

Selvia Lafferty, 85

17 Dec. 1977

Selvia E. Lafferty, 85, died Saturday in Eureka.

She was born Feb. 10, 1892, in Lebo, Kan. She married Oscar Lafferty Sept. 17, 1913, in Lebo.

The couple had lived in Utah and Idaho and had resided in Hopewell, Ore., for eight years before coming to Eureka in 1958.

She had been a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Oscar, Eureka; one son, Olen, Layton, Utah; one daughter, Mary Pershall, Eureka; one twin sister, Sylvia Norton, Wichita, Kan.; two half sisters, Bernice Kator, and Kay Kator, both of Newton, Kan.; six grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Eureka, with Rev. James Ledbetter officiating.

Burial will follow in Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home.

Carrie E. LaChapelle

12 Nov. 1977

Mrs. Carrie Ellen LaChapelle, 94, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died in St. Paul, Minn. Saturday.

She was born Aug. 8, 1883 in Steele City, Neb., a daughter of John and Elizabeth Allen. In 1888, she moved with her family by horse-drawn covered wagon to Knoxville, Iowa where she received her education in the public schools there. In 1898 the family moved to Northern Minnesota where they homesteaded. In 1901, she was married to Herbert W. Manery and was preceded in death by him in 1927. She was later married to Louis J. LaChapelle at Little Fork, Minn.

In May, 1940, they moved to Kalispell where Mr. LaChapelle died on May 10, 1957. Mrs. LaChapelle had lived on Sixth Avenue West in Kalispell for 25 years and in 1964 she moved to Whitefish to make her home with her daughter. She had been with her daughter in St. Paul for the past one and one-half years.

She was a member of the Methodist Church, having joined at the age of 13 in Knoxville, Iowa. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge; Ladies Auxiliary Patriot Militants and the Adah Chapter #17 Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by one son, Byron Manery, and is now survived by three daughters, Maybelle H. Johnson of St. Paul, Minn., Blanche M. Parks of Whitefish and Mrs. James (Myrna) Peters of Elfin Cove, Alaska; one stepson, Earl LaChapelle of Lincoln, Neb.; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Phil (Vera) Johnson of McArthur, Calif.; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-granddaughters and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services for Mrs. LaChapelle will be conducted in the Austin Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday with burial to follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Edward Landry, 93

16 Feb. 1977

COLUMBIA FALLS — Edward L. Landry, 93, of Columbia Falls died in Whitefish Wednesday night.

He was born Aug. 20, 1883 in Calumet, Mich. When he was 5, he moved with his parents to Neihart, until 1896 when he moved to Otter Creek, where he took up a homestead.

On Feb. 19, 1911 he was married to Delia Goodman at Belt. The couple continued to ranch there for many years, before moving into Belt. Five years ago,

Mr. Landry moved to Columbia Falls, where he has resided since that time.

He was preceded in death by his wife Delia and one son, Henry. He now is survived by one son, Col. Ret. Edward Landry of Bowie, Md.; one daughter, Mrs. Leo (Hazel) Petesch of Columbia Falls; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Christian wake services will be conducted in the Van Leuven Chapel at 7:30 tonight. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated in St. Richards Catholic Church at 2 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. Leonard Spraycar as the celebrant. Burial will be in St. Richards Cemetery.

Russell Larcombe

2 Aug 1977

Memorial services for J. Russell "Rusty" Larcombe, 77, long time Malta publisher, will be held Friday 2 p.m. in the Lakeside Chapel. The body will be cremated.

Mr. Larcombe died in Kalispell Tuesday. He was born March 25, 1900 in Burlington Flats, N.Y., and attended Colgate University.

He worked for a New York City daily and as a police reporter for two New Jersey newspapers.

In 1928, he and Anna Lee Survant, daughter of a pioneer Montana family, were married in New York City. They moved to Malta where Mr. Larcombe began publishing the Phillips County News. He also owned the Saco Independent for a number of years, was part owner of the Havre Daily News, and for 25 years was editor of the Montana Legionnaire.

He was a World War I veteran serving as an ambulance driver. He was also in World War II as commander of a truck company for the 41st Infantry Division of the Montana National Guard. He also served in recruitment and training and supply.

His wife, Anna Lee, died in

1955. He and Cleo Hamilton were married in 1957 in Kalispell. He retired in 1960 and they had made their home at Lakeside with winters in Arizona.

Mr. Larcombe was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shrine, past president of the Montana State Press Assn., American Legion, VFW, and Elks.

Survivors include his wife, Cleo, at home; two sons, James R. Larcombe, Jr., Malta, and William E. Larcombe, San Francisco; one sister, Mary L. Larcombe, Cascade, Md.; and five grandchildren.

Marlene Lapham, 44

22 Nov 1977

POLSON — Marlene Kirkaldie Lapham, 44, a resident of the Polson area, died Tuesday morning in St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

She was born April 14, 1933, at the Fort Belknap Agency. On June 15, 1952, she married Pete Lapham in Malta. The couple moved to Moss Creek near Polson in 1966.

