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Myrtle Baeth, 86

28 Mar 1979
LIBBY — Myrtle L. "Grandma" Baeth, 86, Libby, died here Wednesday morning.

She was born June 26, 1892, at Arnold, Neb. She came to Warland in 1923 and to Libby in 1926. Her husband, George, died in 1966.

Mrs. Baeth was a member of Christ's Lutheran Church of Libby, the local Women's Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Senior Citizens.

She is survived by six daughters, Ethel Hewitt,

Mildred Whitehouse and Ruth Baenen, all of Libby, Edith Toal, Mill Valley, Calif., Betty Aakhus, Effie, Minn., and Edna Johnson, Rohnert Park, Calif.; five sons, Boss, Martin City, Kenneth, Richard, Bradley and Bill, all of Libby; 39 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Christ Lutheran Church in Libby, with the Rev. Sheridan Erickson officiating. Burial will follow in the Libby Cemetery.

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22 Aug 1979

Patricia Bailey, 29

Patricia (Patti) M. Bailey, 29, 340 W. Colorado, died Wednesday at Swedish Hospital, Seattle, Wash.

Miss Bailey was born Aug. 3, 1950, near Spokane, Wash., the daughter of Milton and Betty Bailey. She attended elementary school and junior high in Great Falls, and graduated from high school in Burnsville, Minn. She attended the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan.

Surviving besides her parents in Lakeside, are her twin sister, Mrs. Wallee (Pamela) Kielhorn, Minneapolis, Minn.; two other sisters, Mrs. John (Barbara) Macho, Seattle, and Mrs. Gary (Susan) Fritz, Clarkfield, Minn.; her grandfather, Mahlon J. Hall, Columbia Falls; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are pending in the Christ Church (Episcopal), Kalispell.

George Backen, 68

22 Sept 1979
LIBBY — George L. Backen, 68, died Saturday in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

Mr. Backen was born July 4, 1911, at Great Falls. He moved to Libby in 1949 and ranched in the Bobtail area. He married Evelyn Flint on Sept. 2, 1947, at Whitefish.

Mr. Backen was a member of the Moose Lodge, the Grange and Montana Stockmen's Association.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, Libby; one daughter, Teddie Kier, Boise, Idaho; six sons, David, Noxon; Rodney, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Gerald, Spanfield, Ore.; Daniel, Libby; Jack, Everett, Wash.; and Joel, Columbia Falls; 19 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Vial Funeral Home in Libby, with the Rev. Art LeBahn officiating. Burial will follow at the Libby Cemetery with ritual graveside by the Moose Lodge.

Robert Bailey, 87

16 June 1979
LIBBY — Robert C. Bailey, 87, Libby, died Saturday in the Libby Convalescent Center.

He was born Sept. 18, 1891, in Floral, Ark., and attended school at Formosa, Ark.

He married Lillie Ayers on Sept. 5, 1911, at Formosa. The couple farmed at Higden, Ark., for many years.

During World War II, Mr. Bailey was engaged in defense work at Napa, Calif. At the end of the war he returned to Arkansas, where he continued to farm until his retirement in 1957. He resided at Formosa until coming to Libby in 1973.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie, Libby; one daughter, Lora Peppenger, Libby; one son, Joseph, Elk Grove, Calif.; two brothers, Hubert, Springdale, Ark.; and John, Mount Ida, Ark.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

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Maurine Bagshaw, 75

16 Nov 1979
Mrs. Maurine Bagshaw, 75, of 62 Willow Drive, died in Kalispell on Friday.

She was born April 25, 1904, in Garden Grove, Calif., a daughter of Lloyd and Clarabelle Mathews. She received her schooling in California and was married to Walter John

Bagshaw there. The couple farmed there for many years before retiring and moving to Arkansas.

Mrs. Bagshaw was preceded in death by her husband in 1958, and in 1976 she moved to Kalispell and has made her home with her daughter since that time.

She was of the Baptist faith and was a member of the VFW auxiliary.

