

30 May 1978

SPOKANE, Wash. — Memorial services for Ellen A. Sager, 92, of Spokane, Wash., will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hazen and Jaeger Valley Funeral Home, 1306 North Pines Road. She died May 30.

Mrs. Sager lived in the Flathead Valley for 40 years.

Born Dec. 17, 1885, in Norway, she came to the United States in 1909 after marrying Otto Mitaug in Norway. The couple moved to Spokane. In 1915, they moved to Joplin, Montana, where they homesteaded.

In 1922, she married John Backant. She later was married to Millard Sager in 1933. The Sagers lived along the west shore of Flathead Lake for four years before moving to the husband's home place east of Kalispell in 1937.

Mrs. Sager is survived by her daughter, Mrs. E.W. (Bea) Sorenson, Spokane Valley; a son, Earl Mitaug, Kellogg, Idaho; two step-daughters, Ila Gabney and Velma Olson, both of Kalispell; brother, Ole

Bratset, Oakland, Calif.; nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

MR. LEVIAN S. SAKRISON / Mar 1978

Mr. Levian S. Sakrison, age 74, died last Wednesday morning at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls where he had been residing for the past year. He was born May 12, 1903, in Day County, SD, a son of Peder and Eva Sakariason. He received his schooling in South Dakota and in 1911 he moved to the Flathead Valley where he has resided since that time. On Jan. 10, 1927, he was married to Gertrude Hoover in Missoula. Mr. Sakrison had engaged in farming, woodwork and construction work prior to his retirement. He was a veteran of World War II, having entered the U.S. Army Oct. 21, 1942 at Butte. He served until receiving his

honorable discharge on July 25, 1945, at Fort Snelling, MN. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Fedraheimen Lodge #140 Sons of Norway. He is survived by one son, James Wilcox of McMinnville, OR; one daughter, Catherine Jensen of Springfield, OR; two sisters, Mrs. Dagne Nelson and Mrs. Petra Dunham both of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; several great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews. Memorial services for Mr. Sakrison were conducted on Friday with Rev. Chauncey Biffle and Veteran Chaplain officiating. The body has been donated to the WAMI program for medical research.

MR. JAMES F. SANDALL / 17 May 1978

Mr. James F. Sandall, age 69, who had resided at 253 Arrow Lane, Bigfork, died in Kalispell on Sunday evening. He was born July 31, 1908, in Escanaba, Michigan, a son of Charles and Addie Sandall. When he was 2 years of age, he moved with his family to Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, later moving to Spokane, Washington, where he spent most of his life until five years ago when he moved to Bigfork. Mr. Sandall was an ironworker and had been employed in construction work until his retirement. On December 31, 1956, he was married to Marie Black in Lewiston, Idaho, and is now survived by her at the home in Bigfork. He is

also survived by one son, Charles Sandall of Palouse, Washington; one daughter, Mrs. Steve (Marlene) Parker of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho; four stepchildren, Robert Black of Pasco, WA, Lester Black of Seattle, Mrs. Russell (Della) Beller of Bigfork and Mrs. Jerry (Delores) Peters of Kalispell; two sisters, Charlotte Goldberg of Laguna Hill, California and Beth Page of Minneapolis, Minnesota; twenty four grandchildren and a number of other relatives. Funeral services for Mr. Sandall were conducted on Wednesday with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Former resident of Whitefish died

17 Dec 1978

Leona Sandblom, age 67, a former resident of Whitefish died in Spokane, Washington, Sunday.

Mrs. Sandblom was born April 17, 1911 at St. Paul Minnesota.

She received her schooling at St. Paul and was married there to Joe Sandblom, March 3, 1930. They continued to live in Minnesota until 1949 when they moved to Whitefish where Mr. Sandblom was a telephone inspector for the Great Northern Railroad.

In 1970 they moved to Spokane where Mr. Sandblom preceded her in death in 1972. She was a member

of St. Pauls Lutheran Church of Spokane.

She is survived by one son Jerome of Spokane; three daughters Mrs. W. G. (Gayle) Hunter, Anchorage, Alaska; Diane Jones and Mrs. James (Marcia) Ethridge both of Spokane; nine grandchildren; and one brother Mr. George Heuer, So., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Funeral services will be conducted from Christ Lutheran Church, Thursday at 10 a.m., with Rev. Neal Rudisili officiating.

Interment will be made in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Austin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Ralph L. Sanders, 84

17 Aug 1978

Ralph L. Sanders, 84, died at his home at 1621 Montana 35 on Thursday evening.

He was born Aug. 17, 1894, in What Cheer, Iowa, a son of Charles and Emma Sanders.

He had received his schooling in Iowa and on May 16, 1916, he was married to Adda Sparks at What Cheer. The couple continued to live there a short time and in 1919, they moved to Fort Collins, Colo. Mr. Sanders had been a rural mail carrier there and had also engaged in farming operations. In 1966, they moved to Montana and in 1967 they moved to their present home where they have since resided. Mr. Sanders had been a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Bellevue,

Colo. and recently was a member of the Little Brown Church of Bigfork. He was preceded in death by one son, Charles, in 1930, and is now survived by his wife, Adda, at home; one son, Ed Sanders of Kalispell; one daughter, Ruth Pratt of Momence, Ill.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Sanders will be conducted in the Little Brown Church of Bigfork at 10:30 a.m. on Monday with the Rev. Stephen Meltzer and the Rev. W. Paul Jones officiating. Burial will be in the Lone Pine Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the Johnson Chapel until 9 p.m. Sunday for visitation.

Lester K. Santa, 59

24 Sept. 1978

Lester Kenneth Santa, 59, died at North Valley Hospital on Sunday.

Mr. Santa was born Aug. 4, 1919 at Johnstown, Penn., a son of Alex and Emma Santa.

He received his early schooling at Johnstown, and later attended Georgia

Tech. He was in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II.

Mr. Santa married Dorothy Schramm Oct. 1, 1942 at Spokane, Wash. and later moved to Missoula where he owned and operated several meat markets.

He moved to Whitefish in 1964 and represented the Great Falls Meat Company and later operated the 19th Hole restaurant and bar at

the Whitefish Golf Club from 1965 until he retired in 1973 due to illness.

He was a member of the Missoula Hellgate Elks Lodge and the men's league of the Whitefish Golf Club.

He is survived by his widow at the family home, three sons, John, New Brunswick, N.J., Ron of Kalispell, Scott of Whitefish; his mother Emma Santa, a brother, George and a sister, Dorothy all of Johnstown; three grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted in Austin Chapel 1:30 p.m. Thursday with the Rev. Robert Laird officiating.

Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society have been suggested.

Frank H. Schaeffer, Jr.,

20 June 1978

Frank Henry Schaeffer, Jr., 29, Kila, was killed in a one vehicle accident on Tally Lake Road west of Whitefish.

He was born May 7, 1949 at Toronto, Ohio, a son of Frank and Laura Schaeffer, Sr. He received his schooling in Toronto and has lived in various places in the United States. He was a veteran of the Vietnam war, and was disabled in the war.

He was married to Lorena Inger, Aug. 4, 1976 at Couer D'Alene, Idaho.

He is now survived by his wife Lorena, one daughter, Alecia Ann, 10½ months old, both of Kila; his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Schaeffer, Sr. of Toronto, Ohio; three brothers, John, of Ohio, David, with the U.S. Army in Texas, and Dan of Toronto, Ohio; two sisters, Bonnie Stewart, Dergholz, Ohio; Lauri Schaeffer, Toronto, Ohio; and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Koch of Toronto, Ohio.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Austin Funeral Home.

Services for Frank Henry Schaeffer will be Monday, at 10 a.m. in the Austin Chapel. There will be viewing until service time, after which the casket will be closed. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Gardens.

ENGELSTAD, Sophia, 99, of the Flathead County Nursing Home, died this morning. Funeral arrangements pending.

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Eugene Savage, 81

16 Mar 1978

POLSON — Eugene William Savage, 81, died Thursday in the Polson Hospital.

He was born Dec. 17, 1896, in Miles City. He graduated from high school there in 1915 and attended the University of Montana School of Journalism until 1918.

Savage served with the 163rd Army Infantry in World War I.

He married Mary Murphy in Butte. She died in 1952.

He was employed by the Anaconda Co. and was in

charge of personnel and public relations in foreign fields for 24 years.

In 1960 he married Betty Flatow in Helena. The couple moved to Polson in 1968.

Savage was the past commander of the 40 and eight Veterans of World War I, a member of the American Legion, Silverbow Post 1 in Butte, Rotary, Elks, the Butte Town Club and the University of Montana Alumni Association.

During World War II, he served in the state's civil defense program. Mr. Savage planned and directed the Fort Benton Centennial in 1946. He also helped organize the Boys State program under the sponsorship of the Montana

Department of the American Legion during 1946 and 1947. He also was active in the Boy Scouts of America and was on the Board of Directors for the Montana Automobile Association.

Survivors include his wife in Polson; a daughter, Shirley Spandiford, Crescent City, Calif.; two stepsons, Gary Flatow, Missoula, and Henry Flatow, Helena; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday in the Mosley Chapel with the Rev. James DeGroat officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Montana Boys State in care of the Security State Bank of Polson.

John Scherpenseel

1 Jan 1978

John G. Scherpenseel, 52, of 825 Helena Flats Road, died Sunday morning in the Kalispell Regional Hospital following a long illness. He was a retired Air Force master sergeant.

