

HARRY GENE ALEX

Born: July 12, 1937 - Died: September 5, 1961

Liberty County Times

September 14, 1961

**Harry Gene Alex
Services Held**

Funeral services for Harry Gene Alex, 24, were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cut Bank Friday afternoon, with Pastor R. B. Halaas in charge.

Interment was in the Crown Hill cemetery beside his mother.

He died in the Liberty County Rest Home Tuesday afternoon, September 5.

Harry Gene was born July 12, 1937 at Shelby. His mother died ten years later. The family lived in Cut Bank until 1956 when they moved to Chester, where they have resided ever since.

Survivors include his father, Harry G. Alex; two brothers, Richard Paul of Cut Bank and Robert J. of Chester; eight sisters, Clara Henderson, Shirley Dobson, Darlene Owen, Bonnie Pendergrass, Nancy Alex, Linda Eckley, all of Cut Bank; Jeri Pettapiece of Whitefish and Debra Alex of Chester. There are nine nieces and two nephews.

OSCAR C. ANDERSON

Born: April 25, 1893 - Died: October 20, 1961

Liberty County Times

October 26, 1961

Death Summons Oscar C. Anderson

Oscar C. Anderson, custodian of the Joplin school died Friday, Oct. 20 at his home in Joplin. He was 68 years old.

Mr. Anderson was born on April 25, 1893, in Maplewood Township, Minn. He moved with his parents to Ambrose, N. D., where he lived until 1937. On January 22, 1919, he was married to Blanche Elnora Olson, and she passed away on July 8, 1956. Mr. Anderson has lived in Joplin since 1937, and in 1942 he became custodian and clerk of the Joplin school, a job he has held until his death.

Surviving are eight daughters and three sons. They are Louise and Lois of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Mrs. George (Grace) Pro-

kop, Anaheim, Calif.; Mrs. W. J. (Doris) Walgron, Santa Maria, Calif.; Mrs. Gordon (Bernice) Lyle and Mrs. Berger (Olive) Johnson, Jr., Joplin; Donna of Conrad and Lola of Spokane, Wash.; Lowell, Great Falls; Donald, Chester and Sanford, Joplin.

One daughter Marlys preceded him in death.

Also surviving are his sisters, Mrs. A. J. Paulson and Mrs. Oscar Mabraten of California, 21 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was an active member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Funeral services were conducted in the church on Tuesday at 2 p.m. and interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

ETTA MAY ARMSTRONG

Born: August 14, 1883 - Died: February 19, 1961

Liberty County Times

February 23 - March 2, 1961

Funeral Today for Etta Armstrong

Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Armstrong will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Methodist Church in Chester. Mrs. Armstrong died in her sleep some time Saturday night. She had not been ill, and her sudden death came as a shock to her many friends.

Walt Wicks called Sunday morning to offer to take Mrs. Armstrong to church school. He received no answer. Upon investigation he became concerned because no one had seen her that morning. Wicks went to the house and looked through the window to see her coat and hat lying on a chair. Entrance was gained to the house by forcing a back window. The body was found in bed. Wicks said there were no indications that she had suffered, and death is believed to have come quite suddenly.

Survivors include a son Alan W. of Moorhead, Minnesota; six grand children, Thomas, nine; Roger, seven; Rebecca six; Mary, five; Robert three and Susan, one and one-half; a nephew, Robert Armstrong of Parkland, Alberta, Canada.

Among the papers of the Royal Neighbors was found the following autobiography, written not too many years ago. It is reproduced here just exactly as Mrs. Armstrong had written it. (continued on page 7)

Funeral Held For Etta Armstrong

Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Armstrong were held at 2:00 p.m. last Thursday at the Methodist church with Rev. M. O. Smith conducting the service.

With Mrs. Smith at the piano the choir composed of Mrs. Ralph Shepherd, Mrs. Burnham Murray, Mrs. Kenneth Halverson and Mrs. Mike Nardi sang "The Lord is My Shepherd," and "Be Still My Soul."

Pallbearers were Clarence Romain, Walter Wicks, Darby O'Brien, Lawrence Romain, Rufus Buffington and Lloyd Lund.

Honorary pallbearers were Neil Shepherd, Alva Shettel, Raymond Kerr, Glen Shepherd, and Austin Broadhurst.

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

Autobiography of Etta Armstrong

I was born in 1883, August 14th in Barrington, Illinois, Cook County, about 25 miles from Chicago. Now it is a part of that great city.

When four years of age, my parents, Herbert and Phebe Hesselgrave Patterson and baby brother and I moved to McHenry County where I had my elementary and high schooling in Richmond Township.

Having a yen to go west where I had an Aunt living in Montana, I spent three years in and around Havre, then to South Dakota, where I took teacher's training, taught for four years in and near Dell Rapids, in Minnehaha County.

Then due to my mother's poor health I returned to Illinois and obtained a position in the Rossville Public Schools in Vermillion County, a hundred miles south of Chicago where I could be nearer to her.

The call of the west became most urgent again and in 1912 I came to Great Falls during my Christmas vacation and filed on a homestead twenty-eight miles south of Chester it what was then Choteau County.

In June of 1913 I came out very bravely to establish residence on my homestead with not a board for my shack nor a piece of furniture.

My cousin, Mrs. Ray Dygert, was ill so I stayed at their homestead across Dug Out Coulee two miles, and helped her out until fall. In the meantime Mr. Dygert had hauled out lumber for a 12 x 18 "shack" and placed it at the building site and in late fall he and I built the shack. I sawed every board except the stringers for the floor, 2 x 6's, and even helped erect it—shingling and all.

It was too cold to remain there all winter so I accepted the offer of board, room, a saddle horse, etc., for teaching an eighth grade student on the Marias River. I got my board and room, one pound butter, one loaf of bread and one dozen eggs in the spring for all my winter's work. No horse, wood or fence, etc. as I had been promised.

On March 31st, 1914 I started to teach the first school at Marias in the newly established district in Choteau County, in a 11 x 13 homestead shack.

I was married to Mr. Thomas Armstrong in 1915 right after I finished a winter term in Erickson School, after nine months in Marias (Earl) School.

In 1916 and 1921 I again taught the Earl School. A new school building was built in 1916 by the neighborhood and in midsummer I moved into it without it being finished on the inside. Again in 1921 I taught a winter term with the school house finally being finished plus a nice large vestibule being built on the front, a new floor furnace, etc., so it was very comfortable.

To Mr. Armstrong and me there were born three children during our years on the homestead. Two passed away as babies.

In 1923 we were completely eaten out by grasshoppers, so Mr. Armstrong went to the river and worked for Mr. James Townsend and James and I held down the homestead through thick and thin—mostly thin.

That autumn my half sister persuaded us we should quit the "catch 'em and cheat 'em" country and go to Chicago to be close to mother. That was a most disastrous move not only

in money but in disillusionment and home sickness. In six months we were very happy to accept Mr. Townsend's urgent request that we return to Montana and manage his ranch for him as he was in Great Falls a lot with his family.

We arrived in April of 1924 in such a dust storm that we had to have lights on so we wouldn't be in a collision with oncoming vehicles.

Let me say here that Mr. Armstrong had had a very bad cold, almost pneumonia, in Illinois that winter of 1923 and 1924. We were ready to come to Montana in April when he became very ill and the doctor told me not to take him to Montana unless the weather cleared and on the day we were due to leave, the sun came out so beautifully that I dared to take him. He coughed all the way to St. Paul and after that he became better. The closer to Montana and the dust storm we got the better he felt.

We arrived on Saturday, April 7th and the next day he felt like taking a horeback ride with Mr. Townsend. That much for Montana.

We were employed on the Townsend place until spring of 1928, when the ranch along with the Circle and other holdings were incorporated in the Marias Sheep Company.

The old log house became almost untenable so the frame house on the Circle was raised, foundation put under, painted inside and out and we moved into it instead of the log house in the fall of 1930.

Alan, son was born in December 1925, while living in the old log house.

In 1939 the ranch holdings being sold we purchased the ranch southwest of Pugsley's place from William Query. Mr. Armstrong passed away five years later. I moved to Chester in the fall of 1946.

In 1947 I joined the R. N. A. of Chester. In 1907 I joined the W. R. C., Auxiliary of the G. A. R. (Grand Army of the Republic) and in early spring of 1908 I joined the Daughters of Rebekah, an Auxiliary of Odd Fellows. I have kept up my membership ever since and have been a member for fifty-one years, fifty years of it in Dell Rapids, South Dakota.

I am a member for life of the Montana Institute of Arts, Presbyterian Church, Montana Historical Society and the many Conservation Organizations, like Wilderness Society and others.

