jolene Marie Heimbigner, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heimbigner Jr., were held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine funeral home.

The baby was born Sunday, September 27 and passed away a few hour later.

Survivors include the parents, a brother, Stanley Alan, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strom of Ypsilanti, North Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heimbigner Sr. and great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Plummer, Idaho.

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Havre.

MRS. JOSEPH HELF
Born: ? - Died: February 4, 1959
Liberty County Times
February 12, 1959

Mrs. Joseph Helf Dies in Tacoma

According to word received by friends here, Mrs. Joseph Helf, who has made her home in Tacoma, Washington, for the last several years, passed away Wednesday of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Compton, Verna.

The Helfs were residents of this area for a great many years. They homesteaded some 20 miles southeast of Chester, and later purchased the Coulee place, located in Cottonwood Coulee, and now owned by M. A. Brain.

They retired from the farm some years ago and Mr. and Mrs. Helf moved into Chester, later moving to Seattle where they lived until the death of Mr. Helf.

Besides her daughter Verna, she is survived by Mrs. Leslie Oakley, (Gertrude) of Fairfield and two sons, Henry of Choteau and Leroy of Salt Lake City, Utah.

ALBERT F. HORINEK
Born: November 4, 1917 - Died: December 12, 1959
Liberty County Times
December 17, 1959

**Albert F. Horinek
Dies at Rochester**

Albert F. Horinek, 42, Hingham area farmer, died Saturday at Rochester, Minnesota. Rosary was recited at the Hingham Catholic Church, Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and funeral services were held at Hingham Catholic Church Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Horinek was born November 4, 1917, at Hingham. He was married to Doris Frances Esplin at Edmonton, Alberta, January 3, 1953.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two children, Linda and Ralph.

Horinek was a member of the Elks and Modern Woodmen of America.

ROSALIA ANN IHNOT
Born: January 31, 1939 - Died: April 30, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 7, 1959

Two Killed at Rudyard Rail Crossing

Donna Jean Berg, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Berg of Havre, and Rosalia Ann Ihnot, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ihnot of Butte, were killed early Thursday night when their car reportedly went into a passing Great Northern Ry. freight train at the crossing in Rudyard east of the depot.

Miss Berg was killed instantly and Miss Ihnot died en route in an ambulance to the hospital in Chester.

According to a preliminary report by Harold H. Holmquist, superintendent of the Butte division, the girls' car was traveling slowly when it went into the freight train, which was traveling about 50 mph.

It was reported the girls were thrown from their car on impact, clear of the passing train.

Both girls were employed as operators at the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph office in Havre. Miss Berg was with the phone company since last October and Miss Ihnot since September.

Miss Ihnot, it was reported, has several aunts residing in Havre.

Miss Berg was driving the car belonging to her parents at the time of the fatal accident. Both girls were known to be close friends and at the time were on their way to have dinner at another girl friend's home.

The girls' car was demolished in the accident.

George Fox, Montana Highway Patrolman at Chester, investigated the circumstances of the fatal accident.

It was reported by Fox that a possible cause of the accident was that neither of the girls in the car had seen the oncoming train soon enough to stop the car in time.

The girls' car, Fox reported, struck the right-front side of the train engine. The train was traveling east at the time, heading for Havre when the accident occurred.

Fox reported that both girls had been thrown from the car on impact with the moving train and they were about six feet away from the train on the ground.

At the time of the accident at the Rudyard railroad crossing, it was reported, the Great Northern signal-warning lights were functioning normally.

Funeral services for Miss Berg were conducted last Monday at the First Lutheran Church in Havre. A memorial has been established at the First Lutheran Church.

Miss Berg was born October 30, 1939 at Lewistown. She graduated from Havre high school in June, 1958. She was employed by the Safeway prior to her present job

with Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company.

A member of the First Lutheran Church, she has taken a very active part in church work for years. She was a member of the First Lutheran choir during her high school years and has been Sunday school teacher during various years.

Survivors include her parents, a sister, Dorothy Irene and two brothers, James Edgar and Robert Eugene.

Miss Ihnot was born at Glasgow January 31, 1939. Her family lived at Nashua and Glasgow and later moved to Malta where she attended high school.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ivan Ihnot, of Butte, two brothers, Michael and Richard, and four sisters, Connie, Patricia, Susie and Rachael, all of Butte; and her grandmother, Mrs. Jens Nelson, Havre.

She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church.

W. A. JENSEN

Born: January 16, 1909 - Died: May 5, 1959

Liberty County Times

May 7, 1959

Salesman Found Dead, Motel Room

Mr. W. A. Jensen, 50, of Great Falls was found dead in his bed at the Wheat Sheaf Motel Tuesday morning.

The deceased was an insurance and stock salesman working out of Great Falls. He was in this area working with Larry Aaberg, who discovered the body. Death was attributed to a heart attack, apparently suffered during the night.

HANNAH KOLSTAD JOHNSON
Born: July 4, 1939 - Died: August 11, 1959
Liberty County Times
August 13, 1959

**Funeral Friday for
Mrs. Hannah
Johnson, 20**

Hannah Kolstad Johnson, 20, Chester, passed away at the Abbot Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn., August 11th, following a lengthy illness.

She was born July 4, 1939. Mrs. Johnson attended school in Chester and graduated from Chester High School in 1957 and attended Concordia College, Moorehead, Minn. and Northern Montana college at Havre.

She was married to Stanley Johnson February 8, 1959.

