

A

George A. Ackerman, 83

30 Oct. 1978

George A. Ackerman, 83, who had resided at 217 2nd Ave. West, Kalispell died in the Bigfork Convalescent Home Monday morning. He was born June 17, 1895, in Butte, a son of Thomas and Josephine Ackerman.

In 1898, he moved with his family to Great Falls where he received his education. He then was employed as a butcher, electrician, welder and many general trades until World War I when he entered the locksmith business. He claimed to be the oldest locksmith in Montana.

In 1955, he moved to Kalispell and began locksmithing in Wheaton's Bicycle Shop. He continued there until 1969 when he opened his own shop which he had operated since that time.

Ackerman is survived by three sisters, Myrtle Gilman of Sonoma, Calif., Eva Osborne of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Tina Weintz of Great Falls, and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services for Ackerman will be in the Johnson Chapel at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday with the Rev. Eldon Martens, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

WP

The Whitefish Pilot, Thurs., June 29, 1978

David Adams

David Adams, son of former Whitefish residents Robert and Norma Adams, fell to his death Sunday, June 18, while mountain-climbing near Denver. A recent high school graduate and resident of Hideaway, Colorado, he was the grandson of the late Frank Adams, chief dispatcher during the Thirties and Forties at the Great Northern Railway here.

Adams' father Robert was a 1942 graduate of Whitefish High School who is a retired oil company executive in Hideaway.

Besides his parents, the youth is survived by a sister in Golden, Colorado; a brother, Robert, currently in the military service in Europe and aunts and uncles across the United States.

DI

Alfred Emil Adamson, 86

4 June 1978

Alfred Emil Adamson, 86, who had resided at 546 Cheery Lynn Road, Kalispell on Sunday afternoon.

He was born April 17, 1892, in Watson, Minn., a son of Rasmus and Christine Adamson. He received his education in Minnesota and on May 10, 1917, he married Hulda Swenson at Watson. The couple lived there until 1918, when they moved to Mohall, N.D. In 1927 they moved to Lignite, N.D., later returning to Minnesota for a short time.

and, in 1936, they moved to Tacoma, Wash., where they had since resided.

Adamson had engaged in farming and road work and after moving to Kalispell had been employed with the Kalispell Lumber Company. In 1955 he became weighmaster for the Flathead County Scales, a position he held until his retirement.

Adamson had engaged in farming and road work and after moving to Kalispell had been employed with the Kalispell Lumber Company. In 1955 he became weighmaster for the Flathead County Scales, a position he held until his retirement.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hulda, on April 14, 1970, and is now survived by one son, Russell Adamson of Tacoma, Wash., one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Lenore) Calbick of Kalispell, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Adamson will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Joe Haugestuen, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Dakota Boys Ranch, Minot, N.D.

Alfons Julius Agather, 67

13 Jan 1978

Alfons Julius (Allo) Agather, 67, grandson of the founder of J. Neils Lumber Co., and resident manager of St. Regis Paper Co., at Libby, from 1958 until his retirement in 1968, died of a heart attack at Palm Springs, Calif., Jan. 13.

Born July 15, 1910, Agather grew up in Kalispell, graduated from Flathead County High School, and attended Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., the University of Minnesota and Harvard University graduate school of business administration. He was a member of the Montana National Guard from 1925-1929.

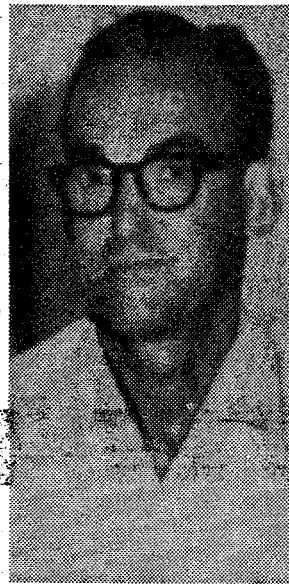
His career in the lumber industry actually began in Kalispell where, during the summers of 1926 and 1927, Agather piled lumber and loaded cars for H.C. Karow Lumber Company. He also worked as a bookkeeper for the First National Bank at Kalispell where he advanced to head bookkeeper before joining the J. Neils Lumber Co. Agather mar-

ried Isabel Kienitz June 30, 1937, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Libby.