I have been Musician since my induction into the Camp in 1947, and publicity chairman since 1950. I am on my second large scrapbook.

Since this writing Mrs. Armstrong had also become a Charter member of the Chester Garden Club for a Life Member of the National Federation of Garden Clubs. She was First Vice President of the Chester Garden Club since its organization five years ago and to residents of Liberty County her name was synonymous with garden clubbing.

Mrs. Armstrong was also very active in the American Legion Auxiliary, and many other organizations in and around Chester. She became the publicity chairman for many of these organizations and has written many, many articles which have appeared in the Liberty County Times.

FRED ARNST

Born: November 23, 1900 - Died: April ?, 1961

Liberty County Times

April 13, 1961

Funeral Services For Fred Arnst Held April 11

Funeral services for Fred Arnst, 60, prominent Fort Benton business man were conducted at 2:00 p.m. at the Benton Funeral Home Tuesday, with Rev. George Riley officiating. Arnst died in the St. Clair hospital, Fort Benton, after an extended illness.

Fred Arnst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arnst was born November 23, 1900 at Ames, Nebraska. When he was ten years old the family moved to Montana and settled on a homestead south and west of Chester, where they lived for several years.

He was engaged in business at Valier for a number of years before moving to Fort Benton in 1930. In 1934 he became owner and operator of the Capital Theatre. Twenty years later he built the Benton Drive-In Theatre. He also owned a theatre in Belt for a good many years until he sold it in 1951. In 1945 he purchased and remodeled the old Culbertson building in Fort Benton, which now contains a drug store, a hardware store and apartments.

He was a member of the Fort Benton Methodist Church, Fort Benton Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., serving as Worshipful Master in 1944. He was a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite.

He is survived by his widow, sons Richard of Houston, Texas, James, Long Beach, California and Fred of Sunburst, daughter, Mrs. Donna Lee Mott of Missoula, three sisters and two brothers.

Chester people attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Benny Heimbigner, Mrs. Rena Zorn, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sitch, Mr. Oliver Morkrid, Mr. Willis Violett, Mr. Francis Moran, Selmer Kolstad, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kolstad, Mrs. Anna Kolstad and Math Thieltges.

ERWIN A. BATHKE

Born: October 31, 1883 - Died: August 14, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 17 - 24, 1961

E. A. Bathke Passes

Chester lost one of its most colorful citizens late Monday night when Erwin Alfred Bathke, 78, passed away at the Liberty County Hospital.

He was born October 31, 1883 at Olivia, Minnesota, the son of Fred and Mary Palau-Bathke. He grew up in that neighborhood and in September, 1911 he was married to Hazel Soltau at Olivia, who survives. The same year he filed on a homestead south and west of Chester, not far from where Tiber Dam is now located, and has lived and worked in this community ever since except for two years spent at Silverton, Oregon.

Mr. Bathke has been engaged in a great many activities while he has lived in Chester. He served a term as County Treasurer; he spent several years doing custom butchering; he at one time owned and operated a dog farm and sold dogs all over the United States. At the time of his death he was actively engaged in the insurance business and had sold made-to-order clothing for years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Ralph (Evelyn) Dunham of Havre; Mrs. Burnell (Pearl) Larson of Elko, Nevada; and

Mrs. Robert L. (Lillian) Cox of San Rafael, California; a grandson, Eugene Bathke of Chester; a half-brother, Martin Stellmacher of Thorsby, Alberta, Canada; two nephews, Newton and Vernon Stellmacher of Alberta; and eight other grandchildren. A son, Merle preceded him in death.

E. A. Bathke Rites Held Thurs.

Funeral services for Erwin A. Bathke, Chester insurance man, were held Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Chester. Rev. Byron Israel read the services.

Mrs. Marion Thielman was organist and the members of the choir were Idella Hunnewell, Carolyn Goodbar, Donna Laas, Golda Laas, Joyce Murray, Gertrude Israel, Agnes Swank and Doris Umphrey. Songs were "Be Still My Soul", "Softly and Tenderly" and "Beyond the Sunset".

Harry Heimbigner was usher.

Pallbearers were Harry Heimbigner, Chris Hanson, Ole Reese, George Green, Orval Brain and Jacob Wormsbecker.

Coming from out of town for the funeral were Mr. Bathke's daughter, Mrs. Burnell (Pearl) Larson, Elko, Nevada; his half brother Martin Stellmacher, Thorsby, Alberta; two nephews, Newton Stellmacher, Seba Beach, Alberta, and Vernon Stellmacher, Spokane, Washington, and Mrs. H. R. Larson, Havre. Not able to be present was his daughter, Mrs. Robert L. (Lillian) Cox, San Rafael, California.

Interment was in the IOOF cemetery in Chester in the family plot.

WINIFRED MARIE BLAIR

Born: July 10, 1907 - Died: October 19, 1961

Liberty County Times

October 26, 1961

Mrs. Blair Found Dead at Fresno Lake

The body of Mrs. Winifred Marie Blair, 54, of 232 Tenth Street, Havre, was found Sunday on the shore of Fresno Lake by her son, Leslie Blair, Havre, after a four day search. The woman had been missing from her home since last Thursday.

Blair spotted his mother's car from a plane about 5:30 p.m. Sunday and subsequently discovered the body by the lake shore about 20 yards away. The car was parked on a hill about a half mile from the Fresno Boat Club.

Sheriff R. C. Timmons and Coroner E. K. Eliason were immediately called and they attributed Mrs. Blair's death to exposure. There were no signs of violence. Death was thought to have occurred Thursday, October 19.

Blair said he had been looking for his mother since last Thursday, but was of the opinion that she had gone to visit relatives. She had been in ill health recently.

Mrs. Blair and her husband, the late Harvey Blair, moved from the Sweet Grass Hills area around 1938 and for a number of years operated a dairy near Fort Assiniboine. Mr. Blair died in 1956.

Mrs. Blair was born July 10, 1907 at Kalispell. She was a member of the Van Orsdel Methodist church and V. F. W. Auxiliary.

Survivors include one son, Leslie, Havre; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Marie) Hollingshead, Havre and Mrs. John (Helen) Dunagan, Whitefish; two brothers, Riley Robinson, Mesa, Arizona, and Addison Robinson, Eugene, Oregon; three sisters, Mrs. Walter Culbertson, Las Vegas, Nevada, Mrs. Charles Hinman, El Monte, California, and Mrs. Reginald Elton, Polson; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. from the Methodist church. A memorial has been established to the church and the Hill County public library.

Harvey Blair was a brother to Mr. Jess Blair, who lives north of Lothair.

DONALD BENJAMIN BRANDVOLD

Born: October 10, 1917 - Died: February 10, 1961

Liberty County Times

February 16, 1961

Last Rites Held for Donald Brandvold

Funeral services for Donald Benjamin Brandvold were conducted at Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Pastor J. L. Walla in charge. Don Brandvold died in Liberty County Hospital February 10, 1961.

He was born October 10, 1917 at Joplin, the son of Bernard K. (Benny) Brandvold and Julia Lintvet Brandvold. He spent his boyhood at Joplin and was married August 8, 1942, to Cletus Florence Wright of Chester at Murray, Utah.

He is survived by his father, two brothers, Leonard of Layton, Utah and Kenneth of Chester; four sisters: Mrs. Bob (Gladyce) Wright of Chester; Mrs. Robert (Helen) Keith of Chester; Mrs. Betty Rockman of Chester and Mrs. Charles (Doris) Austin of Laurel, Miss.,

and many nieces and nephews.

Donald Brandvold spent his whole life in the Joplin and Chester communities except for two years in Salt Lake City, Utah. He managed an elevator in Joplin for several years. He served as a clerk at Wright's Market and with his wife managed the store for awhile. He was employed by the Montana Highway Department until ill health forced him to retire.

His mother preceded him in death in July, 1935. His brother Benny was killed in action during the Korean War.

The Lutheran church choir with Mrs. Ed Thielman at the organ sang "Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus" and "Still, Still With Thee." Ushers were Burt Brødeson, Harold Raunig and Pete Henderson.

Max Brown, Earl Keith, Neil Shepherd, Cliff Anderson, Mike

Nardi and Bud Poppler served as pall bearers.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dodds Keith, George Anderson, Bill Earl, Roy Miller, Walt Laas, Darby O'Brien, Tommy Wood, Leo Wigen, Clarence Kolstad and Cliff Krejci.

Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

JULIUS HENRY BUSKERUD

Born: December 26, 1881 - Died: September 5, 1961

Liberty County Times

September 14, 1961

Henry Buskerud Services Held Fri.

Funeral services for Julius Henry Buskerud, 79, were conducted at Bethel Lutheran Church at Joplin, Friday afternoon at 2:00, Pastor S. M. Nelson officiating. Mr. Buskerud died at the Liberty County Hospital Tuesday, September 5.

