

NETTIE ALEX
Born: 1882 - Died: July 29, 1968
Liberty County Times
August 8, 1968

Mrs. Nettie Alex
Died in Havre

Mrs. Nettie Alex, 86, Hingham, died in a Havre hospital Monday, July 29. She was born at Prairie du Chien, Wis. and married Anthony J. Alex in 1898. The couple homesteaded north of Hingham in 1912. Her husband died in 1958.

Survivors include four sons, Harry of Cut Bank, Tony of Havre, John of Hingham and Glen of Inverness, and three daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Ditmar of Havre, Mrs. Eleanor Rathbun of Hingham and Mrs. Mildred Sedivy.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 at the Holland and Bonine funeral home with intern Bob Scott of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard officiating.

Mrs. Dwight Hare sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and the congregation sang "Rock of Ages" and "My Faith Looks up to Thee" accompanied by Mrs. Martin Mutch, organist.

Ushers were Dennis and Tom Alex and Bill Rathbun. Pallbearers were Alan, John and Gene Alex, Bob Rathbun, Dick Ditmar and James Sedivy.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

NORA BREVIK BELCOURT
Born: ?, 1940 - Died: May 14, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 7, 1968

**Former Hi-Line
Resident Dies
in California**

Nora Brevik Belcourt, 28, of 1195 E. 207th, Lakewood, Calif., a former resident of Havre and West Palm Beach, Fla., passed away in Lakewood May 14.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Belcourt; two sons, Allen and Mark; two daughters, Colleen and Denise of Lakewood; her mother, Dorothy Brevik, two brothers, Gordon and Jerry, all of West Palm Beach; her grandmother, Nelie Brevik of Puyallup, Wash. Her father preceded her in death April 26, 1968.

Mrs. Belcourt was the granddaughter of Ole Brevik and A. M. Bennett, all former residents of Havre and the Hi-Line area.—Havre Daily News.

KENNETH BERG
Born: 1910 - Died: February 7, 1968
Liberty County Times
February 15, 1968

Kenneth Berg
Funeral In
Conrad Today

Kenneth Berg, 58, died at a hospital in Conrad. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday (today) at Pondera Valley Lutheran Church with Pastor Orville Grorud officiating, burial in Hillside Cemetery. Born in Minneapolis, he came to Montana in 1929, moving to Conrad in 1942. He worked as a tractor mechanic. Survivors include his widow, Alice and son, David, Conrad; daughters, Mrs. Winifred Williams of Mesbad, Iran; Mrs. Annette Berube of Rapid City, S. D., Mrs. Karleen Walker and Arlys Berg, Conrad; his mother, Mrs. Christene Hanson, Algona, Iowa; sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Broadhurst and Mrs. Violet Bauder, Chester and Betty Hanson, Algona; and brothers, Harold, Troy and Charles, Algona.

ROY WILLIAM CAPLINGER
Born: 1897 - Died: May 10, 1968
Liberty County Times
May 15, 1968

Body Found In Box Car

A body was found in a box car on a siding east of Tiber Sunday afternoon. Fredrick Bender, who works for Bill McCarter of the Galata area, found the body and reported to Sheriff Bob Remington. Remington said the man had been dead perhaps a week or more. He ordered a pathological post mortem. The report was received Monday, indicating that the man died of natural causes.

There was no identification on the body. However there was a telephone number in a little black book. It was a Spokane number, and after calling, Sheriff Remington learned that the man was probably Roy Caplinger, 71, of Paradise, Mont.

Remington said there was quite a bit of camping and fishing equipment with the body. This was neatly packed, and the man appeared to be neat in his personal appearance.

RONALD D. CHAPMAN
Born: August 15, 1945 - Died: July 11, 1968
Liberty County Times
July 18, 1968

**Ronald Chapman Killed in
Accident; Funeral Tuesday**

Ronald D. Chapman, Kalispell, died when the pickup truck he was riding in left U. S. 2, 29 miles west of Kalispell and rolled down an 80 foot bank.

Death was Thursday, July 11, in a Kalispell hospital.

At Kalispell, highway patrolmen said Russell A. Huston, 21, Bigfork, driver of the pickup, apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

Chapman's wife, Raelene, also 21, was thrown from the vehicle with the other two occupants. Both she and Huston were hospitalized with injuries from the crash.

The accident occurred at the Thompson River turnoff and raised the death toll on state roads to 120 which is two more than on this date last year.

Services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Waggoner & Campbell Chapel, burial was in the Lonepine Cemetery, Bigfork, with military rites. Chapman was born in Chester Aug. 15, 1945. He married Raelene Overton, Kalispell, in 1965. He was a logging operator. Survivors include the widow; sons Richard and John and a daughter Rhonda, Kalispell; mother, Mrs. Luella Schwenke of Colville, Wash.; brothers Russel and Roger with the U. S. armed services, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heimbigner of Superior, several aunts and uncles and one half sister, Rosalie Schwenke. He was preceded in death by his father, John Chapman and brother Rex.

JEREMIAH F. CROW

Born: June 2, 1890 - Died: January 5, 1968

Liberty County Times

January 18, 1968

Jeremiah F. Crow Died Friday Services Tuesday

Jeremiah F. Crow, 77, died Friday at the Chester hospital. Services were Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Crow was an oil field worker. Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Heinz Starke, Cut Bank and Mrs. Vera Romain, Lincoln; a son, Lennie, Lewiston, Idaho, and seven grandchildren. He was born at Harrisburg, Pa. He served in the Canadian Army in World War I and moved to the Shelby area in 1925 to work in the oil fields and had been there since.

Jerry Crow Funeral Tuesday

Funeral services for Jeremiah F. Crow, 77, who died at the Chester hospital Friday, were held Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre with Adrian Thoeny, Jehovah's Witness minister, officiating.

Colleen Holmgren accompanied soloist Linda Ernst who sang "Jehovah's My Shepherd" and "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize."

Pallbearers were Dale Holmgren, Mary Thoeny, Cliff Harden, Ira Ernst, Ed Thompson and Heinz Starke.

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Crow was an oilfield worker. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Heinz Starke of Cut Bank and Mrs. Vera Romain of Lincoln; a son Lennie of Lewiston, Idaho, and seven grandchildren.

He was born June 2, 1890, at Harrisburg, Pa., and served in the Canadian Army in World War I. He moved to north of Shelby in 1925.

PAUL L. CURFMAN
Born: March 31, 1893 - Died: June 18, 1968
Liberty County Times
June 27, 1968

**Paul L. Curfman,
Passes at 75**

Paul Leslie Curfman, 75, of 725 Broadwater Ave., Billings, Mont., retired businessman and farmer, died June 18. He had been in a Billings hospital and nursing home since January.

Born March 31, 1893 at Shady Gap, Pa., son of Mr. and Mrs. David D. Curfman, he moved with his parents to Hope, N.D. when seven and in 1913 homesteaded near Lothair, Mont.

He married Margaret Anna Porter in Havre Dec. 29, 1917. They lived on the homestead, in Wolf Point and in Havre before operating general stores in Gildford from 1928-1941 and in Belfry from 1941-1948.

They then moved to Billings, where they operated the Circle S. Motel until 1950.

He was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge in Hingham.

Survivors include the widow; a son, Lloyd of Gildford; four daughters, Mrs. Donald Eckert of Billings, Mrs. Gerald Kinney of Fountain Valley, Calif., Mrs. Robert Fradet of Columbus and Mrs. M. A. Brain of Chester; two brothers, Charles of Ronan and Frank of Fargo, N.D.; a sister, Mrs. Archie Curfman of Valley City, N.D.; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 21 at the Dahl-Brown Funeral Chapel with the Rev. R. H. Moorman of Billings, officiating. Burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery, Columbus, Mont.

ELSIE M. EARL

Born: September 22, 1881 - Died: June 13, 1968

Liberty County Times

June 20, 1968

**Mrs. Elsie Earl
Died June 13;
Funeral Saturday**

Mrs. Elsie Earl, 87, passed away at Liberty County Hospital June 13. She was born in Germany to Fred and Ida Brush Sept. 22, 1881. The family came to the United States when she was four years old and settled in Michigan. They moved to Granite Falls, Wash. in 1889, where Mrs. Earl grew up and was united in marriage to William Henry Earl on May 7, 1902. They moved to Montana and homesteaded south of the Marias river in what is now Liberty County in 1910.

Her husband preceeded her in death Aug. 20, 1940. Three children also preceeded her in death, two infants and a son, Delbert, at the age of 21 in 1925.

Two brothers, August and Frank Brush and two sisters, Ida Nukusen and Anne Simms preceeded her in death also.

She moved to Great Falls in 1941 and back to Chester in 1959.

She was a faithful member of the Methodist church.

She is survived by a son, William, of Sun River, three daughters, Mrs. John (Martha) Carpenter of Granite Falls, Wash; Mrs. Russell (Evelyn) Furlong of Chester; and Mrs. Norman (Edna) Lybbert of Moses Lake, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Gusta Talbert, Maysville, Wash.; 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Chester Methodist Church Saturday, June 15 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Wanders officiating. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were her grandsons and grandsons-in-law, William Earl Jr., Earl Furlong, Charles Lybbert, Kenneth Brandvold, Gordon Kammerzell and Vic Anderson.

ROSS EDWARD EASTMAN
Born: 1924 - Died: August 7, 1968
Liberty County Times
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News Flash

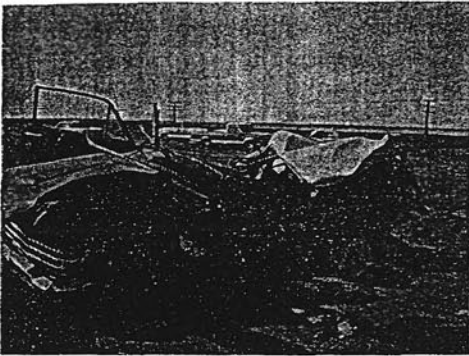
Two persons were killed, and a third hospitalized as a result of a car-pickup grinding side swipe head-on collision on Highway 2, one mile west of Chester Wednesday afternoon about 3:35 p.m.

Killed instantly was Clarence James Shupe, 52 of Harlem, Montana. Ross Edward Eastman, 44, transient laborer died in the Liberty County Hospital. They were occupants of the car.

Francis Mark Kelso, 68 of Crawfordsville, Oregon, driver of the pickup is hospitalized. Both vehicles were totalled out. (pictures on page four)

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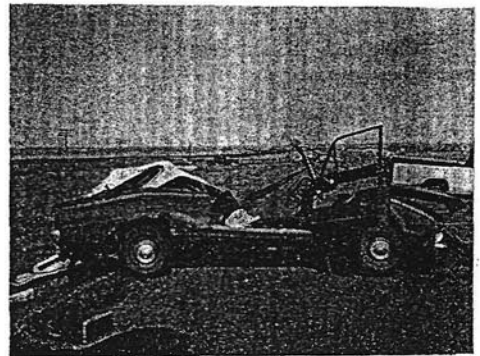
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Scenes from the two-car accident west of Chester Wednesday afternoon.



The accident was investigated by Sheriff Remington and Patrolman Harold Savig.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1968



Pictures taken on Sheriff Bob Remington's Polaroid camera.

