

NEHER, Leonard D.
Modesto Bee
1-15-1997

Leonard D. Neher

DEATH LIST

Modesto Bee, The (CA) - Wednesday, January 15, 1997

Sept. 24, 1926 -- Jan. 11, 1997

Leonard De "Bud" Neher, 70, of Placerville died Saturday at Marshall Hospital.

Mr. Neher was a native of Bakersfield. He lived in Modesto from 1943 to 1951 and then in Alaska before moving to Placerville in 1985. He was a truck driver for 50 years. He had worked for Sea-Land Trucking.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis E. Neher of Placerville; children, Leonard Duane Neher of Citrus Heights, Clifford Neher of Modesto, Leslie Neher of San Jose, Anita Hopkins of Placerville and Clinton Neher of Tuolumne City; brothers, Floyd Neher of Newhall, Asa Neher Jr. of Calabasas and Leo Neher of Oroville; a sister, Josephine Cason of Live Oak; and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Salas Brothers Funeral Chapel, Modesto. Burial will be at Wood Colony Cemetery, Modesto. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the chapel.

The Modesto Bee 

MERCURIO (MILLER), Mae (Lydia)

Lassen County Times

2-11-1997

MAE MERCURIO

May Mercurio, 94, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 1997, at her residence in Chico.

She was born May 7, 1902, in Yankee Hill. She took nurses' training at Enloe Hospital in Chico, and later St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco. After receiving her Registered Nurse degree, she moved to Westwood and worked at the Westwood Hospital.

In 1928 she moved to Rome, N.Y., with her husband, Curley J. Mercurio, but returned to Westwood. She then worked as a nurse at Feather River Hospital in Greenville.

She retired in 1968 and moved to Chico in 1989.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Ceaglio of Chico and Sue Thibault of Oroville; her sister, Viola Calnon of Los Angeles; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Burial took place at Westwood Cemetery.

The San Bernardino County Sun
2-21-1997

DURSTON N. HILDEBRAND
Air Force veteran

Durston N. Hildebrand, 74, of San Bernardino died Wednesday of heart failure at St. Bernar-dine Medi-cal Center.



Hildebrand, a native of Hayward, lived in San Bernardino 33 years.

He served in the Air Force for 34 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was a member and past treasurer of the Daedalians.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; two daughters, Bonnie Hildebrand-Sauer of Napa and Karen Hildebrand-Cullen of Pleasant Hill; his son, Mark of Gilroy; three brothers, Charles of Berkeley, Newton of Oxnard and Benton of Salt Lake City; and four grandchildren.

Service will be Monday in Cherokee. Sheer Memorial Chapel in Oroville is directing. Bobbitt Memorial Chapel in San Bernardino is handling local arrangements.

The family suggests donations to the Daedalian Scholarship Fund, 30th Flight, Hap Arnold, P.O. Box 6235, March Air Force Base 92518.

STRINGFELLOW, Ward B.
The Greenville News (South Carolina)
3-25-1997

■ **Ward B. Stringfellow, Anderson**

Ward B. Stringfellow, 74, of 1611 Wood Creek Road, died March 23, 1997, at Anderson Area Medical Center.

He retired from the U.S.D.A. as a national supervisor and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II where he served aboard a sub chaser. He was a member of R&G Hunt Club and Concord Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Hicks Stringfellow of the home; a son, Clifford Ward Stringfellow of Piedmont; a daughter, Linda Bucca of Picayune, Miss.; two brothers, Lowell Stringfellow of Durham, Calif., and Claude Stringfellow of Oroville, Calif.; a sister, Thelma Best of Chico, Calif.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Omit flowers. Memorials may be made to Concord Baptist Church, 1012 Concord Road, Anderson, S.C. 29621 or to Hospice of the Upstate, 506 Summit St., Anderson, S.C. 29621.

Graveside services: 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in Forest Lawn Memorial Park with military honors. — The McDougald Funeral Home, Anderson.

COVERT, Jack O.
Feather River Bulletin
4-2-1997

**JACK O.
COVERT**

Jack O. Covert, 70, died March 28, 1997, at his residence in Chico.

He was born March 1, 1927, in Yankee Hill.

He attended and graduated school in Westwood. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the Army Air Force, and a life member of VFW Post 5689 in Burney.

He was also a member of Chico Leland Stanford Masonic Lodge No. 111; Royal Arch, and High Twelve.

