

## BODY OF KAIR BOY, DROWNED LAST NIGHT, RECOVERED

Veon Kair, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kair who reside at 111 Fourth avenue west, was drowned Thursday evening about 7 o'clock at the second bridge over a side channel of the Flathead river 2 1/2 miles east of Kalispell.

Young Kair in company with Joe Cadena and Clifford Norris, about the same age and who live near him, were playing near the second bridge on the old Steel bridge road, when Kair attempted to walk on a log from the mainland to an island and fell into the swirling water, it was reported.

Lee (Tex) Casteel was driving east of Kalispell when he was stopped on the first bridge and informed of the tragedy by a woman who had happened onto the scene. Casteel drove on to the site of the accident and the sheriff was notified and went to the scene with members of his force.

When the sheriff's force arrived, the boy was clinging to a snag in the channel. A rope was fastened around Sheriff Walsh and he swam out to the boy in an attempt to rescue him. As he neared the youth, his feet became tangled in a barbed wire fence under the surface of the water and he was pulled under. Walsh was hauled from the water and a second attempt was made to rescue the lad with the use of a raft. Before he could be reached, he slipped from the log to which he had been clinging and was carried away by the current, it was stated by Mrs. Casteel, who was with her husband.

Walsh was overcome by shock and exposure from the cold water and was brought to the Kalispell hospital where he is being treated. His condition is reported as not serious.

Although hampered by darkness, the search for the boy continued and at 4:30 Friday morning Art Kemp, Cecil Combs and Neil Scamnahorn went to the scene with a boat. Combs

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and Scamnahorn went downstream in search of the boy and found the body caught on a log about 200 yards from where he was last seen. The body was found about 5 o'clock. The accident scene is about a quarter mile from the main Flathead river.

At this time of year, the channel current where the accident occurred is very swift, making rescue operations extremely difficult.

It was stated by those present that Sheriff Walsh made two heroic attempts to reach the lad and was finally overcome and weakened by the cold water. Several parties hearing of the tragedy went to the scene with boats to offer their assistance.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday at the Waggener & Campbell chapel with Rev. D. E. Allen of the Christian church officiating. Interment will follow in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

## INQUEST CALLED IN WHITEFISH DROWNING SUNDAY

Following questioning of eye-witnesses to the Whitefish lake boat accident Sunday afternoon in which Cleve Karstetter, Jr., 8, drowned, Coroner Harry Campbell today decided to call an inquest.

Investigation into the tragic mishap by officials was conducted most of Monday and today and Coroner Campbell has set Thursday afternoon at the city hall in Whitefish as the time and place for conducting the inquest.

The mishap occurred when a canoe in which Karstetter and two companions were riding was accidentally struck by a power launch.

The coroner reported this afternoon that it was established that the victim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Karstetter, was not fouled with the propeller of the excursion launch owned and driven by Ed McKenzie, also of Whitefish, but may have been struck by the craft's bow. A doctor's report to the coroner gave drowning as the cause of death.

Attempts at resuscitation through artificial respiration and pulmotor were continued for four hours after recovery of the boy's body, but failed.

The victim's father is a Whitefish taxidermist.

Funeral services have been set for Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Whitefish Presbyterian church with Dr. J. A. Wittner officiating. Interment will follow in the Whitefish cemetery under the direction of the Calton funeral home.

## Coroner's Jury Rules Drowning Of Boy Accident

A coroner's inquest was held at Whitefish May 29 into the death of Cleve Karstetter, who was drowned in Whitefish lake May 25 when a canoe in which he was riding was struck by a motor launch driven by Edward McKenzie as it was leaving a dock on the lake.

After hearing testimony and evidence concerning the tragedy, the jury returned a verdict that the drowning had been an accident with no criminal negligence involved, exonerating McKenzie.

Members of the jury were Don Tibbits, Eldon Lee, Willard Reeves, O. L. Hutchinson, Chester Rein, and Ran Shoaf.

### MRS. MARY M. KEMMIS

Mrs. Mary Margaret Kemmis passed away Wednesday evening at her home on Third avenue east north in Kalspell. Mrs. Kemmis was 77 years old and came to Kalspell nearly 50 years ago. She was the wife of Orra Kemmis and the mother of Albert and Fred Richl and Mrs. Elizabeth Bethel. Service arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by the Waggener and Campbell funeral home.

### MRS. MARY KEMMIS

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary M. Kemmis will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Waggener and Campbell chapel with the Rev. A. Jordan of Trinity Lutheran church officiating, followed by interment in the Trinity Lutheran cemetery north of Kalspell.

### KATHERINE A. KENT

Katherine Anne Kent, age 76, passed away Monday evening at a local hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Kent came to the Flathead with her husband in 1905 and, besides her husband, Steven, is survived by three sons; Harold of Whitefish and Ray and Leland of Kalspell, and three daughters, Mrs. Mabel Herriman of Lakeside, Mrs. Verna Kipp of Belbus, Wash., and Mrs. Wilma Starring of Mt. Vernon, Wash. Funeral services are as yet incomplete and will be announced later by the Waggener and Campbell funeral home.

### KATHERINE A. KENT

Funeral services for Katherine A. Kent have been set for Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Waggener and Campbell chapel with the Rev. Charles Durston of Polson officiating. Interment will follow in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

**G. A. KETCHUM, FORMER  
H. S. PRINCIPAL HERE,  
DIES IN MISSOULA**

Missoula, Jan. 25.—Gilbert A. Ketchum, 71, principal of Missoula high school for 33 years until his retirement in 1945, died Jan. 24 at a local hospital, where he had been a patient since Tuesday. He had been ill at his home since last fall. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Ketchum was one of the best known and successful educators in the state, and prior to going to Missoula was principal of the Flathead county high school.

**EARL G. KEYSER**

Earl Gaston Keyser passed away Wednesday evening at his home on Second avenue west in Kalispell. Mr. Keyser was a single man, 74 years old, and had lived here since 1938. He was connected with the forestry department for many years as a lookout. One sister in Washington, D. C., survives him but is unable to attend the funeral.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Waggener and Campbell chapel by Major Brood of the Salvation Army followed by interment in the Demersville cemetery.

**JULIUS KLADT**

Julius Kladt passed away this morning in a Whitefish hospital after a brief illness. Mr. Kladt was 79 years of age and had been a long-time resident of Whitefish. He leaves no known relatives. The body is at the Catron chapel and service arrangements are pending word from close friends in the eastern part of the state.

**JULIUS KLADT**

Funeral services for Julius Kladt who died in Whitefish Monday will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Catron chapel by the Rev. Arden Bachman of the Lutheran church followed by interment in the Whitefish cemetery.

**TWO CONRAD GIRLS DIE  
IN FLAMING HOME;  
RESCUE EFFORTS FAIL**

Conrad, June 23.—(P)—Two teen-aged girls were dead today as the result of a fire which gutted the two-story home of Mr. and Mrs. David Humble here yesterday.

Trapped in an upstairs bedroom were Rosemary Humble, 14, and Doris Knoble, 13, who had spent the night in the Humble home.

One fireman and the Noble girl's father were overcome by smoke and hospitalized after trying in vain to rescue the girls. The Humbles were away from home at the time.

### Elderly Man Found Dead In Cabin East Of Kalispell

Gust Koernke, 83, was found dead in his cabin on the M. R. Meredyth farm, three miles below the old steel bridge on the river road, Wednesday afternoon by Mr. Meredyth who had called at the cabin.

The body of Koernke was found lying on the floor with a .22 rifle under him.

Members of the sheriff's force and Coroner Harry H. Campbell were called to investigate the case. Coroner Campbell stated he believed the death to have been accidental and to have occurred either late Monday or early Tuesday.

Koernke lived alone in his cabin and has no known relatives here. (Continued on Back Page)

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Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 at the Waggener & Campbell chapel with burial in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Knight

William Alfred

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#### WILLIAM A. KNIGHT

William Alfred Knight passed away at his home at Echo lake last evening at the age of 74 years. Mr. Knight came to this vicinity in 1937 and is survived by five daughters and four sons, one of whom, Perry Knight, lives at Echo lake. Funeral arrangements are as yet incomplete and will be announced later by the Waggener and Campbell funeral home.

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#### WILLIAM A. KNIGHT

Funeral services and interment for William Alfred Knight will be held in Red Stone, Montana, at a later date. Mr. Knight passed away at his farm home on the east shore of Echo lake Tuesday evening. The body is at the Waggener & Campbell Funeral home and will be forwarded to Scobey, Montana, this afternoon with Perry Knight accompanying.

Knutson

Emil

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#### EMIL KNUTSON

Emil Knutson, age 60, woodsman living in Kalispell since 1924, passed away at a local hospital Friday evening. Just prior to his last illness he had been employed as a janitor at the Kalispell hotel. The remains are at the Johnson Funeral home from where services will be held at a time to be announced later.

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#### EMIL KNUTSON

Funeral services for the late Emil Knutson who passed away Friday will be held in the Johnson chapel Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 with Rev. W. Paul Jones of the Assembly of God conducting the services. Interment will follow in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

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#### EMIL KNUTSON

Funeral services for Emil Knutson, age 60, who passed away here Friday were held in the Johnson chapel Tuesday afternoon. Friends chosen to act as pall bearers were Knuthé Christensen, Fred Rydeen, B. J. Ottenstroer, Ole Vestre, Reuben Herberg and Carl Johnson. The Rev. W. Paul Jones of the Assembly of God conducted the services and interment was made in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Knutson

Martin E

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#### MARTIN E. KNUTSON

Word has been received by Martin Knutson of the death of his son, Martin E. Knutson, age 23, which occurred at Manchester, Conn. on March 17 after a lingering illness.

He was a veteran of World War II and had served three years as a paratrooper. He was married in December and lived until the time of his death in Manchester where he was buried Thursday, March 20.

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**PETER R. KRAFT**  
Peter Raymond Kraft, five-year-old son of Mrs. Fern D. Kraft, died this morning at their home south of Kalispell after a brief illness. Peter was born in Kalispell and had lived here all of his life. Besides his mother, he is survived by his grandfather, Vic Smith of Kalispell, three brothers, Harry, Bernard and Harold; two sisters, Anna and Mildred, all of Kalispell. Funeral arrangements are as yet incomplete and will be announced later by the Waggener and Campbell funeral home.

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**PETER R. KRAFT**  
Funeral services for Peter Raymond Kraft, five-year-old son of Mrs. Fern Kraft, have been set for Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Waggener and Campbell chapel with the Rev. Paul Jones of the Assembly of God officiating. Interment will follow in the Coprad Memorial cemetery.

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**ADOLPH C. KRAUSE**  
Adolph Christian Krause passed away at noon Saturday in Kalispell at the age of 77 years. Mr. Krause was an old time resident of the valley and recently had been making his home at 636 West Oregon street in Kalispell. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by the Waggener and Campbell Funeral home.

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**ADOLPH C. KRAUSE**  
Funeral services for Adolph C. Krause have been set for Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Waggener and Campbell chapel with the Rev. A. Jordan of Trinity Lutheran church officiating. Interment will follow in the Pine Grove cemetery.

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**WILLIAM H. KUNKLE**  
According to word received in Whitefish yesterday, William Henry Kunkle, a former resident of that city, passed away in Astoria, Oregon. The body is being brought to Whitefish for services and burial, the time of which will be announced later by the Catron funeral home.

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**WILLIAM H. KUNKLE**  
Funeral services for William Henry Kunkle, who passed away at Astoria, Oregon the early part of the week, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Catron chapel in Whitefish with the Rev. Paul M. Pease of the Whitefish Methodist church officiating. Interment will follow in the Whitefish cemetery.