Mr. Scherpenseel was born Nov. 14, 1925 in Sacketts Harbor, N.Y., the son of John C. and Isabel N. Scherpenseel. At an early age he moved with his parents to Albany, N.Y. where he attended schools. He entered the Air Force in 1942 and served in New Zealand as well as in the South Pacific during the second World War. He retired from the service in 1972. Mr. Scherpenseel lived in Townsend for one year following his retirement before moving to

Tishomingo, Okla., where he lived for a short time before he moved to Kalispell. He and his brother operated Bob & Jax Electronics Service in Polson until illness forced his retirement. He was a member of the Polson Elks Lodge No. 1695.

Surviving are his three sons, Christopher of Denver, Colo., Mark of New Orleans, La., and Jon W. Scherpenseel, stationed in New York state with the Air Force; two daughters, Mrs. John (Rosemary) Lamkin of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Marcia Scherpenseel of Philadelphia, Pa.; his brother, Robert H., of Kalispell; his sister, Mrs. Richard (Joan) Marks of Albany, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

His body was taken to Sandpoint, Idaho for cremation and a memorial service in the Weatherford Funeral Home will be announced later in the week.

Louis Schikora, 81

17 Jan 1978

LIBBY — Louis Schikora, 81, died in Libby Tuesday.

He was born Aug. 24, 1896, at Delno, Minn. His family then moved to Box Elder. He married Martha Becker July 22, 1927, at Billings.

They came to Libby in 1929. He retired from the St. Regis Company in 1962.

He is survived by his wife, Martha, Libby; three sons, David, Willis, Bill, Libby; three daughters, Joyce Balcore, Eureka; Lillian Martinez, Grants, N.M.; Pauline Nixon, Libby; one sister, Eva Russell, Portland, Ore.; three brothers, John, Kalispell; Paul, Polson; Joe, Minneapolis, Minn.; 24 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. with military graveside honors. Vial Funeral Home is in charge of services.

Lois Schmid, 58

21 Dec 1978

Lois I. Schmid, 58, 112 Poplar Drive, Evergreen, died Thursday night in the Kalispell Regional Hospital. She was a former waitress in Kalispell.

Mrs. Schmid was born Jan. 18, 1920 in Stoneham, Colo., the daughter of Harold and Lillie Annis. She moved to the Flathead with her family when she was a child and attended schools here, graduating from Flathead High School in 1937.

Mrs. Schmid worked at various occupations in this

area and was a waitress at the Palm Restaurant in Kalispell for 13 years before illness forced her retirement.

On Oct. 3, 1952, Mrs. Schmid was married to Leonard C. Schmid. He died in 1968. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, No. 1710, in Kalispell.

Surviving are one son, Bob Quinn of Grassrange; two daughters, Mrs. Dave (Cheryl) LaPorte and Mrs. Clarence (Connie) Tipton, both of Kalispell; her father, Harold Annis of Kalispell; her sister, Mrs. Carlton (Lola) Huston of Bigfork; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Everett Cecil, pastor of the Central Christian Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

John W. Schrader, 72

5 Feb 1978

John W. Schrader, 72, of 944 6th Ave. W., died Sunday in the Kalispell Regional Hospital following a heart attack at home. He was a retired U.S. Forest Service employee.

Mr. Schrader was born November 6, 1905 in Gresham, Wis., the son of August and Martha Schrader. He was educated in Gresham. He moved to the Flathead in 1922 and worked in the logging industry, first for Ed Conrad and later for Kinshella Logging. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service 16 years before he retired 5 years ago. He was a foreman.

Mr. Schrader married Estelle Ekenstedt on June 26, 1937 in Kalispell and is now survived by her at home. He was reared in the Lutheran faith.

Additional survivors include his son, William, of Kalispell; 2 sisters, Mrs. Lucy Volkman, of Milwaukee, Wis. and Mrs. Evelyn Heagle, of Shawno, Wis.; and his grandson, Scott Schrader of Kalispell. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Al J. Scholz, 81

13 June 1978

Al J. Scholz, 81, Whitefish, died in Houston, Texas Tuesday evening.

Mr. Scholz was born Dec. 11, 1896 at Sheridan, Wyo., where he continued to live until he was eight years old, and then moved with his parents to Basin, Wyo. where he received his early schooling. He then entered the University of Wyoming and enlisted in the Army in World War I. Upon his honorable discharge he returned to Basin. He was married to Fairy Murry on Sept. 14, 1922 at Douglas, Wyo. She preceded him in death on Aug. 8, 1971.

The couple had also lived at Greybull, Wyo. and later Laurel and Red Lodge where he was employed at the Gambles store there. In 1940 he and his family moved to Whitefish and owned and operated Gambles there until 1956. He then was a county assessor for a number of years. Since he retired he has spent his winters in Texas.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; American Legion Post 108; and the Christian Church.

Mr. Scholz was married to Murrel Ruminer May 22, 1976 and is now survived by her.

He is also survived by one son, Arthur L. Scholz of Cocoa Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Meridith (Bob) McMurdo and Mrs. Margaret (Gunner) Butler Jr. both of Seabrook, Texas; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; two sisters, Albertine Lucas, Denver, Colo. and Mary Johnston of Casper, Wyo.

Funeral services will be announced later by the Austin Funeral Home.

TIM C. SCHWARZENBERG 9 Aug 1978

Tim C. Schwarzenberg, 27, of 151 Sunday Lane, Kalispell, was killed when he fell from his hang glider last Wednesday afternoon on Desert Mountain near Martin City. He was a single man. Mr. Schwarzenberg was born August 8, 1950 in Lexington, KY, the son of Carl H. and Faioa Schwarzenberg. He attended schools in Mt. Shasta, California and graduated from high school in the class of 1968. He served two years in the Army during the Vietnam War and was an air traffic controller. Following his military service Mr. Schwarzenberg graduated from the College of the Siskiyou in Weed, California, after which he moved to Montana and attended the University of Montana. Mr. Schwarzenberg was a drywall contractor here and for the past year was in partnership in that business with Jerry Kasala. Mr. Schwarzenberg's interests in sports included hang gliding and downhill skiing. He won the Skimeister trophy for the West Coast in 1973. He was a

pioneer in hang gliding in Montana and was highly respected by all his comrades in the sport. He helped organize the sport here and taught many individuals the fundamentals of hang gliding. Memberships for Mr. Schwarzenberg include the Flathead Sky Sailors; and the International Brotherhood of Painter's and Allied Trades Union. Surviving are his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Carl H. Schwarzenberg, of Susanville, California; 3 sisters, Mrs. Charles (Lynne) Birimisa, of Mt. Shasta, Jan Schwarzenberg, of Sacramento, California, and Nancy Schwarzenberg, of Chico, California; his brother, John Alexander Schwarzenberg, of Bicton, Western Australia; his grandmother, Mrs. Howard Porter, of Attadale, Western Australia; and numerous relatives in Australia as well as nieces and nephews in this country. Private memorial services were held. His body was cremated in the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Earl C. Shales, 81

23 July 1978

Earl C. Shales, 81, died on Sunday at the Immanuel Lutheran Home where he has resided since November 1977.

He was born Sept. 30, 1896, in Davison, Mich., a son of Jesse and Lillie Shales. He received his education in Michigan and was a machinist in Detroit for a number of years. In about 1925, he moved to Montana and had resided in the Flathead since that time. Since coming here, he had done rural missionary work having worked with Rev. and Mrs. L.P. Sanford for some time.

He was a veteran of World War I, having served in the U.S. Navy during that time. On Nov. 8, 1952, he was

married to Mary Arnett and was preceded in death by her on Jan. 4, 1964. He is now survived by his sister, Marilla Shales, at the Lutheran Home.

Gradeside services for Shales will be conducted in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 11 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Kenneth Young officiating. Friends will meet at the Johnson Chapel before going to the cemetery. Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Central Bible Church with the Rev. Kenneth Young officiating. Memorials to the Central Bible Church have been suggested by the family. The body will lie in state at the Johnson Chapel until 9 p.m. Monday for visitation.

Marie C. Shea, 67

4 Oct. 1978

EUREKA — Marie C. Shea, 67, author and publisher of several books on northwest Montana history, died Wednesday morning at her home near Eureka.

She was born Nov. 11, 1910, at Eureka, daughter of John and Johanna Cuffe, pioneer settlers of the Tobacco Valley.

She was raised and educated in the Tobacco Valley and taught at the Yaak School and the Iowa Flats School for several years. Later she taught at Lincoln County High School, retiring in 1962.

In 1936 she married George P. Shea in Eureka. They made their home at the Shea Ranch north of Eureka until the time of her death.

Mrs. Shea was active in community affairs, belonging to many area groups while maintaining her primary interest in the history of northwest Montana and the Tobacco Plains.

She served as associate editor of "Story of Tobacco Plains Country" and in 1974 she published "Search for

Life in Mexico," an account of travels with her brother. In 1977 she wrote and published "Early Flathead and Tobacco Plains," the result of many years of research on the early days of northwest Montana. The book traces the settlement of the Tobacco Plains to its origins in the early 1900s.

Survivors include her husband George, Eureka; two daughters, Margaret Brockmann, Eureka; and Shannon Nelson, Billings; a son, G. Patrick, Eureka; and six grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, with the Rev. Wilson Smart as celebrant. Rosary will be recited Friday evening at 7 p.m. in the church. Following the funeral, burial will take place in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorials may be made to the Medical Aid Fund, in care of the First National Bank of Eureka.

Lucile Sempf, 85

28 Jan 1978

Mrs. Lucile Irvin Furlong Sempf, 85, died at her home, Elk Horn Lodge, Swan Lake, on Saturday.