He was retired after 35 years as a machinist with Diamond International and Aero Union. He loved hunting, fishing, camping, his grandchildren, and working in his machine shop. He was also very involved with cancer involving children through the R.A.D. organization.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Chico; his sons, Tim O. Covert of Burney, and Gary W. Covert of Paradise; sisters, Ila Wiedman of Los Molinos, Sandi Wintrip of Washington, Dora Hammon of Redding; five grandchildren, one great-grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, April 2, at Brusie Funeral Home in Chico, with burial in Burney Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to R.A.D., in care of Brusie Funeral Home, Chico.

STIMSON, Robert T.
The Petaluma Argus Courier
4-4-1997

Obituary

Robert Stimson

Former school board trustee, insurance agent

Robert T. "Bob" Stimson, a longtime Petaluma businessman and civic leader, died at his home Tuesday, April 1, 1997. He was 66.

Born in San Francisco but raised and educated in Petaluma, Mr. Stimson lived here for 63 years.

A graduate of Stanford University, he served in the U.S. Navy and entered the insurance business in Petaluma in 1956. He sold his agency in 1990 but remained active until his semi-retirement a few years ago.

Mr. Stimson served two terms on the Petaluma Board of Education. He served on the curriculum committee for Petaluma City Schools and on the first General Plan committee.

He was an assistant Boy Scout leader, a member of the Petaluma Host Lions Club and a member of the One Grand Club.

Survivors include his wife, Joann F. Stimson of Petaluma; his children, Nancy Stimson of Buffalo, N.Y., Jennifer Stimson de Rodriguez of Quito, Ecuador, and Jesse R. Stimson of San Jose, Costa Rica; a sister, Joan Green of Livermore; two grandchildren and two nephews.

A memorial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at Parent-Sorensen Mortuary in Petaluma. A private interment will be held at Evergreen Cemetery, Yreka.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Friends of the Library, 100 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma 94952, or to Boy Scouts of America, 2240 Professional Drive, San Rosa 95403.

**ANDREW T.
STEVENSON**

Andrew T. Stevenson, 96, died Tuesday, April 29, 1997, at Cypress Acres Convalescent in Paradise.

He was born Nov. 26, 1900, in Waterloo, Wis., and had been a 25-year resident of Plumas County, living in Keddie, Crescent Mills and Portola.

He was a long-time career law enforcement professional, serving as a special agent for Western Pacific Railroad for eight years, and as the police chief for Portola from 1950-1965. At the beginning of World War II he was assigned to guard the railroad trestles in Indian Valley.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and enjoyed fishing and gold panning on the West Bank of Nelson Creek.

He is survived by his wife, Clarice, of Paradise; his sons, Andrew of Mt. Shasta City, Michael of Sand Point, Idaho, and Donovan of Portola; his daughter, Marlene Keogh of Portola; 16 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Following cremation, graveside services will be held May 17, at 2 p.m., at Whispering Pines Cemetery in Portola. A celebration of his life will be held May 18, at 2:30 p.m., at Concow Grange No. 735 (Big Bend Road) Yankee Hill. Memorial donations may be made to the Paradise Hospice, c/o Fehrman Mortuary, P.O. Box 53, Quincy, 95971.

STEVENSON, Andrew T.
Feather River Bulletin
5-14-1997

WOOD, Oliver D.
The Palm Beach Post
7-1-1997



OLIVER D. WOOD

Age 82 of West Palm Beach, Florida, passed away Sunday, June 29, 1997. He lived here since 1945 coming from California. He was the former owner of Southern Upholstery for many years, retiring in 1975.

He is survived by his loving wife, Evelyn

(Huffman) and several brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of the MIZELL-FAVILLE-ZERN SOUTHDALE CHAPEL, 4101 Parker Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33405.

UPTON, Stanley V. Sr.
The Columbian (Vancouver, WA)
9-7-1997

BORN

30 April 1926
Redding, California

DIED

4 September 1997
Vancouver

SPOUSE AND CHILDREN

Stanley V Jr son
Verna E Hair daughter

PARENTS AND SIBLINGS

Lester brother
Hugh brother
Billie Hampton sister
Amy Poteet sister

Mr Stanley V Upton Sr, 71

OBITUARIES

Columbian, The (Vancouver, WA) - Sunday, September 7, 1997

A logger who loved his family and the woods, Stanley V. Upton, Sr., 71, died Thursday, Sept. 4, 1997, in Vancouver.

Mr. Upton was born April 30, 1926, in Redding, Calif. and had lived in Vancouver for 14 years.

Survivors include one son, Stanley V. Jr. of Vancouver; one daughter, Verna E. Hair of Vancouver; two brothers, Lester of Paradise, Calif., and Hugh of Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters, Billie Hampton of Orland, Calif., and Amy Poteet of White Bird, Idaho; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

There will be no local service. Viewing will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Paradise Chapel of the Pines in Paradise, Calif. A graveside service and burial will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday at the family cemetery in Yankee Hill, Calif.

Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 371, Vancouver, WA 98666.

HINK (KROEPELIN), Gretchen Elizabeth
The Modesto Bee
3-10-1998

Gretchen E. Hink

June 17, 1904 — Dec. 14, 1997

Gretchen Elizabeth Hink, 93, of Twain Harte died Dec. 14 at her home.

Mrs. Hink was a native of Eureka. She lived in Twain Harte 27 years and previously lived in San Francisco, New York City, London, Piedmont, Berkeley and Yuba City. She was a teller for Bank of America for 10 years.

She is survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private services. Heuton Memorial Chapel, Sonora, in charge of arrangements.



Note: Sister of Nettie Isabel Kroepelin Threlkeld
(buried in Cherokee Cemetery)

VAUGHAN, Barbara Ann
The San Francisco Examiner
5-9-1998

VAUGHAN, Barbara Ann — Paradise resident, Barbara Ann Vaughan, 71. Mrs. Vaughan passed away at her residence on Thursday, May 7, 1998 following a short battle with Acute Leukemia.

She was born in San Francisco, CA on March 21, 1927 to Stephen and Margaret Guerin. She graduated from the Academy of the Presentation High School and the San Francisco College for Women/Lone Mountain.

She moved to Paradise from San Francisco in 1987. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, playing bridge, and spending time with her granddaughter. Her husband, Olinan, preceded her in death in 1991. She is survived by her three daughters, Patricia Vaughan of Sacramento, Joanne Scott of Oroville, Margaret Mundt of Paradise; and one granddaughter, Michaela Mundt of Paradise.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, May 11, 1998 at 3:00PM at the Cherokee Pioneer Cemetery on Table Mountain in Oroville, CA. Donations can be made to Valley Ridge Hospice, 7076 Skyway, Paradise, Ca 95969. Arrangements by Neptune Society of Chico.

CAMPBELL (ETHRIDGE), Thelma Fay
Contra Costa Times
6-20-1998

Thelma Fay Campbell, 88

LOCAL DEATHS

Contra Costa Times (Walnut Creek, CA) - Saturday, June 20, 1998

Jan. 11, 1910 June 19, 1998

Thelma Campbell, a teacher in the Brentwood Union School District for 11 years, died Friday. She was 88.

The native of Melrose, N.M., moved to Oakley 51 years ago from Brentwood. She was a member of a retired teachers association and enjoyed reading.

She is survived by her son, James Campbell Jr. of Oakley; sister, Alma Gunn of Crescent, Okla.; brothers, M.C. Ethridge of Edmund, Okla., and Don Ethridge of Oklahoma City; and five grandchildren. Her husband, James, died in 1976.

Services: 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brentwood Funeral Home, with burial at Union Cemetery in Brentwood. Visitation from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday at the mortuary.

Memorial gifts: Kaiser Hospice, 1425 S. Main St., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

MULLEN, Ted Oscar
Arizona Republic
6-27-1998

Ted O. Mullen, 96, of **Prescott**, a retired cattle rancher, died June 22, 1998. He was born in Tempe and was a World War II Navy veteran. He was also a Mason. Survivors include his daughters, Marilee Aduddell and Penny Schippers; sons, Ted O. Mullen II and Timothy Owen; sister, Francie Gray; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Services: 11 a.m. Saturday, Scottsdale Bible Church Chapel, 7901 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale. Contributions: Arizona Center for Blind and Visually Impaired, 3100 E. Roosevelt St., Phoenix, AZ 85008.



Lisa J. Tolda/Reno Gazette-Journal file

CARSON NATIVE: Henry R. Mighels died early Wednesday at Carson-Tahoe Hospital, six days before his 98th birthday.

Carson's Harry Mighels dies at 97

By Tim Anderson
RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL

Carson City native Henry R. "Harry" Mighels III, born at the turn of the century and with an encyclopedic knowledge of the community and the surrounding region, died early Wednesday.

His death at Carson-Tahoe Hospital came six days before his 98th birthday.

Mighels, who was the oldest native of Carson City still living in the community, had deep Nevada roots. His grandfather was the first editor of the Carson City Morning Appeal, a publication launched a year after statehood.

Although his body failed him in recent years, Mighels remained mentally alert. He was known for his crusty, matter-of-fact style in providing information about the town. And he wasn't bashful about giving opinions.

MIGHEL, Henry R. "Harry" Reno Gazette Journal 8-20-1998

Friends and acquaintances marveled at how he could accurately recall details from the past.

