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Isabel Babcock, 70

21 May 1984
Isabel S. Babcock, 70, Columbia Falls, died Monday evening in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 8, 1913, in Green Bay, Wis., to Franklin C. and Mira B. Schilling. She was raised and educated in Green Bay. She attended Lawrence College in Appleton, Wis., and college in Battle Creek, Mich.

She married Roy Babcock on Dec. 4, 1934, in Crown Point, Ind. They lived in Neenah, Wis., and Green Bay, Wis., for several years. They later owned and operated a Gambles Store in Iola, Wis. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1962.

She was a member and officer of the Eastern Star, on the executive board of Job's Daughters and the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

She had been active in the Girl Scouts for 35 years and held numerous offices in the organization at all levels.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church for more than 50 years and was an active member of the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church for the past 22 years. She was a member of the Church Women United in Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by a sister.

She is survived by her husband, Roy, at the family home in Columbia Falls; three daughters, Theda

McLaren of Neenah, Wis., Susan Perrine of Columbia Falls, and Helen Ware of Butte; two sons, John Babcock of Kalispell, and Bert Babcock of Denmark, Wis.; a sister, C. Jeanette Wilson of Kalispell; eight grandchildren; three nieces and a nephew.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Howard Hunter and the Rev. Ray Davis will officiate. Eastern Star services will be held at the church. Cremation will follow the service. Services and burial of the cremains will be held at a later date in Neenah, Wis.

Visitation will be Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

The casket will not be opened at the church.

The family suggests memorials to the Girl Scouts in care of the Glacier Bank in Columbia Falls in Isabel Babcock's name or to the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

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Joseph Bailey, 75

21 May 1984
BURLEY, Idaho — Joseph B. Bailey, 75, Burley, died Monday in the Cassia Memorial Hospital, in Idaho.

He was born June 17, 1908, at Kensal, N.D., the son of Charles and Alice Terbeest Bailey.

He married Eva Ring on Sept. 20, 1935 in Kalispell. He was a building contractor in Kalispell until 1953, when he moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where he continued his trade. In 1975, he moved to Burley, where he has since resided. He was a member of the Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Eagles, and the Carpenters Union. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting.

He is survived by his wife, in Burley; three daughters, Mrs. Tom (Arlene) Rudy and Mrs. Roy (Ardith) Land, both of Burley, and Mrs. Karl (Faye) Brown of Twin Falls, Idaho; 12 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers and sisters.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday in the Little Flower Catholic Church with the Rev. Enrique Terriquez as celebrant. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday in the McCulloch Chapel. Interment will be in Gem Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at McCulloch's in Burley, Idaho Thursday from 2 until 8:30 p.m., and Friday prior to the services.

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Madeline Baier, 71

21 July 1984
Madeline C. Baier, 71, Columbia Falls, died Saturday afternoon at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born May 4, 1913, in Crosby, N.D., to Cornelius and Mary Larson. She was raised and educated in Crosby.

She married Dan Hallquist in 1931. They were divorced in 1938.

She married Anton Sandberg in 1940 and they farmed northeast of Grenora, N.D. They moved to Williston in 1955. Mr. Sandberg died in 1970.

She married Oscar Baier in 1974. They were divorced in 1976.

In 1977 she moved to Columbia Falls to be near her daughter.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, three sisters and four brothers.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Alfred (Darlene) Gardner of Columbia Falls; a granddaughter, Mrs. Bill (Lois) Bailey of Walla Walla, Wash.; two sisters, Lulu Strom of Crosby, N.D. and Mrs. Ray (Bertha) Dosch of Minot, N.D.; a brother, David Larson of Crosby, N.D. and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Darrell Newby of the Assembly of God Church will officiate. Cremation has taken place.

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Lillie Bailey, 93

9 Mar. 1984
LIBBY — Lillie Bailey, 93, died Friday of natural causes at the Libby Care Center.

Mrs. Bailey was born Feb. 15, 1891, at Formosa, Ark., to William and Margaret Ayers. She was raised and attended school in Formosa.

On Sept. 5, 1911, she married Robert C. Bailey in Formosa. The couple had farmed at Higdon, Ark. for many years before their retirement in 1957. At that time they returned to Formosa and lived there until coming to Libby in 1973.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1979, and by a son, Joseph, in 1983.

Survivors include a daughter, Lora Mae Peppenger, Libby; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Bailey, Elk Grove, Calif.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Vial Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Couch of the Libby Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby cemetery. Vial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Ronald Bailey, 41

22 Nov. 1984
Ronald F. Bailey, 41, a well-known Western artist, died Thursday morning at North Valley Hospital of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Montana 40 south of Whitefish.

He had lived and painted in the Flathead Valley for 20 years.

He was born Nov. 16, 1943, in Baltimore to William H. and Dorothy G. Bailey. He lived in Maryland until 1958, then moved to Montana, where he lived in Shelby and Great Falls before coming to the Flathead Valley.

Survivors include two daughters, Debbie Bailey of Pasco, Wash., and Juanita Stueckle of Colfax, Wash.; a brother, Bill, of Seattle; a sister, Janet Martinson of Whitefish; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Visitation is at the Austin Funeral Home today from 1-5 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Anna Baker, 81

21 Oct. 1984
Anna Baker, 81, Whitefish, died at her home Sunday.

She was born July 4, 1903, in Prague, Czechoslovakia, a daughter of John and Julia Sakon. In 1910 she moved to Rexford with her parents and a sister, Amelia.

In 1919 she married Ralph W. Baker in Eureka where they lived until moving to Whitefish in 1924.

She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and active in Beta Sigma Phi and was a Hall of Fame member at Whitefish Golf Course.

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Clarence Baker, 74



CLARENCE BAKER

Clarence Baker, 74, died at his home on Flathead Lake Tuesday afternoon.

He was born March 29, 1910, at Cass Lake, Minn., a son of Louis and Emma Baker. He attended a Lutheran German school for two years. In 1919, he moved with his family to Libby. He graduated from Libby High School and Western Montana College.

On June 20, 1936, he married Opal A. Rhodes. They resided in Eureka and Rexford until 1942, when he and his family moved to Kalispell.

Mr. Baker was a state highway patrolman until 1949. He then returned to teaching and taught industrial arts in Kalispell schools until his retirement in 1975. Since that time he had resided on Flathead Lake.

He was a member of the Trinity

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Ralph; and a daughter, Clara.

She is survived by a son, John W. Baker; two daughters, Julia I. Lamberson and Helen M. Doyle, all of Whitefish; a sister, Amelia Lanfear of Somers; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Mass of the Resurrection will be 10 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Whitefish, with the Rev. Jack Hunt-hausen as celebrant. Burial will be in Whitefish Cemetery.

12 June 1984

Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Laymen League and a 40-year member of the Montana Education Association and the National Education Association.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Sylvester and Walter Baker.

He is survived by his wife, Opal, at the family home; a son, Donald Baker of Somers; two daughters, Bonnie McKenzie of Eureka and Betty Jellison of Somers; a sister, Leah Clough of Libby; five brothers, Perce, Ben and Burton Baker, all of Libby, Louis Baker of Spokane, Wash., and Victor Baker of Kalispell; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and relatives may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight and 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Private family graveside services and burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Allen Schuldheiss officiating. The family suggests memorials to the Clarence Baker Educational Fund, c/o Norwest Bank, Kalispell.

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Jonathan Julius Baker

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Baby Jonathan Julius Baker died April 11 in the Intensive Care Unit of St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings.

Funeral services were held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nashua April 14 with Pastors Paul and Margo Fohs officiating. Interment was in the Hinsdale Cemetery in the Amestoy plot.

Pallbearers were Robert Robbins and Robert Gess.

The infant was born in Glasgow July 16, 1983, the son of Heather and Harold Baker. He was named after his mother's grandfathers, John Amestoy and Julius Gess. The great-grandmothers, Louise Amestoy and Alma Gess both attended the funeral.

Grandparents are Fred and Barbara Amestoy of Proctor, Robert and Helen Robbins of Nashua, Brenda and Floyd Burke of Ranchester, Wyo., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker of Grayling, Mich.

The infant is also survived by his parents and brothers, Joshua and Justin.