Mr. Buskerud was born December 26, 1881 in Otter Tail County, Minnesota. He came to Joplin in 1910 and has made his home there ever since. He operated a steam plowing outfit in the area for several years, breaking up the native sod for the homesteaders.

Survivors include a brother, Albert Buskerud, of Rosholt, South Dakota; three sisters, Mrs. Sophie Hostbjor, Rosholt, South Dakota, Mrs. Betsy Leavitt, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Miss Clara Buskerud of Minot, North Dakota.

Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

FRED VERN CRITES

Born: February 7, 1896 - Died: April 10, 1961

Liberty Times County

April 13 - 20, 1961

Fred Crites Services Friday in Havre

Fred Vern Crites, well known Gildford area farmer, died suddenly Monday evening at a Havre hospital. Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Friday at the Holland and Bonnine Funeral Home. Burial will be at Gildford.

Mr. Crites was born Feb. 7, 1896, at Bottineau, N. D., and came to Montana as a young man. On Sept. 3, 1918, he married Achsah Huestis of Hingham at Shelby.

His wife survives him as well as four sons, Vern of Dillon; Donald and Harold, both of Portland, Ore., and Richard of Gildford and seven daughters, Mrs. Carlton (Cleona) Poore of Zurich; Mrs. Lloyd (Lois) Olson; and Mrs. Harry (June) Youso, Jr., both of Havre; Mrs. Allen (Dotty) Kidd, Gildford; Mrs. Gene (Dorene) Rutter, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Gordon (Larena) Stewart, Troy; and Jeanne, Great Falls.

Two sisters, Mrs. Matt (Grace) Dolezal of Felton, Calif., and Mrs. Charley (Fay) Camilla of El Cajon, Calif., also survive. He was preceded in death by two infant sons, an infant daughter and a brother, Hollis.

Mr. Crites was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 114, AF & AM at Gildford.

Funeral Held For Fred Crites

Funeral services for Fred Vern Crites were conducted Friday afternoon at the Holland and Bonnine Funeral Home by the Rev. Paul Reeder of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Crites, well known Gildford area farmer, died suddenly last Monday evening at a Havre hospital.

Mrs. Ruth Hanson and Mrs. Clydene Swinney sang as a duet "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Mrs. Esther Griffith was the accompanist.

Pallbearers were Lloyd and Lowell Stuart, John Sellars, Ted Burfield, Dell Anderson and Lloyd Curfman. Honorary pallbearers were Earl Watson, Charlie Griffith, Ted Crawford and Jim Kidd.

Mr. Crites was a member of Masonic Ledge No. 114, AF & AM, and Masonic services were put on by that lodge with Robert Morrison of Havre acting as worshipful master. Interment was in the Gildford cemetery.

ROBERT J. EFFINGER

Born: November 14, 1916 - Died: August 19, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 24, 1961

**Services for
Robert Effinger**

Funeral services were held at the Chapel of Chimes mortuary in Great Falls Tuesday afternoon for Robert J. Effinger, 45. Effinger was a former resident of Hingham and was well known along the Hi-Line.

He died at his home south of Great Falls late Saturday night.

Effinger was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, November 14, 1916 and received his schooling there.

He served in the Army and later transferred to the U. S. Air Force, in which he served during World War II. He joined the Atwood-Larson Co., grain brokers and was transferred to Great Falls in 1947, where he lived since that time.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and St. John's English Lutheran Church.

JESSE J. EVELAND

Born: June 8, 1886 - Died: August 13, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 24, 1961

Services in Wisc. For Jess Eveland

Funeral services were held August 16, 1961 for Jesse J. Eveland, a former resident of Chester, who succumbed to a heart attack on August 13.

Rev. Rudolph Schroeder of Osceola, Wisconsin, officiated at services held in Paulson Funeral Home at Osceola with interment in the family plot at St. John's Cemetery in Centuria, Wisconsin.

Jesse Eveland was born June 8, 1886 at Waverly, Iowa. He was married October 5, 1907 to Lottie B. Ingersol, who preceded him in death. Ten children were born to this union; all surviving except infant twin daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Eveland lived in and around Chester for several years before returning to Wisconsin because of Mrs. Eveland's failing health. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family reunion in 1957.

He is survived by five sons: Richard, Howard, Wilbur and Chet of this city and Martin of Nye, Wisconsin; and three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Alice) Pettapiece of Whitefish, Montana, and Mrs. Lawrence (Bess) Hoverman and Mrs. LaVerne (Myrtle) Owens of Osceola.

One brother, Ernest Eveland of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and 39 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren also survive.

FANNIE MAE FREEMAN

Born: October 17, 1872 - Died: September 25, 1961

Liberty County Times

September 28, 1961

**Services Today
For Fanny Freeman**

Mrs. Fanny Freeman, 88, Inverness died Monday morning at the Liberty County Hospital.

Mrs. Freeman was born October 17, 1872. When she was nineteen, she was married there to Edward Freeman. In 1919, the couple moved to Canada, and a year later came to Inverness in a covered wagon, filed on a homestead there and lived in a tent until their cabin was completed.

Two sons, Harley of Inverness and Roland of Blue Earth, Minnesota, survive. A son, Lee and two daughters, Rose and Hazel, preceded her in death. There are 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren

WALDO N. FUNK

Born: April 14, 1887 - Died: July 11, 1961

Liberty County Times

July 20, 1961

**Funeral Held For
Waldo N. Funk**

Funeral services for Waldo N. Funk, 74, Libby, Montana, were held at Bethel Lutheran Church, Joplin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 15th.

Mr. Funk was born April 14, 1887 in Indiana, and died at Libby, Montana, July 11, 1961. He and his family lived in Joplin and the immediate neighborhood for a great many years.

He is survived by his wife, Venora; three sons, Waldo and Lyle of Libby and Ray of Seattle; five daughters, Adeline Burrell, Juneau, Alaska; Mrs. Vince (Ruth) Dailey, Sidney; Eisie Brown, Nevada; Mrs. Dorothy Rollis, Mount Home, Idaho; and Miss Irene Funk, Libby.

Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

EDNA (BABE) FURNELL

Born: October 19, 1892 - Died: February 2, 1961

Liberty County Times

February 9, 1961

**Services in Shelby
for Whitlash
Pioneer Woman**

Another of the pioneer residents of the Whitlash area passed away at her ranch home Thursday, February 2.

Mrs. Edna (Babe) Furnell, wife of Bert Furnell died in her sleep sometime early Thursday morning. She was found by her daughter.

Mrs. Furnell was born October 19, 1892 in Pleaston, Kansas and came to Whitlash with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis in 1896. She was united in marriage to Bert Furnell, May 21, 1914 and the young couple resided in Great Falls until 1919 when they returned to Whitlash where they have resided ever since.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Community Methodist church in Shelby with the Rev. James Patton of Whitlash officiating. Burial was in the Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. Furnell leaves to mourn her sudden demise her husband, Bert; one daughter, Frances, Whitlash; one son, Matt, Whitlash; one sister, Mrs. J. R. Leach, Lovell, Wyoming; an aunt, Mrs. Stella Hill of Long Beach, California, and a host of friends and neighbors who extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

RAGNAVALD M. (RAY) HAALAND

Born: March 6, 1886 - Died: January 10, 1961

Liberty County Times

January 12, 1961

Funeral Friday For Ray Haaland

Funeral services for Ragnavald M. (Ray) Haaland of Inverness, 74, pioneer Hi-line farmer will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Mr. Haaland passed away at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester Tuesday.

Mr. Haaland was born March 6, 1886, at Kleppe, Stavanger, Norway. He moved to Livingston from Norway when he was 16, and worked around Cooke City and Joliet for a time before working as a hostler at the round house in Butte. He moved to the Inverness area in 1909 and homesteaded.

He is survived by his wife, the former Emelia Johanna Peterson, whom he married in Butte on Oct. 29, 1920. Also surviving are four sons, Milton, Roald, Sterling and Wilbur, all of Inverness and three daughters, Mrs. Don (Gertrude) Aspevig of Rudyard, Mrs. Frank (Joan) Phillips of Rudyard and Mrs. Don (Norma) Engelson of Havre. Two brothers, Martin of Seattle and Svein of Stavanger, Norway and three sisters, Mrs. Thor (Martha) Lein of Seattle and Mrs. George (Maria) Lode and Mrs. Anna Taksdal, both of Stavanger, Norway also survive as do 19 grandchildren. A son Carsten preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Sons of Norway Lodge. A memorial for the Liberty County Hospital at Chester has been established in his memory.

