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O'CONNELL, Helen, 85, Kalispell, passed away Sunday. Rosary 8 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Chapel. Requiem high mass 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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O'Connell Requiem Mass Wednesday

Rosary for Mrs. Helen O'Connell will be recited in the Johnson Chapel at 8 tonight. Requiem high mass will be celebrated in St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Father Maurice Medina as celebrant.

Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Mrs. O'Connell, widow of Louie O'Connell and pioneer resident of the Flathead Valley, died Sunday afternoon.

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Mass Celebrated

Rosary for Mrs. Helen O'Connell was recited in the Johnson Chapel Tuesday evening. Requiem high mass was celebrated in St. Matthew's Catholic Church Wednesday morning with the Rev. Father Maurice Medina as celebrant.

Interment was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with James W. Grant, Myron Motichka, Dennis O'Connell, Larry O'Connell, Ernest Motichka and William Richter serving as pallbearers.

O'Connor John M 16 Jun 1968 pg 2

O'CONNOR, John M., 51, Missoula, passed away in Missoula Friday morning. Survived by his wife Geraldine, one son; one daughter; one grandson; four sisters and several nieces and nephews. Rosary at 7 p.m. Sunday in St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Requiem high mass will be recited Monday at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

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John O'Connor Rites Conducted

Funeral services for John "Mike" O'Connor were conducted at St. Richard's Catholic Church Monday with the Rev. R. J. Hartman officiating. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, under direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Don Carlson, Joe Spencer, Tom Crum, Paul Bowman, Francis Gulard and Alf Tromstad served as pallbearers. Bill Everin, Harvey Schmittz, Benny Hall, Jim Fignette, Leo Kyser, Bud Hase and Jack Hensley were honorary pallbearers.

Olsen Opal 15 Sep 1968 pg 2

OLSEN, Opal, 57, 220 Fifth Ave. E., passed away Friday. Survived by husband, Oscar. Funeral services 9 a.m., Monday, in Johnson Chapel. Body will be forwarded to Choteau for services and interment at 3:30 p.m. Monday.

17 Sep 1968 pg 2

Olsen Funeral Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Opal Olsen were conducted in the Johnson Chapel Monday with the Rev. C. O. Anderson, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Pete Saverud, Perry Melton, Oliver Sundby, Ben Anderson, Ed Harder, Tom Brist, Fred Meacham and Berger Saverud. Following the services the body was forwarded to Choteau for services and interment in the Choteau Cemetery.

Olsen Albert B 29 Sep 1968 pg 12

OLSEN, Albert B., 85, resident of Columbia Falls and retired millwright, passed away Friday. Services Monday, 2 p.m., Van Leuven Funeral Home. Interment in Lone Pine Cemetery near Bigfork.

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Olsen Funeral Rites Conducted

COLUMBIA FALLS — Funeral services for Albert B. Olsen have been conducted from the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with Elder Julius Abegg, pastor of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, officiating, assisted by Elder Robert Anderson. Interment followed in the family section of Lone Pine Cemetery near Bigfork. Pallbearers were Tony Hoerner, Mike Hoerner, Larry Strand, Dick Sendt, Les Anderson and Andy Goodwill.

Mr. Olsen, 85, a resident of the Flathead Valley since 1887 and for the past 25 years of Columbia Falls, died Sept. 29.

OLSON, Allie Oscar, 81, resident of Columbia Falls and retired carpenter, passed away Friday. Survived by two sons; one daughter; nine grandchildren and one brother. Services Monday, 2 p.m., Van Leuven Funeral Home. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Olson Last Rites Are Conducted

COLUMBIA FALLS—Funeral services for Allie Olson were conducted Sept. 23 from the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with Rev. George Krieger, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating.

Interment followed in the Woodlawn Cemetery with Carl Larson, Ole Carlson, Fay Lovell, Leo Schulte, George O'Brien, Henry Denner, Ralph Tibbets, John Lundstrom and Jim Fleming as honorary pallbearers. Active pallbearers were Ted Aaberg, Cecil Mills, Ed Clifford, Bill Fish, Fred Fish and George Boliek.

Mr. Olson, 81, who had made his home in Columbia Falls since 1947, died in Whitefish.