Attending the funeral for the infant were his father, Harold Baker, and aunt, Debbie Baker of Ranchester, Wyo.; great-grandmothers,

Louise Amestoy of Billings and Alma Gess of Wolf Point; the Robert Gess family of Wolf Point, Mrs. Ellen Peterson, Mrs. Carol Stome, and daughter, Connie, Mrs. Beulah Peterson, Wolf Point, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Robbins, Havre, Mrs. Pat Horne and Mrs. Dorothy Swaggarty of Havre, Gene Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Luce and Craig Robbins of Glasgow.

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30 Jan 1984

SCOBAY - BALDRY, Arlee, 57, died Monday after an apparent heart attack suffered while driving a truck near Wolf Point. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Philip's Catholic Church, with services there at 10 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in Scobey Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home is in charge. Born at Baylor, Mont., Baldry attended school at Richland and served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He married the former Maxine Powell here in 1953. Surviving are his wife; two sons, Myron and Alvie, and a daughter, Myrna, all of Scobey; his mother, Lillian of Peerless; six brothers, Rodney and Orville, both of Billings; Alvin of Ballantine; Vernon of Wolf Point; Chester of Scobey, and Brother Bede of St. Paul, Minn.; six sisters, Doreen Bingham of Nyssa, Ore.; Helen Trangsrud, Geraldine Jones and Betty Baldry, all of Peerless; Joan Lekvold of Scobey, and Shirley Wells of Plentywood; and two grandchildren.

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Lloyd Bakkum

Lloyd Bakkum, age 73, passed away at the Valley View Home Tuesday Oct. 16, 1984.

He was born Jan. 1, 1911 to Albert and Louise Bakkum. The family moved to Bonetraill, N.D., when he was five years old; where he grew up and later farmed. He moved to Glasgow in 1974, because of illness he has been a resident of the Valley View Home the past five years.

Services were held Saturday Oct. 20, in the Scandia Valley Lutheran Church in North Dakota. Rev. Martin Heide officiated at the service.

Interment was at the Scandia Valley Cemetery, Williams County, North Dakota.

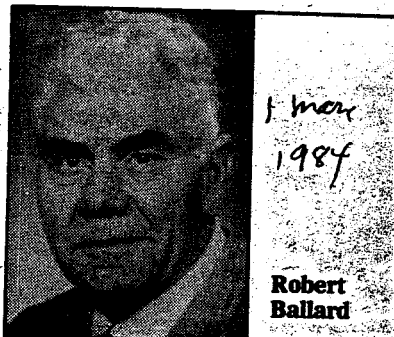
Survivors include two sisters Amy Sorenson and Isabelle Sundby, both of Glasgow; 13 nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were his nephews: Gene, Wyne, Darrell and Craig Giese, Lance Monson and Rick Carpenter.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

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Robert Ballard



Robert Ballard

Robert E. Ballard, 63, Floweree, a retired captain of the Great Falls Police Department, died Thursday in a local hospital. Services will be 1 p.m. Monday in Croxford's Rose Room, with Euclid Masonic Lodge No. 58 officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Born in Great Falls, Ballard graduated from Great Falls High School in 1939, the same year he won the northern Montana AAU 175-pound boxing championship with a 13-second knockout in the first round. Attending Montana State University on a football scholarship, he belonged to the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Ballard enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1941 and served in England, North Africa and Italy. He was awarded the Bronze Star, and returned in May 1945, the first serviceman to be discharged in Great Falls under the points system used near the end of World War II.

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29 Feb. 1984

CONRAD - BARREY, Geraldine B., 45, died Wednesday at a Butte hospital where she had been a patient for the past month. Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery under direction of the Wyse Funeral Home. Born in Conrad, she was the daughter of George and Bernice Orcutt. She attended Conrad schools and lived for several years in Minnesota before moving in 1968 to Great Falls where she worked for Buttrey Food Stores until 1982. She lived in Malta for a time, returning to Conrad in October 1983. She married Loren Barrey Jan 29, 1982. Survivors include her husband, Conrad; her mother, Bernice Dando, Lincoln; two sons, Lyle Orcutt, Conrad, and Greg Olson, Billings; a daughter, Onnalee Brady, Billings, and a sister, Peggy Boboth, Conrad.

On Oct. 5, 1948, Ballard married Hazel M. Good in Great Falls. He worked through the ranks of the Great Falls Police Department, retiring as captain in 1966 after 20 years of service. He farmed in Floweree beginning in 1960.

He was active in police-related legislative activities, was state president of the Police Protective Association and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1087. Ballard belonged to the Euclid Lodge No. 58 of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel, Floweree; a son, John, Floweree; daughters Beiva Jean Ballard and Pamela Kay Ballard, both of Great Falls; his mother, Ada Wetzel Ballard, Great Falls and one grandchild. Among family preceding him in death was his brother Charles, who died in an airplane crash with former Gov. Donald Nutter in 1962.

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Virginia Bakewell

^{30 June 1984}
Virginia Jane Bakewell, 84, Kalispell, died Saturday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Dec. 17, 1899, in Wilberding, Pa., to William and Helen Weir. She grew up in Pennsylvania, and married James Baum Haben there in January 1926.

In November 1949 she married Grant Bakewell, a Kalispell attorney, in Columbia Falls. They lived in Kalispell, where her husband died in 1975.

She was a volunteer for Kalispell Regional Hospital for many years, and was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son, John Francis Haben, Rockville, Md.; a sister, Helen Lovett, Kalispell; a stepdaughter, Ruby Mikkola of Tucson, Ariz.; and one grandson.

Rosary services will be Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Edmund Smith as celebrant.

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William Ball, 63

^{3 Aug 1984}
William D. Ball, 63, died Friday at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born July 30, 1921, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Ralph and Anna Bell Ball. He grew up in Gowanda, N.Y., where he graduated from high school, then attended Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y. During World War II he served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

On April 1, 1944, he married Jenise Rae Fowler in San Diego. They lived in Portland and Astoria, Ore., for a number of years, then in Wyoming for eight years before moving to Kalispell in 1968.

He worked for Pacific Power and Light Co. before retiring due to ill health in 1980. He was Kalispell office manager for the utility at the time of his retirement.

He was an avid bowler and belonged to the Eagles, Kiwanis and Elks. He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jon, of Kalispell; a sister, Margaret Johnson; and two step-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his wife in July 1982.

Memorial services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the ALERT Foundation or the Kalispell Police Association.

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Force Baney Jr., 45

^{20 Aug 1984}
EUREKA — Force F. Baney Jr., 45, died Monday at Mountain View Manor in Eureka of diabetes.

He was born June 14, 1939, in Great Falls to Force and Ruth Baney. He was raised and educated in Great Falls and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1957. He married Carol Jean VanHorn Sept. 11, 1960, at Great Falls. He attended the Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology in Butte and received a bachelor of science degree in metallurgical engineering from there in June 1963. He was employed by Ingersoll-Rand Co. and Ingersoll-Rand International from 1963 to 1980. He served in several capacities with the company, including metallurgical engineer, sales engineer and plant manager. He worked in Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Brazil and the United States.

He retired in 1980, due to ill health, and moved to Eureka with his family.

He was active the Boy Scouts both in the United States and Venezuela. He was a member of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Eureka, the American Society of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, and the American Society for Metals.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Eureka; one son, Force F. Baney III of Eureka; one daughter, Trina Tolar of Dallas, Texas; his parents, Force Sr. and Ruth of Great Falls; one sister, Brenda Hart of Missoula; and a grandson, George F. Tolar of Dallas, Texas.

Family prayer services will be tonight at 7 at the Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Burial Eucharist will be celebrated Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Eureka with the Rev. Spaulding Howe officiating.

Burial will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Michael and All Angels Church, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Frank Barnum, 83

^{2 June 1984}
MILES CITY — Frank Niles Barnum, 83, formerly of the Kalispell area, died early Friday morning at Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City.

He was born Jan. 16, 1901, at Delphos, Kansas, son of Gordon and Alice Barnum. When he was 16 years old, he and his parents traveled to Steamboat Springs, Colo., where the family homesteaded and he attended rural schools.

