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Fishermen lead rescue workers to body of canoe spill victim

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HUNGRY HORSE — The body of Cynthia Calder, 22, the young Kalispell woman who drowned May 28 in a canoe spill in the West Glacier Canyon of the middle fork of the Flathead River, was recovered Saturday afternoon.

Her body had lodged in Monegan Hole, just upstream from the confluence of the Middle Fork and the South Fork, less than 200 yards from the point where the body of a second victim in that May 28 canoe spill was recovered.

The body of Michael S. Johnson, 24, of Kalispell was recovered 12 miles downstream from the canoe spill site June 1. His body was spotted by Ted Parod of Mountain West Helicopters while patrolling the river on a return flight from East Glacier.

It was fishermen who spotted Miss Calder's body: Doug Papineau of Libby, and Al Kropp from Ontario, Ore. The two men are married to sisters.

Papineau, who used to reside at Whitefish, had fished Monegan's Hole for 30 years. He brought his brother-in-law to try their luck Saturday afternoon. Papineau thought he spotted something unusual in the silt build-up in the old gravel pit which had helped build Hungry Horse Dam. He returned to

his vehicle for binoculars and was able to confirm his find.

Kropp went to Hungry Horse to notify authorities while Papineau remained to protect the scene.

"I had been involved in similar situations before," Papineau commented.

The North Valley Rescue Association responded with two men who already had spent many hours on the river in the 97-day effort to recover the girl's body. Coroner-Sheriff Al Riersno arrived at the scene and was able to make positive identification of the girl's body, ending more than three months of waiting and wondering if she would ever be found.

Her body, clad in clothing which almost camouflaged her in the silt and debris, was secured by North Valley Association members some 15 feet off a gravel bar — an extension of the one where Johnson's body was found — in about 3 feet of water.

Considering the amount of time the girl's body had been in the water it was in surprisingly good condition.

Rierson, looking upstream from the recovery site, called attention to a shallow channel which obviously during high water would have been filled. He theorized the two victims had been brought downstream by currents. The girl's body apparently had drifted through the small channel and into Monegan's Hole while Johnson's body had lodged in a small

patch of brush out of the main current.

It also was apparent to Rierson the draw down action at Hungry Horse Reservoir for the past month was partially responsible for keeping the girl's body in Monegan's Hole. The main current of the South Fork sets up a swirl at the mouth of the hole effectively setting up a barricade in the quiet water behind it.

With the river at low level for the past two days, it also is entirely possible the working gas reaction within the body could have floated it to the surface.

One North Valley Association member who had been on the river more hours than he can remember in recent months declared, "This has to be one of the most expensive recovery missions in the Flathead."

Rierson quickly agreed.

Already thousands of man hours have gone into the recovery effort. Rierson estimates at least \$4,000 has been expended as well. What started out as a river float trip May 28 ended up in the spill of three canoes. Eight people were dumped in the water, two of whom were not wearing life jackets: Calder and Johnson.

A heart-felt expression was uttered by one rescue association member at the scene, "Now we know for certain. Her family and friends will not have to wonder any longer."

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James W. Campbell, 60

1 Jan 1979

James W. Campbell died Monday at his home on Rt. 4, Kalispell. He was born Nov. 3, 1918 in Kalispell to Harry and Geneva Campbell. He attended the local schools and graduated in the class of 1938 from Flathead High School. He married Phyllis Logan Sept. 15, 1939 in Kalispell.

In 1940 he attended the San Francisco School of Mortuary Science and became the third generation in his family to follow

the funeral profession. He was co-owner of Waggener & Campbell Funeral Home until his retirement in 1965. He was a member of Trinity Lodge No. 152 A.F. & A.M. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Anna Ruth Devoe, and a grandson, Benjamin Walsten.

Surviving is his widow, Phyllis at home; two daughters, Mrs. Craig (Linda) Walsten, and Mrs. Paul (Kathy) Lykins, both of Kalispell; four

grandchildren and a step-brother, Roger Kensler, Troy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Johnson Chapel, Rev. Kenneth Young of the Central Bible Church, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorials have been suggested to the Spokane Artificial Kidney Center, Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane, Wash.

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ARTHUR JULIUS CARLSON

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Arthur Julius Carlson, 56, 26 Ridgewood Drive, died Saturday. Mr. Carlson was born June 1, 1923 in Sebeka, Minn. After his discharge from the U.S. Army he moved to Missoula and then came to the Flathead in the 1950s, where he worked as a sawyer for many years. He married Thelma Bruner in Kalispell in 1954. She preceded him in death in 1969. He married Alva Jappe Jan. 4, 1970. In 1976 he left working in the woods and went to work for the Conrad Memorial

Cemetery. Mr. Carlson was a member of Aerie #234, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and VFW Post #2252, Kalispell. Surviving besides his wife are two step-sons; 2 step-daughters; his half-brother, and 7 step-grandchildren. Memorial services were Tuesday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Russell Halaas of Northridge Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation was held in the Weatherford Crematory.

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Wayne W. Carlson, 65

12 May 1979

Wayne W. Carlson, 65, of 1046 Third Ave. W., died Saturday morning in the Kalispell Regional Hospital following a heart attack Friday.

Carlson was born Jan. 28, 1914, in Marquette, Neb., the son of Otto and Matilda Carlson. He graduated from high school there and later worked in the oil field in Wyoming. He was working in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, at the time of the attack of the island.

Carlson entered the Army Aug. 9, 1943, in Fort Warren, Colo., and served with the 361st Ordnance Maintenance Co. in Hawaii. He was discharged Feb. 9, 1946 at Fort

Logan, Colo.

On Oct. 6, 1946, Carlson married Mary Jo McDermott in Denver, Colo. The couple lived in Rangely, Colo., for one year where he worked for the Wasatch Oil Co. In 1947 he went to work for the Continental Oil Co. at Elks Springs, Colo. He worked for the company at their other oil fields in Fort Morgan, Colo., Cut Bank, and Dickinson, N.D., where he retired as production manager on July 31, 1970. The couple moved to Kalispell Aug. 1, 1970.

Carlson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church here; a former member of the Elks in Dickinson,

N.D. and a member of AARP.

Surviving besides his widow at home are three sisters, Mrs. Rhoda McAvoy of Billings, Mrs. Gilbert (Eva) Williams of Slater, Colo., and Mrs. Peter C. (Ada) Larsen of Hampton, Neb.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military rites by local veterans. The Weatherford Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests memorials to the church.

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Clara Carpenter, 82

11 Feb 1979

WHITEFISH — Clara G. Carpenter, 82, Whitefish, died Sunday at North Valley Hospital. She was born March 16, 1896, at Galesburg, N.D., the daughter of Mathias and Anna Brovick. She received her education in North Dakota.

She married Stanley Carpenter March 27, 1915, at Stanley, N.D. The couple later moved to Wolf Point, then Havre and to Whitefish in October 1931. Five children were born to the issue.

Mrs. Carpenter was a long-time Sunday School teacher at Christ Lutheran Church, Whitefish, and belonged to a number of women's groups including the American Legion Auxiliary and Vista Chapter 44, Order of Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Lyle and a daughter, Alta.

She is now survived by her widower at the family home, two sons, John and James, Spokane, and her daughter Mrs. Larry (Mardell) Sievers, Watford City, N.D., six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; a brother, Ember Barovick at Galesburg, and a niece, Orva Steffarud of Whitefish.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Neil Reudisili officiating. Following services the Austin Funeral Home will forward the body to Galesburg for memorial services and burial there.

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Columbia Falls man died in Whitefish

4 May 1979

Grant Leroy Carpenter, age 74, a resident of Columbia Falls, passed away in Whitefish on Friday. Mr. Carpenter was born on August 17, 1904 in Burwell, Nebraska. He received his education in Burwell. When he was 13 years old he moved to Wyoming, where he went to work in the Tea Pot Dome Oil Fields. Later he worked on the Fort Peck Dam construction.

He was married to Flora Sherry in Sidney, Nebraska in 1942. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. Since that time he had worked on various con-

struction jobs as a carpenter, retiring in 1968 with the completion of the Anaconda Aluminum Company construction.

He is now survived by his wife Flora at the family home; two step-daughters, Mrs. Lawrence (Arlene) Knaff of Glasgow, Mont. and Mrs. Dave (Thelma) Leitch of Seattle, Washington and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Van Leuven Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Hunter of the United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery.

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CARROUTERS, Nelli C., 92, of Whitefish, died Saturday morning in Whitefish hospital. Body will be cremated. Memorial services later in Chicago.

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Emma T. Case, 62

14 Apr 1979

Emma T. Case, 62, 435 W. Colorado, St., died in Kalispell Saturday. She was born March 3, 1917, in Montana and was a lifelong resident. She graduated from Great Falls High School. She worked for many years as a waitress.

In 1940 she married Victor Case in

Great Falls. He survives. She is also survived by one son, Victor Case, Jr., Seattle; two daughters, Patricia McElrath, Freewater, Ore., and Colleen Peterson, Bowbells, N.D.; three sisters, Lula Hein, Moses Lake, Wash.; Ellen Rudolph, Seattle, and Irene Waddell, Missoula, one

brother, Matt Pelto, California, and 10 grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Case will be at 2 Thursday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. John Rieth, pastor of the Faith Free Lutheran Church, officiating.

Cremation will follow the service.

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Jerry Casey, 42

23 Mar 1979

Word has been received that Jerry Casey, 42, a former Kalispell resident, died in Los Angeles, Calif., Friday.

Born in Kalispell in 1936, he was raised here and graduated from Flathead High School in 1954. He worked for B&B Stores Inc. and Buttrey's Super Stores in Kalispell.

Casey is survived by a daughter, Lou Ann of Los Angeles; his mother, Esther Nelson of Kalispell; his father, Paul Casey of Spokane, Wash.; and a brother, Scott of Spokane.

Services will be Tuesday in the McMillan Funeral Home of Los Angeles.

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Casper Casparian, 47

6 Aug 1979

Casper Casparian, 47, a former Essex resident, died Monday in New Jersey while on vacation.

At the time of his death, Casparian was the head of the New York State Civil Defense.

Casparian was born in Armenia. He attended school in Essex.

Survivors include his mother, his wife and three children.

Services were held Wednesday in the St. Thomas Armenian Church in Hohokus, N.J.

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Victor Cassan, 77

22 Jan 1979

Victor John Cassan, 77, 1147 S. Main St., died in Kalispell Monday following an extended illness. He was born June 24, 1901, in Acquaviva delle Fonti, Italy, a son of Victor Anthony and Mary Anna Cassano.

When he was 17, he immigrated to the United States, later moving to

Montana where he worked for the Glacier Park Company for 22 years. Sept. 13, 1941, he married Charlotte Louise Robinson. He made his home in Kalispell and worked as a lathe operator for the O'Neil Lumber Company. He was also employed at the

Devonshire Motel prior to his retirement.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He is now survived by his widow, Louise, four sons, Tony, Allan and Sundi all of Kalispell, and David, Deer Lodge; three sisters,

Angela, Laura and Pasqua and a brother, Domenico, all living in Italy; and six grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Cassan will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Paul E. Johnston officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home

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Dorothy Cassutt, 88

15 May 1979

POLSON — Dorothy Cassutt, 80, Yellow Bay, former state director of

child welfare, died Tuesday.

She was born Sept. 20, 1898, in Browning and grew up on her parents ranch.

She was a graduate of Oberlin College in Oberlin,

Ohio, with a degree in social services. She attended the University of Washington in Seattle and later received a master's degree in anthropology at the University of Colorado in Denver.

Mrs. Cassutt was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She served as Montana's director of child welfare for 10 years and later was director of child welfare in Wayne County, Detroit, Mich.

She retired in 1969 and moved to the east shore of

Flathead Lake.

She was a member of the Christian Science Church of Polson and the Order of Eastern Star in Bigfork.