Survivors include her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kolstad, one brother, Allen Kolstad, three sisters, Sonja, Mrs. Bill Frazer and Mrs. Cliff Lingen and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Chester at 2 p.m. Friday, Pastor Joseph Walla officiating.

**Funeral Services
For Mrs. Stanley
Johnson Held Fri.**

Funeral services were held for Hannah Johnson, at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester Friday afternoon at 2:00, with Rev. Joseph Walla officiating.

The Chester-Joplin Lutheran choir sang: "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "The Old Rugged Cross", and "Beautiful Saviour".

Pallbearers were: Frank Wanken, Clark Kolstad, Jerry Hendrickson, Howard Kolstad, James Thielman and Dale Staudacher. Joe Gagnon, Matt Thielges, Roy Goodbar, Duane Wright, Roger Wolfe and Clinton Fraser served as honorary pallbearers.

Ushers were Clifford Leighton, Jake Reinen, Charles Freeland and Verne Bresnahan.

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens at Havre.

RALPH H. JOHNSON

Born: November 23, 1886 - Died: January 1, 1959

Liberty County Times

January 8, 1959

**Ralph Johnson,
Kremlin Farmer
Dies at Havre**

Ralph H. Johnson, 72, Kremlin area farmer for 46 years, died at a Havre hospital Thursday morning. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the First Lutheran church.

Born November 23, 1886 at Lewiston, Illinois, Mr. Johnson homesteaded in the Kremlin area in 1912. He married Agda Erlandson on November 21, 1914. She preceded him in death in June, 1945.

Survivors include a daughter, Katheryn Johnson, Kremlin and a sister, Mrs. Henry Wilson, Lewiston, Illinois.

WALTER W. JONES
Born: ?, 1888 - Died: May 15, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 28, 1959

Walter Jones Rites

Walter W. Jones passed away on Friday, May 15, in Long Beach, California. He was 71 at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Eula, and two children, Bud Jones of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Marian Beck of Long Beach, California; six grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Borden of St. Paul Minnesota and Mrs. Evelyn Soll, Craig, Montana; and four brothers, Paul Jones of Vaughn, Washington, William Jones of Troy, Montana, and Alvah Jones and Victor Jones, both of Hingham, Montana. Mr. Jones was agent for the Great Northern Railway at Hingham for several years. Interment was at Long Beach, California.

MRS. RAYMOND (LUCILLE) KERR
Born: May 1, 1912 - Died: July 8, 1959
Liberty County Times
July 9, 1959

**Funeral for Mrs.
R. Kerr To Be Sat.**

Mrs. Raymond Kerr of Chester, passed away Wednesday morning, July 8th, at the Liberty County hospital. Mrs. Kerr had been in poor health for the past four years. Mrs. Kerr was 46 years of age, and was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Mrs. Kerr was an active member of the Methodist church, a Steward and was in charge of the communion table.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. Raymond Kerr, Chester, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Kerr of Ottawa, Ont., Canada, and several sisters, Mrs. Margaret Bell, Belfast, Ireland, Mrs. C. Wilmot, Belfast, Ireland, Mrs. Sue Brown, Toronto, Ont., and Mrs. A. Jones, Adershot, England.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at the Chester Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Smith. Interment will be in the local cemetery.

**Funeral Held for
Mrs. Raymond Kerr**

Funeral services for Mrs. Raymond Kerr, 47, were conducted at the Chester Methodist Church Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m., Rev. M. O. Smith officiating. Mrs. Kerr died at the Liberty County Hospital Wednesday, July 8.

Mrs. Kerr was born May 1, 1912, at Belfast, Ireland. On June 27, 1934, she was married to Raymond Kerr at Toledo, Ohio. They moved to Great Falls from Cleveland, Ohio, in 1957, and the next year came to Chester.

Mrs. Kerr was a member of the Methodist Church and active in church affairs. She was a Communion Steward in the Methodist Church here. She was also a member of the Royal Orange Lodge in Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barrett sang with Mrs. M. O. Smith at the piano.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. James Kerr (Mary Lou) of Ottawa, Ontario; four sisters, Mrs. Albert Jones, Adershot, England, Mrs. Susan Brown, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Clarence Wilmot and Mrs. Joseph Bell, both of Belfast, Ireland.

Interment was in the local I. O. O. F. cemetery.

RUSSELL JAMES KOUKAL
Born: February 15, 1922 - Died: January ?, 1959
Liberty County Times
January 15, 1959

R. J. Koukal
Takes Own Life

Authorities investigating the death of Russell James Koukal, found dead Sunday in a parked car north of the old Fresno town-site, said that Koukal took his own life.

Sheriff R. C. Timmons said the man had propped a .22 calibre rifle alongside the steering column with the barrel through the steering wheel, apparently placed his forehead against the muzzle of the rifle then reached down and pushed the trigger.

Koukal's body was found by Orland Melby and Clarence Johnson, who were rabbit hunting in the area. Authorities report Koukal had been dead several days prior to discovery of the body Sunday.

Mr. Koukal was born February 15, 1922 at Coppertown, North Dakota. He was employed as a farm worker at Joplin. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Lois Koukal Brainard, Minnesota and several sisters and brothers.

Funeral services were conducted at Holland and Bonine funeral home at 4 p.m. Monday. Interment was in Highland cemetery.