His 34-year career with J. Neils and St. Regis began in 1934 at Klickitat as assistant timekeeper and retail manager. In 1935 he moved to Libby to work in the logging department as a trouble shooter on contract jobs and scaler.

Agather advanced through a variety of positions and became assistant general manager and vice president of J. Neils in 1952. He held that post until becoming resident manager in 1958, after J. Neils merged with St. Regis.

Long active in lumber industry organizations, Agather was a director of Western Wood Products Association and chairman of that group's District I. He was also a director of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association and liaison officer for WWPA, and chairman of the American Lumber Standards Committee. In 1964 Agather was named one of the 10 Top Per-



A.J. AGATHER

formers in the lumber industry by House and Home Magazine, and in that same year he received the award for industry citizenship from the National Lumber Manufacturers Association.

Agather's community service in Libby was significant and included chairmanship of the board of trustees, School District

4. He was an active member and past president of St. John Lutheran Church, the Libby Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Libby Association and the Libby Rod and Gun Club.

Since his retirement, Agather and his wife, Isabel, had divided their time between Palm Springs and their summer home on Bull Lake.

Survivors in addition to his wife include four sons: Jay, Spokane; Michael, Mercer Island; Max, Alaska; Mark, Kalispell; two daughters, Martha Jordan, Sandpoint, and Andrea Haugen, Tucson, Ariz.; two brothers, Max, Hawaii; Victor, Mexico; two sisters, Greta Sliter and Moni Homann, both of Kalispell, and 11 grandchildren. All of his children and all of his brothers and sisters were in Palm Springs Monday for funeral services for Agather.

The family has requested that memorials be made to Desert Hospital Auxiliary, Palm Springs, Calif. 92262.

DI

Laura M. Albert, 81

14 July 1978

Laura M. Albert, 81, died at the home of her daughter at 631 Underhill Court, Kalispell, early Friday morning. She was born Oct. 1, 1896, in St. Francis, New Brunswick, Canada. She had received her education in Canada and about 1913, she was married to Hilaire Albert in Alberta. The couple then moved to eastern Montana where they homesteaded until 1923 when they moved to the Flathead Valley.

Mrs. Albert was preceded in death by her husband on July 14, 1942. She had been a resident of the Big Sky Manor for the past seven years, and for the past four months had made her home with her daughter. She was of the Catholic faith. She is now

survived by four daughters, Mrs. Burl (Yvonne) Walker of Shade, Ohio, Mrs. Eva Bair, Mrs. Howard (Irene) Doran and Mrs. Alma Foot all of Kalispell; one sister, Mrs. John Fauque of Weiser, Idaho and fourteen grandchildren.

Rosary for Mrs. Albert will be recited in the Johnson Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Monday evening. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated in St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 9 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Father Juan Diphe as celebrant. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the St. Matthew's Church or the Cancer Fund.

DI

3 May 1978

Dr. Peggy Albert, 91

Dr. Peggy M. Albert, 91 of 410 Northridge Drive, died Wednesday afternoon at her home. She was a naturopathic doctor.

Dr. Albert was born Mar.



PEGGY ALBERT

26, 1887 in Dundas, Ill., the daughter of Lou and Kate Musgrove. She attended schools there. On Aug. 7, 1902 she married Otis Albert in Oregon. They moved to Montana in 1911 where he farmed near Wolf Point. For awhile she operated the McKinzie Hotel in Alexander, N.D.

The couple moved to Froid, Mont., later where he farmed and she operated a millinery shop. He died in Culbertson in 1927.

Following the death of Mr. Albert she attended chiropractic school in Minot, N.D. She practiced in Billings for several

years and then moved to Great Falls where she started the Albert Health Center. While living in Great Falls she was active in community affairs.

