

8 Nov. 1981

Oscar J. Olsen, 76

Oscar J. Olsen, 76, died Sunday morning at his home at 220 Fifth Ave. E., after an extended illness.

He was born March 12, 1905, in Choteau, a son of Thorwald and Anna Frigaard Olsen.

He had attended school in Fairfield, and then engaged in farming until 1947 when he took up his father's trade of painting.

On Oct. 5, 1935, he married Opal Mae Edwards in Fairfield. In 1955, the couple moved to Kalispell where Mr. Olsen was employed as a painter for the Saverud Paint Store until his retirement in 1971.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran

Church; the Scandinavian Fraternity of America; and the Painters Union Local 975.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Sept. 13, 1968, and is survived by one son, John O. Olsen of Kalispell; three daughters, Mrs. Donald (Minta Mae) Schnur of Tucson, Ariz., Mrs. John C. (Betty) Slack of Kalispell and Mrs. Harvey (Judy) Wicklund of Bigfork; one brother, William F. Olsen of Sun City, Ariz.; one sister, Mrs. James (Anna) Sheble of Valier; 11 grandchildren, Kenneth Schnur, with whom he had resided, Dawn Schnur of Dover.

Del., Renae and Morse Olsen of Kalispell, Jay Andreasen of Colorado, Eric and Darla Krause of Kalispell, Scott and Shelli Wicklund of Bigfork, Ron Krause in the U.S. Navy and Jaye Lynn Slack of Kalispell; and one great-grandson, Jason Schnur of Kalispell.

There will be visitation until 11 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Johnson Funeral Home. Services for will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Johnson Funeral Home officiated by the Rev. Lowell Stordahl of the Calvary Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.



OSCAR J. OLSEN

2 Oct. 1981

Clifford Olson, 63

Clifford August Olson, 63, of Kalispell, died in the Veterans Hospital in Fort Harrison on Friday.

He was born Nov. 2, 1917, in Carlton, Minn.; a son of Olaf and Millie Olson. When he was 4 years old he moved with his family to the Whitewater Community north of Malta (Phillips County). In 1926,

the family moved to Great Falls, where Olson had received his education and spent his early life. In 1941, he entered the U.S. Navy where he served until receiving his honorable discharge in 1948.

Olson had been an ironworker until 1960, when he moved to Kalispell. In Kalispell, he and his wife owned and operated the Hut Cafe from 1960 to 1972, when they retired. He had been a member of the

Kalispell Moose Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert, and one sister, Donna. On June 19, 1946, he was married to Margaret "Peg" Beatly in Kansas City, Mo., and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by a sister, Dorothy Bruce of Hungry Horse; one niece and six nephews.

Funeral services for Olson will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating.

Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

Stella Opp 28 Feb. 1981

KALISPELL — Stella L. Opp, 53, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Saturday from injuries she received in an automobile accident.

She was born Dec. 9, 1927, in Helena, to Ernest and Gertrude Goodreau. She attended public schools in Helena and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Missoula. She then graduated from St. Patrick School of Nursing in Missoula.

Mrs. Opp worked for two years in the Veterans Administration hospital in Helena. In 1951, she married Alan Opp in Helena. They lived in Alaska until 1955 when they moved to Kalispell.

She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary and was active in 4-H, Scouting, and other organizations for children.

Other survivors include two sons, David, Rice, Wash., and Richard, Missoula; a daughter, Cindy, Missoula; a brother, Edward, Torrance, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

ERNEST OSTLIE

1981

Ernest Ostlie, 78, 2175 North Mission Way, died in Kalispell Dec. 3rd. He was born July 19, 1903 in Northwood, ND, the son of Henning and Ingeborg Ostlie. Ostlie spent much of his early life in North Dakota and Montana before moving to California, where he lived until just

three months ago when he returned to Kalispell. Surviving Ostlie are his wife Lillian, a son Raymond of Spokane, two daughters, Barbara Barron and Jan Ostlie of California and many grandchildren. Ostlie was cremated and private memorial services have been held.