In 1910, the family moved to the Flathead Valley and he graduated from Flathead County High School in 1919. He attended Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, and graduated with a degree in animal science from Montana State College at Bozeman in 1924.

He managed the family ranch in the Kalispell area for three years and married Gladys Lee on June 2, 1926, in Kalispell. They lived in the Sidney area for three years and near Manhattan for several years before he joined the faculty of Montana State College to start a state range experimental station for sheep near Bozeman.

He was appointed county extension agent for Rosebud County for five years and in 1942 purchased the old horse yard in Miles City and established the third livestock auction yard in the state. In 1943, he sold the auction yard and ranched near Terry until retirement. His wife died May 12, 1976.

Barnum was a member of the Montana Woolgrowers Association, the Range Riders, the Masons, and was a charter member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at Montana State College.

He is survived by two daughters, Marjory Winship of Casper, Wyo. and Mary Alice Riley of Kettering, Ohio; a sister, Mildred Ford of Stevensville; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the J.E. Graves Funeral Home, Miles City. Interment will follow at Custer County Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Pearl N. Bartlett, 87

^{11 Jan 1984}
 Pearl Noel Bartlett, 87, Kalispell, died Wednesday afternoon in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Aug. 22, 1896, in Fosston, Minn., one of 13 children of Eli H. and Flora Perkins Noel.

She came to Polson as a child with her family. She received her education in Minnesota and Polson.

She married Fred Miles in Polson in 1914 and later married William Bartlett in 1929 in Kalispell. They resided in Bigfork for many years until moving to Kalispell in the late 1940s.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Miles.

She is survived by four daughters, Louis Ambrose of Kalispell, Dora Morron and Ocie Kelsey of Whitefish, and LaVerna Nielsen of Anchorage, Alaska; three sons, Raymond Bartlett of Columbia Falls, Otis Miles of Moses Lake, Wash., and Clifton Bartlett of Vancouver, Wash.; 21 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce of the Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

Friends and relatives may call at the Johnson Mortuary until 8 p.m. Friday for visitation.

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R.J. Bartlett, 74

^{19 Jan 1984}
 Raymond J. Bartlett, 74, Montana Veterans Home, died early Tuesday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital of natural causes.

He was born Dec. 29, 1909, in Ava, Mo., the son of John and Eliza Bartlett. As a child, he came with his family to Harlowton, Mont., where he grew up and graduated from high school. He then worked for the Washington State Patrol for several years. During World War II, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving with the Shore Patrol from 1943 to 1946.

After his discharge, he ran a grocery store in Leonia, Idaho, for a year, then an ice cream store in Bonners Ferry for 10 years. He then owned and operated Better Made Burger in Sandpoint, Idaho, before moving briefly to Spokane. He moved to Whitefish in 1959.

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Anna Basler, 90

^{2 Jan 1984}
 POLSON — Anna Basler, 90, died of natural causes Monday at St. Joseph's Convalescent Center in Polson.

Mrs. Basler was born March 14, 1893, in Falkau, Black Forest, Germany, the daughter of Xavier and Balbina Shelb. She was raised and educated in Germany.

In 1918 she married Leo Basler in Germany. They moved to Chinook in 1928, where they farmed for six years. In 1934 they moved to Kalispell and in 1944 they moved to Polson.

After her husband's death in 1964, Mrs. Basler moved to Butte where she lived with her daughter, Gertrude, for 16 years. She returned to Polson in 1980, and had spent the last year at St. Joseph's Convalescent Center.

Survivors include three daughters, Gertrude Gannon, Butte, Hilda Irvin, Kalispell, and Melanie Martin, Polson; 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Paul, in 1971, and by seven brothers.

Services have already been held. Burial was at the Lake View Cemetery.

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Grant Bates, 97

^{21 Sep 1984}
 Grant Bates, 97, of Kalispell, died Friday afternoon at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born July 18, 1887, in Kimball, S.D., to Isaac and Rebecca Fair Bates, one of eight children. He attended school in Minnesota, and at age 15, moved with his family to Fort Ripley, Minn., where he farmed and logged. In 1905 he moved to Bloomfield, where he farmed for 33 years and served as that community's veterinarian.

In 1940, he moved to Glendive, where he worked in the office of the Government Price Administration, and later for the Dawson County Agricultural Board. He moved to Kalispell in 1952.

In 1907 he married Clara Pilon in Rail Prairie, Minn. She died in 1955. In October 1957, he married Berta Theis in Glendive. She died in 1960.

On Jan. 15, 1967, he married Ruby Thurston in San Francisco. She survives him at the family home.



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EMIL BAUER

Emil Bauer, 70, of Clearfield, Utah, a former Kalispell resident, died May 9 in Ogden, Utah, several days after being involved in a traffic accident. He grew up in the Flathead area and around Troy and had owned a lounge in the area before moving to Utah where he had a car wash. He was married and preceded in death by his wife who is buried in Great Falls. Survivors include a son, Eugene Bauer, in Ogden, Utah, a

sister in Virginia and several other relatives, including a cousin in Kalispell. There were no services. His body was cremated and will be buried later in Great Falls. The Linquist Funeral Home in Ogden was in charge of arrangements. Persons interested in memorials should contact Ruby Werner, 2567 N. 400 West, No. 73, Layton, Utah, 84041.

He worked as a painter for Glacier National Park from 1959 until he retired in 1975.

He moved to Kalispell in 1972, and had been a resident at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls since 1980.

He was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Joan) Sipe of Kalispell and Mrs. David (Judy) Burton of McLoud, Okla.; four grandchildren; his mother, Eliza Bartlett of Kalispell; a brother, John Bartlett of Helena; three sisters, Mrs. Ken (Thelma) Scovill of Whitefish, Mrs. Jack (Irene) Reitsch of Coupeville, Wash., and Mrs. Jim (Phyllis) Cotter of Las Vegas, Nev.; and numerous other relatives.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Ralph Warner officiating. Family and friends will meet at the cemetery. Military honors will be provided by local veterans. Visitation is at Weatherford Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

The family suggests memorials to the Montana Veterans Home.

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20 Jan 1984
CUT BANK — BAUMANN, Ernest Frederick, 98, died Friday in a Cut Bank nursing home. Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Margaret Church, Cut Bank, with burial to follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Born in Columbus, Ohio, he married Marie Ella Lane in 1905 in Columbus. They came to Cut Bank in 1913. They also had a homestead in Toole County. He was a general contractor. He is survived by a daughter, Louise Fee of Cut Bank, and a son, Otto Baumann of Washington, D.C.

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Thomas Andrew Baumgartner

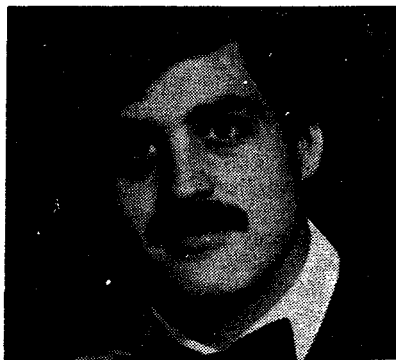
Thomas Andrew Baumgartner, who was born in Glasgow Oct. 31, 1955, died Nov. 29, 1984 at Lake Stevens, Wash.

He was 29.

Funeral services were held Dec. 3 at Silver Lake Chapel in Everett, Wash., with the Rev. Arthur Sather and the Rev. Jim Larson officiating. A private burial was held at Holyrood Cemetery in Seattle. Arrangements were under the direction of Solie Funeral Home in Everett.

He had lived in the Everett area since 1966. He was a driver for United Parcel for the last three years.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy, and two sons, Tyson and Rylie, all of the family home; his parents, James and Marjorie Baumgartner of Darrington; a brother, Gary of Lynnwood; a sister Sally Jo



THOMAS BAUMGARTNER

Baumgartner of San Jose, Calif. two nephews and a niece. Other relatives in the area include Everest Ramsbacher of Glasgow, Thomas, John and Charles Ramsbacher and Julia Heikens of Nashua and Bill Baumgartner of Malta.

She was raised and lived in Glasgow her entire life. She enjoyed farm work and the outdoors.

In 1925, she married Edward Beauchamp at Wolf Point. He died in 1977.

