

# A. Talifson Dies; Rites Pending

*7 Apr 70*  
Arlie L. Talifson, 67, Kalispell, died in Galen early Tuesday morning.

Mr. Talifson was born Nov. 4, 1902, at Farmington, a son of Tobias and Dena Talifson. He was a graduate of the Great Falls High School in the class of 1924 and had attended Western Montana College at Dillon. He was then employed in the oil fields at Sunburst until 1929 when he was employed by the Bynum Irrigation District for a time. He was then engaged in farming at Pendroy until 1945 when he moved to Kalispell and continued in farm work until retiring due to ill health.

Mr. Talifson was a veteran of World War II having enlisted in the U.S. Army Oct. 1, 1942, at Butte and serving until Oct. 26, 1942, when he was discharged at Ft. Douglas, Utah.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother and is now survived by six sisters, Mrs. Grace Brittain, Mrs. E. J. (Florence) Shelton and Mrs. Dora Therrien, all of Kalispell; Mrs. Ken (Olive) Makin of Federal Way, Wash. Mrs. Betty Mitchell of Seattle, and Mrs. Larry (Lillian) Tooley of Ward Cove, Alaska.

Funeral services for Mr. Talifson will be announced by the Johnson Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Arlie Talifson were conducted in the Johnson Chapel Friday with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites were conducted by the Veterans of World War II. Pallbearers were: Marvin Hansen, J. Arthur McCann, George A. Slack, Ralph Bauska, Jack Curtis and William E. Barge.

# Mrs. Taylor Dies; Rites Pending

*6 Apr 70*  
*5 Apr 1970*  
COLUMBIA FALLS — Mrs. Irene A. Taylor, 58, Columbia Falls, died at her home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Taylor was born June 12, 1911, at Pottlatch, Idaho. She had lived most of her life in the Flathead Valley and had been employed by the Bureau of Reclamation at Hungry Horse for a number of years. For the past five years she had made her home in Columbia Falls.

She was married to Alvis L. Taylor Oct. 12, 1954, and is now survived by him at the family home in Columbia Falls.

She is also survived by one son, Richard A. Dukleth with the U. S. Navy stationed at Guam; two daughters, Mrs. Marcia Jean Pauli of Flathead and Karen L. Dukleth of San Jose, Calif.; five grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Millie McCown of Kalispell; two brothers, Acil McCown of Kalispell and Dial McCown of San Jose, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. Belva Hughs of Portland, Ore.

Funeral services for Mrs. Taylor will be announced by the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

COLUMBIA FALLS — Funeral services for Mrs. Irene A. Taylor were conducted Wednesday from the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Fred Paxton, pastor of the Central Christian Church of Kalispell, officiating. Interment followed in the Glacier Memorial Gardens with Bill Obereim, Sidney Michels, Bud Michels, Dale Simpson, Emmett Myhre and Richard Taylor as pallbearers. *14 Apr 70*

# Dr. Teel Dies; Rites Planned

*3 Feb 70*  
POLSON — Dr. Harold Teel, long time physician and surgeon in Lake County, died unexpectedly in California Friday while visiting friends in the San Francisco area.

He and his wife Eleanor were planning to fly to New Zealand on a vacation trip. Memorial services are to be observed at 3 p.m. Thursday at St. Andrews Episcopal Church with the Rev. James Hall officiating. Dr. Teel's ashes are being returned to Polson for the service and inurnment.

He is survived by his widow, a son, daughter and brother. *D-3 O Jan. 1970*

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# Libby Woman Found Dead; Authorities Plan Inquest

LIBBY — Lincoln County authorities expect to call an inquest to determine all circumstances of the death of Violet L. Tennon, 47, Libby.

Her badly burned body was found about 10 a.m. Friday on the banks of Libby Creek by her mother and sister, Mrs. Helen A. Paliga, who called authorities. Sheriff John Fisher and a member of the Lincoln County coroner's office responded to the scene about an eighth of a mile from Mrs. Tennon's home.

