

Arna Oftedahl, 61

25 Sept 1976
Mrs. Arna (Harold) Oftedahl, 61, of Columbia Falls died Saturday at the North Valley Hospital after an extended illness.

She was born on May 27, 1915 at Wolf Point. After spending her early years in Montana the family moved to Minnesota in 1923 and settled at Bagley.

On Feb. 2, 1942 she was married to Harold Oftedahl of Bagley, where they farmed for many years before retiring to Columbia Falls in 1974.

Mrs. Oftedahl is survived by her widower, Harold, of Columbia Falls; a son, Arlan, of Atlanta, Ga.; a daughter, Patricia, of Bos-

sier City, La. and a sister and two brothers, Ruth, of Bagley, Minn., Melvin, also of Bagley, and George, of Columbia Falls. Also surviving are two uncles Ingmar, (formally of Columbia Falls) of Norway, and Joseph Lund of Bagley, a niece and three nephews.

Services will be conducted at the Van Leuven Chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Graveside services and burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

17 Feb 1976 Mamie E. Oldfield, 79

Mamie E. Oldfield, 79, of Hungry Horse died at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish Tuesday. She was born Oct. 9, 1896 in Kentucky, a daughter of Charles and Lucinda Corey.

As an infant she moved with her parents to Texas where she attended schools in Dallas and Canton. On

April 27, 1913, she was married to Thomas Oldfield in Texas.

In 1928, they moved to Long Beach, Calif. where she was preceded in death by her husband in 1965. In 1968, Mrs. Oldfield and her son, Calvert, moved to Hungry Horse where they have since resided.

She is survived by two

sons, Calvert of Hungry Horse and Roy of Arcadia, Calif.; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; three brothers, Chester Corey of Canton, Texas, C. D. Corey of Mesquite, Texas and Oscar Corey of Dallas; three sisters, Mrs. R. H. (Pauline) Caro of Edgewood, Texas, Pearl Vaughn of Wills Point, Texas and Mrs. Hubert (Eva) Vaughn of Dallas.

The body has been forwarded by the Austin Funeral Home to San Bernardino, Calif. where funeral services and burial will be held at a later date.

24 Nov 1976
Evelyn M. Olson, 76, 234 - 3rd Ave. W., died Nov. 24 in Kalispell Regional Hospital. Mrs. Olson was born January 16, 1900 in Great Falls. She was the daughter of William L. and Anna Johnson. She was educated in Great Falls and later worked at the First National Bank there. On June 19, 1934 she was married to Arthur G. Olson in Great Falls. They moved to Havre in 1934 where he was office manager and treasurer for the F. A. Buttrey Co. Following his retirement in 1955 they moved to Kalispell. He died here in April of 1974. Mrs. Olson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church; the Century Club; Adah Chapter #17, O.E.S., all in Kalispell; Daughters of the Nile, Helena. She had been an active worker in her church. Surviving are her brother, Blaine T. Johnson, Kalispell; her sister, Mrs. Leonard (Dorothy) Nance, Miles City, MT; 2 nieces and 2 nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and 3 brothers. Funeral services were Friday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial followed in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital, Spokane.

Olson Rites Held In Colorado

4 Mar 1976
Funeral services for Gertrude B. Olson were held Monday in Howe Mortuary Chapel, Boulder, Colorado. Mrs. Olson, 70, died February 20 at Good Samaritan Health Care Center. Gertrude Bonnie Olson was born July 14, 1905, in Eureka to Charles and Lillian Leighty. She graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1923. She attended St. Luke's School of Nursing in Spokane, Wash. On August 5, 1929, she married Earl R. Olson in Wallace, Idaho. Mrs. Olson was a past president of the American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 10 of Boulder, and a retired registered nurse, having served in hospitals in Wallace, Idaho and Boulder

for many years. Survivors include her husband, Earl at the Health Care Center, also her mother, Lillian Frost, Missoula; two brothers, Sam Leighty, Kalispell, Bruce Leighty, Troy; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Darrell Leighty.

Joe A. Olson, 62

10 July 1976
LIBBY — Joe A. Olson, 62, of Little Joe, died Saturday here. He was born Oct. 1, 1913 in Windom, Minn.

He attended schools in Jordan and then moved to Havre where he resided from 1939 to 1946. Mr. Olson came to Libby in 1946 and then moved to Troy in 1956.

In 1966 Mr. Olson moved to Little Joe where he operated a bar. He married Bertha Teske on Jan. 16, 1937 in Havre.

He now is survived by his widow at the home; two daughters, Mrs. Clifford

(JoAnn) Coon of Hinton, Alta., and Mrs. Roberta Nelson of Hilo, Hawaii; two sons, Richard of Colville, Wash., and Joe Jr., of Little Joe; three sisters, Anna Pfeiffer of Conrad, Marie Spencer of Minot, N. D. and Signa Berg of Libby; four brothers, Sigurd of Chappewa Falls, Wis., John of California, and Norman of Jordan and Alfred of Havre; sixteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Vial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John LaShell officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Ann Orr, 85

26 May 1976
LIBBY — Ann Orr, 85, died Wednesday in Libby. She was born Oct. 20, 1890, in Eldorado, Ill. and was married to James Orr, Dec. 24, 1911, at Gossett, Ill. They came to Kalispell in 1912 and homesteaded south of Libby beginning in 1914.