She is survived by one son, Roy Beauchamp of Wolf Point; two daughters, Mary Sugg of Glasgow and Donna St. Germaine of Wolf Point; 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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Annie Beauchamp

30 20 June 1984
Annie Beauchamp died Saturday, June 30, at Wolf Point Trinity Hospital.

She was 79.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 3, at 1 p.m. at Bell Chapel with Pastor Cecil Westin officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery with the Bell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Bobby Joe Grandchamp, Harold Hamilton, Nelson Grandchamp, Norman Bruno, Buddy Jackson and Jack Beauchamp.

The daughter of John and Mary Okemah, she was born August 16, 1904 in Dunsieith, N.D.

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Edmond Becorest

16 Jan 1984
Services for Edmond Becorest, 50, Rural Route 5408, manager of the westside K-mart store, will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel with the Rev. John Houlihan officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Becorest died Monday in a local hospital. He was born at McComas, W.Va. and received his education there, graduating from McComas High School in 1950. He then joined the U.S. Navy, serving in Newfoundland.

After his discharge, Becorest attended Concord College in Athens, W.Va., where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1959. He and Toby J. Lery were married in 1963 at Northridge, Calif.

Becorest began his career with the K-mart Corp. in 1961 in Indiana. He held management positions in various locations before coming to Great Falls in 1979, where he managed the westside K-mart until the time of his death.

His wife survives with a son, Bill, Great Falls, and a daughter, Marianne, who is attending the University of Montana in Missoula; two brothers, Vic of Tybee Island, Ga., and Paul of Levittown, Pa.; and two sisters, Margaret Proco, Blacksburg, Va., and Irene Shinschock, Washington Courthouse, Ohio.

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FORT KIPP — BEMER, Neville P., 82

10 Feb 1984
died Friday in a Culbertson hospital. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Poplar. Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with burial in Riverview Cemetery in Brockton. Born at Davenport, N.D., he moved to Canada at the age of 17, where he worked as a mechanic. About 1920, he moved to Culbertson and worked for the Frye Cattle Co. before starting his own farm and ranch north of Fort Kipp, where he had lived for the last 60 years. He had served in the National Guard. He married Frieda E. Miller in 1924. Later, he married Freda M. Bemer at Scobey in 1948. Both preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, Howard, Fort Kipp; four daughters, Julie Bemer, Fort Kipp; Mrs. Gladys Mock and Mrs. Lynn Waldhausen, both of Wolf Point, and Roxann Big-horn, Brockton; and 10 grandchildren.

DI

Albert Beardsley, 78

24 Dec 1984
LIBBY — Albert Beardsley, 78, Libby, died of natural causes Monday at his home.

He was born July 29, 1906, in Elmwood, Wis., the son of Louis and Lydia Beardsley. He was reared and educated in Wisconsin and came to the Flathead Valley during the Depression, settling in Whitefish.

He married Doris Good on Dec. 2, 1931, in Kalispell.

He served in the Army during World War II. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to the Flathead Valley. He was employed by Great Northern Railroad in Whitefish and Columbia Falls until moving to Troy in 1969. He retired in 1971 and moved to Libby in 1978.

His wife preceded him in death in 1974.

Mr. Beardsley was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Beardsley, Tigard, Ore., and Raymond Beardsley, Troy; a brother, Eugene Beardsley, Missoula; a sister, Lottie Jacobs, Tacoma, Wash.; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, including Ruby Stapley, Troy.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

DI

N. Beardsley, 65

1 May 1984
LIBBY — Norma Beardsley, 65, Libby, died of cancer Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

She was born Dec. 23, 1918, in Malta, the daughter of Neal and Estelle Beasley. She came to Warland with her family in 1926 and later moved to Libby where she attended school. She graduated from Libby Senior High School in 1938. She was employed as a telephone operator for several years and also operated a clothing store in Libby.

She married G. Edgar Beardsley on Oct. 24, 1948, in Libby.

Mrs. Beardsley was a longtime member of the Libby Church of God.

Survivors include her husband, Edgar, Libby; two daughters, Marlene Conley, Anchorage, Alaska, and Judy Kenyon, Hood River, Ore.; a stepson, William Beardsley, Everett, Wash.; her mother, Estelle Beasley, Libby; three sisters, Ethel Lamorie and Genera Stutsman, both of Portland, Ore., and Louise

DI

Leila Beaty, 83

11 Aug 1984
DURANT, Okla. — Leila Beaty, 83, a former Kalispell resident, died Saturday in Durant, Okla., after a long illness.

She was born May 13, 1901, in Durant, the daughter of R.A. and Adella Jane Graves Beaty.

Miss Beaty was a former teacher and assistant superintendent for Flathead county rural schools.

She is survived by two brothers, Robert and Carl; two sisters, Era Beaty and Jane Bell, all of Durant, Okla.; and a nephew and a niece.

Funeral services have been held in Durant.

WP

Norbert Beaudry dies at Columbia Falls home

Norbert A. Beaudry, age 64, passed away Monday morning at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born March 2, 1915 in Walhalla, North Dakota, a son of Thomas and Sarah Beaudry. He received his education in Walhalla, North Dakota.

On November 15, 1941, he married Gertrude Carpenter and in January 1942 he entered the Army and served in the Army until 1945.

In 1951 they moved to Columbia Falls. He worked as a millwright for the Plum Creek Lumber Company until his retirement due to ill health.

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

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude; a brother, John of Los Angeles, California; six

sisters, Mrs. Clarence Arndt of Ontario, Canada; Mrs. Jerrold O'Keefe, Halene Beaudry, and Mrs. Ray Newgard, all of San Diego, California, Mrs. Morris Dunningan, and Mrs. Don Radke, both of Walhalla, North Dakota; three daughters, Kathy Morris of Eagle River, Alaska; Carol Hader of Newport, Washington, and Renee Caverly of Bigfork, Montana and by seven grandchildren.

Rosary for Mr. Beaudry was recited Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Wednesday morning at 11:00 A.M. in St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Father Bernard Sullivan as celebrant. Burial was in St. Richard's Catholic cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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Mitchell, Libby; four brothers, George Beasley, Ronald Beasley, Lewis "Swede" Beasley, and Robert Beasley, all of Libby; six granddaughters, a great-granddaughter and a great-grandson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby. The Rev. Tom Howland of the Church of God will officiate. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Kootenai Volunteer Hospice, 418 Main Ave., Libby, 59923.

DI

Hubert J. Bell, 77

31 Jan 1984
SUN CITY, ARIZ. — Hubert J. Bell, 77, a former resident of Kalispell, died Tuesday in Sun City, Ariz.

He was born Aug. 29, 1906, in Maxbass, N.D. He received his early schooling in Alberta, Canada. He worked in Sunburst area and came to Kalispell in 1937. He owned and managed several service stations on Main Street, had the Firestone store and Union Oil distributorship. Later he was associated with the Conrad Bank and started Bell Trailer Manufacturing Co.

He retired in 1964 and had made his home in Arizona since 1976.

Surviving are his wife, Vione, Sun City, Ariz.; two daughters, Marian Emerson and Norma Ostrom, both of Kalispell; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held later in Kalispell.

DI

1 Oct 1984 Raymond Bell, 69

Raymond O. Bell, 69, Forest Hill Village, south of Kalispell, died at home of natural causes Tuesday.



He was born Dec. 27, 1914, in Williston, N.D., the only child of Oscar and Mae Bell. He was the son and grandson of original Williston homesteaders.

On Feb. 13, 1938, he married H. Lillian Nelson. She preceded him in death in 1979.

Mr. Bell served with the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II. The family moved to Columbia Falls in 1955, where they owned and operated Bell's Bar. Upon retirement, they lived for 12 years at the south end of Echo Lake near Bigfork, and in 1977 moved to Forest Hill Village.

He was an active musician all his life and belonged to the Oriental Shrine Band. Mr. Bell was past-commander of the Bigfork American Legion and belonged to Masons and the Elks.

He is survived by a daughter, Barbara Perry of Columbia Falls; and two grandchildren, Carol Perry of Kalispell, and Mike Perry of Missoula.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle, pastor of visitation at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell, officiating. Cremation has taken place.