ELMER LAVERNE HEAVIRLAND

Born: November 19, 1917 - Died: September 23, 1961

Liberty County Times

September 28 - October 5, 1961

Elmer Heavirland Found Dead Sat.

This community was shocked Saturday afternoon when it became known that Elmer Heavirland had been found dead in

his father's trailer house from a gun shot wound, apparently self inflicted.

Mr. Heavirland had been in Chester from his home in Shelby about a month working with his father, Earl Heavirland on his well drilling rig. His health has been very poor for a number of years; and it is thought despondency because of ill health may have been the cause of his death.

He left three children, his wife, father, a brother and two sisters, Mrs. Helena Olson of Shelby and Mrs. Clarence Shettel of Chester to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held in Shelby Wednesday afternoon at 2.

Funeral Held In Shelby Wednesday For E. Heavirland

Funeral services were held Wednesday of last week in St. Luke's Lutheran church in Shelby for Elmer Heavirland 44, who passed away in Chester the previous Saturday.

Rev. Olaf G. Borge officiated and burial was in the soldier's plot in Mountain View cemetery.

Heavirland lived in Billings and was visiting relatives in Chester at the time of his death.

He was born Nov. 18, 1917, in Clark County, S. D., and lived there until he was 12 years old when he moved to Ferdig. He attended elementary school in Ferdig and served in the armed services during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Aimee, whom he married in 1958; 3 sons, Loren, LaVerne & Leray, all of Shelby; one daughter, Lorelee, Shelby; his father, Earl Heavirland, Chester; two sisters, Mrs. Helena Olson, Panama Canal Zone and Mrs. Dorothy Shettel, Chester and brother, Hudson, of Shelby.

HOLBERT HOGENSON

Born: May 22, 1878 - Died: April 27, 1961

Liberty County Times

May 4, 1961

Holbert Hogenson

Word was received here on Thursday, April 27th, of the passing of Holbert Hogenson, an old timer of the Hingham community.

He was born May 22, 1878 at Browndale, Minnesota. When he was 6 years old his parents moved to Fertal, Minnesota where he attended school and was educated as a bookkeeper, than he worked for the railroad company out of Minneapolis.

Due to his health he had to give up inside work so he came west and took up a claim about 1910. He rode a bicycle out to stake out his claim which was 8 miles south of Hingham. There were only cow paths to follow at that time.

He later sold the homestead to his nephew, LaVernon Hogenson, who now farms it. Holbert retired to Spokane, there he met and married Mrs. Martha Harmenson in September 1949. They moved to Seattle and made their home there for a number of years. Again due to his health they moved to Hot Springs where his health was much better.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Martha; one sister, Mrs. Annie Heseth of St. Paul, Minn.; four brothers, Ole and Otto of Fertal, Minn. and Christian and Severt of Hingham.

GRACE HUBER

Born: October 24, 1869 - Died: October 19, 1961

Liberty County Times

October 26, 1961

**Grace Huber Dies
In Caldwell, Ida.**

Grace Huber, former Inverness resident, died Oct. 19 in Caldwell, Idaho. She has been residing in Fruitland, Idaho.

Mrs. Huber was born on Oct. 24, 1869 in Ellsworth, Wis., and married on Dec. 9, 1891, in Ellsworth to Henry C. Huber. He passed away Jan. 17, 1929.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ed (Clara) Ablin, Fruitland, Ida., and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Brown, Frontenac, Minn. There is one grandchild and two great grandchildren.

Interment services were conducted in Highland cemetery, Havre, Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Huber left Inverness in 1931, when she went to Idaho.

CHARLES O. JOHNS

Born: February 16, 1883 - Died: June 20, 1961

Liberty County Times

June 22, 1961

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners Charles O. Johns Dies Tuesday Funeral Services Here Friday

Funeral services for Charles O. Johns, 79, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in Liberty County, will be held Friday, June 23 at the local Methodist Church.

Mr. Johns was born February 16, 1883 at Inkster, North Dakota, son of William and Diana Johns. He was married to Lillian Enerson December 4, 1906.

He and his wife came to Montana in 1913 and settled on a home stead north of Chester where they have made their home ever since. He was actively engaged in farming until his retirement some years ago.

In 1938 he was elected County Commissioner and has served in that capacity ever since except for a short time some ten years ago. He has served as Chairman of the Board during a large part of that time. He has served as County Commissioner longer than any other man in the history of Liberty County and also holds the record for Chairman of the Board.

In 1956 he and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter Mrs. Everett (Marias) Aurens of Conrad, a son, LeRoy



of Grand Forks, North Dakota, three sisters, Mrs. Max Howard of Fargo, North Dakota, Mrs.

Albert Ullman of St. Paul, and Mrs. Mabel Norter of Tillamook, Oregon; and two granddaughters of Conrad.

At the funeral tomorrow afternoon the pallbearers will be Maynard Johnson, Victor Johnson, John Osler, George Colbry, John Dolezal and Earl Thisselle.

Honorary pallbearers have been named as follows. Dodds Keith, John Hutchison, Paul Johnson, Russell Hanson, Douglas Gunderson, Tom Colbry, Hilmer Johnson, Austin Broadhurst, Bill Schafer, Emil Zoeller, John Cicon and Jim Cicon.

Interment will be in the local Liberty County cemetery.

Mr. Johns died while engaged in work for Liberty County. He was driving on the road north of Alma when he felt ill. He stopped at the school house and contacted the teacher there. The teacher called for help and Johns was brought to the hospital here; but he was dead on arrival.

Liberty County Courthouse will be closed all-day Friday.

PETER MILLER KUHRY

Born: October 1, 1879 - Died: December 13, 1961

Liberty County Times

December 21, 1961

P. M. Kuhry Requiem Mass Sat., Dec. 16

Funeral services for Peter Miller Kuhry were conducted at St. Mary's Church in Chester Saturday morning, Father James Wagner, O. Praem., Father T. J. Vanderloop, O. Praem., and Father Timothy Werner, O. Praem., participated in the ceremony. He died at his home December 13.

Mr. Kuhry was born October 1, 1879 at Caledonia, Michigan, the son of Peter Kuhry and Barbara Miller-Kuhry. He attended business college at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and at Kitchener, Ontario.

In 1912, he was married to Elizabeth Zettel at Formosa, Ontario, and she survives.

In the early 1900's he taught school at Munish, North Dakota. He moved to Chester in 1917 to work for the St. Anthony-Dakota Lumber Company, and lived here until his death.

He was engaged in various activities while living in Chester. In 1934 he was elected

County Treasurer and served in that office for two terms. He served as City Clerk for 25 years and was city marshal and water superintendent for a number of years. He carried mail on what was known as the Hay Coulee route for several years. He spent some time working in the County Assessor's office. He also worked on the land appraisal group for the Lower Missouri project.

Survivors include, besides his wife, two sons; Wilfred of Poplar and Florian of San Diego, California; and three daughters, Mrs. George (Marjorie) Fremole of Austin, Texas; Mrs. James (Marietta) Pace of Bozeman, and Mrs. Helen Aaberg of this city. There are eight grandchildren.

With Mrs. Herb White at the organ, the Senior Choir sang High Mass. Pallbearers were E. M. Cole, Bert Nordstrom, Darby O'Brien, John Sherrard, Verne Bresnahan and Pete Thieltges. Honorary pallbearers included John Schwab, Tom Staudacher, Lawrence Frederickson, W. N. Cole, John Wanken and Bill Zorn. Interment was in the local Catholic cemetery.

Lunch for relatives and friends was served after the funeral.

RAYMOND J. LaBORTA
Born: N/A - Died: 1961
Liberty County Times
September 14, 1961

**Raymond J.
LaBorta Passes**

Word has been received here of the passing of Raymond J. LaBorta at Independence, Oregon. His mother, Mary LaBorta and a brother, Elmer reside at Rudyard; and a sister, Mrs. Julius Rocks lives at Kalispell. No further details are available at this time.

EMIL LEDIN

Born: August 4, 1906 - Died: December 23, 1961

Liberty County Times

December 28, 1961 - January 4, 1962

Emil Ledin Funeral Services Held In Rudyard Wed.

Last rites were conducted Wednesday for Emil Ledin, 55, Rudyard, who passed away Dec. 23. Rev. Joseph Wahlin officiated at the services which were held at 2 o'clock in the Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

Miss Sharon Smith was at the organ accompanying Mrs. Don Aspevig and Mrs. Joe Wahlin who sang two duets, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Behold the Host Arrayed in White."

Pallbearers were Aaron Wilson, Leo Schaefer, Jake Van Wechel, Don Carlson, Alfred Johnson and William Strissel.

Ushers were Don Aspevig, Howard DeMartin and Lyle Anderson.