A. J. Olson Dies In Cave-In

Arthur J. Olson, 53, Hungry Horse, was accidentally crushed to death in a cave-in on the Ron Lovell place near Lake Blaine Saturday about 5 p.m.

Lovell, Olson and Olson's son were digging a water-sewer line ditch when a triangular section of earth gave way pinning Olson to the opposite side of the ditch.

Lovell was able to free Olson's chest and went for help. He summoned Greg Walsh, a nearby rancher, and Walsh gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The Creston Fire Department with a resuscitator was called but the machine was unable to restore breathing.

Deputy Coroner Dean Whitesitt said an inquest is anticipated. He and County Atty. James Olson and Deputy Sheriff Dick Miller investigated the accident. Olson was the owner of the Art Olson & Son Excavating Co. of Hungry Horse.

The body is at Waggener & Campbell Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

OLSON, Arthur J., 53, passed away Saturday. Services Wednesday 3:30 p.m. Waggener & Campbell Chapel. Interment Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arthur Olson Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Arthur Johan Olson were conducted Wednesday from the Waggener & Campbell Chapel with Rev. Fred Paxton, Central Christian Church, officiating. Interment was made in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Serving as pallbearers were: Waldo "Bud" Dusterhoff, Thomas "Fred" White, C. J. "Joe" Donahoe, Virgil Lane, James "Jim" Seek and George Smith.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were: Quintin Richter, Len Eriksen, Fred Polson, Chuck Forman, Jim Harshbarger, Pete Swiffer, Jim Grant, Ward Griley, Paul Stephens, John Roberts, Roger Hale, Jim Bose and Jim Sutherland.

Mr. Olson died July 27 while working near Lake Blaine.

Cabin Fire Claims Life Of Kila Man

KILA — Ernest Olson, 84, Kila, died Thursday morning following a fire which engulfed his cabin on Truman Creek. It was the second violent death within 12 hours Thursday in Flathead County.

Flathead County Coroner-Sheriff Ross Wilson has called for an autopsy to pinpoint the cause of death. Two possibilities seemed most prominent this morning, shock or asphyxiation. Time of the fire was established as between 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Neighbors passing the site reported everything normal at 10:30 a.m. County road grader crews and other neighbors discovered the fire almost simultaneously at 11:15 a.m. Olson's body was found just outside his cabin about 10 feet from the doorway where he had collapsed in the snow.

Olson showed third degree burns over part of his body and his face and hair were also burned indicating he had to walk through fire to get out of the cabin. Working with Wilson in the investigation was Deputy

State Fire Marshal Gene Thompson. The two officials still have to confirm the cause of the fatal fire.

Thompson reported, "Olson had to go at least 20 feet through the fire to get out of the cabin. He then went another 20 feet outside the cabin and 10 feet from the doorway making a 50-foot path he followed in his escape attempt."

The two officials believe the fire started at an oil stove which Olson had converted to a wood burner utilizing fuel oil to start the wood. Apparently Olson had spilled a quantity of the oil in his fire starting since September which soaked into flooring, saturating it. Thompson feels Olson was sleep-

ing at the time the fire broke out.

He said, "We know from neighbors Olson was not feeling well and there were no tracks in the fresh snowfall indicating he had not gone outside his cabin at all Thursday morning. He apparently got up to start a fire and went back to bed. There could have been a back flash at the stove which was the trigger for fire spreading to the oil-soaked floor and shooting through the cabin. It had to be engulfed quickly. It was also obvious, judging from the severe burn areas Olson was sleeping on his stomach.

"When he was roused by the fire he had to fight his way through flames to get out of the cabin. When he got off the bed, his head came up into the super-saturated area of smoke, gases and heat. One or two breaths in that area would have been sufficient to cause asphyxiation," Wilson and Thompson reported.

Olson is known to have a brother, Gus Olson, living at Columbus, Mont.

Fire Victim Funeral Tuesday

Ernest Olson, age 84, passed away at his home on Truman Creek near Kila, Mont., on Thursday. Mr. Olson was born Aug. 11, 1884, in Thief River Falls, Minn. He was the only son in a family of 16 children. He left Minnesota and went to Canada where he spent a number of years before returning to the United States to be naturalized. Mr. Olson moved to the Kila area about 20 years ago and worked in the woods until his retirement.

Mr. Olson is survived by a brother, August Olson of Columbus, Mont., and a sister, Mrs. Mary Sands of Long Beach, Calif.

Funeral services for Mr. Olson have been set for Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Waggoner & Campbell Chapel with Rev. Fred Paxton of the Central Christian Church officiating.

Olson Funeral Rites Tuesday

Funeral services for Ernest Olson will be conducted in the Waggoner & Campbell Chapel Tuesday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Fred Paxton of the Central Christian Church, officiating. Interment will follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Mr. Olson died near Kila Thursday at the age of 84.

Edward Opp Killed In Plane Collision

Edward A. "Ned" Opp, 49, former Kalispell resident, was one of four persons killed Sunday in a mid-air collision of two light airplanes about 300 feet over Puyallup's Thur Airfield in Washington State.

Mr. Opp, who lived at Sumner and pilot of one of the planes and his passenger, Melbourne Holbrook, also of Sumner, were killed instantly when their plane nosedived into the backyard of a home.

The second plane was carrying a student pilot, Mrs. Helen Corbin, Puyallup, and her instructor, Milo Trueblood of

Tacoma. This plane burst into flames after crashing nearby. Trueblood was dead when pulled from the wreckage and Mrs. Corbin died en route to a hospital.

Mr. Opp was the son of Frank Opp, 944 South Main, Kalispell, and Mrs. Esther Opp, Lakeside. He was a graduate of Flathead High School and attended Washington State University.

His widow is the former June Armstrong, also of Kalispell. He is also survived by a son, Roger Edward, 10.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Opp Esther Margaret 26 Jun 1968 pg 6

OPP, Esther Margaret, 71, passed away Friday. Services Friday 2 p.m. Waggener & Campbell Chapel. Interment Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Orr Dale 10 May 1968 pg 14

Dale Orr Rites Conducted

LIBBY -- Funeral services for 17-year-old Dale Orr, Libby, were conducted this afternoon from the Gompf Chapel with burial in the City of Libby cemetery.

The youth, son of Carl Orr, died last Tuesday at Deaconess Hospital, Spokane, after being fatally injured in a one car crash on the Pipe Creek Road last Saturday night.

An inquest has been called by Coroner Hal Gompf which is tentatively set for the latter part of next week. The youth was first identified by a wire service as Paul Orr. His correct name is Dale Orr.

Overbo Chris 5 Jun 1968 pg 2

OVERBO, Chris, 73, passed away in Whitefish Monday. A long-time resident of Whitefish. Services Thursday at 2 p.m., at Catron Chapel. Interment Glacier Memorial Cemetery.

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Overbo Funeral Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Chris Overbo were conducted from the Catron Chapel Thursday with the Rev. Dennis Hanson, Christ Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment followed in Glacier Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites. Those acting as pallbearers were: Sig Hendrickson, Ray Mather, Levi Gaustad, Clyde Seovel, Fred Metcalf and Clarence Pierce.

Overby Peter 30 Jul 1968 pg 8

OVERBY, Peter, 73, Kalispell. Passed away Monday. Survived by one brother; four sisters. Graveside rites 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends meet at chapel before going to cemetery.

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Overby Rites Announced

Graveside rites for Peter Overby will be conducted in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. C. O. Anderson, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating.

Friends will meet at the Johnson Chapel before going to the cemetery. Mr. Overby, 73, resident of Kalispell since 1908, died Monday afternoon.

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Overby Graveside Rites Conducted

Graveside rites for Peter Overby were conducted in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery Thursday morning with the Rev. C. O. Anderson, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Mr. Overby, 73, and resident of Kalispell since 1908, died Monday. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Overn Funeral Rites Monday

Funeral services for Sander Overn will be conducted in the First Church of the Nazarene at 2 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Albert Gamble officiating.

Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home. Mr. Overn died at his home at 382 Seventh Ave. E.N. Thursday afternoon.

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Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home. Mr. Overn died at his home at 382 Seventh Ave. E.N. Thursday afternoon.

Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Sander Overn were conducted in the First Church of the Nazarene Monday afternoon with the Rev. Albert Gamble officiating.

Interment was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Gordon Nail, Douglas Lister, Joe Dzivi, Ryder Arneson, Walter Rexford and Otis Fencil serving as pallbearers. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.