DI

Ella Bellefleur, 90

27 May 1984
Ella M. Bellefleur, 90, died Sunday evening in the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she resided since October 1978.

She was born Oct. 5, 1893, in Creston, a daughter of Louis and Amanda Fehlberg. She was one of the first white children born in this area. She attended school at Creston and Kalispell.

On June 30, 1922, she married Henry Bellefleur in Libby. The couple farmed south of Creston for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Bellefleur served as secretary and operator for the rural Creston Community Telephone exchange. She had been instrumental in establishing the REA in the Flathead.

She had been a member of the Farmers Union; the Creston Community Club, and was of the Lutheran faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, on Nov. 23, 1973, and three brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Harry (Flora Mae) Isch of Kalispell; two granddaughters, Rita McKinney of Florence, and Stephanie Isch of Seattle; a great-granddaughter, Nicole McKinney; and a nephew.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marshall Moen, Immanuel Lutheran Home chaplain, officiating.

Private family burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call at the Johnson Mortuary until 8 p.m. Wednesday for visitation.

DI

Alvin Benda, 71

Alvin John Benda, 71, Bigfork, died Monday *24 May 1984*.

He was born Jan. 31, 1913, in Jackson, Minn., the son of Thomas and Verna Benda. The family moved to Eureka in about 1917, where he grew up and attended public schools. He then worked in construction at the Fort Peck Dam and other places.

On June 22, 1939, he married Sigrid Rogstad in Glasgow, and they made their home in Neihart until moving to Seattle in 1942. In Seattle, he worked in heavy construction until retiring in 1971. They then travelled for about five years, moving to Bigfork in late 1975.

DI

Thomas Bennett, 90

17 May 1984
Thomas R. Bennett, 90, Somers, died Thursday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born April 22, 1894, to John Fremont and Ella Bennett at the family homestead on the Swan River. He attended Deer Park School.

On Aug. 10, 1917, he entered the U.S. Navy at Bellingham, Wash., serving until his honorable discharge on Oct. 19, 1919, at Vallejo, Calif.

He then returned to the Flathead Valley, working as an engineer and tie carrier for the Glacier Park Co. at Somers for 34 years. He was a member of the Saw Mill Union. Following his retirement he spent his summers at his cherry and apple orchard.

On Jan. 12, 1929, he married Edith Kirk in Kalispell. The couple had lived in Somers ever since.

Survivors include his wife, in Somers; a brothers, Lewis, Bigfork; and a sister, Amy, San Diego, Calif.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Joe Loos of the Somers Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Somers-Lakeside Quick Response Unit.

He was a volunteer fireman for 20 years, an honorary member of Trailblazers, and member of the Senior Citizens of Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife, Sigrid, at the family home; three sons, Tom, Bob and John Benda, all of Seattle; a sister, Thelma Stellflug of Glasgow; a brother, Wildred Benda of Olympia, Wash.; six grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Joseph Loos of the Somers Methodist Church officiating. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorials to the Bigfork QRU.

DI

6 July 1984
Blanche Bent, 60

Blanche L. Bent, 60, Kalispell, died in North Valley Extended Care Center in Whitefish Thursday evening.

She was born Dec. 1, 1923, in Toledo, Ohio. She made her home in Tucson, Ariz., for a number of years. In the latter 1960s, she came to Columbia Falls and for the past year has made her home in Kalispell.

In 1968, she married E. W. "Bud" Bent in East Glacier. Mrs. Bent was a bookkeeper most of her life. She worked with her husband at Glacier Park for several years. She was also active in the Community Bible Training Center in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jan. 27, 1983.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry Roscoe of Yorba Linda, Calif., and Terry Roscoe of Tucson, Ariz., and seven grandchildren.

The body will be cremated and there will be no funeral services at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

WJP

3 Aug 1984
Minnie L. Bergeson

Minnie L. Bergeson, 96, of Anderson, Mo., and a former resident of Whitefish died Sept. 1.

Mrs. Bergeson and her husband Art lived in Whitefish for many years and all of their children graduated from Whitefish High School.

Mrs. Bergeson was born May 2, 1888

at Devils Lake, N.D., and had lived the past few years in Anderson. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Rogers and was a retired teacher.

Surviving are three sons, Gordon, Eugene, Ore., Donald, Bellingham, Wash., and Robert, Tacoma, Wash.;

two daughters, Mrs. Kay Leighton-Floyd, Anderson, and Mrs. Bette Raymond, Seattle; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Albert Leighton-Floyd, Michael Hitt, Mark Hitt, Matthew Hitt and Donald Hitt.

DI

9 July 1984
Nora Belle Bergmann, 97

Nora Belle Bergmann, 97, Kalispell, died Monday evening at Immanuel Lutheran Home where she had been a resident since 1982.

She was born Jan. 9, 1887, in Newport, Minn., one of nine daughters of Levi and Mary Emma Stevens. She received her education in Minnesota and later worked as a telephone operator in St. Paul, Minn.

In 1906 she married James Bergmann who worked for the Great Northern Railroad. In 1923 they were transferred to Kalispell.

She was an active member of the Epworth United Methodist Church and the Crescent Rebekah Lodge No. 22, Lady Militants, Adah Chapter No. 17 Order of the Eastern Star, and Social Order of Beautifant. Through the years she held many offices in all of these organizations.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 23, 1959.

She is survived by three sons,

Walter and Wallace Bergmann, both of Kalispell and Phillip Bergmann of Pomona, Calif.; three daughters, Margaret Croissetier and Glenyce Krogstad, both of Kalispell, and Patricia Plumb of Wenatchee, Wash.; a sister, Frances Murphy of St. Paul Park, Minn.; 24 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary until noon Thursday for visitation. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt and the Rev. C. Fred Crowe officiating. Friends and relatives will meet at the cemetery for the services. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Educational Loan Fund of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

DI

3 Aug 1984
Walter Bergmann

Walter L. (Boots) Bergmann, 76, died Friday evening at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 2, 1908, in Newport, Minn., to James L. and Nora Stevens Bergmann. He moved to Kalispell with his family in 1932, and lived here from then on.

After attending local schools he began work at the North Star Dairy. He later worked in the woods and for several lumber mills.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and belonged to the Kalispell Eagles Lodge for more than 40 years. He was a Methodist.

On Aug. 28, 1932, he married Nellie Hegg.

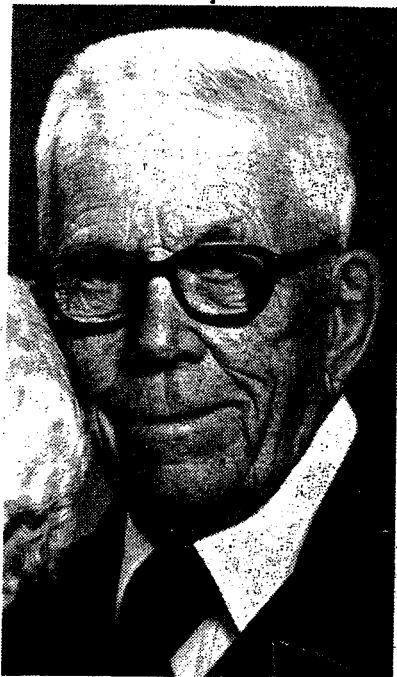
Survivors include his wife, at home; a son, Richard, Swan Lake; seven daughters, Barbara Sundberg of Columbia Falls, and Arlene Thumm, Linda Ward, Connie Henke, Janice Geldrich, Leslie Ann Lewellen and Sharon Bolster, all of Kalispell; two brothers, Wallace, of Kalispell, and Phillip, of Pomona, Calif.; three sisters, Margaret Croissetier and Glenyce Krogstad of Kalispell and Patricia Plumb of Wenatchee, Wash.; 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle and the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services, and may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until noon Wednesday.

