

MEISSNER, Edgar D.  
The Petaluma Argus Courier  
1-1-1935

## **VETERAN DIES IN NAPA AT AGE OF 63**

Edgar D. Meissner, 63, overseas World War veteran, who served with the 143rd Field Artillery, 40th Division, died at the Veterans Home in Napa county on Tuesday morning following a long illness. The body has been brought to the John C. Mount funeral chapel in this city.

Mr. Meissner, a former resident of this city and of late years a resident of Oakland, is survived by his widow, Eva Meissner, and a son, Earl. He was the brother of Miss Kittie Meissnes of this city and George Meissner of Lodi, and a cousin of Mrs. Minnie Frohking, Mrs. Anna Ascherman and Fred Peterson of Petaluma.

Mr. Meissner was a native of Webster City, Iowa, and located in Petaluma many years ago.

VanALSTINE (MORRISON), Mrs. Imogene Lou

The Sacramento Bee

1-3-1935

# MRS. VAN ALSTINE, MILLINER OF PAST GENERATION, DIES

Widow Of Former Superin-  
tendent Of Capitol Buildings  
Succumbs In Oakland

Death has taken Mrs. Imogene Lou Van Alstine, a widely known milliner of Sacramento a generation ago and the widow of Edward Van Alstine, a lifelong Sacramentan and a superintendent of Capitol buildings and grounds in 1916 under Senator Hiram W. Johnson, then the governor of California.

Mrs. Van Alstine died New Year's Day in an Oakland hospital after an illness of three weeks.

Although her death was due primarily to arteriosclerosis, Mrs. Van Alstine had been falling in health since she was injured in an automobile crash about four years ago.

## Conducted Shop.

Long a Sacramentan, Mrs. Van Alstine for many years conducted the Van Alstine Millinery Shop on J Street, between Sixth and Seventh. She had charge of the millinery department of the old Non-pariel Store here in recent years.

Following the death of her husband in 1924, Mrs. Van Alstine traveled extensively and made her home in the Hotel Senator until she moved to Oakland in 1929.

## Owned Walnut Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Alstine owned a large walnut grove in the Carmichael district. The grove was one of the show places of the district.

Van Alstine, educated in Sacramento schools, had worked as a salesman for the Thomson Diggs Company and other concerns before he entered the service of the state during the incumbency of Governor Johnson. Johnson and Van Alstine were boyhood friends.

The body of Mrs. Van Alstine will be cremated in Oakland and the ashes will be brought to Sacramento for interment in the family plot of the City Cemetery.

Clark, Booth & Yardley are in charge of the local funeral arrangements.

HUGHES, William  
Oroville Mercury Register

1-10-1935

Hughes Brought  
To Butte County  
As Indian Waif

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When death claimed William Hughes, 77, Swede's Flat Indian, yesterday, his friends revealed the interesting story of how he came to California as a child of 2 years.

A caravan en route to California was attacked by Indians in Nevada. After the onslaught had been repulsed, an Indian baby was found near an Indian camp. One of the women in the caravan brought the child with her to California. When she died another woman cared for the boy, who was given the name of William Hughes.

Hughes had lived at Swede's Flat for many years.

His widow, who is nearly blind, still lives there.

When friends of the couple brought Hughes to the county infirmary, recently, they tried to induce her to remain, but she insisted on returning to Swede's Flat.

GARDELLA (RAPP), Ora  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-18-1935

**Mrs. Ora Gardella,  
Former Resident,  
Dies In Hospital**

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Mrs. Ora Rapp Gardella, former Oroville resident, died at Placerville hospital yesterday. She had been a patient in the hospital for two weeks and during that time had undergone three operations.

Mrs. Gardella was the wife of Charles Gardella of upper Placerville and was a native of Cherokee. She had attended the Oroville schools and had lived here all her life until about five years ago when she and her husband went to Placerville where they operated a service station. Gardella was formerly in the mining and ranching business here.

Funeral services will be held privately tomorrow afternoon at Thomas Chapel here. Burial will be in Oroville cemetery.

Survivors in addition to the widow are three sisters, Mrs. M. Miller of San Jose, Mrs. Catherine Crutcher of Oroville and Mrs. Eva Daly of Chico, and two brothers W. H. Rapp of Loyalton and A. F. Rapp of Eugene, Ore.



HIVELY, William

Sacramento Bee

1-26-1935

**LAST RITES ARE HELD  
FOR WILLIAM HIVELY**

LOYALTON (Sierra Co.), Jan. 26. The local Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge yesterday conducted funeral services for William Hively, who died Tuesday of a heart affliction.

The deceased was born in 1861 in Virginia. In 1881 he came West and settled in Yolo County. In 1895 he married Alice Esther Sweetman. In 1909 they moved to Loyalton. In September he would have been a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge fifty years. He leaves his wife.

GRANT, Charles E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-4-1935

## 'Gem Man' Of Cherokee, Dies

Charles E. Grant, 84, of Cherokee, known to many hundreds of Butte county residents and tourists as "the gem man," is dead.

Ill for several months, Grant died in his cabin at Cherokee, at 1 p. m. yesterday.

### Had Sailed The Seas

In his more active years, Grant had sailed the seven seas and had mined in Australia. Fifteen years ago he came to Cherokee, drawn by its mineral possibilities and the diamonds and semi-precious gems to be found there.

He mined for diamonds and for the other natural stones, developing great skill. Sifting the rocks and dirt he frequently found gems that he cut and polished in his workshop in his cabin. These he made into rings and other jewelry, which were sold to visitors.

### Became Institution

Always willing to show his gems to tourists and other visitors he became almost an institution at the once famous mining camp. Local residents, out for Sunday drives, stopped to call on him, and frequently brought their visitors from other sections to see the semi-precious stones.

Grant was born in Bangor, Maine, but he had lived in California 31 years. He had been a widower for many years.

Although he is survived by other sons and daughters, according to friends, they knew the name of only one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Shaw of Oakland.

Funeral arrangements, which will be in charge of the Thomas Funeral Home, today awaited word from Mrs. Shaw.

HORNING, Frank William  
Chico Enterprise  
2-7-1935

# Frank H. Horning Taken by Death

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Frank William Horning, 57, a native of Middletown, Lake county, died at 6:30 this morning at his home on Lindo avenue.

He was a member of the Adventist church and had resided here many years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Jessie Horning of Chico; a daughter, Mrs. Ivy Perry of Greeneville; the following sons, Frank Fulton, Merritt, Melvin and Wendell, all of Chico, and one sister, Mrs. Anna Chapman of Loma Linda, Calif.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by the Westfall funeral home.

HORNING, Frank William

Chico Enterprise

2-8-1935

# Horning Rites To Be Tomorrow

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Funeral services for Frank M. Horning, who died yesterday morning at his home on Lindo avenue, will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning in the chapel of the Westfall funeral home.

Burial will be in the Centerville cemetery.

GRANT, Charles E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-8-1935

## Graveside Service Held for Gem Man

Graveside funeral services for Charles E. Grant, who died Sunday in Cherokee, were held in Cherokee cemetery at 2 p. m. yesterday under auspices of the Thomas Funeral Home. A number of old friends attended the services, at which the Rev. Elmer Brinkmeyer officiated.



HORNING, Frank William  
Indian Valley Record  
2-14-1935

## **Death Of Frank Horning In Chico**

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Frank Horning, well known in Plumas county, died at his home in Chico last week. Mr. Horning was the father of Mrs. John Perry of Greenville. For a number of years he made regular visits to this part of the country and had many friends here.

VAUGHAN, Ernest  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-14-1935

## Ernest Vaughan, Local Boy, Dead

Ernest Vaughan, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Vaughan, died in a local hospital at 11 a. m. today.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Hamilton and Riley's.

The boy had been suffering from rheumatic fever for three weeks. He failed to rally from an operation for removal of a piece of bone from his left leg.

Besides his parents the boy is survived by a sister, Shirley, 4.

HORNING, Frank William  
Plumas Independent  
2-14-1935

**DEATHS**

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Died—In Chico, California, February 7 1935, Frank Wm. Horning, husband of Mrs. Jessie Horning of Chico: father of Mrs. Ivy Perry of Greenville and Frank, Merritt and Wendel Horning, all of Chico. Deceased was a native of Lake County, aged 57 years.

Abbey, Fred

Oroville Mercury 2-15-1935

# Fred Abbey Found Dead

Fred Abbey, 72, was found dead in bed in a cabin on the old Dan Williams place near Cherokee today.

The discovery was made when J. L. Jones, who had passed the cabin for a week without seeing Abbey investigated. He had died about a week ago, it was estimated. Death was attributed to natural causes.

The body was carried a mile and a quarter to the road by Undersheriff Bert Latever and Constable William Fitch. It was removed to the Thomas Funeral Home.

VAUGHAN, Ernest Thunen  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-16-1935

## **Funeral Service** **Held At M. E. For** **Ernest T. Vaughan**

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Funeral services were held this afternoon at the first Methodist Church for Ernest Thunen Vaughan, who died Feb. 14, Rev. John R. Wilkins officiating. Solos were rendered by Aaron Burt with Mrs. H. J. Cochran at the organ.

Casket bearers were Floyd Tarr, H. J. Cochran, Chester Deffenbaugh and Judd Carmen. The honorary pall bearers were members of Ernest's Sunday School Class. They were Wilbur Vaughan, Donald Downer, Donald Green, Robert Olsen, Howard Combs, Norman Schmidt, Dan Williams, Clifford Sanderson, Lyle Olsen, Wayne Olsen and Billy Vaughan.

Burial was in Cherokee cemetery. Hamilton & Riley directed.



ADAMS (SIMMONS), Mrs. Eva L.  
Chico Record  
2-28-1935

## DEATH BECKONS

### EVA L. ADAMS

Mrs. Eva L. Adams, 35, a native of Yankee Hill, died at her home here yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Adams, formerly an office nurse for Dr. J. O. Chiapella, had resided in Chico many years. She was the wife of Elbert Adams, local salesman.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Adams is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Taylor of Yankee Hill, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. D. C. Overton, Stirling City; Robert Simmons, Yankee Hill; Mrs. Eben Brown, Chico; Mrs. F. E. Fisher, Sacramento, and Frank Taylor of Yankee Hill.

Funeral services will be held at the Westfall Funeral Home at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, with the Rev. Harris Pillsbury officiating. Interment will be in the Chico Cemetery.

ADAMS, Mrs. Eva L.

Sacramento Bee

3-1-1935

### DEATHS.

**ADAMS--**In Chico Butte County. February 27, 1935. Mrs. Eva L. Adams, wife of Elbert Adams, daughter of Mrs. Mary Taylor of Yankee Hill, sister of Mrs. D. C. Overton, Stirling City; Robert Simmons, Yankee Hill; Mrs. Eben Brown, Chico; Mrs. F. E. Fisher, Sacramento, and Frank Taylor of Yankee Hill; a native of Yankee Hill, Butte County, aged 35 years. Funeral services will be held in the Westfall Funeral Home to-morrow at 10 o'clock, with Rev. Harris Pillsbury of the Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will be in the Chico Cemetery.

NISBET, John (Jack) Goldie

Oroville Mercury Register

3-4-1935

## Grandson Of City Judge Nisbet Dies In Sudden Attack

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Stricken with a heart attack, John (Jack) Goldie Nisbet, 17, junior at Oroville high school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nisbet, died suddenly at 11 p. m. Saturday.

