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The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Thursday, April, 18, 1940

Thomas LeRoy (Meredith) Prietzel

Tiny Infant Dies Here Of Enlarged Thymus

Washougal – Thomas LeRoy, three months old son of Mr. And Mrs. J. T. Merdith (Mr. and Mrs. William Prietzel), died Monday at his home here. Death was caused by an enlarged thymus.

The funeral was held yesterday at 2 p. m. at Stoller chapel, with Elder Riches officiating, and interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

Other survivors include the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meredith, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gibson, aunts and uncles.

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**** **NOTE:** This one is confusing. The paper lists Meredith as parent. He gave information for the death certificate, but the death certificate lists William Prietzel and Fern Gibson as parents. It is signed by Mr. Meredith.

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Unknown newspaper
February 1941

The Post Record
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Thursday, January 16, 1941

CHARLES WARREN ATKINS

**Services for C. W. Atkins
Saturday at 2**

Charles Warren Atkins, 57, charter member of the Camas volunteer fire department, and employee of the water department and former police chief, died in Clark General hospital Wednesday at 7 a. m. Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Swank's chapel, with Rev. J. L. Tucker of Portland officiating, and interment will be in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

Members of the fire department will be pallbearers, and members of the Odd Fellows lodge, of which he was also a charter member, honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Atkins served a term as chief of police, leaving that office in 1926. In 1928 he was appointed the city's first full time fireman, a position he held until 1935 when he was transferred to the water department where he has been employed ever since, except during a time when he was ill.

Mr. Atkins spent most of his 57 years in this district. He is survived by the widow Mollie Atkins, two sons, Charles Jr. and Everett and a daughter Florence Tucker, all of Camas, a brother Robert of Portland and George of Salem, and two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Kays of Battle Ground and Mrs. Bina Warren of Forest Grove, Ore.

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ELWOOD FORNER

Funeral services for Elwood Forner, who died last Thursday in the county hospital, were held Sunday at 1 p.m. at Swank's Funeral Home, with Rev. L. C. Weitzenkamp officiating. Interment was in the Fern Prairie Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayes, five brothers, Elmer Forner of St. Cloud, Minn., Clifford, Dennis, Dickey and Leon Hayes, all of Camas; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Chumchaski of Minneapolis, Mrs. Birdie Berg Mark of Minneapolis, and Inez Hayes of Camas.

Elwood was born in St. Cloud, Minn., and came to Camas about a year ago.

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Thursday, March 27, 1941

**OLIVE CLARK VANVLEET
Mrs. VanVleet Laid to Rest in Prairie
Cemetery**

Mrs. Lewis VanVleet, whom all old timers in Camas will remember as Olive Clark, died Thursday at her home in Portland and was buried Saturday afternoon in the Fern Prairie cemetery. Funeral services were held at the Killingsworth funeral home in Portland.

Mrs. VanVleet was born in Burlington, Iowa, in 1880 and came to Camas at the age of 11 years to live with her aunt Mrs. Loisa (Louisa) Watson. In 1901 she married Lewis VanVleet, son of pioneer residents of Fern Prairie. For the next five years they lived in Fern Prairie, then moved to Portland, where they have resided since.

Mrs. VanVleet is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Riekman, and a son, Clark, of Portland; a brother, Alfred G. Clarke, Stockton, Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. Abbie Tanner, Carrier Mills, Ill., and Mrs. Belle Spidler, Santa Rosa, Calif.

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Thursday, June 12, 1941

Unidentified Man

**Transient Killed Here
By Freight**

(This appears to be the unidentified man buried in Fern Prairie Cemetery. The dates appear to be the same. Also, the man in Fern Prairie Cemetery was handled by Swank's. As a matter of fact the records we have state that Swank's paid for the grave.)

An elderly transient, who had been staying around Camas for more than a week, was instantly killed Tuesday night at 7:38 when he was struck by a west-bound S. P. & S. freight train near the Standard Oil Co. spur in Oak Park.

According to Engineer R. V. Wachter, the old fellow was seated on the side of the track, and failed to heed the frantic whistle and the noise of airbrakes of the oncoming train. Before the train could be stopped, it ran into the man and killed him. He was struck by the driving arm, decapitated and thrown a considerable distance from the spot where he was struck.

Local railroad employees said the old man was not noticeable hard of hearing, but they believed he was mentally deranged. On at least one occasion during his stay here he had a narrow escape with a truck, when he failed to heed a horn to get out of the way.

The old man was described as between 65 and 75 years old, had a grizzly beard, and during the rain wore a fairly good looking gray overcoat, apparently the gift of a local individual.

Coroner Ronald DuFresne investigated, along with local police and sheriff's deputies, and the body was taken to Swank's where a pauper's burial He is survived by the widow will be arranged. There were no means of identification in the old man's clothing.

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The Post Record
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Thursday, July 24, 1941

JOHANNA COCHRAN

**Mother of New Born Baby
Dies in Hospital**

Johanna Cochran, 34, wife of Otis Cochran, died Monday morning in St. Joseph's hospital, three days after giving birth to a son.

Services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Swank's Funeral home with Rev. George Poor officiating, and interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

Survivors, besides the widower and baby boy, include a son, Clifford, 6; her mother, Mrs. May Ryan and a brother, James Ryan.

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Thursday, September 11, 1941

WILLIAM KIRBY

**William Kirby Taken By
Death**

Services for William Kirby, 53, route 1, Camas, who died Monday in Vancouver, were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Swank's Funeral home with Rev. George Poor officiating. Interment followed in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

He is survived by the widow Letta Kirby of Camas, two brothers, Elmer and DeWitt of Seattle, and a sister, Mrs. Etta Moody of Seattle.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Thursday, December 25, 1941

CLARA LUELLE (LUELLA) HALL

Clara Luelle (Luella) Hall, 66, of Fern Prairie, died at her home Tuesday. She had been ill some time.

She is survived by a son, Carson Ornduff, of Camas; a daughter, Mrs. Midred Hopkins, Camas; two stepsons, Willard Hall, of Eugene, Ore., and Chester Hall, Vancouver; a brother, E. H. Carson, Des Moines, IA.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday at Swank's chapel in Camas. Burial will be in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

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Unknown Paper
Probably Wed., January 21, 1942

FRED F. STEVESON

Camas, Jan. 20 (Special) – Funeral services for Fred F. Steveson, 61, were held Monday afternoon at Stoller’s Funeral chapel. Rev. E. J. Helseth officiated and interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

Besides his widow Nellie, Mr. Steveson is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Weise, Spokane; a son, Raymond, Camas; his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Steveson, Washougal; three brothers, Elbe, Toledo, Wash., Harvey, Washougal, and Waite, Grand Coulee; a sister, Mrs. Hattie E. Bumgarner, Woodburn, Ore.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Thursday, February 26, 1942

ROBERT WARREN HOPKINS

Robert Hopkins Taken By Death

Washougal—Robert Warren Hopkins, 73, a farmer, died at his home near Washougal Tuesday. The body is at Stoller’s chapel in Camas pending arrangements.

Mr. Hopkins is survived by the widow, Edna Augusta; four sons, Kenneth of Camas, Loren and Harland of Washougal and Cecil of San Luis Obispo, Calif., and two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Chapman and Mrs. Margaret Henderson, both of Camas.

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Unknown Paper
June 1942

**MARY ALAMENDA (ALAMEDA)
ARMSTRONG WILSON**

Death came Monday June 15, 1942, to pioneer Mary Alamenda (Alameda) Armstrong Wilson. She was 88. Wilson first came to Fern Prairie in 1865, 18 years before Camas was founded.

She was born in Winona County, Minn., Feb. 26, 1854. She came to Washington with her parents in 1865 and settled at Fern Prairie. She moved to Kansas in 1873, and was married to James Wilson.

Together they moved back to Fern Prairie in 1880 where they occupied a homestead. She died at that homestead after 62 years of living there.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Monday, August 24, 1942

WEBSTER ABBOTT

Funeral services for Webster Abbott, 71, who died in Tacoma, will be held Tuesday at 1 o’clock at Knapp’s Funeral Chapel. Abbott was born in Clark county and spent most of his life here, his home being at Mill Plain until two years ago.

He was a member of the Elks lodge here and the Elks will be in charge of the funeral services. Dale McMullen, exalted ruler, will officiate and other Elks will act as pall bearers. Interment in Fern Prairie cemetery, Camas.

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Thursday, March 4, 1943

HELEN IRENE TODD CONNER

**Service for
Mrs. Conner Thursday**

Mrs. Helen Todd Conner, 42, died Feb. 28 at Clark General Hospital. Funeral services will be held at Swank's chapel Thursday, March 4, at 2 p. m. Rev. Howard Buck will be the officiating clergyman. Interment will be at the Fern Prairie cemetery.

Mrs. Conner is survived by her husband, A. C. Conner, and by four children, Mrs. Harvey Pfeifer, Orchards, Mrs. Earl Roloff, Camas, Mrs. Clarence Harris, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Richard Loren Conner, still living at home. There are also two grandchildren. Two brothers, Lee and Frank Todd live in Stamford, Mont., and a sister, Mrs. Dewey Kitchell, lives in Vancouver.

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The Post Record
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Thursday, May 6, 1943

ALEXANDER CORWIN CONNER

**C. Conner, 54,
Buried Wednesday**

Alexander C. Conner, route 1, aged 54, died at his home Saturday, May 1. Rev. Howard Buck officiated at the services which were held Wednesday afternoon at

Swank's funeral home. Interment was at Fern Prairie cemetery.

Mr. Conner was born March 17, 1889, at Watertown, S. D., and had lived here since 1932.

He is survived by a sons, Richard Loren, and three daughters, Mrs. Earl Roloff, Camas, Mrs. Clarence Harris, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Mrs. Harvey Pfeifer, Orchards. There are four brothers and two sisters also surviving. They are Merle and Wilson Conner both of Montana; Robert Conner, Mrs. Cassie Hanson and Mrs. Emma Vaughn.

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The Post Record
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Thursday, November 11, 1943

OLIVER L. LANGFORD

Oliver Lee Langford, 82, for the past 25 years a farmer in the Fern Prairie district, died in a Vancouver hospital Monday.

Funeral services were conducted at Stoller Funeral chapel Wednesday, the Rev. H. E. Mowe officiating. Interment was made in Fern Prairie cemetery.

Langford, born in Missouri, was married in King City in that state. His wife, Susana L. Langford, preceded him in death two months ago.

He is survived by a son, Lawrence L.; a grandson, Frank; and two great-grandchildren.

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Thursday, November 18, 1943

ORVILLE D. STEBBINS

Orville Dewey Stebbins was born in Wisconsin, April 17, 1855, and died in Santa Cruz, Calif., Nov. 14, 1943, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Reed. He came to the Fern Prairie district from Iowa in 1906, and lived there until last summer, when he went to California.

He is survived by four sons, Albert W., Dwight H. and F. W. (Bill) of Camas; Ellis A. of Monmouth, Ore., and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Reed of Santa Cruz, and Mrs. Amy Holmes of Camas. There are also nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Stoller's Funeral chapel with Rev. John Phipps officiating. Interment will be in the Fern Prairie cemetery, beside his wife, who passed away in 1925.

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1944

The Post Record
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Thursday, September 7, 1944

GILBERT GARLAND
Died Saturday

Gilbert Garland, age 54, of Camas passed away at his home on Fern Prairie, Saturday, Sept. 2, after living in this vicinity for 25 years. He was born in Scio, Oregon, January 25, 1890.

Surviving are the wife, Eunice of Camas, two sons, Eldon M. of the U.S. Navy and Glenn of Camas, one daughter, Dorothy, of Camas, and one brother, William, of Albany, Oregon.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at Stoller's funeral chapel with Rev. George Poor officiating. Music was furnished by Marie Stubblefield.

Interment was made in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

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Thursday, October 12, 1944

MARION GREENE THOMPSON

**Man Found Dead In Muddy Slough
Monday Morning
Identified As Marion Thompson By
Papers Found on Body**

The body of a man, identified as Marion Thompson, was found in the Columbia River slough back of the W. E. Wethered home, 226 NE First avenue at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Mrs. C. P. Cates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wethered, heard a racket in the brush in the rear of their home during the night sometime around 3 a. m. When the family awakened Monday morning, Mrs. Cates looked out the window to see if she could tell what had caused the noise in the night, and discovered the body of the dead man.

Police Chief Fred Lee was called and with Ernest Andrews, deputy from the county coroner's office, investigated the surrounding area where the body was found.

Apparently Thompson had been dead for some time as rigor mortis had set in and there was no indication of a struggle of any kind in the mud surrounding the area where the body lay half submerged.

Investigation of papers and articles found on the body established identification. His left shoe was found stuck in the mud several feet from the location of the body, but the right shoe was not found. In addition to personal papers found rocks were discovered in the pocket of his jacket. His billfold contained no money.

Thompson had been employed as a roll wrapper since Sept. 1 at the Crown Willamette Paper Co.

His home was in Aberdeen, Miss. Relatives there were notified of his death. His body was taken to Swank's Funeral home awaiting arrangements.

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1945

Unknown Paper

Possibly Friday, March 30, 1945

CARL MAX WATZIG

Carl Max Watzig, 58, passed away at his home in Camas rural route 2, March 23, 1945, and was buried in Fern Prairie cemetery March 26, following services held at Swank's Funeral home. The Rev. George Jefferson, White Salmon, officiated.

Mr. Watzig was born in Germany, Sept. 17, 1887. He came to the United States in 1913 and in 1915 took up residence in the present home.

Surviving him are his wife, Gertrude, four brothers and one sister. Two of the brothers, Bruno and Otto Watzig, live at Myrtle Creek, Ore.; a third, Emil Watzig, at Orchards; a fourth brother, Paul, and the sister, Ida, are still in Germany.

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Thursday, August 2, 1945

CAROL (CARL) H. REBENS DORF

Carol (Carl) H. Rebensdorf, 74, Washougal resident, died last Thursday, July 26, of a sudden heart attack brought on by a fall into the log pond of the Olson Bros. Lumber Co.

Mr. Rebensdorf, born in Oshkosh, Wis., Aug. 26, 1870, is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ardith Brown, California, two sisters, Mrs. Ida Smith, Oshkosh, Wis., and Mrs. Elizabeth Stone, Wittenburg, Wis., and a nephew, Marvin Rebensdorf, Washougal.

The body was taken to Swank's Funeral Home in Camas and shipped from there to

the old home in Oshkosh for services and burial.

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NOTE: It apparently was planned for him to be shipped to Wisconsin, however, according to the mortuary files and a lot of research, it is believed he is in the Fern Prairie Cemetery where a lot was purchased for him by Marvin Rebensdorff.

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CECIL BEVERSTOCK BROWN

Washougal Deer Hunter is Killed

Cecil B. Brown, 35, of route 2, Washougal, was killed instantly Sunday afternoon while deer hunting with his 15 year old son. Mr. Brown slipped as he was climbing over a log on Bear Mountain, and his gun accidentally discharged, sending a bullet through his left cheek.

The body was carried three miles through the heavy undergrowth by State Patrolman Vogel, who was called there to investigate. Dick Huycke, chief of the Camas fire department assisted him. The body was brought to Swank's Funeral Home, where services were conducted Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. George Poor. Interment was in the Camas (Fern Prairie) cemetery.

Mr. Brown was born in Colorado March 6, 1920 and was employed as a painter in the Vancouver Kaiser shipyards. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, four sons, Cecil, Rufus, Glen and Robert, his father, Rufus Sr., Stockton, Calif., and two brothers, Clifford and Rufus, who live in California.

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VIRGINIA MAY BEVARD

Five-year-old Virginia May Bevard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bevard, Jr., died Dec. 16 at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kramer, Washougal.

Services at Stoller's chapel Tuesday, Dec. 18, were conducted by Arlie Weeks of Fern Prairie. Interment was at the Fern Prairie cemetery. Mrs. Dell Dobson furnished music.

The little girl was born in Camas, March 15, 1940. Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bevard; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kramer, and three brothers, Jimmie, Michael and Dennis.

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1946

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Camas, Clark, Washington
Thursday, December 5, 1946

JOHN H. (P.) McQUEEN

**Services Will be Held
For John McQueen**

Mr. John H. (P.) McQueen of Route 1, Camas, Washington, died December 2, 1946, at Vancouver Hospital. He is survived by his widow Julia Etta and Son Bert, two granddaughters, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, of Camas, two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Gillihan, Tacoma, and Mrs. Ethel Newton, Haskins, Oregon, three brothers, Rev. R. K. McQueen of Tacoma, R. K. McQueen of White Salmon, and Richard W. McQueen of Vancouver. He was born in Missouri, October 7, 1879.

Services will be held at the Stoller Funeral Home in Camas, December 5, and interment will be in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

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1948

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Tuesday, April 13, 1948

Prairie Cemetery at 3 p.m. at the Van Vleet family plot, a section of the cemetery which was donated by her parents for a public burying ground many years ago.

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ERIC PEURA

PEURA – April 11 at Camas, Eric Peura of Rt. 2, Camas, aged 70 years. Daughter, Mrs. Emma Hendryx, son, Hugo Perua of Camas, grandson, Richard Hendryx of Camas, brother, Victor Peura of Finland, 3 sisters, Alina Koskt, Hannah Maki and Lissa Maki of Aurora, Minnesota. Born in Finland, February 1, 1878. Member of Lutheran church. Remains at Swank’s O’Hair Funeral Home. Funeral Wednesday at 2 o’clock. Rev. Werner Jessen officiating. Interment at Camas (Fern Prairie) cemetery.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
July 1948

STELLA VANVLEET FREEMAN

Friends here were saddened by the death of old time resident of this place, Mrs. William M. Freeman (Stella Van Vleet) who passed away at her home, 202 N. E. Graham St., Portland, Ore., Tuesday morning July 27.

Age 80 yrs. 7 mo. and 5 days. Teacher for many years in the Portland schools of Clark County, having taught at Fern Prairie, Mill Plain and other schools here.

She was also a Music Instructor. Survived by her husband, William M., a step son, William Jr. and one brother Lewis Van Vleet of Portland, numerous nephews and nieces. Services on Thursday July 29, at 1 p.m. in the Pearson Funeral church in Portland with graveside services in the Fern