Survivors include her husband, Pete, Moss Creek; three daughters, Karen and Doreen Lapham, both of Moss Creek, and Holly Sanford, Shalimar, Fla.; three sons, Philetus, David and Thomas, all of Polson; two sisters, Doris Nicholson, Malta, and Lois Simons, Billings; five brothers, Glenn Kirkaldie, Lolo; William Kirkaldie, Polson; Robert Kirkaldie, Dodson; Thomas Kirkaldie, Colstrip, and Douglas Kirkaldie, Billings, and one grandson.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Mosley Chapel in Polson with the Rev. James DeGroat officiating. The body will be cremated.

Jan 4 1978

CARL B. LASATER

Mr. Carl B. Lasater, age 68, died unexpectedly at his home at 116 South Cedar Road, Evergreen, on Friday. He was born November 6, 1909, in Kansas City, Missouri, and was the adopted son of Laura Thompson Lasater. When he was three years of age he moved with his family to Eastern Montana where they homesteaded until moving to Kalispell in 1921. He had attended the Evergreen and Flathead County High School. He had worked at various jobs in the Flathead Valley including helping with the construction of Going-To-The-Sun Road over Logan Pass in Glacier National Park. He later was employed for Inter-mountain Transportation and in 1971, he retired from employment with M.F. Thompson Oil Company of Kalispell.

On October 11, 1935, he was married to Julia O. Sunde in Polson. The couple lived in the Flathead Valley after their marriage. Active in community affairs, Mr. Lasater was one of the leaders in the Evergreen community near Kalispell. He was one of the four founders and a charter member of the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department.

He was district secretary of the fire district at the time of his death. During his 6 year term on the Evergreen School Board he helped plan and get the new school building. He had also been active in helping develop the Evergreen area and improve its road system. He was a charter member of the Calvary Lutheran Church which he helped build.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1912; his mother in 1967 and by an infant daughter, Ruth Elane, in 1939. He is now survived by his widow, Julia, at the family home, one son, Ed Lasater of Kalispell; two daughters, Sandra J. Rosetti and Mrs. James "Bunny" Pauli, both of Kalispell; three grandchildren and one adopted sister, Mrs. Howard (Peggy) Redpath of Somers. Funeral services for Mr. Lasater were conducted on Tuesday with the Rev. Lowell Stordahl, pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorials to the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department have been suggested by the family.

Walter Larson

28 Sep 1977

Services for Walter Carl Larson, 80, long time Whitefish resident, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Austin Chapel with the Rev. Robert Laird of the First United Presbyterian Church officiating.

Ritualistic rites will be by the Whitefish Masonic Lodge and burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Larson died Wednesday at the Mountain View Manor Nursing Home Whitefish. He was born Jan. 23, 1897 at Murdock, Minn. He came to Montana in 1915 and worked for a railway express agency.

In 1920 he came to Whitefish where he was a railway clerk for the Great Northern railroad.

He served with the U.S. Navy in World War I on the USS Oklahoma until his honorable discharge in 1919.

On June 16, 1923 he married Luella Peterson in Whitefish and the couple has made their home there since. Mr. Larson retired from the railroad in 1959.

Survivors include his wife at the Mountain View Manor; two daughters, Mrs. William (Joan) Cripe, Spokane; and Mrs. Thomas (Ina) Earl, Billings; one son, Donald Thompson, La Jolla Calif.; one brother, Reuben Larson, Whitefish; one sister, Esther Rodgers, Lewistown; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

22 Apr 1977

Aaron J. Larson, 5

Aaron J. Larson, 5, formerly of 1011 Rose Crossing, drowned April 22 in the Mekong River near his home in the Philippines. He was the son of Kenneth and Vicki Larson.

Aaron was born Nov. 30, 1971 in Kalispell and he lived here until three months ago when he moved to the Philippines with his parents where his father is employed.

He is survived by his parents; one brother, Kenneth, Jr. at home; his grandmother, Mrs. Violet Krantz of Missoula; his honorary grandparents, Keith and Edna Boyer of Couer d'Alene, Idaho; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Saturday in the Weatherford Funeral

Home with the Rev. J.E. Jacobson, pastor of the Liberty Assembly of God Church and Pastor Ellwood Grissom of the Kalispell Assembly of God officiating. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

LARSON, Aaron James, 5, formerly of Kalispell, died April 22 in the Philippines, where he lived. Services, 3 p.m. Saturday in the Weatherford Funeral Home. Burial, Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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Dean E. Lauman, 69

21 May 1977

Dean E. Lauman, 69, who had resided at 520 Leisure Drive of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Saturday morning. He was born Sept. 28, 1907 at Lake Blaine.

He had attended local schools and was later employed with the Great Northern Railway at Somers for 32 years prior to his retirement.

On Dec. 20, 1932, he married Louise Ann Almini in Kalispell and was predeceased in death by her on April 26, 1967.

On Oct. 5, 1968, he married Margaret Milam in Kalispell and is now survived by her at the family home.