CHARLEY LAYTON
Born: ?, 1896 - Died: April 23, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 14, 1959

Charley Layton Passes in Spokane

Charley Layton formerly of Chester passed away at his home in Spokane, Washington on April 23 at the age of 63.

He was born in South Dakota and in 1909 came to Montana and lived with his parents south of Chester. In 1924 he moved to Washington.

He is survived by his wife, Annie, one stepdaughter and six stepsons. A brother Jack passed away on March 5, 1959, and a brother George on November 18, 1958, both of Spokane.

THERESA LUCIA (VALCHECK) LUDWIG
Born: May 30, 1895 - Died: July 12, 1959
Liberty County Times
July 16, 1959

Mrs. Joseph Ludwig
Passes Away July 12

Rosary was recited for Mrs. Joseph A. Ludwig, 64, at Hingham Catholic Church at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday. A requiem mass was celebrated at the Hingham Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. Thursday. Mrs. Ludwig died at the Liberty County Hospital Sunday, July 12.

Mrs. Ludwig was born Theresa Lucia Valcheck at Thorpe, Wisconsin, on May 30, 1895, and came to Rudyard from Thorpe in 1918. She was married to Joseph A. Ludwig on June 22 of that year at Thorpe. She was a member of the Catholic Church and belonged to the Altar Society in Rudyard.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Roger and Thomas, both of Rudyard, Lee of Chinook, Theodore of Los Angeles, California; six daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Virginia) Toner, Gildford, Mrs. James (Ethel) Carr, Rudyard, Mrs. Marion (Evelyn) Little, Geraldine, Mrs. Wallace (Irene) McMasters, Spokane, Washington, Mrs. Joe (Ruth) Simon, Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Thomas (Lorraine) Shirley, Big Spring, Texas; four sisters, Mrs. A. Schweingruber, East Chicago, Indiana, Mrs. Vern Sigler, Gary, Indiana, Mrs. Frank O'Rourke, Griffith, Indiana, Mrs. Art Soderberg, Thorpe, Wisconsin; two brothers, Frank Valcheck, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, August Valcheck, Thorpe, Wisconsin and 43 grand children.

FRED J. MILLER
Born: March 24, 1876 - Died: May 26, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 28, 1959

Fred Miller, 83 Found Dead In Hotel Room

Fred Miller, 83, was found dead in his room at the Chester Hotel Tuesday afternoon. Time of death was estimated at about 9:30 a.m. He had apparently been well when he retired, and his sudden death comes as a surprise to those who had talked with him the evening before.

Although Fred J. Miller was well known in Liberty County, little is known of his childhood. He was born in Russia on March 24, 1876. During prohibition days he operated a candy store and pool hall in Joplin. As far as is known he never married, but he had a soft spot in his heart for children. When he operated the candy store few children ever passed without receiving candy, whether they had the necessary pennies or not.

In later years Miller worked for Chester Implement until the time of his retirement.

Funeral arrangements are pending. There are no known relatives in this area. However, there are several nieces and nephews in North and South Dakota. It is assumed that the body will be shipped to North Dakota for burial.

MARK B. MILLER
Born: ? - Died: January 28, 1959
Liberty County Times
February 5, 1959

Mark Miller Killed In Spokane

Mark B. Miller, a former resident of this city, was killed near Spokane on Wednesday of last week, according to reports of friends in the community.

Miller and his family lived here for several years. He was Chester Implement's first mechanic and his wife, Nellie taught in the local school.

The family left here and moved to Great Falls where Miller worked for Central Machinery Company for several years. He and his family moved to Spokane some three years ago where he worked for the Cleis Gilson Company. No details of the accident that caused his death are available.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Galen.

VICTOR MILLER

Born: March 31, 1871 - Died: July 9, 1959

Liberty County Times

July 16, 1959

**Graveside Services
For Victor Miller, 88**

Graveside services for Victor Miller, 88, were conducted at the local I. O. O. F. cemetery Saturday morning at 10:00, Rev. Joseph L. Walla in charge. Mr. Miller passed away at the Liberty County Hospital July 9th.

He came to Montana in 1911 from Ohio. He is survived by a brother, Olaf, living in Manitoba, Canada.

Pallbearers were Don and Kenny Brandvold, Robert Keith, Joe Lawrence and George Meissner.

JOHN J. MINNEHAN
Born: July 29, 1905 - Died: July 4, 1959
Liberty County Times
July 9, 1959

**John Minnehan
Dies Suddenly
In Big Fork**

John J. Minnehan, 53, died of a heart attack on the Fourth of July at Bigfork, where the family was vacationing, according to information received here.

The Minnehans, who ranch in the Inverness area, had just begun their vacation when he died suddenly. He was born July 29, 1905 in Pipestone, Minn., and attended Pipestone schools.

He was graduated with a bachelor of science degree from South Dakota State College, Brookings. The Minnehans were married April 18, 1936 in Hingham. He was a Montana educator for 25 years. During his career as an educator, he served many years in Hingham and Joplin as superintendent and athletic coach.

He is survived by his widow, Ruth; two sons, Joseph, who is on the farm; Thomas, a Cadet at West Point; one daughter, Lori Lynn; three brothers, Joseph, James and Eugene and a sister, Grace all of Pipestone.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Hingham at 10 Thursday morning.

ALOYSE NOLD
Born: February 2, 1926 - Died: May 24, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 28, 1959

Tiber Reservoir Claims Its First Drowning Victim; Aloyse Nold

Aloyse Nold, about 40 of Gildford was drowned when his boat was swamped with waves from high winds on Tiber reservoir about 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The accident occurred in the Willow Creek arm of the reservoir, south of Lothair. Accompanying Nold in the boat were Kenneth and Philip Moorehouse and Louis Couston, all of Havre. The three survivors were all wearing life jackets. Nold, apparently was not wearing a life jacket, although he had one in the boat.

The four men were fishing when strong winds hurled huge waves at the boat. Suddenly the boat began taking water. According to reports Nold was operating the boat, and he turned to go to shore when the boat was swamped. The survivors said that the last time they saw Nold he was holding on to a gasoline tank. Suddenly he let go, and disappeared.

The three companions got to shore, then they walked to Nold's pickup and drove to Chester where they reported the accident.

The accident occurred about 100 yards from the shore in 60 feet of water. The boat, fuel tank and life jacket all drifted to shore and were recovered.

Search for Nold's body began early Monday morning. The search was headed by Bruce Wolverton, president of the Pondera County Search and Rescue Association. Other officials were Sheriff Dodds Keith, Deputy Sheriff Bill Schultz, Highway Patrolmen George Fox and Jack Kinyon. Game Warden Ray Somers also assisted. From the Shelby Sheriff's office Bruce Toole and Ed Pierson took an active part in the dragging operations.

Under the direction of Wolverton, a five-boat floatilla was formed, and dragging operations were begun. However, high winds and extremely cold weather made the operation very difficult. The temperature was near freezing. The marker buoys, which were to serve as guides for the floatilla could not be held in place, and the floatilla could not stay on course.

The five boats in the morning floatilla belonged to Herb Fenger, Jack McDowell, Bill Schultz, Cliff Hanson and Lloyd Lund. Guide boats were furnished by the Shelby Sheriff's office and Jennings Mattson. About 20 people took part in the operation, dragging the lines.

Also in the forenoon Don Coons of the Shelby Flying Service flew over the area several times in an attempt to locate the body.

By noon it was apparent that the floatilla simply couldn't be managed in the high winds. The men came to shore for lunch, provided by the Liberty County Red Cross and brought out by Darby O'Brien.

After noon the individual boats began dragging with no success.

Finally about 3:30 p.m. the wind let down. More boats had arrived, and Wolverton organized a nine boat floatilla. This was successful, and the body was found with the first pass of the well-organized group. The body was brought to shore, and taken to Chester where it was picked up and taken to the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

Boats in the nine-boat floatilla belonged to Lloyd Lund, Earl Keith, Don Stores, Archie Violett, Clarence McDowell, Ray Gulick, Bill Schultz, Jennings Mattson and Bud Hunnewell.

The body was found about 30 feet from shore.

Rosary for Mr. Nold will be recited at the Holland and Bonine funeral home at 8 p.m. Thursday. A requiem mass will be celebrated at the Hingham Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Friday.

He was born Feb. 2, 1926 at Linton, N. D. and came to Hingham in 1943. He was employed as a mechanic for the Farmers Union Oil Company in Havre and farmed north of Hingham. He was a member of the Havre Lodge No. 1201 and the Eagles Lodge.

On June 27, 1951, he married the former Christine Lipp at Hingham. Survivors include his wife, a daughter Donna Rae, 6; a son, Wayne Martin, 5; his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Frank Nold, Strasburg, N. D.; a sister, Mrs. Charles Robins, Cribston, Minn.; and two brothers, Leonard, Casper Wyo., and Joe, Linton, N. D.

Sheriff Dodds Keith expressed his deep appreciation to the Pondera County Search and Rescue Association. He said that without their knowledge and leadership it would have been very difficult indeed to have found the body. Sheriff Keith also expressed his appreciation to the highway patrolmen, and to the officers from Shelby who assisted, as well as to the volunteers from Liberty County.

Other officers of the Pondera County Search and Rescue Association are Bud Miller, vice president; Don Buffington, secretary and Frank Johnson, assistant secretary and treasurer. The association does not receive pay for its work. Donations made to the association are used for the purchase of equipment.

The drowning is the first to occur in Tiber reservoir since the construction of Tiber dam. The dam was completed in 1956. Since that time several boats have capsized, or have sunk, but until the opening day of the 1959 fishing season Sunday, there had been no fatalities.



Members of the search floatilla preparing to renew the dragging operation for Nold's body Monday.

WILLIAM F. RAMBO
Born: December 28, 1885 - Died: October 21, 1959
Liberty County Times
October 22, 1959

**William Rambo,
Retired Hingham
Farmer, Dies**

William F. Rambo, 73, Hingham, retired farmer, died early Wednesday morning at the Deaconess hospital in Havre.

Born December 28, 1885, at Diamond, Mo. he went to North Dakota with his parents in 1905 and farmed there for four years. He homesteaded four miles northwest of Hingham in 1910 and later moved four and a half miles southeast of Hingham, farming there until his retirement. During the homesteading days, Mr. Rambo operated a dray line in Hingham.

He and the former Elsie C. Knutson were married at Winnemahon, N. D. on March 15, 1907.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Clinton (Cecile) Brevik, Rudyard; Mrs. Ed (Edith) Dolezal, Gildford; Mrs. Ambrose (Gladys) Burkhardsmeyer of Gildford; and three sons, Roy of Hingham; Arthur of Gildford and Howard of Libby. A sister Mrs. Ole Brevik of Havre, a brother Reuben of Spokane, Washington; 22 grandchildren and one great grandchild. One sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Hingham Lutheran Church. Rev. Arthur Grorud officiated. Pastor and Mrs. Grorud, Mr. Lloyd Twedt and Mrs. Syver Nordby sang "It Is Well With My Soul" and "My Jesus As Thou Wilt". Pallbearers were Swen Twedt, Austin Qualey, Curt Phillips, Steve Welsh, Syver Nordby and Martin Sylte. Ushers were Vic Jones and Robert Blake.