She is survived by four sons, William of Spokane, Wash.; Lloyd of Beebe, Ark.; Walter of North Little Rock, Ark.; and Roger of Clarendon, Ark.; three daughters, Mary Louise Harlon of Kalispell, Anabelle Ringey of Los Angeles, Calif., and Leona Baumgardner of Encinitas, Calif.; one brother, Lt. Cmdr. Lloyd Mathews of New Hyde Park, N.Y.; 19

grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Bagshaw are being planned for Sunday or Monday in the Johnson Chapel. Please check with Johnson Funeral Home for time. The body will then be forwarded to Little Rock, Ark., for graveside services and burial later in the week.

Jewell Baker, age 69, died in Columbia Falls Monday

7 May 1979

Jewell Baker, age 69, passed away at his home on 435 Rogers Road, Columbia Falls, on Monday evening.

He was born on January 5, 1910 in Princeton, Missouri, a son of Lafe and Pearl Baker. He received his education in Princeton, Mo., moving to the Flathead Valley in 1932. He worked in the woods and various construction projects including the Hungry Horse Dam project. He also started on the Anaconda Aluminum Company construction project and continued to work for the company until he retired in March of 1976.

He was married to Ormintha Stratton on August 30, 1938 in Kalispell, Montana and is now survived by her at the family home in Columbia Falls. He is also survived by one son Bill Baker of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Mrs. Ron (Jean) Levang of Columbia Falls and Mrs.

Spencer (Linda) Pittman of Albuquerque, New Mexico; one brother Loren Baker of Great Falls, Montana; his father Lafe Baker of Whitefish; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services for Mr.

Baker will be Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Van Leuven Funeral Home with the Rev. Todd Fox of the Coram Community Church officiating. Burial will take place in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

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Susan Bangeman, 93

11 Feb. 1979

Susan E. Bangeman, 93, of the Immanuel Lutheran Home, died there Sunday. She had lived there three years.

Mrs. Bangeman was born Feb. 3, 1886 in Fordland, Mo., the daughter of Dan and Sarah Johnson. She was educated in Missouri.

In 1905 she married John A. Bangeman in Webb

City, Mo. The couple moved to Somers in 1912 and to Kalispell in the 1930s. Mr. Bangeman was a steam engineer for the Kalispell Lumber Co. and the Somers Lumber Co. He died in 1942.

For many years Mrs. Bangeman worked as a clerk for the Buttrey Department Store in Kalispell.

Mrs. Bangeman was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church and had been an active member in the church circles; Adah Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star; the auxiliary to Post 2252 Veterans of Foreign Wars. She was a Gold Star Mother because of her son Fred's death during World War II.

Surviving are her son Dan, Somers; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Preceding her in death was her daughter, Marie Curry in 1975.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or to the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Frank Bauer, 68

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18 Dec 1979

Frank M. Bauer, 68, died Tuesday evening at his home at 325 North Hill Road, Kalispell.

He was born June 22, 1911, in Kalispell, a son of Fred A. and Frances Bauer. He had attended Batavia School and Flathead County High School.

On Dec. 24, 1935, he married Mary L. Jones in Kalispell. He had lived in the Smith Valley all of his life except for 3 years (1942-1945) when he was employed in the shipyard

at Bremerton, Wash. Bauer operated a dairy farm from 1954 to 1963. He then ranched and hauled cattle until his retirement in 1976.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1969 and his father in 1955.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, at the family home in Smith Valley; four daughters: Mrs. Carroll (Lorrie) LaVanway of Kalispell, Mrs. Phillip (Frankie) Barr of Libby, Mrs. Thomas (Jackie) Mattingly of Bigfork and Mrs. Bruce (June) Larson of Kalispell; eight grand-

daughters; four grandsons; three sisters, Mrs. Ester McAtee and Mrs. Dave (Evvy) Jones, both of Kalispell, and Mrs. Walter (Winnie) Jones of Big Arm, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Bauer will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Herbert Cies, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Oakford N. Bain, 67

27 Sept 1979

Oakford Neil Bain, 67, died Thursday in Glasgow after a lingering illness.

He was born August 23, 1912, in Kalispell to Estella and Oakford Bain. He attended grade schools in Essex and Kalispell and Flathead High School. He was employed at the Equity Supply, and also worked as a sign painter before moving to Alaska in 1942 where he worked for about 10 years.

