

MABEL SEDGWICK DROWNED SUNDAY AT RIVER'S MOUTH

Gets Beyond Depth While Bathing
Near Big Fork, Triple Tragedy
Narrowly Averted.

Mabel Elizabeth Sedgwick, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sedgwick, who live at 4, Woodland avenue, was drowned at the mouth of the Big Fork river Sunday afternoon; and Joseph Hewitson and his son Joe, 11, nearly lost their lives in attempting to rescue her.

The Sedgwick and Hewitson families were picnicking near the mouth of the river, and while luncheon was being prepared the eight children in the party went in bathing. The water near the shore is shallow, sloping off slowly for a little distance and then drops abruptly. Mabel walked off the drop and as she was sinking called to Joe Hewitson to help her. He responded promptly, although it is said he is not able to swim, but in her effort to save herself the girl pulled him into the deep water.

One of the children ran for help, screaming that Mabel and Joe were drowning. Mr. Sedgwick and Mr. Hewitson both ran to the shore, and plunged into the water. Mr. Sedgwick, unable to swim, could do nothing and was compelled to cling to a log for support. Mr. Hewitson, swimming but little, managed to reach his son and started to the log, the boy reaching it, but Hewitson sank in twenty feet of water. Mabel had disappeared.

The cries for help brought several young men of a surveying party who were picnicking a short distance away. Carl Carlson, one of the men brought the Hewitson lad ashore, and then dived for the body of Mr. Hewitson, who could be seen lying unconscious on the bottom. Bringing him to land he then helped Mr. Sedgwick to shore. A half hour's work finally resuscitated Mr. Hewitson.

A motor boat from a nearby tourist camp was summoned, and with a pike pole Mabel's body was brought to the surface about fifteen minutes after she had disappeared.

Dr. Ross was called from Kaiti-pell, and made a quick trip, but Dr. L. G. Griffiths chanced to be in the neighborhood and was on the scene when Dr. Ross arrived. They found there was no hope of saving Mabel's life. It was reported that before entering the water she had complained of a pain in her side, and the position her body had taken under the water led to a belief that she may have been seized with cramps, preventing her saving herself. The doctors state that the action of the cold water on her heart was probably largely responsible for her death.

Carlson is said to be a graduate of the university of Minnesota. As he had acted as a lifeguard during a vacation, he knew just what to do.

Funeral services for Mabel Sedgwick were held this afternoon at the Episcopal church, with Rev. C. A. Kopp officiating, and interment was made in the Conrad Memorial

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks for the beautiful flowers sent, and the sympathy and assistance extended us at the time of our bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sedgwick and family.

**FUNERAL SERVICES FOR
EVERETT SIDERIUS**

Funeral services for Everett Siderius were held yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, the chapel overflowing with friends and neighbors. A quartet composed of Mrs. Gudgel, Miss Walchli and Messrs. Dunsire and John, sang "Asleep in Jesus" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder", favorite hymns of the deceased, Mrs. Winston at the piano. Mr. Bates spoke from Rev. 21:25, "There shall be no night there", after bearing personal testimony to the strong Christian character of the deceased. In closing the service Mrs. Gudgel sang the hymn "No Night There." The pallbearers were: Wm. Koopal, Peter Newhouse, A. W. Van Rinsum, David Mero, O. A. Prestrude and W. D. Griffith. Interment was made in Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Obituary

Everett Siderius was born in Holland January 1, 1872, being thus a little over 54 years of age at the time of his death. At the age of 22 he came to America and settled at Bonnersville, Michigan, where four years later he was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude de Boer. Mr. and

Mrs. Siderius continued to reside in Bonnersville for ten years after their marriage and then came to the Flat-head valley in some part of which they have since made their home, about 18 years in all. Thirteen children were born to them, all of whom, together with the widow, survive the deceased and were present with him during the closing week of his life. There is also one grandchild here, and one sister and four brothers in Holland. The children are: Mrs. Bruce Walker of Somers; Mitchell, student at Portland; Peter, Ethel, Rubie, George, Susie, Henry, Jennie, Bessie, Grace, Theora and Edwards of Kalispell. The grand child is Robert Bruce Walker.

The deceased united with the Reformed Church in Michigan and later transferred to the local Presbyterian church of which he remained a faithful member till his death. He was a hard working Christian man, a good husband and father and very highly respected by all who knew him. His health had not been good since his trip four years ago to visit the old home in Holland, but very few suspected in these recent days that the time of his departure was so near at hand.

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We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kind assistance,

and those who furnished music, cars and the beautiful flowers, during our recent sorrow.

Mrs. E. Siderius and family

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Walker

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. de Young
and family.

FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR J. ROY SIPE

Funeral services for J. Roy Sipe, who passed away at the Sisters' hospital last Friday, were held Monday afternoon at the Waggener and Campbell chapel, Rev. B. Scott Bates officiating. Beautiful floral tributes expressed the love and esteem of relatives and friends. A quartet composed of Mrs. Beamon, Miss Walchli, B. L. Beaman and Andrew Dunsire sang, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Sometime We'll Understand" and "Abide With Me," Miss Daisy DuBois accompanying.

Mr. Bates spoke of "The Unchanging Christ," as an ever present help. The pall bearers were neighbors and friends from Marion and Pleasant Valley. Interment was made in Conrad Memorial cemetery.

The deceased was born in Iowa, in 1885, being thus 41 years of age at the time of his death. He came to the Flathead country nearly 17 years ago and has resided here ever since, spending most of his time in Pleasant valley. He never married. Those of his immediate family left to mourn his loss are his parents, and two brothers, Earl and Glenn, at Bellingham, Washington; a brother, Frank at Corvallis, Oregon; and a brother Jesse, at Pleasant valley.

JAS. SMITH KILLED WHEN CAR SKIDDED

James Smith, a scaler in one of the Somers Lumber company camps north of Kalspell, while driving into town between eight and nine o'clock last night, skidded and went off the road just beyond the Bruyer place, crushing his skull between a telephone pole and his car. George Boles who was with him was severely scratched, Bruyer and one of his farm hands rushed Smith to the hospital here, but he died at 6 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Smith was 39 years old and leaves a wife and six small children, the oldest of whom is 12 years of age. The family had been living near Bigfork.

The body is at the Waggener and Campbell parlors, where services will probably be held Saturday. Arrangements, however, are not yet complete. The funeral will be under the auspices of the Owls of which order Mr. Smith was a member. Smith was generally known as "Duff" Smith.

Coroner Campbell today began an investigation to learn how the accident happened, but as yet little has been learned, aside from a statement made late this afternoon by Mr. Bruyer. The latter said he and his helper were going towards the barns to do the milking when Smith's car came by. It was going north, he said, rather than towards Kalspell, and was traveling at a moderate rate of speed. Close to the Bruyer granary, which stands about 50 yards from the road, the car suddenly slewed into the ditch, and Mr. Bruyer declares Smith's skull was fractured by his own machine, which fell upon him as it overturned.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness and sympathy during the recent illness and death of our beloved brother, especially those who furnished music, Rev. Bates and those who sent flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Sipe.

PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO JAMES SWANEY

To pay their last respects to James Swaney friend, thronged to Christ Episcopal church at 2:30 p. m. today, filling the chapel to more than capacity. The casket reposed among masses of beautiful flowers that bore witness to Mr. Swaney's place in the community.

Rev. C. A. Kopp, rector of Christ church of which Mr. Swaney was an active member, preached the funeral sermon and the choir sang two hymns, "The Grave Itself a Garden Is" and "For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest." At the grave in Conrad Memorial cemetery the Masonic lodge was in charge.

Those who bore the body to its resting place were G. E. Tate, S. M. Logan, A. W. Hollensteiner, C. A. Robertson, T. H. MacDonald and Robert Pauline.

Honorary pall bearers were Peter Weberg, E. J. Vanduzer, F. B. Linderman, E. M. Child, George Grubb, Victor Riley, Roy Rollins, Ellis Dickey, James Conlon and T. H. Bogart.

James Swaney was born December 2, 1874, in Emsworth, Pennsylvania. He left there for Missoula in 1882, where he completed his grade schooling. Later he attended the former Presbyterian college at Deer Lodge, and finally went east to St. Paul to take stenographic work.

Mr. Swaney was first employed by the late W. N. Noffstinger. He then became stenographer for the late C. E. Conrad, in whose employ he finally entered the Conrad National bank, which at the time of his death he was serving as assistant cashier.

He never married. His sister, Mrs. A. D. Macdonald said the last year had been the happiest in his life due to the fact that Travis Judson, 13-year-old son of Mrs. Winifred Judson, had been making his home with him. The two enjoyed a trip to Victoria last summer and had only recently returned from a journey to Chicago and St. Paul.

Mr. Swaney had always been active in music circles in Kalispell, playing the piano and singing, as well as taking interest in the promotion of good music. At the time Rev. H. E. Clowe's was rector of Christ church he conducted a boys' choir, and a year ago acted in the same capacity under Rev. Kopp. The choir was one of his chief interests.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. George McVey Fisher, and Mrs. A. D. Macdonald; and one brother, A. W. Swaney, adjutant at the Soldiers' Home.