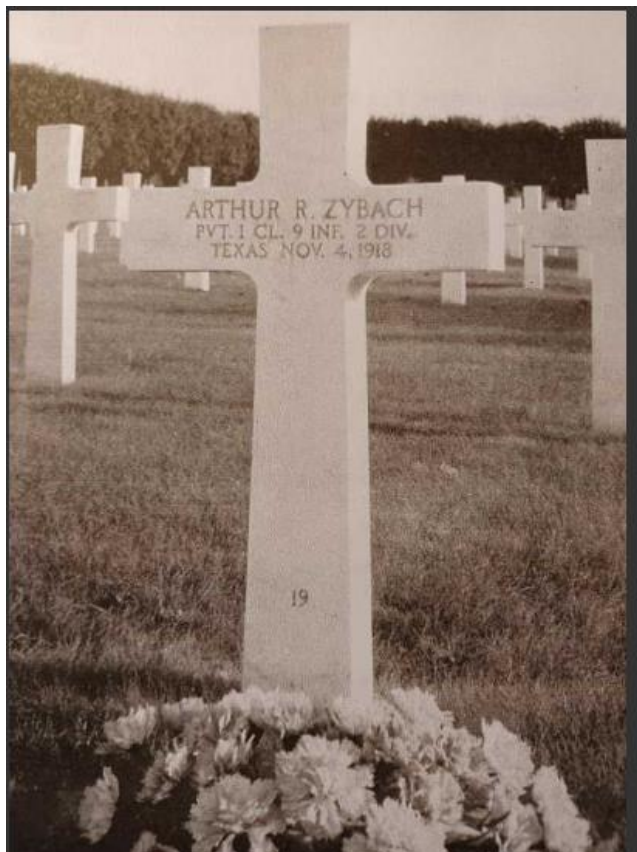


# TUSCANIA

**WWI casualty**  
**Zybach, Arthur Rudolph**  
**1889 KS – 1918 France**



Arthur Rudolph Zybach - [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/164808700/person/342159738986/media/a43636df-a7dd-4881-befe-1f0bbf3783cb?\\_phsrc=cPx183&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/164808700/person/342159738986/media/a43636df-a7dd-4881-befe-1f0bbf3783cb?_phsrc=cPx183&_phstart=successSource)



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HERE IS the MARK VERING home, RR1, as it looked in 1895 when the Zybach family lived there. Second from left is Emma Zybach Nielson. Years later she and her sister, Marie Zybach Knodel, long-time Marysville residents now deceased, were each married in the parlor of the house.

Arthur Rudolph Zybach – was born August 1889, about age 6 when this photo was taken – since his sister Emma is in the photo, possibly he was one of the small boys pictured – “Marysville (KS) Advocate” 29 Dec 1983 p 9-  
 – photos – the home of Mark & Helen Vering, RR1, Marysville. In 1883 Mr. & Mrs. Zybach bought the farm from Mr. Wheezy for \$3 an acre. The family moved to the house in 1891. In 1903 they remodeled, adding an upstairs above the living room, and adding a bay window with stained glass to the living room. Photo may show Arthur as a young boy.



WHEN THE Zybachs remodeled in 1903 an upstairs was added above the living room. Installed was a bay window with stained glass above and a front door with frosted glass, stained glass and Pennsylvania Dutch-style carvings.



OUTSIDE SCHOOL PUPILS (circa 1899-1900) are (third row), l to r, Zena Harberts, Emily Aegerter, Olive Hammett, Bertha Rickert, Grace Aegerter, Emma Zybach, (second row) Ernest Zybach, Arthur Zybach, Lizzie Spellmier, Mary Wassenberg, Ida Aegerter, Martha Spellmier, Virgil Harberts, (first row) Josepha Wassenberg, Rosa Aegerter, Hazel Hammett, Lizzie Rickert, Anna Wassenberg and Joey Hammett.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" 25 Aug 1977 p 11

## Arthur R. Zybach

in the U.S., World War I, World War II, and Korean War Casualty Listings

Name	Arthur R. Zybach
State Registered	Texas
Death Date	4 Nov 1918
Cemetery	Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery
Cemetery Burial Plot	Plot D Row 14 Grave 19
Cemetery City	Romagne
Cemetery Country	France
War	World War I
Title	Private First Class, U.S. Army
Rank	Private First Class
Service	U.S. Army
Division	9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division
Data Source	World War I Honor Roll

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/8597:8853?ssrc=pt&tid=105893246&pid=180050902463>

### American Soldiers of World War I for Arthur R Zybach

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**Privates—Continued**

**ZYBACH, Arthur R., Zybach.**

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ZYBACH ARTHUR RUDOLPH		X C	135 167
Pvt 1c Co L 9 Inf		K	
1221 Hellman St Long Beach		A	4 217 185
California			
Ssn	251 628	Died	11/7/18
		T	202 718
Born	8/14/89	R	
Enl		Ct.	
		I	91 420

U. S. VETERANS BUREAU  
MAIL AND RECORDS  
Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926

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Zybach,	Arthur R.	251,628	* White * <del>Colored</del>
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	
Residence:	Zybach	Hemphill Co	TEXAS
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. G. * Inducted at		Canadian Tex	on Sept 19, 1917
Place of birth:	Marysville Kans	Age or date of birth:	28 1/12 yrs
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:			
Co D 12 Bn 165 Dep Brig to--; Camp Travis #2 Repl Draft to			
Mch 27/18:6 Co 1 Inf Tng Regt Dep Div 1 Corps to Apr 7/18			
Grades, with date of appointment:			
Pvt 1 cl Oct 13/18			
Engagements:			
Marne; Soissons; St Mihiel; Blanc Mont			
Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † death, from † to †			
Killed in action Nov 4, 1918			
Other wounds or injuries received in action: None			
(If none, so state)			
Person notified of death:		Fritz Zybach,	Father
(Name)		(Degree of relationship)	
(No. and street or rural route)		Zybach,	Tex.
(City, town, or post office)		(State or country)	
Remarks:			

Form No. 724-6, A. G. O. \* Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.

TX, WWI Army record - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89MN-847K?i=478&cc=2202707&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQV18-JYZ4>

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TEXAS WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERE TO UPON ENLISTMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Young, James H.	2,228,503	Pvt	Co G 360 Inf	U
Zapalac, George A.	2,812388	Pvt	Co F 34 Inf	Nov 3/18
Zapata, Estanislao	2,222,084	Pvt	Co I 107 Inf	Sept 29/18
Zhanel, John	2,225,024	Pvt	Co D 359 Inf	Nov 2/18
Zinn, Guy Lester	2,240,511	Pvt 1c1	Co G 315 Sup Tn	Sept 16/18
Zybach, Arthur R.	251,628	Pvt	Co L 129 Inf	Nov 4/18

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# Post 56

Canadian, Texas

## About This Post

### Post Namesake

Zybach Owens Post No. 56.

Arthur Zybach enlisted at Camp Travis, Texas, September 1, 1917. He was sent overseas on January 24, 1918, aboard the Troopship "Tuscania." On the evening of February 5, 1918, while off the coast of Ireland, the Tuscania was attacked and sunk by a German U-boat; Arthur was one of the survivors. He made his way to Winchester, England. From there he boarded a ship at Southampton which took him to France. He was assigned to the 9th Infantry, 2nd Division. He was twice wounded in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, and then killed in action on November 3, 1918. A German mine detonated and killed him. He is buried at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial in Lorraine, France.


Ben Vernon Owens enlisted September 2, 1917. He was on the Tuscania with Arthur Zybach when a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the Tuscania. Owens lost his life in the sinking of the Tuscania. His body washed up on the shore at Islay, Scotland on February 6, 1918. His remains were first buried at Port Sherlet on February 9, 1918, but later exhumed and returned to the United States. On October 12, 1920, Owens was buried with full military honors at Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

<https://centennial.legion.org/texas/post56?p=about>



<https://centennial.legion.org/texas/post56/gallery/zybach-owens>



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Life:

ROLL OF HONOR.  
A pupil who has reached an average grade in all his studies including deportment, of 90 per cent or above, is entitled to a place on the "Roll of Honor" provided that he has been neither absent, tardy, truant or punished corporeally.

WARD SCHOOL—MIXED GRADES,  
MARIE WHITE, TEACHER.  
Lillie Zybach      Emma Zybach  
Edgar Hammett      Olive Hammett  
Lizzie Rickert      Arthur Zybach  
Joy Hammett      Virgil Harbarts

Has numerous reports of good grades over the next years - "Marshall County News" (Marysville KS)  
Friday 28 Oct 1898 p 1

Arthur Zybach shot a pretty good sized goose one day this week.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 1 Apr 1904 p 8

<b>Roll of Honor.</b>
Marysville City schools for the six weeks ending Oct. 14, 1904.
<b>HIGH SCHOOL.</b>
Mary Kysela, Laura Schwindaman, Glen Ruggles, Imogene Brubaker, Fannie Calhoun, Maggie Calhoun, Josie Harrigan, Arthur Johnson, Frieda Lewke, Emma Lohse.
<b>NINTH GRADE.</b>
Olive Hammett, May Ruggles.
<b>SEVENTH GRADE.</b>
Edna Butler, Alice Middlemiss, Reuben Olson, Ima Sebreiber.
<b>SIXTH GRADE.</b>
John Straub.
<b>FIFTH GRADE.</b>
Miriam Cole, Marie Grauer, Lillian Sheldon.
<b>THIRD &amp; FOURTH GRADES.</b>
Johnny Johnson, Vesta Morse.
<b>OUTSIDE SCHOOL.</b>
Hazel Hammett, Lizzie Spellmier, Herman Smidt, Clara Stauffacher, Tracy Stauffacher, Walter Stauffacher, John Smidt, Willie Smidt, Carl Zybach, Arthur Zybach.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 20 Oct 1904 p 1

Ernest and Arthur Zybach spent Sunday with Willie Begert.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 24 Aug 1905 p 6

Miss Lida Youssi and brother Frank, Will Begert and Arthur Zybach took in the excursion to St. Joseph Sunday.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 17 Aug 1906 p 1

Arthur Zybach, who has been spending several weeks in Colorado, arrived home Friday.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 25 Oct 1907 p 3

Arthur Zybach of Zybach, Texas, formerly of Marysville, was one of the soldier passengers on the Tuscania but fortunately was one of the rescued, which is good news to his many friends here.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 5

## FATEFUL LETTER PLUNGES HOME IN DEEPEST MOURNING

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Sincerely yours,  
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"Long Beach (CA) Press-Telegram" Saturday 1 Feb 1919 p 14

## Memorial Letter Is Sent to Parents of Dead U. S. Soldier

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Zybach, of 436 Almond avenue, who a few days ago received news that their son, Arthur R. Zybach had been killed on the Meuse front early in November, are the recipients of a memorial letter from the war service committee of the Rev. George P. Taubman's Bible class.

The letter is signed by S. F. Duree, chairman of the committee, who extends the condolences of the class to the stricken parents, and informs them that in accordance with the class custom a gold star in memory of their son will be placed on the class service banner. Due recognition of this supreme sacrifice will also be accorded each Sunday.

"Long Beach (CA) Press-Telegram" Wednesday 5 Feb 1919 p 14



### Death of Arthur Zybach.

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—Long Beach Press, Long Beach, Cal.

“Marysville (KS) Advocate” Thursday 13 Feb 1919 p 9 - also in “Marshall County News”  
(Marysville KS) 14 Feb 1919 p 3

### **Was Killed in France.**

Tuesday Marysville relatives received word that Arthur Zybach of Co. L, 9th Infantry, had been killed in action in France between November 1st and November 11th, in the battle of the Meuse.

His father is now in California and received notification from the War Department and at once communicated with the sisters of deceased here. Mrs. J. M. Neilson, Mrs. George Griswold and Mrs. Chas. Knodel, all of Marysville, are sisters of Arthur Zybach. Nothing had been heard from their brother since the signing of the armistice and they had been in expectation of receiving news that he would be soon returned to the states. Hence the shock to now learn that he had made the supreme sacrifice and had lost his life on the battlefield.

“Marysville (KS) Advocate” 6 Feb 1919 p 1 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/313751716/> and on Arthur's Find A Grave 52998285

**KILLED IN ACTION.**

**Lieutenants:**  
 Moore, John H., Dekalb, Tex.  
 Scanlon, Horace B., Brooklyn.

**Privates:**  
 Brush, Linton W., Atlanta, Ga.  
 Carnohan, G. T., Spotsylvania City, Va.  
 Chavez, E., San Rafael, N. Mex.  
 Clark, Earl J., Pueblo, Colo.  
 Cook, Lee W., Lowville, N. Y.  
 Derouin, Alfred F., Pawtucket, R. I.  
 Downing, J. W., Fergus Falls, Minn.  
 Gosselt, Henry C., Whitehall, Ark.  
 Jacobs, John L., Rockford, Ill.  
 Leonard, Jesse J., Opp, Ala.  
 Martino, Peter, Porto Rico.  
 Neff, Velven C., Ottumwa, Iowa.  
 Palumbo, Tony, Boston.  
 Patterson, Howard, Maiden Rock, Wis.  
 Penington, George, Warbranch, Ky.  
 Peterson, David L., Garfield, Minn.  
 Peterson, O. E., Park Rapids, Minn.  
 Rose, Roy, Marysville, Ohio.  
 Ruser, Wm. F., Mount Vernon, N. Y.  
 Thompson, Roy, Fowlerville, Mich.  
 Thompson, Thoger, Comfrey, Minn.  
 Thorp, Clifford, Denver Plains, N. Y.  
 Tirell, Vito, New York.  
 Vog, Holden, Puget Sound, Wash.  
 Vukorich, Marko, San Francisco.  
 Ward, William V., Zach, Tenn.  
 Weertman, G. C., Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 Whitehead, G. H., Hayleville, Ala.  
 Yingling, Harry R., Hanover, Pa.  
 Zybach, Arthur R., Zybach, Tex.