He returned to the states and worked on ranches in Eastern Montana. After retiring he moved to Glasgow where he continued his hobby as an artist, specializing in landscape paintings. He was single and of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard, in November 1978.

He is survived by two sisters, Joyce Reynolds of Portland, and Bernadine Anderson of Kalispell; two brothers, Lewis and Arthur of Kalispell; half-brother, Oakford of Helena; step-mother, Mrs. Margaret Bain of Spokane, and other relatives.

Services will be in Glasgow.

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Gertrude Ballard passed away Weds.

3 Jan 1979

Gertrude (Heffron) Ballard passed away in Missoula Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Mrs. Ballard was born in Minneapolis in 1898. She lived in Kalispell for a number of years and was married to Charles Ballard in July of 1919 at Tacoma, Washington.

After World War II, they

moved to Whitefish and finally settled in Missoula.

Services for Mrs. Ballard were held in Missoula, Jan. 8. Burial was in the Missoula cemetery, with Father McTul officiating.

She is survived by three nieces in the East, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Underwood in Whitefish.

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Carrie Elizabeth Ball, 93

13 Apr 1979

Mrs. Carrie Elizabeth Ball, 93, formerly of Missoula, died in the Bigfork Convalescent Center Friday morning.

She was born Sept. 23, 1885, in Ishpeming, Mich., a daughter of Josiah and Bessie Tiddy. When she was 5 years old, she moved with her family to Butte,

where she received her education and spent her early life. In 1912, she married Ed R. Ball in Butte. In 1914, the couple moved to Missoula.

Mrs. Ball was preceded in death by her husband in 1947, and continued to live in Missoula until 1976, when she moved to the Flathead to be near family members. She resided at the Bigfork Convalescent Center for the past several years.

She was a Methodist and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine. She was active in many community affairs in Missoula.

She is now survived by two sons, Ed of Seattle,

Wash., and Eugene of Missoula; two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Olive) Plummer of Bigfork and Mrs. Darrell (Lois) Stout of Kalispell; one sister, Dorothy Beardmore of Missoula; nine grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The body will lie in state at the Johnson Chapel until 9 p.m. Sunday. It will then be forwarded to the Squire Simmons-Carr Funeral Home of Missoula where friends and relatives will meet at 2 p.m. Monday and proceed to the Missoula City Cemetery for graveside services and burial.

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Marie Barton passes at Colonial Manor here

6 July 1979

Marie Louise Barton, age 87, a resident of Whitefish, died at the Colonial Manor Friday.

Mrs. Barton was born July 1, 1892 in North Mills, Vermont, a daughter of Marcus and Mathilda Evans. As a small child she moved to Sweetgrass, Montana, with her parents where she received her education. She was married to Arthur Barton January 1, 1913 in Great Falls.

She and her husband ranched near Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. Her husband preceded her in death in 1924. She then moved to Great Falls and in 1936 moved to the state of Washington. She returned to Montana in 1953 and in 1970

moved to Whitefish where she had made her home. The past seven months she had lived at Colonial Manor.

Mrs. Barton was a hospital dietician in her working years.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by one daughter, Beth Barton of Whitefish; one son Wallace A. Barton, Bigfork; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, Claude Evans, Fallon, Nevada and one sister, Evelyn Furlong in Coumts, Alberta, Canada; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She will be cremated. Arrangements are under direction of the Austin Funeral Home.

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Luther Barrow, 96

14 June 1979

Luther A. Barrow, 96, died at the Immanuel Lutheran Home Thursday afternoon. He was born Aug. 4, 1882, in Huntington, Tenn., a son of William and Frances Barrow.

He received his education in Tennessee and later moved to North Dakota. In 1923 he married Arlone Cooper in Grand Forks, N.D., where Barrow had been employed as a

telegrapher for the Northern Pacific Railroad until his retirement.

In 1950, he was preceded in death by his wife. In about 1959, he moved to Missoula. In 1965 he moved to Whitefish.

He was of the Methodist faith and was a member of the Sunset Masonic Lodge 88 of Beach, N.D.

He is survived by one son, Charles Barrow of Kalispell; three

grandchildren; one brother, Curtis Barrow in Tennessee; a half brother, Weldon Barrow, one half sister, Lela, both in Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews.