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25 Feb. 1984
CONRAD — BERG, Chris A., 78, died Saturday at a Conrad nursing home. He was born in Norway and came to the United States as a child, settling in Michigan. In 1909, his family moved to North Dakota, where he attended schools. As a youth, he worked in a clothing store. He married Addie Baker in North Dakota in 1926. In the 1930s, he began work as a painter. In 1965, they moved to Conrad, where they purchased the Northgate Motel, which they operated until 1978. She died in 1982. Survivors include son Chris E. in Conrad; daughters Joyce Kregger in North Dakota, Peggy Swenson in California and Anne Nelson in Washington; brothers Trygve in Ekalaka; Ralph in North Dakota; Harry in Kalispell and Robert in Washington; and sisters Mamie Berg in Washington and Clara Christiansen in North Dakota. The body will be forwarded to Hettinger, N.D., where services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Congregational Church, with burial to follow in the Hettinger Cemetery. Wyse Funeral Home of Conrad is in charge of local arrangements.

Palmer Bergan



16 June 1984
 Palmer Bergan, a Glasgow resident since 1966, died Wednesday, May 30, in the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

He was 85.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 4, at 10 a.m. at Bell Chapel. Burial was in Highland Cemetery with Bell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

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15 Jan. 1984
WHITETAIL — BERGER, Carl, 93, who came to Montana with a cattle drive when he was 13, died Sunday in a Plentywood hospital. Missionary Alliance funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Flaxville Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Whitetail Cemetery under direction of the Waller Funeral Home. The 380-mile cattle drive took place in 1903 and extended from Velva, N.D., to Wolf Point. Berger was born in Verendrye, N.D. Following his first trip to Montana, he returned to homestead in 1910 and five years later became a grain buyer at Daleview. He married Emily Knoke in Plentywood in 1917 and served in the Navy during World War I. He then moved to Whitetail as a grain buyer, retiring in 1956. Survivors include a son, Paul, Kalispell; a daughter, Gwen Cunningham, Walla Walla, Wash.; and a sister, Dora Ferestad, Four Buttes.

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Serving as pallbearers were Robert Elfring, Morris Anderson, Robert Bergan, Scott Bergan, Stewart Stearns, and Clark Warner.

Honorary pallbearers were Ed Curtiss, Matt Woroszka, Bill Padgett, Lisle Squires, Waldo Bentley and Walt Burt.

Born August 11, 1898 in Hatton, N.D., he was the son of Peter and Marie Bergan. On June 19, 1930 he married Lydia M. Bolme at Wolf Point, Mont. They farmed at Scobey from 1930-1934. In 1934 they moved to New Deal where he started working at the dam. They moved to Fort Peck in 1941. He was a heavy equipment operator for 33 years for the Corps of Engineers. In 1966, he retired and they moved to Glasgow.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, Leon of Great Falls, Ronnie of Kennewick, Wash., Gene of Portland, Ore., and Terry of San Diego; three daughters, Mrs. Bill (Jeannette) Thompson of Fresno, Calif., Mrs. Tom (Ella Mae) Bostick of Muscoy, Calif., and Mrs. Harley (Toni) Phillips of Twin Falls, Idaho; three sisters, Mrs. Alvina Johnson of Osnabrock, N.D., Mrs. Ruth Olson and Mrs. Myrtle Poppler both of Joplin; one brother, Hilman Bergan of Rugby, N.D.; 25 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

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31 Jan. 1984
POWER — BERGMAN, John Wallace, 60, a Flood native, died Jan. 31 at his home in Granite Falls, Wash.

He was born at Flood and raised on a farm near Power, where he received his education and was graduated from high school in 1940. After his graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving until 1960, when he retired as a chief petty officer.

He then went to work for the U.S. Forest Service in the area of Mount Baker, Wash.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle; his mother, Hilda Bergman, and a sister, Mrs. Sterling (Irene) Hoge, both of Cut Bank.

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Earl Besonday

Earl Besonday, 71, died Wednesday, June 20, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 23, at 10 a.m. at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Glentana with Father Kenneth Clausen officiating. Burial was in Lawndale Cemetery with Bell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Ingvald Isakson, LeRoy Stein, Bill Mason, Tim Stuber, Glenn Eliason and Richard Zimmer.

Born November 20, 1912 in Crosby, N.D., he was the son of Earl and Marie Besonday.

He came to Valley County with his parents in 1913 and homesteaded south of Opheim. He served in World War II. He loved the outdoors, simple life and never spoke bad of his fellowman.

He is survived by his step-father, Lawrence Smith; one sister, Myrtle Beohler of Ulysses, Kansas; and one brother, Harold Besonday of Reno, Nevada.

DI

Edward Bergstrom

^{28 June 1984}
Edward W. Bergstrom, 80, Bigfork, died at home Thursday afternoon.

He was born March 17, 1904, in North St. Paul, Minn., to Oscar and Ellen Marie Bergstrom. After graduating from high school in North St. Paul, he attended the University of Minnesota.

In 1922 he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad. He served as freight traffic manager in St. Paul before moving to Seattle, where he managed the Pacific coast pricing division. In 1969, after 48 years with the railroad, he retired to Bigfork. There he owned and operated the BZB cherry orchard.

He was past president of the Transportation Club of St. Paul and the St. Paul Jaycees, and belonged to the St. Paul Sales Executives Club and the Washington Athletic Club. He was honored as "Vulcan" of the St. Paul Winter Carnival in 1942.

A founding member of the Village Square Art Center in Bigfork, he also served as business manager of the Bigfork Playhouse. He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

He married Harriet Loague in 1929 in St. Paul. She died in 1978, and in 1979 he married Dawn Anderson Coughlin in Bigfork.

Survivors include Dawn Bergstrom, in Bigfork; three stepsons, Tom and Pete Coughlin, both of Dallas, and Rick Coughlin of St. Louis; a stepdaughter, Patti Kosut of Houston; a brother, Glenn, of White Bear Lake, Minn.; a sister, Alice Grovert of Norman, Okla., and three granddaughters.

Visitation will be today from 3-6 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell. Funeral services are Monday at 1 p.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork with the Rev. William E. Morley officiating. Burial will be in Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bigfork Development Co.



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W.H. Bernard, 86

^{5 Feb 1984}
CARMEL, Calif. — Wallace Herrick Bernard, 86, a native of Kalispell, died in Carmel, Calif., Feb. 5, after a heart attack.

He was born in Kalispell March 10, 1897, the son of Perley and Grace Herrick Bernard. His father was one of the first editors of The Daily Inter Lake in the early part of the century and a member of the state Legislature.

Mr. Bernard worked for the newspaper as a young man. For a time he was a title insurance man in Kalispell.

In 1926 he married Edna Swedlund of Velva, N.D., who died many years ago in Seattle.

For about 35 years he lived in Seattle and worked as an auditor for the State of Washington, until his retirement at age 68. He lived in Carmel, Calif., for about 18 years.

He was a member of the Carmel Presbyterian Church and the Carmel Foundation.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara Rogers of Soquel, Calif. and Ann Boone of Carmel, Calif.; a son, John H. Bernard of Manhasset, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 8 at Paul Mortuary Chapel, Pacific Grove, Calif. Burial took place with chapel services at Acacia Memorial Park in Seattle Feb. 11.

DI

Berry infant

^{15 Oct 1984}
Private family graveside services and burial for the infant son of Bruce and Mary Ann Berry were conducted Tuesday morning in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Michael O'Neill officiated.

The infant was born Oct. 15 in Whitefish, and died that same day in Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

He is survived by his parents of Kalispell; his paternal grandparents, Don Berry of Eugene, Ore., and Joan Kelly of Kalispell; and a number of aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Dr. John and Rosemary Kissane.

Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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Dennis Bethke, 26

^{2 Dec 1984}
Dennis William Bethke, 26, Kalispell, died early Sunday morning at home.

He was born March 29, 1958, at Richland Center, Wis., to Dennis and Charlene Bethke. He attended schools in Richland Center and graduated from Richland Center High School in 1977.

After graduation he worked for four years at Keegan's Feed Mill in Richland Center before moving to Kalispell in 1981. He worked for Western Star Builders in Kalispell as a carpenter.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed being outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1975.

He is survived by his mother in Richland Center, Wis.; a sister,

Carol Schweitzer in Richland Center; maternal grandparents Sheldon and Dorothy Salmon in Muscoda, Wis.; paternal grandmother, Bulueah Bethke, Richland Center; a nephew; three nieces and many relatives. He is also survived by his fiancée, Veronica Marjamaa, Kalispell.