She was born Oct. 30, 1892, in Eldson, Ill., a daughter of Harry and Anna Wentz Irvin. In 1900, she moved with her parents to Stillwater, Minn., where they operated a truck farm. She attended Stillwater schools from second grade through high school after which she took a six-week summer course in St. Paul and received a

teachers certificate. In 1911, she taught her first school at Canby, Minn. She then went north to International Falls, then up Rainy River 35 miles to Loma after which she hiked 18 miles through forest, walking logs and corduroy across Muskey to her second school where some of her first and second grade students were 19 and 20 years old.

In 1913 she and her father homesteaded 13 miles west of Havre and she taught her first Montana school at Bunham and in 1914 she taught at Havre O'Neil School. In 1915, she was married to Lawrence Furlong and they homesteaded 20 miles south of Havre in the Bear Paw Mountains. The couple had four children: Marion, Martin (Joe), Lois (Mickey) and Genevieve, who died at seven months in 1933. In 1924, she returned to teaching.

During these years she went to summer schools, attending Montana State University and Northern Montana College at Havre. She also studied at Western Montana College at Dillon and earned a bachelor of arts degree there. In 1937 she came to Kalispell and began teaching in the third grade in the Old Westside

School, then in its replacement, Elrod, until 1958. During her teaching years she remodeled a house on East Idaho and a home at 506-1st Ave. E. She took in board and roomers;

weekends and holidays.

In May, 1953, she was married to Fred W. Sempf who had been with the Kalispell Mercantile Wholesale for over 48 years. Following their retirement they moved to Swan Lake where they had since resided.

Mrs. Sempf was a member of the Swan Lake-Swan Valley Chamber of Commerce; the Swan Lake Womens Club; the National Education Association; the National Education Retired Teachers' Association and the Kalispell Credit Union.

She is now survived by her husband, Fred, at the home in Swan Lake; two daughters, Mrs. Lois (Mickey) White of Spokane, Wash. and Marion Furlong of Swan Lake; one son, Martin (Joe) Furlong of Seattle, Wash.; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sempf will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.



LUCILE SEMPF

packed lunches for Forest Service fire crews and raised large gardens. For a number of years she fostered a retarded child and worked with the police to help delinquents. She also planned and supervised the building of several small homes and in 1950 she bought the Covington Lodge at Swan Lake. She built it into a cabin resort, now the Elk Horn Lodge, commuting

18 May 1978
**Carrie E.
Searles, 90**

Carrie E. Searles, 90, died May 18 at the Masonic Home in Helena.

She was born in Battle Lake on Aug. 24, 1887.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter C. Searles, one son, William A. Searles, and one grandson, James Robert Searles.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Harry M. (Ruth) Taylor of Kalispell with whom she made her home for a number of years; one son, Fred A. Searles, of Great Falls; five grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

At her request no memorial service will be held.

Memorials can be made to the Masonic Home in Helena.

Keith O. Shew, 65

3 July 1978

Keith O. Shew, 65, a former resident of Kalispell, died Monday in Portland, Ore.

He was born Dec. 4, 1912 in Ipswich, S.D.

Mr. Shew is survived by his wife, Lorraine, in Portland; two daughters, Mrs. Don (Connie) Gilchrist,

Billings; and Mrs. Carol Demons, Missoula; a brother, Cecil, Kalispell; and a sister, Mavis, also of Kalispell; three grandchildren; one sister-in-law in Hermiston, Ore., and several other relatives.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Geraghty Funeral Home in Missoula.

Richard C. Shirley, 57

31 Aug 1978
SPOKANE — Richard Clayton Shirley, 57, Spokane, a newspaper publisher in western Montana for 26 years, died Thursday in a Spokane hospital from injuries suffered in a car-motorcycle accident.

He was injured Aug. 22 when the car he was driving was hit by a 24-year-old Spokane man driving a motorcycle through an intersection in downtown Spokane.

The motorcyclist has been cited by police for running a red light and negligent driving. He is listed in good condition at a



RICHARD SHIRLEY

Spokane hospital. Mr. Shirley was born March 21, 1921, in Arnegard, N.D. He attended schools in Arnegard and later he attended the University of North Dakota. He was graduated from the journalism school at the University of Montana in 1950.

He and his wife, Joan, 47, founded the Tobacco Valley News in Eureka in 1960 and published it until 1976. They had previously operated the Hot Springs Sentinel.

Mr. Shirley also worked for a small weekly newspaper in Arnegard, the Plentywood Herald, the Carbon County News in Red Lodge, the Missoulian and the UM print shop.

In 1950, he married Joan F. Knight in Hamilton. He served with the Army during World War II.

The Shirleys established two clothing stores in Spokane after moving there from Eureka in 1976. Mr. Shirley also worked part time as a statistician for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

While he worked with the Tobacco Valley News, Mr. Shirley received many awards from the Montana Press Association. In 1972 the newspaper was rated

the best of Montana weekly newspapers with circulations under 1,500.

He served on the Eureka Town Council, was a member of the Lion's Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism society, and he served as business manager of the UM student newspaper in 1949-50.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Steve, Missoula; Bob, Kalispell; and Keith, Spokane; a daughter, Kathy Angevine, Berkeley, Calif.; three brothers, Edgar, New Port Richey, Fla.; Vance, Tucson, Ariz.; Jim, Helena; and three sisters, Joyce Winnington, Washougal, Wash.; Sybil Smith, Great Falls; and Patsy Allen, Story, Wyo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Eureka. Burial will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery with Moon Funeral Chapel of Sandpoint, Idaho, in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be sent to the UM journalism school for establishment of a scholarship in his name.

19 Feb 1987 William Shiell, 55

William D. Shiell, 55, local businessman and community leader, died of cancer Wednesday morning at his Kalispell home.

He was born Dec. 20, 1931, in Great Falls, the son of Cecil R. and Ruth Shiell. He was raised and graduated from high school in Great Falls, then received his bachelor's degree from the College of Great Falls.

He served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery during the Korean Conflict.

In 1954, he married Pat Riffle in Great Falls, where the couple made their home. He worked for the Great Falls Gas Co. in the mid-1950s, and eventually became vice president for operations.

He moved to Kalispell in 1968, and was "owner-dishwasher" of Norm's News from that time until his death.

He was very active in a number of community activities, particularly the Glacier Orchestra and Chorale, and served on the board of directors.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, at the family home in Kalispell; two daughters, Susan Magnus of Kalispell, and Carey Kirkemo of Los Angeles, Calif.; a son, David Shiell of San Jose, Calif.; his father, Cecil R. Shiell of Great Falls; a sister, Marilyn Myre of Great Falls; three grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Friday at Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to Glacier Orchestra and Chorale, c/o Becky DuBois, 470 Whitefish Trail, Kalispell 59901.

10 Aug 1978 Cora F. Shirts, 92

Cora Frances Shirts, 92, 31 LaSalle Road, died in Whitefish on Thursday morning.

She was born Sept. 2, 1885, in Winside, Neb., a daughter of James R. and Margaret Washburn. She received her schooling in Nebraska and in 1903, she was married to Edgar M. Shirts at Winside.

The couple had lived between Nebraska and North Dakota for many years and later moved to Hamilton. In 1954, they moved to Kalispell where they resided since that time.

Mrs. Shirts had attended the First

Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar, in 1968, and is now survived by one son, Lowell Shirts, of Kalispell; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Margery) Thurston of San Leandro, California; one brother, Loren Washburn, of Wayne, Neb.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Shirts will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Mary R. Shoaf, 93

21 May 1978

GREAT FALLS — Mary R. Shoaf, 93, a former Whitefish resident, died in a Great Falls hospital Sunday evening.

She was born April 26, 1885, in Chaska, Minn., a daughter of Theodore and Mary Lanó. She was educated in Long Prairie, Minn., where her parents farmed. She came to Montana at the age of 18 with a sister to live with their brother. She married James W. Shoaf in 1909.

Her husband was a 50-year member of the Great Northern Railroad and

preceded her in death in 1964 in Whitefish.

Mrs. Shoaf was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and GIA auxiliary of the Firemen and Engineer's Union. She is the last survivor of 10 children.

She is now survived by one daughter, Mary Ellen Spencer of Great Falls; and one granddaughter,

Mrs. Lones Wigger Jr., Columbus, Ga.; and three other grandchildren.

Rosary services will be recited Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. in the Austin Funeral Chapel. Mass of the Resur-

rection will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. from the St. Charles Catholic Church with Father Paul Heath officiating. Burial will follow in Whitefish Cemetery.

3 Jan 1978 Ralph Shirts, 92

Ralph Shirts, 92, died on Tuesday morning at the North Valley Hospital Extended Care Center, where he has resided for the past several years.

Shirts was born March 14, 1885, in Emerson, Iowa, a son of Thomas W. and Mary McFall Shirts. As a child he moved with his family to Winside, Neb., where he received his education. He later engaged in farming operations there until 1935 when he moved to Hamilton. During the Hungry Horse Dam construction he lived at Martin City while working on

its construction. He then returned to Hamilton until about 10 years ago when he moved to Kalispell.

Shirts was a single man.

He is now survived by several nieces and nephews including Lowell Shirts of Kalispell.

Services for Shirts will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 7 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Olive M. Silliker, 86

26 Aug 1978

Olive M. Silliker, 86, died at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish Saturday.

Mrs. Silliker was born Jan. 18, 1892, at Closworth, Wis., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hutton. She received her schooling in Wisconsin, later moving to Turner. She married Leslie Silliker Sr. Sept. 25, 1915, at Chinook. She then moved to Harlem Trail, Saskatchewan, Canada, where her husband was with Canadian

customs. In 1921 the couple returned to Turner and homesteaded there until 1937 when they came to Whitefish and operated a grocery store until they retired in 1958.

Her husband preceded her in death May 14, 1970.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Vista Chapter No. 44 of Whitefish, the American Legion Auxiliary of Whitefish and the United Presbyterian Church.