The body will lie in state at the Johnson Chapel until 6 p.m. Saturday for visitation. It will then be forwarded to the Johnson Funeral Chapel of Beach where funeral services and burial are planned for Tuesday.

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21 May 1979

Grace M. Baumann, 73

Mrs. Grace M. Baumann, 73, of 911 Second Ave. W., died in Kalispell Monday afternoon.

She was born Sept. 5, 1905, in Melrose, Minn., a daughter of Charles and Myrtle Goodpaster. She received her schooling in Minnesota, and, in 1927, she moved to Fort Benton.

On Sept. 16, 1928, she married Albert O.

Baumann in Minneapolis, Minn. The couple returned to Ford Benton, where Mr. Baumann was a druggist until 1937 when they moved to the Flathead Valley. They have lived here since that time.

Mrs. Baumann was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and had been a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

She is now survived by her husband, Albert "Doc" at home, six brothers: Roger Goodpaster in Wisconsin, Larry Donald and Chester Goodpaster, all in Minnesota, Gordon Goodpaster in Arizona and Howard Goodpaster in Texas; and three sisters, Eleanor Irazzera and Rietha Nelson, both in

Minnesota, and Ruth Goodpaster in Washington.

Services for Mrs. Baumann will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. E.H. Martens, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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Clayton Baumann, 73

20 Dec 1979

Clayton Carter Baumann, 73, 401 Sylvan Drive, Kalispell, died Thursday morning at the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was a retired printer and linotype operator.

Baumann was born Nov. 1, 1906, in Portal, N.D., the son of Leonard and Bessie Carter Baumann. As a child of 5 he moved with the family to Sweetgrass, Mont., and received his elementary schooling there, learning the printing trade at Sweetgrass and Shelby before becoming a journeyman printer in 1925. He followed his trade throughout Montana, Washington and Illinois in between serving in the armed forces from 1927 to 1935 and again in 1941.

On April 26, 1935, he married Zada Storing in West Point, N.Y. and now is survived by her at the family home in Kalispell.

Following his retirement in 1971 the couple moved to

Kalispell and made their home here since that time.

Besides his wife at the family home in Kalispell, he is survived by one brother: Walter Baumann of Wenatchee, Wash.

The body has been cremated at the Weatherford Crematory and memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in The Good Chapel of the Epworth Methodist Church of Kalispell with the Rev. Herbert Cies officiating.

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JAY DEAN BEACH

Jay Dean Beach, 18, 1815 Yeoman Hall Road, Kalispell, died Saturday Oct. 27th in an automobile accident near Lakeside, Montana. He was born Oct. 25, 1961 at Kenton, Ohio, the son of Norman L. and Julia K. Beach. He received some of his elementary schooling there and continued it in the Lake Blaine area later when the family moved there. After a period of working in Alaska and Yakima, WA he returned to the Flathead Valley where he had been employed on the Earl Weaver Jr. farm east of Kalispell. Jay is survived by his father Norman L. Beach of Lake Five area and by his mother Julia Kay Beach of Yakima, WA, a sister, Mrs. Jeff (Candith)

Dyer, Fairbanks, Alaska, two brothers, Denny Ray Beach of Kalispell and Scott Edward Beach with his mother in Yakima, WA, his step-mother, Bobbie Kay Beach, Lake Five, two step brothers, Charles F. Fauley and Michael M. Beach of Lake Five and one step sister, Tamara J. Fauley of Martin City, his grandfather, Edward Huber of Dunkirk, Ohio and his grandmother, Fern Beach of Forest, Ohio, also numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Services were Wednesday at the Weatherford Funeral Home with Rev. Todd Fox of the Canyon Community Church officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery, Kalispell, 1979.

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Harry C. Becker, 78

28 Nov. 1979

Harry C. Becker, 78, 1403 Fifth Ave. E., Kalispell, died Wednesday morning in Kalispell. He was a retired construction laborer.

Becker was born Oct. 3, 1901, at Faribault, Minn., the son of Bert and Alice Henry Becker. He received his elementary schooling in Faribault, and afterward worked at construction and logging which at the time was done entirely with horses. On Oct. 24, 1924, he married Helen Regel in International Falls, Minn. They moved to Kalispell in 1928, where with his partner, Perry Miller, they owned and operated the Shop Rite Meat Market. In 1944 he returned to logging for a time and then was

employed by the Mateiich Construction Co. until his retirement in 1968.