HERBERT D. ROLPH
Born: ?, 1888 - Died: December 2, 1959
Liberty County Times
December 10, 1959

Herbert D. Rolph
Dies In Oregon



Herbert D. Rolph, 71, who spent a great part of his life in and around Joplin, died of a heart attack December 2 in the St. Vincent hospital at Portland, Oregon. Death came in a short two hours after the attack struck. His wife, Jessie is critically ill in the same hospital.

Herb Rolph was born in Picketts, Wisconsin, in 1888. He was married to Jessie Gau in 1912. The couple homesteaded a farm in the Joplin area and lived in Joplin for several years before moving to Oregon. Mrs. Rolph served as Joplin's postmistress for several years.

Mr. Rolph served eight years in the State Legislature and was at one time Speaker of the House. He served on many and various committees and was at one time candidate for Congress.

Rolph served for many years as president of the Montana Farmers Union, and was vice-president of the national organization for several years. He was a member of the nine-man executive committee of the national organization at the time of his death.

He moved to Oregon in 1953. In 1958 he was elected state president of the Oregon Farmers Union, and was named to head the combined Oregon-Washington Farmers Union last October.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters Mrs. Mary Lury and Mrs. Martin Heiptas of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Frank Rosich of Missoula; and Mrs. Charles Smith of Joplin; three sons, Myron A. of Estacada, Oregon; James M. Althema, Oregon; and H. D. Rolph Jr., of Boring, Oregon.

**Herb and Jessie Rolph Die;
Farmers Union Mourns Loss**

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HERB ROLPH
Born in 1888 at Picketts, Wis-
consin, Rolph attended Oshkosh
Business College then home-
steaded near Joplin, Montana. He
married Jessie Gau in 1912. His
interest in organizing family
farmers began in 1917, when he
was chosen President of the
Equity local at Joplin. In 1929, he
joined Farmers Union and was
elected President of his Local.

Two pioneers of the Farmers Union family, H. D. Rolph, Sr., and his beloved wife, Jessie, were taken in death a few days apart in December. Both were living in Oregon at the time, although they began their Farmers Union work in Montana.

Herb Rolph was best known as Vice President of the National Farmers Union, the position he held from 1940 to 1958, but he also had the distinction of being the only person in Farmers Union history to head the organization in three state units.

Only a few months ago, he was elected President of the newly combined Oregon-Washington Farmers Union. He had been serving as President of the Oregon unit when the merger occurred. But from 1934 to 1942 he was President of the Montana Farmers Union, the position he held when chosen to be national Vice President.

Born in 1888 at Picketts, Wis-

consin, Rolph attended Oshkosh Business College then home-steaded near Joplin, Montana. He married Jessie Gau in 1912. His interest in organizing family farmers began in 1917, when he was chosen President of the Equity local at Joplin. In 1929, he joined Farmers Union and was elected President of his Local.

Rolph's rise to leadership in civic affairs included his election to the Montana legislature from 1929 through 1937, and he was honored as Speaker of the House during his last term.

The Rolphs are survived by three sons, four daughters, nineteen grandchildren and a great-grandson.

GERALD SCHAEFER
Born: May 11, 1959 - Died: May 22, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 28, 1959

**Services Held For
Schaefer Baby**

Monday morning High Mass was said by Father H. E. McDonnell at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester for Gerald Schaefer, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schaefer of Chester.

Gerald was born May 11, 1959 at the Liberty County Hospital. He passed away at the hospital on May 22, 1959.

Burial was in the local Catholic cemetery.

ANN (DREIER) SILBERMAN
Born: May 13, 1878 - Died: March 7, 1959
Liberty County Times
March 19, 1959

Funeral Services for Anna Silberman

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Silberman, 80, were conducted at the local Lutheran church Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Gilbertson of Conrad Lutheran church conducting the ceremony.

Mrs. Silberman was born Anna Dreier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dreier at Hamburg, Minnesota, May 13, 1878. She grew to womanhood there and was married to William Silberman December 5, 1901. The couple lived in Minnesota until 1911 when they came to Montana and settled on a homestead north of Chester.

Her husband passed away in 1942, and three years later Mrs. Silberman sold her home in Chester and moved to Shelby where she lived until 1956 when she moved to Conrad. For the last ten months she has lived with her daughter, Mrs. John Wilkins (Rose), at Brady, where she passed away Saturday morning. A son, Otto, preceded her in death in 1941.

She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters, Rose and Mrs. Harold Crane (Martha), and four sons, Herbert of Brady, William of Great Falls, Alfred of Oilmont and John of Bremerton, Washington, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Ed Kauk, Sanford Syvert, John Wood, Carl Eklund, Henry Zimbleman and Ed Wierkan. Honorary pallbearers were Leslie Albright, Henry Kolstad, Ed Thielman, John Hutchinson, A. C. Kammerzell and Bert Nordstrom.

Rev. Joseph Walla sang with Mrs. Ed Thielman accompanist.