Fisher said there was a partially filled five-gallon can of gasoline and matches found near the body. Mrs. Tennon was last seen alive about 6 a.m. Friday by her mother, Mrs. Lillian Ponikver, who had made her home with her.

Mrs. Ponikver notified Mrs. Paliga of her sister's absence. The two ladies went in search

of her and made the discovery. Fisher said it is possible the woman may have soaked herself with gasoline and ignited it with a match in an apparent suicide

but this is something authorities prefer a coroner's jury to determine.

Funeral services are pending from the Gompf Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tennon is survived by a son, Rory L. Tennon, now serving in Vietnam; and another sister Mr. John (Irene) Appलगren, Salem, Ore.

Mrs. Tennon had lived in Libby for the past six years after moving from Great Falls. She was employed at the Lincoln County Courthouse in the maintenance department.

## 57 Mar 1970 Thompson Rites Set

Funeral services for Charley Thompson will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the Waggener & Campbell Chapel. Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Thompson was born July 25, 1903, in Kalispell to Byron Jacobie and Melinda Hackett Thompson. He grew to manhood on the farm and later became employed with heavy equipment on construction. He married Ruth Owen in 1937. He later was married to Marie Sheldon, who resides in Kalispell. Mr. Thompson only recently retired and had been residing in a trailer home at the Woodland Trailer Court.

He is survived by a son, Charles DeLain of Provo, Utah; a daughter, Mrs. Audrey Falgoust of Oscoda, Mich.; seven grandchildren; a brother, Howard Thompson of Creston; his widow, Marie of Kalispell; and a sister, Mrs. Gladys Lindsey of Los Altos, Calif.

# Libby Area Rancher Killed When Thrown From Farm Tractor

19 May 1970

LIBBY — Neighbors Wednesday morning found the body of Howard A. Thompson, 66, Bob-tail Creek rancher. He was the victim of a tractor accident after he was apparently thrown from his out-of-control tractor.

Coroner Hal Gompf listed the cause of death as a broken neck. Gompf also said there is no apparent need for an inquest or further investigation.

Authorities reconstructed events leading to the mishap as follows:

Thompson had gone out Tuesday evening apparently looking for cattle. When he failed to return neighbors started to look for him. Louis Burrell found him near the stopped tractor and authorities were called at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Backtracking the path of the accident they found a point where the tractor started to go out of control on a 30 per cent grade. Thompson apparently rode the machine for about 100 yards before he was catapulted from it and his neck was broken when he

landed on the ground. The tractor did not pass over his body.

A former cable room foreman for the St. Regis Co., Thompson retired two years ago and purchased the ranch 10 miles north of Libby. He is survived by his widow and four children. Services are pending from the Gompf Funeral Home.

## Tiefenbach Rites Are Announced

D-35 JUN 1970

Mrs. Anna "Peggy" Tiefenbach, 60, Somers, died Wednesday afternoon en route to a Missoula hospital where she was being transferred as the result of injuries sustained in a car accident near Deer Lodge Tuesday.

Mrs. Tiefenbach was born June 22, 1909 at Malta. She had attended schools in Townsend. In 1938, she was married to Joseph Tiefenbach. The couple had resided at Helena until 1955 when they moved to Butte where they lived until 1969 when they moved to Somers.

Mrs. Tiefenbach was a member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church of Somers.

She is survived by her widower, Joseph, presently in the hospital at Butte; two daughters, Mrs. John F. Suttley and Mrs. Dale W. McGillen, both of Butte; one brother, Nick Schmitz of Tacoma, Wash.; one sister, Mary Mudd of San Jose, Calif.; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Christian Prayer Service for Mrs. Tiefenbach will be conducted in the St. Ann's Catholic Church at 8 o'clock this evening. Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Ann's Catholic Church at 9 a.m. Friday with the Rev. D. A. Okorn as celebrant. Interment will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

*D- 24 Aug. 1970*  
**Tilton Rites**  
**Friday At 2**  
*27 Aug 70*

Bert L. Tilton, 87, died Monday in Springfield, Ore.

