

HELEN L. ADAMS

Born: August 12, 1912 - Died: October 16, 1964

Liberty County Times

October 22, 1964

Train-Auto Crash Takes Life of Mrs. Helen L. Adams at Joplin Crossing

In a grinding train-auto crash Friday afternoon, Mrs. Helen L. Adams of Osborn, Idaho was killed instantly about 3:15 p.m. Mrs. Adams was driving north, entering Joplin, when her car was struck by the east-bound Great Northern freight train. Mrs. Adams apparently did not see the train. The signal light was working properly when local authorities arrived at the scene. Two eye witnesses to the accident said that the car did not stop at the crossing.

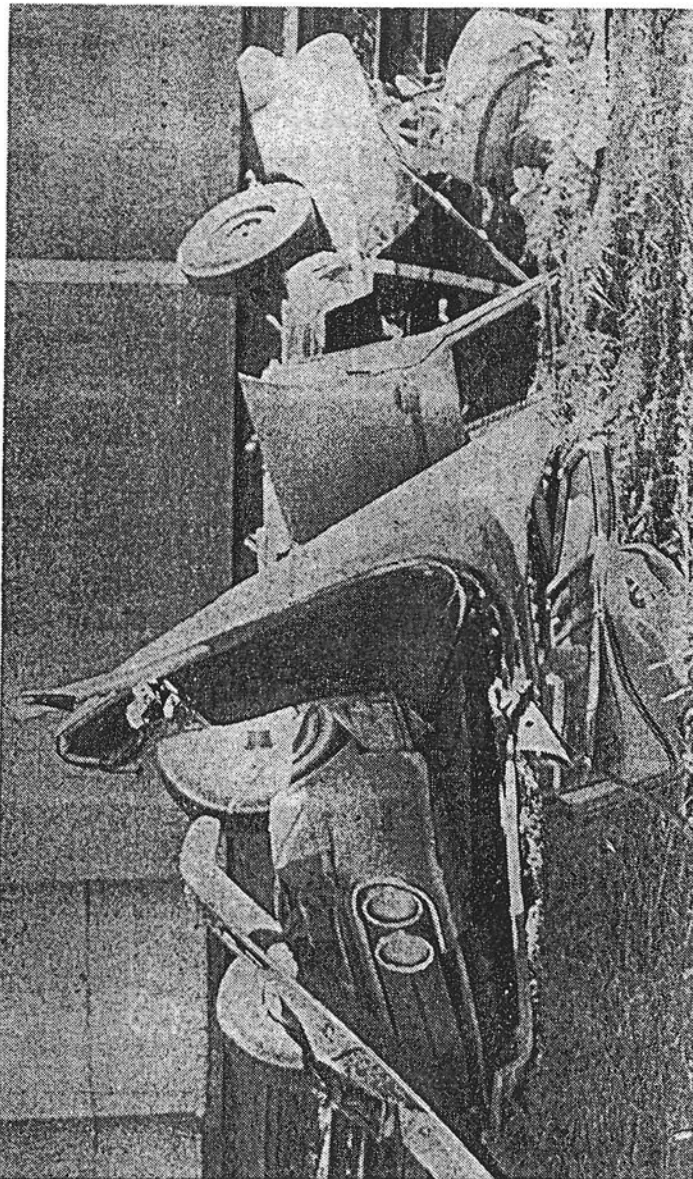
Engineer of the train was Fred P. Sheldon. The conductor was E. A. Thomas. According to reports the train was traveling at a speed of 58 miles per hour. The car was smashed and carried along for a distance of about 50 feet from the crossing. Parts of the car were scattered over an area of about 100 yards. The car was completely demolished.

The accident was investigated by Highway Patrolman Ted Mason of Havre, Sheriff Bob Remington of Chester, and other officials. A coroner's jury was impaneled, but at this time no inquest is planned.

Mrs. Adams was alone in the car.

Recently Mrs. Adams has been living in Inverness, caring for her mother, Mrs. Katie Jensen, who has been ill. Mrs. Adams was born in Inverness, Aug. 12, 1912. She was married in August of 1931 to Jack Charles Adams, who preceded her in death. Survivors includes four children: Mrs. Art Cappereils (Norene) of Osburn, Idaho; Mrs. Mike Derbyshire (Lois) of Osburn, Idaho and Jack and Donald Adams. One son, James, preceded her in death. There are three brothers, Ernest, Arthur and Elmer Jensen of Inverness and two sisters, Mrs. Arnold (Irene) McCann of Inverness and Mrs. Wendlin (Pearl) Schweitzer of Havre. Fourteen grandchildren also survive.

Rosary was recited Sunday at 7:15 in the Inverness Catholic Church and at 7:30 Monday in Havre. Mass was celebrated Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Inverness Catholic Church by Father Theo. Vanderloop. Pallbearers were Jim Adams, Emery Adams, Vic Adams, Alfred Rathbun, Martin Jochim and Joe Terwolbeck. Ushers were Joe Mangold and Raymond Warhank.



Mrs. Helen Adams was killed instantly when a freight train hit her car Friday afternoon at the Joplin crossing. The completely demolished car is pictured above.

FRED F. ANDERSON

Born: June 21, 1893 - Died: June 6, 1964

Liberty County Times

June 11, 1964

**Fred Anderson Dies
Services Held Mon.**

Fred F. Anderson, 70, deputy collector of customs in Whitlash since 1956, died in the Liberty County hospital in Chester. Funeral services were held Monday at the Burns Funeral Home in Shelby. The body was forwarded to Missouri for burial.

Anderson was born in Braymer, Missouri. Surviving are the widow, Louisa; two sons, Albert, Shelby and Raymond Armstrong, Missouri; two daughters Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Moberly, Mo., and Mrs. Mildred Nicholas, Laramie, Wyo.; three sisters, Mrs. Ed Baron, Dawn, Mo., Mrs. Cecil Shue, Shelby, and Mrs. Ada Sykes, Valier and two brothers Charles, Bogard, Mo. and Virgil Braymer.

MRS. HERMAN ELLEN BEECHER

Born: May 2, 1916 - Died: March 21, 1964

Liberty County Times

March 26, 1964

**Mrs. Herman Beecher
Died at Havre
Saturday Night**

Mrs. Herman (Ellen) Beecher, 47, Gildford, died Saturday night at a Havre hospital after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were at the Holland Bonine Funeral Home in Havre, Wednesday at 2 p.m. Rev. Virtus Young officiated. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Mrs. Beecher was born May 2, 1916 in Gildford. She attended schools there and graduated from Gildford High School in 1935. Married Herman Beecher Dec. 4, 1943 at Harlem. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Rudyard and had been secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary for many years. Besides her widower, survivors include her mother, Mrs. Olive McCormick, Gildford; two sisters, Mrs. Inez Browning, Livingston, and Mrs. Thomas McKee, The Dalles, Ore.; two brothers, John R. McCormick, Kremlin and William A. McCormick, Joplin.

OLAF BENSON

Born: June 7, 1882 - Died: ?, 1964

Liberty County Times

July 9, 1964

**Olaf Benson Died
At Missoula**

Olaf Benson, 82, 700 Hilda Avenue, Missoula, died in a local hospital. He was born June 7, 1882, in Norway. He moved to Minnesota from Norway in 1903. In 1913 he went to Joplin where he homesteaded. He lived in Joplin until December 1956 when he moved to Missoula. He married Mrs. Mabel Scott in Kalispell April 18, 1938.

Survivors include the widow; three stepsons, Howard L. Scott, Seattle; Richel W. Scott, Hot Springs and Donald V. Scott, Missoula; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Phyllis Forbes, Missoula; 17 step grandchildren and six step great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Squire Simmons Carr Rose Chapel with the Rev. Grant Moore officiating. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

WILMA BERANEK

Born: October 18, 1903 - Died: December 25, 1964

Liberty County Times

December 31, 1964

**Mrs. Wilma
Beranek Dies**

Mrs. Wilma Beranek, 61, died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. Rosary was last Sunday at the Hingham Catholic church and at 3 p.m. Monday at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church at Hingham and burial was in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

She was born in New York City and came to this area in 1956. She married in July, 1956. Survivors include her husband, James, who farms 15 miles southeast of Inverness; a sister, Mrs. Anton Sikorsky, New York City.

