

## Alma Neils, 88

25 Aug 1980

**LIBBY** — Alma N. Neils, 88, died in her home in Libby Monday afternoon.

She was born Aug. 29, 1891, in Oakland, Calif., and married Walter E. Neils there Jan. 30, 1919. She and her husband moved to Libby in that year and he managed the J. Neils Lumber Co. for 40 years.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and served for many years as president of the Ladies Aid Society. She was also active in the Community Concert program.

She is survived by two sons, Herbert Neils, Libby, and Edward Neils, Tacoma, Wash.; a daughter, Marilyn Parke, Fort Collins, Colo.; a sister, Dorothea Neils, Bigfork; a brother, Constance Neese, St. Helena, Calif.; 15 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church in Libby with the Rev. John Rasmussen officiating. Burial will follow in the Libby Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. John Lutheran Church or to a charity of the donor's choice. Vial Funeral Home of Libby is in charge of arrangements.

## DR. ALFRED C. NELSON

Dr. Alfred C. Nelson, 81, of Denver, died recently in Denver. He is survived by his son, Richard M. Nelson of Kalispell. Cremation has taken place and memorial services were conducted Tuesday evening in the chapel of the Denver University campus. 12 Nov. 1980

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## Amelia Nelson, 74

Amelia Nelson, 74, a resident of Whitefish, died Thursday in Whitefish. She was born March 23, 1906, in Bovey, Minn., a daughter of Matt and Katherine Hamar.

She received her education in Grand Rapids, Minn., coming to Montana in 1926 to teach school in the Glendive area. In 1926 she moved to McCone County near Wolf Point to

teach at the Pleasant View School.

She married Edgar Nelson on June 5, 1928, in Wolf Point, where they resided until 1937 when they moved to their present home near Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her husband; one son, LeRoy of Whitefish; one daughter,

Mrs. Joseph (Jeannine) Caputo of Ronan; three granddaughters, Donna and Cindy Caputo, both of Portland, Ore.; and Penny Caputo, a student at Bozeman.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at the Austin Chapel with Bonnie Robinson and Pam, Peyron officiating. Interment will be made in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.



AMELIA NELSON

## CAROLINE NELSON

Caroline E. Nelson, 82, of the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, died June 20th. Mrs. Nelson was born in Helena June 14, 1898, the daughter of Anton and Caroline Simanek Korizek. She received her elementary schooling and then attended Wesleyan College in Helena. Later she was employed as one of the pioneer operators for the Mountain Bell Telephone Co. in

Helena. On Nov. 4, 1919, she married F. Alge Nelson in Helena and he preceded her in death in 1960. She is survived by one son, Frank A. Nelson, of Libby, one grandson; and three granddaughters. The body has been forwarded from the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell to the Retz Funeral Home in Helena. Services were Tuesday with burial to follow in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Helena.

### CHRISTOPHER GLENN NELSON

Christopher Glenn Nelson, 2-day-old infant son of Loren and Connie Nelson, died Dec. 30th in Kalispell. He was born Dec. 28, 1980, in Kalispell. He is survived by his parents and sister, Jennifer, at home at 496 Cayuse Lane; his grandparents, Mamie Nelson Rogers of Rollins, and

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Robinson of Kalispell. Private graveside services were held in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating.

### Jean Nelson, 69

*21 May 1980*

Mrs. Jean Nelson, 69, who had resided at 820 Seventh Ave. W., died in Kalispell Wednesday afternoon.

She was born Sept. 10, 1910, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She had received her education in Canada and on July 7, 1932, she was married to Henry Nelson at Calgary, Alberta, Canada. In 1943 they moved to the Flathead Valley where they have since resided.

Mrs. Nelson was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, and was of the Methodist faith.

She is survived by her husband, Henry, at home; and one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Bonnie) Greenland of Seattle, Wash.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Herbert Cies, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

### Thomas Nelson, 63

*2 Nov. 1980*

EUREKA — Thomas Nelson, 63, a lifetime resident of Lincoln County, died Sunday in a convalescent home in Bigfork.