CLARA ELLEN FRANK
Born: December 6, 1886 - Died: March 8, 1968
Liberty County Times
March 14, 1968

**Clara Frank
Funeral Tuesday**

Clara Ellen Frank, 81, died at her home in Shelby. Services were Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Chester Methodist Church with Rev. James Hanson officiating, burial was in the family plot at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Havre. Born in Paola, Kan., she and her husband were Chester area ranchers until retiring to Shelby. A daughter and son survive.

**Services for Mrs.
Clara Frank Tues.**

Mrs. Clara Frank passed away at her home in Shelby Friday, and funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 12 in the Methodist Church in Chester and burial was in Memorial cemetery in Havre. Rev. James Hansen officiated at the services and pallbearers were Allen and David Mattson, Melvin and Roger Schaefer, Herbert Poetzl and Ole Jensen. Musical selections were by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barrett and the choir.

Mrs. Frank was born at Paola, Kan., Dec. 6, 1886 and attended school there. She was married to George Frank at Paola in 1908 and they moved to Montana, taking up a homestead north of Chester where they farmed until retiring and moving into Shelby in 1961. Mr. Frank passed away in April 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1958 at which times they took a trip to Kansas and visited relatives.

Survivors include two sons, Weldon, Chester and Earl, Seattle, Wash.; two daughters, Hazel of Renton, Wash., and Fern Brunn, Shelby; eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and a sister and brother in Paola, Kan.

MRS. ARTHUR (JEAN) FREEMAN
Born: 1911 - Died: August ?, 1968
Liberty County Times
August 8, 1968

**B. H. Murray's
Sister, Jean
Freeman, Dies**

Mrs. Arthur (Jean) Freeman, 57, died suddenly at her home in Wolf Point. Services were held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with Rev. John Hubbard officiating. Interment in Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. Freeman was born on the Murray ranch in the Sweet Grass Hills, attended Chester High School, and married Arthur (Bud) Freeman, Aug. 8, 1928; lived in Shelby and Kevin before moving to Cut Bank in 1939; came to Wolf Point in 1947. For the past 11 years she operated Jean's Dress Shop in Wolf Point. Survivors includes the widower; a son, Glen, of Whitefish; daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Truesdell of Wolf Point three brothers, Paul Murray of Ethridge, Burnham of Chester, Osborne of Calgary, Alta., and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Giffon, Noxon.

JENNIE M. GOOD
Born: 1885 - Died: November 18, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 21, 1968

**Funeral for Mrs.
Jennie Good Friday**

Mrs. Jennie Good, 83, died at a Fort Benton hospital Monday.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Benton Funeral Home, with Rev. Warren Smith officiating. Eastern Star ritual will be by Bethany Chapter 42. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

Born in 1885 at Warsaw, Ind., she married Clyde Good June 25, 1910, at Warsaw. The couple homesteaded in the Egly community northwest of Fort Benton in 1913. They moved to the city in 1941 to operate an apartment building.

Her husband died in 1955.

Survivors include a brother, Lloyd Riley, Warsaw; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Curtis in Florida and a nephew, Charles Good, Chester.

**Funeral For
Jennie Good
Held Nov. 22**

Mrs. Jennie M. Good, 83, passed away Monday, Nov. 18 at the St. Clare Hospital in Fort Benton.

Mrs. Good was a member of Fort Benton Woman's club, Rebakah Lodge 105 and Bethany Chapter No. 42, Order of Eastern Star, both of Fort Benton. She was also a charter member of Egly Country club.

Funeral services were held at Benton Funeral Home Friday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Warren Smith of the Methodist church in charge. Pallbearers were Charles Conn, Jim Gottfried, Marshall Fisher, Jim Petapiece, Harry Gerdsmeyer and Kenneth Clark. Honorary pallbearers were Claude Miller, Frank Morger, Morris Stewart, Reuben Dedman, Bob Imbert, San Conn, Irving Bartlett, Bill Silvius, Dola Wilson, Otto Tschache, Rudy Larkin, Orval Brain, Emil Johnson and T. B. Van Horn.

MATHILDA GUSTAFSON
Born: January 30, 1881 - Died: December 20, 1968
Liberty County Times
December 26, 1968

Mathilda Gustafson
Rites Monday

Mrs. Mathilda Gustafson, 87, Rudyard, died Friday at a Havre hospital.

Mrs. Gustafson was born Jan. 30, 1881, in Sweden. She came to Lake Park, Minn., in 1897 and in 1899 married Nicholas Gustafson. The couple moved to Montana in 1913, homesteading in the Minneota community. Gustafson died in 1927. The past three years Mrs. Gustafson had resided with a daughter in Rudyard.

Survivors include two sons, Frithio of Rudyard and Stuart of Big Fork; a daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Alice) Wilson of Rudyard; nine grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rudyard.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Pastor Lawrence Thompson officiating.

Pallbearers were Ted Langel, Walter Greeno, Albert Sanvik, Leonard Poier, Olyn Wolery and Selmer Sanvik. Carl Wood and Norris Harrison ushered.

Pastor Thompson sang "Behold a Host" accompanied by Mrs. Thompson and he and Mrs. Thompson sang a duet, "Come Ye Disconsolate." The congregation sang "All Hail to Thee O Christmas Morn," "Good Christian Men Rejoice," and "Thy Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We."

Burial was in the Rudyard cemetery.

SPEC. 4 CHARLES W. HAN
Born: June 5, 1946 - Died: November 20, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 28, 1968

Charles Han Killed in Helicopter Crash in Vietnam War November 20

Specialist 4 Charles William Han, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Han of Inverness was killed in Vietnam Nov. 20, 1968. At the time of his death he was serving as a Crew Chief on a helicopter with Co. C, 229th Avn Bn, 11th Avn Gp, 1st Avn Div (AMB). He died as a result of wounds and burns received while operating on a combat mission when the helicopter he was riding in received intensive small arms fire, crashed and burned.

Specialist Han was born June 5th, 1946 in Havre. He attended schools in Inverness for 12 years and later attended Northern Montana College for one year. He entered the service on Nov. 5, 1967, took his basic training at Fort Lewis, Wash., and his advanced training at Fort Eustis, Va. He went overseas May 23, 1968.

Besides his parents, Specialist Han is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Shirley Dick of Inverness and Mrs. Dorothea Dick of Billings and a brother, Donald R. Han of Kalispell.

Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre on Dec. 6, 1968. A special escort was provided the family as a special request through the Dept. of the Army. Specialist 4 Rick DeMartin, a schoolmate of the deceased, accompanied the remains home from Vietnam. After the funeral services Sp4 DeMartin returned to his unit in Vietnam. He is also a Crew Chief in the 1st Avn Bde.



Spec. 4 Charles W. Han

Charles Han Killed in Vietnam War

Spec. 4 Charles W. Han, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Han of Inverness was killed in action Nov. 20 in Vietnam while on a helicopter flight.

His father said he has no other details of his son's death.

Han was born in Havre June 5, 1946 and was reared on the family ranch south of Inverness. He entered the Army about a year ago and had been in Vietnam since May 23.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. James Dick and Mrs. Charles Dick, and a brother Donald. His grandparents and several aunts and uncles also survive.

GARY DUANE HERMAN
Born: November 8, 1968 - Died: November 10, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 21, 1968

**Graveside Services
for Gary D. Herman**

Graveside services were conducted by Pastor Noel Petersen at 2 p.m. Nov. 13, at the Chester cemetery for Gary Duane Herman, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Herman of San Pedro, Calif.

Gary Duane was born Nov. 8 and passed away Nov. 10. He is survived by his parents, a sister, Laura Lee, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Remington, Chester; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Herman, Bantry, N. D.; and other relatives.

ALBERT MORRIS HODGDON
Born: 1924 - Died: August 6, 1968
Liberty County Times
August 8, 1968

Truck Accident Kills Cut Bank Man

Albert Morris Hodgdon, 44, Cut Bank, was killed when a truck he was driving overturned on Highway 2 about three miles east of Chester at 9:45 Tuesday forenoon. Hodgdon was the only passenger in the farm truck. He was employed by John May.

The accident was investigated by highway patrolman H. E. Nick Wood and Sheriff Bob Remington. They reported the truck had been traveling east, and went off the right side of the road. The vehicle came to rest on its left side, after rolling over. The driver was thrown partially out of the truck and his head was crushed under the left front corner of the box.

Hodgdon was a single man. He is survived by his mother, Alice Hodgdon of Whiskey Gap, Alta., Canada, a brother in Whiskey Gap and another brother, Lawrence, who is a mechanic in Browning.

CATHERINE HODGES

Born: September 1, 1884 - Died: July 27, 1968

Liberty County Times

August 1, 1968

Mrs. C. Hodges Dies

Mrs. Catherine Hodges, 87, of Joplin, died Saturday in the Chester hospital. Services were at the Joplin Lutheran Church at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Hodges was born in Oquawaka, Ill. She was married to James Hodges in February 1902. He died June 8, 1958. They came to Montana in 1912 and homesteaded north of Joplin. Aside from five years in Kalispell, Mrs. Hodges has lived in the Joplin area since then. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Maude VanDessel of Havre; sons, James of Wenatchee, Wash., Harold and William of Joplin, Donald of South St. Paul, Minn., and Eugene of Kalispell; a sister, Mrs. Mae Burton, Joplin, and a brother in Illinois, 16 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. C. Hodges July 31

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Catherine Hodges, 84, who died at the Liberty County Hospital, Saturday, July 27 at 2:30 p.m. were held Wednesday, July 31 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Pastor Donald Tigges officiating.

Mrs. Sanford Anderson was at the organ and the ladies of the Joplin Lutheran Choir sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "Come Unto Me."

Pallbearers were Robert, Norbert and Donald Van Dessel, Willis and Richard Hodges and Bert Alley. Ushers were Frank Meldrum, Cecil Heydon and George Colbry.

Burial was in the family plot in the Chester cemetery with Holland and Bonine in charge.

BETTY JEAN (PLUMMER) HUESTIS
Born: 1928 - Died: November 15, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 21, 1968

Three Killed at Rudyard Approach

A grinding two car crash at the intersection of U. S. Highway No. 2 and the road into Rudyard at about 11:45 last Friday night took the lives of three well-known Hill County residents.

Dead were LeRoy Huestis, 41; his wife Betty, 40, and Mrs. Harold Ramberg, 43, all of Gildford.

Harold A. Ramberg, 44, is in serious condition in Northern Montana Hospital East, Havre.

Also injured in the crash were the driver and passenger in the other car, Francis Paul Krezelak, 16, and Rex Swinney, 17, both of Havre. The youths are in Northern Montana Hospital East and they are reported in fair condition.

Highway Patrolman Harold Savik who investigated the accident said that the Swinney car driven by Krezelak was headed south on the Rudyard road approaching Highway 2. The Swinney car was hit by the car apparently driven by Ramberg who was headed west, the patrolman reported.

The front end of the Swinney car was sheared off and came to a halt positioned on the highway.

After the impact Ramberg's car went some 260 feet and off the highway to the left and into a field. The motor and other parts were scattered by the crash.

Huestis was believed killed instantly and Mrs. Huestis and Mrs. Ramberg were dead on arrival at the hospital.

Ambulances from Rudyard and Chester rushed the injured to the hospital.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Scherer assisted at the scene of the accident.

Investigation into the accident is continuing.

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The Huestis services were at 10 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Havre and burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Mrs. Ramberg's rites were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel. Burial also was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Rudyard officiated at both services.

LeRoy Huestis was born in Gildford and married Betty Jean Plummer in Havre Oct. 3, 1945. The couple are survived by seven children, Dianna, Ronald, Bonnie, Peggy, Mary, Deborah and Cindy.