MAUDE ADA BREVIK

Born: April 1, 1881 - Died: January ?, 1964

Liberty County Times

January 16, 1964

**Funeral Services for
Maude Brevik Mon.**

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude Ada Brevik were conducted in the Lutheran Church in Galata Monday afternoon at two with the Rev. Earl Ericksen officiating. Burial was in the Galata cemetery.

Mrs. Brevik was born in Ada, Minn. April 1, 1881 and came to Galata in 1911 to join Mr. Brevik who was engaged in the dray business. They later homesteaded north of Galata and resided on the farm and their home in Galata until a short time ago.

Survivors include one foster son, Alvin Osborne, Shelby; three grand daughters, Mrs. Lyle Glee, Galata; Mrs. Harold Shepherd, Chester; Mrs. Leo Shepherd, Superior; Mrs. Shirley Hendrick, Sunburst; Henry and Lester Osborne, Shelby. There are several nieces and nephews in Minnesota and several great grandchildren.

Deceased was preceded in death by her husband, Ole Brevik, one son, Clark and a daughter, Myrtle Tutvedt.

- Shelby Times

OLE BREVIK

Born: 1889 - Died: April 4, 1964

Liberty County Times

April 9, 1964

**Ole Brevik Passes
at Puyallup, Wash.**

Ole Brevik, 75, retired Hill County farmer, died Saturday at Puyallup, Wash. Services were Wednesday at the Holland Bonine Funeral Home in Havre at 2 p.m. Survivors include his widow, Nellie; two daughters, Mrs. Ted Homan and Mrs. Orville Carey, Puyallup; two sons, Dale, Hingham and Dean, Whitefish; a brother, Clinton, Rudyard and two sisters. He was born at Fergus Falls, Minn. and came to Hingham in 1912 to homestead.

STEVEN LEE BURNHAM

Born: November 22, 1958 - Died: October 2, 1964

Liberty County Times

October 8, 1964

Funeral Services Monday for Steven Burnham

Steven Lee Burnham, 5, died at his home northeast of Chester Oct. 2. He was born Nov. 22, 1958 in Chester. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Lewis Burnham. He is survived by one brother, Mark Douglas and two sisters, Susan Marlene and Pamela Jean.

The funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 5 at 2:30 in the Chester Methodist Church. Pall bearers were George Thielman, Albert Olson, Paul Johnson and Eugene Bjornstad. Mrs. Jack Lincoln played prelude and postlude. Mrs. Gary Benson accompanied a trio consisting of Mrs. Jack Lincoln, Mrs. Richard Jackson and Mrs. Bruce Packer. Numbers sung were "Rock of Ages," "Lily of the Valley" and "When the Morning Comes." Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

WILLIAM CASH

Born: N/A - Died: August 27, 1964

Liberty County Times

September 3, 1964

**William Cash
Dies at Yakima**

William Cash, former Chester resident, passed away Aug. 27 at Yakima, Wash. He is survived by a son, Dean, of Spokane and a daughter Delores Edmonds, living in Massachusetts. his father J. C. Cash and sisters Rose Cash of Chester. Mrs. Ingraw Newberry, Calgary. Mrs. May Oster, Spokane and one brother, Henry Cash of Calgary. Funeral services were held Monday in Yakima.

REX DALE CHAPMAN

Born: September 11, 1948 - Died: September 12, 1964

Liberty County Times

September 17, 1964

Rex Dale Chapman Dies in Tractor Accident

Rex Dale Chapman, Kalispell, died in a tractor accident last Saturday about noon, by going off a road a short distance south of Echo Store, 15 miles southeast of Kalispell.

According to Coroner Sol Catron, it is believed something distracted young Chapman's attention. The tractor went off an eight foot embankment and turned over, crushing him. He died instantly.

Mrs. William Sears was riding horseback about 200 feet away and saw the tractor roll over. She said there was no traffic on the road at the time.

Flathead County authorities called it a farm vehicle accident and not an official traffic death.

Chapman was born in Kalispell Sept. 11, 1948. He is survived by his father, John, Bigfork, and his mother, Mrs. Louella Schwenke (the former Louella Dunbar of Chester), Waukanda, Wash. and three brothers at home in Bigfork, Russell, Ronald and Roger. Waggener Campbell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

—Great Falls Tribune

LOUIS S. CHEROUTES

Born: 1917 - Died: November 11, 1964

Liberty County Times

November 19, 1964

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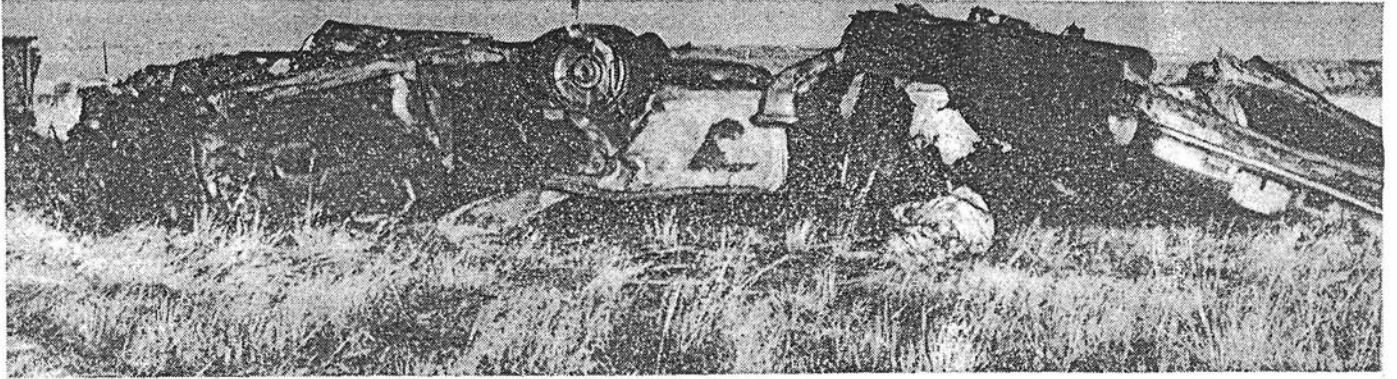
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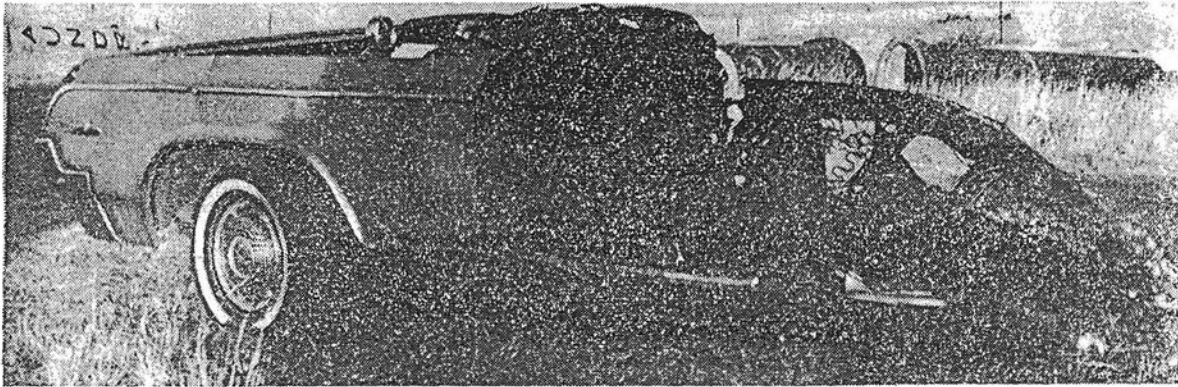
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The car in which Louis Cheroutes of Denver died, after colliding with a car driven by Wesley Hodges

of Joplin, who was also killed in the fiery crash. Photo courtesy of Havre Daily News

ALICE LEE DUNCAN

Born: April 21, 1878 - Died: March 23, 1964

Liberty County Times

March 26, 1964

**Funeral Services for
Mrs. Alice Duncan
At Kalispell**

Mrs. Alice Lee Duncan, 85, passed away in Kalispell Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Duncan was born at DeKalb County, Mo. April 21, 1878. She spent her youth in Missouri, where she was married June 4, 1905 to Louis Elmer Duncan. With her husband, she later made her home in Oklahoma until moving to Joplin in 1913, where she made her home until moving to Kalispell in 1951. At the time of her death she was making her home at 359 Third Aven E. N. in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer on Nov. 21, 1954 and is now survived by one daughter, Miss Merle Duncan of Kalispell; one son Robert W. Duncan of Joplin; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Alice Duncan were conducted in the Waggener & Campbell Chapel with the Rev. Jack Severns, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church officiating.