In 1952 she moved to Kalispell where she opened the Albert Health Center in her home on First Avenue East. For a few years she lived on the east shore of Flathead Lake, where her son owned and operated a cherry orchard. She returned to Kalispell five years ago. She continued her practice here until two years ago, when illness forced her to retire.

Dr. Albert was a member of the Kalispell Christian Center, the Soroptimist Club, and the Business and Professional

Women's Club in Kalispell. She had been a member of the Moose Auxiliary Drill Team in Great Falls.

Surviving are two sons, Ralph, with whom she lived in Kalispell, and Dr. Carroll Albert of Great Falls; nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Harold, in 1962.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Elwood Grissom officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials to the Soroptimist Scholarship Fund.

DI

Margaret B. Aley, 87

10 May 1978

Margaret B. Aley, 87, died in Dayton, Wash. on Wednesday. She was born Oct. 1, 1890, in Montague, Mich., a daughter of Leonard A. and Martha C. Robinson.

She was the eighth of nine children. She had received her schooling there and in 1908, she was married to Joseph P. Aley there. The couple had moved to the Flathead Valley where Mrs. Aley had resided for 58 years. She had been active in community activities and was a charter member and past Noble Grand of the Lakeview Lodge No. 120, Rebekah Lodge of Bigfork.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, in 1951, and is now survived by two sons, Fred J. Aley of Dayton, Wash. and William L. Aley of Anchorage, Alaska; one

sister, Jessie Kage of Kalispell; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Aley will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 11 a.m. Saturday

with the Rev. Father Paul Taylor of the Christ Church (Episcopal) officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Ritualistic rites will be conducted by the Bigfork Rebekah Lodge.

KN

ALMA L. ALGUIRE

Alma L. Alguire, 82, 102 9th Ave. W., died in Galen last Thursday. She was born Nov. 30, 1895, in Green Castle, MO, a daughter of George and Phoebe Ford. In May 1906, she came to Columbia Falls and in August of that year she moved to a farm six miles south of Columbia Falls. On June 4, 1924, she was married to Clyde Alguire in Kalispell. The couple farmed south of Kalispell until the death of Mr. Alguire in 1956. Mrs. Alguire then moved to Whitefish until 1975 when she moved to Kalispell. She was

preceded in death by one sister, Mary Myers; and two brothers, Jonathan Ford and Wylie Ford. She is now survived by one daughter, Marie Alguire, of Kalispell; one sister, Victoria Ford, of Kalispell and one brother, Lester Ford of Burlington, Connecticut. Funeral services for Mrs. Alguire were conducted on Monday with the Rev. Everett Cecil, pastor of the Central Christian Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

DI

Anna F. Allen, 95

11 Dec 1978

Anna F. Allen, 95, formerly of Bigfork, died in Great Falls Monday. She was born in Asotin, Wash., and in 1900 married Victor G. Allen at Huntsville, Wash. They moved to Montana where they homesteaded in the Lohman area between Chinook and Havre, Thirteen years later they

moved to Los Angeles. In 1944 they moved to Bigfork. In 1964 Mrs. Allen was preceded in death by her husband. About five years ago Mrs. Allen moved to Great Falls to be near her son at Fort Benton. She is now survived by her son Wayne Allen, Fort Benton; two grandsons; five great-grandchildren; two great-

great-grandchildren, and a sister Bessie Foss, Spokane.

Services for Mrs. Allen will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle, associate pastor of United Epworth Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lone Pine Cemetery near Bigfork.