Huestis is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Florence Huestis, Havre; a brother, Frank, and seven sisters, Mrs. Willard Purket and Mrs. Louis Paltrino, Havre; Mrs. Jerry Halter, Big Sandy, Mrs. Don Dahlberg, Brockton; Mrs. Lawrence Mord, Zurich; Mrs. Marion Streets and Mrs. Gordon Obie, Eugene, Ore.

Huestis was a member of the Gildford School Board.

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Huestis is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Florence Huestis, Havre; a brother, Frank, and seven sisters, Mrs. Willard Purket and Mrs. Louis Paltrino, Havre; Mrs. Jerry Halter, Big Sandy, Mrs. Don Dahlberg, Brockton; Mrs. Lawrence Mord, Zurich; Mrs. Marion Streets and Mrs. Gordon Obie, Eugene, Ore.

Huestis was a member of the Gildford School Board.

MRS. ANTONIA M. HYBNER
Born: January 14, 1888 - Died: March 19, 1968
Liberty County Times
March 28, 1968

Services Held for Antonia Hybner

Mrs. Antonia M. Hybner of Rudyard passed away in a Havre hospital March 19, 1968. Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Ransom Church at Hingham Saturday, March 23 at 11 a.m., with Father McHugh. Interment was in the Hingham cemetery.

Mrs. Hybner was born at Scotland, S. D. on Jan. 14, 1888 and as a young girl moved from South Dakota to Oregon with her parents and attended school there. She came to Montana in 1922 and married Frank M. Hybner July 3, 1922 at Hingham. They farmed north of Rudyard and moved into Rudyard in 1955 and have made their home there since.

Mr. Hybner passed away June 9, 1962. She was also preceded in death by an infant son, George and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Tortora and Miss Mary Mejstrik.

She is survived by sons Edward L. and Jerry M. of Rudyard and a daughter, Mrs. Martha Jurenka of Gildford; brothers Joe Mejstrik of Salem, Ore. and Frank Mejstrik of Anchorage, Alaska and a sister, Mrs. Julia Dilley of Portland, plus 12 grandchildren.

She was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church of Hingham and Holy Family Altar Society of Rudyard.

Rosary was recited at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church at Hingham at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Pallbearers were Raymond Warhank, Harlan Wendland, Leo Schweitzer, Morris Smith, Alfred Tollefson and Frank Chvilicek and the ushers were Jim and Leonard Chvilicek.

EVA LEOLA IRISH
Born: December 25, 1884 - Died: December 5, 1968
Liberty County Times
December 12, 1968



**Mrs. Eva Irish
Dies in Dillon**

Mrs. Eva Leola Irish, 83 passed away Dec. 5 in Barrett Memorial Hospital in Dillon after a short illness. She was born on a tree claim near Randolph, Nebraska Dec. 25, 1884. She was the second child in a family of seven of George Oakley and Lorena Lickiss Oakley. The Oakley family moved to this area, and homesteaded south of Chester.

Mrs. Irish attended Highland Park College in Sioux Falls, Iowa, and she was a long time school teacher in Iowa and Liberty County.

She was married to Mike Anglim and Sherman Irish, both homesteaders who preceeded her in death.

She returned recently to Dillon, after several years of residence in Chester.

In former years Mrs. Irish had been head cook at Western Montana College in Dillon. She is past noble grand of Rebekah lodge.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. George (Ruth) Heikkila of Dillon; two grandsons, Dr. Gerald Heikkila,

DDS, Fort Polk, La.; Ronald Heikkila, a student at USC at Los Angeles, Calif.; three great granddaughters, Terry Lynn, Tracie Jo and Wendi Marie Heikkila. Other survivors are two brothers, Perry Oakley of Superior, Mont. and Leslie Oakley of Paulsbo, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. John (Blanche) Hutchison of Chester and Mrs. T. F. (Edith) Witt of Hillsboro, Ore.; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends in both Chester and Dillon.

A brother Merle and a sister Ruth preceeded her in death.

Funeral services were held in the Brundage Funeral Home in Dillon Monday at 2 p.m. Rev. James Dickenson of Grace Methodist Church presided. Jean Wilson played the organ and Dr. Gerald Heikkila sang "The Lord's Prayer." Pallbearers were Russell Gray, Bud Gransberry, Holger Carlson, Art Bay, John Male-sich and Roy Smith, all of Dillon.

Earl Keith and Orville Brain from Chester attended the funeral.

GEORGE JANKE (SILENT GEORGE)
Born: January 6, 1903 - Died: May 10, 1968
Liberty County Times
May 23, 1968

**Graveside Services
For Silent George
Held, May 16**

Graveside services for George Janke (Silent George) 65, laborer, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 16 at the Chester Methodist Church with Pastor James Hanson in charge.

Janke died May 10 at his home in Chester.

He was born in Hector, Minn., Jan. 6, 1903. He was an army veteran of World War 2, and came to Chester in 1928.

Survivors include his mother in Hector.

Pallbearers were Bob Remington, Loyd Lund, Ron Hanson, Clark McBride, Hugo Fuhs and Henry Heimbigner.

NORTON JOHNSON
Born: ?, 1911 - Died: December ?, 1968
Liberty County Times
January 2, 1969

Norton Johnson Kremlin, Dies

Norton Johnson, 57, north Kremlin area farmer, died at a Havre hospital. Services were in the First Lutheran Church in Havre Saturday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Gerald Ebelt officiating.

He was born in Grygla, Minn. and married Mary Winter, Sept. 23, 1942 at Santa Monica. Survivors include the widow; six children, Carra, Conrad, Larry, Rodney, Kirk and Gretta; sisters, Mrs. Stan (Olga) Knutson, Kremlin, and Mrs. Pearl Wold, Havre; three brothers, Floyd and Curtis, Kremlin, and Alvin in Illinois. Johnson was a director of the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre and the Federal Land Bank. He was a member of the Hill County Fair Board, and was racing secretary of the Montana Quarter Horse Association. He formerly served on the Kremlin School Board.

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

The pallbearers were Earl Donovan, Keith Donovan, Arlen Knutson, Neil Johnson, Ken Purpura and Duane Havskjold.

John Haugen, Wilbur Rolston and Dean Hanson were ushers.

Pastor Larry Thompson and his wife sang "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." They were accompanied by Mrs. Donna Ellison.

The congregation sang "Holy Holy Holy" and "A Mighty Fortress."

ALVAH LOUIS JONES
Born: September 29, 1893 - Died: August 13, 1968
Liberty County Times
August 15, 1968

**Rites Held for
Former Hingham
Mayor Aug. 10**

Alvah Louis Jones, 74, former Hingham mayor, died Tuesday at a Havre hospital unit.

Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre with Requiem Mass celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery at Havre.

Mass was celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham with Rev. Joseph R. Retzel, S.J., officiating at the services.

Pallbearers were George Geray, Matt Lipp, Phil Lipp, Edwin Sorenson, John Morrissey and James Smrz. Ushers were James Muller and Joe Hanses Jr.

Alvah Jones was born Sept. 29, 1893 at Heron Lake, Minn. He was married there to the former Mary M. Hager June 1, 1915. The family moved to Hingham in 1926 and Jones operated a barber shop for 30 years. He also farmed in the area and was mayor of Hingham for some ten years.

Survivors include a son Roderick of Washington D. C.; a daughter, Mrs. Frank (Eunice) DeRosa of Havre; two sisters, Mrs. William (Evelyn) Soll of Helena and Mrs. Jessie Borden of St. Paul; a brother Victor of Hingham and four grandchildren. His wife preceeded him in death April 29, 1968.

Jones was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America.

FRANCES A. (PECINOVSKY) JURENKA
Born: March 4, 1890 - Died: November 25, 1968
Liberty County Times
December 5, 1968

Frances Jurenka
Died Nov. 25,
Services Nov. 29

Frances A. Jurenka, 78, died Monday at her home northwest of Hingham.

Rosaries were recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Ransom.

Mrs. Jurenka was born Frances Pecinovsky on March 4, 1890 at Prottin, Iowa. She came to Havre from Oklahoma in 1920 and taught school there and later north of Hingham and was married to Frank Joseph Jurenka Nov. 28, 1921, in Havre.

Her husband survives as do three children, Virgil Jurenka of Gildford, Mrs. Clarence (Marianne) Ramberg, Inverness and Mrs. Royal (Helen) Merrison, Davis, Calif.; a brother, Leo Pecenovsky of Hingham and 12 grandchildren.

She was a member of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of World War I, American Legion and a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church.

NORMAN WESLEY KAERCHER
Born: ? - Died: August ?, 1968
Liberty County Times
August 15, 1968

Norman Kaercher
Funeral Thursday

Norman Wesley Kaercher, 82, retired Rudyard area farmer, died at a Havre hospital. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Born at Zurich, Ontario; came to this country in 1905 and lived at Osnebrook, N. D., homesteaded 20 miles north of Rudyard in 1912. After he retired in 1948, he moved into Havre. Married in 1917 at Goldstone to Betty Eunice Angus. She preceded him in death as did two infant sons. Surviving are three sons, Lorn, Billings, Eugene of Harlem, and Lloyd of Havre; a brother and five sisters, out of state.

MELVIN J. KAUSHAGEN
Born: 1892 - Died: September ?, 1968
Liberty County Times
September 19, 1968

J. Kaushagen
Dies, Rites
Sat., Hamilton

Melvin J. Kaushagen, 76, died in a Hamilton hospital. He was born at Moorhead, Minn., and homesteaded near Box Elder about 1914. Later he lived for 25 years in Chester, where he was employed as a grain purchaser by General Mills, Inc. Retiring in 1956, he moved to Hamilton. He married Gladys Garrison in July 1931 at Missoula. The widow survives, along with daughter, Ingrid, Hamilton; son Edwin, Missoula. Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Hamilton.

JENNY LEE KEITH
Born: October 13, 1951 - Died: April 7, 1968
Liberty County Times
April 11, 1968

Funeral for Jenny Keith Held Wed.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester for Jenny Lee Keith, with Rev. Lawrence Thompson of Rudyard, officiating.

Jenny, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keith, died enroute to a Great Falls hospital on Palm Sunday, April 7, from injuries she sustained in an accident which occurred earlier that day.

Born in Havre on Oct. 13, 1950, Jenny had lived her entire life on the family farm south of Chester, and at their home in town. She was a senior in the Chester High School and a member of the Lutheran Church.

During her 17 years, she was active in GAA, FHA, 4-H, Pep club, Rainbow Girls, Luther League, chorus, Speech club, and a queen candidate for the Sweetheart's Ball. During her senior year, she was president of the Pep club, flag bearer, vice president of the Luther League, Miss Liberty for the talent program, on the annual staff, Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow Assembly No. 63, and had one of the leading roles in the senior class play.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keith, sisters Earlene, Ryndee and Rhonda, grandmother Florence Trovatten, several great-aunts and great uncles, cousins and numerous friends.

At her services, the choir, composed of members of the Lutheran, Methodist and high school choirs, and directed by Mary Ann Peterson, sang "In the Garden" and "Somebody Did a Golden Deed." They were accompanied by Blanche Remington.

In charge of the Memorial Guest Register was Colleen Morrissey. Helpers were Krystal Keith, Kimberly Keith and Dawn Shepherd.