Interment followed in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with George Gau, Emil Nelson, Peder Tutvedt, Clarence Evenson, Glen Shepherd and Julius Schaefer serving as pallbearers.

CLARENCE MICHAEL EFFINGER
Born: April 18, 1902 - Died: 1964
Liberty County Times
September 10, 1964

**Clarence Effinger
Died Suddenly**

Clarence Michael Effinger, 62, Hingham, died unexpectedly at his home.

He was born April 18, 1902 at Anandale, Minn. He was married at Robbinsdale, Minn., Aug. 9, 1924 to Florence Murray, who survives with a son, Richard, Hingham. Other survivors are a brother, Erwin, Hingham; sisters, Mrs. Hildegard Goehring, Portland and Mrs. Rose Holland, Long Beach, Cal. Effinger moved to Hingham in 1948 from Lancaster, Minn.

Requiem Mass was celebrated last Wednesday morning at 10 in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery under direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home, Havre. Rosary was recited last Tuesday at 7:30 in the funeral home in Havre.

LILA EVAN

Born: February 5, 1953 - Died: May 31, 1964

Liberty County Times

June 11, 1964

Lila Evans Dies After Being Thrown From Horse

The first day of school vacation brought tragedy and heart break to the Evans family when 11 year old Lila fell from a bucking horse around 4:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, ½ mile northeast of Browning.

Lila Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Evans, was enjoying a horseback ride with three friends, the girls riding double on two horses, when Lila's horse started to buck and both girls were thrown from the horse. Lila landed hard on her neck and shoulders, her companion escaped injury.

Rushed to the local hospital Lila passed away an hour after the accident, without regaining consciousness.

Lila M. Evans was born Feb. 5, 1953 at Chester. She moved to Browning with her family two years ago, her father is the owner of the Evans Sheet Metal and Roofing business.

Lila had just completed the fifth grade of the local school system.

Surviving besides her parents are brothers Joseph Lee 12, Boyd Albert 8, Anthony Walter 5 and sisters Gwyn May 10 and Rose Anne.

Rosary led by Fr. Paul Kingston was recited in the chapel of the Beck Funeral Home at 7:30 Tuesday evening.

Funeral services were held for Lila in the Little Flower Catholic Church 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, followed by burial in the Willow Creek cemetery.

—Glacier Reporter

GEORGE WASHINGTON FRANK

Born: June 21, 1885 - Died: April 27, 1964

Liberty County Times

April 30, 1964

George Frank Services Friday

George Washington Frank, 78, prominent former resident of Liberty County, died suddenly in Hot Springs Monday. He suffered a cerebral vascular accident, and died five hours later in a Hot Springs hospital.

Funeral services will be held in the Chester Methodist Church Friday at 1 p.m. Rev. Dorcy Spencer will officiate.

George Frank came to Liberty County with his wife and four children in 1931. He farmed 18 miles north of Chester until 1960 when he retired and moved to Shelby. He was very active in community and civic affairs. For several sessions of the Montana State Legislature, he served as Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

He was born at Paola, Kansas June 21, 1885, to August and Minnie Frank. Survivors include: his wife Clara; two sons, Weldon of Chester and Earl G. of Seattle, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. Fern Brunn of Shelby and Mrs. Hazel Petchnick of Renton, Wash. Four sisters also survive: Mrs. Edith Lee, Mrs. Mabel Koelsch and Mrs. Delia Lock of Paola, Kan. and Mrs. Edna Fort of Humbolt, Iowa; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

GEORGE GAU

Born: N/A - Died: July ?, 1964

Liberty County Times

July 23 - 30, 1964

George Gau Dies, Services Friday

George Gau, who for many years was Liberty County clerk of court, died in his sleep in his home in Kalispell sometime Monday night. Funeral services will be held in Kalispell Friday morning in the Catholic church. Several friends of this community plan to attend the services.

Details are lacking at press time.

Liberty County court house will be closed all day Friday in memory of George Gau, who was a county official for many years.

George Gau Requiem Mass Held Friday In Kalispell

George H. Gau, former mayor of Chester and for 31 years clerk of court for Liberty County, died in Kalispell.

Requiem Mass was Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthews Catholic Church with Rt. Rev. M. J. Halligan officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Gau was born in Chicago and came to Montana in 1913. He married Golda Marshal, June 1, 1918 in Havre.

Following World War I, he became clerk of court in Liberty County, serving from 1920 until 1951. He also served as mayor of Chester. He had lived in Kalispell since 1951.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Dr. Marshall Gau, Walla Walla, Wash.; three daughters, Margaret Chambers, Reno, Nev.; Frances Facey, Riverside, Cal.; and Grace Susak, Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Charles Enos, Phoenix, Ariz. and a brother, Charles, Phoenix.

ZERMA FAYE GERINGER

Born: July 5, 1918 - Died: May 16, 1964

Liberty County Times

May 21, 1964

**Zerma Geringer
Dies at Hospital**

Zerma Faye Geringer, 59, died in the Chester hospital. She was born in Ringgold County, Iowa, and never married. She came with her family to Vida in 1910 and moved to Havre in 1947. She moved to Rudyard in 1963. She was deaf from infancy. Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Geringer; two brothers, Loureen, Iowa City, Iowa and Corwin, Homer, Alaska and a sister, Mrs. Clarence Wichmann. Services were in Havre.

RASMUS HAALAND

Born: 1882 - Died: February 2, 1964

Liberty County Times

February 13, 1964

Funeral Services for Rasmus Haaland At Mesa, Arizona

Funeral services for Rasmus Haaland, retired Inverness farmer, were conducted in the Garden Chapel of Gibbons Mortuary in Mesa, Ariz. with Rev. Ivan Guddal officiating. Mr. Haaland passed away in a Phoenix hospital Feb. 2 after a lingering illness. He was 82.

Mr. Haaland was born in Ogma, Norway and came with his family to Minnesota at the age of two. He homesteaded north of Inverness in 1910. He was married to Clara Hanson of Crookston, Minn. in 1918. Since his retirement in 1956, he and his wife have made their home at 608 West Second Place, Mesa, Ariz.

He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors besides the widow include two brothers, Norman of Portland, Ore. and Jasper of Hendrum, Minn.; and four sisters, Martha, Rachel, Amelia and Julia, all of Oregon.

A memorial to Mr. Haaland is being established in the Methodist Church in Inverness and a memorial service will be conducted there when Mrs. Haaland comes to Montana this summer.

Memorial Service for Rasmus Haaland June 14, Inverness

Memorial services for Rasmus Haaland, who died in Mesa, Ariz. Feb. 2 will be held in the Methodist Church at Inverness following the 11:30 morning worship Sunday, June 14.

JENS HAGEN

Born: May 8, 1884 - Died: December ?, 1964

Liberty County Times

December 31, 1964

Jens Hagen Dies

Funeral services for Jens Hagen, 80, retired farmer from Gildford were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Mr. Hagen was born May 8, 1884 in Norway. He came to Gildford in 1913 from Minnesota and homesteaded and made his home there since that time. He married Sylvia Gummer on August 23, 1958 in Hingham.