KN

MR. AUGUST ALTENBURG

8 Feb. 1978 KN

Mr. August Altenburg, age 95, died on Thursday at the Immanuel Lutheran Home where he had resided for the past four years. He was born July 19, 1882, in Germany, a son of Daniel and Pauline Altenburg. He immigrated to the United States and in 1902 moved to the Flathead Valley. He worked in the lumber industry until 1918 when he bought and operated a farm and dairy near Somers. He had continued to farm his entire life until entering the Immanuel Lutheran Home. Mr. Altenburg was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. On February 28, 1905, he was married to Florence Mink in

Kalispell and was preceded in death by her on August 2, 1948. He is now survived by six children, Peter Altenburg of LaGrande, OR, Edmond Altenburg of Sunburst, MT, Eric Altenburg of Pacific Grove, CA, Martha Holm of Olympia, WA, Arthur Altenburg of Spokane and Richard Altenburg of Kalispell; thirteen grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and a number of other relatives. Funeral services for Mr. Altenburg were conducted in the Trinity Lutheran Church on Monday with the Rev. Harold Huber officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Roland Andersen, 76

18 Feb. 1978

Roland Andersen, 76, who had resided at 535 2nd Avenue West, died in Kalispell on Saturday evening.

He was born April 22, 1901, in Steinkjer, Norway, a son of Otto A. and Ragna Andersen. He was the oldest of six children. When he was 2 years of age he came to America with his family. His early life was spent in a tarpaper shack in North Dakota and in 1914 the family moved by immigrant train to White Tail, Montana, where they farmed. As a young man, Mr. Andersen worked as a ranch hand. He then became a barber prior to moving to Kalispell in 1926. Andersen and a partner developed Hungry Horse Townsite during the construction of Hungry Horse Dam and was for many years involved in real estate business in the Flathead area. He was also an avid sportsman.

In 1944 he was married to Lina K. (Helen) Hansen. After partial retirement in the early 1950s, Mr. Andersen pursued a lifetime interest as an inventor and manufacturer in the Los Angeles, California area. He was a member of the Kalispell Elks Lodge and the Kalispell Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother and a sister.

He is now survived by his widow, Lina, at home; two sons, Eugene R. Andersen



ROLAND ANDERSON

of Fountain Valley, California and James K. Hansen of Stayton, Oregon; one daughter, Betty Schneider of Libby, Montana; three brothers, Fritz of Lewistown, Idaho, Carl of Seattle, Washington and Lyle Andersen of Eugene, Oregon; four grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services for Mr. Andersen will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 11 a.m. on Tuesday with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends who wish may contribute memorials to the Shrine Hospital Crippled Children's Fund in Spokane.

Charlotte A. Anderson, 67

5 Mar. 1978
EUREKA — Charlotte A. Anderson, 67, died Sunday evening at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born Sept. 16, 1910, in Wallum, N.D., the daughter of Charles and Helga Kins. She came to the Tobacco Valley in 1915 where she attended schools in Eureka.

She married Harold "Slim" Anderson July 3, 1937, in Kalispell. He preceded her in death in 1965.

She attended Western Montana College and Eastern Washington College at Cheney, Wash., where she graduated with a degree in education. She taught school at Eureka, Trego, Iowa Flats and Sheldon Canyon for many years until her retirement in 1971. In 1972, she moved to Tustin, Calif., returning to Eureka in 1977.

She had been a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Delta Kappa Gamma sorority and the Rebecka Lodge.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce LaValley of Great Falls; one son, Charles Anderson of Aurora, Colo.; one brother, Harry Kins of Libby; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m.

at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with pastor Terry Martin officiating. Burial will follow in Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home.

DI

Doris M. Anderson, 55

9 June 1978

Doris Marie Anderson, 55, 926 5th Ave. West, died in Kalispell on Friday evening.

She was born Sept. 17, 1922, in Kalispell, a daughter of F.X. and Alvina Grosswiler. She had attended Kalispell schools and the Beauty Operators School of Boise, Idaho. She was married to Ralph Anderson in Clinton, Okla. Aug. 2, 1942. The couple then returned to Kalispell where they have since resided.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph; three sons, Ronald Eugene, Rickey Joe and Randall Lee all at home; two

daughters, Cheryl Kay Root of Eugene, Ore. and Connie Marie Lyon of Spokane, Wash.; nine grandchildren; four brothers, Carl, Paul and August Grosswiler all of Kalispell and George Grosswiler of Phoenix, Ariz; three sisters, Irma Krogstad of Kalispell, Grace Criswell of Spokane, Wash. and Edna Blanchard of Denver, Colo.