Ushers were Bob Remington, Elmer Rude, Leo Jensen, Ed Kulpas, Emmers Berg, Quannah Bailey, Dean Wolfe, Kenny Wolfe, Dale Nelson, Roger Wolfe and Gary Jensen. Pallbearers were Larry Hanson, Ronald Groseclose, Mike Laird, Bob Hemmer, Bob Dafeo and Tyrone Rockman. The remaining members of the senior class served as honorary pallbearers.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

A Memorial Of

Jenny Lee Keith

1951

Oct. 13, 1951 In Havre Montana

Services At

At The

Lutheran Church

Chester Montana

April 10, 1968 2:00 P. M.

With Rev. Lawrence Thompson

Interment

In The

Chester Cemetery

1 Killed, 2 Hospitalized, Highway Accident Sun.

Jenny Lee Keith, 17, Chester, succumbed enroute to Great Falls by ambulance Sunday night, from injuries she sustained Sunday afternoon in a one car accident which occurred on U. S. Highway No. 2, four miles east of Chester.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Keith.

Taken to the Liberty County Hospital were Edith Lee Hainline, 18, and Sherrill Leann Swank, 17, both of Chester.

Highway Patrolman Harold Savik of Havre who investigated the accident with Sheriff Bob Remington of Chester said the 1966 Chevrolet car driven by Miss Keith was headed toward Chester and had come around a curve when control was apparently lost on a straight stretch of highway. The car left the road and went about 300 feet, overturning several times and coming to a halt on its wheels.

Miss Keith and Miss Swank were thrown from the rolling car.

The accident occurred about 4:40 p.m.

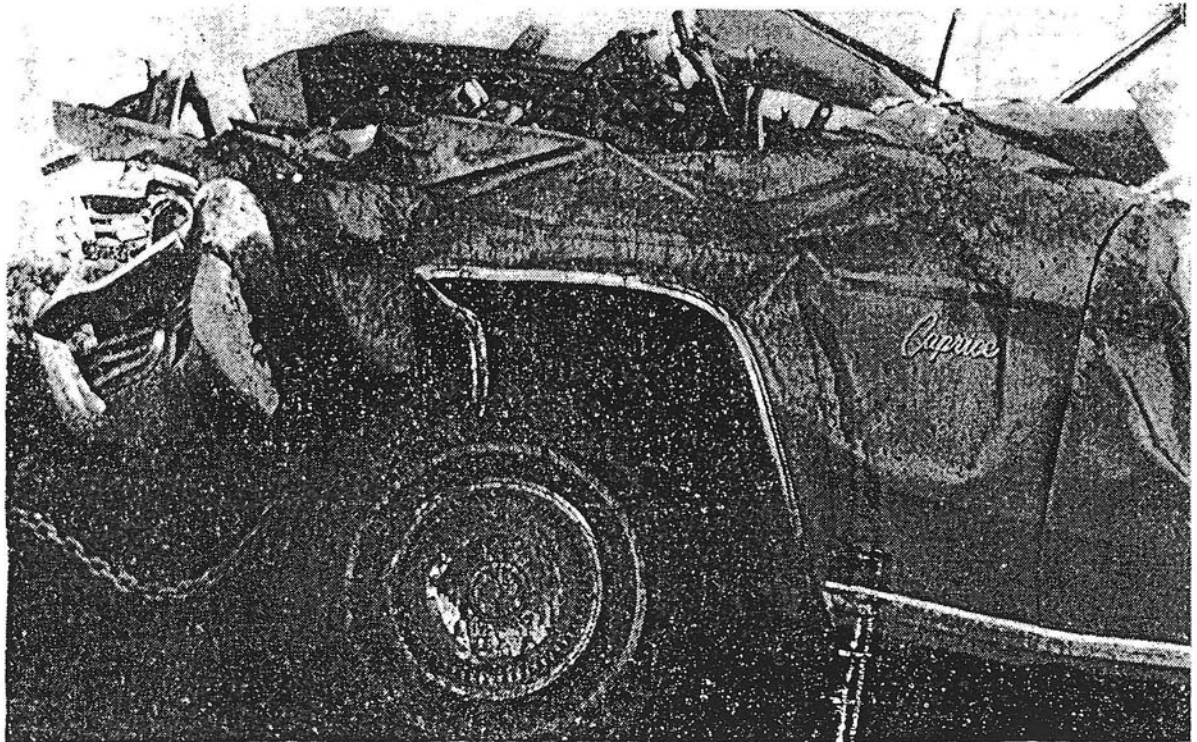
The death was the second traffic fatality in Liberty County in recent weeks. On March 10 Harley Shepherd was killed in a train-car collision in Chester. Previous to that time Liberty County had gone over two years without a traffic fatality.

Funeral services were held in the Chester Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by three sisters, Earlene, Ryndee and Rhonda and grandmother, Mrs. Florence Trovatten.

Jenny was a very popular senior of Chester High School. She was a past worthy advisor of the Rainbow Girls and only two weeks ago was master of ceremonies for the Liberty Lights The Way talent show in Chester. She was a member of the high school chorus, and last Friday played one of the lead parts in the Chester High School senior class play.

She was president of the Pep club, and active in many other groups at Chester High School. She was also an active member of the Luther League.



ACCIDENT CAR—about 5 p.m. Sunday this car went out of control on Highway 2, near 4 miles east of Chester. Jenny Keith

died of injuries sustained in the accident. Two other Chester High School students were hospitalized.

JACK KELSO
Born: ? - Died: January 30, 1968
Liberty County Times
March 14, 1968

Word has been received that Jack Kelso passed away in Lewiston, Idaho Jan. 30. His wife is in a nursing home there. They homesteaded near the Bruck school house north of Joplin. Their son Leo and family live at 628 Cedar Ave., Lewiston, Idaho 83501.

LEONARD E. KENFIELD

Born: August 23, 1908 - Died: February 3, 1968

Liberty County Times

February 8, 1968

Leonard Kenfield Died in Accident

Funeral service for Leonard E. Kenfield, 59, Montana Farmers Union president and former Hill County resident, were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the T. F. O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls with the Rev. Jacob Beck officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Kenfield was killed Saturday in a car-truck collision three miles west of Three Forks. He was a passenger in an auto driven by J. Thomas Ryan, 52, secretary-treasurer of MFU.

Ryan is in the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls and his condition is reported fair. He suffered multiple fractures. Occupants of the truck were not hospitalized.



Leonard E. Kenfield

Kenfield was born Aug. 23, 1908 at Barton, N. D. and attended rural Minnesota schools. He was graduated from Inverness High School and a member of the 1927-28 Hi-Line Championship basketball team.

Kenfield was a graduate of the University of Montana at Missoula with a degree in economics and did post graduate work in education.

Kenfield was superintendent of Kremlin schools and was a teacher and administrator in other Montana schools for nine years before going with the Farmers Union in 1946. At

tor and administrator for the Alaska Division of the Air Transport Command. In this period he was an instructor in Great Falls at Malmstrom Air Force Base.

From 1947 until 1955 Kenfield was editor and publicity director for the MFU and served as vice president for a year, until election as president in 1956. He had been re-elected each year since then. He became a member of the National Farmers Union executive committee in March 1957.

As chief executive of the MFU he was an indefatigable fighter for the rights of the farmer and spoke out frequently for preservation of the family-type farm and ranch.

Survivors besides a daughter, Mrs. Daryl (Angela) Yada and three grandsons of Great Falls include two sisters and five brothers. The sisters are Mrs. William (Olive) Kiemele, Havre and Mrs. Obert (Alice) Sanvik of Rudyard. The brothers are Bernard, Columbia Falls; Lester, Inverness; Clifford, Pasco, Wash.; Orville, Othello, Wash. and Irvin, Seattle, Wash.

GARY LEE LAMBOTT
Born: August 3, 1940 - Died: May 13, 1968
Liberty County Times
May 23, 1968

**Military Services
for Gary Lambott**

Gary Lee Lambott was born August 3, 1940 in Havre. He attended school at Rudyard.



Gary Lee Lambott

In November 1957 he entered the Navy and upon completion of school he served aboard the U. S. S. Perkins and the U. S. S. Saint Paul. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in July of 1961.

December 1961 he joined the Army and had served tours in Korea, Vietnam and Germany. He was a skilled aircraft mechanic and technical inspector.

Gary died as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Mannheim, Germany on May 13, 1968. He was a member of the 97th Sig. B. N. Ava. Det.

He is survived by his mother, Melissa Perkins of Anna Maria, Florida; two brothers Louis of Seattle, Washington, Ron of Springfield, Mo; three sisters, Jean of Joplin, Ginger of Madras, Oregon, and Crystle of Cleveland, Ohio.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 20 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, officiated by Rev. Albert Gackle.

Graveside services were held at the Rudyard cemetery with military honors which included a 21 gun salute. Pallbearers, firing squad and bugler were provided by 208th Sig Co., Fort Lewis, Washington, commanded by Capt. Nicholas Leopoldus.

The interment flag was presented to his mother by Sp5 Keith Shields, Military Escort of 97th Sig. B. N. Ava Det. under 7th United States Army in Germany.

ARNOLD F. (BUD) LANGEL
Born: July 30, 1930 - Died: August 22, 1968
Liberty County Times
September 5, 1968

Rites Held for
A. (Bud) Langel
Aug. 27, Hingham

Arnold F. (Bud) Langel, 38, Rudyard area farmer, died Aug. 22 at the Chester hospital.

Rosary was recited Saturday, Aug. 24 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and Sunday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Requiem Mass was celebrated Tuesday, Aug. 27 at the church in Hingham.

Langel was born July 30, 1930 at Havre. He attended Rudyard schools and Northern Montana College and was engaged in farming 20 miles north of Rudyard. He was a former member of the Goldstone Community School Board.

Survivors include the widow, Alice, to whom he was married Feb. 1, 1955 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and six children, Eugene, Marietta, Billy, Judy, Janet and Dennis, all at home.

Also surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Langel of Rudyard; four brothers, Duane, Gerald and Stanley of Rudyard and Richard of Denver, Colo. and five sisters, Mrs. William Miller of Salem, Ore., Mrs. Lillian Frank of Lewistown, Mrs. Lloyd Kaercher of Havre, Mrs. Robert Brandt and Miss Dorothy Langel of Rudyard.

Langel was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham.

GEORGE E. LAUENER
Born: September 23, 1899 - Died: October 31, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 7, 1968

**George E. Lauener
Died October 31
In GF Hospital**

George E. Lauener, 69, Whitlash cattleman, died Thursday in a Great Falls hospital.

Born Sept. 23, 1899 at Chewelah, Wash., he came to Montana when his parents homesteaded in the state in 1900. He subsequently expanded their holdings and operated the ranch all his adult life. He was a member of the Elks Club.

Survivors include the widow, Helen; a daughter, Mrs. William (Diane) English, Helena; and one granddaughter.

Services and burial will be at Whitlash.

FLORENCE M. LEASE
Born: August 2, 1923 - Died: November 1, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 7, 1968

Woman Dies in Fall From Truck Cab

A Seeley Lake woman was killed instantly early Friday morning two miles east of the Clearwater Junction after she fell from the cab of a truck.

Florence M. Lease was born Aug. 2, 1923 in Minnesota. She married Paul Lease at Little Falls, Minn., in 1947. She and her husband came to Seeley Lake three years ago from Great Falls.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Milton, John, Dennis and Gary, Seeley Lake. Her father, Daniel Wood, Onamia, Minn., two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Kimmons, Onamia and Mrs. Dorothy Dye, Rockford, Minn., and seven brothers, James, Merle, and Richard of Lincoln, Harry of Missoula, John of Rudyard and Robert of Ely, Minn.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Seeley Lake at 10 a.m. and interment was at Conrad.