She is now survived by one son, Leslie Jr., Whitefish; two grandsons, Jack and Mark Silliker, and one granddaughter, Mrs. John (Linda) Peterson, all of Whitefish, and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted from the Austin Chapel Tuesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Kenneth Peterson of the United Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be made in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Filomena Siffner, 93

27 Nov 1978

Filomena Siffner, 93, of Libby died Monday evening at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born Feb. 28, 1885 in Czechoslovakia and raised there.

She married Joseph Siffner Feb. 11, 1907. They came to the United States in the fall of 1907 and settled in Chicago.

They came to Montana in 1911 and farmed near Rudyard until moving to Libby in 1919. She was a cook for the J. Neils Lumber Co. for many years.

Mrs. Siffner was preceded in death by her husband in 1961.

She is survived by one daughter, Jerolin Darsow of Libby; four

grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Vial Funeral Home with the Rev. James Thomas of St. Josephs Catholic Church officiating.

Interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Referred to as "our beloved doctor," word of the death of Dr. John B. Simons was delivered to THE PILOT last week.

A practicing physician in Whitefish from October, 1937, until 1961, Dr. Simons died on his birthday, January 22, at the age of 77 in a Las Vegas hospital.

Instrumental in the construction of the "new" Whitefish hospital located on Park Avenue and completed in March, 1947, Dr. Simons was said to have personally mortgaged his home and cashed in his life insurance policy to contribute toward the establishment of the then "new" hospital.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, Dr. Simons moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1961 where he served at the clinic until his health failed in 1973.

He continued to visit Whitefish every summer staying with the Whitney Smith family.

During his undergraduate years, Dr. Simons attended Hamline University. He was named to the school's sport hall of fame after being an athletic letter-winner for four years.

He was a member of the Las Vegas Shrine, the American Medical Association, Elks Club No. 1468 and the American College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Funeral services were con-



ducted Tuesday in Las Vegas with services and burial following Thursday in St. Paul, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, in 1957.

He is survived by his son, John B. Simons, Jr., of Fountain Valley, California; a daughter, Kaye Burman of Sun Valley, Idaho; two brothers, Thomas of Washington, D.C. and H. Richard of Whitefish; three sisters, Irene Allen of Greenbush, Minn., Mary Brannon of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Julia S. Westling of Las Vegas, Nev.

Memorials may be made to the National Arthritis Foundation, 3400 Peachtree Road N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

8 Aug 1978
Margaret Slusher

Mrs. Margaret P. Slusher, age 83, a former resident of Whitefish, died Tuesday in the North Valley Hospital at Whitefish.

Mrs. Slusher was born August 10, 1894 in Downs, Kansas, a daughter of Ernest and Margaret Schneider.

Mrs. Slusher received her education in Downs, Kansas and lived there until she married Roy R. Slusher on October 21, 1913 in Osborne, Kansas. They lived most of their lives in Glen Elder, Kansas, and later moved to Colorado for eight years. In 1956 they moved to Stevensville, Montana and in 1961 moved to Whitefish where they helped their son Raymond in Slusher's Bakery in Whitefish. In recent years she had lived with her daughter Rosalie Porter in Omaha, Nebraska.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Whitefish.

She is now survived by her son Raymond Slusher of Whitefish; three daughters Mrs. Eugene (Louise) William, of Apple Valley, California; Mrs. Morris (Roselie) Porter of Omaha, Nebraska, and Mrs. Dale (Marie) Neff of Omaha Nebraska; fourteen grandchildren and twenty-eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy E. Slusher on August 23, 1977.

Mrs. Slusher's remains will be forwarded by the Austin Funeral Home to the McDonald Funeral Home in Beloit,

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Kansas, where services are tentatively scheduled for Monday at 2 p.m. in the Glen Elder Methodist Church in Glen Elder, Kansas and burial in the Glen Elder Cemetery.

JOHN F. SINGER

John F. Singer, 86, of Bigfork, died in Kalispell on last Tuesday. He was born June 10, 1892, in Milwaukee, WI. In 1914 he came to Montana and homesteaded in the Powder River area. In 1954 he moved to Bigfork where he has since resided. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. On Feb. 12, 1927, he was married to Hazel Rakestraw in Havre and was preceded in death by her on April 15, 1974. He is now survived by his son,

Dale J. Singer of Bigfork; his daughter, Romerie Pickell of Symar, CA; and nine grandchildren. Services for Mr. Singer were conducted in the Little Brown Church near Bigfork on Friday with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial was in the Lonepine Cemetery where military graveside rites were conducted by the local veterans organization. The family suggests memorials be made to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch of Billings.

ANN LAMB SLIFER 30 Sept 1978

Ann Lamb Slifer, former longtime Kalispell resident, died Saturday morning while undergoing emergency surgery at Spokane to cope with an aneurism. She was 78. Mrs. Slifer, then Ann Pauline Pederson, came from Thompson Falls to the Flathead in the '20s to teach at Flathead High School. Subsequently she became extremely active in musical circles in Kalispell, providing private voice and piano lessons. She was organist and choir director for the Epworth United Methodist Church. She had also directed in Kalispell Community Sing events. She married Dr. J. Arthur Lamb who

died in the early '40s. She then married John W. Slifer in 1947. He died in 1971. She and Slifer for a number of years operated the Hidden Meadow Ranch for young people at a homestead in Glacier National Park south of Polebridge. She is now survived by two sisters, Inez Hagen of Coeur d'Alene, ID, and Corky Stem, Columbia Falls; five brothers, Joe Pederson, Bellingham, WA, and Ben Clem, OR, and Reuben, all of Coeur d'Alene. Funeral services were Wednesday at Spokane. Friends have already started a memorial at the Montana Veterans Home Foundation.

25 Oct. 1978
Lee Sleizer, 95

LIBBY — Lee Sleizer, 95, long-time resident of Libby, died Wednesday morning at the Libby Convalescent Center.

He was born June 28, 1883 in Germany. In 1887, he came to the United States with his parents. They settled in Sauk Rapids, Minn. He was raised and educated there. He married Augusta Bukowski in 1904 in Sauk Rapids. The couple came to Libby in 1914, where he worked for the J. Neils Lumber Co. for many years as a millwright until his retirement in 1956.

He had been a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Mrs. Sleizer preceded him in death in 1956. He is survived by five sons, Leonard and Don, both of Libby; Herman and Henry, both of Spokane, Arthur, of

Casper, Wyo., four daughters; Dorothy McClain of Libby, Harriet Wainz, of St. Louis, Mo., Rachel Sprecher of Everett, Wash. and Margaret Sleizer of Portland, Ore.; a half-sister, Anna Caisse of Portland, Ore.; one brother, August of Yakima, Wash., and one half-brother, Henry Bolinski of Sauk Rapids, Minn., ten grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. John Rasmussen officiating. Burial will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

25 May 1978
Allen Smith

Allen Lee Smith, age 87, died at the North Valley Extended Care Center Friday.

Mr. Smith was born November 25, 1890 at Milroy, Pennsylvania, a son of Charles and Annie Smith.

As a young man he came to Dayton where he was engaged in farming and wood work. He later moved to Kalispell and was employed as a maintenance man on the Great Northern Railroad between Columbia Falls and Somers. In 1942 he moved to Whitefish where he worked in the Great Northern Roundhouse until he retired in 1956.

He was married to Clara Ruth Whitehous in 1918 at Dayton; she preceded him in death in 1942. He was also preceded in death by a son Kenneth in 1967.

He is now survived by two sons, Norman Smith, Bonners Ferry, Idaho and Wayne Smith, Edmonds, Washington; one daughter, Virginia Basye, Tacoma, Washington; one brother, Floyd Smith, Libby; nine grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Austin Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, with Rev. Neal Ruedisili of the Christ Lutheran Church officiating.

Private burial was made in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery at Kalispell.

12 Oct. 1978
Alex E. Sloan, 78

Alex E. "Butch" Sloan, 78, died in Polson Thursday following an extended illness. He was a former member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council.

He was born April 1, 1900 at the Sloan Ranch near Ronan. He attended the Jesuit School in St. Ignatius and schools in Chenewa, Ore. He was an auto mechanic working for the Jones Motor Co. in Ronan. In 1934 he moved to New Mexico where he was married to Nellie McFarland, a nurse. The couple went to Venezuela in 1947, and in 1948 they moved to St. Ignatius. Mr. Sloan operated a garage at Post Creek near St. Ignatius for a number of years. He was chairman of the tribal council's law and order committee from 1952 to 1959, the council's sargeant at arms and later

became tribal judge. He was active in many Indian affairs, including the Northwest Tribal Indians near Spokane.

He was preceded in death by his wife in March 1977 and is now survived by a sister, Evelyn Webster of Ronan; a daughter, Babe Presta of Los Angeles, Calif.; a son, Alvin of Pablo; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Rosary for Mr. Sloan will be recited in the Fearon Chapel of St. Ignatius at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday in the St. Ignatius Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Edmund Robinson as celebrant. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Ronan.

28 June 1978
Cecil J. Small, 84

Cecil Joseph Small died in Fresno, Calif. on June 28. ing served in the infantry in France and Germany during that time.

Mr. Small was born Sept. 17, 1895 in Kalispell.

He attended school there, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1913 and then attended the University of Minnesota. He was a veteran of World War I, hav-

He is survived by two nephews, Dr. J. Milton Small of Great Falls and A. Harold Small of Kalispell. Funeral services were at the Stephens & Bean Chapel with interment in Belmont Memorial Park with Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439 officiating.