Survivors are his widow and four step children, Donovan Gummer, Chester; Earl R. Gummer, California; Thomas Gummer, Havre; and Sivert of Butte; one brother, John of Henning, Minn.

He was a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church.

MARGARET J. HAUPT

Born: July 3, 1875 - Died: March 1, 1964

Liberty County Times

March 19, 1964

Margaret Haupt Services March 5

Funeral services for Margaret J. Haupt of Joplin, who passed away March 1, 1964 in Mesa, Ariz. were held Thursday, March 5 at St. Mary's Church in Arlington, Minn.

Rev. Arthur Buillemette, pastor of St. Mary's, read the solemn requiem mass, assisted by her nephews, Rev. Ambrose Siebanand of Morgan, Minn. as deacon and Rev. John Siebanand of Hector, Minn. as sub-deacon.

Pall bearers were six nephews of the deceased, John Haupt, Joseph Haupt, Clement Gasta, Aloysious Siebanand, Bernard Siebanand and Dr. Vincent Hensler.

Margaret J. Haupt was born July 3, 1875 in Arlington, Minn., the daughter of Joseph Haupt and Susan Bertrang. She attended school in Henderson and later in Arlington. She clerked most of her lifetime in Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana.

In 1910 she homesteaded at Joplin, but returned to North Dakota to do clerking. In later years she made her home in Joplin, but spent the winters in Mesa, Ariz.

She is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Sophia Siebanand, Shokapee, Minn.; Mrs. Katherine Hansler, Arlington, Minn.; Mrs. Elizabeth Gasta, Arlington, Minn.; and Mrs. Mary Heath, Minot, N. D.; and two brothers, Nickolas Haupt and Anthony Haupt, Arlington, Minn.

Her parents and one sister, Bertha and one brother, Frank preceeded her in death.

ADAM HENDERSON

Born: February 26, 1892 - Died: March 20, 1964

Liberty County Times

March 26, 1964

Adam Henderson Services Monday at Chester Methodist

Adam Henderson, of Malta, died in Chester. He was born in Walhalla, N. D., Feb. 26, 1892. He lived in this area until 1928 when he moved to Malta here he farmed since then in the Malta area. He married Elsie Schafer June 23, 1919. Survivors are one brother, Ernie Henderson of Scobey; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Shepherd of Chester and four sons, William R. and Danny P. of Cut Bank, John D. of Yakima, Wash., and Pete of Chester.

There are thirteen surviving grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at Chester Methodist Church, Rev. Dorcy Spencer in charge. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were: John Godfrey, Malta; Vernon Peterson, Malta; Christ Grabofsky, Loring; Charles Weise, Loring; Harold Shepherd, Chester and Neil Shepherd, Chester.

Music was provided by his grandsons, Doug and Don Shepherd, along with Dr. Kenneth Halverson. Ushers were Robert Wigen and Charles Helmbrecht.

He was a member of the Elks of Cut Bank No. 1632 and a U. S. Navy veteran of World War I. He enlisted May 23, 1918 and was discharged Dec. 13, 1918. Burial arrangements were by Holland and Bonine, Havre.

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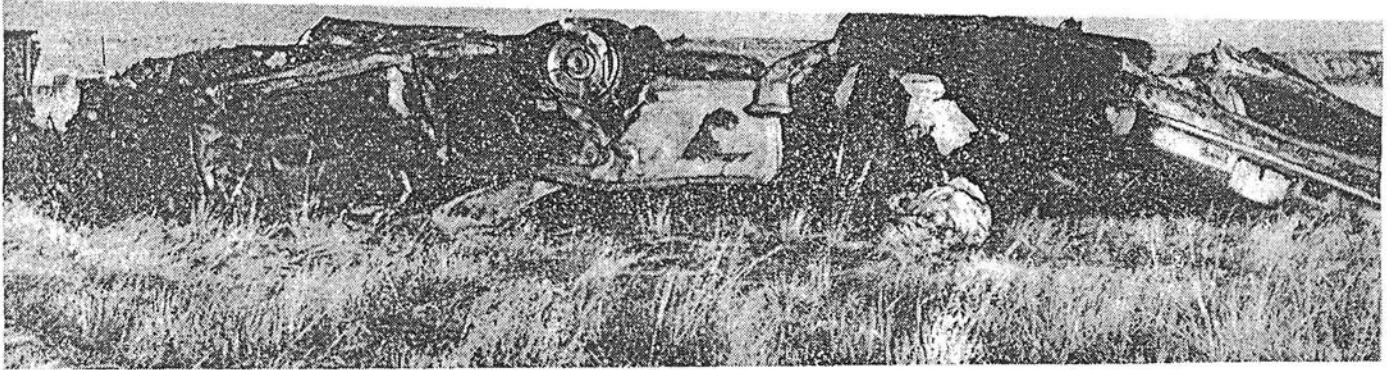
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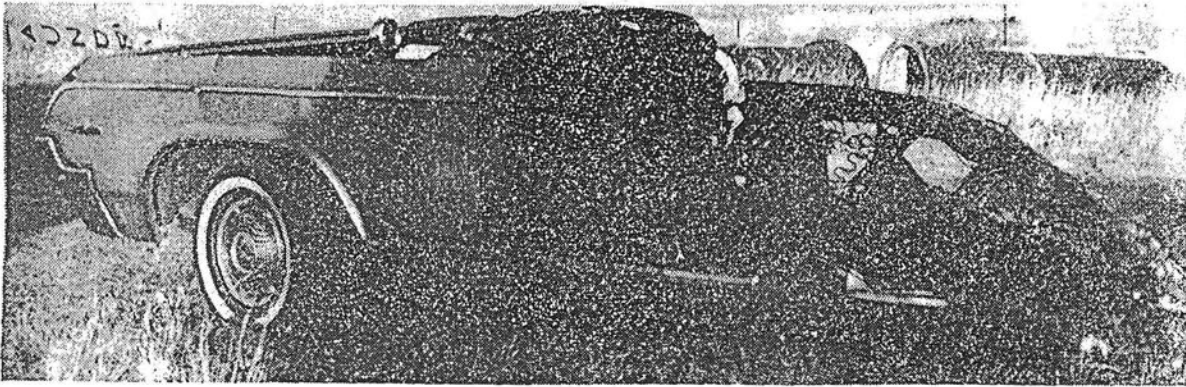
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Liberty County Times

April 30, 1964

George Hunnewell Funeral Services Tuesday

George Thomas Hunnewell died Wednesday in the local hospital following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held in the Chester Methodist Church Tuesday at 2 p.m., with Rev. Dorcy Spencer officiating.

Hunnewell had lived in Chester since about the turn of the century. He spent most of his life working as an auto mechanic. He was born Jan. 9, 1895 at Truly, Montana.

Survivors include a son, Richard (Bud) Hunnewell of Chester and a daughter, LaVern Lyders of Fort Leonard Wood, Wash.; two brothers, William of Olney, Mont. and Walter of Billings Mont., and two sisters, Mrs. Grace Fitzpatrick of Billings and Mrs. Emma Brown of California. He is also survived by four grandchildren. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Pallbearers were Darby O'Brien, Willard Rockman, Mickey Smith, Edward Thielman, Elmer Muncy and Orville Jacobson. Mrs. Burnham Murray, Mrs. Ralph Shepherd, Mrs. Donovan Gummer and Mrs. John Swank sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Old Rugged Cross." They were accompanied by Donald Shepherd. Usher was Neil Shepherd.

ROBERT JENO

Born: 1933 - Died: December 22, 1964

Liberty County Times

December 31, 1964

Local Man Dies In Minnesota

Robert Jen0, 31, was hit by a Great Northern freight train on the outskirts of Wadena, Minn. Dec. 22. The accident happened at 1:50 p.m. and Jen0 died at about 7:05 the same day. He was on his way to spend the Christmas holiday with his parents in Minnesota. Funeral was held Saturday at Faribault, Minn.