"Washington (DC) Post" Friday 7 Feb 1919 p 4

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14 1919.**

### **ARTHUR ZYBACH KILLED**

#### **Former Marysville Boy Killed in Action in France**

Arthur Zybach son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zybach now of Long Beach, Cal., was killed in action in France sometime between November 1 and 11. The following article regarding his death is taken from the Long Beach, Cal., Press:

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"Marshall County (KS) News" Friday 14 Feb 1919 p 3

# HONOR ROLL OF GREAT WAR

The Honor Roll of men who died in the World War and whose memory is revered on this day, includes the following who were residents of Long Beach or were bound intimately to Long Beach by ties of relationship. Where possible the names of the next of kin appear:

G. A. Lowther, Mrs. Jay W. Lowther, 2201 East Tenth St.  
Sherman W. Plaskett, Mrs. S. W. Plaskett, Seattle, Wash.  
Eugene Binger, C. H. Binger, 361 Freeman avenue.

Homer Rathbone, E. E. Rathbone, 1405 Alamos avenue.

Walter Pawson, Mrs. Louie Pawson, Glasgow, Scotland.

Adj. Marcus A. Jordan, Mrs. T. C. Jordan, 1607 East Seventh street.

Floyd L. Hogue.  
Harry W. Elliot.  
Arthur R. Edwards, Mrs. Geo. Fuller, 125 West Broadway.

Stepan Andrijasevich.

Captain L. A. Wattlelet, Mrs. D. Wattlelet, 1152 Linden avenue.

Chas. Rasmussen, Mrs. Peter Rasmussen, 428 West Tenth street.

Jas. J. Page, Mrs. H. D. Page, 1408 Junipero avenue.

Corporal H. Hoagland, Mrs. F. T. Hoagland, 530 Chestnut avenue.

Frank Lambert, Mrs. E. Lambert, 202 Bixby avenue.

Lieut. Dwight Benedict, Mrs. M. M. Benedict, 265 Kennebec avenue.

Arthur R. Zybach, Fritz Zybach, 436 Almond avenue.

Captain G. Tupper, Mrs. Mary Elliott, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Eddie M. Brown, Miss Ruth

Palmer, 2521 East Sixth street.

Charles H. Walts, Jacob R. Hammer, 248 Locust avenue.

Edwin Duncan, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, 619 East Ocean avenue.

Ernest H. Burns, Mrs. M. Burns, 721 Coronado avenue.

Ernest E. Garber, R. H. Garber, Mercantile company.

Corp. Arthur Peterson, Mrs. A. C. Peterson, 732 Molino avenue.

William Young, Mrs. George T. Young, 37 South Daisy avenue.

Sergt. Gordon Graffel, Long Beach.

Fred E. Painter, Mrs. H. J. Painter, 3541 East Second street.

[list continues]

"Long Beach (CA) Press-Telegram" Thursday 26 Jun 1919 p 14

## CANADIAN

Zybach-Owens Post 56 was organized on September 2, 1919. The charter was issued August 1, 1920.

The post was named for Arthur Zybach and Ben Verner Owens, two Hemphill county boys who lost their lives while in the service of their country during the World war.

Arthur Zybach enlisted at Camp Travis, September 1, 1917, sailed for France on the Tuscania, which was torpedoed and sunk off coast of Scotland on this trip. Arthur Zybach was rescued from the disaster but was later twice wounded in the Meuse-Argonne drive, and was killed in action on November 3, 1918, a German shell having detonated just beside him. His remains are buried in France.

Ben Verner Owen enlisted September 2, 1917, left Camp Travis for Hoboken, New Jersey, from which port he sailed for France on the Tuscania on the same trip that Arthur Zybach sailed. Private Owens lost his life in this disaster. His body was washed up on the shore at Islay, Scotland, on Feb. 6, 1918. The body was first buried at Port Shortlet, Feb. 9, 1918, but was later exhumed and returned to the United States and buried with full military honors at Crystal Lake cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn., October 12, 1920.

Charter members of the post are as follows: Albert J. Adams, Dempsey Adams, R. B. Anderson, T. W. Carver, Will Crow, Miss Lula T. G. Dawson, Nelms Finch, Edward C. Fisher, Hercll E. Fletcher, Robert Grahm, C. S. Haynie, John Humphrey, Thomas P. Keane, Louis Kendall, A. W. Luther, Robert C. Moore, Ivy Morris, R. J. Morris, Carl Myers, Ira Nash, Herbert Nelson, E. L. Nims, G. R. Nolen, S. A. Nolen, E. J. Pickens, F. C. Quarrels, Miss Hattie Rathjen, Harold B. Reed, Earl E. Rhea, Alva J. Shaller, Floyd L. Sloan, Dr. E. H. Snyder, Paul Spiller, Carl A. Studer, John Studer, Oscar B. Studer, Dr. F. D. Teas, M. C. Thomas, Fred Lee Wilson, Will T. Winslow, Kenneth M. Young and R. L. Zellman.

Of these charter members the following are still members of this post, although a few of them have been out a year or so in between. T. W. Carver, Will Crow, E. C. Fisher, G. R. Nolen, S. A. Nolen, E. J. Pickens, H. B. Reed, Dr. E. H. Snyder, C. A. Studer, O. B. Studer, Dr. F. D. Teas and K. M. Young.

The post has been active from the time of its organization until the present time with the exception of five years that there seem to be no record of activities. These years were 1921, 1922, 1929, 1930, and 1931.

Commanders of the post from the time of its organization to the present: 1919, Dr. E. H. Snyder; 1920, Edward C. Fisher; 1921 and 1922, no record; 1923 and 1924, D. H. Rascoe.

1925, Ross Tipps; 1926, O. B. Studer; 1927, Fred Hobart; 1928, Dr. E. H. Snyder; 1929, 1930, 1931, no record; 1932, 1933, J. P. Hutton; 1934, 1935, E. J. Cussen; 1936, Fred Cook; 1937, 1938, J. M. Johnson.

G. R. Nolen has served continuously as Finance officer, from 1923 to 1938 both years inclusive.

actively engages in Citizens military training camps association activities for Hemphill county.

The post has petitioned our congressional representatives in Washington to support and have enacted legislation providing for pension benefits to the widows and dependents of Department of Justice agents killed in service.

This post, in it's membership is committed to putting in action in every helpful respect, the slogan that "In Peace, as in War the Legion Serves."

1938 membership list:

G. Baird, Albert Bernson, John Bobo, Tom W. Carver, John Caylor, Frank M. Chambers, Frank Cole, Tom Conatser, Will Crow, W. S. Culbertson, E. J. Cussen, H. C. Field, E. C. Fisher, H. L. Fry, John Geahbaner, Dr. W. R. German, H. A. Gray, H. A. Hazlett, Manuel Herring, Fred Hobart, Glen Hopkins, J. L. Hopkins, J. R. Hopkins, J. P. Hutton, J. M. Johnson, D. B. McFatter, Dr. E. H. Morris, J. M. Noble, James M. Nolan, G. R. Nolen, S. A. Nolen, P. W. Patterson, E. J. Pickens, Garland Pilkington, J. G. Poindexter, H. B. Reed, E. E. Rhea, R. H. Richardson, Bill Shaw, R. Elmer Simpson, Tom W. Snodgrass, Dr. E. H. Snyder, Steve Spurlin, C. A. Studer, C. B. Studer, Cary M. Wyatt, K. M. Young, Floyd W. Zallars.

to 1938 both years inclusive.

Zybach-Owens Post was host to the 18th district convention in spring, 1934. The post membership that year was 85. The post established a Legion memorial park in Canadian, it has sponsored every movement for the civic betterment, it sponsors a Boy Scout troop and

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### Sees Ancestral Home In Switzerland

## **Life Begins At 80 For Mrs. Nielson In European Tour**



**THE MANSARD ROOFS OF AMSTERDAM** is the background for a sightseeing tour by motor boat of the city by Mrs. J. M. Nielson on her recent tour of Europe. Here she enters a boat to travel on one of the many canals that bisect the Dutch city, which boasts more miles than Venice, Italy.



A sentimental journey to her ancestral home in Switzerland was a bonus surprise of the eightieth birthday for a Marysville woman.

Some persons will swear by the adage: "Life begins at 40" but Mrs. J. M. Nielson, 1602 Laramie St., city, can prove that "life begins at 20."

Impetus for the European trip was a visit to her grandson, First Lieut. Tommy Conkright, his wife Janet, and children, Scott, Kimberly and Todd, who live at Chambley, France, where he is attached to the Air Force base.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Conkright, Overland Park, invited the latter's mother, Mrs. Nielson to accompany them on the jet flight for three weeks vacation in Europe, adding the bait of a visit with relatives in Switzerland. However the planned vacation was delayed this summer until the air strike ended and the trio left Kansas City by TWA jet August 29 to land in Paris the next day.

Otherwise Mrs. Nielson would have been in Switzerland on her eightieth birthday which was August 3. However a joint birthday celebration was held upon her arrival in Berne, Switzerland when she and her hostess, Mrs. Elizabeth Stiner, whose birthdate is August 5, shared a belated birthday celebration.

The Kansans were met at the Paris airport by Mrs. Nielson's grandson and family and they all spent two days sightseeing in Paris.

Impressions of the French city were Parisians carrying unwrapped sticks of bread, eating on the streets, artists sketching in the Louvre, the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo, the Eiffel tower, and 75 cents per gallon gas.

After spending the remainder of the week in the mobile home of the young Conkrights at Chambley, France, Mrs. Nielson with Lieut. and Mrs. Conkright and his parents motored to Berne.

As a houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stiner in Berne, Mrs. Nielson met 11 cousins and eight second cousins for the first time. Mrs. Stiner is the daughter of her mother's sister.

Links of the continuity of her mother's life before immigrating to America in 1883 were discovered in the "Sweiss."

In Thunn, a small rural Alpine village near the capitol city of Berne, Mrs. Nielson inspected the home where her mother, the former Marie Begert was born in 1857.

Often she had heard her mother recount how as a child she crawled in the green tile stove to keep warm in the rugged winter climate. But Mrs. Nielson was disappointed when she found the old stove with its long soapstone seat in front had been removed from the home. However the beds, rounded high with feather coverlets and pillows, were typical of the home 100 years ago.

Attached to the house was the barn where she saw the Brown Swiss cows—their tails tied up—being milked by hand. From every unscreened window, blooms of red and pink geraniums spilled over window boxes, Mrs. Nielson said.

In this quiet pastoral setting framed by mountains in the background, she saw the small frame school house where her mother attended school.

"It was all so beautiful, I wish

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my Dad had stayed there." Mrs. Nielson admitted with regret, "and never came to America." Her two older sisters, Mrs. Marie Knodel and Mrs. Rose Griswold both of Marysville and two brothers were born in Switzerland and came with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Zybach to Marshall county locating near Marysville in 1883.

However one older woman upon seeing Mrs. Nielson exclaimed the American "must be a Zybach," as she recalled that Mrs. Nielson's parents had returned for a visit to their homeland in 1908.

In Berne she saw the "Wirtschaft Begert," a gasthaus, (lunch room where beer is served) which her grandfather operated with the name Begert sign still intact.

She saw her mother's home in Berne and the River Aar where she washed the soiled butcher aprons from the mizzerei (butcher shop) operated by her late uncle, John Begert. Still operated as a family business, his grandson, Ernest Begert is now the butcher. When children accompany their

parents to the shop, they are always offered a sample of lunch meat, Mrs. Nielson noted.

Also in Berne her cousin, Mrs. Leah Begert Mischler entertained Mrs. Nielson at a cheese fondue supper and guests were Mrs. Marie Bienz, Mrs. Anna Tschanen and Fritz Begert, all children of her uncle, John Begert, owner of the family butcher shop.

Another sentimental thrill was worshipping on Sunday morning in the same church—the Svengli Lutheran—in Berne, which her mother attended.

Picturesque scenes of Switzerland inscribed in her memory are "freshly sugared mountains", an expression referring to snow-capped; dogs drawing carts of milk, the case haus (cheese factory) hummocks of hay supported by stilts, window boxes full of bright geraniums, farmers using horse drawn machinery, blooming Eidelweiss in the dahlia gardens; and the "eating children well", a statue and fountain in Berne, which her mother often described to her children.

Mrs. Nielson learned that a commercial enterprise is storing geraniums during the non-growing months in large geranium cellars to keep the stock year after year.

Among the sounds to be cherished is the re-echoing of cow bells as cows graze in the fields and mountains; the yodeling of 27 home economics students whom she accompanied on an educational bus tour to Zurich with their teacher, Miss Christine Stiner, her cousin; the grinding of an antique organ at the home of Fritz Zybach and daughter Heidi. She also visited Otto Zybach and his wife, Gretel, all cousins.

Tastes to be remembered are the many rich pastries, cheese fondue, a variety of strong flavored Swiss cheeses, serving whipped cream flavored with rum as an afternoon lunch; and whipped cream piled on ice cream.

In Zurich she visited Emily Zoller, a cousin of Alma and Marie Seematter, also Mrs. Nielson's second cousin and was a guest of Miss Stiner at Aarberg, where she teaches home economics. Among her duties are teaching girls how to mend and make garden, Mrs. Nielson said.

After nine days in Berne and the area, Mrs. Stiner and daughter took Mrs. Nielson in their car to Chambley.

During Mrs. Nielson's sojourn in Switzerland, her daughter and husband accompanied their son, Lieut. Conkright and wife on a camping tour of Italy, Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

Another sentimental journey was the visit to the grave of her brother, Arthur Zybach, 29, Marshall county native, who was killed November 4, 1918 in the battle of the Muesse-Argonne.

The first of the Zybach family to visit his grave, Mrs. Nielson and the Conkright families placed fresh flowers purchased in Verdun on the marble cross bearing his name at Romagne - Saous-Montfaucon, the 130-acre American military cemetery.

Just as her grandson and family met the American party at the Paris airport, where they toured the French capitol city for two days, he again took them to Holland for their homeward flight.

From Chambley they motored through Belgium, saw the king's residence in Brussels, the thatched roofs of Antwerp and had tea at the Holland-Belguim border, continued through Rotterdam, Holland's largest seaport where they saw a wedding boat in port to The Hague, and the world's peace palace.

The tinkling warnings of thousands of bicyclists, the Delft blue china, the miles of canals of Amsterdam are remembered pleasures of Holland before boarding a plane for London.

Saturday and Sunday Mrs. Nielson and the senior Conkrights saw the familiar tourist spots of London, including a tour to nearby



Windsor castle, the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, the House of Parliament across from the Thames river, Trafalgar Square and Lord Nelson's monument, the Old Curiosity shop and other interesting scenes.

Now after three weeks of unexpected thrills and pleasures, Mrs. Nielson says.

"It all seems like it was a dream."

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 29 Sep 1966 p 9 –  
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It happened here

## *Inside story of Outside School*



OUTSIDE SCHOOL PUPILS (circa 1899-1900) are (third row), l to r, Zena Harberts, Emily Aegerter, Olive Hammett, Bertha Rickert, Grace Aegerter, Emma Zybach, (second row) Ernest Zybach, Arthur Zybach, Lizzie Spellmier, Mary Wassenberg, Ida Aegerter, Martha Spellmier, Virgil Harberts, (first row) Josepha Wassenberg, Rosa Aegerter, Hazel Hammett, Lizzie Rickert, Anna Wassenberg and Joey Hammett.

By ORETHA RUETTI

"Does anyone know anything about the Outside School?"

That was the question posed by Duane Wendele, Sun City, Ariz., in a letter to the Marshall County Historical Society last spring.

The first persons questioned about the school looked puzzled and replied, "Never heard of it." Some persons had heard of it, though, and the story of the Outside School began to unfold.

Wendele knew there was an Outside School for he has his grade card that says, "Marysville Public Schools, C. A. Strong, Supt., Outside School," Wendele, beginning his education at the age of 3 at the Outside School with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Wendele, as his teacher, may hold the record as being the youngest child ever enrolled in the Marysville schools.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL, part of the original Marysville District No. 4, was outside of town on the west side of the Big Blue River where the district dipped down into Elm Creek Township in what was legally termed "attached territory." This southwest corner of the district presented the school board with a problem: either build a schoolhouse or transport the children into Marysville.

On June 1, 1898, Marysville school board president F. V. Shaw and clerk W. R. Burroughs signed a lease for one acre in the northeast corner of W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5 in Elm Creek Township with owners of the land, Paul and Lura Hammett. The agreement stated a schoolhouse was to be built on the property. The 99-year lease to terminate in 1997 or whenever property was no longer used for said purpose is on file in the county register of deed's office.

According to 91-year-old Emma Zybach Nielson, 1602 Laramie, before the Outside

School was built, some children in the area were walking westward to the Stillwater School, Dist. No. 54.

"We plodded across the fields in the winter and got so awful cold. Sometimes we'd cry and our tears would freeze on our cheeks," recalled Mrs. Nielson who was among the first children who attended Outside School. The Zybach farm home was nearby the new school. This was a

great change for the Zybach children, who could then go home for lunch.

WITH A TWINKLE in her eyes and a lilt in her voice that defy her nine decades, Emma Nielson had no trouble recalling the names of her schoolmates in a picture taken at the turn of the century. A note of disbelief crept into her voice when she noted, "Of all the kids in that picture, Ed Hammett, Josepha Wassenberg and I are the only ones still living."

"Outside had a belfry but no bell," reminisced Emma, "so the teacher had to use a hand bell. And we had to carry water because there wasn't any pump at the schoolhouse. One time the school closed when the teacher went to a funeral, so my sister and I hauled a cream can of water to the schoolhouse in our little express wagon and we scrubbed the floor so it would look nice and clean when the teacher came back."

Emma Nielson attended Outside in her seventh and eighth grade years with Miss Marie White as her teacher. She remembered that Lucy Scott, Mabel Montgomery and one of the Billingsley girls also taught there.

"I remember when Mrs. Wendele taught there," said Emma, "for Duane was such a little fellow. He'd curl up on the recitation bench and take a nap."

LLOYD DEXTER, 405 N. 8th St., attended Outside School after his father, John Dexter, bought the Zybach farm when a Miss Chaffee was the teacher. Dexter remembers being paid 10 cents a month for carrying water to the schoolhouse.

"My father was on the school board and he was awful conservative," chuckled Dexter.

Mrs. Margaret Sandman, 1202 Carolina, said her brothers, the late Henry (Red) Cohorst and Wm. Cohorst, Blue Rapids, went to Outside School when Mrs. Wendele taught her last term.

"My older brother Joseph and I were

walking into Marysville to the parochial school, but Bill was a beginner that year and was too small to walk that far, so our parents sent Henry and him up to the school on the hill that year," she said.

Raymond Ellenbecker admits he was a shy, reluctant first grader when Mrs. Wendele taught at Outside. He thought he "had it made" when the rural mail carrier by the name of Reed offered him a ride to school in his one-horse mail cart.

This arrangement was short-lived. Reed soon told Raymond that it was against postal rules to have riders in a mail wagon. However, if he wished Raymond could put his dinner bucket in the cart and walk along behind.

Duane Wendele wrote of his school memories:

"Mother taught at Outside in 1907-1908 and 1908-1909. We drove a horse and buggy to school along what we called the River Road. We took our lunch in a tin one-gallon syrup pail and once in her hurry to get started, Mother picked up a pail of syrup so we went to the Zybachs for some lunch. And that was an event.

"I RECALL THAT we planted a pine tree in the school yard and that there was a soap stone hill nearby where the older boys carved in the soft stone. My grades are down for only eight months but the card lists nine months and my certificate of passing is dated May 22, so it may have been a nine-month school."

NEXT WEEK: More inside information on the Outside area.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 25 Aug 1977 p 11



**Ken Herman**

## Veteran's unique, selfless mission

This is one of the odder efforts that's crossed my path in recent months and this guy's chances of significant success seem small.

But I get it, I think, and, with Memorial Day approaching, it might be something you want to get involved in.

Here's part of the email that Michael Beach sends to newspapers:

"You just stand there and you look at it and your gut just wrenches up full of emotion and everything," he said.

"How many of these guys have never been visited by

"I am searching for as many of the stories of the 218,000 soldiers, within the 24 cemeteries, who are buried overseas, as I can find. I started working on Oklahoma, my home state, but have decided to try and find as many as I can due to the lack of time available."

The "lack of time" actually is the passage of time and the fading of memories about Americans whose stories are worth telling and remembering. Back in 2009, Beach, the 45-year-old owner of a heating and air conditioning business in Maysville, Okla., went to the U.S. cemetery at Normandy in France. Beach is a vet: Navy 1987-90, no combat duty. He's done volunteer work for vets.

"I was walking around and I saw all the different states," Beach told me. "I saw an Oklahoma headstone and it was one of those wow moments. Here's this guy, buried halfway around the world."

Beach had some Oklahoma rose rocks, the state rock, with him and left one on Dan Austin's grave.

The American Battle Monuments Commission database ([abmc.gov](http://abmc.gov)) tells us that Pvt. Dan Austin of Oklahoma served in the Army's 30th Infantry Division, was awarded the Purple Heart, died on July 17, 1944, and is buried on Row 12 at the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France. Beach wants to know more.

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## Herman

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family members? Somebody has got to do it," he said. Beach has sort of made himself that somebody, visiting 20 U.S. overseas cemeteries in England, one in North Africa and one in the Philippines.

"I don't know any of these guys," he said.

But maybe you do. If so, Beach wants to hear from you.

So far, the numbers are unimpressive and offer a hint of the challenge Beach has undertaken. There are about 3,000 Oklahomans in the cemeteries. He's collected stories of about 50 of them. Check out his website: [apieceofhomeusa.com](http://apieceofhomeusa.com).

Beach has a goal in mind: "As many as possible." And here's what he's looking for: "Just

anything they have, pictures, letters, family stories." He's found newspaper obituaries for many, but those can be impersonal.

"What I'm searching for are the stories that only the aunt knows or maybe only the sister knows about this guy; some little goofy things about him, what he liked to do, what were his interests and stuff like that," he said.

Beach hit pay dirt with a World War II Indiana veteran by tracking down somebody who knew him.

"This guy has nobody that is directly related to him at all. She is the only person in the whole world who knows anything about him," he said. "They grew up across the street from each other and planned to marry."

"They were going to

get married when he came back and he never did," Beach said.

Federal law allows survivors to choose to have their deceased loved ones buried in overseas U.S. cemeteries. Think about the final scene in "Saving Private Ryan." Beach is thinking about vets buried overseas who've earned, but perhaps never have had, moments like that.

There's nothing official about this project, it's just one man's odd quest. The American Battle Monuments Commission database includes 8,531 Texans, from sailor Norman Aaron to soldier Arthur Zybach.

If you know anything about any of these folks and care to share their stories, contact Beach via [apieceofhomeusa.com](http://apieceofhomeusa.com).

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512-445-3907

"Austin (TX) American-Statesman" Wednesday 7 May 2014 p B1 & B6 -  
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Father:

## Obituary Of Fritz Zybach

Fritz Zybach was born November 28, 1854, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, the son of Rudolph and Elisa Zybach, and died at his home in Long Beach, Calif., December 29, 1944, after a few days' illness.

He was married May 20, 1876, to Marie Begert; they became the parents of nine children. His wife died May 29, 1914.

In 1883 he brought his family to the United States and settled in Marysville, and in 1909 moved to Wheeler county, Tex. He went to Long Beach in 1918.

October 13, 1928, he married Mrs. Marie Christener.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by seven children, Fred Zybach, Conway, Ark.; Mrs. Marie Knodle, Mrs. George Griswold, Mrs. J. M. Nielson, all of Marysville; John Zybach, Pampa, Tex., Mrs. John Gast, DeRuyter, New York; Ernest Zybach, Bristol, Tex.; and Carl Zybach, Canadian, Tex., 25 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. One son lost his life in the battle of the Meuse in World war I.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, January 5, in the Evangelical church with the Rev. E. J. Bowers officiating. Interment was made in Marysville cemetery.

"Marshall County News" Thursday 11 Jan 1945 p 8



## ZYBACH FUNERAL HERE

**Former Resident Dies at 90 Years  
in Long Beach, Calif.**

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Evangelical church for Fritz Zybach, aged 90 years, who died December 29, 1944, at his home in Long Beach, Calif. The Rev. E. J. Bowers officiated and burial was in the Marysville cemetery.

Mr. Zybach was born November 28, 1854, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, where he married Marie Begert May 20, 1876.

In 1883 Mr. Zybach brought his family to the United States and settled in Marysville, where they lived until 1909. Mr. Zybach remained in Wheeler county, Texas, for nine years before moving to Long Beach in 1918, his home until his death. Mrs. Zybach died May 29, 1914.

After moving to California, Mr. Zybach married Mrs. Marie Christner on October 13, 1928.

Surviving are Mrs. Zybach; his children, Fred Zybach, Conway, Ark., Mrs. Marie Knodle, Mrs. George Griswold, and Mrs. J. M. Nielson, Marysville, John Zybach, Pampa, Texas, Mrs. John Gast, De-Ruyter, N. Y., Ernest Zybach, Bristol, Texas, and Carl Zybach, Canadian, Texas; 25 grandchildren; and 26 great grandchildren. One son, Arthur Zybach, lost his life in World War I, in the battle of Meuse. Mr. Zybach was a member of the Evangelical church here.

“Marysville (KS) Advocate” Thursday 11 Jan 1945 p 7



Grindelwald, County Bern, Switzerland – home of Fritz Zybach -

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From his Find A Grave record (contributed by Marilyn Gahm):

By his first wife, Marie Begert Zybach, whom he married in 1877 in Switzerland, Fritz had 13 children, 4 of whom died in infancy. The couple immigrated to the U.S. in 1883. Children Fred, Marie, John & Rosa were born in Switzerland.

After Marie died 29 March 1914, Fritz (age 62 on his marriage license application) of Zybach TX married Mrs. Anna Detwiler (age 57) of Hutchinson KS in Hutchinson, Reno County KS on 23 July 1917. The "Hutchinson (KS) News" of 24 July 1917 p. 2 described their marriage as a "a romance of childhood days." Both were born in Switzerland, both later lived in Marshall County KS & both had been married. Fritz was a rancher in Texas, with the town near his ranch named for him.

Anna's birth surname on her CA death certificate is given as Rungger; the version Ringger has also been found. A resident of Long Beach CA, she died on 5 January 1928 in Los Angeles County. She was born in 1861 in Switzerland. Anna was buried in Angeles Abbey Memorial Park, Compton, Los Angeles County CA.