Funeral services for Mrs. Anderson will be conducted in the Trinity Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Harold Huber officiating.

Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

H H N

Elmer Anderson, 75,

Died at Veterans Home

16 Oct. 1978

Elmer Anderson, age 75, died at the Montana Veterans Home Friday, a resident of Gilford, Montana.

Mr. Anderson was born March 1, 1903 in Vang, North Dakota, a son of Christian and Emma Anderson. At the age of nine years he moved with his parents to Gilford, Montana, where he completed his education. He later farmed in the Gilford area until he enlisted in the Army during World War II. He returned to Gilford where he continued farming until he retired in the 1960s due to ill health. He entered the Veterans' Hospital in Salt Lake City in 1974 and about a year ago came to the Montana Veterans' Home in Columbia

Falls. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Aerie #166 of Havre.

He is survived by one brother Hans T. Anderson of Seattle, Washington; two sisters Inga Floe, Anacortes, Washington and Ruby Savage, McKinleyville, California; three nephews and one niece.

Funeral services were conducted from the Montana Veterans' Home Wednesday at 11 a.m. with Rev. Ron Paulson of Our Saviors Lutheran Church officiating. Military honors were in charge of the Flathead Valley Veterans. Burial was made in the Montana Veterans' Home Cemetery under the direction of the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

DI

Valle' T. Anderson, 62

21 Apr. 1978

MISSOULA — Valle' T. Anderson, 62, 717 Redwood St., Missoula, died of cancer at St. Patrick's Hospital Friday morning.

Mrs. Anderson was born in Missoula on Feb. 12, 1916. She grew up in Mis-

soula and attended the University of Montana where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Valle' married Kenneth L. Demmons in 1934 and the family made their home at The Tamaracks in Seeley Lake for fourteen years.

In 1948 the Demmons family moved to Missoula where they lived until 1956. They then moved to Kalispell where Valle' owned and operated The Magi import and gift shop until 1968.

In 1968 the family returned to Missoula, and a year later her first husband Kenneth Demmons died in a Missoula hospital.

In 1973 she married Frank B. Anderson.

Valle' was employed by the Philosophy Department of the University of Montana until the time of her death.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by her husband Frank of Missoula; four sons and two daughters, Sandy Demmons of Los Angeles, Calif.; Ann Thurnau, Havre; Tom Demmons, Missoula; Turner Demmons, Missoula; David Demmons,

Hamilton, Debbie Demmons Hupe, Missoula; a brother, Pelham Turner, Missoula; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Monday, April 24, at 2 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit-Episcopal with Father Lee Wallace officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to the Missoula County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, or to the charity of your choice.

DI

Janet Andrews, 86

22 Mar. 1978

Mrs. Janet Andrews, 86, died Wednesday at Whitman Manor Nursing Home in Walla Walla, Wash.

She was born Feb. 5, 1892, in Stanford, the daughter of John and Anna (McRae) Campbell. She moved to Eureka in 1917 and lived there until 1945 when she moved to Kalispell. She remained in Kalispell until 1975 when she moved to Walla Walla. She attended Ellis Academy in Bozeman and Walla Walla College in College Place, Wash. Before her retirement, she worked at Kalispell General Hospital in the housekeeping department.

Mrs. Andrews was a member of the Kalispell

Seventh-day Adventist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Malcolm C. Andrews of Joseph, Ore., and John A. Andrews of Norwood, N.J.; one daughter, Kathryn Andrews of College Place, Wash.; one sister, Annie L. Rouse of College Place, Wash.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Andrews will be conducted at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kalispell Monday at 2:00 p.m. Elder Charles Alloway and Elder Stephen Chinn will officiate. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

DI

Emma Louise Annan, 87

1 Feb. 1978

WHITEFISH — Emma Louise Annan, 87, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home Wednesday morning. She was a former resident of Whitefish and Columbia Falls.