29 Jan 1978
Darrell Gene Smith, 49

WHITEFISH — Darrell Gene Smith, 49, of Whitefish died in a Missoula hospital Sunday.

Smith was born in Payette, Idaho, April 26, 1928, a son of John and Gyda Smith. He moved with his parents to Spokane, Wash., where he received his education. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve from 1946 to 1949. And then returned to Spokane, where he was employed by the Kaiser Aluminum Co.

He was married to Kay Stenberg June 1950 in Spokane. In 1955, he and his family moved to Whitefish, where he was employed with the Anaconda Aluminum Co. of Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife Kay, family home; four daughters, Beverly Smith, Havre, Mrs. Gary (Sharon) Parkhill, Hungry Horse, Vicky Lynn Smith and Wendy Smith, both of Portland, Ore.; one grandchild; two brothers, Neil, Chewelah, Wash., Tom, Steward, Alaska; one sister, Margaret Sloan, Seattle, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Michael in 1976.

Services will be conducted from Austin Chapel Thursday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Neil Ruedisili of the Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will be made in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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Allen Lee Smith, 87

Allen Lee Smith, 87, died at the North Valley Hospital Extended Care Center Friday.

Mr. Smith was born Nov. 25, 1890, at Milroy, Pa., a son of Charles and Annie Smith. As a young man he came to Dayton where he was engaged in farming and woods work. He later moved to Kalispell and was

employed as a maintenance man on the Great Northern Railroad between Columbia Falls and Somers.

In 1942 he moved to Whitefish where he worked in the Great Northern roundhouse until he retired in 1956. He was married to Clara Ruth Whitehouse in 1918 at Dayton. She preceded him in death in

1942. He was also preceded in death by one son, Kenneth, in 1967.

He is now survived by two sons, Norman Smith of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Wayne Smith of Edmonds, Wash.; one daughter, Virginia Basye, of Tacoma, Wash.; and one brother, Floyd Smith of Libby.

He also had nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Austin Chapel at 11 a.m. Tuesday with the Reverend Neal Ruedisili of the Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Private burial will be made at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

JAMES T. "TED" SMITH 1 Sep 1978

James T. "Ted" Smith, 81, 128 4th St. E., died in the Veterans Hospital in Fort Harrison on Friday afternoon. He was born May 7, 1897, in Hamilton; a son of James T. and Florence Smith. He received his education in Hamilton. He owned and operated a Texaco station in Kalispell for a time and was later employed with the Kalispell Water Department until his retirement in 1965. In May, 1967, he was married to Pearl Collins in Kalispell and is now survived by her at the family

home. He is also survived by one son, Earl Smith, of Hamilton; a daughter in Missoula; 11 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mr. Smith were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday with Rev. Dr. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel officiating. Ritualistic rites were conducted by the Odd Fellow Lodge. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites were conducted by the local veterans organizations.

RAYMOND A. SMITH

Raymond A. Smith, of 336 3rd Ave. West, died Saturday morning at home. He was 59 years old. Mr. Smith was born April 6, 1919 in Somers, the son of Charles and Mary Ann Smith. As a child he attended St. Matthew's Grade School and later graduated from Flathead High in the class of 1938. While in high school he was active in all sports, including track, basketball and football. Mr. Smith entered the Army in 1942 at Ft. Lewis, WA and served overseas in the South Pacific during World War II. Following his discharge from the service he tended bar at Jack's Tavern for many years and later worked as a sheet metal worker for various sheet metal firms in the area before retiring from Richard's Sheet Metal Co. three years ago. Mr. Smith was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church; Aerie No. 234, F.O.E., a life member of Post No. 2252, Veterans of

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Foreign Wars, the D.A.V. and the Sheet Metal Worker's Union, Local 114, Kalispell. Surviving, are his widow, Pat E. (Cross) Smith at home; a son, William Smith in Arizona; his step-son, Robert W. McQuirk of Kalispell; his step-daughter, Mrs. John (Wendy) Pearson, of Westcliffe, Colorado; his brother, Charles Willard Smith of Auburn, WA; and 2 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Richard (Harpo) Smith. Mass of the Resurrection was at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Gary Reller as Celebrant. Burial followed in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to a charity of the donor's choice. The Weatherford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Local veteran's conducted the graveside rites.

Roger Smith buried in Glacier Cemetery

11 Oct. 1978

Roger William Smith, age 82, died at his home at 1375 South Karrow in Whitefish Wednesday.

Mr. Smith was born Mar. 25, 1896 in Plum City, Wisconsin and in 1914 moved to Whitefish where he was employed with the roundhouse of the Great Northern Railroad.

He was married to Pearl R. Geeslin April 11, 1916 in Whitefish.

Later Mr. Smith drove school bus in Whitefish for a number of years. He also was manager of the H. Earl Clack service station and bulk plant until he retired. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Whitefish and also the Golden Agers.

He is survived by his wife Pearl at the family home; three daughters Mrs. Duke (Louise) Wellington, Mrs. Harold (Lucille) Wood, Mrs. Lorin (Jane) Barnes all of Whitefish; one son, Robert Smith, Cordova, Alaska; one sister Mrs. Hazel Howard, Kalispell; nineteen grandchildren and thirty great

grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers and one son Harry in 1970.

Funeral services were Monday at 2:00 p.m. from the Austin Chapel with Rev. Loy Estes and Rev. Dewey Forbes officiating.

Burial was made in Glacier Memorial Garden Cemetery at Kalispell. Memorials have been suggested to the United Methodist Church or the Whitefish Golden Agers.

GOLDIE M. SNYDER

13 Dec 1978

Goldie M. Snyder, 80, formerly of Big Sky Manor, died last Wednesday at the Flathead Nursing Home. Mrs. Snyder was born June 24, 1898 in Green Castle, MO the daughter of Asa and Mary Ray. She was educated in the Green Castle schools. On Feb. 14, 1916 she married Reuben Snyder in Kirksville, MO. They later moved to Mason City, IA and she lived there until 1972 when she moved to Kalispell. Surviving are two sons, Curtis J., of Kalispell and Tommy

A., Martin City; two daughters, Mrs. Arlene Humphries, Santa Monica, CA and Mrs. Hilda Faye Stidmon, Kalispell; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Van, in 1965, 2 sisters and 6 brothers. Funeral services were Friday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. James R. Newman, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

John Solem, 83

2 Sept 1978

LIBBY — John Solem, 83, long time Libby resident passed away Saturday at the Libby Convalescent Center.

He was born Jan. 12, 1895, in Trondheim, Norway. He was raised in Norway and came to the United States in 1914, coming to Libby a short time later. He had served with the U.S. Army in World War I.

He married Mabel

Paulson in 1925 at Eureka. The couple lived in Libby where he worked for the St. Regis Paper Co. until his retirement in 1962. His wife Mabel preceded him in death in 1970.

He was a charter member of the VFW Post 1548 in Libby. He also was a member of the World War I Barracks and Christ Lutheran Church.

Survivors include one son, John of Libby; three daughters, Marie Nicholls, Norma Vinson and

Marlene Nelson, all of Libby; one brother, Johann of Norway; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be today at 4 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Sheridan Erickson of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Military gravesite honors will also be provided. Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church.

Ernest Sidney Sorenson, 64

20 Feb. 1978
Ernest Sidney Sorenson, 64, died Feb. 20 at his home in Moses Lake, Wash.

Born Jan. 6, 1914 at Clarksfield, Minn., he was the son of George M. and Marie Sorenson. He grew to manhood and attended school at Stanley, N.D.

In September, 1944, he moved to Kalispell and married Louise Rhines here. They moved to Moses Lake in 1960 where he was employed at the U&I Sugar factory as assistant chemist. They also farmed there.

Sorenson is survived by his wife, Louise, at home in Moses Lake; two sons, Russell in the United States Navy

stationed in the Philippines, and Ricky in the Air Force in California; six daughters, Mrs. Laverne Truman of Royal City, Wash., and Miss Dawn King of Kodiak, Alaska; also Jean, Lorna, Annette and Gloria; two brothers, Arnold Sorenson of Whitefish, and Gile Sorenson of Kalispell; two sisters, Irene Denial of Kalispell and Adeline Avery of Mesa, Ariz.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Weatherford Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Torrance Harvey officiating. Burial follows in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Vern C. Spencer, 82

2 Oct. 1978
LIBBY — Vern C. Spencer, 87, died Monday at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born Sept. 19, 1891 in Attica, Mich. He was raised in northern Michigan and came to Libby in 1917. He served with the U.S. Army in World War I and returned to Libby in 1921. He worked as a logger for many years for the St. Regis Paper Co. un-

til his retirement in 1958.

He married Marie Mitchell July 23, 1921 at Charlevoix, Mich. He had been a member of the World War I Barracks and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union. He is survived by his wife Marie at the family home in Libby; one son, Forrest, of Pocatello, Idaho; three grandsons and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Vial Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Cutshall of-

ficiating. Burial will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery with military graveside honors.

Orval Spealman, 85

21 Dec. 1978
COLUMBIA FALLS — Orval J. Spealman, 85, died at the Montana Veterans Home Thursday.

He was born Aug. 13, 1893, in Illinois, the son of Harry and Emma Spealman. During World War I, he was a member of the U.S. armed forces.

After the war, he worked for electrical and construction companies as a wire man for 50 years in California. In 1974, he moved to Kila to live with his son Orval Spealman Jr.

Since October 1978, he lived at the Montana Veterans Home.

He is survived by one son, Orval Jr., Kila; one daughter Lucille Brovont, Sparks, Nev.; one brother, Dwight, Mount Carroll, Ill.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The body will be forwarded by the Van Leuven Funeral Home to the Walton Funeral Home in Reno, Nev., for services and cremation Tuesday.