Interment was in the family plot in the local I. O. O. F. cemetery.

MRS. CLARENCE SONNER
Born: ?, 1879 - Died: January ?, 1959
Liberty County Times
January 22, 1959

**Calif. Funeral For
Mrs. C. A. Sonner**

According to a release received here, funeral services were held at Sacramento, California, Saturday for Mrs. Clarence Sonner, 80. She had spent a great many years of her life on a farm some 15 miles north of Inverness.

She and her husband, Clarence moved onto a homestead north of Inverness in 1910 and farmed there until the death of Mr. Sonner in 1955.

For several years they had spent the winters in California.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Zainhofsky of Broderick, California, a sister, Jessie Wolf, living in Kansas, a brother, Charles Adams of Oakland, California.

ELDON SOPER
Born: September 29, 1927 - Died: July 21, 1959
Liberty County Times
July 23, 1959

Eldon Soper Killed When Train Hits Tractor at West Crossing

Eldon Soper, 31, of Chester was killed instantly at 8:10 Tuesday morning when a through freight train travelling at a high rate of speed hit a tractor crossing the railroad track just west of Chester. The accident was witnessed by Burton Bredeson, who was following Soper in a truck. Both the tractor and the truck belonged to Chester Utilities. Bredesen said that he heard the train whistle, but apparently Soper did not hear the warning, perhaps due to the noise from the tractor motor.

A string of box cars 146 ft, 3 inches from the siding may have blocked Soper's view as he was crossing the tracks. He apparently never saw the oncoming train. His body was found pinned to the front of the train. When the train came to a halt it was 57 boxcar lengths, or approximately one-half mile from the scene of the accident.

The tractor was completely demolished. The front end was on the north side of the tracks, 70 feet from the crossing. One rear wheel and the digger were about 200 ft. from the crossing on the south side of the track. The seat of the tractor was found on a road, an estimated 200 yards from the crossing.

Engineer Thomas Reese said he had blown the warning whistle, and saw the tractor just before the accident, but there was no time to stop the speeding train. Geary See was fireman on the train. Louis Wells was brakeman. The train was No. 721, an extra through freight.

Sheriff Dodds Keith said that an inquest will be held, probably next week.

Soper and Bredesen were on their way to Chester Cemetery to excavate a grave when the accident occurred.

Eldon Soper was born September 29, 1927 at Spirit, Wisconsin. He was a son of Frederick and Mabel Soper. He spent his boyhood at the home of his parents and came to Chester some ten years ago. On

October 2, 1954, he was married to Alma Zorn of this city.

For the last three years, he was employed at the Chester Utilities and was on duty with the company at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Alma, and two children, Lynette, two years old and Dale, who is 10 months; his mother and two brothers, Howard and LaVerne, all of Luck, Wisconsin; and a brother, Glen, at Trade Lake, Wisconsin, and a host of friends to mourn his death.

Funeral services are pending.

Funeral Held for Eldon Soper Sat.

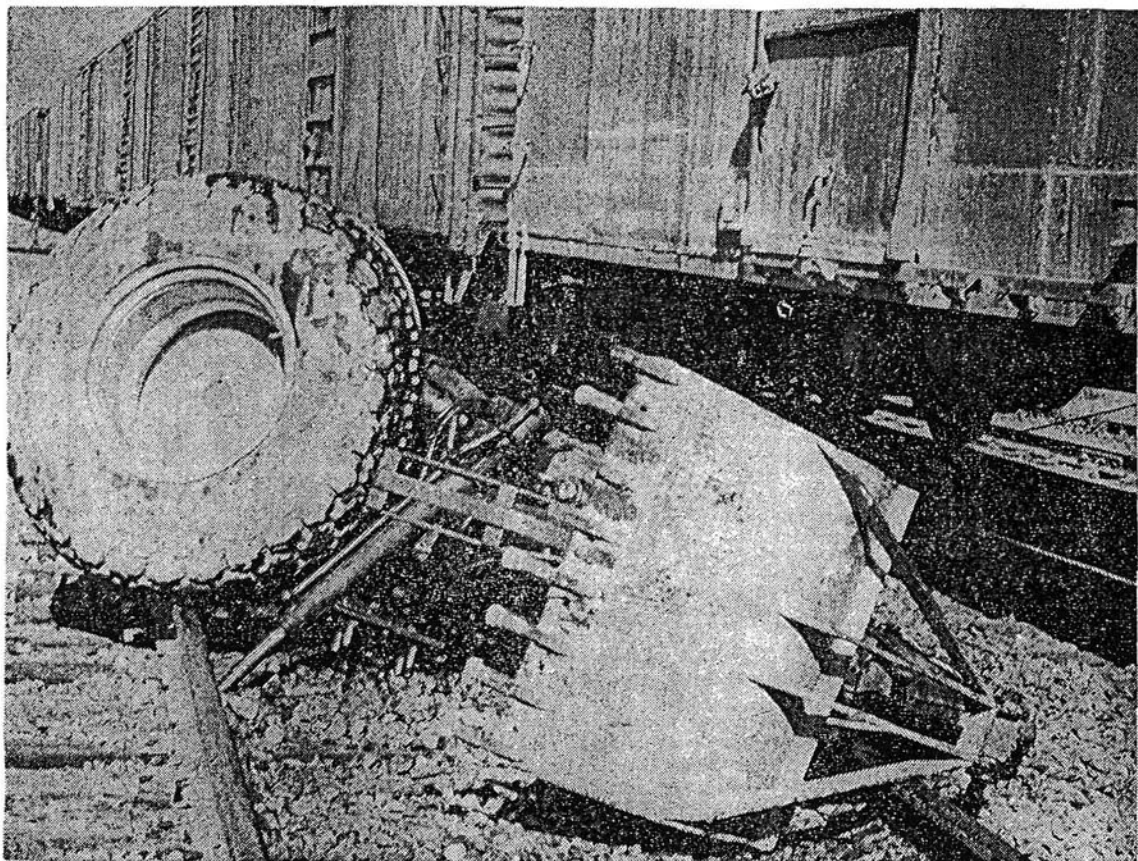
Funeral services for Eldon Soper, who died when the tractor he was driving was struck by a Great Northern freight train Tuesday of last week, were held at Our Savior's Lutheran church Saturday morning at 10:30, Pastor Joseph L. Walla in charge.