Mrs. Annan was born Feb. 9, 1890, at Aurelia, Iowa, a daughter of Bernard and Wilhelmina Stief. She received her schooling in Iowa and Hetland, S.D. In 1911, she

moved to Winifred, eastern Montana, where she homesteaded.

She married John Long in 1920 at Winifred. He died in 1929. In 1930, she moved to Whitefish and married Bob Annan June 1, 1940, in Kalispell. He preceded her in death Sept. 15, 1964. She later moved to Columbia Falls, and for the past 11 years, made her home at the Montana Veterans

Home. The last six months she had lived at the Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Columbia Falls.

She is now survived by one stepdaughter, Mrs. Emma Waldenberg, Great Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Rich, Whitefish, and Mrs. Alvina Mendel,

Kalispell; and a number of nieces and nephews including Margaret Murdock, Whitefish.

Services will be conducted from the Austin Chapel at 2 p.m. Friday with Rev. Ron Paulson of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Columbia Falls officiating. Interment will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

George Armstrong, 70

2 Feb 1978

George W. Armstrong, 70, who resided at the Montana Veterans Home, died early Thursday morning at the home in Columbia Falls.

Armstrong was born March 30, 1907, in Mahanomen, Minn., a son of Benjamin and Josephine Armstrong. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army. He grew up in Minnesota and worked in the Forest Service and also owned a logging company. In 1949 he moved to Columbia Falls, where he engaged in the hauling of logs to clear for Hungry Horse Dam. Following this, he returned to Minnesota where he again worked for the Forest Service until his retirement in 1968 and at that time he returned to Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte at the family home in Columbia Falls; one daughter, Mrs. Orly (Rose) Hufstman of Columbia Falls; two sons, William Armstrong of Columbia Falls and Wylie Armstrong of Cass Lake, Minn.; 10 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Wayne (Millie) Karkas of Hibbing, Minn. and two brothers, Ben Armstrong of Pontiac, Mich. and James Armstrong of Minneapolis, Minn.

Services will be conducted Monday morning at 10 in the Montana Veterans Home Chapel with Rev. Father Spraycar of St. Richards officiating. Burial will be in the Veterans Cemetery, under the direction of the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

DI

Lillie Armstrong, 66

29 Dec 1978

LIBBY — Lillie R. Armstrong, 66, died Friday morning at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby. She was born Nov. 11, 1912, at McNeil, Ark. She was raised in Arkansas and graduated from Henderson State Teacher's College in 1943 at Arkadelphia, Ark., and had taught school there.

She married Paul Armstrong July 15, 1945, at McNeil. In 1947 the couple

moved to Libby where she taught school for a period of 8½ years. She was an active member of the Church of God and was active in the Girl Scout Program in Libby.

She is survived by her widower Paul of Libby; one daughter, Paula Kay Roberts of Helena; one son, Raymond Armstrong of Bozeman; two brothers, Jack Brazell of McNeil and Roy Brazell of Camden, Ark.; and three

grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Church of God with the Rev. Wayne Miller officiating. Burial will take place Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Hillside Cemetery in Conrad.

'Galloping Swede' Aronson is dead

25 Feb. 1978

COLUMBIA FALLS (AP) — Former Gov. J. Hugo Aronson, who landed in the state after being kicked off a freight train at Columbus and later became known as the "Galloping Swede" of Montana politics, died Saturday evening in the state Veteran's Home here.

He was 86.

Aronson's death came on the tenth anniversary of his wife's death. Former First Lady Rose Aronson died Feb. 25, 1968.

Aronson served as Montana's chief executive for eight years, leaving the Governor's Mansion at Helena in January 1961.

Survivors include Aronson's only child, Mrs. Gary (Rika) Mogolis of Bigfork, and the couple's two grandchildren.

Aronson had been in ill health for years. He entered the vet's home in April 1973.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete.

An immigrant from Sweden, Aronson came to America in October 1911, unable to speak English and nearly penniless.