On 13 October 1928, Fritz married Mrs. Marie Christener. Her birth surname is recorded as Schneider on her husband Carl Christener's Oregon military record. She had been born in Switzerland on 30 March 1864 and died 18 October 1945 in Los Angeles County CA. She was buried in Helvetia, Oregon, where she had lived before moving to Long Beach 16 years before her death. She has two Find A Grave records for the Helvetia Cemetery, one as Zybach (190329699) and one as Christener (7750096). Her husband Karl Christener (Find A Grave 9750081) lived from 1863 to 1924.

Fritz's obituary appears in the "Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) on 11 January 1945 p. 8. He was born 28 November 1854 in Canton Bern, Switzerland, the son of Rudolph & Elisa Zybach. He died at his home in Long Beach CA 29 December 1944 after an illness of a few days. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1883 & settled in Marysville KS. In 1909 he moved to Wheeler County TX [note: where the town of Zybach is named for him] and in 1918 to Long Beach.

He was survived by his wife Marie and 7 children: Fred Zybach (Conway AR), Mrs. Marie Knodel (Marysville KS), Mrs. George Griswold (Marysville KS), Mrs. J.M. Nielson (Marysville KS), John Zybach (Pampa TX), Mrs. John Gast (DeRuyter NY), Ernest Zybach (Bristol TX) and Carl Zybach (Canadian TX). Son Arthur Zybach had died in the battle of the Meuse in World War I. His funeral was held 5 January 1945 with interment in the Marysville cemetery.

**Mother Marie Begert:**

**Mrs. Fritz Zybach Dead.**

Mrs. Fritz Zybach, for many years a resident of this vicinity, died at her home at Zybach, Tex., Friday, May 29th, at 8:15 a. m., aged 57 years, 3 months and 6 days.

The body was brought to Marysville for burial, arriving Sunday afternoon accompanied by her husband and sons, Ernest, Arthur and Carl. The body was taken to the home of Daniel Griswold where it was kept until 2:00 p. m. Monday when it was taken to the German Evangelical church where services were conducted by Rev. C. Bechtold. Interment was in the Marysville cemetery.

Marie Begert was born in Ersigen, Canton Bern, Switzerland, February 23, 1857. She was married in Switzerland in 1877, to Fritz Zybach. They came from Switzerland to Marysville, arriving here March 1, 1883. They located on a farm two miles southwest of Marysville where they lived until about four and a half years ago when they moved to Texas.



Thirteen children have been born to them. Four died in infancy. The husband and five sons and four daughters survive. The children are Fred, John, Ernest, Arthur and Carl Zybach and Leah (Mrs. John Gast) of Zybach, Texas, Marie (Mrs. Chas. Knodel), Rose (Mrs. Geo. Griswold), and Emma (Mrs. J. M. Nielson) of Marysville.

Mrs. Zybach was an excellent woman who possessed all the qualities of a good christian wife and mother. She was true to her church and true to her family and is mourned not only by the family but by a large circle of friends.

Obituary of mother Marie Begert Zybach - "Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 5 Jun 1914 p 1

## Ersigen

Municipality



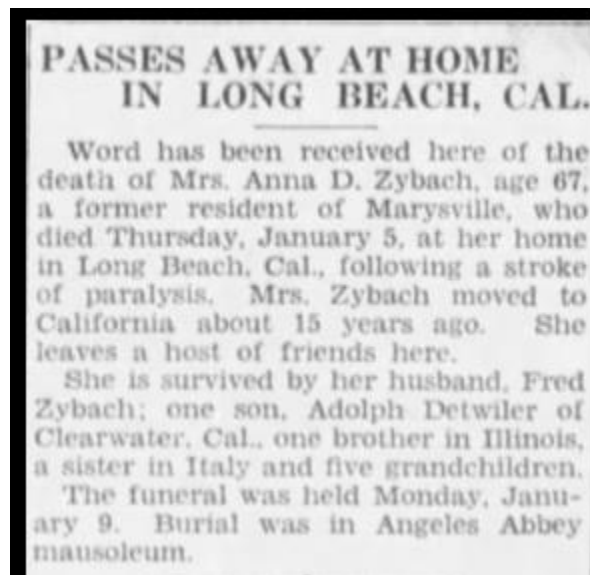
Ersigen village seen from Rudswil



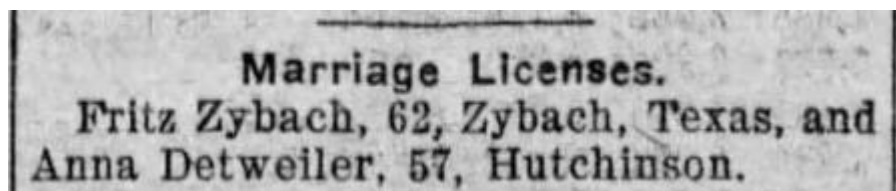


Ersigen, Canton Bern, Switzerland – birthplace of Marie Begert -  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ersigen>

Stepmother Anna Rungger Detweiler



Death of Anna D. Rungger Zybach – published in “Marysville (KS) Advocate” 19 Jan 1928 –  
 Find A Grave 221266471



“Hutchinson (KS) News” Monday 23 Jul 1917 p 8

The marriage of Fritz Zybach, of Zybach, Texas, and Mrs. Anna Detweiler, of Hutchinson, by Probate Judge Fulton yesterday, was a romance of childhood days. Both were born in Switzerland, later lived in Marshall county, Kan., and both were married. Mr. Zybach is a rancher in Texas and the town near which his ranch is located is named for him. They went to Colorado on a honeymoon trip.

"Hutchinson (KS) News" Tuesday 24 Jul 1917 p 2

Stepmother (posthumously) Marie Schneider Christener

Word was received by relatives here Saturday of the death of Mrs. Marie Christener Zybach at her home in Long Beach, Calif., October 18. Her sons, Carl and Andy Christener, and Mrs. Marie Knodel were with her in her last illness. Burial was in Helvetia cemetery in Oregon, which was her home until about 16 years ago. She was a native of Switzerland.

Death of Marie Schneider Christener Zybach - "Marshall County News" (Marysville KS)  
Thursday 1 Nov 1945 p 10

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## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

PLACE OF MARRIAGE, County of Clark Town of Vancouver

GROOM		BRIDE	
Personal and Statistic Particulars		Personal and Statistic Particulars	
Full Name <u>Fred Zybach</u>	Full Name <u>Marie Christener</u>	Full Name <u>Marie Christener</u>	Full Name <u>Marie Christener</u>
Residence <u>1221 Holman St. Los Angeles, Long Beach, Cal.</u>	Residence <u>Mountaindale, Ore.</u>	Residence <u>Mountaindale, Ore.</u>	Residence <u>Mountaindale, Ore.</u>
Age at last Birthday <u>70</u> Years	Age at last Birthday <u>64</u> Years	Age at last Birthday <u>64</u> Years	Age at last Birthday <u>64</u> Years
Color or Race <u>White</u>	Color or Race <u>White</u>	Color or Race <u>White</u>	Color or Race <u>White</u>
Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>Widowed</u>	Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>Widowed</u>	Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>Widowed</u>	Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>Widowed</u>
Number of Marriages <u>Two</u>	Number of Marriages <u>One</u>	Number of Marriages <u>One</u>	Number of Marriages <u>One</u>
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Name of Father <u>Rudolph Zybach</u>	Name of Father <u>Benedict Schneider</u>	Name of Father <u>Benedict Schneider</u>	Name of Father <u>Benedict Schneider</u>
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Maiden Name of Bride, if She Was Previously Married <u>Marie Schneider</u>	Maiden Name of Bride, if She Was Previously Married <u>Marie Schneider</u>	Maiden Name of Bride, if She Was Previously Married <u>Marie Schneider</u>	Maiden Name of Bride, if She Was Previously Married <u>Marie Schneider</u>
We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.			
<u>Fred Zybach</u> Groom		<u>Marie Christener</u> Bride	
CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY			
I HEREBY CERTIFY That <u>Fred Zybach</u> and <u>Marie Christener</u> were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at <u>Vancouver</u> this <u>13<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>October</u> 19 <u>28</u>			
Signature <u>Chas. Lehmann</u>	Signature <u>G. H. Graber</u>	Signature <u>G. H. Graber</u>	Signature <u>G. H. Graber</u>
Res. <u>731 Johnson St. No. Portland</u>	Res. <u>731 Johnson St. No. Portland</u>	Res. <u>731 Johnson St. No. Portland</u>	Res. <u>731 Johnson St. No. Portland</u>
Witnesses <u>Chas. Lehmann</u>	Witnesses <u>Chas. Lehmann</u>	Witnesses <u>Chas. Lehmann</u>	Witnesses <u>Chas. Lehmann</u>
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**FILED**  
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FRED F. STRICKLAND, County Auditor  
By \_\_\_\_\_

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GROOM		Personal and Statistical Particulars		BRIDE	
Full Name <u>Carl B. Christener</u>		Full Name <u>Anna Begert</u>		Full Name <u>Anna Begert</u>	
Residence <u>North Plains, Ore.</u>		Residence <u>North Plains, Ore.</u>		Residence <u>North Plains, Ore.</u>	
Age at last Birthday <u>26</u> years		Age at last Birthday <u>20</u> years		Age at last Birthday <u>20</u> years	
Color or Race <u>W</u>		Color or Race <u>W</u>		Color or Race <u>W</u>	
Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>Single</u>		Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>Single</u>		Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>Single</u>	
Number of Marriages <u>1st</u>		Number of Marriages <u>1st</u>		Number of Marriages <u>1st</u>	
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Occupation <u>Butcher</u>		Occupation <u>Housewife</u>		Occupation <u>Housewife</u>	
Name of Father <u>Carl Christener</u>		Name of Father <u>Fred Begert</u>		Name of Father <u>Fred Begert</u>	
Birthplace of Father <u>Switzerland</u>		Birthplace of Father <u>Switzerland</u>		Birthplace of Father <u>Switzerland</u>	
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Marie Schneider</u>		Maiden Name of Mother <u>Liniger, Ida</u>		Maiden Name of Mother <u>Liniger, Ida</u>	
Birthplace of Mother <u>Switzerland</u>		Birthplace of Mother <u>Switzerland</u>		Birthplace of Mother <u>Switzerland</u>	
Maiden Name of the Bride, if She Was Previously Married					
We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.					
<u>Carl B. Christener</u> Groom		<u>Anna Begert</u> Bride			
CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY					
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That <u>Carl B. Christener</u> and <u>Anna Begert</u> were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the					
State of Washington, at <u>Vancouver</u> this <u>4th</u> day of <u>Oct.</u> 191 <u>9</u>					
Signature of <u>Mrs. Goldie Christine</u>		Signature of the person performing the ceremony <u>L. R. Grimes</u>			
Res. <u>North Plains, Ore.</u>		Official Station <u>Minister</u>			
Witnesses <u>North Plains</u>		Residence <u>City</u>			
Res. <u>North Plains, Ore.</u>					

Marriage of Carl B. Christener, son of Carl/Karl Christener & Marie Schneider -  
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Siblings:





**FIRST TIME TOGETHER** in 62 years, two brothers and four sisters of the Fritz Zybach family pose for a family group picture Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. M. Nielson, 1602 Laramie street. Spanning 20 years difference in age they are back, left to right, Carl Zybach, 71, Canadian, Texas,

and Ernest Zybach, 77, Briscoe, Texas. Front row, left to right, Mrs. Marie Knodel, 91, 809 Elm street; Mrs. Nielson, 82; Mrs. Rose Griswold, 88, 605 North Sixth street; and Mrs. Leah Gast, 83, DeRuyter, New York.

## **Family Togetherness Again**

# ***For The First Time In 62 Years***

Four sisters and two brothers—remaining of a family of nine children of a pioneer couple—were together for the first time Tuesday in nearly 62 years.

The six, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Zybach, who came to America in 1883 from Berne, Switzerland to locate four miles southwest of Marysville, have a combined age of 492 years.

Spanning the bridge of years from childhood on the Walnut township farm where all were born except the two eldest daughters, who were born in Switzerland, occasional Swiss words interspersed their conversation Tuesday.

"We're distantly related," laughed Carl Zybach, 71, of Canadian, Texas, speaking of his sister, Mrs. Marie Knodel, 91, 809 Elm street.

She says that's because we're 70 years distant in ages."

Memories of the absent family members came alive as their hostess, Mrs. Emma Nielson, the only one to visit the old home in Berne, Switzerland, displayed a large brass cowbell which their father brought to America from Switzerland, 86 years ago. The bell tones were loud and clear, they agreed as the brothers took turns ringing it.

of the Romagne-Saous-Montfaucon—American military cemetery in France where their brother, Arthur Zybach, killed in the Meuse-Argonne offensive in World War I at 28 is buried under one of the crosses. Mrs. Nielson visited his grave and laid flowers at his marble cross in 1966 when she was in Europe.

Impetus for the reunion Tuesday was Mrs. Leah Gast, 83, who arrived Thursday for a few days visit here with her three sisters, Mrs. Rose Griswold, Mrs. Knodel and Mrs. Nielson.

They telephoned their brothers, Ernest Zybach, Briscoe, Texas and Carl Zybach at Canadian, Texas, and asked them to join in a family reunion.

At this point the six recalled that the last time they were altogether was at Leah's wedding day, when she married John Gast June 12, 1907. They explained that they had visited one another and part of them had been together at times, but never all of the family again.

The wedding took place at the Zybach family farm southwest of Marysville. All four sisters were married in the parlor, and stood on the same spot.

recalled as they were confirmed together on April 8, 1900 in the old stone church on Palm Sunday.

While the sisters share a love of handiwork of quilting, braiding rugs, growing flowers and exhibiting at fairs as hobbies, the two brothers share a memory of service during World War I.

At 77, Ernest who still farms and raises livestock near Briscoe in the Texas panhandle, served in the remount service at Bordeaux, France, a transport depot for horses and mules used by the armies while Carl served in the Texas cavalry and was stationed at Camp Stanley when the war ended.

A retired postal employee and assistant postmaster at Canadian Carl retired in 1965 to have more time to devote to his hobbies of collecting stamps and coins and dealing in shot guns, catering to trap shooters. Among his prized items are stamps dating back to 1880 and he prefers United States origin.

His sister, Mrs. Gast shares an interest in stamp collecting also and they occasionally trade stamps.

Mrs. Knodel at 91 and Mrs. Griswold, 88, both of whom were born in Switzerland, flash their Swiss



the same spot.

"I started it," said Mrs. Knodel, the eldest, recalling her marriage to Charles Knodel in the family parlor.

After the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Gast lived in Denver and in Texas before locating in DeRuyter, N.Y. in 1919, hence the distant separation discouraging frequent reunions in the horse and buggy transportation era.

Recalling their childhood days on the family farm, memories crowded of their father playing the accordion and all singing Swiss songs and yodeling. The sisters retain the family tradition of making Swiss breads at Christmas time and dyeing Easter eggs with onion hulls as their mother taught them.

"But our voices are too cracked to yodel now," they admitted.

Eight of the nine children were confirmed in the German Evangelical church here. All but Carl, the youngest as the parents moved to Texas in 1909, when he was 12.

Tuesday was an anniversary day for Mrs. Gast and Mrs. Nielson

in Switzerland, than their Swiss stamina by maintaining their own homes. Oftentimes the two and Mrs. Nielson use the Swiss language "for fun" when talking over the telephone on a party line.

Mrs. Knodel who still grows iris in her yard shares with her other three sisters a love for flower gardening, as well as quilt making.

The sisters agreed, "We're lucky, we still have eyes to see," referring to their interest in making handwork, quilting and rug making.

Inheriting the strain of longevity from their father, who lived to be 90—their mother died at 57 and felt as old as we do now," Mrs. Griswold noted—the two deceased brothers John Zybach died at 80 in Texas and Fred Zybach died at the same age here.

Now the six with a combined age—lacking only 11 years apiece—of nearly 500 years, can attest to full lives filled with love of family, devotion to church and interest in many hobbies to keep their spirits young and joyful.

First time together in 62 years & spanning 20 years in age – in front (left to right): Marie Zybach Knodel, Rosa Zybach Griswold, Emma Zybach Nielson, Leah Zybach Gast – in back: Carl (left) & Ernest (right) -

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gast and son, Douglas, accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. Leah Gast of DeRuyter, N.Y. arrived here Thursday. The Gast family left immediately to spend until Tuesday with their daughter, Mrs. Dewey Hickes and husband at Carlocke, Ill., where she is a dietitian at the hospital and Mrs. Gast visited her sisters, Mrs. Marie Knodel, Mrs. Rose Griswold and Mrs. Emma Nielson. They were joined Monday evening in a family reunion by their brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zybach, Briscoe, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zybach, Canadian, Texas. The Arthur Gasts came Tuesday and all left for their homes yesterday.

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## Last Rites For Fred G. Zybach Held June 1

Funeral services for Fred G. Zybach, 80, were held at 2 p. m. Saturday, June 1, in the Smith Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Howard Beer, pastor of the Evangelical church, officiating. Burial was in the Marysville cemetery.

Mr. Zybach was claimed by death May 28, 1957, after a year's illness.

He was born October 1, 1876, at Canton Berna, Switzerland, and came to the United States in 1883.

December 23, 1903, he was united in marriage with Caroline Cottrell, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Alice King of Chico, Calif.; Mrs. Frances Ganding, Chicago, Ill.; and Mrs. Josephine Wedoff, Grand Canyon, Ariz.; four sisters, Mrs. Marie Knodel, Mrs. Rose Griswold, Mrs. J. M. Nielson, of Marysville; and Mrs. Leah Gast of De Ruide, N.Y.; three brothers, John Zybach, Amarillo, Texas; Ernest Zybach, Brisco, Texas; Carl Zybach, Canadian, Texas. Five grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Zybach, and one brother, Arthur Zybach, who was killed in World War I.

Obituary of **brother Fred G. Zybach (1876-1957)** – Find A Grave 72254993 – published in the “Marshall County News” (Marysville KS) Thursday 6 Jun 1957 p 5

**Frederick G Zybach**

in the Kansas, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1811-1911

Name	Frederick G Zybach
Gender	Male
Age	28
Birth Date	abt 1875
Marriage Date	24 Dec 1903
Marriage Place	Marshall, Kansas, USA
Father	Frederick Zybach
Mother	Marcia Begert
Spouse	Caroline F Cattrell
Film Number	002027273

Marriage of Fred Zybach to Caroline Cottrell on 24 Dec 1903 in Marshall Co. KS -  
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**Cottrell-Zybach Wedding.**

Caroline Frances Cottrell and Frederick G. Zybach were married Wednesday evening December 23rd, at the brides parents, Mr, and Mrs. Alonzo Cottrell. Rev. Reinert officiated and Miss Emma Zybach acted as bridesmaid and Alonzo Cottrell Jr as groomsman. The parlors were prettily decorated with smilax and handsome potted plants. A splendid wedding dinner was served after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Zybach are tw of Marysville's best young people and the News joins with many friends in congratulations on their happy union. They will reside in their own home on Carolina and Ninth streets.

"Marshall County News" (Marshall KS) Friday 1 Jan 1904 p 1

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## 'Keep busy...think right'

Marshall County's eldest citizen, Marie A. Knodel, died early Monday morning. She was 104.

Mrs. Knodel died at Community Memorial Hospital, where she was taken six weeks ago after she suffered a hip fracture in a fall. Until that time she had lived in her small frame home at 809 Elm Street in Marysville, where she did her own housework daily, read, watched television, received company, canned, cooked and baked breads and rolls regularly.

On her 100th birthday, Sept. 8, 1977, she told an Advocate reporter that her key to good health and longevity included "hard work—all my life."

She passed on a bit of advice: "Keep busy and train yourself to think right."

Her family and friends honored her on that century mark with an open house and hundreds of greetings and well wishes. Each year since then her birthdays have been newsworthy events, and she has been written up in Manhattan

and Beatrice newspapers, as well as The Advocate.

On her 104th birthday a little more than seven months ago, the petite Marshall County matriarch received Happy Birthday wishes from Willard Scott, weatherman on the NBC Today Show, during his national early-morning broadcast.

BY THAT TIME she was used to the notice her anniversaries brought, and she said, "I get so used to birthdays; they come every year."

In January 1979 she was named a lifetime honorary member of the Marshall County Historical Society.

Services for Mrs. Knodel were conducted Wednesday morning from the Evangelical United Church of Christ, Marysville, with the Rev. Jerome Ulmer officiating. Burial was in Marysville Cemetery with Kinsley Mortuary in charge.

Evelyn Falen was the organist. Pallbearers were Fred Griswold, Wallace Griswold, Floyd Stryker,

Charles Griswold, John Petty and Albert Nielson.

Mrs. Knodel was born Sept. 8, 1877, in Bern, Switzerland, one of the nine children of Marie and Fritz Zybach. Her family came to the United States and to Hiawatha in 1882, then journeyed on to Marshall County later that year and settled on a farm 3 miles southwest of Marysville.

She and Charles Edward Knodel were married Oct. 3, 1900, and they farmed until his death in 1940. A year later she moved to Marysville. She has lived in the house on Elm Street across from the Post Office since 1960.

THE KNODELS had one son, J. W. "Bill" Knodel, now chairman of the board of Avery-Knodel Television of New York City. He and his wife Edie make their home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Other survivors are one sister, Mrs. Emma Nielson, Marysville, one brother, Carl Zybach, Slaton, Texas, and one granddaughter,



MARIE KNODEL

Mrs. Marjorie Faber of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Knodel was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ, Royal Neighbors of America and the Historical Society.

Sister Marie A. Zybach Knodel (1877-1982) – Find A Grave 72252198, published in "Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 22 Apr 1982 p 1

## Contemplations

# Long-lived feel useful, work hard

By SHARON KESSINGER

After the county's only current centenarian, Marie Knodel, died recently at the age of 104, I got to thinking about the subject of longevity.

I noticed in the files of The Advocate a number of stories about former county 100-year-olds: Mrs. A. D. Stosz was celebrating her 101st birthday at her home in Beattie on April 23, 1957, and Mrs. Lucy Woodman noted her 106th birthday at her home in Irving May 3, 1947.

Mrs. Woodman probably lived longer than any Marshall Countian that anyone around here can remember. She died in 1951, just five days short of her 110th birthday.

Ever wonder why people live as long as they do? Howard says he has heard of research that showed people living longer in an area surrounding Lincoln, Neb. Something in the soil, he claims, and we're supposed to be in that area here in Marshall County. Sure, Howard.

I THOUGHT I'D look into it, so I got both City Librarian Sally Hayden and County Agent Paul Oltmanns off on a wild goose chase. Sally looked through a lot of old Reader's Digests, Science Digests

and other material, trying to find an article on it. No luck there.

Paul said he contacted several people at the University of Nebraska who were pleasant enough, but somehow he thought they thought his request was a bit strange. He didn't have any luck at NU, but they promised to let him know if they found anything.

Sally turned up some interesting articles on longevity, such as why people live longer and women live longer than men. "Nature has dealt the female the strong hand genetically, hormonally and immunologically," says a Science Digest article.

Most fascinating thing I found at the Library was "Living To Be 100," a book by Osborn Segerberg Jr., on "1,200 who did and how they did it."

SEGERBERG HAS resurrected a Social Security Administration study in which 1,127 centenarians were interviewed and has added a few interviews of his own. He is searching for the key to longevity, and his conclusions are interesting. But not half as interesting as what the centenarians had to say about themselves and their lives.

Characteristics that Segerberg found to be prevalent among the centenarians were work, enjoyment of work, a strong will, a

feeling of usefulness, a lack of destructive stress, positive attitudes and emotions, feeling good about themselves and "being thankful and delighting in song, humor and laughter."

"Usefulness and work remained the most consistently accurate of all the indicators through the time span considered," says Segerberg.

And "all centenarians (interviewed) were associated for at least part of their lives with hard physical work or conscientious work, and the great majority of them for most of their lives."

Many of the centenarians expressly said they followed a policy of not worrying.

ALL THIS SOUNDS a lot like Marie Knodel and at least one of our county's other former centenarians. Marie was still doing her own housework, baking bread and enjoying her associations with people when she died. Her advice on longevity was to keep busy and train yourself to think right.

The Advocate reported that on her 101st birthday Mrs. Stosz of Beattie followed her morning routine of repeating her rising prayer, eating breakfast then starting her morning with devotionals. She and a friend sang hymns, including a favorite, "Where He leads Me, I Will

Follow."

Many of the centenarians interviewed in the Segerberg book attributed their longevity to the grace of God.

I noticed in The Times yesterday an Apache from Arkansas City turned 100 this week and when he was asked how he felt, he said, "I feel like I'm 100." A number of the centenarians in the Segerberg book made similar displays of humor. One woman, when asked how it feels to be 100, said, "I don't know yet; this is my first time."

ON ANOTHER woman's birthday someone said, "She doesn't look like a hundred, does she?" to which she quipped, "Do I look like a hundred and two?"

A centenarian who was recounting a number of historic memories was asked how she could remember so many details. She said, "Who's here to dispute me?"

This book is chock full of interesting facts and ideas. One of my favorites is a fellow, who on turning 100 said, "I look back on my life like a good day's work; it was done and I feel satisfied with it. I was happy and contented, I knew nothing better and made the best out of what life offered. And life is what we make it, always has been, always will be."

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 27 May 1982 p 20

## Marie Knodel's celebration of life

We all thought Marie Knodel was going to live forever. And in a sense she will.

Marie, who died early Monday morning at the age of 104, represented the spirit of the past century about as well as anyone could have. Her life spanned years that saw the greatest advances in science and technology of all time, and she viewed it all from her vantage point as matriarch of Marshall County with equanimity and with satisfaction.

Asked on her 104th birthday last September to recall the best time of her life, she replied, "These are the best days of my life. I like it now."

She was an immigrant from Switzerland and she typified this country's pioneer spirit, its work ethic, its religious

heritage, its optimism.

Marie was lucky to be blessed with good health, a sound body, and mind. She was also blessed with an outlook on life that kept her young as the years rolled by, a blessing that can not be attributed to luck. It was her spirit that made it so.

There was a big celebration when Marie passed the century mark. She took it in stride, and a few days after the birthday a reporter said she saw Marie on the front porch of her little house on Elm Street washing windows. On a later birthday, Marie remarked that she felt best "when I keep busy."

She enjoyed living; she wanted to live longer. We are sorry that she couldn't. But we are thankful for her celebration of life.

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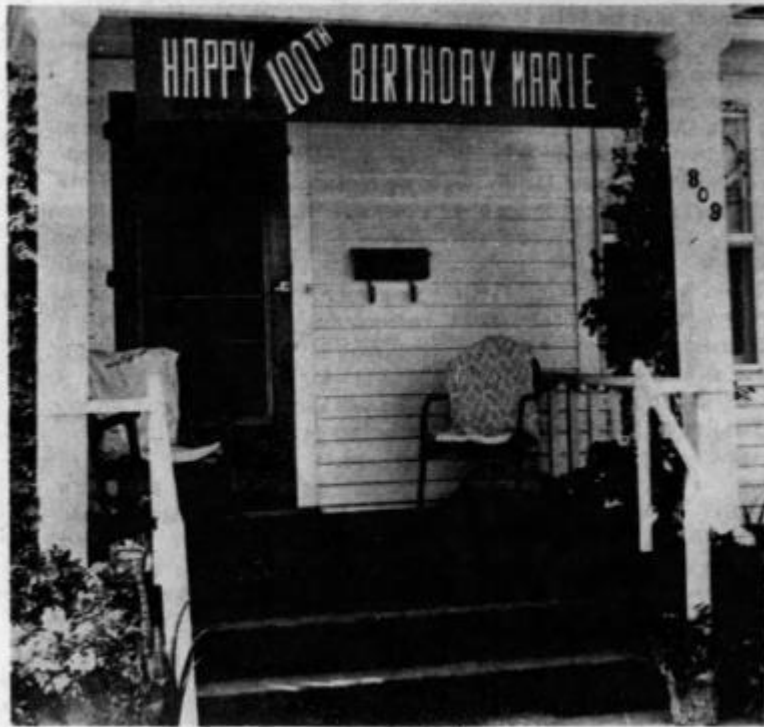
Marriage licenses issued by Judge Pulleine since our last report.—Gaius E. Shire, 21, and Katharina C. Volle, 21; George B. Johnson, 26, and Jennie L. McDonald, 18; Joseph A. Marlott, 23, and Mary E. Wilcox, 17; John Turnbull, 25, and Blanche Irene Seip, 21; Philip Harrington, 30, and Ellen Cummings, 24; Robert J. Neumann, 24, and Anna Koll, 18; Chas. E. Knodel, 26, and Marie A. Zybach, 23; George E. Stoliker, 67, and Ellen McGrew, 64; Carl L. Swift, 24, and Emily Amelia Myers, 17.



*Marie Knodel*

Happy 100th: 'Oh, it's fun!'

*Marie didn't even mind  
missing 'As the World Turns'*



*The big day*

By LIZ MOORE

Marie Knodel was awake at 6 a.m. last Thursday but, she said, "I made myself wait till 7 to get up."

After all, a person can't be expected to change her habits on her 100th birthday.

Besides, Mrs. Knodel needed her rest for the hoopla ahead.

It soon came—an endless stream of visitors, a telephone that seemed to never stop ringing, the arrival of floral bouquets, and in between it all, a stack of about 200 birthday cards to catch up on.

IN THE MIDST OF the activity, the petite lady was serene, smiling and looking 40 years younger than her age. When such a frenzy could undo the nerves of a person much younger, Mrs. Knodel was having a field day.

"Oh, it's fun!" she exclaimed, loving "everything—the flowers and the cards and the company, seeing relatives I haven't seen for years."

Dressed in a bright, multi-colored print dress and jewelry, she patiently posed for pictures when she wasn't getting up from a chair to greet visitors.

The well-wishers had no trouble finding

learn English, her parents did, too. "We were told we weren't going to put anything over on them."

She married Charles Knodel, a farmer, Oct. 3, 1900, and he died in 1940. They were parents of a son, Bill Knodel, Evanston, Ill.

Knodel is chairman of the board of Avery-Knodel Television Inc., a firm that sells advertising to television stations throughout the country and has about 60 clients.

He and his wife Edie, former vice president and director of advertising for Scott Forsemann Publishing Co., were in Marysville all of last week to help with the celebration that included a reception attended by some 250 persons in the Peoples Savings & Loan Community Room.

"THE TROUBLE WITH having a mother who's 100 years old is that I guess I'll have to stop being 49," Knodel quipped.

What else happens when you're 100? You get cards. From everyone. The greetings came from a Tecumseh family who did not know the lady but were charmed by her on a television news feature spot. She also heard from President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter.

her sunlit, frame house that day—a bright red banner over the front porch proclaimed, “Happy 100th birthday Marie.”

Mrs. Knodel, born Sept. 8, 1877, in Bern, Switzerland, recalled her life, easily telling of dates, facts and memories. Her earliest memory?

“I REMEMBER A big party they had for us when we left Switzerland,” she said. “I was 5½.”

That was when Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Zybach brought Marie and her eight brothers and sisters to Kansas. They were at Hiawatha for a while, then traveled by train to Marysville and settled on a farm 3 miles southwest of here.

“Marysville was very small, mostly a German town,” she said. “The Indians were here. We were so afraid of the Indians! They never hurt anyone, but we had heard stories.”

Mrs. Knodel speaks with a trace of a Swiss accent. Swiss was spoken at home—most of the time anyway.

“MY PARENTS WOULD talk in French when they didn’t want us to understand what they said,” she remembered, adding that when she and her siblings began to

“Why, I rather expected it,” Mrs. Knodel said of her reaction to the President’s card. “It was a great pleasure. I also heard from the vice president, the Governor of Kansas and so forth and so forth.”

Birthday greetings came from the Swiss Consulate in Kansas City and from Hollywood stars Mary Pickford and Buddy Rogers who wrote in glamorous style, “Dear Marie, Mary and I are thrilled about your birthday.” They are friends of her son’s.

MRS. KNODEL DIDN’T even mind having to miss a couple of days of “As the World Turns,” her favorite television show. There would be time for that and her reading and housework when the relatives left.

“I’ve learned how to relax,” the bright little lady admitted. Otherwise, her key to good health and many years, she believes, are “hard work—all my life.

“Keep busy,” she advises other people, “and train yourself to think right.”

She has, she does and she will.

## **Marie A. Knodel**

**thanks her**

**relatives and friends from the Marysville  
area and the entire country for making  
her 100th birthday  
a really super occasion!**



Marie's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday – she lives to age 104 – there is no “Swiss” language - “Marysville (KS) Advocate” Thursday 15 Sep 1977 p 11

STATE OF TEXAS		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		STATE FILE NO. 55666	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Gray</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Gray</b>			
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Pampa</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Pampa</b>			
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital: give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>627 N. Russell St.</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>627 N. Russell St.</b>			
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH IN DE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) John <b>Begert</b> Zybach		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>Oct. 7, 1959</b>			
5. SEX <b>Male</b>		6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>		7. Age (In years (day birthday) Months Days Hours Minutes) <b>79</b>	
8. MARRIAGE STATUS Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		9. DATE OF BIRTH <b>Dec. 12, 1879</b>		10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, unless retired) <b>Farmer, retired</b>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, unless retired) <b>Farmer, retired</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Farming</b>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Switzerland</b>	
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>USA</b>		13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Fritz Zybach</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Begert</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <b>No</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		17. INFORMANT <b>Clarence Zybach</b>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)					
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Possible heart failure</b>					
CONDITIONS, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____					
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)					
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>					
20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II as appropriate.)					
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour _____ Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ a.m. _____ p.m. _____					
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>					
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)					
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY _____ STATE _____					
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____, and last saw the deceased <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dead on 10-7-59. Death occurred at 3 am apx. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the cause stated.					
22. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) <i>J.P. (Coroner)</i>					
23. ADDRESS <b>Court House, Pampa, Texas</b>					
23c. DATE SIGNED <b>10/8/59</b>					
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>					
23b. DATE <b>Oct. 9, 1959</b>					
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Fairview Cemetery</b>					
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <i>Duenkel, Carmichael</i>					
25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>					
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>146</b>					
25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>10-8-59</b>					

TX death record of brother John Begert Zybach (1879-1959) -

[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/22330246:2272?tid=105893246&pid=180050902462&queryId=fd6ee3fda5300c9fbd5bd1268bdcb27d&_phsrc=cPx191&_phstart=successSource)

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## Zybach Rites Are Pending

Funeral services are pending for John Begert Zybach, 627 N. Russell, it has been announced by Duenkel - Carmichael Funeral Home. Mr. Zybach died this morning at 3 o'clock in his home.

He was born Dec. 12, 1879 in Switzerland and came to Marysville, Kan., from Switzerland at the age of four. In 1910, he founded the town of Zybach in Wheeler County, where he owned and operated a general mercantile store. He was engaged in farming prior to moving to Pampa in 1936. In Pampa he owned and operated apartment houses.

Mr. Zybach was a member of the Church of Christ Scientist. His wife preceded him in death in 1949.

Survivors are two sons, Clarence and Elbert, both of Briscoe; two brothers, Carl of Canadian, Ernest P. of Briscoe; four sisters, Mrs. Leah Gast of DeRuyter, N.Y., Mrs. Emma Neilson, Mrs. Marie Knodel, Mrs. Rose Griswold, all of Marysville, Kan.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

## John B Zybach

in the Kansas, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1811-1911

Name	John B Zybach
Gender	Male
Age	24
Birth Date	abt 1879
Marriage Date	4 Jun 1903
Marriage Place	Marshall, Kansas, USA
Father	Fritz Zybach
Mother	Marie Bagert
Spouse	Catherine A Thiessen
Film Number	002027273

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1. No. of License. 2. Date of License.	1. By whom Affidavit, if any, is made. 2. By whom consent to Marriage is given.	1. Full Name of Groom. 2. Place of Residence. 3. Occupation.	1. Age next Birthday. 2. Race or Color. 3. Place of Birth.	1. Father's Name. 2. Mother's Maiden Name. 3. No. of Groom's Marriage.
1 465 2 6/4/03	1 2	1 John B. Zybach 2 Marshall Co. 3 Farmer.	1 24 years. 2 W. 3 Switzerland	1 Fritz Zybach 2 Marie Bagert 3 1st

1. Full Name of Bride. 2. Maiden Name, if a Widow. 3. Place of Residence.	1. Age next Birthday. 2. Race or Color. 3. Place of Birth.	1. Father's Name. 2. Mother's Maiden Name. 3. No. of Bride's Marriage.	1. Where and when Married. 2. Witnesses. 3. By whom Certified, Name and Office.
1 Catherine A. Thiessen 2 3 Marshall Co.	1 22 years. 2 W. 3 Iowa	1 William Thiessen 2 Mary Weiche 3 1st	1 at Marshall 2 6/4/03 3 Rev. K. K. K.

Marriage of John Begert Zybach to Catherine Anna Thiessen 4 Jun 1903 Marshall Co. KS - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/138673:61371>

## **Mrs. G. Griswold Was Longtime County Resident**

Funeral services for Mrs. George Griswold, 92, were held yesterday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the Evangelical United Church of Christ. The Rev. Jerome Ulmer church pastor officiated at the rites.

She died Sunday, December 16, 1973, at Mary Marshall Manor where she was a resident.

Rose Zybach, daughter of Fritz and Maria Zybach was born January 24, 1881 at Bern, Switzerland, and came to America as a child located near Marysville. She was married October 7, 1903 to George Griswold.

She was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ, the Women's Relief Corps and the Edelweiss club.

Preceding her in death were her husband, her parents, and three brothers.

Survivors are her sons, Fred Griswold, Marysville; Wallace Griswold, Kansas City; her daughter, Esther, Mrs. K. W. Carlson, Topeka; sisters, Marie, Mrs. Charles Knodel, Emma, Mrs. J. M. Nielson, both of Marysville; Mrs. Leah Gast, DeRuyter, N.Y.; brothers, Ernest Zybach, Las Cruces, N. Mex.; Carl Zybach, Slaton, Tex; nine grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

Debbie Eddy played Beautiful Savior at the services. Burial was in the Marysville city cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Griswold, Robert Griswold, Sgt. First Class John Griswold, Gary Carlson, Wesley Wulff and Don Griswold, all grandsons.

Sister Rosa Zybach Griswold (1881-1973) – Find A Grave 50322271



Rosa Zybach Griswold - [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/85356637/person/44520802940/media/18d7c7e7-0175-417b-b7b8-cbcaf45e2d3a?\\_phsrc=cPx194&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/85356637/person/44520802940/media/18d7c7e7-0175-417b-b7b8-cbcaf45e2d3a?_phsrc=cPx194&_phstart=successSource)



In front: George Griswold & wife Rosa Zybach Griswold – in back: left to right: Esther, Wallace, Fred Griswold, ca. 1930 - [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/15248598/person/235536611/media/ac93a311-f32d-4e2e-a0c6-eddc95b80233?\\_phsrc=cPx196&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/15248598/person/235536611/media/ac93a311-f32d-4e2e-a0c6-eddc95b80233?_phsrc=cPx196&_phstart=successSource)

**Rose Zybach**

in the Kansas, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1811-1911

Name	Rose Zybach
Gender	Female
Age	24
Birth Date	abt 1879
Marriage Date	7 Oct 1903
Marriage Place	Marshall, Kansas, USA
Father	Fred Zybach
Mother	Mary Begert
Spouse	George Griswald
Film Number	002027273

1 576	1	1 George Griswald	1 25 years.
2 9/28-03	2	2 Marshall Co	2 White
		3 Farmer	3 Kans.
1 Daniel Griswald	1 Rose Zybach	1 24 years	
2 Cynthia Carter	2 H.	2 H.	
3 1st	3 Marshall Co	3 Kans	
1 Fred Zybach	1 at Weperwell	1	
2 Mary Begert	Oct 7 - 1903.	189	
3 1st	2 H. T. Pulling P. J.	2	

Marriage of Rosa Zybach to George Griswold on 7 Oct 1903 Marshall Co. KS -

[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900138724:61371?tid=105893246&pid=180050902458&queryId=3601ff7ff42a93688f79ef3d15ecd52c&\\_phsrc=cPx197&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900138724:61371?tid=105893246&pid=180050902458&queryId=3601ff7ff42a93688f79ef3d15ecd52c&_phsrc=cPx197&_phstart=successSource)

Marriage licenses granted by Judge Pulleine since our last report : Burtie E. Gibson, 21, and Betsy L. E. Greenlee, 22; James W. Bristoe, 19, and Minnie May Willis, 15; Thos. R. Talbot, 26, and Dillie B. Frans, 23; Amos Drinen, 23, and Mary Scholz, 21; Ernest L. Vette, 24, and Nellie Youngerberg, 21; George Griswold, 24, and Rose Zybach, 23; Everett L. Jones, 22, and Bernice N. Drake, 20.