Becoming ill at the county infirmary, where his father is employed, the youth arose from bed and walked to the surgery building to obtain some medicine. His father, who had missed him, went to the building, but the boy died almost at the moment the father found him lying on the floor. Friends said that the boy had lain on a cot in the surgery building and that inmates there assumed that he had recovered from the heart attack.

He apparently had been well when he retired at 10:30 p. m.

Besides his parents, the young man is survived by a brother, James, and by a sister, Burnice. He is the grandson of J. G. Nisbet, city clerk, and is survived by several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held at Hamilton and Riley's at 2 p. m. Tuesday with the Rev. Elmer Brinkmeyer officiating. Six officers of the high school cadet corps will be casket bearers, while other cadets will be honorary casket bearers, and one company of cadets will form a military escort. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

NISBET, John Goldie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-5-1935

# Cadet Company Takes Part In Nisbet Rites

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## High School Boys Act As Cas- ket Bearers at Burial of Their Young Friend

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A high school cadet company acted as escort and officers of the local cadet corps as casket bearers when funeral services for John Goldie Nisbet were held at 2 p. m. today at Hamilton and Riley's. The Rev. Elmer Brinkmeyer conducted the service.

Casket bearers were Captains Weiss and Kroeger, First Lieutenants Mitchell and Boehme and Second Lieutenants Ogle and Merian. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Hislop and Cadet Major Moseley were honorary casket bearers.

Burial was in Cherokee cemetery. The youth, a junior at Oroville high school, died Saturday night. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nisbet and the grandson of J. G. Nisbet, city clerk.

McGREGOR, Kate  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-11-1935

## Miss Kate McGregor, Pioneer Teacher Of Butte County, Dies

Miss Kate McGregor, 67, pioneer Butte county school teacher and a native of Cherokee, died Sunday at 4 p. m. at the family home 1648 High street.

Miss McGregor had lived practically all her life in Butte county and in Oroville for 26 years. She had taught school for 31 years and last taught at Lincoln in 1928.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Anna McGregor and Mrs. Mary E. Riley and two brothers, George H. and James A. McGregor. The latter is a former district attorney of the county.

Private funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys with the Rev. E. Brinkmeyer officiating. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.



ELLSWORTH, William  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-16-1935

# Aged Mining Man Killed When Tons of Canyon Rock Bury Him

## Another Prospector Across The River Attracted By Terrific Noise

A rock that he had accidentally dislodged while mining sent tons of rock sliding down the hillside on William Ellsworth, 65, killed on the Feather river yesterday, his friends believe.

"He had been working in the same location for several weeks," said P. H. Hoffing, another miner. "He must have undermined some rocks and have caused the slide."

Hoffing, who has a tent on the highway opposite the place where Ellsworth had been working, came to Oroville and notified the sheriff's office of the accident.

### Heard Terrific Roar

Hoffing was eating lunch when he heard a terrific roar as huge boulders slipped down the hillside battering and crushing the miner. The slide sent a cloud of dust into the air.

Ellsworth had been mining between the river and the Western Pacific railroad tracks on the east side of the stream, 3 1-2 miles above the first bridge, and had crossed the stream in a boat.

Seeing his body near the rock slide with his sluice box and shovel nearby, two miners, James Burke and Vernon Duke, ran a mile and a half up the highway to a cable crossing and hurried down the railroad track to the spot where the slide had occurred. They found Ellsworth dead.

### Inquest Held Tonight

Constable William Fitch and members of the county work gang had been sent to the scene after the report of the accident had reached the sheriff's office and it was not known whether the victim was alive. However, their services were not needed.

Ellsworth had lived for four or five years in a cabin about three-quarters of a mile from the spot where he was killed. Acquaintances said that he had come to California from Connecticut.

An effort was being made today to communicate with a brother, F. M. Ellsworth, believed to live in Stamford, Conn.

An inquest will be held at the Thomas Funeral Home at 7:30 p. m. today. Burial will take place in Cherokee cemetery tomorrow.

SALISBURY, James Franklin  
Woodland Daily Democrat  
3-22-1935

# F. SALISBURY DIES; RITES TO BE HELD SATURDAY

James Franklin Salisbury, 65, resident of Woodland for many years, died Thursday afternoon after being ill with pneumonia for a short time. Funeral services are to be held at the McNary Funeral Home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with entombment in the Woodland Mausoleum. Rev. C. C. Black will have charge of the service and the Elks will give the service at the Mausoleum.

### Born at Stockton

Mr. Salisbury was born in Stockton, December 22, 1869, and came to Woodland many years ago to establish his home. He was a rancher and held his land interests near here at the time of his death.



His first wife, the former Daisy Anderson of Stockton, died many years ago. Later he married Miss Kate Stephens, member of the pioneer Stephens family of Madison and Woodland, who survives him.

### Active Democrat

He was a member of the Yolo county Democratic county central committee preceding the present one and for many years took an active part in the Democratic activities in this county.

He also held membership in the Elks and Odd Fellow lodges.

Surviving are his widow, a grandson, Wilton Barber of Stockton; a brother, Thomas Salisbury of Berkeley and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Yocum of Oakland and Mrs. John Stephens of Madison.

DAVIES (MORGAN), Mrs. Prudence  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-26-1935

## Services Held For Mrs. Davies

Funeral services were held in Chico this afternoon for Mrs. Prudence Davies, 85, who died at her home in that city Sunday. Burial was in Chico cemetery.

Mrs. Davies was born in Glamorganshire, Wales, August 9, 1849, and came to this country via Cape Horn with her parents when she was six years old, with a party of Welch settlers who came up the Sacramento river as far as Marysville.

From Marysville Mrs. Davies went to Cherokee in 1856 during a gold



rush to that place. There she married Thomas Davies in 1870.

Seven children were born to this union, three of whom are still living.

Mrs. Davies moved to Chico in 1905.

DAVIES (MORGAN), Prudence  
Sacramento Bee  
3-26-1935

## Prudence M. Davies Funeral Is Held

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**CHICO (Butte Co.), March 26.—**The funeral services here to-day for Mrs. Prudence Morgan Davies, 85, marked the passing of a well known Chico church woman and early-day settler in Cherokee. Mrs. Davies died in Chico Sunday after a brief illness. Rev. Harris Pillsbury, pastor of the Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, officiated at the rites.

Mrs. Davies came to Butte County sixty-six years ago. She was a native of Glemmorganshire, Wales.

The deceased was the mother of Miss Jennie Davies, a clerk in the office of the Chico State Teachers College with whom she resided; Mrs. May Neville of Bluff, Utah, and Mrs. Gladys Smith of Oakland. A son, Leslie Davies, a well known Sacramento newspaper man, died several years ago.

Other relatives of the deceased are three grandchildren, Mrs. Ethel Hurd, a school teacher in Westwood, and Wanda and William Davies of Sacramento. Daniel Morgan of Cherokee, a well known cattleman, is a brother of the deceased.

NAPIER, Joseph E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-4-1935

## **J. E. Napier Of Oroville Dies**

Joseph E. Napier, 69, died in Thermalito last night.

He had lived in California five years. He has a wife and daughter in Detroit, Mich. Services will be in charge of the Thomas Funeral Home.



NAPIER, Joseph E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-6-1935

# Private Services

## For Jos. E. Napier

Private graveside services will be held for Joseph E. Napier Sunday at 3 p. m. with the Rev. J. R. Wilkins officiating.

Interment will be in the Cherokee cemetery under direction of the Thomas Funeral Home.

# Fred Thunen, Pioneer, Dead

THUNEN, Frederick William  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-13-1935

Death claimed one of Butte county's oldest native born citizens when Frederick William Thunen, 71, died at his home at 1472 Bridge street at 1:35 p. m. today after a long illness.

Mr. Thunen was born in Oroville and had spent his lifetime in the county. He had worked at the old Cherokee mine and had been an electrician. As such he had been employed on dredgers in the Oroville district. He was a brother of Charles Thunen of Oroville, who died a few months ago.

#### **Burial at Cherokee**

He had been retired for the last seven years and had been in ill health for several years.

He was a member of Oroville lodge 232, Knights of Pythias, and Citrus Camp 149 of the Woodmen of the World.

Survivors are his wife, Nettie I. Thunen; a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Brereton; a son, Fred W. Thunen Jr., all of Oroville; three grandchildren, Ralph and Isabelle Brereton and Betty Thunen, and three brothers, John A., of Westwood; William, of Weed, and Frank Thunen of Oakland.

Burial will take place in Cherokee cemetery. Funeral arrangements have not been completed. They will be in charge of Hamilton and Riley's.

THUNEN, Fred W.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-16-1935

**FRED W. THUNEN RITES  
AT CHEROKEE CEMETERY**

Funeral services for Fred W. Thunen were held at 2 p. m. today under direction of Hamilton and Riley. The Rev. John R. Wilkins officiated. Solos were sung by Mrs. Blanche Miles. Casket bearers were Mulford Fox, W. K. Palmer, James G. Nisbet, Herbert Taylor, M. W. Wells and Harry Curran.

Interment was in the Cherokee cemetery.

**Keegan, J. F.**

Oroville Mercury

4-18-1935

# **J. F. Keegan's Body Found In Yankee Wilds**

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**Former Las Plumas P. G. E.  
Employee Held Suicide by  
Sheriff Kister**

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## **RIFLE IN MOUTH**

**Discovery Made by Jack Reid  
And C. L. Ledshaw While  
On Lion Hunt**

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With the muzzle of a rifle thrust in his mouth, the body of J. F. Keegan, about 50, was found today in his automobile parked on a little used road leading to the Surcease mine east of Yankee Hill.

After a preliminary investigation, Sheriff Alvin S. Kister expressed belief that Keegan had committed suicide, and that he may have been dead a month or more.

The body was discovered by C. W. Ledshaw, state lion hunter, and Jack Reid, Oroville sportsman, while on a lion hunting trip.

### **Worked at Las Plumas**

They notified the sheriff's office and Sheriff Kister and Constable Fitch visited the spot.

Keegan is believed to have ended his life with a 30-30 calibre rifle. His body was partly covered with a blanket.

Although he formerly worked at Las Plumas for the P. G. and E., he had been mining in recent months. He was believed to have been without funds. He had been seen in Oroville in January.

W. M. Thomas, deputy coroner, was notified and took charge of the body, while the investigation into the man's death was continued.

Keegan was a member of the Eagles lodge here.



# Lunt, Mrs. Frances

Oroville Mercury 4-19-1935

## Mrs. Lunt Of Yankee Hill, Pioneer, Dies

Mrs. Frances Lunt, 81, postmaster at Yankee Hill for many years and one of the oldest native born residents of Butte county, died at her home yesterday at 11:30 a. m. She had been ill for three weeks.

Mrs. Lunt was born in Magalia, May 23, 1854, and was one of the first white girls in that section of the county. Her father was one of the first merchants in Magalia. He had come from North Carolina during the gold rush.

### Moved to Yankee Hill

The family lived for a number of years at Magalia, later moving to Yankee Hill, where her father was a miner.

Mrs. Lunt married Edwin R. Lunt of Maine, who had taught school in the Yankee Hill district. Mr. Lunt died more than 25 years ago.

As a young woman Mrs. Lunt spent much of her time administering to the sick, often traveling for many miles. She was known as a woman of high character and had many friends, although she spent much of her time in her home.

### Postmaster for Years

She had been postmaster at Yankee Hill for many years.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edwina Harding of Marysville; a son, Oliver H. Lunt of Yankee Hill; one grandson, Donald Lunt, a student at Woodland high school; a sister, Mrs. Martha Wahl, and a brother, James I. Smith, both of Berkeley.

Funeral services will be held at the family home at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, under direction of Hamilton and Riley's. Interment will be in the family plot at Yankee Hill.

**Lunt, Mrs. Nancy Frances**  
**Oroville Mercury 4-22-1935**

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**Many CCC Youths**  
**At Lunt Funeral**

Sixty CCC boys from Concow camp were among the many friends of Mrs. Nancy Frances Lunt, 81, postmaster of Yankee Hill, who died Thursday.

The boys, who had become acquainted with Mrs. Lunt as postmaster and had become fond of her, asked permission to attend the rites, held at the Lunt home at 2:30 p. m. yesterday. The Rev. Mark Hodgson of Thermalito officiated. Aaron Burt sang, accompanied by Mrs. Lula Hogan Wasley.

Casket bearers were R. D. Newman, P. W. Thayer, E. F. Hodapp, Lew Jones, Dave B. Ogle, Walter Odneal and Oscar Pitt and Natle Fazio, the latter CCC youths.

The CCC enrollees carried the flowers from the home to the cemetery, a quarter mile away, in which Mrs. Lunt's parents and her husband are buried. Arrangements were in charge of Hamilton and Riley's.

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Nancy Francis Smith  
Mrs Theodore Busch,  
Mrs Edwin Ruthuen Lunt



McGAUGHEY (HENGY), Mrs. Rae Tyre  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-24-1935

## **Mrs. Rae McCaughey Dies Suddenly At Home in Oakland**

Friends of Mrs. Rae Tyre McCaughey today learned of her death in Oakland late Tuesday night.

While Mrs. McCaughey had been in ill health for several months, recent improvement offered encouragement and her death was unexpected.

During the early winter, Mrs. McCaughey visited at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hengy, and later spent several weeks in Vancouver, B. C., in further effort to recuperate.

Mrs. McCaughey was the wife of the late Dr. Carl Wilson McCaughey, formerly of Oroville, and was born at Oregon City. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Lee Cameron of Oakland, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Eva Hengy Meissner of Oakland; Mrs. Jessie Hengy Coggins of Petaluma, and W. B. Hengy and A. M. Hengy of Oroville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hengy will leave for Oakland Thursday.

Funeral services will be held Friday. Definite arrangements have not been announced.

# Clark, William C.

Oroville Mercury 4-25-1935

## Wm C. Clark, Yankee Hill Man, Passes

Former Deputy Sheriff And  
Marshal, Once a Miner  
Found Big Nugget

William C. Clark, 71, of Yankee Hill, former deputy sheriff and deputy United States marshal, died at his home at Yankee Hill last night of heart trouble.

Clark found the largest gold nugget ever discovered in Nevada. Because the nugget was found in a badger hole, it became famous as the "badger nugget."

Clark at one time was a deputy United States marshal in Nevada and also served in a similar capacity in upper California during construction days on the Western Pacific railroad.

His work as a deputy marshal was principally in Plumas and Lassen counties.

He also was a deputy sheriff in Plumas county, and also served in the office of A. E. Morton, former county assessor.

While living in Nevada, he was a reporter for the Reno Gazette.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Oleta Johnson of Oakland; three brothers, B. F. Clark, John A. Clark and R. R. Clark, all of Yankee Hill, and a sister, Mrs. Kate Josephson of Westwood.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Yankee Hill under auspices of the Thomas Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Clark family cemetery.

CLARK, William C.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-25-1935

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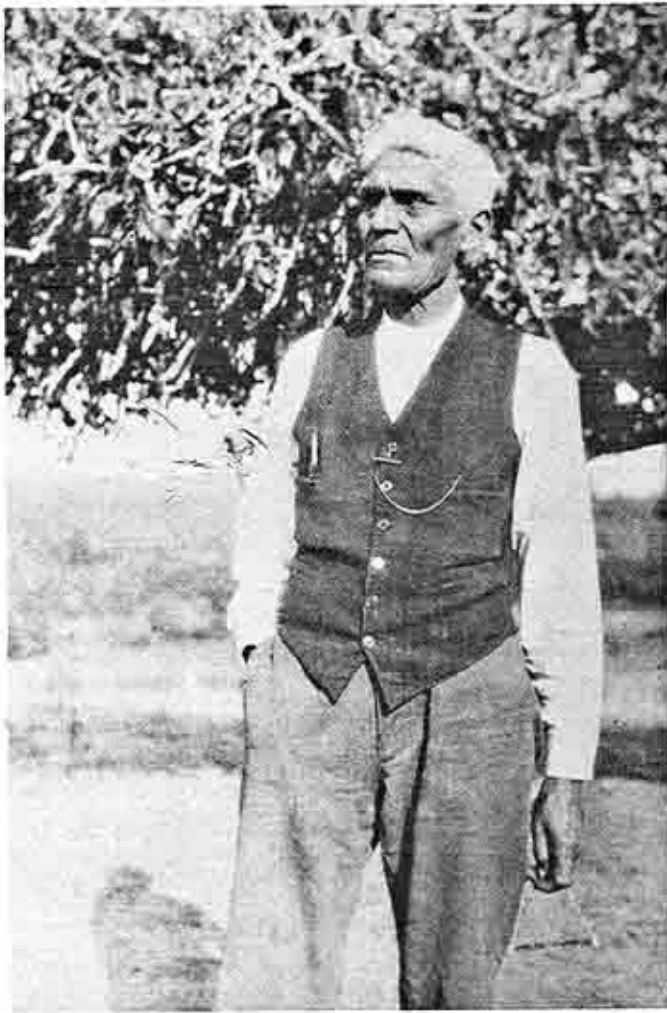
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# Clark, William C.

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APRIL 26, 1935

## Friends Recall Clark Activities

Friends of William C. Clark, 71, of Yankee Hill, who died at his home in Yankee Hill Wednesday night, told many interesting stories today of his varied career.

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## Death Summons William C. Clark, Old Time Officer

1935  
OROVILLE (Butte Co.), April 26.—Funeral services for William C. Clark 71, of Yankee Hill, a former deputy sheriff and deputy United States marshal who died in Yankee Hill Wednesday, will be held there Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the family cemetery under the direction of the W. M. Thomas Funeral Home.

Clark is said to have discovered the largest nugget ever found in Nevada. The discovery was made in a badger hole and the nugget was called the badger nugget.

He was a former deputy sheriff in Plumas County and was deputy marshal in Nevada and Superior California counties during the building of the Western Pacific railroad. He also was a reporter on the Reno Gazette at one time.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Oleta Johnson of Oakland; three brothers, B. F., R. R. and John A. Clark, all of Yankee Hill, and a sister, Mrs. Kate Josephson of Westwood.

CLARK, William C.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-26-1935

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CLARK, William C.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-29-1935

## **Last Rites Held For Wm. C. Clark**

Funeral services for William C. Clark who died at Yankee Hill Apr. 24 were conducted yesterday by the Rev. J. R. Wilkins at the family cemetery at Yankee Hill.

A great many old friends attended, and several from Oroville. Many floral offerings attested the esteem in which he was held.

The Thomas Funeral Home had charge of arrangements. Casket bearers were William Ismert, Earl Lightel, Harry Wormley, Al Erickson, Lew Jones and Del Wright.



MELICK, Robert  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-2-1935

# Robert Melick, Native, Passes

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Robert Melick, 70, died in Thermalito early today.

He was a native of California, and lived in Thermalito.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Frank Bassonette of Portland and Mrs. G. Scheufele of Bend, Ore.

Funeral arrangements will be in charge of Hamilton and Riley's.

MOORE, Gladys May  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-3-1935

## **Concow Girl's Death Laid To Bad Appendix**

**Autopsy Performed by Physi-  
cian to Ascertain Cause  
of Demise**

Gladys May Moore, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore of Concow, died at the family home at 10:45 a. m. yesterday. An autopsy performed by Dr. Raymond Kilduff revealed that death had been caused by peritonitis, caused by a punctured appendix.

She is survived by her parents and by eight brothers and one sister: Milton, Albert, Milo, Raymond,

Neoma, Ralph, Harold, Donald and Wesley Moore. Albert Moore lives in Council Bluff, Ia.

Burial will take place in the Butte county cemetery Sunday. Hamilton and Riley's will be in charge.

MOORE, Gladys May  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-4-1935

# **YANKEE HILL BURIAL SUNDAY**

Burial of Gladys May Moore, 9, will take place at Yankee Hill cemetery Sunday at 2:30 p. m., it was announced today by Hamilton and Rileys.

CARD, Joel D.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-4-1935

## **Joel D. Card, Early Butte Settler, Dies**

**Thermalito Resident 46 Years  
Helped Lay Out First  
Streets There**

Joel D. Card, 68, who came to Thermalito 46 years ago when it was a bare plains and who later helped lay out the first streets in the community, died at his home there at 10:30 p. m. Friday night. He had been suffering from a heart ailment.

Born in Lodi, Mr. Card came to Butte county with his parents when a boy 9 years old. The family settled at Biggs but two years later moved to Sherman Ravine near Table Mountain. The family lived there eight years and moved to Thermalito where Mr. Card lived up to the time of his death.

Surviving him are the widow, Mrs. Sarah Card, three daughters, Mrs. Belle Jenkins of Sebastopol, Mrs. Alice Norton and Mrs. Inez Waugh of Quincy; one son LeRoy Card of Thermalito; a sister, Mrs. Lilly Acock of Portland, Ore., and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2:30 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys with the Rev. J. R. Wilkins officiating. Burial will be at Clear Creek cemetery.

MELICK, Robert  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-4-1935

## Melick Funeral To Be Held On Tuesday

Funeral services for Robert Melick, 70, who died in Thermalito Thursday, will be held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at Hamilton and Riley's. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

Arrangements were made today following arrival here of two daughters, Mrs. Frank Bissonette of Portland and Mrs. George Scheufele of Bend, Ore.

CARD, Joel D.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-8-1935

## Funeral Services Held For J. C. Card

Funeral services for Joe D. Card, who died Friday, were held at Hamilton and Riley's at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday. The Rev. J. R. Wilkins conducted the rites and Mrs. Lula Hogan Wasley sang.

G. B. Blanchard, William Fitch, Virgil Peachy, Albert F. Chase and Homer and Henry Lutz were casket bearers.

Burial was in Clear Creek cemetery.



MELICK, Robert  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-8-1935

## **Last Rites Held For Robt. Melick**

Funeral services for Robert Melick, who died May 2 in Thermaito, were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at Hamilton and Riley's. The Rev. J. R. Wilkins officiated. Music was played by Mrs. Lula Hogan Wasley. Casket bearers were Jess Sank, Herman Cochran, Sigurd Ulstad and Frank Hazel. Burial was in Cherokee cemetery.

GARBER, Mrs. Evelyn  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-23-1935

## **Mrs. Evelyn Garber, Old Time Resident Of Pentz, Succumbs**

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PENTZ — Mrs. Evelyn Garber, 83, an old resident of Pentz was buried last week in Chico. For the past few years she had been living in Sacramento with a daughter. She crossed the plains at the age of two years and settled with her parents here. Mrs. Rose Churchman of Cherokee and Mrs. Frank Lynch of Pentz are nieces of the deceased.

ROWE, Mrs. Frances E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-28-1935

# Frances Rowe Dies, Oakland

Mrs. Frances E. Rowe of Yankee Hill, died in Oakland yesterday at the home of her sister, Mrs. May Stoffels, following a long period of illness. Mrs. Rowe went to Oakland two weeks ago.