He had worked for Harold Jensen and Harold and Grant Jeppesen and had been a resident of Liberty County for a few years.

WILLIAM JEPPESEN

Born: 1895 - Died: June 12, 1964

Liberty County Times

June 18, 1964

William Jeppesen Services at Seattle

William Jeppesen, 69, of 15848 34th Ave. N. E., Seattle, Wash., died in the Fort Lawton Hospital last Friday.

Born in Norway, Jeppesen came to Seattle in 1939. He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force.

He was a member of the Retired Officers Association, the Army Air Force Association and University Post 11, American Legion.

Survivors include daughter, Mrs. Michael Boardman, Whittier, Cal.; stepdaughter, Mrs. Arthur Skipworth, Carmichael, Cal.; brothers Ingolf, Shelby, Mont. and Hartvig, Norway; sister, Mrs. Margaret Larsen, Norway.

Services were held at 11 a.m. last Thursday at Hoffner's Fisher-Kalfus Chapel. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

KLAS RICHARD J. JOHANSSON

Born: August 16, 1884 - Died: June 9, 1964

Liberty County Times

June 11, 1964

**Klas R. J. Johansson
Funeral Services in
Libby June 13**

Klas Richard J. Johansson died June 8 at the Liberty County hospital at the age of 79. Funeral services were June 13 from the First Lutheran Church in Libby, with Rev. Dale Skatrud officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the Libby cemetery.

Mr. Johansson was a woods-worker and blacksmith by trade. He was born Aug. 16, 1884, in Bergsjö, Sweden. Came to Libby in 1924 where he worked for the J Neils Lumber Co. until his retirement in 1954. He and his wife moved to Chester in 1956. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester.

Surviving him are his wife, Bertha; three daughters, Mrs. Thos. (Aina) Staudacher of Chester, Mrs. John (Signe) Nass of Libby, Mrs. Marbin (Lillian) Mackey of Anacortes, Wash. eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, three brothers and one sister, as well as several nieces and nephews in Sweden. Three children preceded him in death.

**Klas Johansson
Funeral Services at
Libby Saturday**

Funeral services are tentatively set for Saturday afternoon at Libby for Klas Johansson, age 79, who died Tuesday morning at Liberty County hospital.

LINDA JOHNSON

Born: 1952 - Died: December 31, 1964

Liberty County Times

January 7, 1965

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—Great Falls Tribune

CLARENCE LANGLEY

Born: October 6, 1881 - Died: ?, 1964

Liberty County Times

September 10, 1964

Clarence Langley Died at Kalispell

Clarence E. Langley, 83, died in Kalispell. Waggoner and Campbell Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

He was born Aug. 6, 1881 in Grand Ridge, Ill. In July of 1901, he married Mary Armstrong and they came to Montana in 1909 and settled on a homestead north of Chester. Later he served Liberty County for 24 years as deputy county clerk and recorder. In 1946 he moved to Flathead.

He is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Ainley, Kalispell; two sisters, Mrs. Lily Moore, Illinois and Mrs. Sherman Farley, Florida; one granddaughter and two great grandsons.

LAWRENCE P. LAVALLEY

Born: April 11, 1887 - Died: September 13, 1964

Liberty County Times

September 17, 1964

L. LaValley Dies After Long Illness

Lawrence P. LaValley, 77, died in a Great Falls hospital Sunday morning following a lingering illness.

Funeral services were Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, with Pastor A. M. Matar officiating. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens. Chapel of Chimes funeral home were in charge of arrangements. LaValley was born in Fergus Falls, Minn., April 11, 1887. He came to Montana in 1909 and homesteaded near Joplin. He was married to Ida Aasen Oct. 21, 1914, at Great Falls, and they lived on the family homestead until moving to Great Falls in 1947. He was employed as a stationary engineer until retiring in 1952.

Survivors in addition to the widow are sons Mark, Great Falls, and David and Glenn, Joplin; sisters Mrs. George Maijala and Mrs. Lillian Curtis, Great Falls, and Mrs. Mayme Anderson, Havre; brother Arthur, Ellensburg, Wash., 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Two sons preceded him in death.

HELEN JUNE LAYTON

Born: August 18, 1918 - Died: April 22, 1964

Liberty County Times

April 23 - 30, 1964

Mrs. Richard Layton Died Suddenly Wednesday p.m. Services Set for Monday

Mrs. Richard Layton passed away in the local hospital Wednesday afternoon. Her sudden death, following an illness of about one week came as a shock to the entire community. She suffered an attack of influenza about a week ago, and developed pneumonia. She failed to respond to treatment.

Helen June Layton was born August 18, 1918 in Chester. She was married September 16, 1945 in Great Falls to Richard Layton of Chester. In addition to her husband she is survived by five children: Leslie 16, Gary 14, Steven 13, Carol seven, Marilyn one. Also surviving are her parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rieck of Stanford, Montana; three sisters, Mrs. Howard Bolter of Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Ed Votow of Santa Paula, California and Mrs. George Hilts of Reseda, California; and an aunt, Mrs. Hilda Smith of Chester.

She was a member of the Chester Methodist Church and the VFW Auxiliary. She was a member and active worker in the Rachael Circle of the WSCS, and an active teacher in the Methodist Sunday School.

Funeral services have tentatively been set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Chester Methodist Church.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Richard Layton Held Monday

Funeral Services for Mrs. Richard Layton were held in the Chester Methodist Church Monday afternoon at 2 p.m., Rev. Dorcy Spencer officiated. Pall bearers were Chester and Wilbur Eveland, Alfred Stone, Emanuel Gabbert, Donald Swank, and Raymond Schwede. Ushers were Ralph Shepherd and Fred Blaisdell.

The choir consisting of Wayne Wardell, Fred Barrett, Mary Halverson, Meredith Anderson, Nina Shepherd and Karen Hall sang two selections, "Still, Still with Thee" and "In the Garden" accompanied by Ruth Barrett.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

CHRISTINE A. LEAR
Born: March 9, 1871 - Died: 1964
Liberty County Times
October 8, 1964

Services in GF For Mrs. Lear

Mrs. Christine A. Lear, 93, died at her home, 2710 2nd Ave. S., Great Falls. She left 52 descendants, including five daughters and a son.

Mrs. Lear was born March 9, 1871 at St. James, Minn. After her marriage to Axel Lear, the couple came to Joplin and took up a homestead in 1911. They farmed there until 1942 when they moved to Great Falls. Lear died 18 years ago. Mrs. Lear was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Geo. (Jeanette) Schwobel, Great Falls; Mrs. Miranda Nelson, Havre; Mrs. Arnold (Phyllis) Hadford, Edmonds, Wash.; Mrs. Tom (Emma) Wakefield, Seattle; Mrs. James (Nona) Kostohris, Great Falls; a son, Philip E. Lear, Palmdale, Cal.; 10 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, 8 great great grandchildren; a brother Emil Christensen, Great Falls and a sister Mrs. Amelia VanNess, Mira Loma, Cal.

George Co. Mortuary was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Funeral services were held Monday in Great Falls.

—Great Falls Leader

GRACE LOE

Born: 1921 - Died: December 31, 1964

Liberty County Times

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MYRON J. LOE

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—Great Falls Tribune

RUTH MALMBERG

Born: December 23, 1919 - Died: December 4, 1964

Liberty County Times

December 10, 1964

**Ruth Malmberg
Funeral Dec. 8**

Mrs. Ruth Helen Malmberg, 45, died Dec. 4 at the Chester hospital. Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the Rudyard Lutheran church.

Mrs. Malmberg was born Dec. 23, 1919 in New York City. She married Wilford Malmberg May 1, 1949, at Devils Lake, N. D. Surviving is her husband. They came to Rudyard in 1961 from Texas and have been farming 27 miles north of there.

Mrs. Malmberg was a member of the American Lutheran Church.

LAWRENCE RONALD MIDGE

Born: January 29, 1945 - Died: August 14, 1964

Liberty County Times

August 20, 1964

Fiery Car Crash Kills Ron Midge And His Son Larry East of Conrad

A rancher and his son were killed early Friday in a fiery one-car crash into a bridge.