She is survived by a son, Richard, Fort Benton, and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Mosley Chapel with G.A. Bertin as reader. The body will be cremated.

Memorials may be made to the Salish Shrine Club for the crippled children's hospital.

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Ira Cave, 77

May 1979

PLAINS — Services were held Monday at Plains for a former resident of Kalispell. Ira S. Cave, 77, died in Clarks Fork Valley Hospital after a lingering illness.

He was born Jan. 4, 1902, in Albion, Neb. He was married to Marie Prestage at Scobey Nov. 3, 1931.

He was a farmer in the horse and cattle business here at Kalispell from 1934 to 1947 when the couple moved to Sandpoint, Idaho.

Surviving him is his wife, Marie, at Plains; one son John of Bremerton, Wash.; two daughters, Norma Sexton, Wentzville, Mo., and Dorothy Benson, Plains; a sister, Jenevie McDaniel, Seattle, Wash.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Alcide Chabot is dead at 73 in Martin City

5 Sept 1979

Alcide John Chabot, age 73, of Martin City died at his home Wednesday morning.

Mr. Chabot was born June 24, 1906 in Rumford, Maine, a son of Alex and Clara Chabot. He received his early schooling at Rumford and when he was nine years of age moved with his parents to Saskatchewan, Canada where he resided for seven years and then moved to Tacoma, Washington. In 1936 he came to Montana and was married to Irene Morisette May 6, 1938 in Chinook. He and his wife then moved to Havre where Mr. Chabot worked for the Buttery Food Store. The family later moved to Fairfield where he farmed until 1951 when he came to Martin City and has been engaged in construction work since.

He was a member of St. Richards Catholic Church

and a fourth degree member of Bishop Gilmore Assembly #0591 of the Knights of Columbus of Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Irene at the family home in Martin City; two daughters, Rose Marie Chabot of Kalispell and Donna Chabot of Lubbock, Texas; one son, Dennis Chabot of Palisades, Idaho; one brother, Arthur Chabot, Tacoma, Washington and one sister, Clara Cormier, Nanimo, B.C., Canada, and nieces and nephews.

Rosary was recited from the Van Leuven Funeral Home Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated from St. Richards Catholic Church 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Interment was made in Glacier Memorial Garden Cemetery in Kalispell.

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Carol Chaffee, 84

22 Sept 1979

Carol Chaffee, 84, Immanuel Lutheran Home, died Saturday.

Mrs. Chaffee was born June 13, 1895 in St. Joseph, Mo., the daughter of John and Catherine Drinkard. She went to grade school and graduated from high school there.

In 1913 she married Bernard C. Roche. They lived in Williston and then moved to Kalispell in 1936. In 1943 she married George C. Chaffee. He preceded her in death in 1967.

For about 10 years she ran the Coffee Shop on Main Street where Flowers by Hansen is now. In 1976 she went to live in the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Mrs. Chaffee was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Altar Society of the church, Royal Neighbors

and a Kalispell Regional Hospital volunteer.

Surviving are her son, Dr. John D. Roche, Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. R. Gaylord (Eileen) Priest of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. William L. (Joan) Culver of Torrance, Calif.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Alice, in 1920, four brothers, and two sisters and her parents.

Rosary will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Weatherford Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Matthew's Church with the Rev. Father Emmett Kelly officiating. The family suggests memorials to the rectory building fund of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

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22 Feb. 1979

John W. Cheevers, 71

EUREKA — John W. Cheevers, 71, Trego area rancher, died Thursday at Mountain View Manor here. He was born Sept. 20, 1910, at Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

He married Milly Tobiska Oct. 29, 1933, at Sturgis, N.D. The family

moved to Trego in 1947 where he retired in 1974. He is now survived by four sons; John, Sandy, Ore., William, Hayden Lake, Idaho and Joe and Rocky, both of Trego; three daughters, Donna Schultz, Rosenberg, Texas, Betty Pomeroy, Kalispell, and Susan Rathbun,

Moscow, Idaho; 24 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Fortine Community Church. The Rev. Don Smith will officiate. Burial will be in the Fortine Cemetery. The Vial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Alma Christensen, 85

3 Nov. 1979

Alma Lenore Christensen, 85, retired school teacher of Bigfork, died Saturday in Kalispell. She was born Nov. 28, 1893, in Barnes, N.D., a daughter of Joseph B. and Helena P. Christensen.