He also is survived by two stepsons, Robert Milam of Kalispell and Lenox Milam of Boise, Idaho; five brothers, Willis and Clayton, both of Somers, Albert of Cut Bank, Carl of Kalispell and Cris of Medford, Ore.; four sisters, Mary Scott in Idaho, Helen Tower in Michigan, Karen Syverson and Lillie Beldon, both of Kalispell, and several nieces and nephews.

Services for Mr. Lauman will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

William T. Lavin, 96

9 Mar 1977

William Thomas (Tom) Lavin, 96, of the Immanuel Lutheran Home, died there Wednesday morning. He had lived there five years.

Mr. Lavin was born near Truro, Cornwall, England Jan. 27, 1881. He was educated in England and when he was 18 he was licensed as a local preacher in the Methodist church there. In 1902 he moved to Butte, where he did mission work for the Mountain View church.

A year later he was appointed pastor of the Libby and Troy Methodist

churches. After serving two years there he was transferred to Whitefish, where he organized and built a church.

Mr. Lavin served as pastor of Methodist churches in Holt and Bigfork. During this period he married Mabel Sparling on Dec. 27, 1905, in the Methodist parsonage in Kalispell.

He served pastorates at the Warren church in Great Falls and later in Stockett before returning to Libby and Troy. He homesteaded on the Flathead Reservation and

lived there a while and later moved to Kalispell.

Mr. Lavin worked as deputy clerk and recorder for a long time as well as deputy auditor and deputy assessor. He was county commissioner six years and public administrator eight years.

Mr. Lavin was preceded in death by his wife on July 23, 1963 in Kalispell and is now survived by two daughters, Mr. N.A. (Dorothy) Christopher of Las Vegas, and Mrs. W.L. (Peggy) Neilson of Los Angeles; his son, James

Lavin of Somers; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church and Kalispell Lodge No. 42, A.F.&A.M.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Wilbur Whanger, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the church or to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

William Lecher

19 Aug. 1977

Mass of the Resurrection for William P. Lecher, 79, Bigfork, was said Thursday in St. Catherine's Church, Bigfork, with Father William Morley as celebrant. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Lecher died at the Bigfork Convalescent Home Monday. He was born Aug. 30, 1893, in Chadron, Neb., son of John and Anna Lecher. In 1928 he and Eleanor Marie Meyer were married at Hot Springs, S.D. He farmed at Chadron until 1949 when he moved to Bigfork where he was employed at Broeder Brothers Saw Mill.

He was preceded in death by one son, William, in 1960, and is now survived by his wife, Marie, at the family home; one daughter, Anna M. Sears, Hamilton; two brothers, LaRue and Clevis Lecher both of Grass Valley, Calif.; one sister, Theresa McDermott, Falls City, Neb.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Frances Leckie

19 Feb. 1977
Frances B. Leckie, 92, of Whitefish and the Masonic Home in Helena, died in Helena after a brief illness.

She was the mother of Dr. K. Schroeder of Whitefish, Helen M. Halverson of Anaconda and Elizabeth A. Grimpe of Englewood, Ohio, and five grandchildren and nine grandchildren.

She was a member of the Whitefish Presbyterian Church, to which memorials may be sent. She also was a 50-year member of the Havre Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services were at the Retz Funeral Home in Helena and the graveside services were in Missoula with the Reverend Kent W. Kinney of the Presbyterian Church in Missoula officiating.

Inez G. Lee

24 Aug. 1977

POLSON — Inez G. Lee, 65, Bigfork, died Wednesday in St. Joseph Hospital at Polson. Mrs. Lee was a retired nurse.

She was born April 9, 1912, at Kenmare, N.D. She moved with her family to Havre where she attended schools. In 1932 she was graduated from nursing school.

She married Byron R. Lee in 1933 at Havre. The couple moved to Bigfork in 1939 and in 1960 she moved to Polson where she was employed as a registered nurse at St. Joseph

Hospital. In 1964 she moved to Missoula and worked as a nurse at Missoula General Hospital until her retirement in 1972. Following her retirement, she moved to Ferndale.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Fulkerson, Polson, and Janet McShane, Great Falls; three sons, Con, Auburn, Wash., Gary and Michael, both of Bigfork; four sisters, Doris Berndcard, Agoura, Calif.; Mildred Kuka, Havre; Bette Nail, Kennewick, Wash., and Marjorie Higgins, Bigfork; a brother, Bernard Beck, Polson, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Catherine Catholic Church at Bigfork with the Rev. George Ferguson officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to the Ferndale Sewing Circle in care of Ruth Simonsen of Bigfork. The Mosley Funeral Home of Polson is in charge of arrangements.

Mary M. Lee, 64

15 Jan 1977

Mary M. Lee, 64, of Coram died in Kalispell Saturday morning.

She was born April 21, 1912 in Butte. She spent her early years in Butte and on Feb. 13, 1932, she was married to Harry Lee in Helena.

The couple lived in Minnesota for a short time and in 1946 they moved to Coram.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary of Martin City and the St. Richards Catholic Church.