His public life began in 1934 with election to the Cut Bank City Council and ended in January 1961 when he retired as the personification of the great American story.

Aronson was Montana's 13th governor, and his elec-

tion in 1952 marked only the third time state residents had put a Republican in the office.

Aronson left school at 14 and saw his dream of coming to America answered on Oct. 26, 1911 when he came to New York City by ship. The only English he knew was "ham and eggs," a phrase he later said enabled him to eat for his first 30 days in this country.

In 1917, he tried to enlist in the Navy at Billings but was rejected. He stalked across the street and joined the Army.

His life in Montana was first as a homestead farmer, then an oil rig worker and later as a hauler of oil rig materials. It was in the oil fields that he became known as the "Galloping Swede."

During an interview in the fall of 1975, Aronson said he was not a perfect governor but prided himself on trying "to do something 'for' the people, not 'to' them."

After his council stint at Cut Bank, Aronson served for 14 years in the Montana Legislature.

In recent years, Aronson's eyesight and hearing had been failing. A bad back forced him to give up long, daily walks. His retirement residence was in Bigfork.

He moved to the vet's home in April 1973, five years after being widowed for a second time.

Last April, the Montana Legislature passed a joint resolution honoring the former governor.



3-1-1978

The immigrant Swede boy who became Governor of our state and a friend of everyone from oil field roustabouts to kings and presidents, passed away this week at age 87. Hugo Aronson is shown here talking to President Dwight Eisenhower. We join thousands in paying our last respects to a man who more than proved the American Dream.

KN

J. HUGO ARONSON FORMER/GOVERNOR,

Former/Governor, J. Hugo Aronson, age 86, died Saturday evening at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls where he has resided for the past several years. He was born September 1, 1891, in Gallstad, Sweden, a son of Aron Johanson and Rika Ryding. He received his education in Sweden and in 1911 he came to the United States. He had worked in Boston for a time, and in 1914, he came to Columbus, Montana. He then went to the Montana-Wyoming border and established a homestead. He had served in the American Expeditionary Forces in the U.S. Army in France during World War I. He then returned to Cut Bank, Montana and established his own oil company and founded the oil towns of Oilmont, Gallup City and Santa Rita. He became president of a Cut Bank bank and in 1934, was elected to the Cut Bank City Council, serving two terms until 1938. 1938 to 1942, he served as State Representative from Glacier County; 1944-1952, was State Senator from Glacier County and 1952 to 1960 he was Governor of the State of Montana. Following his retirement from active politics he lived on the shore of Flathead Lake at Bigfork until entering the Montana Veterans Home. Mr. Aronson was a member of the

Bethany Lutheran Church of Bigfork; Cut Bank Lodge #82 A.F.&A.M.; All York and Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies; Algeria Shrine; Royal Order of Jesters; Fraternal Order of Eagles of Helena; B.P.O. Elks of Cut Bank; American Legion Post #40 of Cut Bank; 40 & 8 of Montana; Veterans of W.W.I Kalispell Barracks; Order of the Eastern Star of Shelby and Moose Lodge of Cut Bank. On June 3, 1919, he was married to Mathilda Blance Langagne at Paris France and was preceded in death by her on March 1, 1936. On September 25, 1944, he was married to Rose Myrtle McClure in Minneapolis, Minnesota and was preceded in death by her on February 25, 1968. He is now survived by his daughter, Mrs. Gary B. (Rika) Mogolis and grandchildren, Joani Michelle and John Robert Mogolis all of Bigfork; two nephews, Sven Johanson of Rapid City, South Dakota and Eric Johanson of Billings and a number of nieces and nephews in Sweden. Funeral services were conducted in the Bethany Lutheran Church of Bigfork at 2 p.m. on Tuesday with the Rev. Rusty Halaas and the Rev. Ron Paulson officiating. The body was then forwarded to Davenport, Washington where graveside services and interment were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