Becker was of the Catholic faith and had been a long-time member of the Laborers Union in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, at the family home in Kalispell, by two daughters, Mrs. Al (Shirley) Putnam and Audrey Cottrell both of Kalispell; two sisters, Ida Kinshella of Kalispell and Edna Sundquist, Parona, Calif., four grandchildren, Ralph Putnam, Lisa Regel Cottrell, Carol Keel, all of Kalispell, and Kay Cooper of Ramer, Tenn.; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one

brother, Eugene (Bud) Becker, and one sister Adeline Crowell.

Rosary will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home. Christian wake services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Father Juan Diphe of St. Mathew's Catholic Church officiating.

Interment will follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Martha Becker, 87

7 Mar. 1979

Mrs. Martha C. Becker, 87, died in Kalispell Wednesday evening.

She was born July 17, 1891, in Pocacontas County Iowa, a daughter of Louis O. and Margaret E. Williams. She had spent most of her years in Minnesota, Montana and California. In 1971 she moved to Kalispell where she was married to Harry F. Becker and had lived here since that time. She was a member of the Faith Free Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by one son, Melvin L. Greibrok in Hayward, Calif., in 1969. She is now survived by her husband, Harry, of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls; three brothers, Henry, Andrew and Clarence Williams all of Thief River Falls, Minn.; one sister, Cora Beck of Lewistown; and four grandchildren, Mavis and Marvin Greibrok, Janice Herdon and Jule Jose all of Hayward, Calif. and several other relatives.

Funeral services for Mrs. Becker will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. John Rieth of the Faith Free Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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12 May 1979

Margaret Scherf Beebe, 70

Mrs. Margaret Scherf Beebe, 70, of Bigfork, died Saturday of injuries sustained in a car accident south of Kalispell.

She was born April 1, 1908, in Fairmont, W.V., a daughter of Charles (Harry) and Miriam Fisher Scherf. She was the granddaughter of the Rev. George McVey Fisher, an early Montana missionary and the minister of the original Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. Mr. Scherf taught at the Flathead County High School for several years.

Mrs. Beebe attended school in New Jersey and Wyoming before being graduated from high school in Cascade. She attended Antioch College before leaving to begin work with a publishing company in New York City. Two years later she began a trip around the world, an experience that was to initiate an interest in travel that she retained for

the rest of her life.

In 1940, Mrs. Beebe, known professionally as Margaret Scherf, published her first mystery: a field of writing in which she was to become noted. Because of her achievement, she was invited to teach creative writing at the University of Montana. Between "The Corpse Grows a Beard" (1940) and "The Beaded Banana" (1978), she published not only 30 mystery stories but also a children's book, "The Velvet Box," which received national acclaim. Her novel "The Wedding Train" is based on early life in the Flathead Valley. During the decades that she was busy as a writer, she found time to help her husband, Perry Beebe, whom she married in 1965, operate their cherry orchard near Yellow Bay. In addition she ran three antique shops.

She had also served as a member

of the House of Representatives.

After the death of her husband in 1975, Mrs. Beebe built a house at Bigfork, a residence that she occupied until the time of her death.

She is now survived by an aunt, Mrs. Mary Heller, of Kalispell; cousins, Hugh and Sidney Rubinow, both in California; and a niece in Florida.

Services for Mrs. Beebe will be conducted in the Christ Church Episcopal at 11 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Paul Taylor and the Rev. Loren Foot officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home. Family members have asked that memorials be made to the Scherf Memorial Fund, which is being established for creative writing. These should be sent to Mary Heller, 441 Second St. W., Kalispell.

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15 Nov 1979

Fred Beeson, 66

Fred Beeson, 66, 121 Ranchettes Road, Bigfork, died Thursday morning at his home.

He was a retired oil field production foreman.

Beeson was born Nov. 12, 1913, in Ramona, Okla., the son of Fred L. and Georgia Faulkner Beeson.

Beeson worked for the

Texaco Co. for 34 years in the Kevin, Sunburst and the Cut Bank areas — in later years as production foreman. He spent four years during World War II serving as a corporal in the infantry at Normandy, Northern France.

Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe.

He was a long-time member of the Elks Lodge of Cut Bank.

On Feb. 3, 1946, he married Guri Helene Borch in Kalispell and is survived by her at the family home. Other survivors are a son, Gregory at the family home; a daughter, Mrs. William (Kari) Copland, Gypsum, Colo.; and one sister, Nina Dryden, Chanute, Kan.

Cremation was by the Weatherford Crematory, Kalispell. There will be no services.

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19 May 1979

Alta N. Beeson, 67

Alta N. Beeson, 67, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Aug. 30, 1911 at Antigo, Wis. She moved to the Flathead Valley in 1918. In 1929 she mar-

ried Frank Wilson. He preceded her in death in 1930. She married Murel L. Beeson April 8, 1933, at Somers. He preceded her in death in 1957.

She is survived by one son, Don Wilson of Big Sandy; one daughter,

Mrs. Russell Van DeVanter of Columbia Falls; one granddaughter and one grandson and one great-grandchild, all of Columbia Falls; and two sisters, Mrs. Dora Geir, Creston and Mrs. Ray Far-

rell Phillips of Washington. The funeral will be 2 p.m. Tuesday in Shrider's Mortuary Chapel in Ronan with the Rev. James Wel-

don officiating. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan.

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3 Aug 1979

H. Lillian Bell, 63

H. Lillian Bell, 63, died Sunday at the family home five miles south of Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 22, 1915, on a ranch in North Dakota, the only child of Levi and Benada Nelson.

She completed her schooling in Williston, N.D., and in February 1938 was married to Raymond O. Bell, the only child of Oscar and

May Bell, a long-time homesteading family of that area.

In 1955 the Bell family moved to Columbia Falls and later built a home on the south end of Echo Lake near Bigfork.

Mrs. Bell was an active member of many church, civic and fraternal groups. She also was an accomplished pianist.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond; daughter, Barbara and her husband, Ronald Perry, and their two children, Carol and Michael, all of Columbia Falls.

Mrs. Bell has been cremated.

Friendship memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Weatherford Funeral Home. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery in Williston, N.D.



H. LILLIAN BELL

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25 Nov 1979

Edna A. Beller, 68

Mrs. Edna A. Beller, 68, of 343 Third Ave. E. Kalispell, died Sunday in St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

She was born Jan. 21, 1911, in Blue Hill, Neb., a daughter of Walter and Anna Hoylman. She attended high school in Roseland, Neb., and graduated from the Mary Lanning Hospital School of Nursing in Hastings, Neb., having served her internship in the Children's Hospital of

Chicago, Ill. In 1935 she moved with her family to the Flathead Valley and has lived in Kalispell since that time.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church. On Oct. 7, 1939, she married Dean Beller in Eureka, and now is survived by him at the family home. She also is survived by one son, Robert of Seattle, Wash.; two daughters, Jo Ann Nichols of Seattle and Jane Seaman

of Colville, Idaho; eight grandchildren and two brothers, Byron and Howard Hoylman, both of Kalispell.

Services for Mrs. Beller will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Christian Center Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Robert D. Ross officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

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Adelore L. Bellmore, 69, died in Montana Veterans Home

10 Apr 1979

Adelore L. Bellmore, age 69, a former resident of Bigfork, passed away Tuesday in the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, Montana.

Mr. Bellmore was born September 21, 1909 in Minnesota, a son of Abel and Olga Bellmore. Mr. Bellmore moved with his parents to Bigfork in 1919. He received

his education in Bigfork, later engaged in construction work as a carpenter and also fire control work with the U.S. Forest Service. He served five years in both the European and Pacific Theaters with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the V.F.W.