She is survived by two daughters, Helen Miller of Trout Creek and Ellen Dryden of Scio, Ore.; six sons, Edward, Willard, Carl, Ray and Marion, all of Libby and Paul of Kalispell; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Vial Funeral Home with the Rev. Willford Luce officiating. Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

5 Dec 1976
Mr. George C. Opsal, age 88, died in Havre, MT on Thursday morning. He was born June 14, 1888, in River Forest, IL. He had received his education at Red Wing and East Grand Forks, MN. In 1910, he began working for the Great Northern Railroad and was conductor of the run to Whitefish until his retirement in 1958. In 1922, he was married to Grace Nolan in Havre and was preceded in death by her in 1963. Mr. Opsal was a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Elks Lodge #1201 of Havre. He is now survived by one sister, Mrs. Will Larson of Circle, MT; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Mary I. Ashline of Bigfork and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services for Mr. Opsal were in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Saturday under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home.

11 Dec 1976

Mrs. Luella Logan Orser, age 84, who had resided at 703 1st Ave. W., died in Kalispell on Saturday morning. She was born Nov. 14, 1892, in Helena, MT, a daughter of Sidney and Cleora Logan. She attended schools in Kalispell and the University of Montana where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. She was married to Dr. Clarence M. Orser on June 25, 1919, in Kalispell where he practiced dentistry until his death in 1971. Mrs. Orser was active during her life in the Presbyterian Church; Adah Chapter #17 Order of the Eastern Star, and Chapters C. and A B of P.E.O., both of which she served as president. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Sidney M. and William R. Logan and two sisters, Mrs. Raymond Thon and Mrs. Edward Houtz. She is now survived by two sons, John L. Orser of Wellesley, Massachusetts and Dr. Robert M. Orser of Kalispell; one daughter, Mrs. William Goose of Kalispell; eleven grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral services for Mrs. Orser were conducted in the First Presbyterian Church on Monday with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggest memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

Ruth Ost 11 OCT 1976

Ruth A. Ost, age 55 and a resident of Whitefish, died in Whitefish Thursday afternoon. She was born on November 7, 1920, in Whitefish, the daughter of John and Ruth Hogan. She grew up and attended schools in Whitefish and on June 25, 1942, was married to Leo R. Ost in Polson. She had continued to make her home in Whitefish.

Mrs. Ost is survived by her husband Leo of Whitefish; two daughters, Mrs. Sharron Lee Garrett of Ellensburg, Washington; and Carol Ann Ost at the family home in Whitefish; and one granddaughter, Angela Garrett of Ellensburg, Washington.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ost were held Saturday at the Van Leuven Chapel in Columbia Falls. Following the services, the body was taken to Great Falls for cremation.

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In 1922, he was married to Grace Nolan in Havre and was preceded in death by her in 1963.

Mr. Opsal was a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Elks Lodge #1201 of Havre.

He now is survived by one sister, Mrs. Will Larson of Circle; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Mary I. Ashline of Bigfork and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Mr. Opsal will be conducted in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 1 p.m. Saturday under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home. Friends will meet at the cemetery.

2 Dec 9, 1976

Reese Owens, 93, Big Sky Manor, died Monday in Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was a retired government worker and motel operator. Mr. Owens was born October 27, 1882 in Ring, WI, a son of John and Ann Owens. He was educated in Wisconsin. In 1907 he homesteaded near Beach, ND. Mr. Owens married Luella Jane Dunlap Jan. 27, 1909 in Dickinson, ND During the 1920.s he operated a grocery store in Carlyle, MT, and later for 25 years he was a grain buyer for various firms. Following World War II he was in government service with the Department of Agriculture at Wibaux, MT, retiring in the late 1950's. During this period of time he also owned a motel and service station at Wibaux. He moved to Kalispell in 1964. Mr. Owens was a fifty year member, a life member and past master of Wibaux Lodge #81, A.F.&A.M. He faithfully attended the Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell. Surviving, besides his widow, Luella Jane (jen) Owens, at home; are 5 sons, Harold R., Bozeman, Gomer J., White Sulphur Springs, MT, Thomas D. Roundup, W. Hayden, Fairfax, VA, and Robert J. Owens, Kalispell; one daughter, Mrs. Bill (Jane) Mende, Kalispell; 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Bess Lindsay, Manawa, WI, and Mrs. Enid Jones, Wild Rose, WI, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers and 1 sister. Funeral services were held Wed. in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. E. E. Wiley, pastor of the First Baptist at Clarkston, WA, and the former pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell, officiating. Burial was held in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.