In Memory of**CLARENCE EDGAR ASTROPE****BORN**

October 10, 1913
Culbertson, Montana

ENTERED INTO REST

June 23, 1978
Whitefish, Montana

SERVICES

Austin Chapel - 10:00 A. M.
Tuesday, June 27, 1978

OFFICIATING

President Gordon Smith
Church of the Latter Day Saints

ORGANIST

Ella Anderson

SOLOIST

Al Olson

CASKETBEARERS

Bob Arnold
Jim Kajiwara
Bob McCallum

Joe Pettinato

Myron Thompson

Al Robinson

MASONIC GRAVESIDE RITES

Mack Johnston

INTERMENT

Glacier Memorial Gardens

W P

Clarence Astrope

Clarence E. Astrope, age 64, of Whitefish, died Friday morning in the Whitefish hospital.

Mr. Astrope was born October 10, 1913 at Culbertson, Montana, a son of Charles E. and Martha Astrope. He was raised in the Culbertson vicinity until 1927 when the family moved to Hardin, Montana, where he completed his education.

He worked for the Holly Sugar Corp. until entering the Armed Services in October 1941. He served with the 160th Infantry Regiment in the Pacific Theatre receiving among others the Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star. He was discharged in 1945.

After service he was a mechanic welder living in various towns in Montana. In 1953 the family moved to Whitefish and in January 1954 he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad and remained with them until October 1977 when he retired due to ill health.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge #64 AF. & AM.

In August of 1942 he married Edna Mae Helton of Decker, Montana and is now survived by her at the family home in Whitefish.

He is also survived by one daughter Mrs. Andrew (Sharon) Howell, Pasco, Washington; two grandsons; five sisters Mable MacDonald, Conn, Montana, Myrtle Murray and Amy Surprenant, Plentywood, Montana, Claire Izenhower, Santa, Idaho and Elsie Hall-ett, Tacoma, Washington; one brother Ray Astrope, Bridger, Montana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three sisters.

Funeral services for Mr. Astrope were held Tuesday in the Austin Chapel with Gordon Smith of the Church of Latter Day Saints officiating.

Burial followed in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, with Masonic Graveside Rites.

29 June 1978 W.P.

DI

20 May 1978

Donovan L. Auld, 28

EUREKA — Donovan L. "Dub" Auld, 28, died Saturday in Frontier, Sask. as the result of injuries received in a car accident.

He was born March 3, 1950 in Grasmere, B.C. and was raised there. He later moved to Eureka where he had attended school. He moved to Frontier in 1976 where he was employed as a welder.

Survivors include his wife Laura, Frontier, Sask.; one son, Ted, one daughter, Donita, both of Frontier; his mother, Margaret Elliott, Eureka; three

brothers, Claude Auld, Lethbridge, Alta. and Willi and Jean Elliott both of Eureka; four sisters, Joan Hutchinson, and Debra Hagerud, both of Fernie, B.C., Tanna Elliott, Libby, and Kelli Ann Elliott of Eureka.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Carl Pershall officiating. Burial will follow in Tobacco Valley Cemetery, under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

DI

27 May 1978

George Aurit, 41

George A. Aurit, 41, of 362 1st Ave. W.N., died Saturday in Kalispell. He was a saddlemaker.

Aurit was born May 10, 1937, in Sioux Falls, S.D., the son of George and Pearl Aurit. He attended schools there, after which he attended shoe repair trade school in Cleveland, Ohio. He owned and operated the Cobbler's Bench Shoe Repair Shop in Sioux Falls from 1964 until 1968. He then moved to Kalispell and worked one year for the Mountain Manufacturing Co. He was injured on the job and later opened George's Saddlery on 2nd St. W., because of

health reasons he had not worked this past year. He was reared in the Catholic faith.

Surviving are his daughter, Diana Peterson, and his son, Todd Anthony Aurit, both living in Kalispell; his mother, Mrs. Clarence (Pearl) Handle, Sioux Falls; seven sisters and three brothers. He was preceded in death by his father.

Services and burial will be in Sioux Falls. Local arrangements were under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home.

B