Funeral services will be held at the Thomas Chapel here Wednesday at 3 p. m. Burial will be at the Oroville cemetery.

Mrs. Rowe was born on a ranch on Dry Creek in Butte county and had lived in the county all her life. She had lived in the vicinity of this city for over 30 years.

Survivors are the husband Frank Rowe, one son, Ira Rowe, both of Yankee Hill, two sisters and three brothers. The sisters are Mrs. Hattie Smith of Gilroy and Mrs. Stoffels; the brothers are Frank and Winnie Moore of Yankee Hill and Clarence Moore of Sacramento.

DAVIS, Angie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-5-1935

## Cherokee Native Passes In Sutter

YUBA CITY—(VNA)— Miss Angie Davis, 64, native of Cherokee, Butte county, died yesterday at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Nielsen in Sutter City. Funeral services will be held here Thursday morning and interment will be made in the Davis family plot at Corning.

GRAMPS, Lulla Rose  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-15-1935

# Infant Daughter Of Pulga People Dies of Pneumonia

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Funeral services were held this afternoon for Lulla Rose Gramps, three months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gramps of Pulga. Burial was in the Gramps cemetery at Pulga.

Death occurred from pneumonia. A brother and a sister survive in addition to the parents. Hamilton and Rileys were in charge of directions.

LOGUE, Joseph Frank  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-5-1935

## **Joseph F. Logue, Cattleman, Dies**

Joseph Frank Logue, 59, Oregon City cattleman, died in Thermalito at 3 p. m. yesterday of paralysis. He was born in Oregon City.

He is survived by a sister, Mary T. Logue; a brother William Logue, both of Oregon City, and a brother, Charles John Logue of Las Plumas.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday at St. Thomas Catholic church, under auspices of Hamilton and Riley's. Burial will be in the family plot in Oroville Catholic cemetery.



LOGUE, Joseph Frank  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-8-1935

## **Service Held for Joseph F. Logue**

Funeral services for Joseph Frank Logue were held at 10 a. m. today in St. Thomas Catholic church. The Rev. P. J. McCarthy was assisted by Kenneth Gross of Oakland as altar boy.

Casket bearers were Albert Grummett, Ed James, George Duensing, Tony Nunes, Charles Fisher and Charles Johnson.

Burial was in the family plot in Oroville Catholic cemetery.

RILEY (McGREGOR), Mary E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-10-1935

## Mary E. Riley, Pioneer, Dead

Native of Cherokee; Had  
Taught 37 Years

Mrs. Mary Emma Riley, a native of Cherokee and lifelong resident of Butte county, died last night at her home, 1684 High street. Death resulted from a lingering illness.

A teacher for 37 years, mostly in Butte county, Mrs. Riley had retired in 1928 on a pension. Her last school was in Lincoln.

She was a member of Josephine Chapter No. 104, Eastern Star, of Chico and a member of the Oroville Methodist Church.

Surviving is one son, Winfield McGregor Riley of Chico, a sister, Miss Anna McGregor and two brothers, James A. and George H. McGregor, all of Oroville. A granddaughter, Mrs. Mirriam Leola Hitt and two great granddaughters, Sharon and Nanon Hitt of Chico also survive.

Funeral services will be held at Hamilton and Rileys Thursday at 2 p. m. Graveside rites will be held at Cherokee cemetery under auspices of the Chico Eastern Star. The Rev. John R. Wilkins will officiate.

CLARK, Mrs. B. F. (Annie)  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-11-1935

## Mrs. B. F. Clark Of Yankee Hill Dies

Mrs. B. F. Clark, 51, of Yankee Hill died Wednesday afternoon at her home there. Death followed a short illness.

Graveside funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a. m. at Yankee Hill at the family burial grounds.

Mrs. Clark was born in Mendocino county and had lived at Yankee Hill for thirty years.

Surviving are the husband, B. F. Clark, and the following children: Vera Clark, Mrs. Katie Ramsey, Arilee Clark, Benjamin Clark, Adrian Clark, Mrs. Helen Jones, Madeline Clark, George Clark, Bernice Gramps.

Arrangements are in charge of Thomas Chapel. The Rev. John R. Wilkins will officiate.

RILEY (McGREGOR), Mary Emma

The Sacramento Bee

7-11-1935

**RILEY**—In Oroville, Butte County, July 10, 1935, Mrs. Mary Emma Riley, mother of Winfield McGregor of Chico; sister of Miss Anna McGregor, James A. McGregor and George H. McGregor, all of Oroville; a native of Cherokee, Butte County; aged 70 years. Funeral services held to-day in the Cherokee Cemetery under the direction of Hamilton & Riley of Oroville. Rev. John R. Wilkins officiated. Rites were conducted by the Chico Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

ENGLAND (BELL), Mrs. Marie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-19-1935

## **Mrs. Marie England Dies At Home Here Of Heart Ailment**

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Mrs. Marie Bell England, 69, died at 3 p. m. yesterday at her home in Pacific Heights of a heart ailment. She had lived in Oroville 20 years and owned a ranch at Bloomer Hill.

She is survived by her husband, W. M. England, a son, Arthur Bell, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Thomas Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

JOHNSON, Benjamin C.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-20-1935

## **Butte Resident 56 Years Passes**

Benjamin C. Johnson, 74, of the Southside, died in Thermalito last night. He had lived in California and Butte county 56 years. His only known relative is a stepson, Luther Walls of Weed.



# Katie Thunen, Pioneer, Dies

Had Lived in Oroville Over  
Half Century

Mrs. Katie E. Thunen, widow of Charles G. Thunen, died at 5 p. m. yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Katherine Vaughan, 2850 Myers street, following an illness of several months.

She was born in San Francisco 67 years ago, but had lived in Oroville 53 years. Her husband, an Oroville business man, died July 1, 1934.

Mrs. Thunen was a member of Citrus Circle No. 117, Neighbors of Woodcraft.

#### Lived at Cherokee

She spent her early life in Cherokee, where she attended school. She met Mr. Thunen in Cherokee and they were married 47 years ago. For 44 years the Thunens made their home at 1464 Bridge street.

She was talented in art and needle work and made many oil paintings.

#### Four Children

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Vaughan; three sons, George W. Thunen of Sacramento, Lewis C. Thunen of Oakland and Howard M. Thunen of San Jose; by a sister, Mrs. William Walsh of Oakland and by four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow at Hamilton and Riley's under auspices of the Neighbors of Woodcraft. Burial will be in the family plot in Cherokee cemetery.

THUNEN, Katie E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-20-1935

JOHNSON, Benjamin C.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-22-1935

## **Benj. C. Johnson Rites Tomorrow**

Last rites for Benjamin C. Johnson who died in Thermalito July 19, will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys. The Rev. John R. Wilkins will officiate. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

THUNEN, Mrs. Katie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-22-1935

## Services Held For Mrs. Thunen

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie E. Thunen were held Sunday afternoon at Hamilton and Rileys. A large crowd of friends of Mrs. Thunen attended.

Citrus Circle No. 117, Neighbors of Woodcraft had charge of the rites, assisted by the Rev. John R. Wilkins. Solos were sung by Mrs. Blanche Miles, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. George N. Westwood.

Casket bearers were: George L. Ackerman, J. H. Boring, C. E. Hughes, John C. Myers, O. A. Peter and George N. Westwood.

Burial was in the family plot at Cherokee cemetery.

ENGLAND (BELL), Mrs. Marie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-24-1935

## **Final Rites Held For Mrs. England**

Funeral services for Mrs. Marie Bell England were held Monday afternoon at Thomas Chapel. The Rev. John R. Wilkins officiated and Mrs. E. F. Brinkerhoff played organ solos.

Burial was in Cherokee cemetery. Casket bearers were Fred Klise, Tom Thomas, William Fitch, William Hottman, L. Lamear and Ted Gaffney.

WELLINGTON, Sidney  
Oroville Mercury  
7-27-1935

# Sid Wellington Of Yankee, Dies

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Sidney Wellington, 70, well known Butte county mining man, died in a local hospital early today following a stroke suffered yesterday.

Wellington was born at Crescent Mills, but had spent virtually all his life in Butte county. Most of the time he had lived at Yankee Hill. He had mined up until ten years ago, when he retired.

A son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wellington live in Oroville.

Graveside services will be held at Yankee Hill cemetery at 2:30 p. m. Monday, with the Rev. J. R. Wilkins officiating. Arrangements will be in charge of Hamilton and Riley's.

CHAMBERS (BENJAMIN), Carrie (Carolyn)  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-27-1935

## **Carrie Chambers, Pioneer of Butte, Expires In Chico**

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Mrs. Carrie E. Chambers, 63, pioneer Butte county resident, died last night in Chico, where she had lived for 28 years. She was born in Cherokee, June 3, 1872.

She is survived by three sons and three daughters. She is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Etta Benjamin of Oroville and an aunt of Henry Allen, formerly of Oroville but now of Chico.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday at the Westfall Funeral Home, Chico. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.



CHAMBERS (BENJAMIN), Mrs. Carrie (Carolyn)

The Sacramento Bee

7-29-1935

**CHAMBERS—**In Chico, Butte County, July 26, 1935, Mrs. Carrie E. Chambers, mother of John Chambers, Mrs. Theresa West, Josie Chambers, Ray Chambers, Leo Chambers and Mrs. Vera Northrup, all of Chico; aunt of Henry Allen of Chico, Del Benjamin of Hamilton City, May Benjamin of Sacramento, Robert Allen and Gomer Hopkins of Nevada City; a native of Cherokee, aged 63 years. Funeral services to-day. Interment in the Cherokee Cemetery.

CHRISTENSEN, Fred S.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-15-1935

## **F. S. Christensen Funeral Friday**

Funeral services for Fred S. Christensen will be held at Thomas Chapel Friday at 2 p. m. He was killed Tuesday afternoon when a powder cache discharged prematurely at the Belden camp on the Feather river highway.

Besides the widow, Mrs. Wanda Christensen, he leaves three children, Bobby, Elsie and Donna, all of Thermalito. Burial will take place in Cherokee cemetery.

CAMPBELL, Arthur Stewart  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-10-1935

# Art Campbell Dies, Crushed Between 2 Ore Trucks At Mine

Oroville Man Cranked  
Machine While Still  
In Gear

BUTTE NATIVE

Is Killed Instantly;  
Members of Family  
Living Here

Arthur Stewart Campbell, 23, of Oroville, was instantly killed at 1 a. m. today at the Hintz mine, near Centerville, when his head was crushed between two ore trucks.

Campbell had cranked one truck which was in gear. It moved forward quickly, crushing him against the rear of the other truck. The body was taken to Chico by Delmar McCune of the Westfall Funeral Home and was removed to Oroville by Hamilton and Riley this afternoon.

Campbell had worked at the mine, 13 miles north of Chico, for the past several months. He was born in Cherokee and had lived in this part of the county all his life.

Funeral services will probably be held here Thursday with burial in Cherokee cemetery.

Surviving Campbell are his mother, Mrs. E. J. Campbell of Oroville and the following brothers and sisters: Mark H. Campbell of Meridian, Mrs. Mae Mitchell of Oroville, Edward J. Campbell of San Francisco, Leonard F. Campbell of Oroville, Mrs. Romy Estorga of Oakland, Mrs. Mervin Brink of Biggs and Harold A. Campbell of Oakland.

