

22 May 1975
Theodore M. Oberndorfer, 94, of the Immanuel Lutheran Home, died Thursday in Kalispell. He was a long time resident of the Chinook area.

Mr. Oberndorfer was born at Frohna, Mo., June 9, 1880 the son of Joseph and Katheryn Oberndorfer. He left Missouri in 1898 and lived in North Dakota before coming to Montana.

He was employed for many years on the former Miller Bros. ranches, south of Chinook. On

Feb. 9, 1932 he married Alma Stuebe in Chinook, who preceded him in death on Feb. 5, 1947. He moved to Kalispell in November of 1964 and lived at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Mr. Oberndorfer was of the Lutheran faith.

Surviving are three step-children, Mrs. Glenn (Margaret) Varner, Corvallis; George Stuebe, Bigfork, Forrest Stuebe, Phillipsburg; two brothers, Walter Oberndorfer, Sylvan Grove, Kan., Paul Oberndorfer, Perryville, Mo.; his sister, Mrs. Louise Koenig, Perryville, Mo.; many nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

Prayers services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Harold Huber officiating. Burial will be in Chinook following an

11 a.m. service Tuesday in Zion Lutheran Church, Chinook.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Weatherford Funeral Home.

William J. O'Conner, 59, 520 Tetrault Road, died Saturday morning at home. He was a rancher northeast of Kalispell.

Mr. O'Conner was born July 19, 1916 in Graves County, Ky., a son of William J. and

Emma O'Conner. He attended schools in Mayfield, Ky. and graduated from Mayfield High School in 1934, after which he attended the University of Kentucky for one year. ¹⁹⁷⁵ ~~1975~~

He married Kay Neely in Cornith, Miss. March 2, 1939.

Mr. O'Conner was a farmer in Graves County a number of years after which he managed the M & W Auto Parts store in Mayfield 15 years. He then became manager of the John Deere Implement store there from 1967-1972.

He and his wife moved to Kalispell from Mayfield in June of 1972, where he became a partner in the Lazy 3 Ranch and was its manager.

Mr. O'Conner was a member of Kalispell Lodge No. 42, A.F. & A.M. and the Royal Arch Masons, Kalispell. In Mayfield he was Past Master of the Mayfield, Lodge No. 369, A.F. & A.M., a member of the Commandery No. 49, Knights Templar; Mayfield Council No. 39, R & S.M.; Chapter No. 69, Royal Arch Masons, and Chapter No. 443, O.E.S. He also was on the board of directors of the Montana Limousine Association.

Surviving, besides his widow at home, are two daughters, Mrs. William (Emma Gail) Erdahl, Arlington, Va., and Mrs. Jack (Marsha) Davis, Kalispell. Three grandchildren, Todd O'Conner Davis and Kimberly Davis, both Kalispell, and Ashley Jessica Erdahl, Arlington, Va. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

Private family services were Sunday night in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Private burial, with Masonic graveside rites will be Tuesday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the building fund of the new Kalispell Regional Hospital.

12 June 1975

Charles O'Donnell

Charles L. O'Donnell, 58, an attorney for the State Board of Health, died Thursday, June 12, in the Veteran's Administration Hospital at Fort Harrison following a lengthy illness.

Mr. O'Donnell, who resided at 565 Fifth Ave., Helena, entered the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Following his discharge, he served as county attorney in Chinook and then made his home in Whitefish where he was employed by Stoltz Lumber Co. He was the son of Jemima and Charles O'Donnell, formerly of Whitefish and Havre.

He came to Helena three years ago to work for the Board of Health.

He was born July 12, 1916, in Whitefish, where he attended school. He also attended the University of Montana in Missoula, where he received his law degree.

Mr. O'Donnell married Jean Troy on Sept. 27, 1941 in Havre. He was a member of St. Helena Cathedral Parish.

Survivors include the widow, Jean, Helena; three daughters, Mrs. Cathie Ferentchak, Homestead, Fla., Mrs. Mary Ellen Holliday, Merriam, Kan., Jeanne O'Donnell, Helena; two sons, John, Seattle, Wash., Bill, Missoula; four brothers, Pat, Tocomo, Wash., Wally, Des Moines, Iowa, Bob, Havre, Dick, Great Falls; three sisters, Mrs. Jemima Brennan, Great Falls, Mrs. Helen Draeger, Whitefish, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Great Falls; one grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

Rosary was recited June 13 from the Retz Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Saturday, June 14, in St. Helena Cathedral. Burial was in the Resurrection Cemetery.