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The organist was Mrs. Marcus Lindberg and the soloist was the Reverend Harold M. Daniels. Interment was in St. Olaf cemetery.

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RICHARD PAUL MORIN

Born: May 4, 1947 - Died: August 6, 1964

Liberty County Times

August 13, 1964

Wash. Youth Dies In Fiery Crash

A 17 year old Cheney, Wash. youth died in a fiery crash of a pickup and truck two miles west of Galata at about 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

According to Jack Kinyon, investigating officer of the Highway Patrol and members of the Toole County sheriff's office, Richard Paul Morin, 17, Cheney was riding in a GMC pickup driven by John Reavis, 21, also of Cheney. They were employed by the Ernest Manufacturing and Distributing Co. of Marshall, Wash. and were enroute to Glasgow.

The two men were following a truck loaded with pick up reels and owned by the same company. The driver of the truck was Ernest Geschke, 22, and he was accompanied by Don Shepard, 17, both from Cheney.

Geschke told officials that he looked at the rear view mirror on the truck and saw the pickup which was following the truck, begin to weave on the road. He said he thought maybe Reavis was dozing and pulled to the side of the highway and was going to stop when the pickup, without slowing down, smashed into the back of the truck. The entire right front of the pickup was caved in and Morin killed instantly. The body was trapped inside the cab of the pickup and before it could be removed, fire broke out and the remains were cremated beyond any recognition.

Reavis was said to have been thrown out of the pickup on impact. He suffered a broken right arm and cuts and bruises on his head and body. He was taken to the Chester hospital.

Neither of the occupants of the truck were injured.

The Shelby rural fire truck was called and made the run to the scene but could not save the pickup. The remains of Morin were taken to the Burns Funeral Home in Shelby.

The accident is still under investigation.

Deceased was born May 4, 1947 and is survived by his mother and step father in Cheney. The remains will be forwarded there for burial.

—Shelby Times

HARRIS M. (SLIM) NORTH

Born: August 18, 1883 - Died: April 29, 1964

Liberty County Times

April 30, 1964

Slim North Dies

Harris M. (locally known as Slim) North died in the local hospital Wednesday morning, following a lengthy illness. He was about 80 years old. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Assembly of God Church in Chester, Rev. Byron Israel officiating. Interment will be in the Chester cemetery.

Known survivors include a sister, Mrs. Agnes Krueger of Spicer, Minn.; two children, whose whereabouts are unknown. A brother preceded him in death in March of 1963.

ANNE OLSON

Born: 1889 - Died: 1964

Liberty County Times

May 7, 1964

Funeral Services for Mrs. Anne Olson at Cut Bank April 27

Mrs. Anne Olson, 75, died at a Cut Bank rest home. Services were held last Monday at Burns Funeral Chapel with Rev. R. E. Halass officiating. Burial was in Crown Hill cemetery.

Longtime resident of Joplin, Mr. and Mrs. Olson moved to Cut Bank in 1954. Her husband preceded her in death in 1961.

Survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Kiehlbauch, Cut Bank; one son Arnold H., Great Falls; two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

—Great Falls Tribune

JOSEPHINE EVELYN OSLER

Born: June 24, 1898 - Died: April 2, 1964

Liberty County Times

April 9, 1964

Josephine Osler Funeral Services Held Monday

Mrs. Josephine Evelyn Osler, 72, Chester, died at the Chester hospital. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Earl Chambers, Tacoma, Mrs. Archie Carpenter, Puyallup, Wash., and Mrs. John (Pearl) Cicon, Chester; a son, John, Chester. Brothers Edward Everson, Niagra, N. D. and John, Prince George, B. C. and two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Johnson and Mrs. Lillian Johns, Chester.

She was born at Niagra to Martin Enerson and Hannah Benson. She married Edmund Osler Dec. 31, 1918 at Havre. He died in 1948. She came to the Bears Den community in Liberty County as a child from North Dakota.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Whitlash, worked in Ladies Aid and was an active member of the Bears Den Home Demonstration club.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church in Chester with Rev. Roger Putnam of Whitlash, presiding, 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 6.

Fred Barrett, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Barrett sang "Beyond the Sunset" and the congregation sang "What a Friend" and "Softly and Tenderly."

Pallbearers were Cliff Lybeck, Jim Cicon, Robert Turner, Robert Bond, Edgar Woods and Wayne Daffoe. Ushers were Keith McDowell and Maynard Johnson.

AXEL THEODORE PETERSON

Born: December 28, 1871 - Died: January 30, 1964

Liberty County Times

February 6 - 13, 1964

**Axel Peterson
Funeral Services**

Funeral services for Axel Theodore Peterson, retired Inverness farmer who passed away Jan. 30 in Chester, were conducted last Monday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home by the Rev. Sidney Corl, Methodist minister from Hingham.

Mrs. Ella Anderson accompanied Mrs. Lloyd Wheeler and Mrs. Charles Morris as they sang "Jesus Is Always There" and "Only a Touch."

Pallbearers were Dean McFadden, Alvin Barbie, Don Meyer, Clifford Zentzis, Walter Hovee and Donald Lincoln.

Clarence McCann was usher.

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

—Havre Daily News

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Services Held Mon.**

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Funeral services were Monday at 2 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

MARY E. PETTAPIECE

Born: April 4, 1878 - Died: November 19, 1964

Liberty County Times

November 26, 1964

Services for Mary Pettapiece Saturday

Mary E. Pettapiece, 86, Chester, died Thursday at Liberty County hospital in Chester. Services were held in the Chester Methodist Church at 1 p.m. Saturday with Rev. Dorcy Spencer officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery at Fort Benton at 3:30 Saturday. Benton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Elizabeth Pettapiece was born to Robert and Ellen Ovens, Karrs, Ont., April 4, 1878. She passed from this life Nov. 19, 1964 in the Liberty County hospital, Chester.

Dec. 13, 1905 she married James H. Pettapiece at Karrs, Ont. The couple homesteaded at Medicine Hat, Alta. While living in Canada three children were born, Evelyn, Ethyl (deceased during infancy) and James William. The family moved to Great Falls in 1911 and the following year homesteaded in the Goosebill area north of Fort Benton. Three other children were born, Robert, Beth and Anabel.

Mr. Pettapiece died in 1932. Mrs. Pettapiece and her family continued farming. In 1945 Mrs. Pettapiece moved to Chester where she resided until called to her eternal reward.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Streigel and Mrs. Mary E. Graham, Chester and Mrs. Anabel Barbie, Inverness; two sons, James Chester, and Robert Great Falls; a brother, Willie Ovens, Karrs; 22 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

BENJAMIN ANTON POPPLER

Born: June 21, 1886 - Died: September 5, 1964

Liberty County Times

September 10 - 17, 1964

Benjamin Poppler Died Sept. 5

Benjamin Anton Poppler, 78, died last Saturday in the Liberty County hospital in Chester.

He was born June 21, 1886 at Chaska, Minn. He was married at Bismarck, N. D. Jan. 26, 1911 to Ruth Knutson. Poppler homesteaded 30 miles north of Joplin in the fall of 1913 after a brief residence in Great Falls. He retired from farming in 1948 and moved to Kalispell. Between residence in Kalispell and coming to Joplin he lived in Havre two years.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Earl, Joplin; and three daughters, Mrs. Lucile Thorson, Joplin; Mrs. Blanche Anderson, Rudyard; and Mrs. Loraine Brinkman, Chicago. Other survivors are a brother, Ed, Buffalo, Minn., sister, Mrs. Alice Olson, Berkley, Cal., and nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 4 in the Joplin Lutheran Church under direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home, Havre.

Ben Poppler Services at Joplin

Services were held for Benjamin Poppler Tuesday at the Joplin Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating.

The Joplin Lutheran Choir sang "Come Ye Disconsolate," and "Beyond the Sunset." The congregation sang "Abide With Me." Accompanist was Sanford Anderson.