ORVILLE D. LOVE
Born: February 21, 1909 - Died: October 4, 1968
Liberty County Times
October 10, 1968

**Orville Love, 59
Died October 4
Services October 7**

Orville D. Love, 59, Rudyard farmer passed away at Liberty County Hospital in Chester Friday, October 4 after a brief illness.

Love was born February 21, 1909, in Bozeman, Montana, to Mr. and Mrs. Byron Love. He came to Rudyard in 1911 and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1925. He attended college at MSU in Bozeman. He was married to Barbara Schofield on March 14, 1942 in Chinook, Montana, who survives.

He was active in community affairs in Rudyard all of his life. He was a member of the Rudyard Commercial Club and the Hill County Planning Council. He was Past Master of Joplin lodge 116 AF & AM. He was Past Patron of Joplin Chapter 109 O. E. S. and he was also Past Noble Grand Hingham Lodge I. O. O. F. Encampment.

Besides his widow, Barbara, he is survived by a brother, Iver of Laramie, Wyoming.

Funeral services were held at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre at 2 p.m. Oct. 7 with Rev.

Herman Kooy officiating, burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Pallbearers were Harold Brandt, Frank O'Neil, Henry Hansen, Bill Yackley, David James and Howard Hall. Ushers were Howard DeMartin and Arnold Golberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bailey sang "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by Mrs. Bailey.

Masonic ritual was conducted at the graveside by Joplin Lodge 116.

ROBERT MATKIN
Born: May 20, 1916 - Died: November 7, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 13, 1968

**Funeral Held For
 Bob Matkin Sat.**

Robert Matkin, 52, owner of Liberty County Abstract Co., Chester, died suddenly Thursday morning of a heart attack. He died in the local hospital, where he had been a patient only a few hours. He had not been ill, and his sudden death came as a shock to his family and his many friends in the community.

Robert Ernest Matkin was born May 20, 1916, at Carter, the son of the late Loudon E. and Lora R. Matkin. He grew up in Lothair, and graduated from Chester High School.

He entered the US Army May 16, 1942. He was discharged Feb. 8, 1946 in Japan and worked in civilian work in Korea. He later worked at Kalispell, where he met and married



Bob Matkin

Lyla M. Nygaard. They moved to Chester to make their home; and he has owned and operated the Liberty County Abstract Company.

Very active in community and church affairs, he was currently serving as president of the Council of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, a member of the VFW, and the American Legion, and the Masonic Lodge. He had received many awards for his service to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Surviving are his wife, Lyla; children, Paula and Kent; three brothers: Harold and Loren Matkin of Butte and Randall of Warren, Mich.; one sister, Barbara Walden of San Leandro, Calif.; two aunts, Mrs. Lillian Hitchcock of Great Falls and Mrs. Edna Mae Clemens of Orient, Iowa and several nieces and nephews.

One brother, John Richard, died in 1935.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Pastor Noel Petersen officiating. Interment was in the Chester cemetery with military honors.

Mrs. Bob Remington was at the organ and the choir sang two selections "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "Abide With Me." The congregation sang "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less."

Pallbearers were Darby O'Brien, Clarence Peterson, Quannah Bailey, Albert Hanson, Neil Shepherd, and Vern Cramer.

Ushers were Leo Jensen, Clifford Hanson Jr. and Ronald Hanson.

In Memory Of
 Robert E. Matkin
 born
 May 20, 1916 in Carter Mont.
 Services
 At The
 Lutheran Church
 Chester Montana
 Nov. 9, 1968 2:00 P. M.
 With Pastor Noel Peterson
 Interment
 in the
 Chester Montana Cemetery

JAMES HARVEY MCALEAR
Born: June 25, 1900 - Died: October 25, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 7, 1968

**J. H. McAlear Dies
At Red Lodge Fri.**

James Harvey McAlear, 68, former Liberty County attorney, died at his home in Red Lodge Friday of uremic poisoning. His illness was of short duration, and death was unexpected. Funeral services were held in the Polson Methodist Church Tuesday morning.

McAlear graduated from Polson High School in 1917. He graduated from the Montana law school in 1926. He was Liberty County attorney from 1927 until 1939. He has practiced law in Red Lodge since 1945.

**Services Held For
James H. McAlear**

James Harvey McAlear, 68, a prominent Red Lodge attorney, died at his home early Friday morning, Oct. 25.

He was born in Chillicothe, Mo., June 25, 1900, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George McAlear. They moved to Polson, where he attended school and was graduated in 1917 from Polson High School.

Upon graduating from the University of Montana Pre-legal School and the Montana School of Law in 1926, he was county attorney of Liberty County from 1927 to 1939. Then he was U. S. attorney, War Agency of Nevada, from 1942 to 1945. He has been a practicing attorney in Red Lodge since 1945 and had been city attorney for Red Lodge since 1950.

He married Helen Fenzl in Reno, Nev., Sept. 22, 1944.

He was a member of the Rotary club, American Trial Lawyers Assn. and the Montana Trial Lawyers Assn.

Survivors include the widow of Red Lodge; two sons, James H. Jr., of Washington, D. C. and Allen of Bozeman; three daughters, Mrs. Patrick Elsberry of Missoula, Susan Elizabeth, a student at the University of Montana, and Margaret Ellen of the family home; three brothers, J. F. McAlear and Rex McAlear of Polson and Murl McAlear of Superior.

Services were Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Red Lodge Community church with Rev. Orville Zimmerman officiating.

Services were held in Polson Tuesday in the Methodist church. Burial was in the family plot at Polson.

Pallbearers were Jack Ross, Hubert Simmons, Robert Conwell, William Kelly, James Battin and Guida Marchello.

—Carbon County News, Red Lodge

GARY MCCRACKEN
Born: ?, 1937 - Died: January 29, 1968
Liberty County Times
February 1, 1968

Ledger Man Found Dead in Garage

Conrad - Gary McCracken, 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCracken, Ledger, was found dead about 11 a.m. Monday by Gordon King, who resides one mile east of Valier on Highway 216.

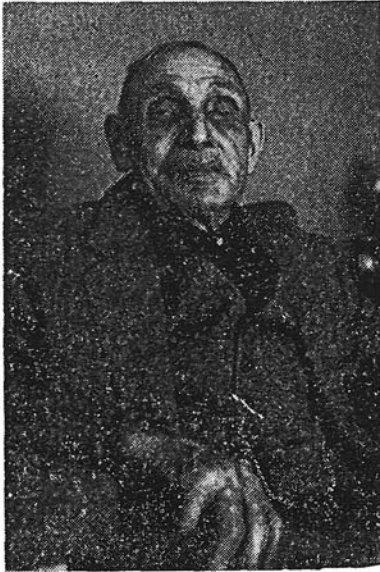
The body was found in a vehicle in a garage on the King farm. McCracken apparently sought shelter refuge from the cold after his car entered the barrow pit and became stuck several hundred yards from the King place.

Death apparently was caused by carbon monoxide. The garage door was closed.

McCracken had been dead several hours when found.

GEORGE MEISSNER
Born: April 15, 1874 - Died: June 8, 1968
Liberty County Times
June 7, 1968

George Meissner, 94, Died Sunday



George Meissner

George Meissner, 94, believed to be Liberty County's oldest resident, died Sunday following an operation on a broken hip.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church Tuesday morning and burial was in the Chester cemetery. Survivors include his widow, one daughter Margaret and six sons, George Jr., Frank, Joe, Ernest, Lawrence and Paul, all of Chester. Father Beemster conducted the funeral. Pallbearers were the six sons of the deceased. Rosary was recited at 8:30 Monday evening.

George Meissner Sr. was born in Bavaria, Germany April 15, 1874. He served in the German army for two years and after he had been out for about a year he decided to come to the United States. He made the trip from Rotterdam to New York by steamship in 1897. From New York he journeyed to Michigan and worked in lumber camps there and in Wisconsin. Two years later the snow

was so deep during the winter that logging became impossible and many workers were laid off, he among them. Then he went to Minnesota and got employment on the Great Northern Railroad and came out west, ending up in Havre. After working on the section for about two years they decided to hire Japanese to do this kind of work so he was once again out of employment.

After this he went to work for "Dutch Ed" Trommer and during that time he took up a homestead on part of what is now the Laas ranch. A few years later he left the Trommer ranch and started working for L. D. Pugsley on the Marias river. He worked there for about nine years and for about four years he was foreman.

After he quit working on the Pugsley ranch he returned to Germany and married Margaret Eckert. In 1912 they both came to Montana and bought a place on the Marias river owned by Adolph Stipman, and except for the winter months of 11 years spent in Great Falls, they had lived on the same ranch.

He had often said that when he first came to Montana they were surveying to build a dam on the Marias river, but never really believed it would be done until the project was completed. He witnessed the flood that occurred in 1948 and remembered a similar flood which occurred almost 40 years to the day, before. In March of 1917 there was an ice jam which caused the water to come in to the house they were living in at that time.

JOHN FRANCIS MORAN
Born: March 22, 1901 - Died: August 12, 1968
Liberty County Times
August 15, 1968

**Funeral Wed.
For J. F. Moran**

Funeral services for John Francis Moran, 67, Lothair farmer and brother of Mrs. Ray (Katherine) Holderbau, 210 16th St. N., Great Falls were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Burial was in the Lothair Cemetery.

Moran died Monday in the Chester hospital. He had been ill since March.

Moran, a bachelor, was born in Mapes, N. D., March 22, 1901. He had been engaged in farming with the Archie and Willis Violett families in Lothair for 54 years.

Survivors are the sister here and another sister, Mrs. Casey (Mary) McEachern, Mullan, Idaho; brothers, Donald J. of Shelby and Clement (Mike) of Anaconda, nieces and nephews.

PAUL G. NYGAARD
Born: April 21, 1894 - Died: June 11, 1968
Herald News, Wolf Point, Mt.
June 13, 1968

18 Great Falls Tribune Thursday, June 13, 1968

Nygaard Rites Friday At 2 P.M. in Wolf Point

By Tribune Correspondent
WOLF POINT — Paul G. Nygaard, 74, pioneer resident of Wolf Point, died at the local hospital after a long illness.

He was born in 1894 at Esdail, Wis., and lived at Nevis, Minn., until coming to Wolf Point in April 1917. He worked in construction and helped build many of the original Wolf Point buildings.

After service in World War I, on May 17, 1920, he married Margaret Yuly in Wolf Point. In 1921 they started farming 10 miles northwest of Wolf Point. They moved to the city in 1935.

He continued construction work and farming.

Active in civic affairs, he was a member and past chairman of the Trinity Hospital Board.

past president of the Lions Club and the City Council, past commander of the Legion Post here, and a member, director and past president of the Chamber of Commerce. Nygaard was instrumental in the operation of the annual Wolf Point Stampede.

Survivors include the widow; sons, Burle and Morris, Wolf Point; daughters, Mrs. Donald Sethre, Wolf Point; Mrs. Robert Matkin, Chester; two brothers and three sisters in Minnesota, and 15 grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, Wolf Point, with Rev. David Larson officiating, burial in the Greenwood Cemetery under direction of Clayton Memorial Chapel.

Rites Set for Friday For Paul G. Nygaard, Farmer, Civic Leader

Funeral services for Paul G. Nygaard, farmer and Wolf Point civic leader, who died Tuesday evening in Trinity Hospital, will be held Friday from the First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point. Pastor David Larson will be in charge of the services set for 2 p.m.

Mr. Nygaard was born April 21, 1894 in Esdail, Wisconsin. He came to Wolf Point in April of 1917 where he was engaged in carpenter work and helped to build many of the original buildings in Wolf Point. Following his service in World War I, he returned to Wolf Point in 1919 where he started farming ten miles northwest of the city. He moved his residence to Wolf Point in 1935 and continued farming until he became ill.

Mr. Nygaard was an active member in community affairs. He was a member of the Lions Club, an American Legion Commander, Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Trinity Hospital board and president of the City Council. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church.

Mr. Nygaard was married to Margaret L. Yuly May 17, 1920 in Wolf Point. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters and have 15 grandchildren.

Survivors include the widow, Margaret; sons, Burle and Morris of Wolf Point; daughters, Mrs. Donald (Elaine) Sethre of Wolf Point and Mrs. Robert (Lyla) Matkin of Chester; two brothers, R. E. of Nevis, Minn. and Leonard of Minneapolis; three sisters, Mrs. Holger Hagen of Garvin, Minn., Mrs. Camilla Farrington and Mrs. Rudolph Johnson of Minneapolis.



PAUL G. NYGAARD

Pallbearers will be Vince Nedrud, Jim Hotvedt, Jim Larson, Marshall Winship, George Loendorf and Everal Bilyeu. Honorary pallbearers will be Roy Hansen, Paul Johnson, Einar Lund Sr., C. P. Swedberg, John Anderson and John Greenwood. Interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery with Clayton Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.

BERTHA B. POETZL
Born: January 16, 1885 - Died: January 28, 1968
Liberty County Times
February 1, 1968

**Mrs. Bertha Poetzl
Died; Funeral
Held Wednesday**

Mrs. Bertha Barbara Poetzl, 83 of Joplin, died Sunday at the Chester hospital.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre and burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Poetzl was born Jan. 16, 1885 in Castleton, N. D., the daughter of Ernst and Bertha Polzin Kellermann. She married Joseph Karl Poetzl on Nov. 8, 1905 at Winona, Minn. The couple came to Montana from Springdale, Wash. in 1912 and homesteaded and farmed since that time in the Joplin area. Mr. Poetzl died March 25, 1966.

Survivors include two sons, Franklin Karl and Herbert Joseph, both of Joplin.

Mrs. Poetzl was a member of the Joplin Lutheran Church and the Royal Neighbors of America.

**Funeral Services
For Mrs. Bertha
Poetzl Held**

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha B. Poetzl of Joplin were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home with Rev. Donald Tigges officiating.

Mrs. Poetzl, 83, died Sunday, Jan. 28 at the Chester hospital.

Mrs. L. Anderson, organist accompanied a choir in three hymns, "My Jesus, I Love Thee," "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "The Old Rugged Cross." The choir was composed of Mrs. Cliff Anderson, Mrs. Berger Johnson Jr., Mrs. Prosper Anderson, Mrs. Gerald Thorson, Mrs. Ed Mlinar, Mrs. Elmer Hadford and Mrs. Frank Meldrum.

Pallbearers were Frank Meldrum, Elwin Cady, Paul Johnson, Ed Mlinar, Leslie Mlinar and Homer Kinyon. Harley Rudolph ushered.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

PHYLLIS LARSON RAMBERG
Born: 1925 - Died: November 15, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 21, 1968

Three Killed at Rudyard Approach

A grinding two car crash at the intersection of U. S. Highway No. 2 and the road into Rudyard at about 11:45 last Friday night took the lives of three well-known Hill County residents.

Dead were LeRoy Huestis, 41; his wife Betty, 40, and Mrs. Harold Ramberg, 43, all of Gildford.

Harold A. Ramberg, 44, is in serious condition in Northern Montana Hospital East, Havre.

Also injured in the crash were the driver and passenger in the other car, Francis Paul Krezelak, 16, and Rex Swinney, 17, both of Havre. The youths are in Northern Montana Hospital East and they are reported in fair condition.

Highway Patrolman Harold Savik who investigated the accident said that the Swinney car driven by Krezelak was headed south on the Rudyard road approaching Highway 2. The Swinney car was hit by the car apparently driven by Ramberg who was headed west, the patrolman reported.

The front end of the Swinney car was sheared off and came to a halt positioned on the highway.

After the impact Ramberg's car went some 260 feet and off the highway to the left and into a field. The motor and other parts were scattered by the crash.

Huestis was believed killed instantly and Mrs. Huestis and Mrs. Ramberg were dead on arrival at the hospital.

Ambulances from Rudyard and Chester rushed the injured to the hospital.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Scherer assisted at the scene of the accident.

Investigation into the accident is continuing.

Double funeral services were held Tuesday for Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Huestis, Gildford area farm couple and rites were Wednesday for Mrs. Harold Ramberg, also of Gildford.

The Huestis services were at 10 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Havre and burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Mrs. Ramberg's rites were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel. Burial also was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Rudyard officiated at both services.

LeRoy Huestis was born in Gildford and married Betty Jean Plummer in Havre Oct. 3, 1945. The couple are survived by seven children, Dianna, Ronald, Bonnie, Peggy, Mary, Deborah and Cindy.

Huestis is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Florence Huestis, Havre; a brother, Frank, and seven sisters, Mrs. Willard Purket and Mrs. Louis Paltrino, Havre; Mrs. Jerry Halter, Big Sandy, Mrs. Don Dahlberg, Brockton; Mrs. Lawrence Mord, Zurich; Mrs. Marion Streets and Mrs. Gordon Obie, Eugene, Ore.

Huestis was a member of the Gildford School Board.

MARTHA LOUISE (STROCK) ROSS
Born: September 26, 1885 - Died: July 11, 1968
Liberty County Times
August 8, 1968

**Mrs. G. W. Ross,
82, Dies; Rites
Held July 15**

Funeral services were held at the Dowling Chapel Monday afternoon for Mrs. George W. Ross, 82, of Hamilton who died at Daly Hospital July 11. She had been in poor health for some time. Interment was made in Riverview Cemetery.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Howard Lehn.

Pallbearers were Robert Mathews, Harlan Mathews, Steve Moen, Bruce Kidder, Donnie Martin and Gary Moen.

Martha Louise Strock was born Sept. 26, 1885 at Warren, Ohio. The family moved to Indiana where she grew up near Syracuse. She married George W. Ross Sept. 15, 1908 in Indiana and they moved two years later to Chester, Mont. to homestead. In 1948 they moved to Oaksdale, Wash. and in November 1966 to Hamilton. Mr. Ross was an electrician by trade until retiring. Their home has been at 607 Adirondack.

Mrs. Ross was a member of the Presbyterian church at Oaksdale. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star chapter at Eureka.

Surviving beside the widower is a son, G. E. (Ed) Ross of Helena, former longtime Hamiltonian; daughters Mrs. Harry (Louise) Lane, Mrs. S. Dan (Helen) Kidder, both of Missoula, Mrs. Charles H. (Margorie) Martin, Regent, N. D., Mrs. Burton (Gwenith) Moen, Kalispell, Mrs. Lester (Georgie) Mathews, Hamilton; brother, Don Strock, Avilla, Ind.; sister, Mrs. Louis A. (Georgie) Schwan, Fort Wayne, In.; 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

WILLIAM H. SCHAFER
Born: July 24, 1881 - Died: September 10, 1968
Liberty County Times
September 19, 1968

**Funeral Services for William
Schafer Held Friday**



William H. Schafer

Well known pioneer rancher of the Sweet Grass Hills, William H. Schafer passed away Sept. 10 in Seattle, Wash. He was born in Lancaster, Mo., July 24, 1881. As a young man he worked in Kansas and Nevada and in 1902 came to Billings. In the spring of 1903 he rode horseback in to the Sweet Grass Hills. Believing this to be an ideal location he took up a homestead on the north side of East Butte, residing on his original homestead, still an active rancher, 65 years later, at time of death.

He was married to Mary Rogers Aug. 7, 1918 in Spokane, Wash. They engaged in cattle ranching for many years having raised purebred Hereford cattle.

He served as Liberty County Commissioner, was a member of the Elks Lodge and Montana Stockgrowers Association. He served as president of the Sweet Grass Hills Livestock Association.

He leaves to mourn his passing his widow, Mary, and two daughters, Mrs. Norman Engstrom and Mrs. Robert Brauer of Bellevue, Wash.; grandchildren Mark and Carrie Engstrom; sister, Mrs. Louis Tadlock; brother, Henry of Lancaster, Mo.

Memorial services were held Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. in the Whitlash Presbyterian Church with burial in the Whitlash cemetery. Ushers were Claude Demarest and Nelson Bingham. Pallbearers were George Launer, Edgard Woods, Troy Lakey, John Dolezal, Matt Furnell and Bill Brower.

ANTON SCHWEITZER
Born: 1905 - Died: August 21, 1968
Liberty County Times
September 5, 1968

Anton Schweitzer Funeral Services

Rosary for Anton Schweitzer was recited at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Hingham Catholic Church and again at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham with Rev. Francis B. McHugh, O. Praem., officiating.

Pallbearers were Leon Mangold, Joe Mangold, Frank Heck, Kenneth Afdahl, Tom Roth and Phil Lipp. Honorary pallbearers were Clarence Wendland, Erwin Afdahl, Gene Petrick, John Chinadle, Clarence Wehr, and Andy Mangold. Ed Sorenson and Tony Jochim ushered.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery at Havre.

Mr. Schweitzer, 63, died Aug. 21.

GARY MATTHEW SEIDLITZ
Born: November 5, 1966 - Died: September 20, 1968
Liberty County Times
September 26, 1968

Seidlitz Infant Dies Suddenly

Gary Matthew Seidlitz, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Seidlitz of Chester passed away suddenly Friday morning, after an illness of only a few hours. He would have been two years old Nov. 5. Death was attributed to tracheo-bronchitis.

Mass of the Angels was recited by Father Beemster in St. Mary Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Monday. Burial was in the local Catholic cemetery. In addition to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Seidlitz, the boy is survived by five brothers, John Jr., Mark, Roger, Kelly and Paul and a sister, Ann.

His father, Jack, is the manager of the Liberty County ASCS office.

HARLEY GENE SHEPHERD
Born: April 17, 1946 - Died: March 10, 1968
Liberty County Times
March 14, 1968

**Services Held for
Harley Shepherd**

Funeral services for Harley Gene Shepherd were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Chester Methodist Church with Rev. James Hansen officiating.

Shepherd, 21, died following a car-train accident in Chester March 10.

A sextette composed of Dorothy Brown, Meredith Anderson, Mary Ann Peterson, Ruth Barrett, Charles Helmbrecht and Fred Barrett sang "How Great Thou Art," "I Need Thee Every Hour" and "God Would Take Care of You" accompanied at the organ by Marion Thielman.

Pallbearers were Douglas Shepherd, Wayne Wardell, David Mattson, Roger Schaefer, Neil Bredeson, William Morkrid, John Kammerzell and Richard Thielges.

Honorary pallbearers were Danny Shepherd, Neil Eveland, Cliff Christenot, Hal Dafoe, Marvin Hofer, Arthur Lalum, Robert Sherrard, Lee Ray Staudacher, David Wenum and Donald Heimbigner.

Ushers were Robert Nordstrom, Dan Harmon, Steve Romain, Ronnie Ward, Mark Leighton, Carmen Jensen and Henry Black.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

One person was fatally injured and two were hospitalized in an early Sunday morning train car collision in Chester. Harley Shepherd, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shepherd of Chester died of injuries about four hours after the crash. Helen Aaberge, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Aaberge, and Vicky Darnall, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darnall of Chester were hospitalized.

The fatal crash occurred at the railroad crossing in the center of Chester on first street east about 1:40 a.m. Sunday involving a Great Northern freight train and a 1965 Chevrolet station wagon. The east bound train, traveling at the speed of 63 miles per hour at the time of the crash, hit the car on the left front fender, spinning the car around with such force that all three passengers were thrown out of the car. The rear section of the car was heavily damaged when it was thrown into the moving train.



Harley Shepherd

The Liberty County ambulance was immediately summoned along with Dr. Richard Buker. The passengers were taken to the Liberty County Hospital where Shepherd died at 3:45 a.m. Shepherd was semi-conscious right after the accident but lost consciousness after being admitted to the hospital.

Shepherd suffered fatal head injuries which according to investigating officers were believed to have been caused after he was thrown out of the car onto the rails of the passing track just south of the main

track. Helen Aaberge suffered a broken leg and is in satisfactory condition. Vicky Darnall was hospitalized for observation and suffered several bruises. She was released Sunday forenoon.

Engineer of the train, No. 488, was Fred Sheldon and the conductor, Thomas A. Duncan, both of Havre. Driver of the car was at first not determined, but after further investigation Shepherd was identified as the driver. The car was owned by Robert and Zola Darnall. The investigation was conducted by Highway Patrolman Nick Wood of Havre and Sheriff Bob Remington.

Funeral service for Harley Shepherd will be held this (Thursday) afternoon in Chester at the Methodist Church. Shepherd was born April 7, 1946 and grew up on the family farm five miles south of Chester. He attended Chester schools, graduating from high school in 1964. Shepherd was discharged from the U. S. Army in September 1967 after serving two years.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shepherd, one sister, Myrna, grandparents, several aunts and uncles, numerous cousins and a large host of friends.

CLARENCE JAMES SHUPE
Born: May 28, 1916 - Died: August 7, 1968
Liberty County Times
August 8, 1968

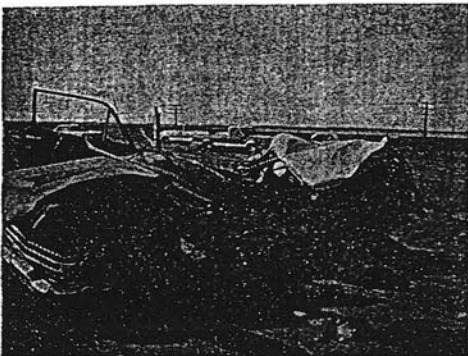
**Services Held For
Accident Victim Fri.**

Graveside services were held at the Chester cemetery for Clarence James Shupe Friday afternoon. Shupe was killed in a car-pickup accident one mile west of Chester Wednesday. He was a transient farm laborer. Known survivors include his father, James Edwin Shupe and his mother Rosetta Bingham.

Shupe was born May 28, 1916 in Eden, Utah.

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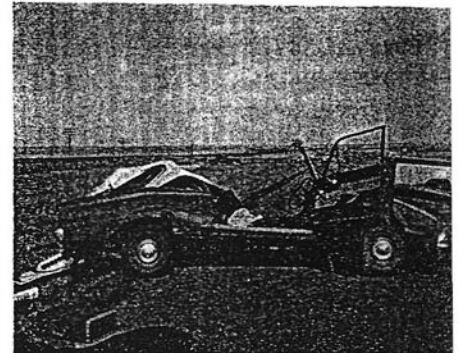
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Scenes from the two-car accident west of Chester Wednesday afternoon.



The accident was investigated by Sheriff Remington and Patrolman Harold Savig.



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Pictures taken on Sheriff Bob Remington's Polaroid camera.

OLIE SMEDSRUD
Born: ?, 1888 - Died: June 16, 1968
Liberty County Times
June 20, 1968

**Olie Smedsrud
Funeral Held Wed.**

Olie Smedsrud, 80, died at a Conrad hospital Sunday. Services were 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church with Rev. Orville Grorud officiating, with burial in St. Olaf cemetery.

Born in Notodden, Norway, he homesteaded in the St. Olaf area in 1910. He married Marget Hegna in 1923 in Norway. He is survived by two sons, Olaf, Ledger, and Arnet, Conrad; seven grandchildren; a brother and a sister in Norway.

FRANK SNYDER
Born: November 22, 1895 - Died: January 4, 1968
Liberty County Times
January 11, 1968

**Frank Snyder
Died; Funeral
Services Monday**

Funeral services for Frank Snyder long time Chester area laborer, were held Monday, Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chester with Rev. Beemster officiating. Rosary was recited at 7:30 Sunday. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Snyder, 72 was born Nov. 22, 1895 in Oregon and came to the Chester area several years ago and worked as a laborer. Snyder died in the Liberty County Hospital Thursday, Jan. 4.

Snyder was never married and survivors include two brothers.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Schaefer, John Couturier, Roy Heimbigner, Kenneth Gilbert, Tim Campbell and Ralph Jacobson.

MRS. ROY (MINNIE L.) STANBERRY
Born: June 7, 1902 - Died: March 17, 1968
Liberty County Times
March 28, 1968

Mrs. Roy Stanberry Dies, Havre

Mrs. Roy (Minnie L.) Stanberry, 65, a resident of Rudyard, died Sunday, March 17, at a Havre hospital.

Funeral services were at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home with Pastor Lawrence Thompson of Rudyard, officiating. Music accompaniment was by Mrs. Don Blake with Mrs. Bruce Packer and Mrs. Jack Lincoln singing "In the Garden" and "Take Me to Thy Sacred Heart."

Pall bearers were Ben Brandbury Sr., Donald Blake, Alvin Barbie, Walter Greeno, Orville Love and Earl Rathbun.

Mrs. Stanberry was born June 7, 1902, at Waukon, Iowa. She spent her early childhood in Glenville, Minn., moving to Montana with her parents in 1912. She married Roy Stanberry June 7, 1930, at Havre. The couple resided in Hingham then moved to the Minneota community in the fall

of 1932. They moved into Rudyard in the fall of 1946.

Mrs. Stanberry worked in the Rudyard public schools for 15 years until her retirement in May of 1967.

Survivors include her husband, three sons, Elwin Stanberry of Rudyard, Raymond Stanberry of Joplin and Melvin Stanberry of Seattle; one daughter, Mrs. Jerry Hybner of Rudyard; three sisters, Mrs. Dortha Naber of Great Falls, Mrs. Wilma Ball of McGill, Nev., and Mrs. Charles (Maxine) Naber of Havre, 11 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Two brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Mrs. Stanberry was a Past Grand of Rebakah Lodge No. 98 and a past Senior Regent of the Women of the Moose 681 of Havre.

Interment was in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

ROY O. STANBERRY
Born: June 7, 1901 - Died: November 23, 1968
Liberty County Times
December 5, 1968

Roy Stanberry, 67
Died November 23,
Services Nov. 26

Roy O. Stanberry, 67, Rudyard, died at his home Saturday, Nov. 23.

Funeral services were at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, with Pastor Lawrence Thompson officiating. Walter Woods sang, "I Am Thine, O Lord" and "Saved By Grace" accompanied by Mrs. Jack Lincoln.

Pall bearers were Ben Bradbury, Robert Toner, Alvin Barbie, Howard Schultz, Irvin Brandt and John Morrissey. Ellsworth Graff and Charles Lineweaver ushered.

Interment was in Highland Cemetery.

Roy Stanberry was born June 7, 1901 in Springfield, Ill. He came to Montana in 1916 with his parents, lived north of Gildford and later moved north of Havre. He was married June 7, 1930 to Minnie Geesey and the couple lived in Hingham until 1932 when they moved to the Minnesota community where they farmed. They moved to Rudyard in 1945. Mrs. Stanberry died March 17, 1968.

Survivors includes three sons, Elwin of Rudyard, Raymond of Joplin, Melvin of Seattle, one daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Mary Lois) Hybner of Rudyard, three sisters, Mrs. Elmo Marcott (Laura) of Jamaica; Mrs. Elwin Dowling (Irene) of Oklahoma City; Mrs. Earl Garrett (Minnie) of Havre; one brother, Theodore of Clearwater, Kansas; 11 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Stanberry was a life member of the Moose and also a member of the IOOF Lodge.

RAY A. STOTT
Born: 1901 - Died: July 21, 1968
Liberty County Times
July 25, 1968

Ray Stott Dies In Dallas, Oregon

Word was received here this week that Ray A. Stott of Spokane, Wash. passed away Sunday evening at Dallas, Ore. He was 67 years old. Stott was a long time resident of the Whitlash community. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Ellen McGee of Dallas, Ore.; Mrs. Ruth Davis of Rothdrum, Idaho and Mrs. Louisa Anderson of Whitlash and several nieces and nephews.

CHARLES A. SWANK
Born: April 8, 1884 - Died: August 26, 1968
Liberty County Times
August 29, 1968

**Charles Swank, 84
Died Monday,
Funeral Today, 2**

Charles A. Swank, 84, passed away at the Liberty County Nursing Home Monday morning after an extended illness. He was a long time resident of Chester, coming here in 1911 and homesteading 13 miles east and south of Chester in Black Coulee.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 p.m. in the United Methodist Church in Chester with Rev. Dan Wanders officiating. Burial in the Chester cemetery with Holland and Bonine in charge.

Mr. Swank was born April 8, 1884 in Etna Green, Ind. He was married Dec. 12, 1906 to Rosa Marie Wyman in Warsaw, Ind., who preceded him in death in April 1963. Four children also preceded him in death.

He is survived by sons DeVoe of Valier, John, Donald, Dallas and Edward of Chester, Emanuel of Seattle and Russell of Anchorage, Alaska; daughters, Lorene Jacobson, Mrs. Alva (Mildred) Shettel, Chester, Mrs. Leo (Edith) Poirier, Seattle, and Mrs. Ellis (Grace) Anderson of Vancouver, Wash.; brothers Milo and Wayne of Jackson, Mich.; sisters Mrs. Mae Linde of Ann Arbor, Mich., Vivian Thomas of Etna Green, and Mrs. Ruth Tilden of Neopolitan, Mich.

He is also survived by 30 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

**Funeral Services
Held for Charles
Swank Aug. 29**

Funeral services were held for Charles Swank Aug. 29 at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church in Chester with Rev. Dan Wanders officiating. Burial was in the Chester cemetery. Pallbearers were DeVoe, John, Donald, Dallas, Edward and Russell Swank, all sons of the deceased. Ushers were Bud Ish and Bud McDowell. The choir was accompanied by Mrs. Fred Barrett, who sang "Be Still My Soul," "Jesus Is All The World to Me" and "Home Of The Soul."

MRS. JESSE (ETHEL C.) TAPP
Born: January 13, 1891 - Died: May 27, 1968
Liberty County Times
June 6, 1968

Ethel Tapp Died In Gt. Falls May 27

Mrs. Jesse (Ethel C.) Tapp, 77, 2201 3rd Ave. S., died May 27 at a Great Falls hospital where she had been a patient six days. Funeral services were at the Croxford & Sons with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Born Jan. 13, 1891, at Colorado Springs, Colo., she married Tapp Feb. 21, 1911, at Pittsburgh, Mo. The couple came to Montana in 1913 and to Great Falls in 1914. They ranched in the Ulm area several years. Tapp, who had worked for the Great Northern Railway and the Anaconda Co., died in 1960.

Mrs. Tapp is survived by four daughters, Mrs. John (Vera) Sears, Great Falls; Mrs. Robert (Opal) Evans, Fort Benton; Mrs. Swen (Thelma) Sundgren, Chester and Mrs. Howard (Evelyn) Sears, Juneau, Alaska; seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Guy Roberson, Great Falls, a niece and nephew.

GOMER DAVID THOMAS
Born: March 17, 1885 - Died: March 19, 1968
Shelby Promotor
March 21, 1968

County Pioneer

Dave Thomas, Ex-Rancher Of Sweet Grass Hills, Dies

Gomer David Thomas, a pioneer rancher of the Sweet-Grass Hills area, died Tuesday at the Toole County Hospital. He was 83.

Mr. Thomas was born March 17, 1885, in Wales. He came to Montana in 1906, homesteading in the heart of the Sweet Grass Hills, where he raised sheep and cattle.

He worked at the William Pritchard ranch for many years. After homesteading, he first went into the sheep business. In 1919, he bought out the Charles Farrell Ranch, adjoining his homestead, and developed it into one of the finest cattle ranches in the Sweet Grass Hills.

He was married to Elizabeth Pritchard at Lethbridge in 1916, and Mrs. Thomas died Dec. 9, 1962.

The Thomas Hereford cattle were known as some of the finest raised in northern Montana. A carload of his Hereford fat cows took first place at Chicago in the early 1960s at the Fat Cattle Show.

Mr. Thomas sold his ranch in 1966 to Jay Clark and retired.

Recently he had been in ill health at the Toole County Nursing Home.

Survivors include a nephew, Gerald Thomas, Oilmont, and a sister in Wales.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Methodist Church at Sunburst with Rev. Ray Davis officiating. Burial will be in the family plot in the Sunburst Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joe Fey, Walter Clark, Howard O'Laughlin, James Clark, Albert Fey, and Charles Mielke.

ALICE BROWN TOURIGNY
Born: March 28, 1931 - Died: March ?, 1968
Liberty County Times
March 14, 1968

**Alice Tourigny
(Brown) Dies
In Tacoma**

March 11 Alice Brown Tourigny was buried following her death from a heart attack in Tacoma, Wash. She was born March 28, 1931 and was raised on the Marias river south of Chester. She graduated from Chester High School and attended Montana State University, Bozeman. Following her marriage she lived in Orlando, Fla., and Tacoma, Wash., where they established a home upon the return of her husband from Thailand. She is survived by the widower and Margaret, age 5, David, age 4 and Tom, age 3.

She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Alice Brown, Great Falls, a twin brother Allen, Chester and another brother James, Great Falls. Her father preceded her in death in November 1967.

The funeral service was delivered by the Rev. Ladd Anderson, First Presbyterian Church, Great Falls. Pallbearers were: Allen Ray, Allen Kolstad, Robert Pugsley Jr., Ed Kenny, Pete Henderson of Chester and Sid Jones, Charles Pester and Charles Urquhart of Great Falls and Windham. Interment was in Highland Park Cemetery, Great Falls.

BELINDA TUTVEDT
Born: 1896 - Died: September ?, 1968
Liberty County Times
September 26, 1968

Belinda Tutvedt, 72 Dies in Kalispell

Mrs. Belinda Tutvedt, 72, died in Kalispell. Services were Friday at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, burial in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Born at Kindred, N. D., she moved to Bigfork in 1917 and later to Kalispell. On Oct. 12, 1949, she married Peder Tutvedt. Survivors include the husband; sons, Owen Hill, Great Falls, Burnell Hill, Spokane and Donald Hill, California; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Pearl Shepherd, and Mrs. Ruby Glee of Chester and Mrs. Arlene Shepherd, Kalispell; and three sisters.

RUDOLPH WANKE
Born: September 10, 1898 - Died: November 12, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 28, 1968

Rudolph Wanke
Funeral Nov. 16

Funeral services for Rudolph Wanke were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 with Rev. Lawrence Thompson officiating.

Wanke, 70, died Nov. 12 at Gresham, Ore. A resident of Butte, Wanke was a former north Rudyard and Box Elder farmer and was employed by the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. until his retirement five years ago.

Pallbearers were Morris Smith, Leonard Poier, Clarence Wendland, Ralph Peterson, Clifford Ulmen and Ed Thompson. Roland Ritter and Oscar T. Johnson ushered.

Rev. and Mrs. Thompson sang "Nearer My God To Thee" and "Old Rugged Cross" accompanied by Mrs. Stuart Ellison, organist.

Interment was in the Rudyard cemetery.

Wanke was born Sept. 10, 1898 in Green Bay, Wis. Survivors include 15 children, Harold, Rudyard, Mrs. Marjorie Shaper, Amsterdam, Mont.; Mrs. Charlotte Sanders, Great Falls; Mrs. Constance Arnold, Manhattan; Mrs. Lucella Parrish, Mrs. Tarcella McArthur, Johnnie, Rae, Kenneth, Michael, George, Chris, all of Butte; Rudolph Jr., Shelby; Gerald, Gillette, Wyo. and Leonard, Fort Lewis, Wash. Two brothers, William of Havre and Orville Selmyhr of Beaverton, Ore., and four sisters, Mrs. Martha Zerba and Mrs. Anna Clark of Spokane, Mrs. Viola Wehr of Kalispell and Mrs. Florence Jensen of Seattle, also survive. He had 20 grandchildren.

—Havre Daily News

MRS. MATT (LOUISA) WEHR
Born: October 2, 1887 - Died: May 19, 1968
Liberty County Times
May 30, 1968

Mrs. Matt Wehr
Rites May 22

Mrs. Matt (Louisa) Wehr, Rudyard, passed away at the Liberty County Hospital Sunday, May 19, 1968. She was 80 years old.

She was born Louisa Konietzka, Oct. 2, 1887 in Poland and came to America in 1903 and landed in Quebec. The family lived in North Dakota until 1911 when they came to Montana and homesteaded near Inverness. They moved to Rudyard in 1919. She was married to Matthew Wehr in Anamoose, N. D. on Nov. 11, 1908. Her husband preceded her in death in June of 1966.

Survivors include one son, Clarence of Rudyard and three daughters, Mrs. Lester (Ruth) Van Welch, Rudyard, Mrs. Sam (Helen) Chapman, Helena and Mrs. Kenneth (Elaine) Miller of Joplin; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Rev. Lawrence Thompson officiating. Rev. and Mrs. Thompson sang "Rock of Ages" and "Thine Is The Glory."

Pallbearers were Alvin Barbie, Arvid Blessing, Frank L. Phillips, Leonard Poier, B. F. Phillips and Gary Flint. Ushers were Henry Langel and Fred Rigg.

Burial was in the Rudyard cemetery.

BURLE WILSON
Born: October 2, 1895 - Died: September 25, 1968
Liberty County Times
October 3, 1968

**Funeral Held for
Burle Wilson Sat.**

Funeral services for Burle Wilson were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Pastor Lawrence L. Thompson officiating.

Mrs. William Spicher accompanied Pastor and Mrs. Thompson as they sang "Rock of Ages," and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Carl Wood, Tom Wood, Nick Wood, Wayne Wolery, Lloyd Wolery and Elvyn Wolery. Robert Toner and Richard Ditmar ushered.

Honorary pallbearers were B. F. Phillips, Leon Fields, Frank Struck, George Hansen, Curt Phillips, Jake Van Wechel, Selmer Sanvik and Henry Hansen.

Military graveside rites were held at the interment in the Rudyard cemetery.

Wilson, 72, died Wednesday at a Havre hospital unit.

Wilson was born Oct. 2, 1895, in Ringgold County, Iowa. He came to Joplin in December of 1913 and farmed until 1940 when he became postmaster for four years. He then owned and operated an implement business in Rudyard until his retirement.

He was married Dec. 14, 1924, at Great Falls to Clara Haugen. She passed away in June of 1937 and on July 12, 1945, he married Edna Haymaker, who survives.

Surviving children are Mrs. Walter (Doris) Welsh, Hingham; Mrs. Victor (Dorothy) Ullmen, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Leonard (Connie) Haas, Hingham; Mrs. Reuben (Beryl) Thompson, Havre; Mrs. Larry (Penny) Taylor, Corbin, Ky. A son, Donald, preceded him in death.

Nine stepchildren also survive: Mrs. Newell (Marian) Behunin, Ver-

nal, Utah; Mrs. Harriet Moore, Oregon City, Ore.; Mrs. Bob (Lorraine) Larsen, Havre; Mrs. Richard (Betty) Layton, Chester; Lloyd Haymaker, Rudyard; Clinton Haymaker, Havre; Mrs. Darlene Meyers, Seattle; Mrs. Jack (Edna) Hansen, Renton, Wash.; and Mrs. Floyd (Virginia) Wilmes, Mills, Wyo.

A brother, Thomas Wilson of Rudyard, and three sisters, Mrs. Claire Wood of Joplin, Mrs. Fern Redd of Anacortes, Wash., and Mrs. Blanche Wolery of Havre, also survive.

Wilson served in the Army in World War I and was a member of Joplin Lodge 162 AF & AM and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A memorial has been established by the family.

MRS. THOMAS (FRANCES) WRIGHT

Born: October 7, 1891 - Died: August 21, 1968

Liberty County Times

August 29, 1968

**Mrs. Tom Wright
Died Aug. 21
Funeral Last Sat.**

Mrs. Thomas (Frances) Wright, 76, long-time resident of Chester, died at the Liberty County Hospital Wednesday evening, Aug. 21, after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Chester, at 10 a.m. Saturday with Rev. Matthew Beemster officiating and burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons of Mrs. Wright. They were Larry and Lance Lambott, Paul Zorn, Bruce Jacobson, Monte Nealy and Duane Wright.

Mrs. Wright was born Oct. 7, 1891 in St. Paul and married June 26, 1912 in No. Dakota. They came to Chester in '29. Survivors include the widower; sons Bob and Jack; a daughter, Mrs. Maynard Johnson, all of Chester and a sister, Florence Hagen, Duarte, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Lynn and one daughter, Phyllis.

ETHEL ZAINHOFSKY
Born: 1918 - Died: November 5, 1968
Liberty County Times
November 14, 1968

Ethel Zainhofsky
Dies, Nov. 5, Cal.

Mrs. Ethel Zainhofsky, 50, passed away at her home in Broderick, Calif. Nov. 5.

She was born in 1918 at Havre, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sonner. She lived north of Inverness, attended rural schools and Joplin.

She had lived in California during the winter months since 1938 where she attended Sacramento Junior College, the Federal Art School, Academy of Arts, Sacramento Valley and with private instructors. She was a member of the MIA, the Northern California Art Association and Hi-Line Art Club.

She presented art shows at the DeMolay Memorial in Great Falls and the Gary Cooper Gallery of Montana Historical Society in Helena and several local displays.

She is survived by her husband, Peter, and daughter Helen and son Mark at the family home in Sacramento.

Services and burial were in Sacramento Friday, Nov. 8.