She is survived by her widower, Harry, at the family home; one son, Don Lee of Northridge, Calif.; three brothers, Gerald Callahan of Coram, William Callahan of LaCrosse, Wis., and Ray Callahan of Butte; two sisters, Sister Ann Patrick of Aurora, Colo., and Shirley Lochrie of Butte; and three grandchildren.

Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Van Leuven Chapel. Mass of the resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Richard's Catholic Church with Leonard Spraycar officiating.

Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery.



OLE LEE

2 Feb 1977

Mr. Ole Lee, Sr. age 92, of Somers, died in Kalispell on Thursday afternoon. He was born Aug. 15, 1884, in Hamar, Norway, a son of Ole and Hilda Helgeson Lie. In 1906, he came to Somers, MT where he has lived since that time. He was employed as a foreman of the Planing Mill of the Somers Lumber Company until it closed. In 1917 and 1918, he homesteaded near Pony Creek in the Swan Valley. In later years he worked for Erickson Brothers until it interfered with his hunting and fishing. He was 90 years of age on his last hunting trip. Mr. Lee was a lifelong member of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church of Somers. He was a charter member and past president of the Fedraheimen Lodge #140 Sons of Norway of Kalispell. On October 15, 1907, he was married to Gunhild Aasen in Kalispell and was preceded in death by her on Feb. 15, 1969. He is now survived by one son, Ole Lee, Jr. of Somers; one daughter, Mrs. Hilda Hatlen of Libby; eight grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; three nieces and one nephew in America and two nephews and one niece in Norway. Funeral services for Mr. Lee was conducted in the Eidsvold Lutheran Church of Somers on Monday with the Rev. Alton Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Vera M. Lee, 62, of Salem, OR, died at home there Friday. Mrs. Lee was born in Tyner, Indiana, the daughter of Wilbur and Sadie Burnside. She married William Peterson in Walkerton, IN on June 20, 1932. He died there in 1968. Mrs. Lee moved to Kalispell in 1958 and to Salem, OR 4 years ago. She married Henry Lee in Salem 12 years ago. She was past matron of the Eastern Star Chapter in Walkerton. Surviving, besides her widower at home, are a daughter, Carol Bradstreet, Plymouth, IN; her step-father, Jacob Coy, Salem, OR; 3 sisters, Freda LaBar, Independence, OR; Zelma Corner, Salem, OR; and Fern Heil, Newport, OR; her brother, Rex Burnside, Kalispell; and 4 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Besides her first husband she was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers, Glen Burnside in 1958 and Roy Burnside. Graveside services will be at 2 on Friday in Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle officiating. Friends and family members will meet at Weatherford Funeral Home before going to the cemetery.

3 Aug 1977

Edward Leonard, 77

9 Oct 1977

FORTINE — Edward Leonard, 77, died Sunday at his residence in Fortine.

He was born Oct. 4, 1900, in Jacksonville, Ohio. He came to the Tobacco Valley area as an infant with

his family. He was reared there and also attended schools here. He married Eva Hellenga Sept. 29, 1923, in Eureka. He had worked in the Christmas tree and lumber industries, and, for a few years, had operated his own sawmill with his sons.

Survivors include his widow Eva of Fortine; two sons, Howard of Potlatch, Idaho, and Ralph of Central Point, Ore.; five daughters, Joyce Herrick of Springfield, Ore., LaDonna Goff of Bozeman, Joan Coward of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Yvon-

ne Quilling and Geraldine Van Bommel, both of Eureka; one brother, Frank of Eureka; two sisters, Evelyn Moen of Eureka and Ella Mae Frazier of Portland, Ore.; 18 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Full Gospel Church in Eureka. The Rev. Bud Bower will officiate. The body will lie in state at the church one hour prior to services. Interment will follow in Fortine Cemetery. Vial Funeral Home in Eureka is in charge of arrangements.

Edwin Lenz, 49

25 Mar 1977

Edwin Lenz, 49, of Columbia Falls, died Friday evening as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Mr. Lenz was born Feb. 24, 1928, in Devils Lake, N.D., a son of Edwin and Dorothy Lenz. He spent his early life in Devils Lake and later moved to LaConner, Wash.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Following his honorable discharge from the Army he was a commercial fisherman in the Seattle and LaConner area.

He then moved to Columbia Falls and was employed with the Great Northern Railroad. He returned to Washington for a time, and last year again moved to Columbia Falls where he had since resided.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is now survived by his widow, Rowena, at home; two sons, Tracy and Pat and four daughters, Jewell, Brenda, Ruby and Cindy, all at home; his step-

mother, Mrs. Amanda Lenz of LaConner, Wash.; one brother, Cleve Lenz of Drover, Tenn.; three sisters, Mrs. Henry (Delores) Lopez of Denver, Colo., Lorna Lenz of LaConner, Wash. and Mrs. Larry (Carol) Fine of Coleville, Wash.