Pall bearers were David James, William Bangs, Guy Wolery, Leif Amundson, Roy Miller, and Henry Wolf. Ushers were Ed Mlinar, Don Rocks and Frank Meldrum. Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

—Havre Daily News

GEORGE REISENAUER

Born: January 3, 1886 - Died: February 6, 1964

Liberty County Times

March 26, 1964

George Reisenauer Funeral Services at Colton, Wash.

George Reisenauer, 78, a former resident of the Colton, Wash. area, died Thursday morning, Feb. 6 at Long Beach, Cal., where he had made his home since 1950.

He was born Jan. 3, 1886 at Fort Scott, Kansas. At the age of three months, he came by covered wagon with his parents to Dayton, Wash. These early pioneers settled in Colton that same year. Mr. Reisenauer spent his boyhood there, moving to Chester, Mont. in 1909, where he took up homesteading, until his retirement in 1950 when he went to California.

He returned to Colton almost every year for a reunion with his family and friends at the annual Colton Pioneer picnic.

He is survived by four brothers, Carl and Joseph of Colton, and Fred and Martin of Chester; and two sisters, Mrs. Fred (Clara) Cords of Seattle, and Mrs. Margaret Myers, Dearington, Wash. There are many nephews and nieces.

He was a communicant of the Catholic Church and a member of the Elks Lodge, Havre.

Rosary was recited Wednesday evening at St. Gall's Church in Colton, immediately after the seven o'clock mass. The funeral mass was celebrated Thursday morning at ten with the Very Rev. Paul M. Goergen, the celebrant. Burial was in the Colton Catholic cemetery.

Pallbearers are A. J. Reisenauer, Tony Moser, Benny Druffel, Frank B. Druffel, John Scharback and Andrew Schultheis.

LINDA ANN RILEY

Born: September 2, 1963 - Died: February 14, 1964

Liberty County Times

February 20, 1964

**Mass of the Angels
For Riley Infant**

A Mass of the Angels was celebrated Monday morning at the Inverness Catholic Church by the Rev. Vanderloop, O. Praem., for Linda Ann Riley, five month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Riley.

Pallbearers were Larry Evans, Jerry Evans, Billy Evans and Pat Carr. Ushers were Carol Evans and Ginger Carr.

Interment was in the Inverness Catholic cemetery.

The baby was born Sept. 2, 1963 in Chester and passed away Feb. 14. Survivors in addition to the parents include: three brothers, David, John and Adrian Jr., and two sister, Judith and Kerry; and by her grandparents, Mrs. Helen Riley of Wanda, Minn. and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Evans of Rudyard.

LENA SANVIK

Born: March 30, 1907 - Died: May ?, 1964

Liberty County Times

June 4, 1964

Funeral Services in Havre Monday for Mrs. Lena Sanvik

Mrs. Lena Sanvik, 75, died in Kalispell. The body was forwarded to Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre where services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. with burial in Highland Cemetery at Havre.

She was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota and on March 30, 1907, married Ole Sanvik at Fergus Falls. In 1910 they homesteaded north of Gildford. In 1923 they moved to Harlem and five years later to Rudyard. In 1946 they moved to Kalispell.

Survivors include three sons, Selmar and Robert, Rudyard and Obert, Inverness; three daughters, Mrs. Agnes Wood and Mrs. Norma LaFrance, Kalispell and Mrs. Lillian DeMarten, Rudyard.

MICHAEL SCHWEITZER

Born: 1907 - Died: December ?, 1964

Liberty County Times

December 17, 1964

Mike Schweitzer Died at Bozeman

Michael Schweitzer, 57, former Denton area resident, died in the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital where he had been hospitalized for two days. He was born in Odessa, Russia. The family came to the United States in 1910, settling in Strasberg, N. D. In 1913 they moved to Goldstone. Schweitzer attended schools in Goldstone and Hingham. He married Mary Schmidt at Berwick, N. D. in 1934. They farmed at Goldstone until 1944 when they moved to Danvers. In 1949 they purchased a ranch near Denton and resided there until 1956, when they moved to the Gallatin Valley. Schweitzer served as president of the Ross Peak Farmers Union in 1960-61. Survivors include the widow; a daughter, Mrs. Borbet (Dorothy) Kearn, Bozeman; eight sons, Leonard at Carroll College, Helena; Leroy, Great Falls; Richard, who manages the home ranch; Larry, Lewistown; Kenneth, a senior at MSC; Robert, a sophomore at MSC; and Dennis and Fred at home; four sisters, Mrs. Amelia Mangold, Mrs. Barbara Mangold and Mrs. Tracy Heck, all of Inverness; and Mrs. Fran Bull, Phoenix, Ariz.; four brothers, Antone, Hingham; Leo, Rudyard; Adam, Geyser; and Frank, Denton. Catholic services were held in Bozeman.

HARRY (SHORTY) SHEASBY

Born: October 19, 1890 - Died: December 29, 1964

Liberty County Times

January 7, 1965

Heart Attack Fatal To Harry Sheasby

Jan. 7 - 1965

Harry (Shorty) Sheasby was found dead in his home north of the railroad track in Chester Wednesday of last week. He had been seen Monday, and apparently died sometime between Monday evening and Wednesday forenoon of a heart attack.

Willis (Pa) Long, who lives next door to Sheasby was the first to suspect that all was not well with Sheasby. Long noticed that there were no tracks in the snow by the door. He pounded on the door, and was unable to arouse his neighbor, so he notified the authorities. Chester Chief of Police Leo Wigen investigated and found the body.

The body was shipped to Downs Funeral Home, Superior, Wisc.

Sheasby is survived by one brother, Edward of Detroit, Mich.; three sisters, Mrs. Roy (Ada) Jorgenson, Mrs. Bessie Bloxham and Mrs. Earl (Jessie) Andrews, all of Superior.

Sheasby, a retired railroad employee, was 74 years old. He was born Oct. 19, 1890 in Montreal, Quebec. He never married. He had been a resident of Chester for many years.

FRANK SMITH

Born: March 29, 1888 - Died: October 21, 1964

Liberty County Times

November 5, 1964

Frank Smith Died Oct. 21, Services Held Oct. 24

Frank Smith, age 76, passed away in Kalispell Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Mr. Smith was born March 29, 1888 in Fairport, Missouri. He enlisted and served in the Army Medical Corps during World War I. He was stationed at a base hospital in France. After his return to the States, Mr. Smith became sheriff of DeKalk County, Mo., a position he held until 1924.

Mr. Smith was married to Minnie Ellis Aug. 22, 1923 and with his wife moved to Joplin, Mont. in 1933. They farmed north of Joplin until retiring in 1947 and moving to Kalispell, where they have resided at 630 Sixth Avenue East.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife Minnie at the family home, one son, Charles E. Smith of Chester; five grandchildren: Virginia Wood of Alameda, Cal.; Barbara Odegard of Billings; John, Mary and Frank, of Chester; two brothers, William and Wade Smith, both of Maysville, Mo.; four sisters, Mrs. Addie Butler, Mrs. Rebecca Lincoln, both of Maysville, Mo., and Mrs. Laura Maret of Kalispell and Mrs. Minnie Niel of Lexington, Kentucky.

Funeral services for Mr. Smith were held Saturday, Oct. 24 from the Waggener & Campbell Chapel. Interment followed in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

WALTER H. SODERHOLM

Born: September 23, 1887 - Died: August 30, 1964

Liberty County Times

September 10, 1964

**Walter Soderholm
Rudyard, Died**

Walter H. Soderholm, 76, Rudyard, passed away at Liberty County hospital in Chester.

He was born at Fergus Falls, Minn. and married Florence M. Bowerman in 1910 at Willow City, N. D. He came to Rudyard in 1913 to homestead north of Rudyard. In 1916 he began operation of a grocery store. He later operated a store in Havre for 15 years. In 1934 he worked for the Corps of Engineers at Fort Peck, retiring in 1957.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Don Meyer, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Anderson, Torrence, Cal.