She received her elementary and high school education in North Dakota and was a graduate of the Valley City Teachers College at Valley City, N.D. In 1922, she moved west to Washington where she taught school at Tacoma for many years. In May of 1959, she retired from teaching. In 1963 she moved to Woods Bay where she had made her home since that time.

She was a single woman and was preceded in death by five brothers, Edward, Arthur, Julius, George and Milford, and two sisters, Ephira and Clara. She is survived by one sister, Ina Halter of Polson, and two nephews, Deane Halter of Bigfork and John Christensen of Orange, Calif.

Funeral services for Miss Christensen will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Chapel with President Grant Stevens of the Bigfork Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Louis Christensen, 74

29 Dec. 1979

Louis LeRoy "Bob" Christensen, 74, died Saturday morning at his home at 688 First Ave., E.N., Kalispell.

He was born May 29, 1905, in Kalispell, a son of Charles and Laurine Christensen. When a young boy, he moved with his parents to Eastern United States where he received his education and spent his early life in Wisconsin and Michigan. At 26, having been preceded in death by his parents, he moved West again to live with his uncles, Theo and Ernest Christensen on their ranches in the North Fork. He was then employed with the National Park Service until 1936 when he moved to Kalispell and learned the floor covering trade and continued this occupation until his retirement in

1968. He was of the Lutheran faith having been baptized as a small boy with Judge Peter Weberg of Kalispell as his godfather.

He was an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman and enjoyed the outdoors and mountains.

In 1932 he married Daisy Green of Coram and is survived by her at the family home. He also is survived by two daughters, Laura Cardwell of Turner, Ore., and Roberta Brady of Missoula, one brother, Albert Clerc of Orange, Calif., one sister, Evalyn Provost of Hubbell, Mich., six grandchildren, Cathy Jo and Ty Brady of Missoula, Richard McKenzie, Debbie Ricketts, Tami and Tarral Seigfried, a great grandson, Brent Ricketts, all of the Salem and Turner area, and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral arrangements for Christensen will be announced later by the Johnson Funeral Home. The family suggest memorials be made to the Cancer Fund.

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4 July 1979

Harold C. Christiansen, 71

Harold C. Christiansen, 71, of 532 Seventh Ave. W., Columbia Falls, died Wednesday in the Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was a retired violin craftsman.

Christiansen was born Nov. 17, 1907, in Nora Springs, Iowa, a son of Henry C. and Clara Christiansen. He moved with his family to the Malta area and attended schools there, graduating in the class of 1928. He later graduated from the University of Montana.

Christiansen moved to Kalispell following college and worked for the Conrad National Bank.

During World War II, Christiansen served in the Air Corps. After discharge from the service, he was in

partnership in the Flathead Air Transport Co. He was a commercial pilot and instructor. After selling his interest, he moved to Alaska in 1958 and operated a music store. In 1976 he moved to Columbia Falls and retired.

Memberships of Christiansen include the Montana State Fiddler's Association, the Eagles and the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred A., whom he married April 28, 1934, in Libby; a sister, LaBonna Lovejoy of Malta; two brothers, Calyton of Farmington, N.M., and Loren of Springfield, Ore.

Christiansen's body was cremated. The Weatherford Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements and cremation.

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Worth Clack, 75

12 Aug 1979

Worth M. Clack, 75, long-time Kalispell resident, died at his home in Mesa, Ariz., Aug. 12.

Clack was born in Havre Aug. 12, 1904, the son of Philip D. and Cornelia T. Clack. He received his schooling there, graduated from Havre High School in 1924. He attended the University of Montana where he was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

In 1934, he married Irene Middleton of Berkeley, Calif., who survives him at the family home. He worked for the Standard Oil Company in California for four years and then returned to Montana where he was an engineer for the Montana Highway Department for 25 years. During World War II, he worked for the Army Corps of Engineers.