Private memorial services have been conducted by family and close friends and no public services will be held. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

DI

John Betz, 87

^{28 Dec 1984}
John Betz, 87, died Friday morning at the Montana Veterans Home.

A World War I veteran, he had lived at the Columbia Falls facility for the past 20 years.

He was born Jan. 2, 1897, in Lincoln, Neb., where he was raised and educated. After his discharge from the Army he moved to Montana.

He married Inez Groven at Havre on Dec. 24, 1930. They lived for many years in Chinook, where he was a ranchhand and was a parts man for an implement dealer. He later was a truck driver.

Preceding him in death were his wife, three sisters and three brothers. Survivors include a daughter, Joanne Betz of Seattle; and a sister, Sarah, of Lincoln, Neb.

A memorial service is set for Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Veterans Home chapel. The Rev. Harold Peterson of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish will officiate.

The body has been cremated. Van Leuven Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DI

Joseph Bianco, 71

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Joseph J. Bianco, 71, former president of the Conrad Bank of Kalispell (now First Interstate), died Oct. 19 of heart failure in Palm Springs, Calif.

He was born in Visalia, Calif., in 1913 and was a graduate of the University of San Francisco. He served in the Air Force during World War II.

Mr. Bianco began his banking career in 1936 with Bank of America and later worked for an affiliate of Firstamerica, now First Interstate Bancorp.

He was president of the Conrad Bank from Sept. 15, 1957, to Jan. 1, 1961.

He served as chairman of the Bank of Idaho (now First Interstate Bank of Idaho) from 1961 to 1975, when he retired.

He had been president of the Idaho Bankers' Association, vice president of the American Banking Association, president of the Greater Boise Chamber of Commerce and director of the Boise Urban Redevelopment Association.

First Interstate officials said Mr. Bianco was instrumental in the growth of the Bank of Idaho, increasing total assets by about \$305 million from 1961 to 1975 and extending the bank's statewide branch system to 25 offices.

Memorial services will be in Sun Valley, Idaho, in the spring of 1985. No date has been set.

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Vernon W. Bice

Vernon W. Bice, a former Whitefish resident, died Aug. 3 in Seattle.

He was born July 10, 1919 in Pelican Rapids, Minn., to Ray and Pansy Bice.

He graduated from Huron High School in Huron, S.D., and served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945. He

retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad after 37 years of service in 1977.

He is survived by his wife Betty of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; five daughters, Billie Wartnow of Whitefish, Judy Rene of Seattle, Becky Ceniga of Portland,

Barbara Tagart, Seattle, and Marsha Mach, Phoenix; one son, Jeffrey Bice of Seattle; 14 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Cremation has taken place and the family suggests memorials be sent to the American Cancer Research Program.

DI

Naomi Bitterman, 70

LIBBY — Naomi Bitterman, 70, died Wednesday afternoon of cancer at her home near Libby.

She was born Oct. 18, 1913, at Edgar to Nahn and Amy McVey. She attended schools at Edgar, Libby and Great Falls.

She married Albert J. Bitterman on Feb. 15, 1931, at Libby and in 1981 the couple celebrated a golden wedding anniversary.

She resided at the family home north of Libby until the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, Albert, Libby; a son, Tom Bitterman, Libby; a daughter, Peggy McDaniel, Beaverton, Ore.; two brothers, Joseph McVey, Kilauea, Hawaii and Earl Teats, Spokane; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Monday at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Grilley of the First Methodist Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Vial Funeral Home.

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R.M. Bitterman, 77

LIBBY — Raymond M. Bitterman, 77, Libby, died Sunday afternoon at the Libby Care Center after a long illness.

He was born April 6, 1906, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Edward and Elsie Bitterman. He moved with his parents to Libby in 1913 where they homesteaded on the Kootenai River near China Rapids. He was raised in Libby and attended school there.

He worked for the Great Northern Railroad and then worked in the shipyards in Los Angeles during World War II. After the war, he returned to Libby where he ranched for many years and later sold mutual funds until retiring in 1970.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ethel, in 1968.

He married Eva Blackenmeister on April 28, 1969, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Survivors include his wife, Eva, Libby; two brothers, Albert Bitterman and Harold Bitterman, both of Libby; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Vial Funeral Home chapel in Libby with the Rev. Mike McLaughlan of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Libby Cemetery. The family has suggested memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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Veron Biddle

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Vernon Biddle, a native of Valley County, known to his friends and family as "Puck" and a member of the Northville, Mich., community for more than 40 years, died of cancer, Sept. 29 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 63 and had been ill for a year.

Born to Royce E. and Hulda (Gaukstad) Biddle in Nashua, Mont. on Jan. 29, 1932, Mr. Biddle moved to Michigan from Montana at age 20. He married Dorothy Grubb, who survives her husband and lives in Nine Mile, where the couple recently moved.

Mr. Biddle was a retired Burroughs employee who previously drove a bus for the Northville Bus Line. He served in the U.S. Navy as an officer and fighter pilot in the Pacific theater during World War II, receiving many awards and citations for his service.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville, a member of VFW Post 4012. A VFW memorial service was conducted Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

Surviving Mr. Biddle in addition to his widow, are daughter Verna Foote

of Charleston, S.C.; and sons Larry of Allendale, Richard of Redford Township and William of Detroit. He also leaves seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. His sister, Esther Runyan, and brother George also survive, both residing in California.

Services were held Wednesday at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville, with Pastor Charles Boerger of St. Paul's officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. The family suggests memorial contributions be to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

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James Black

21 Jan 1984

James W. "Johnny" Black, 67, 2213 5th Ave. S., died Saturday in a Great Falls hospital.

He was born in Akron, Colo. He was educated in Wyoming and moved to Great Falls in 1943. He married Martha E. Bowen in 1946 in Great Falls.

He was a member of the Euclid Lodge No. 58 and the York Rite Bodies. He was also a member of Central Christian Church.

He worked for the Anaconda Co.

Survivors include his wife, Martha, Great Falls; two daughters, Mrs. James (Marty) Campbell, Midland, Mich., and Mrs. Carl (Nancy) Berry, Great Falls; five sisters, Mrs. Mary Wood, Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Ed (Elizabeth) Mostad, Black Duck, Minn.; Mrs. Geneve Hammill, Glenrock, Wyo.; Mrs. Gladys Rumney, Lusk, Wyo., and Mrs. Ed (Julia) Cook, Hat Creek, Wyo.; three brothers, Leroy Black, Sheridan, Wyo.; Clarence Black, Lusk, Wyo., and Charles Black, Odessa, Texas; and one grandson.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel of Chimes. Cremation has taken place.

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10 Feb. 1984

Margaret Bietz

Margaret L. Bietz, 51, 1609 5th Ave. N., died Friday in a local hospital.

No funeral services are planned. Cremation has taken place with Croxford & Sons Mortuary handling arrangements.

Born in Choteau, she received her schooling there, then spent a year in Spokane, Wash.

Mrs. Bietz worked as Columbus Hospital and at the Rainbow Hotel, then attended Great Falls Commercial College. She had worked for Diamond Cab Co. before ill health forced her retirement.

She had been a member of Great Falls React, a citizens band radio organization.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Robert (Rachel) Fitch, Port Heuneme, Calif.; two grandchildren; her parents, Burton and Lenora Hollinshead, Great Falls; and a brother, J.A. "Joe" Hollinshead, San Diego, Calif.

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25 Feb Jan 1984

LEWISTOWN — BIRD, Wendell E., 76, died Wednesday at his home in Lewistown following a brief illness. Services will be 9 a.m. Saturday in the Cloyd Chapel, with interment at 2:30 p.m. in the Alice Nash Cemetery on the Lone Tree Bench south of Chinook. He was born in Spokane, Wash. He moved with his family in 1915 to the Lone Tree Bench, where he received his education, graduating from the Lone Tree Bench School in 1922. He ranched with his father until he homesteaded himself on the Lone Tree Bench. In 1934, he married Elsie Garlinghouse in Simms and they lived and ranched on the Lone Tree Bench until 1968, when they retired and moved to Lewistown. She preceded him in death in 1972 and he continued to live in Lewistown. On March 1, 1974, he married Maradelle Fraser in Helena. They continued to live in Lewistown.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one brother, Laurence, Helena, one stepson, Douglas Fraser, Missoula; one stepdaughter, Theresa Bovee, Salt Lake City, Utah; and two grandchildren.