CHARLES RODNEY SPICHER

Born: June 7, 1911 - Died: November 26, 1964

Liberty County Times

December 3, 1964

Requiem Mass for Rodney Spicher

Requiem Mass for Charles Rodney Spicher was celebrated by Rev. T. J. Vanderloop, O. Praem., Saturday at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. Burial rites were held in the Hingham cemetery. The Havre Elks Lodge 1201 also conducted their graveside service.

Pallbearers were Donald Dolezal, Victor Jones, Miram Séverud, Charles D. Martin, Joseph Farnik and Alton Sterry. The choir was joined by Frank Kraft who sang the solos during the mass. Ave Maria was sung during the recessional by Leo Kraft. Philip Lipp and Lloyd Patrick were the ushers.

Spicher died at his home in Hingham Nov. 26 after a lengthy illness. Survivors in addition to his wife, Hildegarde; daughter Lynn, and son, William, all at home, are two daughters, Mrs. Douglas Bibler, (Charlene) Virginia Beach, Va.; Mrs. Darryl Meyer (Gail), Inverness; and son Daryl, Hingham, all of whom were at his bedside at the time of his death. He is also survived by seven grandchildren; four brothers, Clement, Missoula; George, Chester; Richard, Hingham; Capt. Robert Spicher, M. D., U. S. Navy, Pensacola, Fla.; and one sister, Mrs. John Flanagan (Fern) of Helena.

Spicher was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spicher June 7, 1911, at Hingham where he spent his entire life with the exception of the year spent at Montana State College in Bozeman where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

On Dec. 27, 1934 he was married to Hildegarde Gehlen, also of Hingham. He was associated in farming with his father until the latter's retirement. In recent years he had established a partnership with his sons.

Spicher was affiliated with the Elks Lodge in Havre and the Knights of Columbus. He had been a director of The First National Bank in Havre since 1959.

IVA THISSELLE

Born: 1882 - Died: January ?, 1964

Liberty County Times

January 30, 1964

Mrs. Iva Thisselle Dies at Kalispell

Mrs. Iva Thisselle, 82, Fort Benton died at the home of a daughter in Kalispell. Services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Benton Funeral Home with Rev. Lloyd Hanley officiating. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton.

She was born in Springfield, Mo., and married Arthur C. Thisselle in 1900 at Jennings, Okla. The couple lived in Kendrick, Idaho until coming to Montana in 1913 where they homesteaded in the Russel community northwest of Fort Benton. In 1924 they moved to the Marias River south of Chester where they operated a ranch. In 1936 they retired to Fort Benton. Her husband died in 1949. She was employed for many years at the Grand Union Hotel at Fort Benton.

Survivors include a son, Earl, Chester; two daughters, Mrs. Ella Rada, Kalispell; Mrs. Violet Schaub, Lake Leelanau, Mich.; four sisters, Mrs. Donna Moerder, Portland; Mrs. Effie Taylor, Jennings; Mrs. Verna Tillatson and Mrs. Edith Legg, Creston, B. C.; 16 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren.

—Great Falls Tribune

DORA VAN DESSEL

Born: January 30, 1891 - Died: June 7, 1964

Liberty County Times

June 11, 1964

**Mrs. Dora Van
Dessel Dies at
Missoula, Burial at
Hingham Friday**

Requiem Mass for Mrs. Dora Van Dessel was celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Missoula.

Rosary was recited at St. Anthony's Church Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and graveside services will be conducted at Hingham cemetery Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Van Dessel, 73, lived at 725 Longstaff, Missoula and died in that city June 7.

Survivors include her husband, Francis, a son, Arthur, San Bernardino, Cal. and three daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Thayer, Missoula, Mrs. Germaine Angle, Livingston, and Mrs. Ken Stout, Lakewood, Cal.

Two sons, Leon and John, preceded her in death.

Surviving brothers are Joseph Lange, Devils Lake, N. D., Dr. John V. Lange, Archbold, Ohio, Raymond Lange, Milwaukee, Wisc. and Bernard Lange, Winona, Minn. Her sisters are Miss Frances Lange, Devils Lake and Miss Theresa Lange, Valley, Wash.

There are 18 grandchildren.

Mrs. Van Dessel was born Jan. 30, 1891 in Devils Lake.

The Van Dessels came to Hingham in 1913 and homesteaded there, selling their farm in 1943 and moving to Missoula.

BERTHA LANGUILLE VINCENT

Born: October 27, 1887 - Died: September 15, 1964

Liberty County Times

September 17, 1964

**Bertha Vincent
Died at G. Falls**

Mrs. James (Bertha Languille) Vincent, 76, Havre died Tuesday at a Great Falls hospital after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Holland Bonine Funeral Home, Havre. The Rev. Albert Gackle of the Ruyard E. U. B. Church officiated.

Two numbers "It Is Well With My Soul" and "Saved By Grace" were sung by a trio, Mrs. Jack Lincoln, Mrs. Richard Jackson and Mrs. Bruce Packer. Mrs. S. E. Sjoblom was accompanist. Mrs. Jack Lincoln and Mrs. Richard Jackson also sang "Some Golden Daybreak."

Pallbearers were R. E. Hansen Sr., Havre, Palmer Lalum, Joplin, Harley Rudolph, Joplin, Jack Hansen, Joplin, Donald and Ervin Lincoln, Ruyard.

Interment was in Highland cemetery.

She was a long time resident of the Hi-Line, her family having farmed 10 miles north of Inverness.

Mrs. Vincent was born Oct. 27, 1887, in Nova Scotia. She was a member of the Grace Evangelical Church. Her husband died in 1952.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. John Aitchison and brother, E. Languille, both of Tateuagouhe, Nova Scotia; two grand children and three great grandchildren.

WILLIAM T. WALKER

Born: 1907 - Died: May 12, 1964

Liberty County Times

June 4, 1964

**Services in N. J. for
William T. Walker**

William T. Walker of 122 Eldredge Ave., West Cape May, N. J. passed away May 12 at the age of 57.

Walker was a retired commercial fisherman. He will be remembered as the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Walker. The family operated a farm two miles south of Goldstone for several years. He was a nephew of the late Irvin Walker.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn of West Cape May; three brothers, James of Florida, Charles and George of Cape May; three sisters, Effie Fleege of Michigan, Eva Keimert of Florida and Clara Dickinson of Cape May.

Services were held Saturday, May 16 at 2 p.m. at the Hollingshead Funeral Home, Cape May. The reviewing was held Friday evening from 7 to 9 at the funeral home. Interment was in the Cold Spring Cemetery, Cold Spring, N. J.

PHYLLIS WRIGHT ZORN

Born: August 15, 1918 - Died: June 9, 1964

Liberty County Times

June 11 - 18, 1964

Requiem Mass for Phylis Zorn June 13

Requiem high mass was offered for Mrs. Phyllis Zorn June 13 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester with Father James Wagner officiating. Burial was in the Chester cemetery after Catholic and VFW Auxiliary graveside services. The pall bearers were Lawrence Hemmer, John Hemmer, Albert Diemert, Orval Brain, Darby O'Brien and Urban Kultgen.

Mrs. Phyllis Zorn was born in Williston, N. D. Aug. 15, 1918. She came to Chester at the age of 11 where she resided until her death June 9. She clerked at Wright's Market for 11 years until it closed in 1961 and then clerked at Chester Trading Co. and Askvold's Medical Pharmacy.

Survivors include three children, Mrs. Bruce Jacobson of Great Falls, Paul and Gary, both in the Navy in San Diego, her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wright of Chester, one sister, Mrs. Cletus Brandvold of Chester, two brothers Jack and Bob, both of Chester, two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. One brother, Lynn preceded her in death.

Phylis Zorn Dies, Services Saturday

Mrs. Phylis Wright Zorn passed away June 9 at 5:35 a.m. at Liberty County hospital following a lengthy illness. She was born Aug. 15, 1918 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wright.

Funeral services will be at 10 Saturday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester.