

Arne Nousanen Ends Career *3/11/69*

HAMILTON — Arne O. Nousanen retired from the United States Forest Service last week after 31 years of service, Forest Supervisor Merrill E. Tester has announced.

Nousanen, a native of Montana, attended school in Florence and received his B.S. degree in forest management from the University of Montana in 1937. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard as an officer from 1943 to 1946 and was on convoy sea duty in the Atlantic.

He began his forestry service in seasonal work in 1934 in bluster rust control and fire control positions. He spent two years as a foreman of a CCC camp crew before receiving his permanent appointment in 1941. Since that time, he has served as a district assistant in charge of resource management, district ranger, staff specialist, and recreation and lands staff officer. He also spent 16 months as a special advisor in forestry to the government of Cambodia at Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Forest Service Lists New Fiscal Agents *3/11/69*

Two personnel changes in the Forest Service's Northern Region were announced Tuesday by Neal M. Rahm, regional forester.

Matt N. Marx, chief of the fiscal management branch in the Northern Region headquarters division of fiscal control in Missoula, has been promoted to fiscal agent for the Eastern Region in Milwaukee, Wis. He will report to his new assignment next week.

A native of Madison, Wis., Marx is a graduate of Central High School in Madison and is a veteran of 32 years of federal service. He joined the Forest Service in 1935 and served as an administrative officer at several locations in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He was transferred to Missoula as an auditor in June 1957, and was pro-

moted to industrial cost accountant and later to staff accountant in charge of the fiscal management branch. He is president of the local chapter of the Federal Government Accountants Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Marx live at 250 Strand. Their daughter, Mary, attends Milwaukee Institute of Technology and their son, Terry, lives with his wife and two children in Missoula.

Russell E. Vance, Washington, D.C., has been named fiscal agent for the Northern Region. He reported to his new assignment here last month, succeeding Herbert A. Edd, who retired.

A veteran of 30 years with the Forest Service, Vance is a graduate of Mountain Home (Idaho) High School. He began with the Forest Service as a clerk in McCall, Idaho, and held several positions in Idaho and Utah before going to Southern Region headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., as assistant to the fiscal agent. He served in Washington, D.C., and Upper Darby, Pa., and returned to Washington in February, 1966, to serve as staff assistant to the director of the Forest Service in the division of budget and finance. He is a member of the American Accounting Association.



Marx

Vance

Dispatcher Retires

The trusty dispatcher of the Nezperce National Forest is retiring after 38 years with the government. *3/21/62*

Paul H. Strand, the quiet-spoken conductor of smokechasing and fire fighting operations, has selected March as his retirement month, so he will not be engaged in the lightning strikes and man-caused smokes this summer.

Mr. Strand leaves, following a record number—339—fires fought successfully on the Nezperce last summer. He has an enviable record in handling the fire seasons' work of dispatching men, aircraft and supplies.

He is a great lover of the outdoors and he'll enjoy part of his retirement in enjoying Nature's wonders. Smokey Bear has lost a faithful servant as Mr. Strand retires.

Equipment Development Center Director Harris Is Retiring

Herbert K. Harris, director of the U.S. Forest Service Equipment Development Center in Missoula, will retire Friday, Neal M. Rahm, Northern Region forester, announced.

Harris has been with the Forest Service since 1931 when he did seasonal work prior to accepting an appointment in 1939 as chief fire guard on the Cabinet National Forest in western Montana.

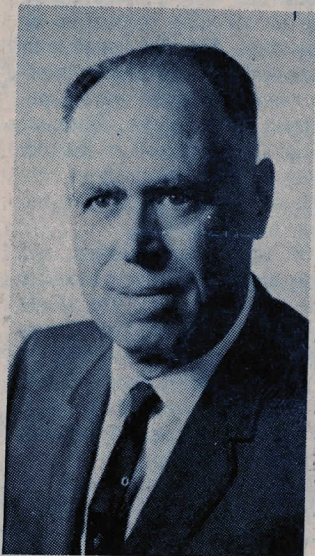
Subsequent assignments were chief forest guard, dispatcher and smokejumper foreman. He was transferred to the Northern Region headquarters in Missoula in 1944.

Under Harris' leadership, the region pioneered new equipment for parachuting smokejumpers and supplies to remote fires, accessories to make small helicopters more useful and machines for building trails and firelines. One innovation, a disposable sleeping bag, has been credited with saving several million dollars during two decades of use.

Using the Northern Region equipment development program as a foundation, in 1963 the Forest Service established a servicewide development center in Missoula. Projects in pest control, timber management, forest engineering and safety were added. Harris was ap-

pointed director, a post he has held since.

A native of Parnell, Mo., Harris is a graduate of North Central High School in Spokane. He attended the University of Idaho and during World War II served in the Army Air Corps. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters and Western Forestry and Conservation Association.



Herbert K. Harris

Forester R. W. Karr promoted to new Washington, D.C. post

Raymond W. Karr will leave his post as supervisor of the Deerlodge National Forest in Butte next week to become chief of the special areas branch in



RAYMOND
W. KARR

A NATIVE of Oak Park, Ill., Karr graduated from high school in Maywood, Ill., and then attended the University of Illinois. He holds a degree in forestry from the University of Montana.

He spent four years in the Navy submarine service during World War II and holds several decorations as a result of combat forays from 1942 to 1946. After the war he began with the Forest Service as a seasonal employe in trail construction, firefighting and disease control work. He also worked for logging contractors and sawmills as a timber cutter and scaler in the Kootenai River and Missoula areas.

IN 1953 he was appointed forester on the Kootenai Forest, stationed at Rexford, Eureka and Yaak. Two years later he was promoted to assistant ranger on the Kingston district of

the Forest Service's division of recreation in Washington, D.C.

The promotion was announced Sunday by Neal M. Rahm, regional forester, Missoula. Karr's successor here has not been announced.

Karr came to Butte in 1966 from Hamilton to take care of the 1.3 million - acre Deerlodge Forest. He succeeded Rolf B. Jorgensen, who advanced to the regional headquarters.

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John Milodragovich promoted to supervise Lolo Forest

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The promotion of John R. Milodragovich, native of Butte, to supervisor of the Lolo National Forest with headquarters in Missoula was announced Friday by Neal M. Rahm, regional forester.

Milodragovich has been supervisor of the Nezperce Forest at Grangeville, Idaho, since 1959. As boss of the Lolo, which covers large portions of Mineral, Missoula and Granite counties, he succeeds Ross Leavitt, Forest Service veteran who retired recently.

Known as "Milo" to many in Butte and a legion of friends and acquaintances in western Montana and northern Idaho, Milodragovich attended schools in Butte and graduated from the school of forestry at the University of Montana. While in college he began with the Forest Service in 1936 as a summertime employe on the forest he now will direct.

He was on the Deerlodge and Kootenai Forests prior to World War II. Following service as an intelligence officer in Yugoslavia and Italy, he returned to the Deerlodge and Kootenai and in 1955 became assistant supervisor of the Helena Forest. Two years later he transferred to the regional headquarters in Missoula, where he was staff officer responsible for forestry programs with state and private agencies for two and a half years.

Appointed supervisor of the Nezperce at Grangeville, Milodragovich took time out for a six-month assignment in Hawaii when the territory became a state. There he provided special service and advice to the new state in developing a multiple-use management program for the state-owned forest lands in the islands. After he returned to the Nezperce Milodragovich handled the establishment of the Cedar Flats and Cottonwood Job Corps Conservation Centers.

In Grangeville he has been active in church and civic af-

fairs. He recently was chosen "Boss of the Year" by Grangeville's Jaycees. He is a past chairman of the Northern Rocky Mountain Section and the Inland Empire Section of the Society of American Foresters.



JOHN MILODRAGOVICH

Trotter Named Chief Of Soils Management

3/25/69

Sherwood C. Trotter, Washington, D.C., assistant director of the U.S. Forest Service's Division of Watershed Management, has been assigned to the Northern Region headquarters as chief of the five-state region's Division of Soils and Watershed Management, Regional Forester Neal M. Rahm said Monday.

Trotter succeeds Norman R. Tripp, who retired last month. A veteran of 20 years in the Forest Service, Trotter will report to his new assignment next week.

Trotter did seasonal work for the Forest Service in Oregon before accepting an appointment as a forester on the Umpqua National Forest in Oregon. He was promoted to timber management forester on the Umpqua National Forest's Bohemia Ranger District in 1953, and the following year

was assigned to Twisp Ranger District of the Chelan National Forest in Washington. In 1956, he was promoted to district ranger for the Twisp District. From January 1957 to August 1958, he was district ranger for the Zigzag Ranger District in Oregon's Mt. Hood National Forest.

Subsequent assignments included land uses forester on the Los Padres National Forest in California, and brief tours of duty at Santa Barbara, Calif., and at Escanaba, Mich.

Trotter has been on the Forest Service's national watershed management staff in Washington, D.C. since June 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Trotter have four children: Sara 19, Deborah 18, Christine 17, and Marcia 15.

A native of Anaheim, Calif., Trotter attended Fullerton Junior College, then took a degree in forestry at Oregon State University. He served three years in the Army during World War II, 1942-45.



Sherwood C. Trotter

Bud Moore Named Chief of Fire Control

William R. "Bud" Moore has been named chief of fire control for the Forest Service's five-state Northern Region, Regional Forester, Neal M. Rahm, announced Thursday.

Moore will assume the post



William R. Moore

next month with responsibility for fire control on 26 million acres of national forest land in North Dakota, western South Dakota, Montana, northern Idaho, and eastern Washington.

A native of Florence, Moore has been assistant director of the Forest Service's Division of Fire Control in Washington, D.C., the past five years.

He first worked for the Forest Service in June 1935 at the Hot Springs lookout on the Lolo National Forest's Powell Ranger District. For five summers he worked on the ranger district.

In 1942, Moore was appointed plantation superintendent of an emergency Guayule Rubber Project near Oceanside, Calif. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943, and saw action with the First Marine Division at Peleliu, Okinawa, Palau, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, and New Caledonia.

Moore returned to Montana as alternate ranger for the Powell Ranger District and later the Missoula Ranger District, both in the Lolo National Forest. In 1949, he was promoted to district forest ranger for the Powell District. Moore served on the Lolo National Forest supervisor's staff briefly prior to his assignment to the Northern Region headquarters Division of Fire Control's Training and Fire Prevention Branch in 1957.

While stationed in Missoula, Moore was president of the Missoula Parent-Teacher Association Council, head of a

prehensive study of schools in the Missoula area, and a member of the school district 23 board. He is a member of the Lions Club, Society of American Foresters, and the American Forestry Association, American Society of Training and Development, the Wilderness Society, and the National Rifle Association.

In 1959, Moore was promoted to Intermountain Region safety and training officer at Ogden, Utah, and was assigned as the Forest Service training officer in Washington, D.C., in 1961. He has held his present post as assistant director of the Division of Fire Control since 1964.

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LOLO FOREST RANGERS MEET--Front row, left to right; Dave Minister, Seeley Lake ranger, John Milodragovich, forest supervisor, Irwin Puphal, Thompson Falls ranger, Jack Chamberlin, Bonita ranger; Second row: Monte Supola, Plains ranger, Warren Ensign, Missoula ranger, Dick Stron, Superior ranger, Dave Owen, Ninemile ranger, Ken Haffly, Lolo ranger. The Lolo National Forest held its annual Rangers Meeting last week at the new Forest headquarters on Russell and Benton Streets. High lights of the five day session included a day trip to Trapper Creek Job Corps Center to become acquainted with the Center and its various functions, the planning of next years' finances, and the preparation of the annual work program.

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OVER 3,000 PAID CIRCULATION

A. W. Blackerby

In March 1957 A. W. Blackerby became supervisor of the Nezperce national forest with headquarters in Grangeville.

Since that time he constantly worked diligently to expand the resources of the forest to meet the public's growing needs of timber, access roads and recreational pursuits.

He rededicated the 1,230,015 acres of forest lands in Idaho county to the outdoorsmen and constantly plotted means of enhancing the recreational potential.

A major area which Mr. Blackerby began to open to the public was the Seven Devils country with an entrance near Riggins. This high mountainous area with a primitive setting and 14 lakes had been mapped a decade ago by the national forest as a tourist mecca. Mr. Blackerby proceeded to implement its use as a recreational area and last week construction of an accessible road to a lookout point in Seven Devils was completed.

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MR. BLACKERBY was a forester, who dedicated his life to working with one of America's most precious commodities—timber. His love of Idaho county was great and often he paid strong feelings of tribute to its future and that of the loggers and sawmills.

He wanted to work with the county's people. His advice and counsel on recreational problems were constantly sought by many in the Grangeville Wildlife Assn., chamber of

commerce, Jaycees and civic groups in other communities.

A writer of forestry articles, author of children's books and a photographer, he showed no pretense when he entered a community contest for folk to select and write of a day's trip to historical or scenic spots of which the county is so favored. He won the contest, too.

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HE MIGHT also be called the godfather of a new organization which was formed out of protests against national forest objectives in locating recreational sites within the Nezperce.

The program of sites was begun years before Mr. Blackerby arrived, but it was his duty to implement the plans and designs. Thereby his views and goals became misunderstood among a group of miners and prospectors.

Yet he was insistent that their side be heard and that the discrepancy among the forest's planning and the miners' and prospectors' problems be fully aired and he congratulated them upon their organization.

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RED-TAPE bureaucracy is often the stranglehold on preventing government from being effective and efficient. Under Mr. Blackerby's supervision, the Nezperce national forest was a smoothly-run organization. At its helm he captained a taut ship. Whether it be timber management, grazing, mining, roadbuilding or recreation, all interested parties found answers to their problems quickly, resolved to be settled in the interests of the general public.

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MR. BLACKERBY stood by his personnel and went to the front when issues of a district ranger seemed insurmountable.

It was this devotion to his fellow workers which brought on his untimely death. Aug. 4 he went aboard a plane in company of three smokejumpers and the pilot to fly to Moose creek with supplies for firefighters on a growing blaze on Pettibone ridge.

The plane crashed as it landed on the Moose creek airfield. Two of the jumpers were burned and died soon after. Mr. Blackerby suffered severe burns over half of his body.

He was rational shortly after the crash and in Grangeville General hospital the following morning he expressed concern as to how were the boys who were with him in the plane.

Early Sunday morning A. W. Blackerby died in a Portland hospital, unable to recover from the burns. He left a legacy of plans and designs for the Nezperce forest and if his goals are achieved in days to come, the forest shall become a living monument to his ideals.

Key Personnel Changes

Overbay Named Deputy Chief; Mumma is Regional Forester

Regional Forester *James C. Overbay* is on his way to Washington D.C. and Deputy Regional Forester *John W. Mumma* is stepping into the R-1 Regional Forester position. Both men will report to their new jobs Feb. 28.

Chief *F. Dale Robertson*, who made the announcement Dec. 29, said he is pleased to have Overbay, with his broad background and experience, available to fill such a key position. As Deputy Chief, Overbay will oversee management of the 191 million acres of the National Forest System.

Overbay has been Regional Forester for the Northern Region since July 1985. Before that, he was Deputy Regional Forester for the Southwest Region at Albuquerque, NM.

Overbay started his career with the Forest Service in Oregon in 1956 as a forester on the Ochoco NF. He was a District Ranger on the Rogue River and Siuslaw NFs. Later, he was promoted to timber staff officer on the Mount Hood NF.

In 1975, he became Supervisor of the Black Hills NF in South Dakota and 2 years later moved to the WO as a staff

assistant to the Deputy Chief for the National Forest System. He transferred to Albuquerque as Deputy Regional Forester in 1979.

Overbay is a native of Bend, OR. He graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in forest management.

Overbay said the move will be difficult. "I believe we have some really exciting things happening here and I would like very much to stay and share in them," he added.

Overbay's replacement, John W. Mumma, has the background and experience to make him the logical choice to succeed Overbay, according to Chief Robertson.

Mumma is a 1962 graduate of the Univ. of New Mexico. His Forest Service career began in Colorado in 1963.

In 1969, he moved to the Apache NF in Arizona and worked as a wildlife biologist. He later served on the Range and Wildlife staff in the Southwestern RO and as District Ranger for New Mexico's Lincoln NF.



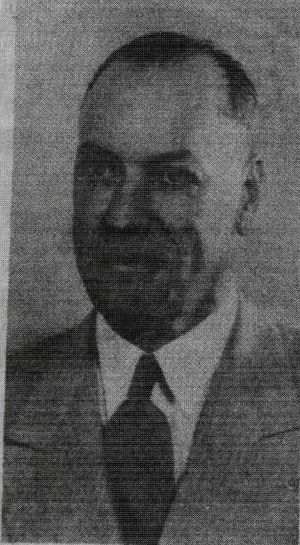
James C. Overbay

John W. Mumma

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Retired Forester Lommasson Dies

Thomas Lommasson, 75, retired Forest Service range conservationist, died Wednesday in his home, 2210 Hilda Ave. 12/17



Thomas Lommasson

A native of Colfax, Wash., he was born Feb. 25, 1894. He received a forestry degree from the University of Montana and retired in 1955 after more than 35 years with the Forest Service.

He received a Superior Service Award in 1952 from then Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan for his original work in development of range inventories and management plans and for exceptional achievements in training men in these fields.

He married Emma B. Bravo in Missoula Dec. 26, 1939. Survivors, besides his wife, include one son, Thomas E. of Albuquerque, N. M., and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Squire-Simmons-Carr Rose Chapel. Memorials may be in the form of contributions to the Alumni Association of the University of Montana.



Forester retiring 12/18

Roswell (Ross) Leavitt of Missoula, supervisor of the Lolo National Forest the past eight years, is retiring this month after more than 35 years in the Forest Service. The Lolo extends into eight Montana counties, including Powell and Granite.

Thomas Lommasson 12/19/69

Funeral services will be conducted in Squire-Simmons-Carr Rose Chapel Friday at 3 p.m. for Thomas Lommasson, 75, retired Forest Service range conservationist who died Wednesday in his home, 2210 Hilda Ave. The Rev. J. Holland Vernon will officiate.

Pallbearers will be George Converse, O. E. Mendel, John Patterson, Edmund Radloff, Harley Raykowski and Millard Woollen. An honor guard will be provided by American Legion Post 27.

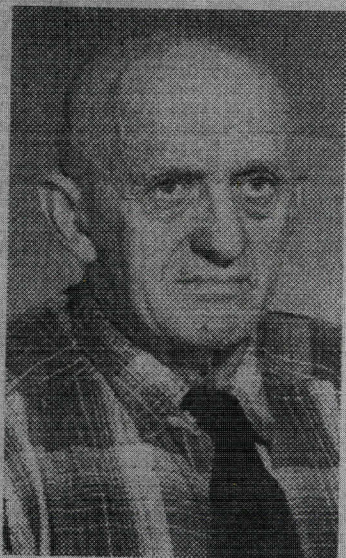
Tributes may be in the form of contributions to the Alumni Association of the University of Montana or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Forester retiring 12/12/65

MISSOULA (AP)—Harvey O. Robe, assistant regional forester in charge of operation, will retire from the Forest Service Dec. 29, it was announced Saturday.

Howard Higgins, Retired Ranger, Dies at Las Vegas 3/21/68

Word was received in Grangeville Monday evening of the death of Howard W. Higgins, 68, at Las Vegas, Nev. Mr. and



Mrs. Higgins were spending the winter there, where he suffered a heart attack, followed by a stroke.

Cremation took place in Las Vegas, and interment of the remains will be Monday, March 25, with Masonic graveside rites at Prairie View Cemetery. Time is not known.

Howard Higgins was born July 4, 1899 at Fredricks Town, Ohio, and came to Idaho in the early 1920's, first to White Bird.

He started working for Nezperce National Forest in 1923, and was made ranger of the Dixie District in 1927, continuing there until 1931, when he took over as ranger of the Red he went to Avery on the St. Joe h went to Avery on the St. Joe Forest.

Higgins returned to the Nezperce in 1947 and again served as ranger at Dixie until time of his retirement July 31, 1958. Since then Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have made their home in Grangeville at 218 N. College, took a world tour, and spent winters in southern areas.

He became a member of Mt. Idaho Lodge No. 9, A.F. & A.M. in 1926 and served as worshipful master in 1938; a veteran of World War I, and member of Grangeville Unit 37, American Legion.

Survivors include his wife Ruth, one daughter, Mrs. Lloyd (Laura) Larson, Olympia, Wash., and sisters and brothers.

The family has requested "no flowers," but contributions may be made to the Heart or Emphysema Funds.

Butte Man Killed In Bus Accident

4/20/67

Nick Milodragovich, 44, of Butte was fatally injured Wednesday afternoon when the small bus in which he was riding plunged off U.S. Highway 12 and into the Lochsa River.

The accident occurred about 70 miles east of Lowell, Idaho.

Injured in the crash was Gerald McCarthy, 33, of Anaconda. The accident victims were brought to St. Patrick Hospital by ambulance, but Milodragovich, construction supervisor for the Anaconda Job Corps Center near the Smelter City, was pronounced dead on arrival.

McCarthy, superintendent of the Job Corps Center, was admitted for treatment of a broken arm and other minor injuries, hospital attendants reported.

J. E. Sanderson, supervisor of the Nez Perce National Forest, said the two were en route from the Anaconda Job Corps Center to the Cottonwood, Idaho, Job Corps Center when the accident occurred.

Sanderson said U.S. 12, the Lewis-Clark Highway, was snow-covered at the time the small bus plunged into the river about 12 miles west of the Powell Ranger Station.

A forest service crew from the Powell Station went into the river to get the men.

Milodragovich, a brother of John Milodragovich, supervisor of the Lolo National Forest, resided at 3949 Gladstone St. in Butte.

He was a native of the Mining City, and attended Butte schools. He was a member of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; four sons, Chris, Sam, Robert and Mark, all of Butte; his father, Risto Milodragovich, Butte; three brothers, John and Eli of Missoula and Robert of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Mrs. William H. McDonald, Great Falls, and several nephews and nieces.

The body is in the Marsh, Powell & Livingston Funeral Home and will be taken to Butte for funeral services and interment.

Mark O. Watkins, 77 ^{3/25/71}

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Yates Funeral Home for Mark Orrin Watkins, 77, 718 N. 8th St., a retired U. S. Forest Service employee who died Wednesday at Kootenai Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

The Rev. H. G. Wapstra will officiate. The Coeur d'Alene Veteran's Council will conduct services at the graveside at Forest Cemetery.

BORN AT Ritzville, Wash., Aug. 16, 1893, Mr. Watkins moved to Athol with his parents when he was a year old. His father, the late Samuel (Harry) Watkins, opened a general store there.

He attended grade school and high school at Athol, then moved to Spokane where he attended business school. He continued to live and work there after he finished schooling.

A MEMBER of both Idaho and Washington National Guard units, he served with the Army in France during World War I. After the war, and his

discharge from active service, he worked with the Near East Relief program.

He returned to Spokane where he worked as a bookkeeper for Carsten's Packing Co. and met Ruth Kidder. They were married at Spokane May 11, 1921.

In 1935 Mr. Watkins began work for the U. S. Forest Service in Montana. Later he was transferred to Grangeville, and came to Coeur d'Alene with the Forest Service in 1952.

He retired from the Forest Service in 1955 at Coeur d'Alene.

HE WAS A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Coeur d'Alene, the American Legion, World War I Barracks 227, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, at the home; a brother, Earl F. Watkins, Seattle; a nephew, Harry O. Watkins, Seattle; and a grand nephew, Clyde Watkins, Seattle.