Estelle C. Olson, 68

^{24 Dec 1981}
Estelle C. Olson, 68, Columbia Falls, died in Kalispell Thursday.

She was born June 17, 1913, in Chicago, Ill., a daughter of Walter and Pauline Witek. She had received her schooling and spent her early life in Illinois.

On April 20, 1946, she married Lloyd R. Olson in Clinton, Ill. Shortly after their marriage, the couple moved to Whitefish and in 1958 they moved to Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Olson died in 1971 and in 1975, Mrs. Olson returned to the Flathead and has lived here since.

She is survived by a son, David Olson, Killeen, Texas; a daughter, Linda Malyurek, Columbia Falls; two brothers, Bruno and Ed, and a sister, Jenny; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Olson will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Funeral Home with Rev. Raymond Pierson, pastor of the Central Bible Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Larry O'Neil 1981

Native Kalispell resident and lumber industry leader Lawrence "Larry" Ernest O'Neil, 73, died Monday afternoon at his home.

O'Neil was born and died in the same block on the same street in Kalispell. He was born Sept. 21, 1907, in the house on the corner and died across the street at his family home. He was a son of Charles I. and Kathryn O'Neil.

O'Neil's father - known as "C.I." - came to Kalispell in 1895, and with his brother Clint "C.D." started in the lumber business. C.I. moved to California for health reasons in 1918, and the business became O'Neil Lumber Co. with C.D. owning it. C.I. started a retail yard in Pomona which his son helped run after school and weekends.

Larry O'Neil's mother, Kathryn Fingado, came to Montana in 1899 and taught at the old Elrod School. She homesteaded on Flathead Lake which became the family's summer home. After it burned down, she gave the property to the Presbyterian Church for a youth camp.

O'Neil attended grade school in Kalispell. In 1918, he moved with his family to California, where he graduated from the Pomona High School. In 1929, he graduated from college at Pomona with a degree in economics. Upon returning to Montana, he started Forest Products Company Partnership, a retail lumber yard on North Main Street in 1936. In 1928, he and his brother, Charles, built a planer on First Avenue East North. A saw mill was added in 1947, and the retail yard sold in 1948. The planer was moved to the present site west of town in 1957.

He was a sports enthusiast, participating in football, track, swimming and baseball. At one time, he held national records in swimming and track and was offered a contract for a Southern California baseball team.

At the age of 58, he started a new career when he entered a race-walk in Kalispell. In 1967 at the age of 60, he became the first American since 1878 to complete a 100-mile race-walk, setting 75 - and 100 - mile

AAU records. O'Neil's 100-mile record, 19:24:34, stood for 11 years, when it was finally broken by a 31-year-old man. He also held the indoor 100-mile record for several years and many U.S. Masters' records at various distances and successfully competed in international events. O'Neil walked five other 100-mile race-walks after the first walk in Columbia, Mo. He completed his last 100-mile race-walk when he was 70 years old.

It became increasingly difficult to continue his rigorous program because of Parkinson's Disease and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), but he never ceased to encourage others to develop an exercise program.

On June 24, 1940, he married Helen Elizabeth Mills in Kalispell. The couple had four children. His wife preceded him in death on July 8, 1952. On Nov. 28, 1953, he married Gladys B. Rydell in Swarthmore, Pa. She also preceded him in death on April 27, 1969. On May 30, 1972, he married Carolyn Louise Hamilton in Kalispell.

O'Neil was very active in many organizations. He was also preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Helen, in 1952; a brother, Lt. John Dewitt O'Neil, in 1944 and a step-granddaughter, Monica Tydell in 1962. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn at the family home; three children, Mrs. Brent (Barbara) Hall and Mrs. Dennis (Marilyn) Bain, both of Kalispell, and Roger O'Neil of Leucadia, California; five step-children, one brother, Charles Henry O'Neil of Kalispell; two sisters, Sylvia Marie Ziegler of Downey, Calif., and Mrs. Robert (Isabelle) Kroger of Riverside, Calif.; six grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday in the Epworth Methodist Church with the Rev. Herbert Cies officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may send memorials to the Larry O'Neil Fund in care of the Valley Bank.



Logan E. Ostrom, 76, died Friday evening, July 3rd in St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula from complications of a stroke. He was born May 7, 1905 in Joplin, Missouri and came to Camas Prairie on the Flathead Reservation in 1910 with his parents, Clark and Viola. After graduating from high school, he worked in the Butte mines until 1929, then came to the Flathead Mine southwest of Kalispell where he was a shift boss until the mine closed after World War II. Ostrom later worked at the O'Neil Lumber Co. and was an inspector for the State Liquor Board until retiring in 1952 due to ill health caused by silicosis. He was married to Hazel McAdam in 1927 and they raised four children. He is survived by his wife Hazel, sons George and

Ritchey, all of Kalispell, and a daughter, Dora Lee Wolf of Whitefish. His other son, Alva, was killed in action during the Korean War. He is also survived by two sisters, Bea McCullough of Casa Grande, AZ; Thelma Burgess of Browning, MT, and three brothers; Glenn of Hermiston, OR, Walt of Spokane, WA, and Lloyd of Mullan, ID. There are eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Funeral services for Mr. Ostrom will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 9th in the Kalispell LDS Church with burial to follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials be made to the Cancer Fund.

1981

Olga E. Overby, 81, formerly of Somers, died Jan. 3rd in Deaconess hospital in Glasgow following a brief illness. She was born Sept. 30, 1899, in Lead, ND, a daughter of Evan and Gurina Lee. In 1919 she moved to Bigfork and attended Flathead County High School, graduating in the class of 1920. On June 23, 1923, she married Mentz Overby in Bigfork. She had resided in Somers until 1976, when she moved to the Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow. She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1977, and is survived by three sons, Erwin of Valley City, ND, Glen of Bisbee, ND and Neil Overby of Blaine, MN; one daughter, Marie Tarum of Richland; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Halvor Lee of Bigfork; five sisters, Anna Ramsfield, Hilda Lee and Serena Lee, all of Kalispell, Johanna Gunderson of Winger, MN; and Gustava Aarestad of Bigfork. Services were held Wednesday in the Eidsvold Lutheran Church of Somers with the Rev. Wayne Pris, officiating. Burial was in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery.

William Overland, 64

7-12-1981
 William M. Overland, 64, 5368 U.S. 2 East, Columbia Falls, died Tuesday in Poplar.

He was born March 7, 1917, in Homestead, Sheridan County, a son of Ole and Gina Overland. He was raised and educated in Medicine Lake and San Diego, Calif. He also attended college in California for two years where he studied aeronautical engineering.

He served in the Navy during World War II as a chief machinist mate in the Pacific and he also served in the Navy during the Korean conflict.

He was married to Esther M. Simmons on Sept. 17, 1940 in Glasgow.

He retired from the Bureau of Reclamation in 1972 after 30 years of service.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge 89 AF&AM in Columbia Falls, Hungry

Horse V.F.W. Post 9932, Order of the Eastern Star, Elks Lodge 725 and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 234.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, five sisters and one daughter, Priscilla Ann.

He is survived by his wife, Esther, at the family home; one son, Steven, of Columbia Falls; one sister, Olga Ashlay of San Diego, Calif.; two grandsons, Scott and Shannon; and several nieces and nephews.

Masonic funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Torrance Harvey of Kalispell will officiate. Military graveside services will be conducted by Flathead County Veterans. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shodair Childrens Hospital, P.O. Box 5539, Helena, Montana, 59601, or the Heart Fund.

30 May 1981

Lloyd J. Overstreet, 92

Lloyd J. Overstreet, 92, Kalispell, died Saturday at the Flathead County Nursing Home where he had resided since July 1979.

He was born Dec. 7, 1888, in Lizton, Ind., a son of John Guy and Marianne Overstreet. He moved to Thorntown, Ind., where he received his education and spent his early life. In 1906 he moved to North Dakota because of failing health, and homesteaded in McKenzie County four miles south of Alexander. He served as an assessor for a number of years.

On Nov. 1, 1916, he married Leona M. LaLonde in Alexander. They continued to live there until 1941, when they moved to Williston where Mr. Overstreet was associated with the Harrington Stock Yards and was also a brick layer's helper for construction. He retired in 1953, and in 1973, the couple moved to Kalispell to be near their daughters.

He was preceded in death by two sons in infancy; his parents; four brothers, Howard, Ralph, Lee and Clyde.

He is survived by his wife, Leona; two daughters, Mrs. Sam (Lucille) Maze and Mrs. Hyla (Beulah) Maze, all of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Henry of Williston, N.D., and Mrs. Julie Tanner of Missoula; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Eugene Mockabee, pastor of the Central Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Alice A. Owens, 77

Sept. 1981

POLSON — Alice A. Owens, 77, died Sept. 1 after a lengthy illness.

She was born May 24, 1904, near Dickinson, N.D., to Thomas and Anna Fisher. She received her education in North Dakota. On June 20, 1933, she married Joseph Brew in Canada. The couple lived in North Dakota until 1937, when they moved to the Flathead Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens lived for a time in the Stillwater, Evergreen and Columbia Falls areas. Mr. Brew died Jan. 1, 1954, in Columbia Falls. Mrs. Owens moved to Kalispell in 1956 where she was employed making alterations until her marriage to Clarence Owens of Polson

on Nov. 22, 1972.

She belonged to the Christian Church and was active in Senior Citizens of Polson; she was at one time vice president of that organization.

Mrs. Owens is survived by her husband; a daughter, Joann (Brew) Ahern, Kalispell; three sisters, Mabel Radke of Lodi, Calif., Florence Chase of Coeur d'Alene, and Verlie

Bird of St. Johns, N.D.; two brothers, Bud and Ralph Fisher, of Dickinson, N.D.

Memorial services were Friday at the Senior Citizens Center. The body had been cremated.

Memorials may be made to the Senior Citizens, Polson, the Christian Church, Polson, or to the charity of donor's choice.



ALICE A. OWENS

22 Aug 1987

Luella Jane Owens, 91

Luella Jane Owens, 91, Mountain View Memorial Rest Home, White Sulphur Springs, died Saturday.

She was born March 19, 1980, in Colman, S.D., a daughter of Thomas and Luella Judd Dunlap. She was raised on the family homestead in Beach, N.D. On Jan 27, 1909, she married Reese Owens at Dickenson, N.D. The couple owned and operated a grocery store in Carlyle in the 1920's. After World War II, they moved to Wibaux, where they owned and operated a motel and service station. In 1964, they moved to Kalispell and in

1978 following the death of her husband, Mrs. Owens moved to White Sulphur Springs.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years in 1976, a brother and a sister.

Owens was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Rebeccas, Royal Neighbors, Sunshine Society. She attended the Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Surviving her are five sons, Harold R. of Bozeman, Gomer J. of White Sulphur Springs, Thomas D. of Roundup, W. Hayden of Fairfax, Va. and Robert J. of Kalispell; one daughter, Mrs. Bill (Jane) Mende, Kalispell; 24

grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; two brothers, Emery and Stewart Dunlap of Livingston; two sisters, Mrs. Jim (Goldie) Haynie of Huntly, and Mrs. Winifred Trieber of Billings, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The body has been forwarded from the Twichel Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs to the Weatherford Funeral Home. Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. James R. Newman of Bethel Baptist Church officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch.