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DEATH OF A PIONEER

James Rambo passed away from his earthly existence last Thursday, at the age of 70 years. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. Mr. Rambo had been a resident of Clarke county for over 30 years, and has resided all of the time on Brush Prairie where he raised a large family and acquired quite a large amount of property. He was respected and well liked by all who knew him and will be long remembered by his neighbors. The funeral services were held at the family residence and the remains were interred in Brush Prairie cemetery. A large composure of friends attended the services.

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1908

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August 1908

ISAAC DIETDERICH **Pioneer gone.**

Isaac Dietderich, whose years of labor in Clarke county has made the world better because he lived, passed away last Sunday, August 15, 1908.

Isaac Dietderich, an old and respected citizen of Clarke County died suddenly at his home in this city at five p.m. Sunday. He had recently suffered the amputation of a leg as a result of blood poison, but was apparently regaining his usual health though he had been at home from the hospital but a day.

Mr. Dietderich was born in Wayne County, Ohio, August 16th, 1835 and was seventy three years of age at the time of his death. Having the spirit of a pioneer he moved west to Iowa in 1855. Here he was married in 1857 to Elizabeth Jane Harris, who survives him.

Being a patriotic citizen, he heard the call for volunteers, and served in the Civil War as a member of company A of the 20th Iowa Regiment. In 1868, he again took up his westward march across the Plains with one of the wagon trains.

In October of the same year he settled on a claim at Brush Prairie, Clarke County. Later he engaged in the lumber business at Salmon creek. Dietderich's Mill has been a landmark for many years. Retiring from business, Mr. Dietderich and his faithful wife came to Vancouver to live as age prevented their engaging in active pursuits longer. Here he has lived for several years, a splendid type of the honest pioneer, who by his own efforts gained a competence, raised a large family and always merited the

respect and confidence of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a consistent member and officer of the Christian Church, from which the funeral services were held on Tuesday at 10:30 o'clock.

His wife and the following children mourn the loss of a loving husband and father:

Mrs. B. F. Brooks of Sunnyside, Wash.
(Eugenia)

Mrs. D.M. Hildreth of Vancouver
(Olive)

Mrs. J.S. Edwards of Oakland, Oregon
(Clara)

Lewis Dietderich (M Etta Manning)

Ed M. Dietderich (M Emma Hulett)

C. D. Dietderich of this city. (M
Margaret Thomas)

Interment was in the Brush Prairie
Cemetery August 1908

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CHARLES FRANKLIN STETCHER

Charles Franklin Stetcher, 73 years, died last night at the family home, 3100 K street. He was born February 11, 1849, at Seneca Falls, N. Y., and moved to Clarke County from Michigan in 1904. After coming to Washington, Mr. Stetcher and family settled on a farm at Brush Prairie where he lived until two months ago, when he moved to Vancouver.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Anna Stetcher, the following sons, W. E. Stetcher, of Homan, Wash., R. C. Stetcher, N. L. Stetcher, C. J Stetcher all of this city, three grand children, and one sister, Mrs. Ella L. Bodey of this city.

The body is at the Limber undertaking parlors where it will be until time for the funeral Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The services will be at the Orchards Methodist church and interment will be made in the Bush Prairie cemetery, Rev Walter Reynolds will officiate at the service.

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JAMES E. O'FLAHERTY

James Edward O'Flaherty, age 85 years, died at the family home at Homan early this morning. He came to this district in 1871 from Humboldt county, Ia., and has lived in the same locality the past 51 years. He is a

member of the Methodist church.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Mrs. Clarisea O'Flaherty, two daughters, Mrs. Mary Gillihan of Portland, and Mrs. Maud Miller of Homan, and one son whose location is not now known.

Funeral service will be held at the Orchards Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and Rev. Albright will officiate. Interment will be made in the Brush Prairie cemetery. The arrangements are in charge of W. J. Knapp.

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MRS. JOSEPH McLEOD

Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph McLeod were to be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock with Reverend Luther B. Deck of the local English Lutheran church in charge of the services. Interment was planned for the Brush Prairie cemetery.

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J. L. STEELMAN

Funeral services for J. L. Steelman, who died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Hockinson of Hazel Dell, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the chapel of the Hamilton Mortuary parlors. Rev. J. L. Garrett officiated and interment was in the Brush Prairie cemetery.

Mr. Steelman was born in North Carolina February 28, 1846, and was married to Miss Sarah Duncan November 2, 1865. After several years Mr. Steelman moved his family to Washington county, Virginia. In 1887 he moved his family to Clark County, Washington, settling at Hazel Dell and in 1896 he again moved his family and at this time settled at Brush Prairie. In 1916 Mr. Steelman retired.

On January 8, 1922, Mrs. Steelman died and following her death Mr. Steelman moved back to Hazel Dell to make his home

with his daughter, Mrs. Julie Hockinson, where he lived until his death.

Surviving relatives include his children, Mrs. Walter Guning, Napa, Idaho; John Steelman, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Alice Bishop, Auburn, Cal.; Mrs. Julia Hockinson, Hazel Dell; Mrs. J. Y. Whittler, Roseville, Cal.; Heaton Steelman, Scappose, Ore.; Frank Steelman, Caldwell, Idaho; Mrs. Lloyd Morgan, Tacoma; Mrs. Bert Staley and Mrs. P. Ward, both of Brush Prairie, and George L. Steelman, Seattle, 41 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild, and a brother, William Steelman, Wilksboro, North Carolina.

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MRS. E. J. VAN ATTA

Funeral services for Mrs. Elmerine Jane Van Atta, who died on Thursday, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Knapp's chapel, with the Rev. C. J. Waehlte officiating. Interment will be in the Brush Prairie cemetery. Pall bearers for the services will include Leonard Morgan, Edward Courtain, Ralph Ward, Ray Van Atta, Chauncey Gill and John Pender.

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ANNE MARIE CAPLES

Mrs. Anne Marie Caples, 60, died Saturday evening at her home in Hockinson following several years of failing health and a few days of serious illness. Mrs. Caples, born in California, had lived in Clark county for the past 56 years and was a member of the Riverside Rebekah lodge, No. 48.

Besides the husband, Charles W. Caples, survivors are two sons, Charles W. Caples, Jr., of Portland, and Philip C. Caples of Vancouver; two daughters, Mrs. Fred Stephenson of Vancouver and Mrs. Hugh Jauhola of Lebam, Wash., two sisters, Mrs. Marie C. Dawson of Vancouver and Mrs. T. Matilda Jones of Oakland, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 o'clock, in Knapp's chapel with the Rev. Paul L. Kunzman officiating. Interment will be in the Brush Prairie cemetery.

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ANNA STETCHER

Mrs. Anna Stecher, 79 of 3100 K st.,
died Saturday at her home.

She was born in Canada and crossed to
the United States when she was five years
old. She was a member of Progress Rebekah
lodge and of the Heights Presbyterian
church.

Surviving are six sons, R. C. Stetcher, C.
J. Stetcher, W. E. Stetcher, N. L. Stetcher
and R. H. Stetcher all of Vancouver, and J.
A. Stetcher, San Francisco; and six grand-
children.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m.
Tuesday at Limber's Funeral chapel with
vault entombment following at the Brush
Prairie cemetery.

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DEATH NOTICE

CAPLES – February 22, 1944, at Clark General Hospital, Charles William Caples of Hockinson, aged 78 years. Two daughters: Mrs. Adam A. Stephenson, Portland Oregon; Mrs Ruth Jaunola, Raymond, Washington; Two sons, Charles W. Jr., Portland, Oregon, Phillip V. Vancouver; One brother, Phillip L. Portland, Oregon; ten grandchildren, one great grandchild. Born April 12, 1865 at Vancouver, Washington. Remains at Knapp's Funeral Home. Funeral notice later.

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FUNERAL NOTICE

CAPLES - Funeral services for the late Charles Caples of Hockinson will be at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, February 26, 1944 at Knapp's Funeral Home. Interment Brush Prairie. Rev. John W. Pressly officiating. Knapp's Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

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DEATHS

VAN ATTA – August 28, 1955, at
Vancouver Memorial Hospital. Danny K.
Van Atta of Battle Ground, Wash.; aged 3-
1/2 years.

Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Van
Atta, Battle Ground. One sister, Marlene, at
home. Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Van
Atta, Vancouver; and Mr. and Mrs. Archie
Robertson, Vancouver; and great-grand-
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fields,
Vancouver.

Resident of Battle Ground entire life.
Born November 24, 1951 at Vancouver,
Washington. Attended Battle Ground
Baptist Sunday School.

Danny Van Atta has been entrusted to
the care of The Vancouver Funeral Chapel.
Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m.
Wednesday, August 31, 1955, at The
Vancouver Funeral Chapel. The Reverend
Don Reid will officiate. Final interment will
be in the Brush Prairie Cemetery.

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1964

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ARMINTA WILSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Arminta M. Wilson, who died Monday in Battle Ground, were held this morning at 11 o'clock at Layne's Funeral Home in Battle Ground. The Rev. Clifford Rich officiated at the services and interment which followed at the Brush Prairie Cemetery.

Born May 5, 1878, in Indiana, Mrs. Wilson resided at the home of her daughter at 717 N. Park Way, Battle Ground, at the time of her death. Prior to coming here last month, Mrs. Wilson had made her home in Klamath Falls, Ore., to where she had moved following a long-time residency in the Battle Ground area.

A member of the Christian Church, she is survived by three sons, Guy and Vernon of Klamath Falls, Ore., and Ray of Eugene, Ore.; a daughter, Mrs. Maurice Morgan of Battle Ground; three grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

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Friday, Sept 23, 1966

ANNA VICTORIA CAMPBELL

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Victoria Campbell, 65, were held Tuesday morning in the Vancouver Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Russell Watterberg of Ocean Park officiated, assisted by the Rev. Jim Bridge. Interment was in the Brush Prairie Cemetery.

Mrs. Campbell lived on the peninsula for 12 years, operating Campbell Court Motel in Ocean Park part of the time. She was born in Sweden June 16, 1901, and had lived in Clark County for 38 years before coming here. Several years ago she returned to Vancouver, where she died last Friday. She had been a member of the Seaview and Brush Prairie Baptist churches and the Ocean Park Community church.

Survivors include three sons, Glen and Jim Campbell of Invermere, B.C., and Lester of Ridgefield; one daughter, Mrs. Harry Dunn of Vancouver; 10 grandchildren; three brothers, Albert, Wilbert and Victor Holmgren of Vancouver; and three sisters, Mrs. Glen Messner of Yacolt, Mrs. Ed Lutes of Long Beach and Mrs. Bill Eggison of Portland.

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CLYDE HIGDON

Funeral services will be held Monday for Clyde B. Higdon, of Camas, who died Thursday at the age of 67.

Born Nov. 16, 1901, he lived in Clark County most of his life, working as a builder. He was a member of the Open Bible Church.

Survivors include the widow, Iva Higdon; sons William of Bend, Ore., Clyde H. of Portland and Donald of Everett; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Beatty of Seaside, Ore.; Brothers Roy of Vancouver, Fred of Washougal and Glenn of Kennewick; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The 1 p.m. service Monday will be held at the Vancouver Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. O. Taylor and the Rev. Ray Greenfield officiating. Interment is set for the Brush Prairie Cemetery.

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Death notice

HIGDON, Clyde B – Age 67, June 12, 1969 at Vancouver, Wash. Born Nov.16, 1901, in Vancouver, Wash. Lived at Rt.1, Box 230 Camas, Wash., and in Clark County most of his life. He was a builder. Widow Iva Higdon. Sons, William Higdon of Bend, Ore., Clyde H. Higdon of Portland

Ore., and Donald Higdon of Everett, Wash. Daughter, Mrs. Mary Beatty of Seaside Ore. There are 18 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Brothers Roy of Vancouver, Wash., Fred Higdon of Washougal, Wash. and Glenn Higdon of Kennewick,, Wash. Was a member of Open Bible Church. Funeral services at 1 p.m. Monday June 17, at Vancouver Funeral Chapel with Rev. O. J. Taylor and Rev. Ray Greenfield officiating. Interment in Brush Prairie Cemetery. Vancouver Funeral Chapel in care of arrangements.

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**Meadow Glade resident
Mrs. Lashier dies at 103**

Mrs. Mary Lashier, 103 years old and a resident of the Meadow Glade area since 1907, died Saturday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Fleck.

Mrs. Lashier was born at Fond du Lac, Wis., in 1867. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Blackenburg, later moved the family to Round Prairie, Minn.

Mrs. Lashier, with her husband, Walter, moved to Newberg, Ore., and then to Meadow Glade, where they built and operated the first Meadow Glade store.

Mr. Lashier died in 1921. Mrs. Lashier continued to live in Meadow Glade, busying herself with such projects as helping her son through medical school by raising chickens and giving room and board to girls attending Columbia Academy.

She was active at home and took an interest in her community and church activities until she fell ill about two months ago. She voted in the 1968 presidential election, and took a trip by jet a few years before that.

Mrs. Lashier is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Tom Sooter, Loma Linda, Calif., and Mrs. James Fleck, Meadow Glade.

She is also survived by five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Meadow Glade Seventh-day

Adventist Church. Elders Donald MacIvor and Ralph Martin officiating. Interment will follow at Brush Prairie Cemetery. Layne's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the missionary programs supported by Mrs. Lashier during her lifetime, in care of the Meadow Glade Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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1992

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LLOYD R. HUGHEY

Sifton

Lloyd R. Hughey and his wife Mildred were married 64 years before he died Tuesday, Nov. 10, in Meadow Glade Manor in Battle Ground. He was 85. Mr. Hughey, a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union, Local 16, in Portland, had worked in the Kaiser shipyards during World War II. While in the Marines, he served for a year and one-half on the battleship U.S.S. Arizona.

He was born July 22, 1907, in Albion, Wash., and lived in Clark County for 69 years, last in Sifton. Mr. Hughey, an uncle of Gov Barbara Roberts of Oregon, enjoyed traveling and was an avid rock hound and camper.

Other survivors include one daughter Donna Cerami of Orchards; three sons, the Rev. L. Charles Hughey of Walla Walla, Wash., Robert of Corvallis, Ore., and John of Orchards, one sister, Mary Wood of Waldport, Ore.; 17 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

A funeral will begin at 1 p.m. Friday at Straub's Funeral Home in Camas, followed by burial in Brush Prairie Cemetery.

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DONNA R. CERAMI

A funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Central Church of the Nazarene, followed by burial in Brush Prairie Cemetery, for Donna R. Cerami, who died of heart disease Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, at home. She was 63.

Mrs. Cerami, who had been a secretary for the Vancouver School District, enjoyed getting together with the women she had worked with, the "Anderson Island Group."

She is survived by her husband, Joseph, at home; three daughters, Debbie Thompson of Brush Prairie, Vickie Oates and Jan Lermo, both of Camas; a stepdaughter, Deena Stern of Gresham, Ore.; a son, Tony Lutz of Hawaii, a stepson, Timothy Cerami of Tigard, Ore.; her mother; Mildred Hughey of Vancouver, three brothers, Charles and John Hughey, both of Vancouver, and Robert Hughey of Corvallis, Ore.; and 11 grandchildren.

The casket will be open from noon to 5 p.m. today and Monday at Straub's Funeral Home in Camas.

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LAURA A. MOCKFORD

Vancouver

Laura Anne Mockford, 14, a Prairie High School student, died of a rare heart disease Friday, Aug. 13, 1999, in Victoria, B.C. She was attending a music camp.

Laura was born Aug. 24, 1984, in Seattle.

She is survived by her parents, Cheryl and Jim Mockford, at home; a brother, Christopher, at home; a sister, Jennifer, at home; grandparents Marie and Roger Mockford of Portland and Ruby and Forrest Kelly of Vancouver.

Laura was named Citizen of the Year at Laurin Middle School in 1998. She was a member of the Builders Club, the speech and debate club, her church's Kid Choir and Girl Scouts. She played flute in the high school band and was a member of the Senior Company of Columbia Dance Ensemble.

A service will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday at Brush Prairie Baptist Church, followed by burial in Brush Prairie Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1425 N.E. Irving St., Portland, OR 97232; to the family, in care Brush Prairie Baptist Church; to Columbia Dance Ensemble; or to the Laura Mockford Music Fund.

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2002

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CLARA M. HUGHEY

Battle Ground

A lifelong Clark County resident, Clara Mildred Hughey, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, in Battle Ground. She was 89.

A graveside service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brush Prairie Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at Hillcrest Nazarene Church. The casket will be open from noon to 7 p.m. Friday at Vancouver Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Hughey was born Jan. 21, 1913, in Sifton. Her maiden name was Burnett.

Her husband, Lloyd, died in 1995, and a daughter, Donna R. Cerami, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Charles and John R., both of Vancouver, and Bob of Corvallis, Ore.; one brother, George A. of Vancouver; 23 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Hughey was a member of the Brethern Church and Hillcrest Nazarene Church. She was a rock hound and enjoyed playing pinochle and watching the Seattle Mariners.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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CLARA M. HUGHEY

Battle Ground

A graveside service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brush Prairie Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m. at Hillcrest Nazarene Church in Salmon Creek for Clara M. Hughey, who died Monday. The casket will be open from noon to 7 p.m. today at Vancouver Funeral Chapel.

A complete obituary was in Thursday's paper.

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