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Ethel Blewett



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Ethel M. Blewett, 95, 1109 6th Ave. N., mother of well-known local attorney Alex Blewett, died early Friday in the Montana Deaconess nursing home where she been a resident for the past three years.

Funeral will be 11 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Robert Klein and Rev. Jack Severns officiating.

Private entombment at the Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Mausoleum is scheduled prior to the services under the direction of the O'Connor Funeral Home.

She was born July 15, 1888, at Central City, Colo., and at the age of 3 moved to Butte with her family. She attended grade school and was graduated from the eighth grade in Butte. When she was 17 she married Alexander H.C. Blewett, also of Butte.

Born of this marriage were four children: Wesley Blewett, Salem, Ore.; Adele Hawley and Alex Blewett, both of Great Falls, and Lois Lawson, Bainbridge Island, Wash., all of whom survive.

Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Blewett came to Great Falls in 1967 after the death of her husband in 1954. She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Butte Pioneers, Neighbors of Woodcraft, Methodist Church, and a past member of the Meadow Lark Country Club.

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4 Feb. 1984

SCOBAY — BLEVINS, Rex, 76, died at his home here Saturday night. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Whitetail Cemetery. Born in Iowa, Blevins grew up in South Dakota. He married Attie Blevins in 1946 at Vancouver, Wash. He was a flight instructor during World War II. He moved with his wife to Daniels County in 1955 to work as a heavy equipment operator. He is survived by his wife, Attie, a son, Ned, Racine, Wisc., two brothers, G.Q. Blevens, Tigard, Ore., and D.G. Blevens, Whitetail.

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Resner Blikken

Resner Blikken, a retired farmer-rancher, died at his home in Opheim, Mont., Dec. 3, 1984, following a lengthy illness. He was 88.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Dec. 8, in the First Lutheran Church at Opheim, with Rev. Steve Benson, officiating.

Music for the service was provided by Royal Paus, soloist, and Mrs. Dolores Perry, organist.

Pallbearers were Ted See, Don Risa, Doug Risa, Franklin Helland, William Nelson and Theron Risa.

Burial was in the Lawndale Cemetery in Opheim. Bell Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

A son of Torkel and Anna Blikken, he was born July 4, 1896 in Viroqua, Wis., and attended schools there. In 1910 he came with his parents to Savoy, Mont., and in 1915 came to Opheim. He started farming in 1919, continuing until his retirement in 1976. He also was a well-driller and drilled many wells for the people in the north country.

He was very active in the community and helped many people. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, Masonic North Border Lodge No. 45. He was instrumental in securing construction of the G.N. Railroad into Opheim in 1925. He was very active in the Democratic Party and was elected and served two terms in the Montana State Legislature as Representative from Valley County. He served as President of the International North-South Highway Association, director of the National Rural Electric Co-op Association; President of the Montana State Electric Co-op Association; President of the Northern Electric Co-op Association; chairman of the Farmers Union Elevator and Farmers Union Oil Co. of Opheim.

He married Ella Hammerness in Glasgow, June 2, 1947.

Survivors include his widow in Opheim; three sisters, Mrs. Amelia Lee, Mrs. Elsie Nelson and Mrs. Nellie Helland, Glasgow; several nieces including Karen Blikken See, Opheim; and several nephews.

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Irene M. Blue

Irene M. Blue died November 23 in the Valley View Nursing Home.

She was 79.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 27, at 11 a.m. at Bell Chapel with Rev. James Thistle officiating. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery with Bell Mortuary in charge.

Pallbearers were Bob Anderson, Dan Broadbrooks, Bob Michaels, Willard Lee, Ole Strommen, and Ross Robinson.

The daughter of Joseph and Matilda Zervas, she was born in Little Falls, Minnesota on December 10, 1904.

She graduated from high school in Little Falls in 1923, then attended the University of Motnana. She taught school south of Malta in 1924-25. She was then employed by Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Chicago, Minneapolis, Spokane and San Francisco.

On September 13, 1933 in Glasgow, she married Wallace Blue.

They lived on a farm north of Saco. She worked for C. P. Martin Store in Saco from 1942-1947.

Survivors include her husband; two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Ross of Helena and Marion Kirk of Naples, Florida; and one brother, Leo Zervas of Los Angeles, California.

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5 June 1984
Jessie Blasdel, 86

Jessie Oak Blasdel, 86, Kalispell, died in North Valley Hospital Extended Care Center Tuesday evening.

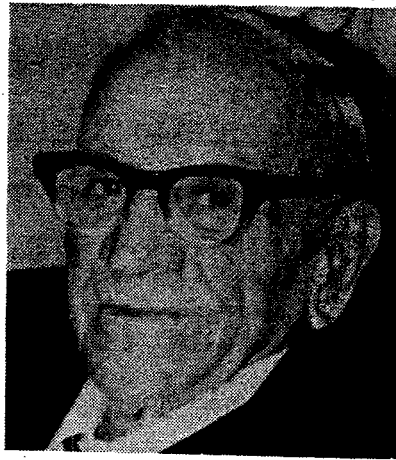
He was born June 22, 1897, in Attica, Kan., a son of Smith Rowe and Mary Ann Blasdel. He received his education in Kansas. When he was 21, he loaded farm animals on a boxcar and moved to Montana, arriving in Ethridge in 1918, where he homesteaded for seven years. In the spring of 1921 he moved to Kalispell.

On Sept. 28, 1921, he married Ethel Bowman. They celebrated their 62nd anniversary this past year.

The couple farmed in the Lower Valley until retiring in 1971, when they moved to Foy's Lake.

Mr. Blasdel was a former 4-H leader; former member of the Brocken School Board; member of the Lower Valley Grange, serving as master and treasurer of Pomona Grange; member of the Montana State and National Grange; and a member of the Advisory Board for the Flathead Chapter Future Farmers of America for many years.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Inez Campbell and Cora Williams; a daughter, Eva Belle Mower; a granddaughter, Barbara Houston; and three great-grandchildren.



JESSIE BLASDEL

He is survived by his wife, Ethel, at home; two sons, Edwin and Donald Blasdel, both of Somers; three daughters, Marie Wolstad, of Olympia, Wash., Ruby Powell and Viola Keller, both of Kalispell; a brother, Ira Blasdel and a sister, Zoe Brown, both of Attica, Kan.; 33 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to the Flathead Chapter Future Farmers of America.

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18 July 1984
John Bolton, 78

SEATTLE Wash. John H. Bolton, 78, a former Kalispell resident, died July 18 in Seattle, after a short illness.

He was born July 12, 1906, in Iowa, a son of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Bolton.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1923 and attended the University of Montana and the University of Washington.

He retired in 1971 as senior vice president of Unigard Insurance group.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Marigold Bolton; a daughter, Mrs. Stephen B. Paul; a son, Jack Bolton, all of Seattle, Wash.; and a brother, Ben Bolton of Kalispell.

Funeral services and burial were last Saturday in Seattle.

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11 Mar 1984
Brian J. Blevins

Brian J. Blevins, 4 months, died Sunday at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Oct. 29, 1983, in Whitefish, to Brett and Karen Blevins.

He is survived by his parents, Brett and Karen Blevins of Columbia Falls; a sister, Cindi Lee Blevins of Columbia Falls; his maternal grandparents, Ruth and Lief Kvamme of Columbia Falls; his paternal grandparents, Connie and Larry Blevins of Marion; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Friends may meet at cemetery.

Visitation until 8 tonight and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon.

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21 Mar 1984
George Bolick, 82

George A. Bolick, 82, died Wednesday at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born in Columbia Falls Oct. 23, 1901, to James and Effie Bolick. He was a lifelong resident of Columbia Falls, except for service with the U.S. Army during World War II.

For many years he worked as a painter with his twin brother Claude, and his father. Both preceded him in death.

Survivors include cousins Mable Engelter, Whitefish, Ellen Miller Kalispell, and John Brinkerhoff Columbia Falls; and a niece, Jeanne Ramey, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Memorial services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Cremation has already taken place under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.