

## FUNERALS

Funeral services for Benjamin Kimes were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Sherman & Son chapel by Rev. W. H. Sandy. Interment was in Demersville cemetery.

### Obituary

Benjamin Kimes was born April 4, 1879 in Fremont, Michigan, and passed away January 2, 1933, after a brief illness, aged 53 years. Mr. Kimes came here from Idaho in 1929, locating at Kila, Montana. His wife passed away in 1928. He is survived by two daughters; Mrs. Hope Freeman and Miss Patricia Kimes, and four sons, Marshall, Glenn, George and Andrew Kimes, all of Kila, Montana.

## TWO MEET DEATH AND THREE ARE HURT WHEN TRUCK LEAVES HIGHWAY

LOUISE CULLOYAH AND MICHEL KIZER, INDIANS FROM  
FLATHEAD RESERVATION, DIE AS TRUCK TAKES 10-  
FOOT DIVE — ACCIDENT OCCURS ON HIGHWAY NO. 2  
NEAR COLUMBIA FALLS

Louise Cullooyah, 65, and Michel Kizer, 55, Indians from the Flathead reservation, were instantly killed about 4:30 yesterday afternoon on Highway No. 2 near Columbia Falls when the truck in which they were riding plunged over a 10-foot embankment. Three other Indians, Mary Kizer, wife of Michel, Sophia Moeise and Michel Small Salmon, were seriously injured and were removed to the Sisters' Hospital. About 20 Indians were riding in the truck driven by Leslie Ryan, 26, a member of the C. C. C. camp at Apgar, this truck being one of three transporting 60 Indians to Logan Pass to take part in the dedication of the Going-to-the-Sun Highway today.

The accident occurred when Ryan, an experienced truck driver, went to sleep at the wheel, according to testimony at the inquest held at the J. O. Wiles farm home last night. Ryan, it developed, had been on duty all day Thursday at light work and volunteered his services, as he had made several trips to Kalispell and was well acquainted with the road. He left in a brand new Chevrolet truck from Belton between 7:30 and 8 o'clock arriving at Arlee about 5 a. m., Friday. With only two short naps between 5 and 7 o'clock he started back about 9:30 picking up several Indians on the way, driving 25 miles per hour and 30 when approaching grades according to testimony. Ryan said that he became sleepy during the morning but felt considerably refreshed after eating lunch but just before the accident he must have dozed momentarily. He was awakened by the noise of the wheels entering loose gravel when the accident occurred and endeavored to straighten the wheels but the loose gravel forced the truck over the bank. Ryan and Mrs. Granjo and daughter who were in the front seat with him, suffered only a few minor injuries.

Coroner Campbell, who was called to the accident about 5 o'clock yesterday, stated that both of the victims were pinned underneath the truck and met instant death from skull fractures, Michel Kizer also having a broken neck. A report from the hospital today stated that although seriously injured, the three at the hospital are expected to live. One suffered severe lacerations about the scalp and another had undetermined back injuries.

### Inquest Is Held

At the inquest held in the front yard of the J. O. Wiles home, conducted by Gordon Rogalien, deputy county attorney, Lieutenant Reed, who had charge of Leslie Ryan at camp headquarters, was the first witness called. He testified not only as to the fitness of Ryan as an automobile driver, but also of his dependability in any capacity. Reed said that Ryan had driven a truck to Kalispell on several occasions and was well acquainted with the road. Ryan, he said, had left early in the evening after a light day's work in a brand new Chevrolet truck, and was told he could drive 25 miles per hour and not over 30. Reed also testified to telling Ryan to be careful before leaving.

Charles E. Coe, Indian agent from Dixon, Montana, who is in charge of the Indians, testified that three Park Service trucks arrived at Arlee early Friday morning and secured 60 Indians divided between three trucks, leaving about 9:30. He said he was not a witness to the accident.

Dr. W. S. Kell of Columbia Falls was called next and testified to being called to the scene of the accident and administering first aid to five Indians who were sent to the Kalispell hospital and also to the skull fractures and other injuries causing the death of two of the Indians.

J. O. Wiles, a farmer, who was working in the field about 200 yards from the road with his back turned, testified to hearing the car coming, and of turning around just as the car struck loose gravel and went over the embankment, turning upside down. He said that when he arrived there he found that two Indians were dead. Mr. Wiles also gave a detailed report of the condition of the road at that point, saying the road went up a gradual slope to the east across a low place with about a 10-foot embankment on both sides. The road, he said, is wide enough for two cars to pass on the grade, but it was worn considerably, with ridges of loose gravel between the wheel tracks and each edge of the road.

Coroner Campbell took the stand and corroborated the testimony of Dr. Kell and also Mr. Wiles' testimony in regard to road conditions.