After his retirement in August 1967, the Clacks lived in Graham, Texas. They moved to Mesa in 1973.

Clack was active in Masonic work and was a member of Kalispell Lodge 13 of the Royal Arch Masons, Kalispell Lodge 42, AF&AM, and Algeria Temple, Helena. He was also a member of the Kalispell Rotary Club.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his son, David, Stockton, Calif.; four grandchildren; a sister, Cornelia Graham, Lake McDonald; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family requests memorials be sent to the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital, Spokane, Wash.

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Mrs. Selma G. Clair, 86, died on Friday afternoon in the Bigfork Convalescent Center, where she has resided for the past three years. She was born April 6, 1893, in Germany. When she was 15 years of age, she came to America. On Dec. 18, 1914, she was married to Joseph Clair in San Francisco. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1960. About seven years ago, she came to Montana from Vista, CA. She lived at Deer Lodge for about four years prior to moving to Bigfork. She also

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Lorean Christison, 62

10 Jan 1979

Kalispell friends have learned of the death of Lorean Wilson Christison, 62, formerly of Kalispell. She died Wednesday at

Helena. She was reared and educated in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School.

She married Archie Christison in 1940 and they farmed near Ashley Lake for many years. She was a member of the Church of Christ and taught Sunday School there.

She is survived by her widower; two sons, Donald, Roundup, and Jerry, Helena; three daughters, Bertie living in Arkansas, Bonnie at Great Falls and Wilma at the family home at Helena; a brother, Louis Wilson of Kalispell, and two sisters, Katie Lich, Kalispell, and Aliene Gosney, Sandpoint, Idaho.

Memorial services will be at the Church of Christ at Helena at a date to be set.

SELMA G. CLAIR

was preceded in death by one son. She is now survived by two sons, Lester Clair of Woods Bay and John Clair of Deer Lodge; one daughter, Mrs. James (Doris) Hamilton of Woods Bay; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Private services for Mrs. Clair were conducted Monday with the Rev. Herbert Cies officiating. Cremation followed the services with interment to be made in Walnut Creek, CA.

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30 Sept. 1979

Lyle H. Clare, 57

Lyle Henry Clare, 57, died Sunday at the family home, 780 Creston Hatchery Road, near Creston.

He was employed at the U.S. Fish Hatchery near Creston.

Clare was born Nov. 10, 1921, in Sanish, N.Dak., the son of Henry and Illyhia Clare. He graduated from the Sanish High School after which he entered the Army in September 1944. He served overseas in the Pacific area. Following his discharge in November

1946 he worked in construction for several years. He joined the U.S. Fish and Game Department and lived in Bozeman until he was transferred to the Creston Fish Hatchery where he was a biological technician for the past 25 years. He married Ardith Granger Nov. 8, 1953 in Lakeside.

Clare was a member of the Lakeside Chapel.

Surviving besides his widow, Ardith, are son, Jeffrey, Santa Clara, Calif.; brother LaVerne Clare, Kalispell and sisters, Mrs. Thomas

(Thalia) Birk, Whitefish and Marcella Malsed, Tacoma, Wash. He was preceded in death by one son, Steven, in 1978.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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19 Oct. 1979

George Clarkson, 78

George M. Clarkson, 78, of Polson, died at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish Friday.

Clarkson was born July 27, 1901, in Chinook, a son of Robert and Emma Clarkson. He received his early schooling in Chinook and then attended the Montana State College at Bozeman. He then moved to Havre where he was employed with the Great Northern Railroad for 40 years. He retired in 1967 and moved to Flathead Lake where he and his wife made their home, spending the winter months in Hawaii.

He was a well-known

musician in the Polson and Havre areas.

He was a member of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Havre where he had been head of the vestry. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge Enterprise 134 AF&AM of Havre and a past master of this lodge and the Algeria Shrine.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Clarkson of Polson; one sister, Susie Schlatter of Havre; and several nieces & nephews, including Dick Schlatter of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be conducted from the

Eliason Funeral Home Monday in Havre, with the Masonic Lodge giving ritualistic rites. Burial will be made in the Chinook Cemetery.