Mr. Tilton was born July 2, 1883, in Spirit Lake, Iowa, to Commador Porter and Rebecca Tilton.

After receiving his education in Iowa he moved to Minnesota at the age of 18. July 31, 1907, he was married to Ella E. Parks in Breckenridge, Minn., and in 1928 they came to the Flathead from Drummond.

In 1943, he moved to Hot Springs and retired in 1946.

Since his retirement, he had been residing in Springfield, Ore.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dec. 28, 1952, and is survived by four sons, Lloyd of Helena, Floyd of North San Juan, Calif., Frank of Kila, Lyle of Langdon, N. D.; two daughters, Edna Kinney of Springfield, and Florence Caudell of Kingman, Ariz.; 18 grandchildren, four sisters, Rachel Wagg of Glendive, Jenny Jones of Terry, Lillian Nelson of Glendive, Mary Pomeroy of Helena; two brothers, Mack of Hamilton, and Mark of Waubun, Minn., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are set for Friday at 2 p.m. in the Waggener & Campbell Chapel with the Rev. Fred Paxton of the Central Christian Church officiating. Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

**Mrs. Townsend**  
*D 19 July 1970*  
**Dies; Funeral**  
**Rites Pending**  
*12 July 70*

COLUMBIA FALLS — Mrs. Ada Bell Townsend, 83, Columbia Falls, died in Whitefish Friday.

Mrs. Townsend was born Feb. 3, 1887, at Charles City, Iowa. She grew up in Iowa and Nov. 19, 1906, was married to Ernest Townsend at Minot, N.D. In 1916, she with her husband moved to Bynum where they engaged in farming. In the fall of 1942 they moved to Columbia Falls.

Mrs. Townsend was preceded in death by her husband in September 1946, and is now survived by two daughters, Mrs. John (Minnie) Leubner of Columbia Falls and Mrs. Fred (Peggy) Myers of Conrad; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; also by one brother Cecil Phippen of Minneapolis and one sister, Mrs. Hazel Meurs of Olympia, Wash.

Funeral services for Mrs. Townsend will be announced by the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Bell Townsend, 83, were conducted Thursday morning from the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with Rev. George Krieger, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating. Interment followed in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Townsend were Ted Rogers, Chuck Geer, Fay Pemble, Mel Bruce, LaVern Seney and Norbert Beau-dry. *20 July 1970*

**Bernard Tracey**  
**Dies; Rites**  
**Announced** *13 Aug 1970*

COLUMBIA FALLS — Bernard "Ben" S. Tracey, 80, Columbia Falls, died in Eugene, Ore., Wednesday.

Mr. Tracey was born May 13, 1890 at Taylor, N.D. and grew to manhood there. June 30, 1912, he was married to Letha Payne at Dickinson. In 1924 he moved with his family to Coram and was employed by the Great Northern Railway. In 1930 the family moved to Columbia Falls.

Following his retirement, he engaged in the real estate business. He had served on the Columbia Falls City Council in the 1940s.

Mr. Tracey was preceded in death by his wife, two sons and two daughters. He is now survived by two sons, Maurice Tracey of Columbia Falls and Robert Tracey of Deer Island, Ore.; three daughters, Mrs. Florence Hill and Mrs. Dorothy Taylor, both of Springfield, Ore., and Mrs. Marj Kollenborn of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Harry Tracey of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jim Tracey of Okanagan, Wash., 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Rosary for Mr. Tracey will be recited this evening at 7 o'clock from the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Requiem funeral mass will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. from St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with Rev. William Molloy as celebrant. Interment will follow mass in the Woodlawn Cemetery.