Graveside services for Mr. Lenz will be conducted in the Woodlawn Cemetery at 10 a.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Ron Paulson of Our Saviours Lutheran Church officiating.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

John Leslie

12 Aug 1977

Services for John William Leslie, 68, Kalispell, were held Monday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Leslie died in Kalispell Friday. He was born June 27, 1909, in Missoula, son of George and Millie Leslie. He attended the University of Montana. On June 21, 1935, he and Irene Marken were married in Kalispell. The couple then moved to El Segundo, Calif. where Mr. Leslie was production accountant for Standard Oil Refining Co. until his retirement. In 1971, they returned to Kalispell. Mr. Leslie was preceded in death by one sister and a daughter in 1973. He is now survived by his wife, Irene, at the family home; and three grandchildren, Shelley, Bradley, and Mark Scott all Roseburg, Ore.

The family suggests memorials to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or the Cancer Fund.

16 Aug 1977
Harold Lewis

Harold Lewis, 66, 4720 23rd Ave., died Tuesday in Missoula.

He was born Jan. 12, 1911, in Great Falls.

Mr. Lewis and his father operated the Log Cabin Gas Station, one of the first gas stations in Missoula. Before World War II he was employed by Mincoff's as a mechanic. During the war he was an electrician in the Bremerton Naval Yard.

Survivors include two sons, Kenton, of Tarkio, and Tim, Eugene, Ore.; two daughters, Valona Scarbrough, Phoenix, Ariz., and Marla Gardenhire, French Lick, Ind.; a brother, Rollin, Denver; two sisters, Hazel Vickroy, Missoula, and Irene Clark, Bonner, and several grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the Fold of the Messiah Church in Tarkio. Mrs. Kenton Lewis will officiate. Burial will be in the Tarkio Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joe Bryan, Don Vickroy, John Lockridge, Mike Viche, Kenton Lewis and Ed Williams.

Roger Lessor

Services for Roger Lessor, 41, Kalispell, will be in the Johnson Chapel at 11 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Kenneth Young, pastor of Central Bible Church officiating.

Burial will follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. He died in Kalispell Wednesday.

Mr. Lessor was born April 23, 1936 in Billings, the son of Leon and Mina Lessor. Schooling was in Great Falls and Kalispell.

On Nov. 1, 1958 he married Betty Barnes at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He was employed at Pacific Hide and Fur until ill health forced his retirement last November.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and is preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Cindy.

Survivors include his wife at the family home, son, Jerry, and daughter, Connie, at home; daughter, Roxanne Holmes, Kalispell; two brothers, Ronald, Yakima, Wash.; and Richard, Anaconda.

23 Aug 1977
Ida Levelle

Ida Agnes Mason Levelle, 82, 2216 Burlington Ave., died Tuesday at her home.

She was born Feb. 8, 1895, in Pocatello, Idaho, but has been a resident of Missoula for the past 72 years. She was employed as a surgery technician at the University of Montana and at Missoula hospitals before her retirement.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Williamson, Walnut Creek, Calif., and Michael Levelle, Missoula; four daughters, Genevieve Williams, Spokane, Wash., Elizabeth Raymond, Missoula, Thelma Rogers, Seattle, Wash., and Eloise Hayes, Nashville, Tenn., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Rose Chapel of Squire-Simmons-Carr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Missoula Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Indoor Sports, Missoula Chapter, or the Montana State Association for the Blind.

7 Sept. 1977
Mr. John Ed Lewis, age 100, who had resided at 2120 LaSalle Road, died in Whitefish Thursday morning. He was born July 27, 1877, in Clarence, Missouri, a son of Aaron and Rosa Lewis. He had resided on a farm in Missouri and had received his education there. In 1897, he moved to Minnesota and worked for the Chicago-Great Western Railroad for several years. He then entered construction work as a heavy equipment operator and moved to Montana in 1907. On July 21, 1933, he was married to Dorothy Slack in Wallace, Idaho. Mr. Lewis continued to do construction work having worked at Saltese, Montana; on the Ft. Peck Dam; throughout Colorado, Montana and other states, and had been employed with the Bureau of Reclamation at Fairfield prior to moving to Kalispell in 1940. He was then employed with Kirkpatrick Brothers and later for the Flathead County until his retirement. He was a member of the Teamsters Union. He was preceded in death by four sisters and two daughters and is now survived by his wife, Dorothy, at home; two sons, Clayton Lewis of Lexington, Kentucky and W. S. Lewis of Englewood, Colorado; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Havelly of Torrington, Wyoming; four grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren. Funeral services for Mr. Lewis were conducted in the Johnson Chapel on Saturday with the Rev. Dewey Forbes, pastor of the United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

18 Aug 1977
Darrel D. Litchfield

COLUMBIA FALLS — Darrel D. Litchfield, 36, Columbia Falls, will be buried in Britton, S.D., Monday. Van Leuven Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Litchfield died Thursday morning, the victim of an apparent suicide.

He was born Nov. 8, 1940, in Breckenridge, Minn., the son of Kenneth and Pearl Litchfield. He was reared in North Dakota and later moved to Spokane. He served in the U.S. Army and after his discharge, he moved to Kalispell, where he lived for 15 years. He later moved to Columbia Falls where he was employed as an iron worker at the Anaconda Co. Aluminum plant.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; three sons, Randall, Kevin and Keith, and two daughters, Melanie and Valerie, all at the family home.