The Ladies Lutheran Choir Octet sang: "Abide With Me", "One Sweetly Solemn Thought", and "Nearer My God, To Thee", with Mrs. Ed Thielman as accompanist.

Pallbearers were: Burton Bredesen, Jack Sanford, Jerry Hemmer, Jerry and John Gehrke and Lloyd Wolery.

Mr. Soper is survived by his wife, Alma; two children, Lynette, two, and Dale, 10 months; his mother, Mrs. Mabel Soper, Luck Wisconsin; three brothers, Harold and Laverne of Luck and Glen, of Frederick, Wisconsin.

Interment was in the local I. O. O. F. cemetery.



The rear of the small tractor of Chester Utilities, driven by Eldon Soper, lying on the opposite side of the train from the rest of the tractor. The tractor was broken completely in two, and scattered on both sides of the tracks.

HIRAM SPENCE

Born: September 30, 1903 - Died: August 16, 1959

Liberty County Times

August 20, 1959

Hiram Spence Drowns In Farm Reservoir Sunday Afternoon

Hiram Spence, 56, a farm worker, drowned Sunday afternoon in a boating accident on a reservoir 28 miles south of Chester.

The accident occurred on the Clarence Romain farm where Spence had been employed for the past three years.

Liberty County Under Sheriff Bill Schultz, several members of the Chouteau County sheriff's office, members of the Pondera Search and Rescue Association, Pondera County law enforcement officers and Ray Somers, game warden, were at the scene following the accident.

The Pondera County Search and Rescue Association conducted the recovery operations, aided by local boat owners living in the vicinity of the accident.

According to Spence's companion, Ted Ackers, a farm worker employed by Lawrence Romain, the two men went for a ride in Spence's 12 foot aluminum rowboat after dinner.

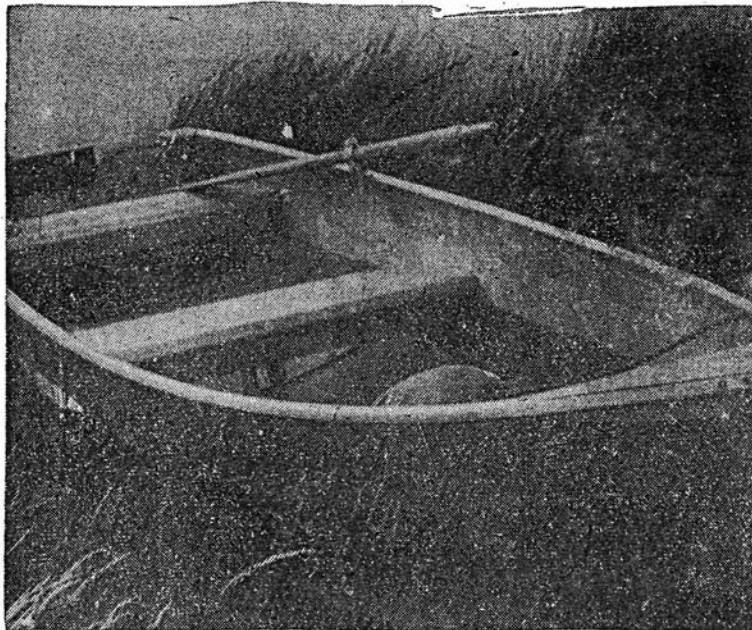
Ackers stated that while he was rowing the boat, Spence stood up, and the boat began to rock and overturned. Both men were able to get hold of the bottom of the overturned boat, but when they attempted to climb onto the bottom, the boat rolled again, throwing them both into the water. Ackers was able to grasp the boat and the one life jacket that was in the craft, but Spence on the other side of the boat could not get hold and went down. Neither of the two men could swim.

Ackers drifted to shore with the boat, and reported the mishap to the authorities.

Spence's body was recovered early Monday morning, about 3:00 a.m.

The body was taken to Conrad, and from there to Great Falls, where it is reported a sister of Spence resides.

Sheriff Dodds Keith said no inquest into the accident was planned.



The aluminum rowboat in which Ted Ackers and Hiram Spence were riding when the boating accident occurred in which Spence drowned.

GUNDER STRAND
Born: February 22, 1877 - Died: May 16, 1959
Liberty County Times
May 21, 1959

**Funeral Services
For Gunder Strand
Held Wednesday**

Funeral services for Gunder Strand, 82, retired Liberty County farmer, were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Wednesday morning at 10:00, Rev. Joseph L. Walla in charge.