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**Leah Tybach**

in the Kansas, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1811-1911



Name	Leah Tybach [Leah Zybach]
Gender	Female
Age	22
Birth Date	abt 1885
Marriage Date	12 Jun 1907
Marriage Place	Marshall, Kansas, USA
Father	Fred Tybach
Mother	Marie Begert
Spouse	John Gast
Film Number	002027273

1 178	1	1 John Gast.	1 30 years.
2 6/11/07.	2	2 Denver Col.	2 White
	3	3 Dairying	3 Germany
1 St. E. Gast.	1 Leah Tybach.	1 22 years.	
2 Rebecca Ann	2	2 White	
3 Frisk	3 Mansville	3 German	
1 Fred Tybach	1 at Home.		
2 Marie Begert		6/12/ 1907	
3 Frisk	2 Rev L. Reiser		
	3 Geo Lock P.D.		

Sister Leah L. Zybach Gast (1885-1974) – marriage to John Orr Gast on 12 Jun 1907  
 Marshall Co. KS - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900140835:61371?tid=&pid=&queryId=4ba0136be875a993af34570fd2b45fb2&phsrc=cPx204&phstart=successSource>

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued by Probate Judge Geo. Loch since our last report:

NAME	RESIDENCE	AGE
Elmer Hightower,	Blue Rapids,	24
Lillie F. Jewell,	"	18
Henry A. Saathoff,	Oketo,	26
Viola Hogelucht,	"	20
Wm. Leseberg,	Marysville,	25
Minnie Bandick,	Orange, Calif.	26
Michael Ahern,	Vermillion,	33
Ella C. Marksman,	"	28
Chas. L. Lase,	Axtell,	30
Harvinnie K. Sharpe	"	26
P. R. Young,	Axtell,	30
Grace Connett,	"	21
John Gast,	Denver, Colo	30
Leah Zybach,	Marysville,	22

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## John Gast Dies In New York State

John Gast, husband of the former Leah Zybach of Marysville, died at a hospital at DeRuyter, New York after a long illness, September 29, 1954. Funeral services were held at the Gast farm home near DeRuyter with burial there.

A brother-in-law of Fred Zybach, Mrs. Marie Knodel and Mrs. J. M. Nielson, Marysville and Mrs. George Griswold, Topeka, Mr. Gast was married to Leah Zybach at the Fred Zybach, sr. farm home west of Marysville in June, 1907. He would have been 78 years old October 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Gast visited their relatives here a few years ago. He is survived by his wife and four children, Miss Irene Powers, Mrs. Mabel Powers, Emery and Arthur Gast, all of DeRuyter and 11 grandchildren.

Obituary of John Orr Gast – "Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 7 Oct 1954 p 17

## The Obituary Of Mrs. Leah Z. Gast

Mrs. Leah Z. Gast, 89, of DeRuyter, N.Y. died Monday evening, December 30, 1974 at the Cortland Nursing home after a long illness.

She was born May 10, 1885, in Marysville, the daughter of Fritz and Marie Begert Zybach.

She was married to John Orr Gast June 12, 1907, in Marysville. The Gast family moved to the DeRuyter area in 1921. Mr. Gast died September 29, 1954.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Mrs. Gast was a member of the South Otselic United Methodist church and the United Methodist Women's organization.

Surviving her are two sons, Emery and Arthur Gast, two daughters, Irene and Mabel Powers, all of DeRuyter; one brother, Carl Zybach, Slaton, Tex.; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Knodel, and Mrs. Emma Nielson, both of Marysville; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Thursday, January 2, 1975, at the South Otselic United Methodist church, with the Rev. Glenn Stewart, pastor, and Rev. Charles Ackley, a former pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest cemetery, DeRuyter.

Obituary of Leah Zybach Gast – "Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 23 Jan 1975 p 9



## Emma Nielson

Services for Emma Nielson, 96, who died June 10 at Community Memorial Hospital, were conducted Monday afternoon from the Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Burial was in the Marysville Cemetery with arrangements by Kinsley. The Rev. Jerome Ulmer officiated.

Pallbearers were Charles Griswold, Wallace Griswold, Roy Hanson, James Russell, Jim and Tom Conkright.

She was born Aug. 3, 1886, at Marysville, the daughter of Marie and Fritz Zybach. She attended Marysville Public Schools.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical United Church of Christ, of which she was a member.

She married James Nielson Oct. 27, 1909. They lived on the family homestead in the Blanchville community for 38 years before moving in 1947 to their home at 1602 Laramie St. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1959.

She was a member of the Blanchville Homemakers Club for 69 years and was a leader of the Capper Clubs and 4-H clubs in Marshall County.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a daughter, Dorothea.

Survivors are her daughter, Lorene Conkright, Overland Park; 5 sons, Albert Nielson, Manhattan, Wm. Nielson, Colorado Springs, Colo., Elmer and Delmar Nielson, Burbank, Calif., and James Nielson, Seattle; a brother, Carl Zybach, Slaton, Texas; 15 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Sister Emma H. Zybach Nielson (1886-1983) – Find A Grave 72253092

### Marriage Licenses Issued.

L. A. Staveland, Axtell.....	28
E. M. Johnson, Axtell,.....	19
John L. McConchie, Frankfort.....	39
Veda Wells, Frankfort.....	35
Louis G. Wecker, Marysville.....	22
Lena O. Wiedrich, Marysville....	20
Edgar C. Bates, Axtell.....	25
Ada E. Coffin, Axtell.....	19
Jas. M. Nielson, Marysville.....	30
Emma H. Zybach, Marysville.....	23
John H. Allender, Axtell.....	34
Cora E. Brown, Axtell.....	32

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 29 Oct 1909 p 4



U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918



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Name	Ernest Theodore Zybach
Race	Caucasian (White)
Marital Status	Single
Birth Date	26 Oct 1891
Birth Place	Kansas, USA
Residence Date	1917-1918
Residence Place	Wheeler County, Texas, USA
Physical Build	Medium
Height	Tall
Hair Color	Light Brown
Eye Color	Dark Blue

Brother Ernest Theodore Zybach (1891-1974) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/105893246/person/180050901531/facts>

## Ernest T Zybach

in the Oklahoma, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1890-1995

Name	Ernest T Zybach
Gender	Male
Age	33
Birth Date	abt 1891
Marriage Date	31 Dec 1924
Marriage Place	Custer, Oklahoma, USA
Spouse	Anna D Dickey
Film Number	001977349

## MARRIAGE RECORD NO. 4

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APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF CUSTER, ss:

I, Ernest L. Zybach, of Wheeler County, State of Oklahoma,  
 aged 33 years, and legally competent to make and take oath, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with  
 Mr. Ernest L. Zybach and Mrs. Anna D. Dickey who are  
 parties for the marriage of whom a License is hereby applied for. The said parties, and each of them, are of sound contracting mind and  
 unmarried and not disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation. That said parties are not of the  
 relationship prohibited by law and may lawfully contract and be joined in marriage.  
 I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following schedule, containing the names of the aforesaid parties, their age, color,  
 place of birth and residence is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, to-wit:

NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>Ernest L. Zybach</u> Groom.	<u>33</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Zybach Texas</u>
<u>Anna D. Dickey</u> Bride.	<u>25</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Clinton Okla.</u>

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME Dec 31, 1924.  
Ernest T. Zybach Applicant.  
 By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy. \_\_\_\_\_ Court Clerk.

MARRIAGE LICENSE				
IN THE COUNTY COURT.				
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CUSTER COUNTY, SS.				
To any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony... GREETING:				
You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. <i>Ernest T. Zybach</i> of <i>Zybach</i> County of <i>Wheeler</i> , State of <i>Texas</i> , and <i>Miss Anna D. Dickey</i> of <i>Clinton</i> , County of <i>Custer</i> , State of <i>Oklahoma</i> , whose ages, residence, etc, are as follows:				
NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<i>Ernest T. Zybach</i> Groom.	<i>33</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Kansas</i>	<i>Zybach, Texas</i>
<i>Anna D. Dickey</i> Bride.	<i>25</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Kansas</i>	<i>Clinton, Okla</i>
And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.				
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in _____				
in said County, this <i>31</i> day of <i>December</i> , A. D. 192 <i>4</i> .				
By <i>R. H. Danner</i> Court Clerk.				
By <i>Benjamin Mitchell</i> Deputy.				
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE				
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CUSTER COUNTY, SS.				
I, <i>G. A. Herman</i> , Minister, <i>M. E. Church, Jr.</i> Minister of Court or Congregation				
of <i>Clinton</i> in <i>Custer</i> County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the				
persons named in and authorized by this Court to be married, on the <i>31</i> day of <i>December</i> , A. D. 192 <i>4</i> ,				
at <i>Clinton</i> , in <i>Custer</i> County, Oklahoma, in the presence of <i>Walter L. Dickey</i>				
of <i>Clinton, Okla.</i> , and <i>Mr. G. A. Herman &amp; Clinton, Okla.</i>				
Witnesses: <i>G. A. Herman</i> Minister				
Filed for Record the <i>2</i> day of <i>January</i> , A. D. 192 <i>5</i> , at <i>6:30</i> o'clock, P. M.				
By <i>R. H. Danner</i> Deputy. <i>R. H. Danner</i> Court Clerk.				

marriage of Ernest Theodore Zybach to Anna Drewzilla Dickey 31 Dec 1924 Clinton, Custer

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## Ernest Zybach, 82 Expires In Texas

Ernest T. Zybach, 82, Briscoe, Tex., native of Marysville, and brother of Mrs. Charles Knodel, and Mrs. J. M. Nielson, city, died Monday, August 12, 1974, at the home of his daughter in Las Cruces, N. Mex., where he had made his home the past 1½ years.

He was born October 26, 1892 at Marysville. He had been a longtime resident of Wheeler county, Texas, where he was a farmer.

Preceding him in death were his wife, the former Anna Dickey, three brothers, and a sister.

Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Lottie Marie Venable and Mrs. Roberta Pruitt, both of Las Cruces, N. Mex.; a brother, Carl Zybach, Slaton, Tex.; another sister, Mrs. Leah Gast, DeRuyter, N. Y.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Las Cruces, with further services Friday, August 16 at Wheeler, Tex. Burial was in the Wheeler cemetery.

Obituary of Ernest Theodore Zybach – “Marysville (KS) Advocate” Thursday 29 Aug 1974 p 7

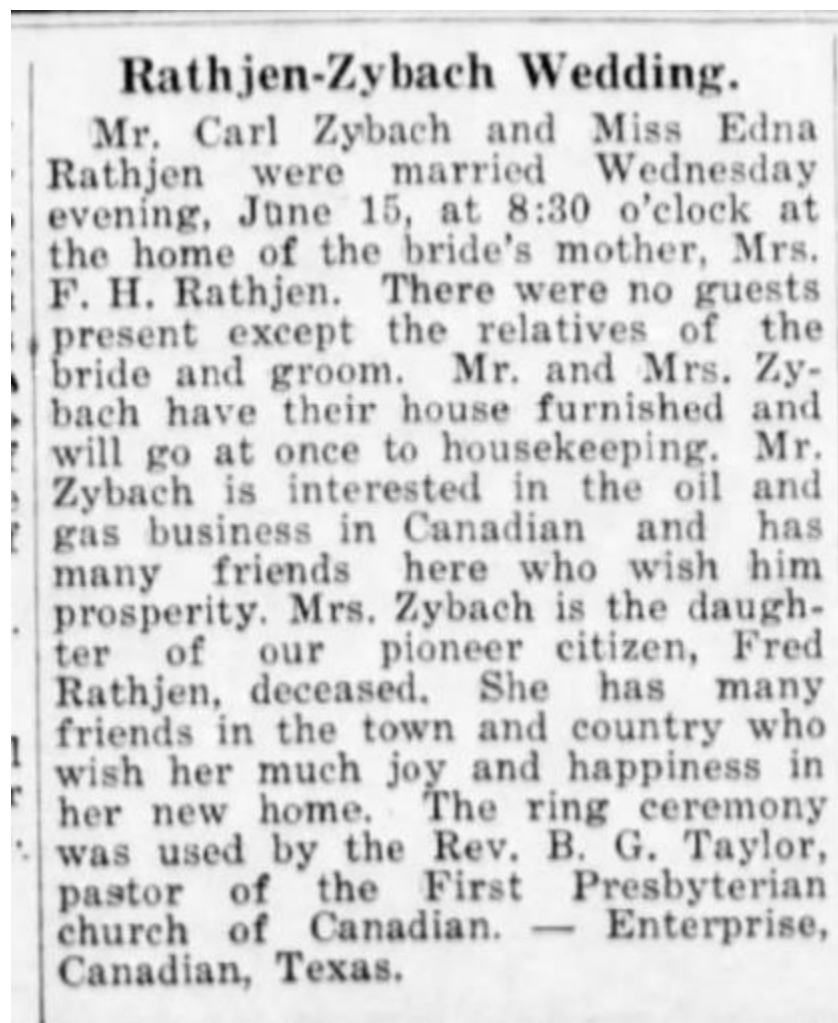
**Carl Zybach**

in the Texas, U.S., Death Index, 1903-2000

Name	Carl Zymbach
Death Date	11 May 1994
Death County	Donley
Gender	Male

TX death record of brother Carl Waldemore Zymbach (1897-1994) -

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Carl Zybach was born in this city and moved to Texas with his parents eleven years ago. He has many friends in and about Marysville and all join in extending best wishes to him and his bride.

