

## OBITUARY

1927

Verl Echhoff was born December 7, 1906 in Macon county, Mo., and died July 16, 1927, being 20 years, 7 months and 9 days of age.

Verl was held in high esteem by all who knew him, being honest and upright in all his dealings. His word was considered good at all times and was one of our best citizens.

He leaves to mourn his passing his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Echhoff, one sister, Orvella, two grandmothers, Mrs. Myra Pearce of Coatsville, Pa., three uncles and four aunts, Wm. Echhoff, of Coatsville, Pa., Chas. Echhoff, of Coatsville, Pa., Emma Jobe, Mrs. Victoria Hoskin, of Coatsville, Pa., Mrs. Loretta Thornton, of St. Louis, Mrs. Lolly Owensby, of Anabel, Mrs. Birt Pearce, of Macon, and Miss Elsie (Gleen), his sweetheart.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at three o'clock at Bethel church at Ten Mile conducted by Rev. Charles H. Reep, assisted by Rev. L. C. Maggart. A large gathering of friends was present to pay their last respect and tribute.

Pearl McGhee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGhee of near Macon, committed suicide Saturday by drowning herself in a pond near the home of her parents. She has been in ill health for several years and attempted to take her life some months ago. Since that time she has been closely watched by her family, but eluded their care last Saturday.

The McGhee family lived on a farm south of Clarence some years ago and have many friends in this community who regret to hear of the untimely death of the daughter. She was born March 13, 1899, and was married to her brother-in-law, Wm. E. Albright, from whom she was divorced some months ago. She leaves, besides her father and mother, a stepson and nephew, Donald Albright, and three brothers, Harry and Earl of Macon and Ernest McGhee of Oklahoma. She was a niece of Mrs. F. N. Tedford of Clarence. The funeral services are to be held at Fairview church near Cox postoffice. The time has not been announced pending the arrival of

**Nellie Blanche Jarboe**, 1927  
Between Jan. 8, 1920, the date of her birth, and Jan. 26, 1928, the life of Nellie Blanche was made.

No one knows the day nor the hour when the summons will be served upon them. This was truly proven in the passing of Nellie Blanche, for with the precious family about her, she was taken. She was taken with the mumps, but when the erysipelas took her in its clutches the end soon came. She bore her intense suffering without a murmur and all that her faithful physicians and nurse could do was done. Death always brings sorrow but in this case it seems doubly so. A flower just budding to be called away is more than our weak minds can understand. We know God is too wise to make a mistake and too good to be unkind. Let us trust Him for help.

She leaves behind a dear mother and father, three sisters, Mrs. Bernice McAnally, Mrs. Frances Wotland, both of St. Louis, Helen at home; four brothers, Mark C. of Moberly, Clement O. of Monroe, Clarence P. and Jerome T. at home. She also leaves a large circle of relatives and little friends. Funeral services took place from the Catholic church in Shelbina Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Fr. Grace and the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery at that place.

It was a touching scene as she was laid away in her little white casket, borne by her four brothers. Her little casket was covered with flowers as tokens of love from her sorrowing relatives and friends.

One less on earth to love, but one more little angel in heaven. Dear little hands, we miss them so, All through the day wherever we go, All through the night how lonely it seems For no little hands wake me out of my dreams. We miss them all through the weary hours, We miss them as others do sunshine and flowers, Day-time or night-time whenever we go. Dear little, Nell, we miss thee

## Aged Veteran

**James H. Hodgin**, Long a Resident of This Community, Dies at Denver, Colo., 1929

James H. Hodgin, long a resident of the community, died at the home of his son, John L. Hodgin, of Denver, Colorado, Friday evening, November 15, after a month's illness.

"Uncle Jimmy," as people of this community knew him, was born in Washington county, Indiana, October 19, 1836, being 93 years and 27 days old at the time of his death. He was the son of Nathan and Martha Hodgin and was reared on a farm in Indiana, living there until he was 21 years of age, when he came to Holt county, Mo., locating on a farm, in the year of 1857. In 1861 he enlisted in the Union Army and served during the Civil War until June 24, 1865 when he returned to Holt county.

During his years of service in the Union army, he took part in several of the major engagements of the war in the west. He was in the battles at Chick-a-mauga, Chattanooga, Look-out Mountain, the siege of Vicksburg and the sanguinary struggles around Atlanta. He was with Sherman's army in its march from Atlanta to the sea and took part in those final engagements of the war.

In 1867 he came to Ten Mile, locating on a farm in that vicinity, where he continued to reside for 37 years. On Sept. 15, 1870, he was married to Miss Mary James, who predeceased him in death, Aug. 25, 1900. To this union five children were born, John L., of Denver, with whom he had made his home for the past year, Martha, deceased, Alice, deceased, Bert, of Peculiar, Mo., and Wm. H. of Dallas, Texas.

In 1904 he moved to Clarence with his second wife, Martha L. Layne, continued to reside here until after her death which occurred a year ago. After that time he lived in Denver, Colorado, where his death occurred last Friday.

Funeral services were held at Bethel church Wednesday

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**Sarah Elizabeth**, the eldest child of Joseph and Martha Magee, was born in Macon county, Missouri, Sept. 30, 1855, and passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. N. Tedford, in Clarence, Missouri, Saturday evening, Jan. 15, 1927.

In 1873 she was married to Mathew P. Hallie, who preceded her in death. To this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Roy Elzea, of Mexico, Mo., and Mrs. Hanger Tissue, of Wood-lawn.

In 1889 she was united in marriage to Homer C. Wine, who passed away in June, 1922. Three children were born by this union, Mrs. Newt Switzer, of Clarence, Mo., Roy Wine, of Woodville, and one child dying in infancy.

She united with the Fairview Christian church when very young and has lived a consistent christian life.

Those left to mourn their loss are the four surviving children, five grand children, one sister, Mrs. F. N. Tedford, of Clarence, Mo., two brothers, J. W. Magee, of Excello, and A. H. Magee, of Macon, besides a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Fairview Christian church Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. B. Alsbury.

## TWO YOUNG MEN MEET 1927

DEATH BY LIGHTNING

The saddest accident which ever took place in this community occurred Saturday evening, July 16, 1927, about 6:30 o'clock when Kenneth Hubert Ellsberry and Verle Echhoff were instantly killed by lightning.

The two young men were employed baling hay on Mrs. Mary Walker's farm about two miles west of Enterprize. Others who had helped during the day had left the field before the time of the accident. It appeared as though they were preparing to leave the field, as they had the team hitched to the wagon. When the bodies were found by Frank Walker, a few minutes after the storm young Echhoff was lying in the wagon while Ellsberry was on the ground a few feet from the wagon. One horse was shocked by the lightning but no damage was done to the wagon.

Verle would have been 21 years of age December the 7th, had he lived. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Echhoff, of north of Anabel.

Besides his father and mother he leaves one sister, Orvella, and his sweetheart, Miss Elsie Glenn, of Leonard, to mourn their loss, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Kenneth was 21 years of age June 7th, and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ellsberry, of west of Enterprize. Besides his father and mother, he leaves one sister, Ruby, and his sweetheart, Miss Orvella Echhoff, of Anabel, to mourn their loss besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Both were worthy young men and the entire community extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Funeral services for Echhoff were conducted at his home Monday morning conducted Monday afternoon at 3:00 at 10 o'clock by Rev. Beatty. The o'clock, at Bethel, and at 10:00 regular service being held at Union o'clock in the morning at Union for church at 1:30 conducted by Rev. Ellsberry. Both services were conducted by the Rev. Chas. H. Reep, terminated in Union cemetery.

## TWO YOUNG MEN KILLED BY LIGHTNING

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During the electrical storm Saturday evening at 6:30 Verle Echhoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Echhoff, of near Anabel, and Kenneth Ellsberry, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ellsberry, living south of Clarence, were killed by lightning.

The boys had been working in the hay field on the Robert Walker farm near Clarence, baling hay, and were just leaving the field when the fatal bolt struck. They were riding in the wagon and Echhoff's body was found in the wagon bed, while Ellsberry lay twenty feet away. The horses had been stunned by the lightning but the wagon was not marked.

The two young men were alone in the field and nothing was known of the accident until their failure to return to the house caused search to be made for them. It is indeed a sad ending to two promising young men and the families have the sympathy of a large host of friends in their bereavement.

## Kenneth H. Ellsberry

Kenneth Hubert Ellsberry, son of T. E. and Mary E. Ellsberry, was born in Sigourney, Iowa, June 7, 1906, departed this life July 16, 1927 at the age of 21 years, one month and 9 days.

He united with the Christian church at Union in 1919 in a meeting conducted by Rev. Cleaver.

Kenneth was a remarkable young man, hard working, with a determination to make a success of his life. Always having the interest of his father and mother paramount, always ready and willing to do those things for their pleasure and comfort, and of which will be greatly missed.

He leaves to mourn his passing a father and mother, one sister and a sweet heart, Miss Orvella Echhoff, and one nephew, Lawrence, and a number of other relatives and friends.

A short funeral service was conducted at his home Monday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Beatty. The regular service being held at Union o'clock in the morning at 1:30 conducted by Rev. Ellsberry. Both services were conducted by the Rev. Chas. H. Reep, terminated in Union cemetery.