"Harry was a tremendous resource of information," said Guy Rocha, state archives and records administrator. "His institutional memory was remarkable. I'm sure going to miss him."

Mighels' family said funeral arrangements are pending.

In an interview last year, Mighels lamented the changes that growth has brought to the capital city. Family members said he was always talking about how there was too much traffic, too many people — and too much waste of water.

When Mighels was born on Aug. 25, 1900, Carson City had 2,100 residents.

"Carson City used to be a nice little town where you knew everybody by their first name and there wasn't any crime. Everything's changed now," Mighels said in last year's interview.

During his long life, he had a wide variety of jobs and experiences.

Mighels attended Carson Consolidated Schools but didn't finish because he was drafted in 1918 at the end of World War I. He was never called into service so he began working at various jobs.

He toiled briefly in a paper mill in Floriston, Calif., then in the nearby Hobart Mills logging camp. He came back to Carson City and lived on the family ranch at the north end of town.

Mighels also lived in Truckee for about 15 years and drove oil trucks as far as Sacramento.

And he spent time delivering Tahoe Beer, brewed in Carson City.

After his mother, Ida, died in the early 1940s, Mighels had an opportunity to run the Appeal.

In previous interviews, he said he wasn't able to seize the opportunity because of wartime difficulties in finding a linotype operator. He was forced to sell the newspaper.

After that, Mighels got a job as a journeyman apprentice in the right-of-way section of the Nevada Highway Department. After a 23-year career, he retired in 1966.

Among Mighels' hobbies were oil painting and golfing. He was actively involved in the development of Mills Park.

His grandfather, Henry Mighels — also known as Harry — became co-owner of the Appeal shortly after it was founded in 1865. He became sole owner in 1878.

The pioneer newsman was also active in Republican politics and was elected to the state Senate and Assembly representing Ormsby County during Nevada's early years of statehood. In 1866, he married Nellie Ver-rill, who became the first woman newspaper reporter in Nevada.

After the senior Mighels died in 1879, Henry R. "Hal" Mighels Jr. carried on the family newspaper tradition. He ran the business — at 1st and Carson streets — for a number of years until his death in 1932.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; daughters Mylie Herman of Penn Valley, Calif., and Barbara Southey of Independence, Calif.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ROBBLEE, Dennis Elray

Feather River Bulletin

9-16-1998

DENNIS ELRAY ROBBLEE

Dennis ElRay Robblee, 62, died September 9, 1998 at Eastern Plumas District Hospital in Portola.

He was born June 14, 1936 in Oroville, lived in Quincy for two years before moving to Beckwourth 29 years ago.

Dennis was a locomotive engineer for Union Pacific Railroad and Western Pacific Railroad for a total of 29 years. He also operated locomotives and was a dragline operator during the construction of Oroville Dam for four years.

He was a member of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Local #800 and a member of Union Pacific Railroad Employees Club of Portola.

He was preceded by his brother Robin in 1940.

He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Ann of Beckwourth; sons, Kim of Floravista, N.M., Dennis E. Jr. of Elko, Nev., William K. of Elko, Nev. and step-son Robert McDowell of Beckwourth; daughters, Kelley R. Anderson, of Blodgett, Ore., Robin L. Jensen of Reno, Nev., Heidi J. Lacey of Monroe, N.Y., Heather M. Shine of Lodi, and step-daughter, Patricia A. Pope, Palermo; brother, William "Barry" Robblee of Omaha, N.E.; 26 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and various nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Portola. The family requests any memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. box 4142, Quincy, CA 95971

THUNEN, Casper Lyle
Ukiah Daily Journal
10-26-1998

OBITUARIES

Casper Lyle Thunen

SPRINGVILLE, UTAH – Casper Lyle Thunen, 88, died Oct. 9, 1998 at his home in Springville, Utah after a short illness.

Born May 7, 1910 in Oroville to John Thunen and Dora Bennett he was raised in Oroville and Oakland. A highlight of his youth was when his family lived in Nome, Ala. for a year when he was 15.

Mr. Thunen was educated at Visalia Junior College and University of California, Berkeley. He majored in economics. He met his wife at Heald Business College in Oakland where she coached him in shorthand. He taught business subjects in high school in Tulelake, Willits and in Ukiah. He married Adele Pack Aug. 1, 1934 in Alameda. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Following his retirement they moved to Springville, Utah in 1970. Since then, he was a volunteer at the art gallery and read to children at the public library.

He will be remembered for his love of children, gardening and reading aloud.

Mr. Thunen is survived by his wife, Adele; daughters Doramay of Bethesda, Md. and Maurine of Springville; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death recently by his three older brothers.