24 Aug 1977

Mr. Lyman F. Liebig, age 60, of Star Route, Marion, died at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Sunday. He was born September 6, 1916, in Libby, Montana, a son of Frank and Lulu Liebig. He then moved to Kalispell with his family and had attended Kalispell schools. He was a graduate of the Flathead County High School in the Class of 1933. He was employed with the Forest Service until entering the U.S. Army Air Force in 1942. He was discharged from the service in 1943 as a disabled veteran and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. On March 5, 1940, he was married to Ester Wille in Kalispell. The couple have lived in the Thompson River area most of their lives where Mr. Liebig had engaged in logging and was a sawyer until his retirement in 1971. He had lived at the Montana Veterans Home since July 14 of this year. He is survived by his wife, Ester, at the home at Marion; two sons, Carl Frank Liebig of Thompson River and Albert Lyman Liebig of Missoula; one brother, Carl George Liebig; four sisters, Jean Soldowski, Mrs. Charles (Margaret) Miller, Frances Liebig and Erma Lyght; two grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral services for Mr. Liebig will be conducted in the Johnson Funeral Home 2 p.m. on Thursday with the Rev. Dr. Odin Baugh officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggest memorials be made to the Cancer Fund or to the Montana Veterans Home.

30 March 1977

Mr. Floyd Edward Linstead, age 72, of Kila, died in Kalispell on Sat. following a lingering illness. He was born Jan. 4, 1905, in Hesperia, MI, a son of Walter James and Cora Ann Linstead. The family moved to Kila in 1909, returning to Michigan in 1911. The returned to Kila in 1918. Mr. Linstead was employed in defense work and construction work in Portland during WW II. He had been engaged in logging and Christmas Tree harvest until his retirement. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the Teamsters Union. On Dec. 16, 1933, he was married to Sylvia Everett in Polson, and is now survived by her at the home at Rogers Lake. He is also survived by three sons, Neil, Myron and Rex Linstead all of Marion; five granddaughters and four grandsons; two sisters, Mrs. Thelma Shuster of Eugene, OR and Mrs. Mandel Gullard of Woodburn, OR. He was preceded in death by two brothers. Funeral services for Mr. Linstead were conducted in the Johnson Chapel on Tuesday with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggest memorials be made to the charity of donor's choice.

Warren Lippincott, 71

30 July 1977
Warren Lippincott, 71, reared in the Flathead Valley, died in Seattle, Wash. Saturday.

He is survived locally by his sister, Mrs. Grace Lippincott was born and Johnson of Kalispell.

Accident Victim Lewis Lipsy Dies

25 Aug 1977

Lewis Erwin Lipsy, 31, 228 E. Spruce St., who was seriously injured in a two-car accident Aug. 13 when he was thrown from a vehicle driven by Kelly G. Brown, died Thursday in St. Patrick Hospital.

Mr. Lipsy was born Aug. 12, 1946, in Ellensburg, Wash. He attended school in Missoula. In 1963, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. He was wounded in Vietnam in February 1966, took temporary disabled retirement and finally received permanent retirement in May 1971.

He married Cathy Batt in Missoula in July 1969.

Mr. Lipsy was employed as a filer helper for the White Pine and Sash Co. in Missoula. He was a member of Bonner Post 5607 VFW, Local 2812 Lumber and Sawmill Workers and the Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Robert; two daughters, Christine Rae and Michelle Lea; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lipsy, and a brother, Patrick, all of Missoula; two sisters, Kathleen Hirning, Both-

el, Idaho, and Colleen Poirier, Boulder, and his grandmother, Mrs. George Friend, Ellensburg, Wash.

A wake service will be conducted Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Geraghty Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert J. Beaulieu as celebrant. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery.

An honor guard will be furnished by the Marine Corps, and a firing squad by the members of the Ronan VFW.

Pallbearers will be John C. Batt, Robert Foshay, Kenneth Nuxoll, Steven Bradley, Ron Ogdan and Michael McKinstry. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Allen, James Brown, Kelly Brown, George Bartlett, Tom Garrity, Leo Krause, Dave Larson and Danny McDonald.

26 Jan 1977

Mrs. Alma M. Litton, age 82, who had resided at 717 - 2nd St., Whitefish, died in Whitefish on Friday. She was born Aug. 20, 1894 in Oksdale, WA, a daughter of Augustus and Dora Robards. She spent her early years at Coeur d' Alene, ID and in 1908, she moved to Kalispell with her family where she completed her education. On May 31, 1916, she was married to James Litton in Coeur d' Alene. The couple then moved to Whitefish where they lived since that time. Mrs. Litton was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Vista Chapter #44 and a charter member of the White Shrine of Kalispell. She was preceded in death by her husband on March 5, 1972, and is now survived by one son, Gordon T. Litton of Spokane; one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Lucille) Rogers of Richland, CA; one sister, Helen Woodford of Whitefish; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services for Mrs. Litton will be conducted in the Austin Chapel at 2 p.m. on Thursday with burial to follow in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Gordon S. 'Pete' Lobdell, 74

24 Oct 1977

POLSON — Gordon S. (Pete) Lobdell, 74, of Polson, died Monday of an apparent heart attack while hunting near Rollins.