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9 Nov. 1979

Della Clement, 83

ARROYE GRANDE, Calif. — Della Turnell Clement, 83, of Arroye Grande, Calif., died Friday here. She was a 1914 graduate of Flathead County High School and attended her 50th and 60th class reunions.

She married Hall Clement and lived in Montana a number of years and later in Arroyo Grande.

She graduated from California Polytechnic Institute in 1939 afterward teaching school for a number of years.

Mrs. Clement is survived by her husband, four children, 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews, including some living in Kalispell.

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R. T. Cloninger, 60

3 Mar. 1979

Russel T. Cloninger, 60, Big Arm, died Saturday while visiting friends in Myrtle Point, Ore. He was born July 19, 1918 in Flora, Ore. and later moved with his family to Avery, Idaho and Farmington, Wash. He attended school in Avery and St. Maries, Idaho and graduated from the University of Idaho in 1941.

He married Elizabeth Buck of Boise, Idaho, on Aug. 3, 1941 in Clarkston, Wash. He was employed by the United States Forest Service from 1933 until his retirement in 1973. During that time he served as forest ranger in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, Sylvanite and Fortine ranger districts.

He was on the forest supervisors staff at St. Maries Idaho, and later was transferred to the division of operations at Region 1 headquarters in Missoula. At the time of his retirement, he was branch chief in charge of opera-

tions Division of Administrative Management in Washington, D.C. From 1944-46 he served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy in the Philippines.

He was a member of the Society of American Foresters, Masonic Lodge, VPOE 5 Valley Chapter of Good Sams and was past president of the Flathead Lakers Association.

Survivors include his widow, one son, Major David R. Cloninger, U.S.A.F., Panama City, Fla.; one daughter, Sylvia K. Weisenburger, Missoula; one brother, Frank Cole, Markston, Wash.; two sisters, Lucy Helke, Fermanston, Ore., and Joy Leahy, Spokane, Wash.; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Cremation services were in Coos Bay, Ore., Monday. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple Lodge in Missoula.

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Asa Clothier, 91

Asa Benton Clothier, 91, of Lakeside, died in Kalispell Monday evening.

He was born Dec. 15, 1887 in McDowell, Mo., a son of William and Aletha Clothier. In 1894 he traveled by covered wagon with his family to the Flathead Valley, where they homesteaded the land south of Ole Lee. The area was known as Walnut Grove and was a weigh station and a blacksmith shop.

Clothier attended school in Somers, then built the Old Red Schoolhouse, where he completed his schooling. He traveled about the country and was a cowboy at Broadus for a time. He was offered a job to take cattle to Argentina, but returned to the Flathead Valley to work with his father.

On Oct. 4, 1911, he married Leah Elizabeth Jones at Somers. The couple lived at Glen Lake for two years before moving to Lakeside, where Clothier hewed ties.

He later started a saw mill with his father at Lost Lake. They then returned to Lakeside, where they have since resided.

Clothier had been a fireman on the Wasco and Montana, which were boats on the Flathead Lake. He had helped

build the Somers Fish Hatchery and was employed as a fish culturist there for over 26 years. He had also stocked many of the smaller backwoods lakes with fish — both by pack horse and airplane. He also tended the hatchery at Rogers Lake and at Ashley Lake during the spring seasons.

He was preceded in death by one son, William Clothier, three brothers, Archie, Glenn and Babe Clothier; and a sister, Twila Ricketts. He is now survived by his wife, Leah E. Clothier, at the family home; six sons, Kenneth, Don and Darrell, all of Kalispell, Stanley of Minneapolis, Minn., George of Grand Coulee, Wash., and Neal of Lakeside; one daughter, Emma Lou Reid of Surgnor, Wash.; 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services for Clothier will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Johnson Chapel. The Rev. H.L. Weaver, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggest memorials be made to the Lakeside Chapel or to the Montana Association for the Blind.