Mr. Bellmore is now survived by three brothers Morris E. Bellmore of Kalispell, Waldo T. Bellmore of Nunn, Colorado, and Robert L. Bellmore of Bigfork, Montana; six sisters Marianne Coe of Wenatchee, Washington, Mrs. Vern (Opal) Campbell of Bigfork, Mrs. Peter (Vivian) Sprunger of Columbia Falls, Mrs. James (Grace) Ginger of Corpus Christi, Texas, Mrs. Robert (Carol) Hueter of Aptos, California and Mrs. Gudbrand (Beverly) Viig of Larvie, Norway. She is also survived by 22 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Bellmore were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 6, at the Montana Veterans' Home chapel in Columbia Falls with the Rev. chauncey Biffle of Kalispell officiating. Burial took place in the Montana Veterans Cemetery with military graveside rites. Memorials have been suggested to the Veterans' Home at Columbia Falls.

25 July 1979

DR. WILLARD "DOC" BENNETT

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Dr. Willard Franklin "Doc" Bennett, 59, longtime resident of the north valley and Flathead County legislator, died at his home July 20th. Bennett moved to Hungry Horse in 1948 to establish his medical practice and later to Columbia Falls in 1953. He served in the Montana Senate from 1967-71 and during the 1978-79 Legislature as the representative from District 15. Born Feb. 11, 1920, in Webster, Kansas, to William and Nellie (Medley) Bennett, Bennett received his early schooling in Kansas and attended the University of Kansas Medical School. Bennett interned as a physician and surgeon in the U.S. Navy. He married Martha Cavanah April 2, 1947, in Vallejo, CA. He was involved in logging in the early 1950s and in the cattle and ranching

business until 1975. Bennett served as mayor of Columbia Falls and was a member of the chambers of commerce in Hungry Horse and Columbia Falls. He served on the boards of directors of the Glacier National Bank and the First Security Bank. He was a former chairman of the District 6 school board and was a member of the Mason Lodge 89 and the Algeria Shrine. Survivors include his wife, at home; and two sons, Gary of Whitefish and Steven of Columbia Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters. Memorial services were held Monday at the Columbia Falls High School Little Theater. Bennett's body was cremated. The family suggests memorials be made to North Valley Hospital in lieu of flowers. KN

14 Feb. 1979

LINDA ANN BERG

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Linda Ann Berg, 30, of 626 Second Ave. W., Kalispell, died Friday after a short illness. Mrs. Berg attended schools in Great Falls, graduating from Great Falls High in 1966. She attended the University of Montana, where she was a member of the Alpha Phi sorority. She married Kenneth N. Berg in Great Falls in 1969. The couple then moved to Missoula. They moved to Kalispell in 1976. She was working in Helena with the State Legislature at the time

of her death. Survivors include her husband Ken of Kalispell; a son, Kyle of Kalispell; one sister, Mrs. William (Vicki) Beaman of Helena; and her father, Clarence D. Watson of Helena. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society and to the Multiple Sclerosis Association. Private services were in Helena. Burial will be in the Conrad Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by the Retz Funeral Home of Helena.

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Resident of Whitefish died at North Valley

5 May 1979

Anna Evelina Elizabeth Berger, age 71, a resident of Whitefish, died at the North Valley Extended Care Center Saturday morning.

Mrs. Berger was born April 7, 1908 in Rockwell City, Iowa, a daughter of John and Helga Erickson. As an infant, she moved with her parents to North Dakota and in 1918 to Zurich, Montana, where she completed her schooling. She was married to Odin Palmer Berger in August, 1924 at Havre, Montana. In 1930 she and her family moved to Whitefish, where her husband preceded her in death August 19, 1949.

Mrs. Berger worked for the Great Northern and Burlington Railroad for 35 years as a clerk and retired in 1974.

She was a member of the V.F.W. auxiliary and the Women of the Moose.

She is survived by two sons, Odin P. (Bud) Berger of Ferndale, Washington and John K. Berger of Bellevue, Washington; one daughter, Mrs. Merle (Betty Ann) Torgison of Whitefish; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; one brother, Eldon Erickson in Michigan; four sisters, Marie Bangston, Rockwell City, Iowa, Alfield Lee, Chinook, Montana, Laveren Haskins, Ogden, Utah and Esther Reed, Missoula, Montana and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a daughter Gladys in 1937 and a daughter Erin in infancy.

Funeral services were conducted from the Austin Funeral Home, Tuesday at 2 p.m. with Dr. David Kauffman of the Christian Church officiating. Interment was made in the Glacier Memorial Garden Cemetery at Kalispell.