Lobdell was born Oct. 24, 1903, in Hogarty, Wis. He attended school there and in Miles City, and married Adline Holcomb Nov. 23, 1926.

He worked as a mechanic for the Bureau of

Indian Affairs for 17 years and worked at other construction jobs. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and an avid sportsman.

Lobdell is survived by his widow, Adline of Polson; two sons, Dick of Polson and Gordon (Sonny) of Kalispell; two daughters, Alice Stahl of Cody, Wyo., and Julie Lobdell of

Polson; one brother, Don of Washington; two sisters, Thelma (last name and address unknown) and Alice Nesler of Spokane, Wash.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Mosley Funeral Home in Polson. The Rev. William Royle will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery.

Albert M. Logsdon, 59

Services for Albert M. Logsdon, 59, of Fiddletown, Calif., were held last Friday in Jackson, Calif.

A former Whitefish resident, Logsdon died Oct. 10.

He was born in Froid on Nov. 11, 1917, and spent his earlier years in Whitefish. As a young man, he was employed by the Great Northern Railroad in Whitefish. Later, he worked for the SP&S and Alaskan Railroad as a roadmaster.

Logsdon moved to California in 1967, where he worked as the chief engineer for the Community Linen Corp. At the time of his death, he owned

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S&B Repair Shop in Fiddletown.

Survivors include his widow, Bertha of Fiddletown; one daughter, Letha Drafton of Visalia, Calif.; four sons, Wesley of Stockton, Calif., William of Vale, Ore., Albert of Lodi, Calif., and Frankie of Yakayut, Ore.; six sisters, Mrs. Walter (Clemmie) Powell of New Mexico, Mrs. Wayne (Calome) Warner of Kalispell, Mrs. Eldin (Laura) Butts of Eureka; Mrs. Don (Lenora) Nystrom of Klickitat, Wash., Mrs. Frank (Eudell) Ball of Deer Lodge and Mrs. John V. (Rose Marie) Nelson of Whitefish; two brothers, Clarence of Hubbard,

Texas, and Joseph of Klickitat, Wash.; and his father, W.F. Logsdon of Rexford, Idaho.

Robert Lorang, 28; *5 Sep. 1977* Mary Jean Lorang, 29

Robert Steven Lorang, 28, and his wife, Mary Jean Grant Lorang, 29, of Kalispell were killed Monday in a two-car collision on Highway 2 about 15 miles south of Calgary, Alta.

He was killed instantly. She was dead on arrival at Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary.

Both of the Lorangs were born in Great Falls and attended schools there, graduating from Great Falls Central High School in 1966.

He graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1971. She graduated from the University of Montana, where she was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority, in 1970.

They were married Aug. 21, 1971, in St. Luke's Church, Great Falls, and went to Portland, Ore., where he was employed for five years at Burns Brothers Auto Supply. She earned a master's degree from Lewis and Clark College in Portland in 1974 and had taught home economics four and a half years in junior high schools in the Portland school system.

They moved to Kalispell in 1976 where he opened his own store, Bob's Auto Supply.

The Lorangs are survived by one child, Michelle Marie, two and a half years old.

He is survived by his parents, Ally F. and Dorothy E. Lorang, Great Falls; brothers Jim of Great Falls, Mike and Ken, both of Bozeman; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Schroer and Mr. and Mrs. John Lorang, both of Great Falls.

Mrs. Lorang is survived by her parents, Charles H. and Helen T. Grant of Great Falls; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Taconette of Cascade.

Services for the Lorangs will be at Great Falls at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

Interment will follow at a Great Falls cemetery.

Memorial contributions in memory of Mrs. Lorang can be made to the Alpha Phi Scholarship in care of Mrs. Robert Braig, P. O. Box 732, Kalispell.

2 Feb 1977

Mrs. Myrtle L. Lokensgard, age 92, died on Thursday afternoon at the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she has resided for the past several years. She was born Mar. 25, 1884, in Pine Grove, WV, a daughter of William and Rose Eckelberry Loveall. She was one of ten children. On Aug. 28, 1919, she was married to Henry L. Lokensgard (a widower with three children) in Libby. The couple then moved to Columbia Falls until 1926, when they moved to Kalispell. Mr. Lokensgard was a Police Judge and Justice of the Peace. Mrs. Lokensgard was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and had been active in church activities in her earlier years. She was a member of the Estella Pomeroy Chapter Order of the Eastern Star over 50 years, and had enjoyed embroidering pillow cases for the Leprosy program of the Immanuel Lutheran Home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, on April 20, 1964 and by one stepson, Byran Lokensgard. She is now survived by one stepson, Kenneth Lokensgard of Spokane; one stepdaughter, Martha Thomas of Morris, MN; two brothers, Cecil Loveall of Hot Springs, MT and Fay Loveall of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Estella Mateka of Columbia Falls and Mrs. Marjorie Johnson of Tacoma, WA and Palm Springs, CA and a niece, Mrs. Ione Hugett of Portland, OR. Funeral services for Mrs. Lokensgard were conducted in the Johnson Chapel on Monday with burial following in the Fairview Cemetery.