MARY C. SPINK

Mary C. Spink, 77, died at her home at 566 1st Ave. E.N., last Wednesday morning. She was born June 28, 1901, in Pleasanton, Kansas, a daughter of Charles and Estelle McAuley. As a child she moved with her family to Kalispell where she attended Kalispell schools. She graduated from the Flathead County High School. She had also attended business college. She was a member of the Eastern Star Adah Chapter 17; Royal Neighbors of America; Social Order of Beauceant and the Music Club. In 1940, she was married to Monroe

Spink and was preceded in death by him in 1975. She is now survived by several children. W.S. Bradbury of McLean, VA; Mrs. Adee (Mary) Stillman and Mrs. M.F. (Lillian) Thompson both of Kalispell, Mrs. W.R. (Mabel) Thompson of Thomas-ton, GA and Mrs. H. (Margaret) Kusumoto of Honolulu, Hawaii; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Funeral services for Mrs. Spink were conducted Monday with the Rev. William Reid, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Herman Stafinbil, 87

Herman G. Stafinbil, 87, who had resided at 1019 2nd Ave. W., died in Kalispell Sunday evening.

He was born Oct. 5, 1889, in Enderlin, N.D. He attended schools in Enderlin and was employed by the Great Northern Railroad at Fargo and Great Falls.

On Nov. 29, 1916, he was married to Theresa Russell at Glasgow. They homesteaded in McCone County until moving to Kalispell in 1923, where they have resided since.

Mr. Stafinbil was a carpenter and for several years was a steam engineer at the Many Glacier Hotel.

He was awarded a Silver

Carnegie Medal for saving the lives of Alice and Adeline Wulzke, three-year-old twins, in a fire at their home in Lakeside. He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

He now is survived by his widow, Theresa, at home; one daughter, Mrs. A.D. (Edna Mae) Spahnower of Redding, Calif.; four sons, L. James of Lacey, Wash.; Jack R. of Spokane; Donald D. and Michael G. Stafinbil, both of Camanche, Calif.; a stepsister, Mrs. William Brandt, of Seattle; a stepbrother, Edward Mathes of Enderlin, N.D.; 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Rosary for Mr. Stafinbil will be recited in the Johnson Chapel tonight at 7. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated in St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Gary Keller as celebrant. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Alex E. Sloan, 78

Alex E. "Butch" Sloan, 78, died in Polson, Ill., following an extended illness. He was a former member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council.

He was born April 1, 1900, at the Sloan Ranch near Ronan. He attended the Jesuit School in St. Ignace and schools in Cheney, Ore. He was an auto mechanic working for the Jones Motor Co. in Ronan. In 1932 he moved to New Mexico where he was married to Nellie McFarland, a nurse. The couple went to Venezuela in 1947, and in 1948 they moved to St. Ignace. Mr. Sloan operated a garage at Post Creek near St. Ignace for a number of years. He was chairman of the tribal council's law and order committee from 1952 to 1959, the council's sergeant at arms and later

became tribal judge. He was active in many Indian affairs, including the Northwest Tribal Indians near Spokane.

He was preceded in death by his wife in March, 1977, and is now survived by a sister, Evelyn Webster of Ronan; a daughter, Babe Presta of Los Angeles, Calif.; a son, Alvin of Pablo; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Rosary for Mr. Sloan will be recited in the Reardon Chapel of St. Ignace at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday in the St. Ignace Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Edmund Robinson as celebrant. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Ronan.

21 Mar 1978 **Arnold Theodore Stedje, 64**

Arnold Theodore Stedje, 64, who was a partner in the Stedje Brothers Implement business in Kalispell for 20 years, died Tuesday afternoon at the Montana Veterans' Home in Columbia Falls where he had been a patient since June 1975.

He was born Dec. 26, 1913, near Hettinger, N.D., a son of Erik and Karen Stedje. He had attended school there and at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, Minn. He and his brother, Norman, came to Kalispell in fall 1936.

On May 5, 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a heavy truck driver in the Headquarters Company of the

6th Army during the occupation of Japan. He received his honorable discharge in December 1946.

He returned to Kalispell, and, in 1950, he and his brother, Norman, bought the Ford Tractor and New Holland franchises from Garey Motors. Their business expanded in 1960 by the purchase of the Ford Agency in Ronan. Stedje continued in business until retiring in 1970 due to failing health.

Stedje was a charter member of the Calvary Lutheran Church where he had been a member of the choir and had served as Sunday School superintendent; Sunday School teacher, and, at one time, as president of the congregation. He was a charter member of the

local Gideons International and had served as a member of the Salvation Army advisory board for several years.

On June 18, 1950, he was married to Mirth Lutnes of Cokato, Minn., at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by two sons, Douglas and Jon, and a daughter, Joy, all of Kalispell; two brothers, Ernest of Moorhead, Minn., and Norman of Ronan; and four sisters, Bertha Stedje of Fargo, N.D., Norma Haag of

Kalispell, Evelyn Haag of Hettinger, N.D. and Catherine Prestbye of Canby, Ore.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Martha.

Services for Stedje will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Calvary Lutheran Church with the Rev. Lowell Stordahl officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church or to the Gideon Society.

Larry Squires

Services were last Tuesday for Larry Russell Squires, 44, Ulm, in Great Falls. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Squires, a leading Montana stock car race driver, was killed Sept. 1 in an accident while racing at the Great Falls Speedway.

He had also raced at the Big Sky Speedway in Kalispell.

Locally, Terry Reed, who also races stock cars at Big Sky Speedway, is a surviving cousin, along with Mrs. Earl McMaster, cousin.

Hungry Horse News thanks Mrs. Ed Reed, Terry's aunt, for bringing in the information on Mr. Squires.

Edward Staples, 88

23 July 1978
Edward A. Staples, 88, who had resided at 320 — 11th St. W., died in Kalispell on Sunday morning.

He was born Sept. 3, 1889, in Lester Prairie, Minn. He was a single man and was a retired rancher. He is survived by three sisters in Minnesota.

The body will be forwarded by the Johnson Funeral Home to the Paul Funeral Home of Lester Prairie, Minn., where funeral services and interment will be held later in the week. Friends may call at the Johnson Chapel for visitation until 9 p.m. Monday.

William A. Steckel, 56

28 June 1978
William A. Steckel, 56, died Wednesday at Libby. He was born Dec. 11, 1921 at Stevens Point, Wisc. He was raised and attended schools there.

He was the first executive secretary of the Montana Hospital Association and in 1964 was personnel manager and fund drive coordinator at the Holy Family Hospital in Spokane.

He was also ad-

ministrator of Hot Springs, Minn., Phill of Santa Clara, Calif. and George of St. Point, Wisc.

He served in World War II with the Marine Corps.

Mr. Steckel was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Polson Elks Lodge.

Survivors include two sisters, Betty Steckel of Libby and Dorothy Arabas of Seattle, Wash.; three brothers, John of Califor-

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Vial Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 1 p.m. Monday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First National Bank of Libby.

Claude L. Stephens

29 June 1978

Claude Lee Stephens, 77, died at the Montana Veterans home on Thursday. Mr. Stephens was born at Elsberry, Mo. on June 29, 1901.

At the age of 14 he moved to Devils Lake, N.D. and

finished his schooling there. He later moved to Williston, N.D. where he worked at several jobs and was a resident of Williston for 40 years. In 1959 he moved to Bigfork and resided there until the death of his wife four years ago, after which he moved to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Mr. Stephens was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by one son, Sam Stephens, of the East Lake Shore,

Bigfork; two daughters, Mrs. James (Roberta) Thomas of Billings, and Mrs. Rodney (Lois) Mortinson of Oxnard, Calif; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two brothers, William Stephens and Forest Stephens both of Devils Lake, N.D.

Funeral services for Mr. Stephens will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Montana Veterans Home Chapel with burial to follow in Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Ernest H. Stenberg, 85

31 July 1978
COLUMBIA FALLS —

Ernest H. Stenberg, 85, of the Montana Veterans Home, died in Columbia Falls Monday.

He was born Nov. 28, 1892, at Saabe, Denmark, the son of Anders and Johanna Stenberg. He received his schooling in Denmark. In 1914 he came to the United States to eastern Montana where he homesteaded.

In 1918, he entered the U.S. Army in World War I and upon his honorable discharge returned to Montana for a short time. He lived in Alaska for a number of years, later Washington and for the past 20 years at Columbia Falls. He farmed and was a carpenter for most of his life. For the past several years he was a resident of the Montana Veterans

Home.

He is survived by his brother, Carl, Columbia Falls; two sisters in Denmark; and nieces and nephews, John Stenberg, Mary Dietrick, both of Kalispell and Kay Smith, Whitefish. He was preceded in death by five brothers and sisters.

Funeral services are planned for Monday at the Montana Veterans Home Chapel at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at the Montana Veteran's Home Cemetery.

30 Aug 1978

CLINTON W. STEINBERG

Clinton W. Steinberg, 53, of 4170 Highway 93 South, died Saturday night in the Kalispell Regional Hospital following a heart attack at home. He was district engineer for the Bonneville Power Administration here. Mr. Steinberg was born April 18, 1925 in Westby, MT, the son of Rudolph and Hildegarde Steinberg. Mr. Steinberg entered the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following his military service he attended Montana State College and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1951. Mr. Steinberg went to work for the Bonneville Power

Administration in 1951 in Vancouver, Washington, moving to the Kalispell division in 1955. He was never married. Surviving are his mother, Hildegarde Joyes of Westby; one brother, Lloyd of Plentywood; 2 sisters, Mrs. William (Ruby) Bryant of Santa Rosa, California, and Violet Steinberg of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and 4 nephews and one niece. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Fulkerson Funeral Home in Plentywood with burial in the St. John's Cemetery. Local arrangements by the Weatherford Funeral Home.