Beda Olson, 88

19 Nov 1975
Mrs. Beda Karolina Olson, 88, died Tuesday at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born April 3, 1887, at Dodre Jemtland, Sweden, a daughter of Eric and Karen Erickson. She had received her education in Sweden and as a young girl she immigrated to America where she was employed at Lakota, N.D.

In 1910, she was married to Peter Olson at Lakota. They then moved to Chester where they lived on his homestead until 1915 when they moved to McGregor, N.D. and farmed until their retirement in 1945.

They lived for some time at Isaquah, Wash. and in 1960, they moved to the East Lake Shore, Bigfork, where they lived until entering the Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1967.

Mrs. Olson was preceded in death by her husband, Peter, in 1973 and now is survived by two sons, Ernest of Semi Valley, Calif. and Melvin Olson of Bigfork; one daughter, Thelma Clark of Great Falls; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She also is survived by one brother, Nels Johnson of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Matilda Jorgenson of Seattle and Hulda Kavenaugh of Tacoma, Wash. and several nieces and nephews.

Services for Mrs. Olson will be conducted in the Bethany Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Russell Hillman officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Edith Olson

^{4 Dec 1975}
Funeral services for Edith Muriel Olson were conducted from the Austin Chapel Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., with Rev. Dewey Forbes of the United Methodist Church officiating.

Ritualistic honors were in charge of the Order of Eastern Star, Vista Chapter #44.

Music was furnished by Al Olson, soloist, and Mrs. Geoge Lantz, organist.

Casketbearers were, E. Charles Creon, Bill DeVall, Don Doyle, Ed Gray, Don Swisher, and Jack Zerr.

Burial was made in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery at Kalispell.

Mrs. Olson was born December 17, 1895 at Colona, Wisconsin, a daughter of Isaac and Tuny Parks. She received her schooling at Colona and worked as a telephone operator there for a short time.

At the age of 18 she came to Whitefish and was a telephone operator until she was later employed in the yard offices of the Great Northern Railroad.

She was married to Olen H. Olson on January 23, 1920 at Whitefish. He preceded her in death on March 29, 1967.

Mrs. Olson was a member of the United Methodist Church; Order of Eastern Star, Vista Chapter #44 and the Lady Trainmen. She died November 29 at the age of 79 years.

Mrs. Olson is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John J. (Eileen) Hawkins, Dalton, Georgia; a grandson, John Allen Hawkins of Dalton, Georgia; two sisters, Mrs. L.C. (Hazel) Moats, Sunland, California, and Mrs. Mable Slater of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin; two half sisters, Mrs. Lillie Kinney of Packwaukee, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Matt (Lyde) Slowey of White-water, Wisconsin. She was preceded in death by two sisters and a half sister and three brothers.

Halvor Olson, 83

^{14 Oct 1975}
Halvor Olson, 83, Columbia Falls, died Tuesday in Whitefish. Mr. Olson was born in Norway on December 4, 1891.

He came to the United States with his parents when 12 years old and settled in Minnesota.

On June 5, 1938 he was married to Ida Greene at Walker, Minn. and in 1945 moved to Columbia Falls where he had continued to make his home.

Mr. Olson had been employed in mill work as a saw filer much of his life.

He is now survived by his widow, Ida and one son, Marlo, both of Columbia Falls.

Graveside services for Mr. Olson will be 2 p.m. Friday in the Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Ralph Werner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls, officiating.

Family and friends will meet at the Van Leuven Funeral Home, prior to going to the cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Friday.

Oscar Arnt Olson, 66

^{Sept 15 1975}
Oscar Arnt Olson, 66, resident also survived by one son, John A. of Columbia Falls, died in Olson with the U.S. Air Force in Kalispell Monday.

Mr. Olson was born at Dwight, N.D. on June 22, 1909, the son of Peter and Anna Olson. At an early age the family moved to Fergus Falls, Minn. where he graduated from the Ottertail High School.

As a young man he moved to Montana where he worked for the Milwaukee Railroad for a number of years before going into the construction business which he followed until his recent retirement.