28 Feb 1977

Elsie B. Loudon, 84

Elsie B. Loudon, 84, died at the Immanuel Lutheran Home Monday afternoon. She was born Sept. 14, 1892, in Hillsboro, N.D.

She was graduated from the Flathead County High School in Kalispell and had taught school for one year at the Hodgson School.

On June 24, 1914, she was married to Jacob Loudon. Mrs. Loudon was a member of the Central Bible Church and the Bethal Ladies Aid.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jacob, on Dec. 7, 1957.

She now is survived by three sons, Harold B., J. Robert, and Calvin A. Loudon, all of Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. Peter (Sylvia) Bakken of Kalispell and Mrs. Glen (Clara) Kendall of Spokane; one sister, Mrs. Della Clement of Rio Grande, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and several other relatives.

Services for Mrs. Loudon will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel 11 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Kenneth Young, pastor of the Central Bible Church officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

3 Sept 1977

Violet Lortie

Services for Violet Lortie, 72, Columbia Falls, were held Wednesday in the Van Leuven Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Laird, First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Lortie died in Whitefish Saturday. She was born Dec. 24, 1902 at Thief River Falls, Minn., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKlesky. She grew up in Minnesota and later worked in a mercantile store there for 10 years.

On Oct. 15, 1945, she and John Lortie were married in Bemidji, Minn. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1951.

Survivors include her husband, John, at the family home in Columbia Falls; and five sisters, all living in Minnesota.

Pallbearers were, Math Finberg, Bob Curtis, Bill Fish, Tom Perry, Don Mansfield, Guy Heldstab.

Leona E. Loveless, 61

Leona E. Loveless, 61, Hawkins, Billings; four Polson, died Thursday in grandchildren; one sister, Kalispell. She was born Mrs. Clara Stewart, May 16, 1916, near Huntley, Sheridan, Ore.; and one brother, Donald Hahn, Los Angeles, Calif.

She moved to Polson with her parents where she attended Polson schools. She was a member of the Dayton Ladies Aid and the Gay Gardeners of Polson and of the Dayton Presbyterian Church. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Mosley Chapel with Rev. John Dutzar and Rev. Jerry Boles officiating. Interment will follow at the Lake View Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband at the family home; one son, Gary, J.

LOVERING, twin sons of Clinton and Vicki Lovering, 116-7th Ave. W., born and died Sunday morning. Graveside services were this afternoon in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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Elmer Luedecke, 66

8 Nov 1977

LIBBY — Elmer and Don, who is in Germany; two daughters, June Luedecke, 66, died Tuesday at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, Wash. He was born Sept. 2, 1911, in Fergus Falls, Minn., was raised in Minnesota and came to the Bitterroot Valley at the age of 15. He was employed in construction work before coming to Libby in 1941. He had been maintenance superintendent at the St. Regis Paper Co. for a period of 35 years until his retirement in 1974. He married Gladys Breckenridge June 2, 1933, in Missoula.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys, Libby; four sons, James of Atwater, Calif.; Roger, Libby, and David, Hawthorne, Calif.,

and Don, who is in Germany; two daughters, June Clark, Libby, and Patricia Morgan, Shawnee, Okla.; one brother, Frank, Corvallis, Mont.; one sister, Martha Ferguson, Corvallis; and his mother, Charlotte Luedecke, Corvallis; and 22 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Vial Funeral Home with Jack Taylor as Christian Science reader.

Burial will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Vial Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday.

Memorials may be made in care of the family.

29 May 1977

Katherine Lund rites Thursday

Katherine (Bade) Lund, age 93, died in Mohal, North Dakota, May 29. Mrs. Lund, a frequent visitor to Whitefish and mother of Ted Lund, has made her home at the Westhope Lutheran Home at Westhope, N.D., for the past seven years.

Mrs. Lund was born October 2, 1878 at Neuenselde, Germany, and came to the United States at the age of 14 years and settled in Austin, Minnesota.

She was married to Theodore A. Lund on October 3, 1897 in Minnesota. After their marriage she and her husband moved to Sherwood, N.D., where they farmed. He preceded her in death on December 10, 1944. She continued to make her home there until moving to Westhope Lutheran Home.

She was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Sherwood.

She is survived by two sons, C. D. Lund of Fairfield, Mon-

tana, and Ted F. Lund of Whitefish; 6 daughters, Mrs. Helen Nordby of Spokane; Mrs. C. B. Kolste, Fairfield; Mrs. John Mozer of Great Falls; Mrs. Glen Hanson of Sherwood, N.D.; Mrs. James Lorenzen of Mohal, N.D. and Mrs. Leon Snyder of Los Banos, Calif.; 22 grandchildren; a number of great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son Christian in 1935.

Funeral services have been set for Thursday at 10:30 from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at Sherwood, N.D., and burial will be made in the Sherwood Union Cemetery.