CAMPBELL, Arthur

Sacramento Bee

9-10-1935

# TRUCKS CRUSH BUTTE MINER

## Arthur Campbell, 25, Of Oroville Is Caught Between Two Vehicles

CHICO (Butte Co.), Sept. 10.—Arthur Campbell, 25, of Oroville, a miner, was killed instantly at the Hintz Mine about thirteen miles above Chico at 1 o'clock this morning. His head was crushed between two trucks.

Campbell was a brother-in-law of Captain Grover S. Mitchell of the state highway patrol. Deputy Coroner W. V. West will hold an inquest at the mine this afternoon.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Josephine Campbell of Cherokee; three sisters, Mrs. Mae Mitchell of Oroville; Mrs. Josephine Brink of Biggs and Doris Campbell of Oakland; three brothers, Leonard, Edward, both of Oroville and Mark Campbell of Meridian. He was a native of Oroville and had resided here all of his life.

Funeral arrangements will be made by Hamilton and Rileys of Oroville.

CAMPBELL, Arthur Stewart  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-11-1935

# **Arthur Campbell**

## **Rites Tomorrow**

Funeral services for Arthur Stewart Campbell, 23, of Oroville, accidentally killed near Centerville early yesterday, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Hamilton and Riley's. The Rev. John R. Wilkins will officiate. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

BEAVERS, James A.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-7-1935

## James A. Beaver

### Dies at Home Here

James A. Beavers, 62, died Friday at his home 2608 Myers street after a long illness. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Frances E. Beavers; three sons, H. L. Beavers of Stirling City, Bryan A. and Alford L. Beavers of Oroville; one sister, Mrs. C. A. Walsh, and James W. Lewis, an adopted son. Graveside services will be held in the Chico cemetery Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Thomas Funeral Home will be in charge of funeral arrangements.



BEAVERS, James A.  
The Chico Enterprise  
10-9-1935

# Graveside Rites For J. A. Beaver

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Graveside rites for James A. Beaver, 62, a native of Butte county, who died Saturday at Oroville, were held yesterday afternoon in the Chico cemetery, the Rev. Henry Alkire of the Broadway Methodist church officiating.

Accompanied by an organ which had been taken to the graveside the Harmony Trio sang beautiful and appropriate numbers.

Beavers for a number of years was connected with the United States department of justice as a "trailer" of criminals in the mountain districts.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Frances E. Beavers; three children, H. L. Beavers of Stirling City, B. A. Beavers and A. L. Beavers of Oroville, and a sister, Mrs. C. A. Walsh.

DURETT, Oliver  
Plumas Independent  
10-10-1935

# Palermo Boy Killed By Accidental Shot

The body of Oliver Durett, aged 21 of Palermo, was shipped to that place Tuesday night for burial, following the most tragic hunting episode that occurred in the Plumas forest this season. Durett, in company with his friend, Denver Huse, and Ted Tokumo, a Japanese, all of Palermo, had completed a hunting and camping trip near the Gold Stripe Mine, located a few miles to the southwest of Greenville, and were packing their car in anticipation of returning home.

Tokumo was unloading his gun, and in some accidental manner discharged the rifle, the bullet finding Durett as a target. The young man vindicated his friend of all blame, stating that it was entirely accidental. He was brought to the Plumas County hospital late that afternoon, but despite medical aid, passed away that evening. Tokumo, the

discharger of the gun, has been horrified at the fate of "his best friend" of many years.

Durett is survived by his father and brother, Lee Durett, also of Palermo.

WORCESTER, Edward Franklin  
Arizona Republic  
10-28-1935

## ***Well Known City Resident Dies***

Ed F. Worcester, resident of Arizona 35 years and active in many lines, died Saturday in his home, 3838 North Seventh street.

Mr. Worcester was owner and operator of the barber shop at 39 East Monroe street; built the Arbor dance hall and operated it for many years; was superintendent of the grandstand at the Arizona State Fair for 13 years and was widely known among the old-time horse breeders for breeding of trotters and pacers.

A native of Lowell, Mass., Mr. Worcester was 66 years old and a member of the Foresters, Odd Fellows and Elks.

Surviving are his wife, Stella, and two sons, Earl F. and Stanley E., all of Phoenix.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the A. H. McLellan Funeral Home, the Rev. Dr. C. M. Rock officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Memorial Park.

McKEIRNAN, Lawrence  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-30-1935

## Lawrence McKeirnan, Old Time Resident Of Oroville, Succumbs

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Lawrence McKeirnan, 86, a life-long resident of Butte county, died at the home of a sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Johnson in Chico last night. Mr. McKeirnan had lived most of his life in the Oroville district.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday at the Bicknell parlors with burial in Clear Creek cemetery.

In late years Mr. McKeirnan had operated a supply store at Paynes Creek, Tehama county, and also at Yreka.

Among the survivors are a son, Wm. McKeirnan of Yreka, a sister, Mrs. R. C. Sheppard of Chico and a number of nephews and nieces. Three nieces, Mrs. Rena Keith, Mrs. Allen Bullard and Mrs. George Gilbert, reside in Thermalito.

SIMMONS, Alice Annabelle

The Chico Enterprise

10-31-1935

# Death Simmons

## Alice Simmons

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Alice Annabelle Simmons, 85, native of Paris, Tennessee and a resident of Chico for 48 years, died at her home, 4835 Seventh street this morning. She is survived by a brother, Charles Simmons of Chico, a niece, Mrs. J. W. Selick of Vallejo, and a nephew, Robert Simmons of Magalia.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Westfall funeral home.



ARMBRUSTER, Andrew  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-1-1935

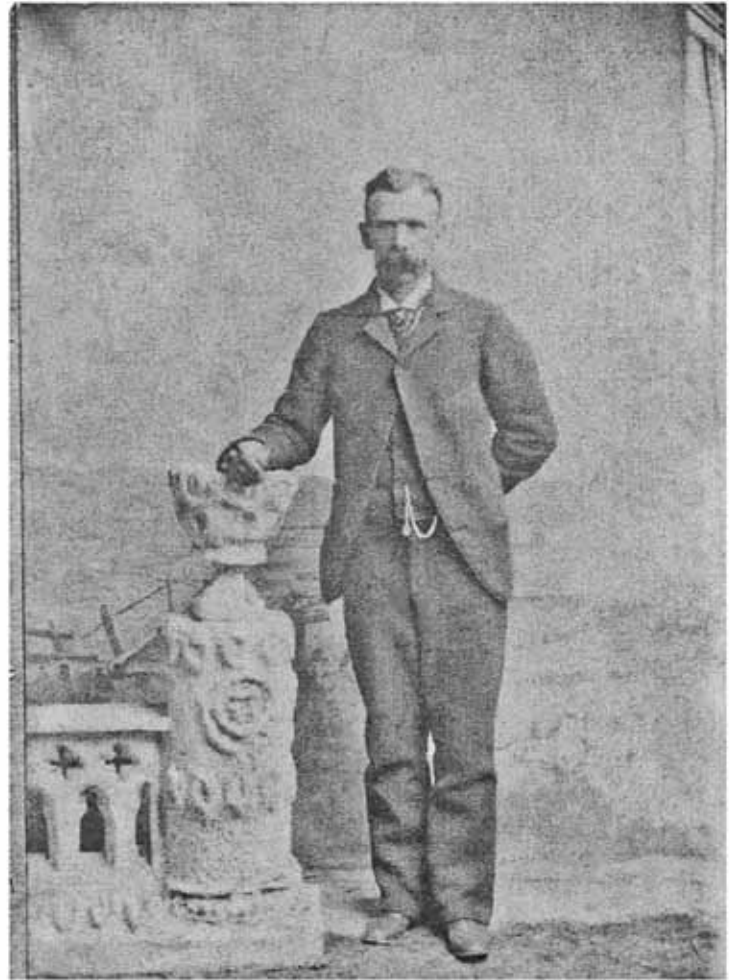
# Stockman Of Butte Passes

## Andrew Armbruster Dies at Home In Oroville

Andrew Armbruster, 74, of 1685 Lincoln street, died at his home at 7 o'clock last night after an illness of many years.

He was born in Marysville. His mother died when he was 9 months old and he was reared by the late Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Feist of Yankee Hill, an aunt and uncle. Until seven years ago when Mr. Armbruster and his wife moved to Oroville, he had lived at Yankee Hill. He was a stock raiser there until his retirement ten years ago.

He was a member of Cherokee Lodge No. 92, Independent Order of



**Odd Fellows, and Cherokee Rebekah  
Lodge No. 18.**

He is survived by his wife, Mattie Armbruster.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Monday at Hamilton and Riley's. The Rev. John R. Wilkins will officiate. Graveside services, in charge of Cherokee Odd Fellows lodge will be held at Yankee Hill cemetery at 2:30 p. m.



ARMBRUSTER, Andrew  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-4-1935

## **Andrew Armbruster Funeral Rites Held**

Funeral services for Andrew Armbruster, former Yankee Hill cattle raiser, were held at Hamilton and Riley's at 1 p. m. today, with the Rev. John R. Wilkins officiating:

Casket bearers were H. H. Decker, J. P. McClintock, Emil Hodapp, George Duensing, Adolph Duensing and Joe H. Davis.

Many friends attended the rites. Burial was in Yankee Hill cemetery, with Cherokee Lodge No. 92 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in charge.

# Chas. L. Durett Dies At Age Of 77 In Palermo

DURETT, Charles Lee  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-9-1935

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**Funeral Services Will be Held  
Tuesday at 10 A M. At  
Hamilton's**

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Charles Lee Durett, 77, died at his home in Palermo at 8 p. m. yesterday after a lingering illness. He was a native of Brighton, Calif.

Mr. Durett had lived in Palermo for six years. He was a veteran of the Spanish American war, being a private in Company L, eighth California volunteers. He served 18 months in the war and was honorably discharged.

Surviving is a son, L. M. Durett. Another son, Oliver, was fatally wounded during a hunting accident at Quincy recently. A brother, Lewis Durett of Paradise and two sisters, Miss Katie Durett and Mrs. Nellie Sweetman of Oroville survive.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys. Graveside military services will be held at the veterans plot in Memorial Park.

DURETT, Charles Lee  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-12-1935

## Spanish War Men Aid at Graveside

Funeral services were held at Hamilton & Riley Parlors at 2 p. m. today for Charles L. Durrett, who died at his home in Palermo ca Nov. 8.

Rev. George F. Albertson of Chico officiated.

Graveside services were in charge of Oroville Camp 109 United Spanish War Veterans. Interment was in Memorial Park.

Casket bearers were: C. A. McCloud, Finley McKee, G. E. Critchett, C. E. Hughes, C. L. Brown and W. S. Harris.

Firing squad: Ben Ross and Fred R. Irwin. Taps, Clayton King.

SULLIVAN, Thomas  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-25-1935

**W. P. Workman  
Falls To Death**

**Thomas Sullivan's Body Dis-  
covered on Ledge**

From a ledge above the Feather river, 150 feet below the Western Pacific tracks, members of the sheriff's office and a deputy coroner today removed the body of Thomas Sullivan, 55, section hand at Poe.

Apparently killed in a fall from a retaining wall about a mile above Poe, Sullivan's body was found yesterday through return of his dog to Poe.

The dog came to the cabin of a miner, resulting in an immediate search for Sullivan. Although he had started for Pulga Thursday, acquaintances thought until the dog appeared at the camp, that he might have gone to Oroville for a few days.

**Wanted Flashlight**

Following discovery of the body, it was learned that he had eaten dinner at the King home at 6 p. m. Thursday and had started back toward Poe. He had made an unsuccessful effort, before starting, to borrow a flashlight or a lantern but none was available, the sheriff's office learned.

At least two hours was required to remove Sullivan's body, according to Frank Corea, deputy coroner, one of those who was lowered with the aid of ropes to the ledge on which it had lodged.

The body was removed to the W. M. Thomas Funeral Home.

HALL, William Yates  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-29-1935

## William Hall Of Oroville Expires

William Yates Hall, 88, a resident of Oroville for the past six years, died at his home on A Street this afternoon.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sarah E. Hall and four sons and four daughters, Claude, Herbert, Henry and Charles Hall and Mrs. Mame Kimberling, Mrs. Pearl Wilson, Mrs. John Wells and Mrs. Fred Wilcox.

Funeral services are being arranged by Thomas Funeral Home.



# Grace H. Wells Passes At Her Home In City

**Prominent Oroville Resident  
Succumbs After Long Per-  
iod of Illness**

Mrs. Grace Helone Wells, wife of M. W. Wells, Oroville druggist, died at the family home, 990 Bird street, at 7:40 a. m. yesterday after a long illness.

Her husband and the couple's son, Walton Spencer Wells, a student at University of California, were at the bedside.

Mrs. Wells, a former Oroville school teacher, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walton.

## **Born At Arbuckle**

Mrs. Wells was born in Arbuckle, Colusa county, but the family moved to Scott Valley, Siskiyou county, when she was a child, later making their home in Yreka. They moved to Oroville from Yreka in 1905.

After graduation from San Jose State Teachers College, Mrs. Wells taught school for a short time in Snowden, Siskiyou county. In 1905 she accepted a teaching position in East Gridley school, later teaching at Central House school. In 1906 she became a teacher in Oroville city schools, holding this position until her marriage to Mr. Wells August 20, 1913, at the home of her sister in Berkeley.

WELLS (WALTON) Grace H.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-29-1935

## **Funeral Tomorrow**

Mrs. Wells was prominent in social circles. She was a member of Amapola Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and was active in the Congregational Church of Oroville, where she had once served as clerk of the board for several years.

Besides her husband and son, survivors are Mrs. Frank Thunen of Berkeley, a sister, and George Walton of Klamath Falls, a brother.

Funeral services will be held in the Congregational church at 2 p. m. tomorrow. The Rev. Elmer Brinkmeyer, pastor, will officiate. The body will be sent to Sacramento for cremation and the ashes interred in the family plot in Oroville cemetery. Hamilton and Riley's will have charge of services.



SULLIVAN, Thomas  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-29-1935

## Sullivan's Death Due to Fracture

Death of Thomas Sullivan, killed in a 150-foot fall near Poe on the Western Pacific railroad, was caused by a skull fracture, according to an autopsy performed at Thomas Funeral Home by Dr. J. A. Albert.

HALL, William Yates  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-2-1935

## Last Rites Held For Wm. Y. Hall

Final rites were held Sunday at 3 p. m. for William Yates Hill, 79, a native of Scotland. He had been a resident of Oroville for the past six years.

The Rev. E. Guy Newman officiated. Violet and Ester Helmick, Geraldine Deffey and J. L. Higgins sang "No Night There," and "It Is Well With My Soul." Mrs. E. F. Brinkerhoff accompanied the singers.

Casket bearers were W. A. Graham, W. I. Ruckman, H. W. Lee, H. R. Hibes, Harry Gerrard and J. L. Higgins. Interment was in the Oregon City Cemetery. The W. M.

RHOADES, Mrs. Thomas (Maude O.)

Oroville Mercury Register

12-9-1935

## **Mrs. Thomas Rhoades Of Cherokee Passes**

Mrs. Thomas Rhoades, 55, of Cherokee, died last night in a local hospital after a long illness. She is a native of Texas and had lived in Cherokee for the past five years.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Rhoades, of Cherokee, two sons, Spencer Clingan of Oroville and George Clingan of Alturas, four daughters, Mrs. Louise Young of Oroville, Mrs. Daisy Stradt of Alturas, Mrs. Marie Savio of Los Angeles and Mrs. Alta Colburn of Washington.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Thomas Funeral Home.

RHOADES, Maude Orlena  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-12-1935

# **Funeral Services For Mrs. Rhoades**

Funeral services for Maude Orlena Rhoades, 55, of Cherokee, will be held in the Thomas Funeral Home at 2 p. m. Saturday. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery. Mrs. Rhoades died late Sunday in a local hospital.

HALL, Marjorie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-16-1935

## Marjorie Hall of Southside, Passes

Marjorie Hall, 6, died at the family home, 2419 A street, in Howe Addition this morning. She is survived by her father and her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Hall; a brother, Floyd Boon Hall, and a sister, Bessie Virginia Hall. Time of the funeral will be announced later by the Thomas Funeral Home.

SULLIVAN, Thomas  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-16-1935

## **Thomas Sullivan Service Tuesday**

Funeral services for Thomas Sullivan, who was killed November 21 when he fell off a retaining wall on the Western Pacific railroad near Poe, will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at Thomas Chapel.

Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.



SULLIVAN, Thomas  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-18-1935

## **SERVICES HELD FOR T. SULLIVAN**

Funeral services for Thomas Sullivan, killed in an accident near Poe, were held at the Thomas Funeral Home at 2 p. m. yesterday. The Rev. John Wilkins officiated. Harry Needham was at the organ. Burial was in Cherokee cemetery.

HALL, Marjorie Ruth  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-19-1935

## Many Friends At Final Rites For Marjorie R. Hall

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Many friends attended the funeral services for Marjorie Ruth Hall yesterday at 2 p. m. in the Thomas Chapel. Pastor E. Guy Newman officiated. Geraldine Duffy and Esther Helmick accompanied by Violet Helmick at the piano, sang "Jewels" and "Rock of Ages." Mrs. E. F. Brinkerhoff was at the organ.

The casket bearers were Wayne Rhoades, Cora Wyncoop, Billy Gross, Naomi Wyncoop, Edward Bloom Arthur, and Karna Rhoades. Interment was in Oregon City cemetery.

# John Woodall, Old Resident, Of Butte, Dies

WOODALL, John  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-26-1935

**Came To County As a Young  
Man and Worked at Cher-  
okee and Big Bend**

## HANDLED GOLD

**Acted as Deputy Assessor;  
Giving Up Mining He Ran-  
ched at Los Verjels**

John D. Woodall, resident of the Oroville district for many years, and deputy county assessor since 1923, died at 8:30 a. m. Christmas at the home of a sister, Mrs. Esther Needham of Walnut Creek.

Death followed several years of illness. He went to Walnut Creek last August in an effort to benefit his health.

One of the best known men in this vicinity, Mr. Woodall had been connected actively with mining for a long period.

### Known as Sportsman

His friends knew him also as a man whose recreation was found with gun and rod. He had fished on virtually all the trout streams in Butte and Plumas counties and was rated also an excellent marksman.

He was born near Tracy, where he attended school. Later he completed business college in Stockton. He came to Cherokee at the age of 19. At Cherokee he was employed in various capacities at the Cherokee hydraulic mine and also worked in construction of the Big Bend tunnel, originally used to drain the Feather river so that it could be mined.

Forty-seven years ago, he married Mary E. Tuhey, member of a pioneer Cherokee family. The wedding took place in Marysville.

### Millions in Gold

Mr. Woodall worked in Cherokee until 1902, when he moved to Tuolumne county, where he was employed in a mine at Stent.

He came to Oroville in 1904. Until 12 years ago he was employed by the Hammon gold dredging interests. As cleanup man when dredging was at its peak here, he handled millions of dollars worth of gold.

After giving up mining, he obtained a ranch at Las Verjels, east of Bangor, and since its purchase spent his time developing the property.

### Funeral Services Friday

He was a deputy county assessor under former Assessor A. E. Morton and continued as deputy under Assessor Martin Polk. Mr. Woodall assessed property in part of Thermalito, and in Central House, Honcut and Palermo.

He was a charter member of the Native Sons of the Golden West in Tracy and a charter member of Oroville Lodge of Elks No. 1484. He was also a member of Oroville Lodge No. 232 of Knights of Pythias.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Woodall of Oroville, he is survived by his sister, Mrs. Needham.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday at Elks Hall and will be in charge of the local Elks lodge. Burial will be in the Tuhey plot in Oroville Catholic cemetery. Arrangements are being made by Hamilton and Riley's.

JEFFERSON, Michael  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-27-1935

## Bidwell Indian

### Dies At Village

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CHICO— Death yesterday stilled the dancing feet of Michael Jefferson, one of the last of the Bidwell Indians, at his home in the Indian Village.

Renowned as a ceremonial dancer Jefferson was the oldest existing member of the Machoopda Tribe. Although his exact age was not known, it was believed to be over 80 years.

Jefferson was born in Chico and resided here his entire life. While only a youth he was employed by General Bidwell, and upon the general's death, he continued to serve Mrs. Bidwell. He was active on his little piece of property until about 10 years ago, when he retired.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. today at the Rancheria Church in the Indian Village with Rev. Harris Pillsbury officiating. Interment was in the Indian Cemetery.

PARKER, Emma  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-25-1936

# Emma Parker, Indian Aged 106 Years, Dies

**A**N INDIAN woman who remembered the days before the white man settled in upper California died at Enterprise at 10:40 a. m. Thursday.

She was Emma Parker, who claimed to be 106 years of age.

She died in the very district in which she had been born, and in which her father and mother had been born and had died.

The Indian woman had married at the age of 15, and had been the mother of six daughters and

five sons. Four daughters and a son survive her. They are: Mrs. Lizzy Spencer, Mrs. Margaret Mix, Mrs. Polly Williams, Mrs. Kate Maxson, and a son, Lewis Parker, all of the Enterprise district.

She also has 12 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren, and is survived by three sons-in-law.

Graveside services were held at Oregon Creek cemetery at 2 p. m. today under auspices of Hamilton and Riley.

SELLIER, Mrs. Sarah E.

The Sacramento Bee

3-13-1936

**SELLIER**—In Oroville, Butte County, March 12, 1936, Mrs. Sarah E. Sellier, wife of of Louis A. Sellier of Oroville, mother of Mrs. Hazel Pennington of Oroville; a native of Freeport, Sacramento County, aged 75 years. Funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the W. M. Thomas Funeral Home, under the auspices of the Oroville Pythian Sisters. Burial will be in the Cherokees Cemetery.



WELLS (SPENCER), Mrs. Dora E.

The Sacramento Bee

3-18-1936

**rites are set for  
Mrs. Dora Wells, 79**

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), March 18.—Funeral services for Mrs. Dora E. Wells, 79, a resident of Yankee Hill since 1876, who died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Campbell, in Oroville yesterday, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Hamilton & Riley's. Rev. Elmer Brinkmeyer will officiate. Burial will be in the family plot in the Oroville Cemetery.

She married the late M. H. Wells in Yankee Hill in 1876, where Wells operated a store. After her husband's death in 1890, she operated the store alone for a number of years.

She also leaves a son, M. W. Wells, an Oroville druggist, and four grandchildren.

WELLS (SPENCER), Mrs. Dora E.  
The Sacramento Bee  
3-18-1936

**WELLS**—In Oroville, Butte County, March 17, 1936, Mrs. Dora E. Wells, mother of M. W. Wells and Mrs. R. W. Campbell of Oroville; a native of Bangor, Me., aged 79 years. Funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Hamilton & Riley Chapel. Rev. Elmer Brinkmeyer will officiate. Burial will be made in the family plot in the Oroville Cemetery.

UPTON, Elmer Clayton  
Oroville Mercury  
3-19-1936

# Paradise Child Taken by Death

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Death yesterday morning claimed Elmer Clayton Upton, 15 months old son of Mrs. Charles Upton of Paradise and youngest of 13 children, at the home of his mother in Paradise. The father was killed in an accident at the Surcease mine several months ago.

Surviving are the mother and 12 brothers and sisters as follows:

Louise Pinkston of Las Plumas, Clara Henry of Stirling City, Hazel Crawford of Magalia, and Laura Dorothy, Amy, Allen, Marion, Frances, Stanley, Lester and Hugh Upton.

Funeral arrangements are being made in Oroville.

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ALBER, Gus (August)  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-6-1936

## **Gus Alber, Local Mining Man, Dies**

Gus Albers, 69, of Oroville died at the county hospital last night of a heart ailment. He had been ill only a few days.

A native of Illinois, Albers had lived in this district for 20 years. He had mined at Cherokee, Morris Ravine and Wyandotte for many years.

Surviving are three brothers, Hiram Alber of Washington, Jacob Alber of Idaho, and Otto Alber of Dinuba, Calif., and three sisters Mrs. O. V. Morey of Kendrick, Ida., Mrs. J. T. Galloway of Kingsburg, Calif., and Mrs. R. A. Hughes of St. Marie, Ida.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday at Cherokee cemetery under direction of Thomas Funeral Home. The Rev. E. Brinkmeyer will officiate.

ALBER, August  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-8-1936

## **Graveside Service For August Alber**

Graveside services were held at Cherokee cemetery this morning for August Alber, local miner. The Rev. E. Brinkmeyer officiated at the services.

Casket bearers were: George Van Verken, Charles Duvall, Otto Wick, Ben Hooker, Jack Stenerson and J. W. Sullivan. Arrangements were in charge of Thomas Chapel.

A brother, Otto Alber of Dinuba, was present for the funeral.

MORIARTY, Mary  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-9-1936

## Mary Moriarty Of Oroville Expires

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, 73, a resident of Oroville for 14 years, died at her home, 2980 El Noble street, at midnight last night. She was a native of Des Moines, Iowa.

Surviving are two sons, Tom and Frank Moriarty of Oroville and one daughter, Mrs. Grace Rust of Vallejo.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at Thomas Chapel with burial in Cherokee cemetery.



ROBINSON, Robert

Oakland Tribune

4-13-1936

**ROBINSON**—In Oakland, April 11, 1936. Robert Robinson, beloved husband of Sarah Robinson, loving father of Robert, Jr., and Frederick Robinson. A native of England. Aged 53 years, 5 months, and 5 days.

Friends are invited to attend the services at The East Oakland Chapel of The Grant D. Miller Mortuaries, Inc., 2372 East 14th Street, Oakland, Tuesday, April 14, 1936, at 2 o'clock p. m. "Please omit flowers." Interment, Mt. View Crematory.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

BAKER, Nena (infant)

Chico Record

4-24-1936

# Graveside Rites For Baker Child

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Graveside services were held at 10 a. m. yesterday at the Cherokee Cemetery for Nena Baker, one-day-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baker of Vina. Rev. G. G. Berger officiated.

Interment was in the Cherokee Cemetery, under the direction of the Westfall Funeral Home.

WHITE, Solomon  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-8-1936

## **Solomon White Of Oroville Succumbs**

Solomon White, 62, a resident of Oroville six years, died in Thermaito Sunday. A laborer, Mr. White was born in Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Addie, the following sons and daughters, Maud, Minnie, Ruth, Florence, Willis, Jack, Gilbert and Bella Lee and by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin White, who live in Texas.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Thomas Funeral Home.

Interment in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

VINTON, David  
The Bend Bulletin (Oregon)  
6-13-1936

**Mrs. W. H. Snook and Mrs. B. N. Conroy attended the funeral of Mrs. Snook's brother, David Vinton, at Grass Valley.**

VINTON, David  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-13-1936

## **David Vinton, 76, First Teacher At Cherokee, Expires**

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David Vinton, 76, of Morrow, Oregon, died there June 7 it was learned here today. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Vinton, pioneers of Cherokee, and brother of the late T. L. Vinton. David Vinton was Cherokee's first public school teacher.

MATTHEWS (McGEE), Mrs. Rose Ann  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-6-1936

**Mrs. Matthews,  
Butte Pioneer,  
Dies Of Stroke**

Was Daughter of Thomas McGee; Moved to Oroville at Age of 13 Years

Mrs. Rose Ann Matthews, 63, wife of George H. Matthews, died at the family home, 2430 Montgomery street, at 7:50 a. m. Sunday following a stroke.

She was born in Flea Valley June 14, 1873, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGee, pioneer Butte county residents. The family moved to Oroville when Mrs. Matthews was 13 years of age.

Her father operated the Oroville Flour Mill, which milled flour on upper Myers street, on the present location of Memorial Hall. A photograph of the mill was published in the M-R June 30.

Mrs. Matthews was a sister of the late J. M. McGee and of the late Joseph McGee.

**Mass Next Thursday**

For many years Mrs. Matthews was a member of Citrus Circle No. 117, Neighbors of Woodcraft.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Matthews is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen A. Smith of Oroville and Mrs. H. A. Niebergall of Los Angeles; a son, Thomas A. Gambrel of Oroville; a stepson, Cleon Matthews of Oroville; a sister, Mrs. A. J. Walsh of Sacramento, and four grandchildren, Lesle Smith of Oroville, Elbert Niebergall of Los Angeles, Thomas Richard Gambrel of Oroville and Charlotte Rose Gambrel of Oroville.

Mass for the repose of her soul will be celebrated at St. Thomas Catholic church at 9 a. m. Thursday. Burial will be in the family plot in Oroville Catholic cemetery, with Hamilton and Riley in charge.



MATTHEWS (McGEE), Mrs. Rose Ann  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-6-1936

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WELSH (ROBINSON), Mary V.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-8-1936

# Mary V. Welsh, Old Resident Of Butte, Dies

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**Robinson Street in Oroville  
Named For Family; Clear-  
ed School Site**

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Mrs. Mary V. Welsh, 76, pioneer Butte county resident, died at the home of her son, George Welsh in Pentz at 11:30 o'clock last night after a long illness. She was the wife of Columbus (Tobe) Welsh.

Mrs. Welsh was born in a house which formerly stood on the present location of Bird Street school. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, who came to the county in 1848, cleared the present school property. Robinson street was named for the Robinson family.

The Robinsons first lived on the Friesleben ranch, later moving to the Gardella fig orchard. Afterward they made their home in Honcut and then in Oroville.

Mr. and Mrs. Welsh were married 60 years ago. After their marriage they lived in Concow.

Mrs. Welsh is survived by her husband, her son and a brother, E. J. Robinson of Central House.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley parlors. Interment will be in Oroville cemetery.

GATES, Wortha C.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-20-1936

## **Wortha C. Gates, Aged 92, Expires**

Wortha C. Gates, 92, died at his home 1870 Fifth Avenue, last night from a lingering illness. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Hattie Gates; four sons William, Frank, and Henry of Oroville, and Harry Gates of Marysville; three daughters, Mrs. Clarcey Murry and Mrs. Louise Neighbor of Everett, Wash., and Mrs. Viola Barth Canada and one sister, Mrs. Lydia Barrett of Oakland. Funeral services will be announced later by Thomas Funeral Home.

FRASER (CASNER), Mrs. Belle  
The Times (San Mateo)  
7-21-1936

## ***Oakland Rites Held For Mrs. Fraser***

MILLBRAE, July 21.—Funeral services for Mrs. Belle Casner Fraser, a resident of Millbrae for the past two years, were held yesterday from the Goodell chapel in Oakland, followed by cremation at the California crematorium. Mrs. Fraser died Sunday in Mills Memorial hospital after a brief illness.

The wife of William J. Fraser, Bank of America employe, Mrs. Fraser also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Rachel Pelleys and Mrs. Edna Hopkins of Fresno and Mrs. Disa Kiley of Oakland. The Frasers had made their home here at 240 Willow street.

GATES, Wortha C.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-24-1936

# Funeral Services For Wortha Gates

Funeral services for Wortha C. Gates were held at the Thomas Funeral Home at 2 p. m. yesterday. Fred Ulrich conducted the funeral service, with Miss Ruth Ulrich as organist. Casket bearers were S. R. McCloud, C. T. Simmons, C. W. Toland and Palmer B. Conner. Interment was in Cherokee cemetery.

STROEVER (FISCHER), Mrs. Minna  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-27-1936

## Mrs. Stroever Passes Away

Mrs. Minna Stroever of Piedmont, about 65, former Oroville resident, died in Piedmont Saturday night, according to information received here Sunday by friends.



**Mrs. Minna  
Stroever**

Funeral services will be held at Hamilton and Riley's at 2 p. m. Tuesday with burial in Oregon City cemetery.

Mrs. Stroever, a native of Butte county, made her home in Oroville for many years before going to Piedmont to live with Louis Stroever, her son.

She had many friends in Oroville, where she visited two weeks ago accompanied by Louise Stroever, her granddaughter.

Besides her son and granddaughter, both of Piedmont, Mrs. Stroever is survived by two brothers, Charles Fischer of Oroville-Quincy Road and Henry C. Fischer of Chico.





STOWELL, Marie Louise  
Riverside Daily Press  
8-1-1936

## Sacramento River Waters Give Up Second Girl's Body

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COLUSA, Aug. 1. (P)—The body of Mary Stowell, 20, was recovered from the Sacramento river late yesterday by her father, Frank Stowell. Earlier in the day the body of her 11-year-old cousin, June Stowell, was taken from the river.

The girls left unescorted for a swim in the river Thursday night and were not seen again.

McDERMOTT, Louis W.  
The Los Angeles Times  
8-12-1936

## ***Lou McDermott, Stage Producer, Taken by Death***

Lou McDermott, 41 years of age, radio and stage producer and former song writer, died yesterday in San Francisco, relatives here were advised.

Best known for composing "If I Had a Girl Like You," McDermott came to Los Angeles two years ago after stage work in San Francisco and the East.

He succumbed to an intestinal ailment. In Los Angeles he leaves his widow, a singer whose stage name is Maurine Marseilles; a daughter, Patricia Lou, 8, and his mother, Mrs. Leila France McDermott, writer of children's songs.

Funeral services will be conducted in San Francisco.

McDERMOTT, Louis W.

Oakland Tribune

8-14-1936

## ***Final Rites Set for Louis McDermott***

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Louis W. McDermott, prominent in the theatrical and musical worlds, who died suddenly Tuesday at the University of California Hospital.

McDermott, who was 42 years of age, was born in San Francisco. He graduated from Stanford University, and later acted as manager of several San Francisco theaters. In 1926 he went East to become associated with Paul Ash and Rudy Vallee as production manager and composer. He entered motion picture work in Hollywood in 1931. At the time of his death he was engaged in radio production.

Services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from Halsted & Co. Chapel, 1123 Sutter Street, with private interment.

WOOD, William Truman  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-17-1936

## Rail Section Foreman Dies

William Wood of Cresta an  
Invalid Since 1932

William Truman Wood of Cresta, 66, formerly a section foreman on the Western Pacific railroad, died in a local hospital at 7:30 p. m. Saturday. He had been an invalid since 1932. He was removed to the hospital two days ago. He was a native of Siskiyou county.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; the following sons and daughters, Mrs. Sadie Blue of Bleber, Mrs. Ellen Main and Mrs. Lottie Main of Chilcoot, and Gladys, Adeline and Jennie Wood of Mayaro; Martin C. and John H. Wood of Doyle; Oliver D., William Truman Jr. and Ivan Wood, all of Mayaro; a brother Samuel Wood of Seaid Valley, Wash., and two sisters, Mrs. Kate Feeley of Seaid Valley and Mrs. Edith Brier of Hollywood.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at Hamilton and Riley's, with the Rev. Elmer Brinkmeyer officiating. Burial will be in Oroville cemetery.



William Wood

TAYLOR, Frank W.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-12-1936

## **Frank Taylor Of Yankee Hill Dies**

Frank W. Taylor, 84, of Yankee Hill, died in Chico this morning.

He was born in Little Rock, Ark., but had lived in upper California 75 years. He retired ten years ago, and had made his home with Frank Taylor of Yankee Hill, a son.

Besides his son, survivors are his wife, Mary Taylor of Yankee Hill; two daughters, Ellen Brown of Chico and Mabel Fischer of North Sacramento, and two stepchildren, Robert Simmons of Paradise and Nancy Overton of Stirling City.

Funeral services will be held in the Westfall Funeral Home at 1 p. m. Monday. Graveside rites will take place at 3:30 p. m. in Yankee Hill.

PITMAN, Aaron Lewis

The Sacramento Bee

9-18-1936

**PITMAN**—In Centerville, Butte County, September 16, 1936, Aaron Lewis Pitman, husband of Mrs. Olive M. Pitman of Centerville and brother of Mrs. T. R. Yerger of Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Annie Garland of Seattle, Wash.; a native of Oregon, aged 64 years. Funeral services to-morrow morning in the chapel of the Westfall Funeral Home in Chico and burial in the Clear Creek Cemetery.



# Wm. H. King, Pulga Resort Owner, Passes

William Henry King, 61, a resident of Butte county since 1903, died at his home at Pulga Sunday at 2:15 p. m. after four years of illness. He had retired from his many duties several years ago due to failing health. Death resulted from a heart attack.

Born at Mechanicsville, N. J., Mr. King came to Oroville from the east in 1903. Here, he built the first telephone line between Oroville and Quincy. In 1904 he went to Pulga where he had charge of 365,000 acres of mining land owned by the North California Mining Co. Part of his job was to attend to the annual assessment work on the claims.

He was a mining agent there until 1912 when he took over the store operated by the company at Pulga. On Jan. 1, 1914, he filed a homestead at Pulga where he resided until the time of his death.

The homestead embraced 61 acres mostly with slopes of 6 to 10 per cent. Originally it was covered with brush and timber but King went to work diligently and cleared it. Then he installed his own irrigation system, electric light plant, sawmill, operated by water power, and in addition to running cattle in the forest, had his own ice plant and killed and butchered cattle.

King, William H.  
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He had ten acres under cultivation to berries and garden produce for which he developed a market throughout the canyon. He milked 15 cows and with the cream made his own ice cream of which he sold as high as 50 quarts a day to passengers on Western Pacific trains.

As he continued to develop his land, he planted out walnut trees on a portion of the homestead. He made his own box shoo which he used in shipping his produce.

Adding so the duties of running his ranch and rearing a large family, Mr. King operated a hotel and resort and store and post office at Pulga.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary J. King and the following children: Raymond of Pulga, Mrs. Lillian La Fleur of Pulga, Mary Edna King of Oakland, Wm. H. King Jr. of Termo, Calif., Mrs. Phillip Duffy of Corning, Mrs. Frances Eckart of Oroville, and one granddaughter, Phyllis Marie Duffy.

He was a member of Table Mt. Lodge No. 124 F. and A. M. of Cherokee, Junior Order United American Mechanics of Belmar, N. J., and also Knights of Golden Eagles of Spring Lake, N. J.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. at Hamilton and Rileys under direction of Cherokee lodge. The body will be taken to Sacramento for cremation.

LAKE, Irving G.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-16-1936

## Funeral Services For Irving Lake

Funeral services for Irving G. Lake of Marysville, killed when his automobile went over the Pentz grade, will be held in Cherokee cemetery at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday under auspices of the Thomas Funeral Home, it was announced today. Mr. Lake was a partner in the Orophina mine near DeSabra.

SALISBURY, Dewitt G.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-18-1936

# Oroville Man Dies Suddenly

*D. G. Salisbury  
Collapses In Chico*

CHICO—De Witt G. Salisbury, 74, Oroville dairyman and former Chico resident for many years, died en route to Enloe Hospital at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday night, after he was stricken with a hemorrhage in front of the I. O. O. F. Hall at Third and Broadway.

Salisbury was entering his car after the meeting of the Odd Fellows when he was stricken. Brother members rushed him to the hospital, where it was learned Salisbury was dead.

Survivors include a brother, A. B. Salisbury, and a sister, Mrs. G. W. Peck of Chico.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

LAKE, Irving G.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-19-1936

## Graveside Rites For Irving Lake

Graveside services were held yesterday for Irving G. Lake in the Cherokee Cemetery.

Lake was survived by a sister of Healdsburg, and a brother in Medford, Ore. He was killed Nov. 8, 1936 on the Pentz grade when his car went over an embankment.

Friends from both Pentz and De Sabla attended the services.

Thomas Funeral Home had charge of the services.



SALISBURY, Dewitt Golban

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**SALISBURY**—In Chico, Butte County, November 17, 1936, DeWitt G. Salisbury of Oroville, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Salisbury of Oroville, father of Mrs. Rhoda La Rue of Oroville, Mrs. Ruth Hannah of Alameda, Ronald Salisbury of Portola and Roy Salisbury of Oroville; brother of A. B. Salisbury of Chico and Mrs. W. G. Peck of Chico; aged 74 years. Funeral services are being completed at the H. C. Bicknell Funeral Home in Chico.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

RICHARDS, Charles Ernest  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-1-1936

## **Charles Richards Dies At Paradise**

An attack of acute indigestion Monday night took the life of Chas. Richards.

He died at 9:30 o'clock at his home on Pentz Road, east of Paradise, where he had operated a service station and grocery store.

Richards, who was 62 years of age, was born on April 25, 1874, in Quincy, and for many years had resided at Paradise, Magalia, Concow and Stirling City.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith Richards; a brother, Gene Richards of Redding, and two sisters Mrs. Artie Scott of Chico and Mrs. Mary Phelps of Yankee Hill.

The funeral will be held from the Westfall Funeral Home in Chico at 2 p. m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Paradise Cemetery.



ANDERSON, Leo  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-3-1936

## **Leo Anderson, 73, Dies In Oroville**

Leo Anderson, 73, a resident of Oroville for many years, died yesterday at the county hospital.

Anderson had lived in a cabin at 1640 Lincoln street since the death of his wife a few years ago.

He leaves no relatives. He was born in Sweden and came to California 53 years ago. He settled at Palermo. He lived there until the death of his wife, then moving to Oroville.

Thomas Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

# Funeral Held Today For One Crash Victim

**Brother, Sister, First On Scene After S. P. Hits Machine**

CHICO—An official investigation into the accident Saturday afternoon in which Verl E. Newell, 31, and Homer Clements, 34, his partner, were killed when a Southern Pacific train wrecked their car at a sister of Clements, had been look- will be made early this week.

A brother and a sister of the dead men, Mr. and Mrs. Guerney Newell

of Biggs, were among the first to reach the wreckage Saturday, Guerney, a brother of Verl, and his wife, a sister of Clements, had been looking for the men, who had been cutting wood at Pentz, a few minutes after the accident.

The automobile, a 1923 sedan driven by Clements, had been proceeding northward from Nelson and had turned right across the tracks at which there is an unobstructed view.

The engine, also traveling northward with En-

gineer W. S. Judy of Roseville at the throttle, plowed into the automobile and sent it sprawling 75 feet distant up the track.

Death of both men was attributed to chest injuries.

Newell was dead when witnesses reached the wreckage. Clements lived for 10 or 15 minutes, but was dead when ambulances arrived.

George Brooks, who lives with his brother, Roy, east of the crossing, was one of the witnesses. He was walking westward from his brother's ranch, planning to cross the highway to look after stock.

Virgil Hensley, employe of the Adams Ranch, was another witness.

"The car just shot through the air at the collision," said Brooks.

He rushed to the wreckage, and started to extricate the two men from the mass of twisted steel.

Fire, starting from the motor as soon as the automobile came to a stop, was extinguished quickly after threatening to cremate the two men. The engine crew, who had halted the locomotive by this time, arrived to lend assistance with a fire extinguisher in controlling the flames.

Traffic Officer P. S. Persons, investigating, found one wheel from the machine had been thrown and rolled a distance of 200 yards by the impact.

Funeral services for Clements were held at 3 o'clock today at Westfall Funeral Home. Interment was in Clear Creek Cemetery.

Clements, a native of Paradise, had resided in this section all his life. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters:

CLEMENTS, Homer  
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Mrs. Dorothy Swinney of Porterville, Mrs. Annie Longwell of Davis Creek, Modoc County; Mrs. Margaret Gray, Chico; Mrs. Maude Patooka, Chico, Mrs. Florence Newell, Biggs.

Newell, a native of Joplin, Mo., had been a resident of the Nelson section for the last 17 years. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mildred May Newell of Nelson, four children, Jack, Joe, Bessie and Dorothy Newell, all of Nelson, his mother, Mrs. Anna Newell of Nicolaus, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Minnie Baker of Durham, Mrs. Clara Plaster of Oroville, Harry Newell of Biggs, Charles Newell of Sacramento and Guerney Newell of Biggs.

Funeral rites are pending.

WHEN DEATH STRUCK AT CROSSING



See Story

—Mercury Engraving

One hardly would recognize this battered and twisted wreckage, shown above, as an automobile. It was all that remained of the car in which Verl E. Newell, and Homer Clements were riding when the machine was demolished by a Southern Pacific train near Durham Saturday. Notice the crumpled fenders and running boards, the "chicken wire" torn from the top and—the hat, right, of one of the unfortunate occupants.

In the lower picture these three men are struggling to right the remains of the wreckage after the collision but they cannot restore the two human lives that were blotted out when the automobile and the engine met. Observe how the right side of the car, just behind the engine, was crushed by the impact. The men are having difficulty holding the shorn doors and car sides against the frame.

ANDERSON, Leo  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-12-1936

# **Graveside Service For Leo Anderson**

Graveside services were held this morning for Leo. Anderson, 73, who passed away Dec. 2 at the county hospital. The services were held at Cherokee Cemetery, with friends from Oroville attending.

Thomas Funeral Home was in charge.

BURCHARD, Mary Griswold  
Oakland Tribune  
12-23-1936

## Deaths

(Continued)

of Webster, New York, and the late Thomas E. Haven of San Francisco. Funeral services will be held in Tacoma, Wash., Thursday, December 24, 1936.

**BURCHARD**—In Hayward, December 22, 1936, Mary Griswold Burchard, wife of the late Dr. L. S. Burchard and loving mother of Miss Avrs Burchard and Mrs. Ruth Sweeney and grandmother of Edward and Ruth Sweeney; a native of California, aged 74 years 4 months 11 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral Thursday, December 24, 1936 at 10 o'clock a. m. from the Garden Chapel of the Pratt Mortuary, 1044 C Street, Hayward. Incineration, private.