Leslie Ryan, driver of the truck, voluntarily testified to his experience as a truck driver, both as to transit work and logging operations. He said he was holder of a truck license for New York State, good until May 31, 1934; had made several trips to Kalispell and was well acquainted with the road. Ryan further testified to having worked all day Thursday at his regular duties, which were light, and that on Thurs-

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**MRS. ANTOINETTE KNUDSON**

Funeral services for Mrs. Antoinette Knudson were held Friday afternoon in Columbia Falls at the Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. Thorman. The church was filled by the many sorrowing friends. During the services Miss Arlene Tannan sang two solos and with L. T. Burnett, sang a duet. Mrs. Homer Burges accompanied at the piano. Those acting as pall bearers were Thomas Lee, William Lee, J. W. Chapman, Nels Stenson, George Mathelson and Carl Kruse. Interment was made in Woodlawn cemetery.

**Obituary**

Antoinette Merkel was born August 5, 1890, at Buternut, Wisconsin, and at the age of 15 years moved to Colville, Washington. On August 16, 1908 she was married in Tacoma to Matt Knudson and they made their home at Basburg, Washington, near Tacoma, until coming to Columbia Falls three years ago. She passed away Monday, Feb. 20, 1933, at the age of 42 years. The surviving relatives are her husband, Matt Knudson; six daughters, Mrs. Ardilla Reed, Sylvia, Lucille, Winifred, Carol and Lois; and two sons, Oliver John and Ernest Glenn, all of Columbia Falls; also four brothers and three sisters.

# HUNTER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AND KILLED BY BROTHER YESTERDAY

WALTER L. KULBECK, RANCHER LIVING NEAR BIG SANDY, FIRST VICTIM OF 1933 HUNTING SEASON IN THIS COUNTY — CORONER EMPANELS JURY OF HUNTERS. ED KULBECK EXONERATED

The first accident of the hunting season in this county occurred about 2:30 yesterday afternoon, when Walter L. Kulbeck, a rancher living near Big Sandy, was shot and killed by his brother Ed in the Star Meadows country.

The brothers were with a party of 15 from Havre, which came in here with the opening of the season. Yesterday the brothers were hunting together and wounded a deer about noon, breaking its leg. They thought the deer would soon lie down, and so stopped and ate their lunch, after which they took up the trail. It was not easily followed, and so they spread out. About 2:30 Ed Kulbeck saw the deer and shot, when his brother called to him that he had been shot. When he arrived the wounded man said "I'm bleeding to death," and died a few minutes later. The bullet had shattered his left leg above the knee, severing the arteries. Ed Kulbeck then blazed a trail with his hunting knife back to the road, and Coroner Campbell and the sheriff's office were notified.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE WERE NOTIFIED.

The coroner and Deputy Sheriff Korb left immediately and went in as far as they could with a car, arriving there about 5 o'clock last evening. A party of 10 men was organized to cut trail to where the accident occurred and carry out the body. Coroner Campbell says it was only about three-fourths of a mile from the road, but it was through an extremely rough and brushy country with much down timber, and it took the party until 2 a. m. to get the body down to the road. Rain and snow added to the difficulties and discomfort of the task.

Coroner Campbell then empaneled a jury from among the hunters camped in the vicinity, and an inquest was held by the roadside about 3 o'clock this morning. Ed Kulbeck was exonerated by the jury, which found that Walter Kulbeck's death was accidental. Those who served on the jury were A. N. Harris and Charles Perrin of Star Meadows, Gilbert Midway of Whitefish and A. B. Anderson and his two sons, Prosper and Cliff, all of Joplin.

When the party arrived at the scene of the accident the deer was found where it had fallen. It was not yet dead, and was killed by one of the men. An examination showed that when Ed Kulbeck shot he had missed the deer and struck his brother, who was about 100 yards beyond, and probably not visible on account of the thick brush.

The body is being shipped to Big Sandy for burial today and all the members of the hunting party are returning to Havre.

Walter Kulbeck was 47 years of age, and lived about 13 miles from Big Sandy. Beside his widow, he is survived by six children, all grown except one about three years of age. The brothers were expert hunters, had hunted together since they were young boys, and have been coming into this country for several years.

The accident occurred 59 miles from Kalspell and about 15 miles above the Tally Lake ranger station. Coroner Campbell says the road was extremely slippery and hazardous in places. Much of the drive had to be made at slow speed, and then the car slid down into the ditch on several occasions. The snow and rain drenched the men as they worked way through the brush, and on the whole it was the hardest trip he has ever made, Coroner Campbell says. It was 7 o'clock this morning when he finally arrived in Kalspell with the body.