Interment was in Rudyard cemetery.

Services Held In Rudyard for Emil Ledin

Funeral services for Emil Ledin, 55 were held in the Rudyard Lutheran church Wednesday afternoon at 2:00. He died at his home in Great Falls Saturday.

Mr. Ledin was born at Wadena, Saskatchewan, August 4, 1906, and came to Montana when he was six years old. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Amanda Wichmann and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Rudyard and Mrs. Ruthie Letang of Great Falls.

Mr. Ledin was never married.

JOSEPH G. LETANG

Born: January 10, 1922 - Died: February 3, 1961

Liberty County Times

February 9, 1961

Funeral Held For Joseph G. Letang

Joseph George Letang, 39, of Great Falls and formerly of Havre, died February 3 at a Great Falls hospital.

Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Sunday at O'Connors, a service was held there at 10:45 a.m. on Monday and Requiem Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. at O'Connors Monday. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls with military honors.

Mr. Letang was born Jan. 10, 1922 at Dickinson, N. D., the son of Josephine Kugitsa Letang and Nick Letang. He attended St. Joseph's elementary school at Dickenson and graduated from Central High School at Dickinson in 1939. He attended Dickinson College for two years and majored in electrical engineering. He served in the U. S. Army and was discharged in 1945. After his discharge he went to work for the Montana-Dakota Utilities in Dickinson as chief clerk, was transferred to Havre in 1947 and to Great Falls in 1950, where he worked until the company was purchased by another firm. In 1954 he began working for A. T. Klement and Son and was employed by them to the present.

On Jan. 21, 1950, he was married at Havre to Ruthie Ledin of Rudyard. He is survived by his wife and five children, twins Richard and Robert, 10; Roger 8; Karen 3; and Rande 18 months. Also surviving are his parents Mr. and Mrs. Nick Letang, Dickinson; two sisters, Mrs. Nick A. (Barbara) Rettinger of New England, N. D., and Mrs. Joe (Helen) Hatzenbuhler of Dickinson; one brother, Mathias Letang of Dickinson; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Letang of Mansfield, Ohio, and several aunts and uncles in North Dakota and Ohio.

JOSEPH A. LUDWIG

Born: March 30, 1890 - Died: February 15, 1961

Liberty County Times

February 23, 1961

Funeral Services For Joe Ludwig

Funeral services for Joseph A. Ludwig, 70, were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 20 at Our Lady of Ransom church at Hingham with Rev. Theo J. Vanderloop in charge. Mr. Ludwig died in a Great Falls hospital February 15th after a protracted illness.

Joe Ludwig was born March 30, 1890, at Thorpe, Wisconsin. When he was 20 years old he came to Montana and later filed on a homestead some 12 miles south of Rudyard. On the 22nd day of June, 1918, he married Teresa Velcheck at Thorpe, Wisconsin. In 1927 the family moved to a farm about a mile west of Rudyard, the present family home, where he has farmed ever since.

Survivors include six daughters: Mrs. James (Ethel) Carr, Rudyard; Mrs. Thomas (Virginia) Toner, Gildford; Mrs. Marion, Evelyn) Little, Geraldine; Mrs. Wallace (Irene) McMasters, Spokane, Washington; Mrs. Joe (Ruth) Simon, Seattle, Washington; and Mrs. Thomas (Lorraine) Shirley, Big Springs, Texas; four sons: Roger, Lee and Thomas, all of Rudyard; and Ted of Sepulveda, California; 48 grand children and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Ludwig preceded her husband in death July 12, 1959. A fifth son, Joseph A. Jr., died in 1954.

Mr. Ludwig was a member of the Catholic Church. He took an active part in community affairs and served Hill County as commissioner for 18 years and was chairman of the board during much of that time.

HAROLD LYBECK

Born: October 7, 1922 - Died: May 15, 1961

Liberty County Times

May 18 - 25, 1961

Services in Havre For Harold Lybeck Friday, May 19

Funeral services were held for Harold Lybeck at the Holland and Bonine funeral chapel in Havre, Friday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. N. K. Estrem of Chinook officiated, reading from Psalms 121 and titling his message "The Lord is my Keeper."

Mrs. Jamieson, Chinook, sang "In the Garden" and "Still, Still With Thee". She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Margaret Pridgeon, also of Chinook.

Pallbearers were Elmer Rude, John Romain, Robert Bond and Al Ploss of Chester and Jim Williams, Walter Paulson, Cliff Pridgeon and Marvin Kleinjan of Chinook.

Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens at Havre.

Harold Lybeck was born near Chester October 7, 1922 to Hans and Karen Koll Lybeck and passed away at the Kennedy Deaconess Hospital in Havre after an illness of two years Monday evening, May 15, at 7:30 p.m.

He was confirmed and baptized into the American Lutheran church in Chinook and was active in community affairs. He served on the local school board.

On May 19, 1951 he was joined in marriage to Joanne Thielman in Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Chester. Three children, Karen, nine, Kenny, eight and Kevin, two were born to this union. They resided north of Chester where they farmed and ranched until the fall of 1956 when they purchased land and moved to the Chinook area where they were living at the time of his death.

Funeral Services For Harold Lybeck Friday in Havre

Funeral services for Harold Lybeck, 38, will be held at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Lybeck died in a Havre hospital Monday of a lingering illness. He had been in failing health for two years.

Harold Lybeck was born October 7, 1922 in Liberty County. He lived in this county most of his life until a few years ago when he moved to a farm in the Chinook area.

He was married March 17, 1951 to Joanne Thielman of Chester. To this union three children were born: Karen 9, Kent 8 and Kevin 2.

Survivors in addition to his wife and children include his father, Hans Lybeck of Kalispell; three brothers, Clifford of Chester, Ray of Kalispell and Willard of Zurich, Montana; one sister, Mrs. William (Cora) Sievers of Libby, Montana.

Lybeck attended Laird rural school north of Chester. He was a member of the American Lutheran Church of Chinook.

INA BLANCHE McCANN

Born: June 25, 1883 - Died: July 28, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 3, 1961

**Mrs. Ina McCann
Joplin, Dies Here**

Mrs. Ina Blanche McCann, 78, a longtime resident of Joplin, died Friday in Chester where she has been residing since 1958.

Mrs. McCann was born June 25, 1883, in Bloomer, Wis., and was married on June 25, 1902 to Steve McCann in Bloomer. He died Jan. 11, 1958.

She leaves five sons and five daughters. They are Neil, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Clarence, Joplin; Arnold, Osburn, Idaho; Steve, Glendive; Jack, Vaughn; Mrs. Arnold (Helen) Langel, Rudyard; Mrs. Blanche Long, Mountain Home, Idaho; Mrs. Joe (Emily) Terwolbeck, Joplin; Mrs. Jack (Laura) Siemens, Harlem, and Mrs. John (Mary) Hammill, Butte.

Also surviving are her sisters, Mrs. Laura Donahue, Bloomer, Wis., and Mrs. Edgar (Pearl) Hodgdon, Choteau, and a brother, Ernest Shipman, Auburn, Wash.

There are 39 grandchildren and 58 great grandchildren.

Mrs. McCann came to Goldstone in 1917 where she lived until 1925, when she became a resident of Joplin.

Services were held on Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Holland and Bonine Funeral home in Havre.

THOMAS J. MCFARLANE

Born: June 3, 1879 - Died: June 28, 1961

Liberty County Times

July 13, 1961

**Services July 1
For Thomas J.
McFarlane**

Thomas J. McFarlane, 82, long time resident of the Lothair neighborhood, died at Portland, Oregon, June 28th.

He had been in failing health for the last nine months.

Mr. McFarlane was born June 3, 1879 at Alexandria, Minnesota. He filed on a homestead near Lothair in 1910 and operated his holdings there until his retirement in 1944. Since his retirement, he and Mrs. McFarlane have lived in Oregon.

Survivors include the widow, living at 6228 92nd Avenue, SE, Portland; son John, Salinas, California; a daughter, Margaret, Seattle; three brothers, John, Sam and George; three sisters, Lily McFarlane, Mrs. Elizabeth Elsey and Mrs. Minnie Huntsberger, all living in Minnesota.

Funeral and interment were July 1st at Portland.

WILLIAM MELDRUM

Born: February 3, 1883 - Died: July 27, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 3, 1961

William Meldrum Sr. Services Mon.

William Meldrum, 78, retired rancher, died Thursday after suffering a heart attack at his home, 1702 Alder Drive, Great Falls. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Born in Inch, Scotland, Feb. 3, 1883, Meldrum came to this country at the age of 17. In 1909 he homesteaded at Joplin and ranched there until he retired in 1948. He moved to Great Falls in 1949 but still maintained his extensive ranch holdings. In 1952 he married Jane A. Mackie of Scotland and two years ago they spent 10 months visiting relatives in Scotland.