Marriage of Carl Waldemore Zybach to Edna Louise Rathjen on 15 Jun 1921 – “Marysville (KS) Advocate” Thursday 30 Jun 1921 p 6

## Carl W Zybach

in the Texas, U.S., Marriage Index, 1824-2019

Name	Carl W Zybach
Gender	Male
Age	73
Birth Date	abt 1898
Marriage Date	1 Jun 1971
Marriage Place	Hemphill, Texas, USA
Spouse	Opal Ricker
Case Number	7311971059965

Marriage to Opal Ricker in Hemphill Co. TX 1 Jun 1971 -

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# Zybach, TX

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**ZYBACH, TX.** Zybach, on a mail route from Briscoe in northern Wheeler County, was named for John B. Zybach, who brought his family of Swiss immigrants from Kansas to farm the area in 1909. He also opened a general store. In 1910 he established a post office and sought to attract other homesteaders. During its peak, from 1910 to 1920, the town had two grocery stores, a service station and garage, a cafe, a gristmill, a cotton gin, a blacksmith shop, two churches, and several residences. The population reached as high as 120. After the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway built south of Zybach in 1929, the town experienced a rapid decline. Only ten residents were reported in 1930, and around 1931 the post office was closed. Although there were two houses and a repair shop in Zybach in 1976, the community as such has ceased to exist.

Handbook of Texas - <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/zybach-tx>



<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=153567>



### Welcome to Zybach ...

So far, we found very little information about Zybach. The little that we've found leads us believe that the community is historic. <1>

While we don't have a date for the founding of Zybach, you might consider that their post office opened in 1910.

<1> We use the term 'Historic' broadly and it generally means that the community no longer exists. However, it can also mean that the community might still exist, but was significantly larger or had a more 'official' existence in the past than it does now. Unfortunately our sources of data have proven to be unreliable. If you can provide us with more specific information about Zybach, please [let us know](#) so that we can improve our accuracy.

Location of Zybach, Wheeler Co. TX - <https://roadsidethoughts.com/tx/zybach-xx-wheeler-profile.htm>

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Arthur Rudolph Zybach**

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals, 2nd Div., 9th Inf. - private

Serial number: 251,628

Entered service from: Zybach, Wheeler TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Arthur R. Zybach

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Fritz Zybach of Zybach TX

World War I draft registration (1917): as Arthur Rudolph Zybach - b. 14 Aug 1889 Marshall KS; res: Zybach TX. Single. Farming for self, Zubach, Wheeler Co. TX. Medium height & build.

## Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: date not listed

Born: 14 Aug 1889

Died: 7 Nov 1918

Address: 1221 Hellman St., Long Beach CA

Rank/unit: private 1<sup>st</sup> class, Co. L, 9<sup>th</sup> InfantryBirth & death:

Born: 14 Aug 1889 Marysville, Marshall KS

Died: 4 Nov 1918 Lorraine, France (killed in action, Meuse-Argonne, German shell detonated beside him) (Veterans Administration Military Index gives death date of 7 Nov 1918)

Find A Grave record: 55998285 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text &amp; flower

Burial location: Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Departement de la Meuse, Lorraine, France

Cemetery: Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery

Tombstone: veteran cross: Pvt 1 Cl 9 Inf 2 Div

Father: Friedrich (Fritz) Zybach, 28 Aug 1854 Grindelwald, Verwaltungskreis Inter-laken Oberhasli, Canton Bern, Switzerland - 29 Dec 1944 Long Beach, Los Angeles CA.

Son of Rudolf Zybach (b. 1825) & Marianne Magdalena Waser/Wasser (b. 1929), both in Canton Bern, Switzerland.

Baptized 2 Dec 1854 Koenig, Bern, Switzerland.

Emigrated aboard ship "Canada" from Le Havre, France, on 1 Mar 1883. In 1908, he sailed back to the US from Switzerland on the USS "St. Paul" to NYC.

In 1909 (27 Nov) Fritz & family moved from Marysville, Marshall KS to Wheeler Co. TX, where the town of Zybach was named for him.

Following the death of his first wife, Fritz remarried, to Anna Rungger Detweiler, in 1917.

In 1918, he moved to Long Beach, Los Angeles CA.

Following her death, he married Marie Schneider Christener in 1928.

Buried in Marysville Cemetery, Marysville, Marshall KS.

Find A Grave: 72254994

Mother: Marie Begert Zybach, 23 Jan 1857 Ersigen, Verwaltungskreis Emmental, Canton Bern, Switzerland – 29 Mar 1914 Zybach, Wheeler TX.

Fritz's 1<sup>st</sup> wife & Arthur's mother.

Immigrated in 1883, aboard "Canada" in steerage – record indicates male Zybach, age 29 - Mrs. Zybach age 27 - 5-year-old male - 2-year-old female - male infant which is not quite accurate.

Find A Grave: 72254996

Parents' marriage: 1872 in Switzerland – or marriage license on 2 Dec 1876 (which follows the birth of oldest child Friedrich/Fred Zybach)

Stepmother: Anna Rungger Detwiler Zybach, 11 May 1860 Switzerland - 5 Jan 1928 Los Angeles Co. CA. Her maiden name is found as Rungger on her death certificate; also listed as Ringger.

Anna's 1<sup>st</sup> husband was Gottlieb Detwiler, 19 Jan 1844 Switzerland – 14 Nov 1914 Brigham City, Box Elder Co. UT, F: 121883426, who died of pneumonia & is buried in Brigham City UT.

The "Hutchinson (KS) News of 24 Jul 1917 p 2 describes their marriage as "a romance of childhood days." They had both been born in Switzerland, lived in Marshall Co. KS & had been married.

CA death certificate: Anna D. Zybach d. 5 Jan 1928 Los Angeles County CA. Father's surname Rungger. Resident of 1221 Hellman Ave., Long Beach CA. Husband Fred Zybach. Died at age 67 years, 7 months, 24 days. Resident of Long Beach 10 years. Buried in Angeles Abbey Memorial Park, Compton, Los Angeles County CA.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 221266471

Stepmother's marriage: 23 Jul 1917 in Hutchinson, Reno KS.

After Arthur's death in WWI:

Stepmother: Marie Schneider Christener Zybach, 30 Mar 1864 Switzerland – 18 Oct 1945 Los Angeles Co. CA,

Her maiden name is listed as Schneider on her husband Carl Christener's Oregon County Service Records file & on son Antone's marriage license. Her husband was buried as Karl Christener (1863 Switzerland – 2 Jul 1924 Washington Co. OR, F: 7750081). He was the son of Benjamin Christener & Elizabeth Joss & is buried in Helvetia Cemetery with Marie.

They had 2 sons:

Antone Fredrick ("Andy") Christener, 14 Oct 1888 KS – 5 Jun 1970 Washington Co. OR.  
Buried with wife Goldie Pearl Black in Skyline Memorial Gardens, Portland, Multnomah OR,  
F: 103641591

Carl Benedict Christener, 16 Jan 1893 Marysville, Marshall KS – 24 Jun 1959 Hillsboro,  
Washington Co. OR. Buried with wife Anna Begert (1899-1984, F: 103641743) whom he  
married in 1919. Also buried in Skyline Memorial Gardens, Portland, Multnomah OR. F:  
103641591

Buried in Helvetia Cemetery, Helvetia, Washington Co. OR.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 190329699 & 7750096

Stepmother's marriage: 13 Oct 1928.

Spouse: none

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Arthur was the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 9 surviving children.

- 4 who died in infancy
- Frederick (Friederich/Fred) G. Zybach, 1 Oct 1876 Canton Bern, Switzerland – 28 May 1957 Marysville, Marshall KS. Husband of Caroline Frances Cottrell (1870-1947) whom he married 24 Dec 1903 in Marshall Co. KS.- When he registered for the WWI draft, Frederick Zybach lived at 303 Channel St., Taunton, Bristol MA, with wife Caroline, was unemployed & had become a US citizen through the naturalization of his father. Buried in Marysville Cemetery, Marysville, Marshall KS. F: 72254993
- Marie A. Zybach Knodel, 8 Sep 1877 Bern, Switzerland – 19 Apr 1982 Marysville, Marshall KS. Her obituary says the family came to Hiawatha in 1882, then later that year to Marshall Co. KS. She was married 3 Oct 1900 to Charles Edward Knodel (1874-1940, F: 72252194). When she died at age 104, Marie was the oldest resident of Marysville KS. Buried in Marysville Cemetery, Marysville, Marshall KS. F: 72252198
- John Begert Zybach, 12 Sep 1879 Bern, Canton Bern, Switzerland – 7 Oct 1959 Pampa, Gray TX. Married in 1903 to Katherine Anna ("Kate") Theissen (1882-1949, F: 140346179). Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Pampa, Gray TX. F: 96564909
- Rosa Zybach Griswold, 24 Jan 1881 Bern, Verwaltungskreis Bern-Mittelland, Bern, Switzerland – 16 Dec 1973 Marysville, Marshall KS. Married 7 Oct 1903 in Marshall Co. KS to George M. Griswold (1879-1953, F: 50322188). Buried in Marysville Cemetery, Marysville, Marshall KS. F: 50322271
- Leah L. Zybach Gast, 10 May 1885 Marshall Co. KS – 30 Dec 1974 DeRuyter, Madison NY. She married John Orr Gast (1876-1954, F: 82137288) on 12 Jun 1907 in the front parlor of the Zybach family farm. This was the last time she & 5 of her siblings were together, until Apr 1969. John had moved from NY to CO at age 19. After their marriage, Leah & John lived in CO, then TX, then moved to NY state in 1918. Buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, DeRuyter, Madison NY. F: 82137289
- Emma H. Zybach Nielson, 3 Aug 1886 Marysville, Marshall KS – 10 Jun 1983 Marysville, Marshall KS. Married 27 Oct 1909 to James M. Nielson (1879-1969, F: 72253093). Buried in Marysville Cemetery, Marysville, Marshall KS. F: 72253092

- Ernest Theodore Zybach, 26 Oct 1891 Marysville, Marshall KS – 13 Aug 1974 Las Cruces, Doña Ana NM. Married 31 Dec 1924 in Clinton, Custer OK to Anna Drewzella Dickey (1899-1972, F: 32333183). Died at the home of his daughter in Las Cruces NM where he had lived for a year & a half before his death; otherwise, a longtime resident of Wheeler Co. TX. Buried in Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler, Wheeler Co. TX. F: 37103495
- Carl Waldemore Zybach, 24 Jul 1897 Marysville, Marshall KS– 11 May 1994 Clarendon, Donley TX. – Married to Edna Louise Rathjen (1900-1970, F: 59018821) on 15 Jun 1921 in KS. - Married on 1 Jun 1971 in Hemphill Co. TX to Opal Ricker Young (1901-1989, F: 10427665). Opal, the daughter of Nathaniel Wesley Ricker & Maude Hiller, was 1<sup>st</sup> married to Claude William Young (1895-1969). Carl is buried with Edna in Edith Ford Memorial Cemeteries, Canadian, Hemphill TX. F: 59018201

#### Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Elm Creek, Marshall KS – name is indexed ZYBACK but can be read as ZYBACH  
 Fred Zybach, 46 Switzerland, Nov 1854, parents b. Switzerland, emigrated 1883, in US for 7 years, married 24 years, farmer  
 Mary, 43 Switzerland, Feb 1857, parents b. Switzerland, emigrated 1883, in US for 7 years, gave birth to 9 children, 9 are living  
 John P., 28 Switzerland, emigrated 1883, in US for 7 years, farm laborer  
 Rosy, 19 Switzerland [her emigration information not provided]  
 Lee, 15 KS, May 1885, at school [identified as a son, instead of daughter Leah, which leads to erroneous Ancestry.com family trees]  
 Emma, 13 KS, Aug 1886, at school  
 Arthur R., 10 KS, Aug 1889, at school  
 Ernest E., 8 KS, Oct 1891  
 Carl W., 2 KS, Jul 1897

1910 Justice Precinct 2, Wheeler Co. TX – name is indexed as ZYBACK but can be read as ZYBACH  
 Fritz Zybach, 55 Switzerland, parents b. Switzerland, married 35 years, emigrated 1883, naturalized, farmer, general farm  
 Marie, 53 Switzerland, parents b. Switzerland, emigrated 1883, gave birth to 9 children, 9 are living



Arthur, 20 KS, single, farm laborer, home farm  
Ernest, 18 KS, single, farm laborer, home farm  
Carl, 12 KS

1920 Long Beach, Los Angeles CA – 436 Almond Ave. – after Arthur's death

Fritz Zybach, 65 Switzerland, parents b. Switzerland, emigrated 1883, naturalized 1885, no occupation listed

Anna, 59 Switzerland, parents b. Switzerland, emigrated 1883, naturalized 1885, no occupation listed [wife]

Ernest, 28 KS, parents b. Switzerland, single, farmer, general farm [son]