He was born Feb. 14, 1917, in Rexford to Benjamin and Clara Nelson. He worked as a logger until his retirement eight years ago.

Survivors include three daughters, Janice Hensley, Everett, Wash.; Donnie Fuller, Libby; and Lynn Boyd, Tensed, Idaho; two sons, Hank, Kalispell; and Thomas, Hall; three brothers, Robert, Rexford; Fred, Eureka; and Don, Troy; six sisters, Betty Lasher, in California; Florence Shiflett and Edith Nelson, both of Whitefish; Daisy Smith, Kalispell; Margie Cook, Columbia Falls; and Anetta White, Eureka; 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Thomas Fenlon officiating. Friends and relatives may view the body in Vial Funeral Home in Libby until noon Thursday, and in the Vial Funeral Home in Eureka on Thursday evening.

The family suggest memorials be made to St. John Lutheran Hospital building fund.

## Barbara Nelson, 62

Barbara Nelson, 62, who had resided at 43 Meadowlark Drive, died in Kalispell Saturday.

She was born July 21, 1917, in Missoula, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ray H. Nelson. She graduated from New York School of Fashion Design and became director of the Sewing School of Abraham Strauss in New York City until the outbreak of World

War II when she joined the Women's Army Corp. She obtained her basic training in Des Moines, Iowa. After completing the car pool course she went into officer's training and was designated second lieutenant.

Ms. Nelson spent most of the war years at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., as a company commander during which time she was promoted to first lieutenant. After her assignment at Ft. Oglethorpe she served at military bases in Asheville, N.C., Detroit, Mich., and San Francisco, Calif., where she was honorably discharged at the end of the war.

After her Army service she was appointed house mother at Potsdam State University College in Potsdam, N.Y., for one year.

She then became director of student activities at Briarcliff College, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., where she served for several years before moving to Kalispell in 1970.

She worked briefly for MacMillan Drug before being employed for School District 50 in Evergreen where she worked with children with learning disabilities. In 1973 she was employed with Equity Supply where she retired in 1973 due to ill health.

She is survived by one brother, Dan S. Nelson of Kalispell; three nephews, Barry Nelson of Monte Vista, Colo., Troy Nelson of Denver, Colo., and Ray Nelson of Salt Lake City, Utah. Her body was donated to the WAMI Medical Education Program at Bozeman.

# Pearlie Ness, valley pioneer, dies at age 90

*25 Jan 1980*  
Pearlie A. Ness, age 90, former Flathead Valley resident, died in Spokane, Washington on Friday evening.

Mrs. Ness was born June 17, 1889 in Norden, Nebraska a daughter of Pearl and Clara Payne. In 1904 she, her parents and two younger brothers came to Kalispell in a covered wagon which took a period of two years from Nebraska. The family moved to a farm south of Whitefish in 1906. She was married to Obie Clark May 15, 1917 in Kalispell. The Clarks had no children of their own. They adopted Helen (Morris) and her brother Ernie who had lost their parents in the flu epidemic of 1918. They had also taken care of many other children who were hungry or

needed a home, at times having as many as 18. Mr. Clark preceded her in death Sept. 9, 1946.

She was married to Olaf E. Ness, June 10, 1947 in Kalispell, who was a widower with six children, which in turn she also raised. He preceded her in death June 24, 1972. The Ness's made their home in the Flathead Valley until 1969 when they moved to the Good Samaritan Home in Spokane.

She is now survived by one daughter, Mrs. Dave (Helen) Morris of Whitefish; one son, Ernie Clark of Silverdale, Washington; two step-daughters, Mrs. Hazel Anderson of Libby, and Mrs. Lula Hula of Columbia Falls; three step-sons, Clarence Ness, Fortine, Mt., Henry

Ness, Spokane, Wash., and Ray Ness, Port Orchard, Wash.; one brother, Floyd Payne, Columbia Falls; 25 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren and one great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Ralph Payne, 1960, and a sister Daisy Reimer in 1976.

Funeral services were conducted from the Austin Funeral Home Tuesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Wesley Hunter of the Baptist Church of Whitefish officiating. Burial was made in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Memorials have been suggested to the Montana Childrens Home or Yellowstone Boys Ranch.

## Eugene Neubauer, 55

*26 Jan 1980*  
LIBBY — Eugene Neubauer, 55, Libby, an employee of the St. Regis Paper Co., died of natural causes Saturday in St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Neubauer was born Jan. 15, 1925, in Missoula. He was raised in Ronan and attended schools there. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and in 1951 he came to Libby, where he worked for the St. Regis Paper Co. until the time of his death. He was a member of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union.

He is survived by three sons, Clifford, Kenneth and Kevin, all of Libby; two daughters, Beth DeHaven, Centralia, Wash., and Brenda Neubauer, Libby; two brothers, Woodrow, Libby, and Herbert, Spokane, Wash.; a sister, Alice Lacock, Lewiston, Idaho; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Vial Funeral Home in Libby with the Rev. Wilford Luce officiating. Burial will follow in the Libby Cemetery.

## Ira T. Newland, 72

*25 Dec 1980*

Ira Thomas Newland, 72, a resident of Bigfork and former resident of Hungry Horse, died Thursday in Kalispell.

He was born May 12, 1908 in Helena, a son of Thomas M. and Ida Newland. He received his education in Helena and in Washington.

He was married to Effie Hutchinson on April 15, 1939, in Seattle and for many years he worked for the U.S. Navy in Seattle. In 1953 they moved to Kalispell where he worked for the Bureau of Reclamation. In 1962 they moved to Hungry Horse and he was preceded in death by his wife Effie in December 1968.

Mr. Newland retired from the Bureau of Reclamation in 1969. In 1973 he moved to Bigfork and in 1974 he was married to Helene Stroup. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Newland is now survived by his wife, Helene, Bigfork and two nephews, Jim, Los Altos, Calif. and LeRoy Olson, Mercer Island, Wash.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Richard A. Kirchnoffer of the Holy Nativity Episcopal Mission Church officiating. The casket will be opened for viewing today from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Van Leuven Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Ellen Newton, 66

*30 July 1980*

EUREKA — Ellen E. Newton, 66, Trego, died Wednesday in Newport, Wash. She married Virgil Newton Feb. 25, 1933, in Red Lodge. The couple lived in Red Lodge until they moved to Trego in 1946.

She was born Nov. 5, 1913, in Roberts. She was raised in Roberts and attended school there, later attending Eastern Montana College in Billings. Survivors include her husband at the family home; two daughters, Helen Rose, Alamogordo, N.M.; and Joan Wollan, Great Falls; two sons, Charles, Eureka, and Harold, of Issaquah, Wash.; two sisters, Hazel Westwood, Billings, and Mary Maki, Newport; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Robert.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Eureka with the Rev. Carl Pershall officiating.

Burial will follow in Fortine Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Wallace Nolan, 49

*31 Mar. 1980*

Wallace John Nolan, 49, who had resided at 1755 W. Valley Drive, died Monday in the University Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born June 30, 1930, in Cornwall, Ontario, a son of John and Mary Bulloch. He received his education in Canada and spent his early life there.

He married Betty Ann Ross in Kalispell April 11, 1960. The couple then lived in Canada until 1962 when they moved to the Flathead Valley and have spent most of their time there since then.

Nolan had been employed on the Paul Grosswiler farm for 12 years before entering the business of house moving,

which he did for five years. In January of this year he returned to the Grosswiler farm until his illness.

He had attended the Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, at home; and six children, Elise Steiner of Kalispell, Rhonda Nolan serving in the U.S., Judith, Jessica, Betty Jo and Scott, all at home. He also is survived by several brothers and sisters in Canada.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. D. Losing of Deer Lodge officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.