When he first came to this country he worked for the Laird Ranch Co., until 1908. He married Helen Johnston in 1908, and she died in 1948.

Meldrum was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Joplin, the Scottish Rite Bodies of Gt. Falls, the Eastern Star at Joplin and the Methodist Church at Inverness.

Survivors in addition to the widow, are daughters, Mrs. David (Lillian) James, Joplin and Mrs. Jesse A. (Connie) McDonald Jr., Great Falls; sons, William Meldrum Jr., Somers, Frank Meldrum of Joplin and Julian Meldrum, Long Beach, California, 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and four half-sisters in Scotland.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 11:00 at the George Co. chapel with Rev. Ross Allen officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Pallbearers were Howard Hall, Bernard Storvick, Henry Wolf, George Gray, Joe Squellati and Jesse McDonald Sr.

—Great Falls Tribune

JOSEPH MLINAR

Born: May 29, 1887 - Died: March ?, 1961

Liberty County Times

March 30, 1961

Funeral Held for Joseph Mlinar

Funeral services for Joseph Mlinar were held in Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin Thursday afternoon.

Joseph Mlinar was born on May 29, 1887, in Stanick, Austria. He came to America in October of 1901. He lived in Wisconsin for a year, and then moved to North Dakota and lived there until he moved to the Joplin District in 1910. On July

first, 1917 he was united in marriage to Mary Matey. To this union was born six children.

He and his wife moved to Kalispell in 1948, and have resided there ever since. He suffered a light stroke on March sixth, and suffered a fatal recurrence on March 19. He is predeceased by three children; Ann, Doris and Lorraine. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Mary, three children, Les and Eddie of Joplin, and Mrs. Dorothy Tyler. He is also survived by his brother Matt and his sister, Mrs. Susie Loss, together with seven grandchildren.

There was a funeral held in Kalispell Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. His body was then shipped to Havre, and a funeral was held in Joplin at 2:00 p.m. Pallbearers were Frank Meldrum, Eldon Graff, Herb Poetzl, Ole Jensen, Joe Terwolbeck and Bud Poppler. Pastor Nelson officiated. Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

The Bethel Lutheran Choir sang "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "Abide with Me". Organist was Thelma Anderson.

ISADORE MORKRID

Born: October 30, 1898 - Died: June 17, 1961

Liberty County Times

July 6, 1961

**Isadore Morkrid
Dies in Alaska**

Isadore Morkrid died in Kenai, Alaska, on June 17th. Death is believed to have been caused by carbon monoxide poisoning while Morkrid was working on his fishing boat.

He was born at Aneta, North Dakota, on October 30, 1898. He married Oline Peterson of Mockinoc, North Dakota on September 30, 1927. They made their home in Alaska where they had taken up a homestead and where he was engaged in commercial fishing. They had recently purchased a home in Spokane, Washington, where Mrs. Morkrid now resides. Funeral services were held June 22nd in Spokane, Washington.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two sisters, Mrs. John Larson and Mrs. Oliver Skari, both of Chester, and a brother, Carl of Kenai, Alaska.

FREDA MUNCY

Born: December 26, 1906 - Died: November 14, 1961

Liberty County Times

November 23, 1961

Funeral Services For Freda Muncy Held Friday

Freda Muncy was born December 26, 1906, in Buffalo Lake, Minnesota, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Braun. The family moved to Montana in 1912 and made their home on a farm north of Chester. In 1927 she was united in marriage to Lloyd Muncy and moved to Chester. She passed away at the Liberty County Hospital on Tuesday, November 14, 1961.

Freda was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith, and was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Chester. She also participated in civic organizations and activities.

She leaves to mourn her death, two sons: Elmer and Dale of Chester; two daughters: (June) Mrs. M. K. Haupt of Cut Bank, Montana, and ((Lorraine) Mrs. Larry Polecek of Pomona, California, and ten grandchildren: and her brother, George Braun of Chester.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and her husband.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, November 17th

in Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Chester, Pastor J. L. Walla officiating. The choir sang Sweet Hour of Prayer, My Jesus I Love Thee, and In Heaven Above, accompanied by Mrs. Edward Thielman at the organ. Pallbearers were Berton Bredeson, Fred Sitch, Bert Nordstrom, Leo Jensen, Jennings Mattson and Charles Green. Interment was in the local cemetery.

NORVAL B. NELSON

Born: N/A - Died: September 17, 1961

Liberty County Times

October 5, 1961

**Norval B. Nelson
Passes at Ferndale**

Norval B. Nelson of Ferndale, Montana, passed away at his home unexpectedly early on September 17. He was a resident of the Chester area some 25 years ago and was the husband of Clara Larson, sister of Mrs. Alma Zanda.

Survivors include his wife, Clara, four daughters, Mrs. Bernice Meyers of Bremerton, Wn., Mrs. Marjorie Ortman of Seattle, Wn., Mrs. Echo Larson and Mrs. Evelyn Larson of Eureka and two sons, Ed of Polson and Leon of Ferndale. There are fourteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were held September 19 at The Little Brown Church, with Rev. L. B. Slater officiating.

ALFRED ESTON (AL) OLSON

Born: June 1, 1884 - Died: July 2, 1961

Liberty County Times

July 13, 1961

A. E. Olson Funeral Services July 6

Funeral services for Alfred Eston (Al) Olson, 77, were held Thursday morning at 10:30 at the Burns funeral home, Rev. Russell Halaas officiating. He died Sunday, July 2 at Cut Bank, where he and his wife had lived for the last several years.

Alfred E. Olson was born June 1, 1884 in Bryant, South Dakota. He was well-known in the Joplin neighborhood, where he lived and farmed for a great many years.

Survivors include his wife, Annie, a son, Arnold of Great Falls, and a daughter, Mrs. W. H. (Marguerite) Kiehlbaugh of North Cut Bank; three sisters, Mrs. Ann Maki of Calgary, Mrs. Hattie Karlsen of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, and Mrs. Julia Rick of Edmonton, Alberta; a brother, Felix F. Olson of Red Deer, Alberta; two granddaughters and four grandchildren.

Interment was in the Crown Hill cemetery.

JOHNNY OLSSON
Born: N/A - Died: 1961
Liberty County Times
August 24, 1961

Johnny Olsson Killed in Crash

Mrs. Carrie Jabes left a note at the Times office late last week which states that Johnny Olsson had been fatally injured in an automobile crash near Spokane, Washington, and his wife is in serious condition in a Spokane hospital. Their car had crashed head-on into a lumber truck.

Olsson was a son of Axel Olsson who homesteaded south of Joplin and lived on the homestead and in the town of Joplin for a good many years. He at one time owned and published a Joplin newspaper. There were five children, four boys, Harold, Elliot, Hilding and Johnny, and a girl, Mabel. Mabel was married to Dr. Plant who lived and practiced medicine in Joplin at that time. Elliot was married to a Bakke girl, one of the Bakkes living north and east of Joplin at that time.

RUSSELL G. PATRICK

Born: July 27, 1912 - Died: July ?, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 3, 1961

Russell G. Patrick 49, Dies Suddenly

Russell Gale Patrick, 49, a Rudyard farmer died while herding his cattle. He was found next to his pick-up truck near his cattle.

His widow, the former Ardys Olson, survives him. He also leaves three sons, Charles, Larry and Warren, all of Rudyard.

Mr. Patrick was born July 27, 1912, in LaBelle, Mo. He came to Rudyard in 1915 and has farmed there since. For many years he carried the mail between Rudyard and Goldstone.

Also surviving are three sisters and eight brothers. They are Gladys (Mrs. Marvin Smith), Havre; Phyllis (Mrs. Charles Good), Chester; Ruth (Mrs. Harold Meredith), Malta; Ralph, Wagner; Donald, Iowa; Clarence, Clifford, Wayne, Bernard, Lloyd and Cecil, all of Rudyard.

His mother, Mrs. Sadie Patrick lives in Havre.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 10 a.m. in the Rudyard Lutheran Church. Pallbearers were Arvin Aageson, Water Hovee, Gene Bergstrom, Frank Huestis, Morris Smith, Leonard Chvilicek, Eugene Aageson and Algot Bergstrom.

Ushers were Albert Sanvik, Ted Langel, Oscar Johnson, Bud Langel and Arnold Golberg.

Mrs. Kenneth Bangs and Mrs. Norman Kapperud sang "Under His Wings" accompanied by Sharon Smith. The congregation sang "Children of the Heavenly Father."