Gupder Strand was born February 22, 1877, at Sogndal, Norway. He came to the United States in 1890, settled on a homestead south of Chester about 1911 and lived and worked there until his retirement a few years ago.

He is survived by a sister, Ingeborg Thidemanson, and a brother, Alfred, both living in Norway; two brothers Carl Eia of Jersey City, New Jersey and Berger Eia of Chester. Two brothers who had settled in this country preceded him in death.

The Lutheran choir with Mrs. Ed Thielman at the piano furnished the music. Pallbearers were: Thomas Staudacher, John Kulpas, Andrew Steen, Dean Wolfe, H. B. Kolstad and S. J. Kolstad.

Interment was in the Erickson cemetery, south of Chester.

ETHEL (STRODE) STROUD
Born: ? - Died: August 4, 1959
Liberty County Times
October 1, 1959

**Mrs. Ethel (Strode)
Stroud Dies**

—from the Chattanooga Times

Mrs. Ethel (Strode) Stroud, who for almost 50 years was a teacher and principal in schools here, died Tuesday, August 4 following a three-month illness. At the time of her retirement in 1951, she had been for nineteen years principal of the Anna B. Lacey School.

She began teaching in 1901 and except for a short time when she was away from Chattanooga, she was connected with schools here.

After her retirement she continued to take an active interest in school work and was prominent in the Retired Teachers' Association. She had been director of the young people's department of the First Christian Church for the past several years.

She was born in Illinois, the daughter of the late William and Mary Jackson Strode. She came to Chattanooga as a young woman.

Mrs. Stroud attended Peabody College in Nashville, the University of Chattanooga and received her master's degree from Columbia University. She was the widow of LeMoyne Stroud.

She is survived by a son, E. S. Beamguard, Chattanooga; a grand daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Swanson, Boulder, Colorado; a sister, Mrs. Virginia Heron and several nieces and nephews. (Mrs. Eva Strode Melvin, Great Falls, and Anne Strode Delaney are among the nieces.)

Mrs. Virginia Heron is a sister of the late Thomas P. Strode of Whitlash and the only surviving member of that generation.

FREDRICK WILLIAM VOSS
Born: February 10, 1900 - Died: February 25, 1959
Liberty County Times
February 26, 1959

**Funeral Rites For
Fredrick Voss Mon.**

Fredrick William Voss, 59, Chinook, died Wednesday. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre. Burial was in the Highland cemetery.

Employed as a residential pump-er for the Texas Company, Mr. Voss was born Feb. 10, 1900, at Mankato, Minn. He was married to Theresa Walsh in North Dakota in the early thirties.

A member of the Lutheran church, Mr. Voss was also a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and the Loyal Order of the Moose.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Doug Crone of Toga, North Dakota, Mrs. Patsy Stam, Chinook and Mrs. Vera Gibbs, Havre; four sisters, Mrs. Alma Norenberg, Hingham, Mrs. Kate Strand and Miss Anne Voss of Bowbells, N. D., and Mrs. Florence Carson of St. James, North Dakota, three brothers, George and Al of Bowbells, N. D., and Henry of Great Falls and three grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

HENRY HERMAN VOSS
Born: May 11, 1898 - Died: August 18, 1959
Liberty County Times
August 20, 1959

H. H. Voss Dies In Great Falls

Henry Herman Voss, 61, of 1100 10th Ave. South of Great Falls died Tuesday morning at the hospital shortly after suffering a heart attack at his home. He had been ill for several months.

A Great Falls resident 26 years, Voss had worked as a cook and also as a Great Northern brakeman before his illness. He was born May 11, 1898 at Mankato, Minnesota.

Surviving relatives include his wife Betty, of Great Falls; a son, Herman Voss; a daughter, Arlene,

both of Oregon; four grandchildren; brothers George and Al Voss of Bowbells, North Dakota; sisters Anne Voss and Mrs. Dave Strand of Bowbells, Mrs. Alma Norenberg of Hingham, Montana and Mrs. Mintan Carlson of St. John, North Dakota, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday morning with Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church with Father Levix officiating. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

EARL H. WOOD
Born: May 16, 1910 - Died: September 25, 1959
Liberty County Times
October 1, 1959

Earl H. Wood

Earl H. Wood, 49, passed away in his trailer home on Friday of last week following a heart attack. He had been an invalid for several years.

He was a retired Great Northern Railway Co. telegrapher.

Mr. Wood and his wife came to Chester about 4½ years ago; and she has been employed at the Golden West Hotel during most of the time since. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, JoAnn Wood, Albert Lea, Minn., and Mrs. Earlynn Simonson, Mankato, Minn. and a brother Lowell Wood, Freeborn, Mich.

The body was shipped to Albert Lea, Minn., where funeral services will be conducted at the Peterson Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Wed.

Mr. Wood was born May 16, 1910 at Albert Lea, Minn. He married the former Elizabeth K. Stockwell on June 9, 1951 at St. Paul. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

ROY FRANCIS YOUNG
Born: July 15, 1906 - Died: November 27, 1959
Liberty County Times
December 3, 1959

**Roy Young, 53,
Dies in Hotel Room**

Roy Francis Young, 53, local farm laborer passed away Friday, November 27 in his room at the Grand Hotel.

Young was born July 15, 1906 in Pierpoint, South Dakota, and is believed to have survivors in that area.

Young apparently died of natural causes and had been in poor health for several years before he passed away.

The body was taken to the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre pending further funeral arrangements.