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Grace M. Sterling, 92

10 Feb. 1978

Mrs. Grace M. Sterling, 92, an early day settler on the Flathead Reservation in what was then Flathead County, died Friday afternoon in the St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson after a short illness.

She was the twelfth child born of Idaho pioneers Ellen M. and Lewis F. Cook in Caldwell, Idaho, on Dec. 5, 1885. She graduated from Caldwell High School in 1903 and taught school at Jordan Valley, Idaho, until she married Clarence L. Sterling of Star, Idaho, on April 7, 1907.

The first years of their married life was spent in Idaho mining camps

where Mrs. Sterling was a blacksmith and horseshoer. They moved to Polson in 1907 with the opening of the reservation to white settlement. Her husband established a blacksmith shop in the Big Arm Townsite in 1910 and they resided in that community until returning to Polson in 1924 where Mrs. Sterling made her home until her death.

She had been a resident of the St. Joseph Convalescent Home for the past several years.

Mrs. Sterling was a 50 year member of the Polson Rebecca

Lodge, and had been active in the Polson Christian Church.

She was the author of a number of articles on the early history of Polson and of Big Arm.

Mrs. Sterling is survived by one son, Leslie of Kalispell; three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and by a niece, Miss Mabel Fuller, of Bonner.

Services have been tentatively set for Tuesday afternoon at the Mosley Funeral Home in Polson, with burial to follow in the Lakeview Cemetery.

The family requests memorials to the Polson Christian Church.

Bert R. Stevens, 68

5 July 1978

Bert R. Stevens, 68, died Wednesday in North Valley Hospital.

Mr. Stevens was born July 10, 1909 in Mauston, Wis. a son of Halbert and Lucinda Stevens.

As a young man he moved to Whitefish in the 1930s. On June 10, 1930 he married Leona Shero in Kalispell and was preceded in death by her in January of 1969.

Mr. Stevens was

employed by the Great Northern Railroad for 10 years. Later he worked for various companies as a millwright until he had to retire in 1972 due to ill health.

On Nov. 8, 1977 he married Margaret Storkson in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by two sons, LeRoy Stevens, of Whitefish and Garland Stevens of Kalispell; two

daughters, Mrs. Duane (Bernice) Clark of Whitefish and Mrs. Robert (Helen) Aurand of Kalispell; one sister, Flossie Norquay of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Mr. Stevens is also survived by four step-sons, Marvin D. Storkson of Whitefish, Richard E. Storkson of Troy, Carl T. Storkson and Delbert R. Storkson, both of Olney; and four step-daughters, Mrs. L.O.

(Eloise) Black of Whitefish, Mrs. Lee (Shirley) Emery of Troy, Mrs. Wayne (Joyce) Edwards of Billings, Mont. and Betty Whitman of Whitefish.

Mr. Stevens was preceded in death by two brothers, Alan and Sherman Stevens; one half-brother, Vern Brown; two sisters, Avie Flint and Dorothy Stevens; and two grandsons, Herman Clark and Pete Aurand.

Funeral services for Mr. Stevens will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Austin Chapel with Dr. David Kauffman of the Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in the Whitefish Cemetery.

MR. W. DWIGHT STEWART

1 March 1978
Mr. W. Dwight Stewart, age 79, died in Sequim, Washington on Monday evening. He was born April 21, 1898, in New Castle, NB, a son of William and Minnie Stewart. When a young man he moved to Kalispell where he had worked in various jobs including manager of the Piggy Wiggle Store for a time. On September 21, 1927, he was married to Esther Quick. He was then employed as State Horticulturist for the State of Montana, a position he held until his retirement in Great

Falls. He is now survived by his widow, Esther; two sisters, Mrs. Mayme Geddes and Mrs. Louis (Lillian) Westerhous both of Kalispell and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mr. Stewart were conducted in Kalispell on Monday with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggest memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

Milton E. Stiles, 52

12 Oct 1978

Milton E. Stiles, 52, of 608 Birch Grove Dr., died there Thursday afternoon. He was a surveyor for the U.S. Forest Service as well as a freelance photographer.

Mr. Stiles was born July 21, 1926 in Shields, N.D., the son of Vernon and Vera Stiles. He attended Birch Grove School and Flathead County High School and

later Washington State University. He later received a degree in accounting in the east. He was a World War II and Korean War army veteran.

Mr. Stiles worked for the U.S. Forest Service several years. As a freelance photographer he had many of his photos printed in national magazines and many hung in various buildings in the area. He had also worked for the Montana Highway Department as a surveyor for a time. He was not married.

Mr. Stiles was a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls.

Surviving are his sister, Mrs. Duane (Marjorie) Olsen of Kalispell; his half-brother, William Bowen of Lafayette, Ind.; three nieces, Mrs. Ben (Cheryl) Timlick of Kalispell, Mrs. John (Kayleen) Bristow of Medford, Ore. and Mrs. Larry (Dana) Kruse of Butte; and two grandnieces, Denise and Shelia Timlick of Kalispell. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1953 and his father on June 18, 1977.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Ralph M. Werner, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls officiating. Burial, with military honors by local veterans will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the building fund of the church.

10 May 1978

MR. WALTER A. STOCKLIN

Mr. Walter A. Stocklin, age 85, formerly of Kalispell, died in Polson Saturday. He was born October 22, 1892, in Havre, a son of Adolph and Emma Stocklin. He was the first white boy born in Havre. He had received his schooling there and on April 5, 1924, he was married to Winifred M. White in Chinook, Montana. The couple then moved to Kalispell where they lived until 2 years ago when they moved to Polson. Mr. Stocklin had been employed in janitorial work for the Pacific Power and Light Company until his retirement in 1957. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kalispell and the Odd Fellows Lodge. He was preceded in death by his wife, Winifred, on

December 11, 1976, and is now survived by two sons, George Stocklin of Polson and Francis Stocklin of Dupree, South Dakota; two daughters, Ellen Wheaton of Kalispell and Barbara Murphy of Jonesboro, Arkansas; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Slater of Santa Rosa, CA and Emily Martin of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral services for Mr. Stocklin were Wednesday with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggest memorials be made to the charity of donor's choice. *KWN*

8 Aug 1978

Adee Stillman, 66

Adee Stillman, 66, died at his home at 33 E. California St. on Tuesday afternoon.

He was born Oct. 8, 1911, in Pleasant Valley, a son of A.D. and Effie Stillman.

He graduated from Flathead County High School and from the University of Washington. He was a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Army during that time. He was preceded in death by his parents and

one daughter, Donna Reesman, in March 1977.

He is now survived by his widow, Mary Stillman, at home; one son, Charles Stillman of Helena and several grandchildren.

Memorial services for Mr. Stillman will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 4:40 p.m. on Thursday, with the Rev. William Reid, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Erik C. Straarup, 60

29 Nov. 1978

LIBBY — Erik C. Straarup, 60, died Wednesday morning at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born Nov. 26, 1918, in Hamilton. He was reared in the Bitterroot Valley and had attended school at Hamilton.

He married Mildred R. Bonney in 1953 in Whitefish.

Straarup served with the U.S. Army in World War II.

The couple moved to the Libby area in 1957 where they settled at Happy's Inn.

He was a member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include one daughter, Phyllis Hogue of Libby; two stepsons, Raymond Bonney of Libby and Robert Persicke of Whitefish; one brother, Pete of Libby; one sister, Cecile Hansen of Klamath

Falls, Ore.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Vial Funeral Home with Rev. Wilford Luce of the First United Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

John Stoken, 68

7 Nov. 1978

John W. Stoken, 68, of Eureka, died at his home Tuesday night. He was a retired rancher.

Stoken was born in Butte on Nov. 7, 1909. He moved to the Fortine area with his parents, Matt and Frances Stoken, when he was four. He attended schools in the area and later worked for the Forest Service for 10 years.

On Dec. 15, 1940, Stoken married Katherine G. Feirstein in Whitefish. They ranched in the Grave Creek area until he retired one year ago due to health reasons. He also was a self-employed woodsman. He

homesteaded the ranch where he lived.

Stoken served on the board of R.E.A. and the Inter-Bell Telephone Co-operative. He was also a member of the Christmas Tree Association.

Surviving, besides his wife at home, are his son, John L., Eureka; his daughter, Mrs. Maria Ekholt, Kalispell; his brother, Joe Stoken, Eureka; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Matt, in 1969 in Eureka.

Rosary services will be at 7:30 Thursday night in the Weatherford Funeral Home, Kalispell. Latin Mass will be said at 2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Father Joseph Maria as celebrant. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

11 Feb. 1978
POLSON (AP) — Funeral services for former state Sen. Bertha E. Streeter of Polson, who died in a hospital here Saturday, will be in Polson Wednesday at 10 a.m. She was 86.

Miss Streeter, a native of Wisconsin, was a school teacher and Teton County employee before moving to Polson where she was elected to three terms as Lake County assessor, serving in 1945 through 1956.

She was in the Montana Senate in the 1957 and 1959 sessions.

Edward M. Suchy, 49

2 Aug 1978

EUREKA — Edward M. Suchy, 49, a Eureka resident, died Tuesday in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 31, 1928 in Peerless, Mont., a son of Marion and Stella Suchy. He went to schools in Peerless and graduated from high school in 1946. In 1947, he completed his training as a heavy equipment mechanic at the Hanson Mechanical Trade

School in Fargo, N.D.

He joined the Marine Corps in 1950 during the Korean conflict. On May 28, 1960 he married Joellyn McAdam at Whitefish. The last 17 years the couple have made their home at Eureka.

In 1970 he retired because of ill health. He was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife; one son John,

Eureka; three sisters Barbara Suchy, Cornwall, N.Y., Mrs. Arnold (Ellen) Suck, and Mrs. Donald (Janet) Greenwood, both of Great Falls; two step brothers, Harold Lannon, Portland, Ore. and Dick Lannon, Scobey; his mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. John Suchy, Scobey.

Rosary will be recited

Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and the Mass of the Resurrection will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the same church with the Rev. Father Charles Strom, Columbia Falls, as celebrant.

The casket will be closed. Burial will be in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery with military honors.

Washington woman dies in freak traffic accident

D.I.L. Tuesday 19 Sept. 1978

A coroner's jury will be impaneled to view the body of a Bellingham, Wash., woman who was struck in the head by a flying rock and killed near Kalispell yesterday afternoon.

Beverly Swift, 26, was killed while a passenger in a station wagon headed west on U.S. Highway 2 about five miles west of Kalispell. The car was driven by Yvonne Durbin, 27, also of Bellingham.

Sheriff-Coroner Al Rierson was called to the scene at 12:20 p.m. Monday. The ambulance crew said they could find no pulse on the Bellingham woman. She was pronounced dead on arrival at Kalispell Regional Hospital, according to fire and ambulance chief Jack Peters.

Highway patrolman Marty Neuhausen said the accident occurred when the station wagon met a loaded logging truck driven by Bradley Rauthe, 25, Kalispell.

When the two vehicles passed on the highway, a rock about the size of a desk phone flew through the car's windshield, struck Swift in the back of the head and landed on the floor by the back seat.

Chief Peters said it appeared that Swift may have seen the rock coming at her and turned her head to avoid being hit. The rock flew through the bottom corner of the windshield on the passenger side making a hole about eight inches in diameter. The rest of the windshield did not shatter in the late model

Gran Torino station wagon.

Patrolman Neuhausen said it is possible the rock had been lodged in the dual tires on the tractor portion of the truck, coming loose and flying forward into the car windshield.

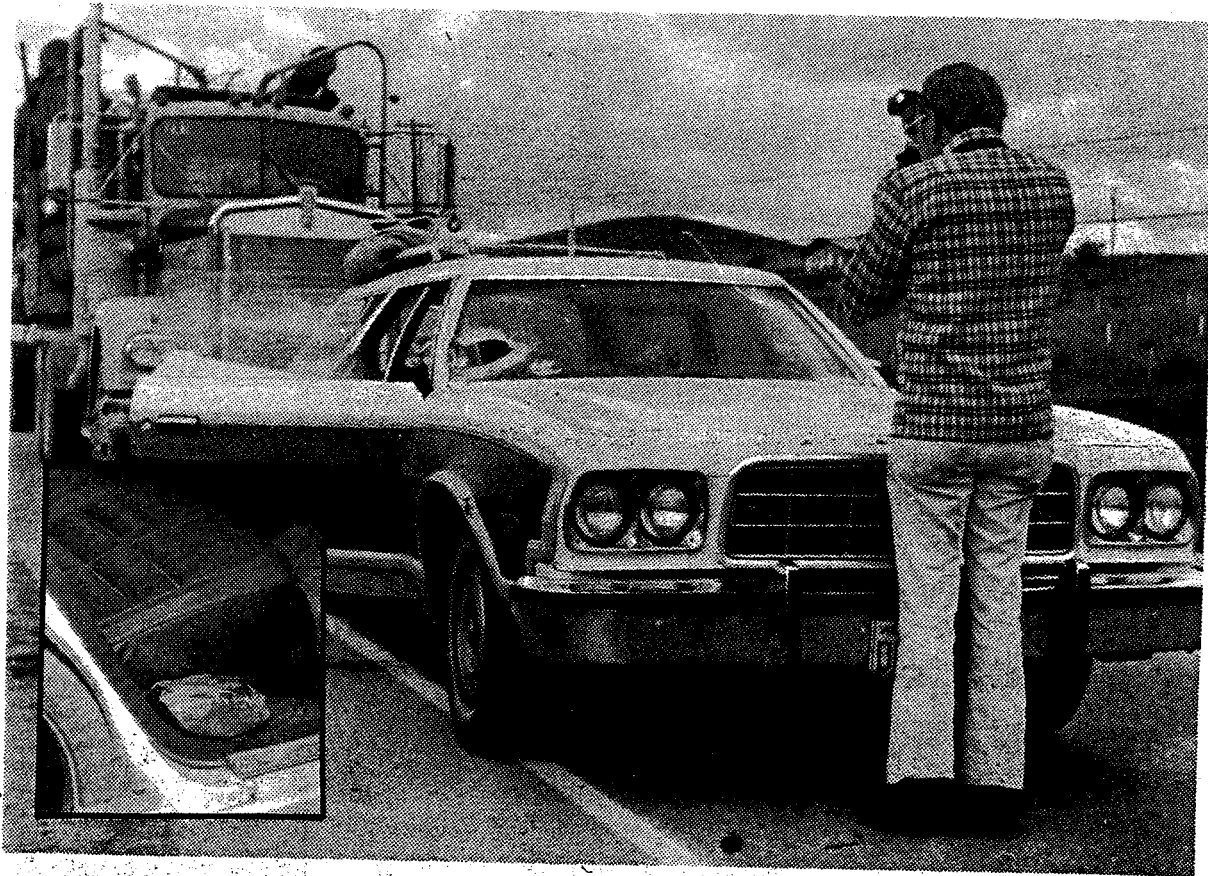
The term "freak" was muttered by more than one investigating officer at the scene.

The accident marks the 227th death on Montana's roadways this year, three less than on this date a year ago.

A coroner's jury will be impaneled to view the body according to Coroner Rierson, and to determine the cause of death at a later date.

The Montana Highway Patrol investigation into the accident is continuing.

By MAE B. BEGG



SHERIFF'S DEPUTY Jim Haupt photographs the accident scene as part of the investigation into the accident that took the life of 26-year-old Beverly Swift of Bellingham, Wash. A large rock flew through the lower left hand corner of the car's windshield after meeting the logging truck parking behind it in this

photo. The car was headed in the opposite direction about five miles west of Kalispell on U.S. Highway 2, at the time of the incident. The inset shows the rock as it landed near the rear seat of the car after it struck the victim's head.

Photos by Mae B. Begg

The body of a 30-year-old Coram man, Richard James Sullivan, has been sent to Great Falls for an autopsy following what officials believe was a hit and run on U.S. 2 East near Coram Monday.

Sullivan's body was spotted in tall grass alongside the road by a passing motorist from Washington. Sheriff-Coroner Al Rierson said Sullivan had apparently been dead eight to 12 hours. He said from investigation of the scene it appeared Sullivan had been walking facing traffic on the proper side of the road and was hit "pretty much head on by a vehicle."

Sullivan apparently lived in Coram

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area, but little else could be determined. According to Rierson, he had a Montana drivers license with a Coram box office for an address. It is thought he had worked in one of the area mills.

Sullivan was not married and his nearest relatives, his parents, live in New York.

The sheriff and the Montana Highway Patrol have appealed to the public for information about the accident since the driver of the vehicle involved is unknown.

The death pushed the Montana highway toll to 166 compared with 163 on the morning of July 25, 1977.

Mary Sumina, 78

23 Oct. 1978

Mary Sumina, 78, 135 Rimini, Lakeside, died Monday in the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Sumina was born Aug. 13, 1900 in Austria (Slovenia) and was educated there. She moved to the United States in 1920 and settled in Price, Utah.

In 1920 Mrs. Sumina married Frank Jeniker, a miner, in Utah. The couple lived in Butte. He died there in 1939. In 1942 she was married to George Sumina in Butte. He was also a miner. He died there in

1957. She continued living there until she moved to Lakeside to live with her son four months ago.

Surviving are two sons, Frank Jeniker of Lakeside, and Charles Jeniker of Butte; her grandson, Robert Jeniker of Portland, Ore. and numerous other relatives in Yugoslavia.

Private graveside services were this afternoon in Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Butte under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home.

Albert R. Sutter, 66

3 Sept. 1978

Albert Raymond Sutter, 66, of 187 Woodbridge Ave., Yuba City, Calif., died Sunday, Sept. 3 at Fremont Medical Center.

A native of Montana, he had lived in the Yuba-Sutter area for 22 years and was a retired mechanic for Tenco Tractor Co. He was a member of the Linda Church of Christ and Operating Engineers Local No. 3 of Marysville, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Winifred, of Yuba

City; two sons, Maurice Bratcher of Hillsboro, Ore., and Russell Bratcher of Baker, Ore.; a daughter, Jenette Freeman of Fruitland, Idaho; a sister, Elma Mast of Kalispell; a brother Joe Sutter of Kalispell; and seven grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sept. 6.

Daphne B. Swanoski

4 Jan 1978

LIBBY — Daphne B. Swanoski, 75, passed away Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Hospital, Libby.

She was born Dec. 13, 1902 in Sandstone Village, Minn. She was raised in Superior, Wis. and moved to Winslow, Ariz. in 1945. She later moved to Phoenix in 1961 until coming to Libby in 1976.

She married Andrew Swanoski Nov. 4, 1939 in Carlton, Minn. He

preceded her in death in June, 1977.

Survivors include one son, Sam Stewart, Libby; one daughter, Jeanne Anderson, Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Charles Conner, Superior, Wis.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery with Father Charles Strom of St. Joseph's Catholic Church officiating. Friends are asked to meet at the Vial Funeral Home at 1:45 before proceeding to the cemetery.