The church was completely filled with friends who came to pay last respects. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

GAVIN DAWSON (DICK) ROBERTSON

Born: December 8, 1919 - Died: May 5, 1961

Liberty County Times

May 11, 1961

Gavin Robertson Killed In Accident At Work Friday Afternoon

Gavin Dawson (Dick) Robertson was killed instantly while working on a combine at Marias Implement Friday afternoon. Robertson was working on the combine, with the header lifted when the hydraulic lift gave way. The 2,000 lb. header crushed Robertson against the wheel of the combine. Time of the accident was fixed at between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m.

Workers at the Implement house found the body pinned to the wheel. Although attempts were made to revive him, it is believed death due to multiple chest injuries was instantaneous. Robertson probably never knew what hit him. Workers said the accident must have happened from 10 to 30 minutes before they found the body. There were no witnesses to the accident.

FOR COACH SALES



Robertson was working on the combine in the driveway of the Implement house, in preparation for the tillage demonstration which was planned for Saturday. As a result of the tragedy, the tillage demonstration was postponed. When news of the accident spread around town, none of the implement dealers felt like going through with the demonstration. In fact, business throughout Chester came to a dull halt as the stunn-

ed friends learned of the mishap. Men who had been closely associated with Robertson were shocked into silence, as the town went into mourning for a man who in just a little over a year had won the hearts of Chester's business, church and social circles.

Funeral services were held in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester Monday morning at 10:30, with Pastor Joseph Walla officiating. Burial with graveside services were held at Forsyth, Montana. The Lutheran Church Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Edward Thielman at the organ, sang "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Jesus Loves Me" and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."

Pallbearers were: James Carter, Richard Brown, Clifford Leighton, Robert Matkin, Clarence Romain and Robert Weatherston of Conrad.

Gavin Dawson (Dick) Robertson was born December 8, 1919, at Rosebud, Montana, to the late Gavin Robertson and Leah Robertson. He attended grade school in Rosebud and Thurlow, and was graduated from high school in Forsyth, Montana, with the Class of 1937. He was graduated from the Hemphill Diesel Engineering School of Los Angeles, California in 1938, as the highest ranking student in his class. From 1939 through 1942, Dick was a heavy equipment operator for the Milwaukee Railroad.

On May 11, 1942, in Seattle, Washington, Dick married Irene Niemiller of Mobridge, South Dakota, and to this union Karen, age 8 and Kevin age 6, were born.

Dick was inducted into the U. S. Army in 1942 and served as an officer of the 3rd Armored Division of the 1st Army in the European Theatre during World War II, being honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of Captain.

In 1946, Dick joined the staff of the Tractor and Equipment Company in Miles City and transferred to Sidney in 1954.

On March 1, 1960, Dick, with his family, moved to Chester,

Montana, where he took over the management of the R & M Equipment Co., and on January 1, 1961, became co-owner and manager with the same company that is presently known as the Marias Equipment Company.

Dick was a member of the Our Savior's Lutheran Church, was the treasurer of the Chester-St. Olaf Lutheran Brotherhood. He was also a member of the Rotary Club of Chester, and the B.P.O.E. of Sidney.

Dick leaves his beloved wife, Irene, daughter Karen, son Kevin, his mother, Leah Robertson, two sisters Rita Philbrick and Ardis Jensen, one niece, two nephews, many wonderful relatives and friends. His father, Gavin, died February 4, 1960.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Les McKinnon, Three Forks, Montana; Mrs. Marvin Hanson, Glasgow, Montana; Mr. and Mrs. Lew Wylie, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada; Mrs. Margaret Lange, Tabor, Alberta, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gohl, Monroe, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Niemiller, Mobridge, So. Dakota; Jerry Niemiller, Omaha, Nebraska; Mrs. Clara Robertson, Forsyth, Mont.

OLAF B. ROGNE

Born: February 2, 1889 - Died: March ?, 1961

Liberty County Times

March 30, 1961

**Funeral Held for
Olaf B. Rogne**

Monday morning of last week Olaf B. Rogne, father of Mrs. Norman Harju of Chester was pronounced dead of a heart attack on arrival at a Great Falls hospital.

Rogne, who had lived in the Great Falls area 35 years, had worked for the Montana Power Co. for 25 years. He was born Feb. 2, 1889, in Norway and came to the United States in 1908. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Survivors are his wife, Marie; two sons, Robert G. and Bill D. Rogne, Ryan Dam; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Getts, Sun River, and Mrs. Norman Harju, Chester; a sister, Mrs. Clarence Barrowclough, Minneapolis and two grand children.

The funeral was held Thursday at the Croxford Mortuary in Great Falls. After the funeral, Mrs. Harju remained in Great Falls with the family for several days.

HERBERT E. ROLPH

Born: May 15, 1894 - Died: October 15, 1961

Liberty County Times

October 19, 1961

**H. E. Rolph Died
October 15 in Ore.**

Herbert E. Rolph, Salem, Oregon, former Joplin resident, died on October 15 at the age of 67. Funeral services are tentatively set for Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rolph, the former Maude Miller, survives. The couple was married in Valley City, North Dakota, on November 16, 1915. Mr. Rolph was born May 15, 1894 in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Also surviving are his sister, Mrs. Jessie Haigh, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mrs. Roy Miller, Joplin.

HAZEL VELURA RUDOLPH

Born: September 9, 1891 - Died: August 16, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 17 - 24, 1961

Funeral for Mrs. Ray Rudolph Will Be Saturday

Funeral services for Hazel Vilura Rudolph will be held Saturday, August 19 at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Rev. Warren Smith will conduct the funeral services.

Mrs. Rudolph was born September 9, 1891, at Colfax, Illinois, and died at Kennedy Deaconess Hospital in Havre August 16th. She was married to Ray S. Rudolph and the couple have lived on their farm north of Joplin during most of their married life.

Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Havre.

Hazel Rudolph Services in Havre

Funeral services for Hazel Vilura Rudolph of Joplin were conducted Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Services were read by Rev. Warren Smith and the Rev. James Hunter.

Pallbearers were C. L. McCann, Wayne Wolery, Franklin Poetzl, Olyn Wolery, Lloyd Wolery and Dave LaValley.

Ushers were Norris Harrison and Omar Kenyon.

Mrs. Lorene Lyle was at the organ and soloist Mrs. Connie Clark sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go".

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

FRANCISKA SCHWEITZER

Born: June 15, 1883 - Died: August 9, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 17, 1961

Funeral Held for Mrs. Schweitzer

Mrs. Franciska Schweitzer, a resident of Hingham since 1944, died Wednesday, August 9, in Chester. She was 78 years old.

Mrs. Schweitzer was born June 15, 1883 in Odessa, Russia, and was married on January 13, 1904 to Michael Schweitzer in Odessa. He died January 31, 1942.

She leaves her five sons, Anton, Hingham; Mike, Bozeman; Leo, Rudyard; Adam, Geysler; and Frank, Denton; and four daughters, Mrs. Joe (Amelia) Mangold, Mrs. Leon (Barbara) Mangold, and Mrs. Frank (Tracy) Heck, all of Inverness, and Mrs. Barry (Frances) Bull, Mercer Island, Washington.

There are 51 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Mrs. Schweitzer came with her husband from Russia to Strasburg, North Dakota, in 1910. They moved in 1913 to Goldstone and from there they came to Hingham in 1944. She loved gardening and was devoted to her family and to her church.

Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Requiem Mass was celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 12.

MRS. OLE C. SELMYHR

Born: May 25, 1870 - Died: August 3, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 10, 1961

Mrs. Ole Selmyhr Services Held In Spokane

Funeral services were held from the Gothis Chapel of Hazen and Jaeger Funeral Home in Spokane for Mrs. Ole C. Selmyhr, wife and the late Ole C. Selmyhr. They were former residents of the Rudyard area where they operated a ranch for many years.

Mrs. Selmyhr was born in Germany on May 25, 1870, and passed away in Spokane, August 3rd.

Survivors include four daughters: Mrs. Ray Lee (Martha) Zerba, Mrs. John A. (Ann) Clark of Spokane; Mrs. W. C. (Viola) Wehr of Kalispell; Mrs. Stanley (Florence) Topness of Bremerton, Washington; three sons, William Wanke of Havre, Rudolph Wanke of Butte and Orville Selmyhr of Moses Lake, Washington; twenty-nine grandchildren, including Harold Wanke of Rudyard, numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Selmyhr was a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church of Spokane.

Pallbearers were her grandsons.

SOLOMAN OBHAID (SAM) SHAMEY

Born: March 17, 1874 - Died: August 4, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 10, 1961

**S. O. Shamey
Died Here Aug. 4**

Soloman Obhaid (Sam) Shamey, 87, passed away at the Liberty County Hospital Friday, August 4th. He and Mrs. Shamey had come to Chester from Stevenson, Washington, just a few days ago. Mr. Shamey, who had been failing health for several years, took a turn for the worse and was taken to the hospital just a few hours before his death.