He was a member of the Carpenters Local 911 in Kalispell and received his 30-year membership pin in 1974.

On Sept. 1, 1967 he was married to Tynee Kelly in Columbia Falls and is now survived by her. He is

Denver; two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Roberta) Woods of Fairbanks, Alaska and Carol Olson of Banning, Calif.; one step-daughter, Mrs. Richard (Sharon) Allan of Juneau, Alaska; one stepson, Brian Kelly of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers.

Services for Mr. Olson will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Van Leuven Funeral Chapel in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Ray Davis, pastor of the United Methodist Church, officiating.

The interment will follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family has suggested memorials to Yellowstone Boys Ranch at Billings or to the American Cancer Society.

Lyle Omey

27 July 1975

News has been received of the death of Lyle Omey of South Seattle, Wash. He died Thursday,

Funeral and burial services were at Kent, Wash. Saturday.

He was the husband of Evelyn Sandoz Omey, a longtime resident of Kalispell.

Elizabeth Osborne

30 July 1975

Mrs. Elizabeth Osborne, 80, who was a former resident of Whitefish died Wednesday in Milton-Freewater, Ore.

She was born Nov. 29, 1894 in Detroit, Mich. and had spent her early childhood there and received her education there.

On June 27, 1918 she was married to Frances E. Osborne in Little Coulee, Pa. In 1928 they moved to Gillette, Wyo. where they homesteaded and in 1959 they came to the Bissell area where they resided for a time.

Mrs. Osborne was preceded in death by her husband on June 23, 1969 and in September of 1974 she moved to Milton-Freewater, where she had resided since that time.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Leon Gray and Ronald Osborne and is now survived by one son, Donald Osborne in Milton-Freewater; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Osborne will be conducted Saturday in Milton-Freewater. The body will be forwarded to the Austin Funeral Home where private graveside services will be Monday in the Whitefish Cemetery.

Michael O'Toole

16 June 1975

Michael O'Toole, 54, who had lived at 37½ 7th Ave. W., died in Kalispell Monday.

He was born Jan. 7, 1921, in Butte, a son of Michael and Victoria O'Toole. He had received his education in Montana and on Oct. 8, 1949 married Evelyn LaVerne Shaw in Kalispell.

Mr. O'Toole had lived in Montana all his life except for a few years spent in North Dakota. He had been employed for the Great Northern Railroad until 1959.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, on June 27, 1970, and by his parents in 1930. He is now survived by a sister in New Zealand; a cousin, Leonard Edge of Kalispell and several other relatives.

Rosary will be recited in the Johnson Chapel at 7 this evening. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated in St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Father Bruce Plummer as celebrant. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery at Columbia Falls.

Shawna Ove

9 Apr 1975

Shawna Lee Ove, one-month-old infant daughter of Leif and Sharron Ove of Coram, died Monday.

Shawna Lee was born Feb. 28 at Whitefish. She is survived by her parents, one brother, Leif Jr., one sister, Sheila Ove and her grandparents, Richard Ove and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bean, all of Coram.

Graveside funeral services will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 in the Woodlawn Cemetery with Pastor Richard Knapp of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, officiating. Family and friends will meet at the Van Leuven Funeral Home prior to services.

Minnie Ott

12 Apr 1975

EUREKA—Mrs. Minnie Evins Ott, 85, died at Dale, Ore., Saturday.

She was born May 1, 1889 at Wilkesboro, N. C. She was married to George Evins in September 1908. They came to Eureka in 1929. He died in 1946. Nov. 29, 1959 she married Amos Ott, Eureka. He died in 1960.

In 1969 she moved to Dale, Ore., until her death.

Survivors include nine children, George, Pablo; Zelmer, Harper, Ore.; Violet Smith, Dale, Ore.; Doris Blanchard, Hot Springs; Raymond, LaGrande, Ore.; Ada Fluid, Eureka; Clifford, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Dean, Eureka; and Grace Wookey, Chase, British Columbia. Other survivors include five sisters and one brother, 41 grandchildren and numerous great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at Eureka Church of God at 2 p.m. Thursday with Pastor E. V. Swineheart officiating.

Interment will follow in Tobacco Valley Cemetery with Vile Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.