Mr. Shamey was born March 17, 1874, at Zahlie, Lebanon. He came to Chester from Los Angeles in 1909 and on November 16th of that year was married to Kate Rehal, who survives.

He filed on a homestead near Joplin and lived and farmed there until 1926 when he moved to Chester. He started a grocery store in Chester and operated it until 1950 when he retired. Later he moved to Stevenson, Washington, where he has made his home ever since. He and his wife have spent their summers here, where they have farming interests.

He was a member of Knights of Columbus.

Survivors, besides his wife, include three daughters: Rose Marie, Mrs. Louis Joseph of Stevenson; Hazel Mary, Mrs. Julius Rehal, Stevenson; and Lorraine Alsace, Mrs. Arden Vie of Pasco, Washington; and seven grandchildren.

Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. Monday night at the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre. Funeral services will be held at St. Rita's Catholic Church at Portland, Oregon. Interment will be in Portland.

LAURA SKIERKA

Born: N/A - Died: December 23, 1961

Liberty County Times

January 19, 1962

**Laura Skierka Died
In Kalispell Dec. 23**

Mrs. Laura Skierka, long time resident of the Marias country, passed away at Kalispell December 23rd, where she had moved with her husband several years ago. She died of a heart attack, and was buried beside her husband, Joseph, who died several years ago.

MARJORIE F. SUTTON

Born: January 30, 1923 - Died: July 4, 1961

Liberty County Times

July 13, 1961

Funeral Services For Marjorie F. Sutton July 7

Funeral services for Marjorie F. Sutton were held Friday afternoon from the Waggener & Campbell Funeral Home in Kalispell with the Rev. Jesse Dove, pastor of the Central Bible church, officiating. Interment followed in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Pallbearers were C. J. Iverson, Ervin Brown, Arnold Jeppeson, Ralph Shepherd, Fernald Landeen and Vernon Johnson.

Marjorie F. Sutton was born January 30, 1923 at Havre, Montana, the daughter of Richard and Beulah Wickum. She spent her youth near Hill, Montana, north of Chester and on November 26, 1941, was married to Robert Sutton in the Trinity Lutheran church near Galata, Montana. Mrs. Sutton with her husband made their home near Whitlash until moving to the Flathead about one month ago when they purchased a farm north of Kalispell.

Mrs. Sutton was a member of the Presbyterian church of Whitlash and had been an active worker in the Presbyterian and Methodist womens organizations. She had also been an active worker in Sunday school work of her church and had been an ardent worker and member in 4-H work.

Surviving Mrs. Sutton are her husband, Robert at the family home north of Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. Kathleen Gray of Kalispell and Pauline Sut-

ton of Kalispell; three sons, R. Frank Sutton, James Sutton and Wallace Sutton, all of Kalispell; two brothers, Roy Wickum and Richard Wickum both of Chester; one sister, Mrs. Clark Diemert of Lothair, Montana; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wickum of Great Falls; her grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Standiford of Chester and one grandchild.

Mrs. Sutton passed away in a Great Falls hospital Tuesday, July 4, where she had been taken the day before for emergency medical treatment, at the age of 37 years.

MARY M. SWINNEY

Born: February 26, 1886 - Died: May 30, 1961

Liberty County Times

June 8, 1961

**Funeral for Mrs.
Mary Swinney**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary M. Swinney, 73, of Gildford were conducted Friday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. She died Tuesday, May 30th at a Havre rest home.

Mrs. Swinney was born February 26 1886 at Blue Earth, Minnesota. She came to the Gildford neighborhood in 1910 and was married to Abel B. Swinney October 20, 1921. Her husband died in 1957.

Mrs. Swinney is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Clarence Welsh of Gildford; Mrs. Lois Gummer of Havre; and Mrs. Walter Stotts of Butte; three sons; Don Swinney and William Crites of Gildford and Raymond Crites of Corning, California; three sisters, four brothers, 14 grand children and four great-grandchildren.

EMIL TADY

Born: March 24, 1879 - Died: May 30, 1961

Liberty County Times

June 1, 1961

Funeral Services For Emil Tady

Funeral services for Emil Tady, 82, were conducted at the T. F. O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls Thursday, May 18 at 8:50 a.m., and at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 9:15, when Requiem Mass was offered. Mr. Tady died Tuesday morning at a Great Falls hospital.

Emil Tady was born March 24, 1879, in Zable, Lebanon, and came to the United States when he was 21 years of age. He lived in Great Falls for a time, then filed on a homestead near Chester and lived in that community until 1916 when he returned to Great Falls where he lived until his death.

He is survived by five sons, Phillip, Arthur, Edward, Alfred and Roy, all of Great Falls, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

His wife, Elizabeth, passed on in 1955.

Interment was in the Mt. Olivet cemetery.

BENJAMIN WILLIAM ULMEN

Born: July 19, 1888 - Died: September 13, 1961

Liberty County Times

September 21, 1961

Services Held For Benjamin Ulmen, 73

Funeral services for Benjamin William Ulmen, 73, of Sandy, Oregon, were held at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Hingham, Monday morning at 10:00. Mr. Ulmen died Wednesday, September 13 at Sandy.

In 1908 Mr. Ulmen was married to Martina Ludwig at Thorpe, Wisconsin. His wife died in 1941. They had fourteen children, two of whom preceded him in death.

He was born July 19, 1888 at Mankato, Minnesota. He moved to Rudyard in 1910 from Ray, North Dakota, and farmed there for 32 years. The family moved to Spokane, Washington, in 1942 and the following year moved to the Pacific Coast where he worked in the shipyards until 1946 when he moved to Sandy and has lived there since that time.

Survivors include Mrs. Marvin (Alice) Deck, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Otto (Ellen) Pschache, Bozeman; Mrs. Dudley (Clara) Cook, Big Sandy; Mrs. Theil (Leona) Flynn, Portland, Oregon; Mary Ulmen, Salem, Oregon; Clement, Big Sandy; Leonard, Hingham; Clifford, Rudyard; Victor, Sandy, Oregon; Lee, Manhattan; Linus and Dennis, Kennewick, Washington. There are 28 grandchildren.

VICTOR STERLING WARDELL

Born: March 27, 1959 - Died: March 7, 1961

Liberty County Times

March 9 - 16, 1961

Victor Wardell Fatally Injured

Victor Wardell, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Wardell, Chester, was fatally injured Wednesday when struck by a tractor operated by his father. The child died in a Great Falls hospital about 4:30 following an emergency flight made by Narciss Gagnon, who flew the boy and Dr. Buker to Great Falls at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Buker reported that the boy died during the final stages of an emergency operation. Death was attributed to brain injuries associated with skull fracture.

The accident occurred about 10:30 a.m. when the youngster apparently ran or wandered behind the tractor his father was operating in the yard of the family home. It is believed that the wheel weight of the tractor struck him, causing the fatal injury.

He was taken to the local hospital immediately and after X-ray examination, the decision was made to take the boy to Great Falls in an effort to save his life.

Funeral Held For Victor Wardell

Funeral services for Victor Sterling Wardell were conducted at the Methodist church Monday afternoon with Rev. M. O. Smith in charge of the service.

Victor was born in Chester, March 27, 1959, and died in a Great Falls hospital Tuesday, March 7th.

He is survived by his parents, Sterling Wardell and Janell Roke-Wardell, a sister, Mary

and two brothers, Wayne and Jack, all of Chester; Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wardell of Canyon Ferry, Montana and Mr. and Mrs. John Roke of Chester.

With Mrs. Smith at the piano, a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barrett, Mrs. Mike Nardi, Gordon Vanderpan sang "Softly and Tenderly" and "Jesus Loves Me."

Ushers were Walter Wicks and George Mattson.

Pallbearers were Ralph, Neil and Harold Shepherd and Pete Thieltges.

A Memorial fund is being established.

Interment was in the local cemetery.

HUGH WESLEY WRIGHT

Born: September 13, 1892 - Died: August 12, 1961

Liberty County Times

August 17, 1961

Funeral Held for Hugh W. Wright

Funeral services for Hugh Wesley Wright, 68, were held at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Mr. Wright was born September 13, 1892 at Clinton, Illinois, and died in the Liberty County Hospital August 13th. He was a son of Charles Curtis Wright and Amanda Jane Griffith-Wright.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Gary (Roxie Lee) Howser of Kremlin and a sister, Mrs. Effie Lane of Decatur, Illinois. There is one grandchild.

Interment was in the Liberty County Cemetery at Chester.