JENSEN, John  John was born June 23, 1880, in Brondelv, Denmark. John was a carpenter and building contractor in Winnett from homestead days through the oil boom period. He was also one of the first aldermen for the town of Winnett in 1918.

JOHNS, Mrs. Louise  (W.T. 10-13-1922) "Mrs. Louise Johns and Barney Sevals surprised their Winnett friends Tuesday when they journeyed to Lewistown and were quietly married the same day.

"Both the contracting parties are well-known in the city. Mrs. Sevals having lived here for several years and, until recently, conducted the Central Hotel. (Ed. Mrs. Sevals changed the name of the Jarrett Hotel to Central Hotel in 1922.) The groom has been engaged in the carpentering and contracting business for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Sevals will reside in the groom's residence in the south residence district."

Mr. Sevals was drowned in the Yellowstone River at Livingston November 24, 1945. He apparently suffered a heart attack while fishing. Louise Johns was the mother of Priscilla Marie (1903) and Sylvia (1906).

JOHNS, Vern P.  (W.T. 4-8-1921) "Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Johns are the parents of a pair of twins — a boy, Frank, and a girl, Betty — born to them on Friday last."

Vern operated the Continental loading rack in Winnett. Son Bruce (1917) was a freshman at Winnett High School when the family left in 1926. Another son was Max (1915).

The Continental Oil Company, for whom Vern had been working, transferred him to Parkerton, Wyoming. In 1926. He was to be a gauger at that point.

In July of 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johns of Tuolumne, California, came to Winnett and tried to find the Vern Johns' family residence in Winnett and also the homestead site in the Blakeslee area.

JOHNSON, Elmer  (W.T. 6-23-22) "Elmer Johnson returned last Friday from Doland, South Dakota, where he has been for the past few weeks straightening out some business matters."

JOHNSON, Florence  In March of 1965, Mrs. Florence Johnson took over the business of the Ranch House (Sugar Shack), which was located in the I.O.O.F. Hall.

JOHNSON, Hans  (W.T. 4-1-21) "For sale: Good corner business lot on Broadway, one block off Main. 28 x 140 feet. Snap price. Also one house and lot. . .See Hans Johnson."

JOHNSON, James  Jim, son of Joe and Phyllis Rukavina Johnson, graduated from Winnett High School in 1964. Marge, daughter of Robert and Luanne Hill Sinclair, graduated from Winnett High School in 1970. They were married November 28, 1970, and made their home at Cat Creek where Jim was employed by CENEX.

Two sons were born while they lived in Cat Creek — Lance, in March of 1972; and Levi, in April of 1975. April of 1976 found the Johnsons moving to Winnett, where they lived in their motor home.

Marge went to work in the local cafe until the spring of 1979, when she began work as assistant district clerk of the school. On July 1, 1980, she was chosen as clerk of the district, and held that position until September of 1983. Marge was always interested in restaurant work, and since the Hilltop Cafe could be leased at that time, the Johnsons operated it for one year.

With a more favorable location in mind, Johnsons purchased what had originally been Dow Hough's Service Station and Judie Berg's home. After extensive remodeling and equipping, they opened their own Kozy Korner restaurant on the corner of South Broadway and West Main Street in September of 1984. About two years later the building was extended to the south and a bar was added.

Marge and Jim are great boosters of any local school activity. The year of 1988-1989 they were the "parents" of Gabriell Ezcurra, an exchange student from Victoria, Spain.

JOHNSON, Lillian  Lillian was assistant manager of the Oil Cafe in August of 1921.

JOHNSON, Walter C.  Walter and Ruth Johnson moved to Winnett from the Cat Creek-Petrolia area in 1921 and opened a fine bakery on Main Street adjacent to the Savoy Hotel. In March of 1931 they sold their bakery and business to Dan Longpre of Miles City. Johnsons moved back to their farm. (See JOHNSON — Cat Creek)

JONES, Agnes  Mrs. Jones was the first teacher to serve in the first schoolhouse in the town of Winnett. According to Amanda Swift, Miss Jones, from Missouri, was a young lady of fine ability and training. The school began with 25 pupils, and average attendance for the first year was above that number. It is believed the term was for the 1912-13 school year. Miss Jones died before the term was over, and Alma Frye (Mrs. Edward Reynolds) taught until Amanda Swift was hired.

JONES, Mrs. Edith  Mrs. Jones was an early settler and a charter member of the Methodist Church, having joined when Brother Van Orsdel organized the church in Winnett in 1912. She died in July of 1916 and is reported to have been the first interred in the newly platted Winnett Cemetery north of town.

JONES, H. D.  Mr. Jones managed the Mahon-Robinson Lumberyard here before moving to Harlowton, Montana, in September of 1914.

JONES, Robert  Bob Jones and his wife arrived in Winnett in February of 1956. Bob worked with the E. V. McCollum and Co. seismograph crew. He was transferred to Vernal, Utah, the first of May of 1956.

JORDAN, Joseph Judge  Joseph Judson left Iowa in the early 1880s and, for a few years, hunted and trapped in the section now known as Yellowstone Park. In the
1890s he went to Portland, Oregon, where he married. He and Frances Lucy came to Winnett in 1919. Joseph died in Winnett in May of 1927. Funeral services were held at the home with Dr. Alexander officiating. R. J. Woods read “Ingersoll’s Eulogy to his Brother” at the gravesite. This arrangement was according to the dying wishes of Mr. Jordan. Mrs. Jordan died in Winnett in November of 1927. They were the parents of Mrs. Harvey Hodson and Mrs. Arthur Spaulding.

JOSLIN, Laurrell Laurrell E. "Casey" Joslin and Bertha Franc Winnett were married in 1929.

W. T. 10-23-31) "Casey Joslin opened his meat market last Monday running under the head of 'Casey's Meat Market.' The shop is located in the old Winnett Meat Company's building. Mr. Joslin bought his equipment in Roundup, Montana, and moved it here some time ago. He has been busy for the past few weeks installing the plant, which is run by ammonia."

Casey was also a musician, and he and his band played for many dances in the Winnett community.

JOST, J. J. Jost came from Highwood in December of 1944 to take over the duties of Milwaukee Railroad agent in Winnett. H was an agate jeweler, a profession he had taken up as a hobby ten years before. He displayed many beautiful stones in Winnett's Milwaukee depot. The Josts left Winnett in March of 1945. Mrs. Jost became agent at Hilger for the Milwaukee; Mr. Jost was made ticket officer in Lewistown, Montana.

JUNE, Mr. and Mrs. (W.T. 4-1-21) "Mr. and Mrs. June left Sunday by auto for Billings, Montana, where they will spend a few days deciding just where they will go to locate. The Junes came here early last summer and opened the Delco Cafe, which rapidly became one of the best eating houses in Winnett. Last week they disposed of this to a party from Richey."

KAEPPEL, Christine Miss Christine Kaeppel grew up in Chicago, Illinois, and was graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. Miss Kaeppel came to Winnett in the fall of 1988 to assume the position of music instructor in the school. It was her first teaching job. Christine was re-hired for the 1989-90 school term. She married Ted Barnett December 23, 1989.

KAMRATH, Arthur Arthur Kamrath, sometimes known as Monty Price, was born September 11, 1905, in Hector, Minnesota. He was the son of William and Mathilda Kamrath and received his education in Hector. He moved to Shepherd, Montana. In the early 1920s and worked on ranches at Ballantine, Montana, and Rapelje, Montana. He moved to Winnett in 1938 and worked for the Hedmans.

Arthur went to the Army in 1942 and wrote back to Otto Moore the following: "We are known as Custer's Tank Busters here, and are a happy-go-lucky bunch, kind of don’t care what happens the way it seems, always broke as a soldier should be. You were right when you told me I would get a kick out of everything. I sure did. I have never seen so many dumb clucks trying to explain how things should be and then couldn’t do them."

“We had a pretty stiff basic training, all right. I'll admit that. Walked farther than I ever did in my life before and had to like it, too. That was the worst part of it. If only my little pony could have seen me then...""

Art again worked for Hedmans when he returned from the service. He next purchased a ranch in the Dovetail area, but sold it in 1950 and purchased Arthur Johnson's Ranch north of Telgen, Montana. He ranched there until 1965 when he retired. Having served in World War II, Arthur was a very active member of the American Legion. He was commander of Sandman Post #195 at the time of his death in May of 1984. (See also KAMRATH — Dovetail)

KARSTEDT, Minnie (W.T. 1-25-1924) "Henry G. Huot (pronounced yahot) and Minnie Karstedt, both of Winnett, were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Victory Memorial Church on Saturday evening at 8:30, with the Rev. T. T. File officiating. Mrs. McCurdy was an attendant. Mrs. Huot was employed at the Delco Cafe, and Mr. Huot is a farmer in the vicinity of Flatwillow."

'Hank' was known as a very good horseman. The Huots adopted a daughter. (See also KARSTEDT — Flatwillow)

KASPAREK, David Wayne Brarten hired David Kasperek in June of 1967. David was married and had two children — one, four years of age and a three-month-old baby. The Kaspereks came from Lemmon, South Dakota, and were housed in the Louise Bohn house at 11 North Ashley Ave.

KASTNER, Fred (By Edna Kastner) Fred Kastner married Edna Kleiman on May 27, 1943, in Winnett. The couple had seven children — George, Phyllis, William "Bill," Doris, Ronald, Virginia, and Shirley. All of the children attended Winnett schools. George was killed in a
car accident in 1962. Phyllis married Dick Hanson (See HANSON). Bill married Evelyn Estes of Winnett (See also ESTES — Doaetall). They have five children and live in Union City, California, where Bill works for Pabco Co.

Doris married Charles Hala of Hilger, Montana, where they operate their own ranch. They have three children. Ronnie works for the Teigen Ranch. Virginia married Vern Hocksema of Ellsworth, Michigan, and they have two children. They live in East Port, Michigan, where Vern is a mechanic. Shirley lives in Billings, Montana, and works at St. Vincent's Hospital.

In their early years of marriage, during the summer the family always moved to the country, where they raised a big garden and Edna canned for her family, for Fred's father, and for Edna's grandmother, as well.

Fred worked for the Petroleum County road crew for many years. He also was the mail carrier for the Valentine-Dovetail area at one time. Edna worked for the school district doing custodial work for many years. Fred died in 1986 after a short illness. Edna is still living in Winnett (1989). (See also KASTNER — Dovetail)

KASTNER, John John owned and operated his own garage and repair shop near Cole's Service Station in Winnett in the late 1930s. He also had charge of the Cole station when owner, Kenny, was away serving in the State Legislature. Wilma Manuel, daughter of Roy and Mae Manuel, grew up in the Cat Creek Basin area (See also MANUEL — Cat Creek). She graduated from Winnett High School in 1936. With the help of Dorothy Bowen, Wilma secured work in the courthouse SCS office after graduation.

Wilma and John Kastner were married July 16, 1939, and Wilma became a homemaker while John pursued his business. They were parents of four children — Ina Mae, Ruth Ann, Alice Faye, and John.

On November 3, 1946, John was accidently shot and killed while hunting. Wilma then worked in the Stockman Cafe for Lillian Wadman. "Grandma" Raundal (Bob Raundal's mother) baby-sat the Kastner children during this time. In 1949 Wilma became secretary of the Petroleum County Chamber of Commerce and was also employed as secretary-treasurer of the Winnett Cooperative State Grazing District, working with Beatrice Ingalls Ranf.

Wilma and Fred Helman were married in August of 1951, and the family moved to Lewistown, Montana. Wilma and Fred had one son, Donald. In about 1953 the family moved to Bozeman, Montana. Wilma was head cook for the Montana State University Student Union for 25 years. She is now retired and lives in Bozeman. (See also KASTNER — Dovetail)

KAUTH, Cecil Cecil Kauth, son of Gusty Kauth of Roy, Montana, was born June 2, 1902. The family came to Montana in 1914 and lived east of Roy. There Cecil and Florence Welker became acquainted and were married. They had one daughter, Barbara. The family moved to Winnett, and Cecil was involved in trucking. Florence went to work at the Eager Mercantile in 1936 and worked there until 1942. In August of 1942 Kauths moved to Lewistown, where Cecil was employed by the Fergus County Creamery. Cecil and Florence were later divorced, and both re-married. Cecil passed away in July of 1962. Florence married a Wilson and ran Wilson Realty in Lewistown.

KEITHLEY, Harry G. (W.T. 4-1-1921) "Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Keithley, of the Midget Grill, are the parents of a daughter born this morning. Mother and daughter are doing nicely, and Harry is able to see that the Midget is kept up to its usual standard."

(W.T. 4-8-1921) "Last Sunday L. C. Wright, of the Times force, and Harry Keithley, of the Midget Grill, went out to the Keithley ranch near Doughty in Harry's jinney. They made the trip up without a hitch, but on the way back a short distance this side of Teigen, a tire on a front wheel went flat and the car went wrong entirely. It cut figure 8's, letter S's, and wound up in a flip-flop, throwing Wright (according to his story, but judge that as you may) several hundred feet. But he landed right-side-up and sustained nothing in the way of injuries except a badly jarred body, which has left him with an extra supply of grouch.

"Keithley did not fare as well, however, as he was considerably bruised up and was confined to his home for a few days. The accident happened on the main traveled road, and in a short time enough people had congregated who helped straighten up the wreck, and when properly cranked, the jinney, though badly banged up in appearance, brought the occupants to town."

KELLEY, Carleton A. C. A. Kelley, born June 2, 1886, in Daytona Beach, Florida, found his way to Montana and was assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Winnett in 1919, later advancing to cashier. The family built their home at 107 S. Broadway. Mrs. C. A. Kelley was treasurer of the Women's Civic Club when it was organized on April 16, 1920.

(W.T. 4-30-1926) "A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kelley on Wednesday evening of this week. Mother and babe are doing nicely and 'Carl' is delivering the smokes."

Mr. Kelley was named assistant cashier in the newly organized Farmers and Merchants Bank when the First National Bank and the First State Bank merged and reopened for business in July 7, 1924. He resigned in April 1926, and the family moved to the west coast.

KELLY, H. J. Mr. Kelly was the second United States Land Commissioner for this area, serving until May of 1921, when Joe Montgomery took over. Although Mr. Kelly's office was in Lewistown, Montana, he came often to Winnett to look after his oil interests.

KENCKE, Arthur F. Art and Clara Kencke came to Winnett from Billings, Montana, in September of 1946. Art had been a registered pharmacist at the City Drug of that city for many years. The Kenckes purchased the Winnett Drug Store from Mr. and Mrs. Vern Scheurman. They
also purchased the Vane Catlin house at 10 South Ashley Avenue.

The Kenckes ran a fine, very neat, and clean drugstore in Winnett for twelve years and were staunch supporters of the community. Mr. Kencke was elected mayor in 1958. That same year the Kenckes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

In September of 1959 Gladys Long took over the operation of the Kencke store, and the name was changed to the “Winnett Drug and Gift Shop.” The Kenckes moved to Billings where Art was employed in a pharmacy.

Clara died in 1967. After her death, Art took over the Kvarick Pharmacy in Roundup, Montana, and was proprietor there until his death October 12, 1971. Being 87 years of age at that time, he had been Montana’s oldest practicing pharmacist. Kencke had four sons — Chester, Lloyd, Gordon, and Ward; and one daughter, Helen (Mrs. Ralph Millard).

KERRICK, Jacqueline Lester and Jackie Kerrick and three daughters — Racheal, Jollie and Ruth — first came to the Petroleum county area when they were purchasing the Robert Moss Ranch in the Musselshell country. Lester and Jackie were later divorced. Jackie lost the ranch. She and Jay Nunn, son of Gerald “Bub” Nunn were later married, but this marriage did not last. Jackie and the girls rented a house on the Fraser Ranch for a time before moving to Winnett, where they lived in Bub and Winona Nunn’s house at 303 South Broadway Avenue.

Jackie and her girls lease pasture for some cattle and horses. All enjoy caring for and riding horses. The cattle are a source of income.

In 1989 Jackie and family moved into the original Hammond B. Greene residence at 101 South Teigen Avenue. That house, being the first residence built in the newly-platted town of Winnett, will be celebrating its 75th birthday in September of 1990. How appropriate it is that Jackie is renovating this historic house — it will have new makeup and clothes for its diamond anniversary!

KETTERLING, Ervin E. Ervin E. Ketterling, sometimes known as “Jake” was chosen as superintendent of Winnett’s schools in March of 1967. He served the community two terms. He and his wife, Shirley, had two daughters, LaVonne and Debra, and one son, Mac — all students in the Winnett School. Mr. Ketterling resigned and accepted a position at Stanford for the 1969-70 year.

KIEHL, Charles J. Charles Kiehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kiehl of White Sulphur Springs, Montana, was born November 22, 1886. In his youth he ranched with his father. In the early 1920s he came to the Winnett area and worked for Walter J. Winnett. There he met the Winnett’s daughter, Mirth. He and Mirth were married in the spacious and beautiful Walter Winnett home in September of 1926, and Charles eventually managed the Winnett Ranch.

Three Kiehl children were born in the large Winnett house — Walter “Jack,” Shirley, and Mirth. In the mid-1930s the Kiehls moved to California where Charlie, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Lewis Winnett, worked some gold claims. Then an opportunity opened up for them to operate a dairy farm near Absarokee, Montana. but their homing instinct was strong, and it was not long until they were back living in Winnett.

Charlie went to work in Pete and Otto’s Town Tavern. Mirth, being a stenographer and bookkeeper, found herself involved in the “alphabetical” farm programs of the time. She eventually became office manager for the Soil Conservation Service, a position she held until 1964.

In 1950 Charlie and his son, Jack, purchased some land below the Petrolia Dam and developed it into a fine ranch. Charles passed away July 29, 1961. It was his wish that his body be cremated and his ashes scattered over the Petrolia ranch.

Mirth married Carl Hedman in 1964. He died in August of 1980. Mirth died just before Christmas in 1988. Jack, Shirley, and daughter Mirth are married and have children of their own who are married. (See also KIEHL — Petrolia)

KILLHAM, Joseph Joe Killham was transferred by the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company from Denton, Montana, to Winnett in June of 1957. He, wife Betty, and sons — Tom and Mark. moved into the original Lepper home at 110 South Moulton Avenue.

A little girl, Kathy, was born in January of 1961, but died at about two weeks of age. A son, Danny, was born later. Betty served as town clerk for a time. The family left Winnett in about 1964. Joe was a son of Clement C. “Noisy” Killham (See also KILLHAM — Dovetail).

KILLIAN, John John Killian was born in Lima, Ohio. He came to Winnett with the CCC camp but left in 1937. He later came back as a junior foreman of the camp. Faye Boulden of Mosby worked as cook at the Montana Hotel for about two years from 1934 to 1936. She then cooked for the Hansen Cafe until her help was needed at Ruby Preston and Charles Rife’s restaurant (the Sunset Cafe).

In 1937, Faye and Leona Woodard started the My T Good Cafe in the building which had been Shorty Saylor’s Barbershop. After a short time Leone sold her share to Faye. However, this venture did not last too long for Faye, either. She became acquainted with John Killian. They were married in April 1938 and in June of 1938 moved to Fort Peck to work on the big dam.

John served in the Army from 1944 to 1946. He held several jobs under Civil Service before returning to Winnett in 1948. Killians lived here for about three years, and the children went to the Winnett Elementary School. John next moved to Great Falls, Montana, and Miles City, Montana, before settling in Billings, Montana, in 1955. He worked in the courthouse there for six years.

From Billings the family moved to Jeffrey City Wyoming, where John was employed in a uranium mine. Killians returned to their home in Casper, Wyoming, in 1961. John passed away there in 1963. Faye returned
home to Mosby in 1965.

John and Faye had three children — Marilyn Sue, John L. and Faye Ann. Marilyn Sue Killian was born in Lewistown. She slept in Mrs. Clara Bump's dresser drawer the first night after leaving the hospital. She and her family live in Dudley, North Carolina. John and family live in Reno, Nevada. Ann and family live in Missoula.
(See also BOULDEN — Musselshell River)

**KIMMELL, G. F.** The Absaroka Oil Co. hired G. F. Kimmell as field manager when that concern joined in the development of the Winnett Oil Fields.

**KINCHELOE, Roy** Mr. Kincheloe hauled a lot of oil field equipment during the oil boom years.

(W.T. 8-12-1921) "Roy Kincheloe departed Monday for the Judith Basin with Wm. H. Brillhart's big White truck where he will engage in hauling wheat during the season." Kincheloe had a daughter, Mary Jo.

**KINDT, William F.** (By Fern Kindt) Kindts first farmed southeast of Winnett (See also KINDT — Petrolia), but in 1925, when Petroleum County was formed, Mr. Kindt went back to his favorite work. He was employed as treasurer and deputy treasurer alternately until the county adopted the manager form of government. At that time, the Kindts moved from town to a farm eight miles east of Winnett, where he lived until his death. He was active in the Odd Fellow Lodge and was often called upon to act as chief funeral arranger. Mrs. Kindt assisted by serving as dresser of the deceased.

Mrs. Kindt often acted as a midwife. She helped many people and was particularly drawn to the needs of children. She served as county librarian for many years on a starting wage of 50 cents a day. She was working as public librarian until a few months before her death in August of 1967 at age 78.

All six of the Kindt children were educated in Winnett. Bill worked at various jobs in Winnett, and in 1940 joined the U. S. Army serving with the 76th Field Artillery. He was assigned to the European Theater and, after extensive training, participated in the landing on Utah Beach in 1944. The battalion participated in many battles France, Belgium, and Czechoslovakia. His war service ended in October 1945, and he returned to Winnett and began working with the Montana Highway Department and worked there until his death in 1971.

Roy began working at the Winnett Times office when he was 12 years old and made printing his life's work. He graduated from Winnett High School in 1932 and worked for the Winnett Times until 1941 when he moved to Stanford, Montana. He also worked for the Conrad Independent Observer and moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, where he worked for the Bulletin until his death in 1966. He married Helen Quigg in 1938, and the couple were parents of three children.

Helen graduated in 1937 and in 1940 married H. C. Quigg. (Her history is included with the Quigg family.)

Irene graduated in 1938 and worked for the Selective Service Office in Winnett after graduation from high school. In 1942 Irene married Adam Lantz, who was employed by a drilling company working in Winnett. Most of their married life was spent in Wyoming. They were parents of four children.

Fern graduated in 1940 and, after attending commercial college in Great Falls, worked for the government in Washington, D. C., moving to San Francisco in 1943. There she was employed by the Chevron Oil Company until ill health forced an early retirement. (She spent her final years in Winnett. Fern died in August of 1989.)

Raymond graduated from high school in 1942 and served in the Air Force from December 1943 to March 1946. He returned to Winnett, where he operated his parents' ranch. In December 1964 he married Joan Bauer, moved to Billings, Montana, and operated the ranch on the side. He attended business college from 1968 to 1970 and is currently (in 1989) employed by the Holly Sugar Company in Worland, Wyoming.

**KIPF, Kenneth** Ken and Theresa "Terry" Kipf came to Winnett to work for the Wayne Brattnes in the mid-1960s. Besides being a wife and mother, Terry was president of the Winnett P.T.A. in 1969. She also worked at the public library and helped with "Story Hour."

Kipfs had four children — Vickie, Casey, Cara, and Travis. Vicki graduated from Winnett High School in 1980; Casey, in 1981; and Cara, in 1982. The family moved to Hobson before Travis was through with high school. Cara married Kevin Keith in 1982.

**KIPP, James** Mr. and Mrs. James Kipp and sons, James and George, moved to Winnett in the fall of 1958. Mr. Kipp was Winnett High School coach and English instructor. Mrs. Kipp was cook at the Stockman Cafe. She also served as public library trustee for a time. The family left in the summer of 1962.
KIRKEBY, A. C. (W.T. 4-1-1921) "A. C. Kirkeby, yard manager of the Valley Lumber Co. here, spent Easter Sunday with his family at Bozeman, returning to Winnett Wednesday to resume his duties." The Valley Lumber Company's yard and offices were west of the depot — their hardware store was in the first Eager building on West Main.

KLATT, Wayne Wayne Klatt was employed on the Bratton Ranch in October of 1968. He came here from Chinook, Montana. His residence in Winnett was the original Sommerfield house on South Moulton Avenue.

KLOTZ, Fred Fred Klotz was born November 28, 1919, in Vibank, Saskatchewan (Canada). He was one of ten children. He eventually attended school in Billings, Montana. He came to Winnett in 1958 and virtually became a member of the C. V. Allen family. He helped them with their two small farms — one about five miles east of Winnett and the other below Petrolia Lake on Flatwillow Creek.

After Mrs. Allen's death, Fred cared for Mr. Allen and was given the privilege of living in the Allen home after Mr. Allen's death. He sometimes worked for ranchers in the area and also worked in the Olson store. Fred was a humble, hard-working, good and kindly man who loved children. He liked outdoor activities — especially hunting and fishing. He died November 8, 1983.

KNAPP, Henry T. Henry T. Knapp owned and operated the Motor Inn Garage. The garage was established July 15, 1916 — the first garage in Winnett. It was on the corner of Broadway and West Wheeler Street. Henry and Belle Knapp were the parents of two daughters — Sylvia Jane (1916) and Susan (1920). The Knapps' residence was directly behind their garage.

A friend said of Henry: "Hank, to one and all, was the type who would work on your car anytime — day or night — and was good-natured about it, too." In 1923 Henry and Morty Boyd offered the highest bid on a four-passenger government plane. It was delivered disassembled, and Henry, an excellent mechanic, had it together quickly. Someone commented that Henry had lived such an upright life that he should be entitled to the gift of flying.

KNIGHT, Dr. A. M. (W.T.6-3-1921) "Dr. A. M. Knight, who has been practicing dentistry at Grassrange for some time past, has moved his offices to this city and established his practice on Broadway, just south of the Leader Hotel. Dr. Knight will have a nurse attendant."

KNIGHT, Clarence Clarence came from Geyser, Montana, and worked in Rasmussen's store in 1921. He was also a star in the great production, "Are you a Mason" in June of 1921.

KNUTSON, Russell (By Luann Knutson) "Russ Knutson and Luann Sharkey were married July 29, 1967, in Winnett, with Rev. Zeitlow officiating. Our first four months of married life were spent on a big wheat farm near Square Butte in Judith Basin County, Montana.

Rusty Knutson family (1987) Robin, Ana Arroche, Shelley, Luann, Russ

Square Butte was so far from civilization, and we did not know too many people to socialize with, so when Russ found a new job at the N Bar Ranch near Grassrange, Montana, we were both much happier. Several families lived on the ranch, and we had card parties, potlucks, and other gatherings to keep us busy.

"The biggest occasion at the N Bar Ranch was the birth of our baby girl, Shelley Alaine, born February 9, 1968, at Billings, Montana, at the Deaconess Hospital. In May of 1969 we moved from the N Bar Ranch to help Dad (Andy Sharkey) on his ranch at Flatwillow. With me being on the ranch, it made the third generation of Sharkeys on the place. We worked for Dad for a monthly wage of $350.00.

"On February 3, 1971, we were blessed with our second daughter, Robin Rene, born in the Billings Deaconess Hospital. From 1974 to 1980 we leased the ranch from Dad. We all put in long hours. The girls and I were Russ's hired help. Shelley loved to work outside and especially to ride horses, at which she became quite good. The neighbors called on her to help them gather cows and to help at branding times. In the summer of 1985 we 'rode the rodeo circuit.' Shelley placed 2nd in break-away roping at the District High School Rodeo that was held in Winnett.

"Robin was our sheep herder. She and I raised 52 bum lambs one spring (she was about four years old). The lambs got mixed up at one feeding and I didn't have a clue as to which one had been left out. Here came Robin with the unfed lamb. I asked her how she knew that was him and she looked at me and proclaimed, 'Cause his mouth is dry, Mom.' She raised bum lambs ever since.

"In 1970 Dad's health was not too good, so he moved in with us at the ranch. He was with us until his death in 1985. In 1979 I began my postal career at the Winnett
Post Office, as clerk for Ann Schenk. I was also Avon lady for the Winnett community. Russ was brand inspector, which kept him busy in the fall. He also belonged to the Stockgrowers Association.

“In 1980 we did not re-lease from Dad. Due to financial disadvantages, we were forced to find other work. We still lived in the house at the ranch. Russ worked on the Two Crow Ranch that was managed by Dick Marshall. He worked for neighboring ranches whenever help was needed. I worked at the cafe and got some additional post office work at the Roundup Post Office.

“In 1983 things started looking up. Russ was hired by McCon Electric Coop. He began his apprenticeship with Ron Reitz as his supervisor. In 1987 he was a certified electrician lineman. Also in 1987 I became postmaster of the Winnett Post Office. We bought a trailer house and moved into town, so we could be closer to our jobs.

“Our girls both went to school in Winnett. Both were very active in school. Shelley graduated in 1986 and went on to Billings Vo-Tech and studied business courses. She graduated in February of 1989. Robin is a freshman at the University of Montana in Missoula (1989).

“In 1987 we added another girl to our family! She was Ana Arreche, an 18-year-old from Tolosa, Spain. She was with us from August 1987 through June of 1988. It was a fun and rewarding experience for our whole family. We took her many places, but she told us her favorite was the wagon train that she and Shelley went on with Carroll Manuel. They were on a four-day drive along the Musselshell River. She loved the Big Sky Country and it was the very first time that she had ever ‘heard quiet.’ The day we took her deer hunting, we stopped the pickup and were waiting for the guys to come over a ridge. She got out and stood there with a concerned look on her face. She then whispered with a smile, ‘The only sound I hear is the beating of my own heart!’

“Russ and I, and now the girls, grew up in the Winnett community. We all cherish the happy times and will always have fond memories of things we have done and things that are yet to happen. It is great to know that our whole family will be attending Winnett High School reunions as alumni!”

KORWALD, Gordon Gordon Korwald was employed at Dunlap’s Auto Service in August of 1955.

KRAGRUD, Andrew A. Andrew A. Kragrud was born in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, June 3, 1877. As a young man, he moved with his family to Kincaid, North Dakota.

Andrew and his wife, Sophia, came to Winnett in 1928 and operated a shoe and harness repair shop. In May of 1929 he bought Jacob Lemke’s shoe shop. (W.T. 5-24-29) "Mr. Kragrud is an experienced and efficient shoe and harness man and has his shop equipped with modern machinery, so all work can be handled rapidly and well."

Andrew lost his fine shop in the disastrous fire of October 29, 1931, but leased space in the show room of the Ted Hegna garage and continued shoe-repair work until his death in April of 1938. (W.T. 4-8-1938) "Andrew was of sterling character and highly respected by his neighbors and friends in Petroleum County. Beside the widow, Sophia, he was survived by his brother, Lars, of Casper, Wyoming, and children in other sections of the country." Sophia married Herman Hansen May 9, 1943. (See also HANSEN)

KRAGRUD, Lawrence A. "Lars" Lawrence A. Kragrud was born in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, in 1873. Later he moved to North Dakota, where he spent several years, after which he moved to Montana. He was married, and he and his wife had two sons — Oris and Roy — who accompanied them on their move to Montana. They came from Wolf Point and established a furniture and variety store in Winnett on December 1, 1920. In June of 1921 he sold out most of his furniture to make more room for variety goods. Oris graduated from Winnett High School in 1921, and Roy, in 1923.

On February 4, 1926, Mr. Lars Kragrud became the fifth postmaster of Winnett. He held that office until January of 1934. (W.T. 11-11-1932) "Oris Kragrud, age 30, died at the home of his parents, Postmaster and Mrs. L. A. Kragrud, Sunday night, November 6th. Death was attributed to tuberculosis following a short but severe illness. Oris had returned home from his residence in Sacramento, California, where he was a registered pharmacist for the past ten years. He arrived in Winnett Friday night, making the trip by sheer grit and courage, to the home of his parents to die."

"Deceased was born in Willow City, North Dakota, but spent a great part of his boyhood in this city where he gained the respect of every resident of this community. While in school, Oris made a place in the high school annals by his fine sportsmanship and remarkable ability in football and basketball.

"Funeral services were held in Lewistown Thursday, November 10th, and were conducted by Rev. John Rasmussen. A great many Winnett folks and those of the surrounding country attended the last rites of this fine young man at the Creel Chapel."

Roy Kragrud worked with the U.S. Geological Survey. The Lars Kragruds became involved in a retail mercantile business in Casper, Wyoming, in 1934. Lars was employed at the Casper Army Airfield for a year or two before his death on May 24, 1945. Mrs. Kragrud died in August of 1968.

KRAMER, Rev. William Rev. and Mrs. William Kramer, their five children, and an elderly uncle rented the former Montana Hotel in 1950. They made part of it their home and used the lobby for church services.

The Reverend Kramer had been sent to Montana as a missionary by a large evangelical church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and he had organized work in a number of small communities in the Ruby Valley in Montana. After laboring there about seven years, he left his church groups self-supporting and led by local Christian workers. The Kramers lived in Winnett for three years, then moved
to Moore in 1953.

KROLL, Charles (See YOUNG, C. L.)

KRUGER, W. Mr. Kruger was the manager of the Montgomery Laundry in 1946. The laundry offered three services: "Wet wash," "Hydro Finish" (wherein all flat work is ironed and wearing apparel returned damp, ready for ironing), and "Prim Press" (which was a completely finished bundle).

LACEY, Mark Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lacey and four children — David, Allen, Connie and Marlene — bought the Commercial Hotel from Norman Carr in April of 1961. Mark was also the manager of the Consolidated Freightways Agency. The family did not live here very long as hotel business was rather slow. They moved back to Roundup, Montana, in July of 1961.

LAFOND, Lloyd Lloyd Lafond, formerly from Turner, Montana, was hired as superintendent of schools for the 1945-1946 school term and served through the 1949-1950 school year. The family lived in the original Richard Valentine home at 208 South Teigen Avenue. Mrs. Mildred Lafond was teacher of commercial subjects and foreign languages.

Lafonds acquired the Monarch Lumber Company building, remodeled it in November of 1945, and opened the Rimrock Theater, a most enjoyable addition to the town. Mr. Lafond was known for his ability to "get out a crowd" and was instrumental in the building of the new Winnett High School.

In 1977, when Leo Shepard was given a year’s leave of absence, Mr. Lafond returned as superintendent for one year, so finally got to serve, not only in the building which he helped create, but in the new elementary school and library as well. In 1986 Mr. Lafond was chosen as senior class commencement speaker. Lafonds had one son, Russell, upon arrival in Winnett in 1945. Another child, Shari, was born to them in Winnett. They later became parents of a daughter, Linda.

LAMMEL, Ed Ed’s parents were Edward and Katherina Lammel, and his family consisted of six brothers and one sister. Ed came to Montana in 1912 and engaged in business at Forestgrove, Montana. He later owned land north of Teigen, Montana. Still later he moved to Lemmon, South Dakota, and homesteaded there.

However, he felt the urge to return to Montana and came to Winnett where he worked on various ranches and on different jobs. In 1932 he was employed by Eugene Hunt as caretaker of the Weowna Refinery property.

While living there and because he was such a friendly person, three teenage girls decided to visit him. There was only planking for a footbridge across McDonald Creek, and he lived on the other side. He had the laugh of his life when one of the girls became dizzy from watching the flow of water and had to crawl across. He stood clapping his knees and laughing hilariously as he watched her crawl to safety!

Ed lived near the refinery until his house burned in 1943. After that he worked for the Schrock interests in the Cat Creek field. Ed died in St. Joseph’s Hospital February 14, 1952 and was buried in Ortonville, Minnesota.

LAMPE, J. T. J. T. was field manager of the Mondac Oil and Gas Co. His former home was at West Point, Iowa.

LAMPHY, Jack Lampy was a shoemaker in Winnett’s early history.

LANCASTER, Jim Jim Lancaster was one of the E. V. McCollum seismograph crew that headquartered in Winnett in 1955.

LANDIS, Fred (W.T. 4-5-1929) “Mr. and Mrs. Fred Landis are happy over the arrival of a baby son at their home on Monday of last week.” (W.T. 8-6-1929) “The Fred Landis family left last weekend for Miles City, Montana, where they plan to make their home this winter. They made their trip with a team and large wagon, on which had been constructed a small tent affair.”

LANDON, Dr. L. E. As president of the Weowna Refinery Co., Dr. Landon erected the plant and, being a chemist, made many tests of the Cat Creek crude.

LANE, Elwin The Coffee Cup Cafe was remodeled and then operated by Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Lane in March of 1956. In September of 1956, Elwin was also named the new agent for Consolidated Freightways in Winnett.

Fire destroyed the family’s cafe in February of 1957. Elwin worked at different jobs. He was appointed town marshall January 1, 1959, and in February of 1960 became a Rawleigh products dealer. Elwin had a son, Everett, by his former marriage to Maryanna Hamilton. With his second wife, two children were born — Walter and Leona. (See also LANE — Dovetail)

LANGEMO, Jan Jan Langemo came to Winnett in the fall of 1988 to teach fourth grade. Jan is married to Mark Langemo, and they have five children — Marshall, Jim, Kjersten, Amanda, and Brady.

Jan was raised in Whittier, California, and Wheaton, Minnesota. She was graduated from Wheaton High School and from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota. A previous teaching position for Jan was fifth grade at Independence School, north of Billings, Montana. After 20 years of desiring to live in Montana, a B. S. degree in elementary education in 1987 afforded the Langemo family the means to experience living in Montana. They have a grain farm near McIntosh, Minnesota, where they also raise beef cattle. Jan and the children spend nine months in Montana, with three months of summer spent in Minnesota. Mark spends four months in the winter in Montana, and eight months on the farm in northern Minnesota.

LANGSHAUSEN, Nicholas “Nick” Nicholas Langshausen, born June 18, 1882, at Alexandria, Min-
nesota, eventually homesteaded a few miles south of Winnetta (See also LANGSHAUSEN — Teigen). (W.T. 12-13-1916) "Nick Langhausen is erecting a building on the lots east of the Times office which will be completed in a few weeks if the weather permits, and will occupy it with a law office. Mr. Langhausen is a graduate of the St. Paul law school and goes into the practice here well recommended. He has been on a ranch south of town for a number of years and is well-known in Eastern Fergus."

(W.T. 8-19-1921) "Attorney Nick Langhausen, tired of single blessedness, has leased the furnished Hoffman property and is now doing light housekeeping. The suspicious appearance of the new environment has attracted attention. But, when consulted about the matter, he casually remarked that he hoped some fair damsel might have a heart. So now, fair maiden, get busy. Nick is an able provider, and has all the qualities of a cheerful helpmate." When Mr. Cheesman retired in 1930, Nick leased his land (in 1989, the Reynolds Ranch).

"Except for three terms, Nick served continuously as county attorney from 1925, when Petroleum County established its own government, until February 18, 1942. Sadly, Nick became a victim of alcohol, which no doubt contributed to his death. The veteran attorney’s body was found about noon February 18, 1942, death being due to exposure. It was thought he had succumbed sometime the night before, when he evidently became lost in a storm and overtaxed his physical endurance.

Nick and Matty Burt (of the telephone office) were good friends who enjoyed each other’s company. When Nick’s estate was settled, the large safe from Nick’s office was moved to Matty’s telephone office, and Matty was made administratrix of his estate.

Bill Griebel Jr. remembered about Nick: “Looking back brings to mind Nick Langhausen. He was a lawyer, I believe. He had a large car, probably a Buick. Every evening Nick would get in his car at the courthouse and very slowly drive home. It was a ritual with him. He never went faster than about five miles an hour and took in all that was to be seen on Main Street and his home street.”

LANTZ, Adam Adam Lantz came to Winnetta from Bridger, Montana, with a drilling crew in the early 1940s. He married Irene Kindt and was later in the service, during which time Irene stayed in Winnetta. Irene served as draft board clerk for six months in 1942 and 1943, resigning that position and accompanying her sister, Fern Kindt, to San Francisco, California. (See also KINDT)

LANTZ, S. Locksley S. L. "Rockey" Lantz was field superintendent for the Frantz Corporation. He moved to Winnetta and established the Frantz offices in October 1919. In April of 1921 he took charge, also, of the Elk Basin pipeline in the Cat Creek field. In September of 1921, Mr. Lantz was transferred to Casper. He and his family had been very active in Winnetta social circles. (See also LANTZ — Cat Creek)

LARSEN, James Elden James Elden was born January 3, 1890, in Williamsfield, Illinois. He joined the local Masonic Lodge in May of 1923. He was an oil driller at that time.

LASATER, Oliver W. Mr. Lasater came to this area in 1915 as a teacher for School District #26. He also homesteaded in the Brush Creek area. He later taught in Winnetta and by 1924 was superintendent of schools and served in that capacity until the spring of 1927. Mr. Lasater was a fine instructor and school administrator and was known for his helpfulness in finding work for students, thus enabling them to acquire a high school education. His philosophy regarding his chosen profession is illustrated in a banner article written by him:

(W.T. 3-27-1925) "The teacher earns her pay. She has twenty to thirty youngsters — good, bad, and indifferent: tall and short; thick and thin; light and dark; eye-minded, hand-minded, motor-minded, mischief-minded, and those that never minded at all. She has more parents than children — if you count mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, step-mothers, foster mothers, mothers-in-law, step-fathers, step aunts and retainers. These are more trouble to the teacher than the pupils because of numbers and temperament. The lessons are too long. The problems too hard. The teacher is unfair. She has pets, and is a tyrant. She scolds when she should cajole.

"One mother has taught school once upon a time in the dim, dim past, and knows whereof she speaks. Another writes: 'Don’t scold Nellie, coax her.' Sally loses her over-shoes. Willie loses his cap. and whose business is it, if not the teacher’s, to see that children don’t lose their belongings.

"Billie Smith can’t learn spelling, neither could her ‘pa.’ Mary can’t get her arithmetic, neither can her ‘ma.’ So, hoping, despairing, rejoicing, now on the mountain top, now in the ‘Slough of Despond’ until — the end — the teacher is fired; a new one is hired; and the great adjustment mill of the American Democracy grinds on. But nevertheless, and however, we like this work, especially if we can be of service to you."

Son Herbert Lasater graduated from high school in 1925. Herbert completed his B. S. degree in agricultural education from Montana State University in 1939. He married Annie Laudsiedel, and they had two daughters — Olivia and Frances. He became a machine operator in a furniture factory, and as an amateur writer, had some of his stories published. Lasaters also had a daughter, Lucille.

At ninety-nine years of age, and after receiving two broken hips, Oliver Lasater died October 29, 1979, in Portland, Oregon.

LAUGEMAN, Fuller (By Ruth Laugeman) "Fuller Laugeman first showed up in Winnetta as part of the carpenter crew that remodeled the school superintendent’s house and the Iverson house. He had been raised and educated at Malta, Montana. (See also LAPHAM — Musselsshell) and started college in Bozeman. He went into the Merchant Marines during World War II. From 1946-50 he worked in the U.S. Army Transport Service.
Fowler and Ruth Laugeman

ferrying soldiers and supplies to the troops in the South Pacific.

"From 1950-53, during the Korean War, he worked for the Military Sea Transportation Service, a department of the Navy, and again was ferrying supplies and troops to Korea. From 1953-58 he worked for a private contractor (Holmes and Narver, Inc.) for the Atomic Energy Commission at the Pacific Proving Grounds on Enewetak and Bikini atolls in the Marshall Islands. In 1959 he found out that his mother was terminally ill with cancer, so he returned to Malta to be with her.

"Fuller had always enjoyed trapping as a boy, so he started trapping again. He would trap in the winter when the fur was prime (about six months annually), and then work on ranches or at whatever job was available for the rest of the year. He went to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Bowdoin Refuge near Malta in about 1972. He worked there six months each year for the next fifteen years, retiring in 1987.

"Fuller and I (Ruth Iverson Laugeman) were married in 1970, and we have lived in Winnett ever since. As Fuller is an avid trapper. In 1973 we made two trips to Farmington, Iowa, to purchase and move the "Nelson Superior Lure," a trapping business, to Winnett. This business was purchased from the widow of Bill Nelson, who was a master trapper and highly regarded for the high quality of his lures. We renamed the business "Laugeman Big Sky Lures," and have built it up from the 90 customers they had listed to customers in every state in the United States (except Hawaii), in many provinces of Canada, and also in Norway and Sweden. We have really put Winnett on the maps.

"In 1977 the lure business was crowding us out of our one-lot holding in south Winnett, so we decided to move to the northeast corner of town. We bought a house and five lots from Carl and Tiny Brindley. We then bought twelve more lots and began to increase the operation.

We moved in the cookhouse from Cat Creek and set it on a full basement for the lure house. Then we moved another smaller house just behind the lure house for storage. This solved the problem of space and made working with the lures much more convenient, and, if needed, we will still have room for expansion. (See also IVERSON — Dovetail and Winnett)

LEA, John John Lea, son of Clyde and Agnes Mae (McRae) Lea, was born in Butte, Montana, in 1923. He graduated from Judith Gap High School in 1942 and attended Helena Vo-Tech to become a machinist. Rosa Lee Beers, daughter of Charles L. Beers and Mabel Cornelia (Arnegard) Beers, was born in Lewistown, Montana, in 1929. Rosa Lee went to school at Judith Gap all twelve years, graduating as salutatorian of her class in 1947.


The summer of 1969 found the family moving to Winnett, where John started working for Brindley Construction and Rosa Lee took a job at the Montana Lumber and Hardware Store and later at the D & E Grocery, and as a clerk in the U.S. Postal Service, where she worked for eight more years.

In the fall of 1970, John started working as a mechanic for Harold Belstad and worked for him until Harold sold his business to Bud Rabern in 1987. John worked for Bud until 1988 and then retired. Rosa Lee received a disability retirement from the U.S. Postal Service in 1979, after 14 years of service.

Three of the Lea children started school in Winnett the fall of 1969. Rosemary and Barbara "Babs" were both cheerleaders and were involved in many school activities. Rosemary graduated from Winnett in 1971. She graduated with an accounting degree from Bozeman Vo-Tech in 1972. She married Steven Mitchell in 1972, and they have three children: Codi Annette, Lea Steven, and Lane Casey. The couple live in Judith Gap, where Rosemary is secretary/clerk for the school and clerk for the town of Judith Gap. Steve owns SM Logging. Rosemary was deputy county treasurer, worked in the library, and was a store clerk when the family lived in Winnett.

Barbara Alice "Babs" graduated from Winnett High School in 1973. She married Gary Wayne Allen in 1974. (See also ALLEN)

Bill did some wrestling and played some football and basketball. He was also a paperboy for many years for the Billings Gazette. He graduated from Winnett High School in 1979 and attended Wyoming Technical Institute, where he received a degree in body, fender and paint work. Bill married Mary Christine Dunning in 1987. They live in Judith Gap, where Bill works as a ranch hand.
and Chris teaches third and fourth grades. A Montana Centennial son, Jacob, was born in to them in the spring of 1989.

John and Rosa Lee Lea feel truly blessed with their family and are very proud of them.

**LEE, John**
John Lee was hired as Winnett School superintendent in the spring of 1982 and served for four years. He resigned and accepted the superintendent position at Box Elder in 1986.

**LEEGE, Walter**
The Reverend Walter Leege became the first resident pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Winnett in June of 1952. When Leeges arrived in Winnett, they purchased the house in the northeast corner of Block 21 at the intersection of Lepper Avenue and Millsap Street. (See also LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY)

**LEIGHTON, Ralph**
Mr. and Mrs. Leighton came to Winnett in September of 1948. He was a mechanic in Dunlap’s Auto Service, and she worked in Eager Mercantile.

**LEMKE, Jacob**
"Jack" was a shoemaker. He had a repair shop in the Dugan building, one door east of the Walker Barbershop, in the mid-1920s. He married Georgia Gray, a local schoolteacher, then sold his shop to Andrew Kragrud in 1929.

**LENGEMANN, Henry "Hank"**
Henry "Hank" Lengemann was born and raised in Coon Rapids, Iowa, and received his education there. He left home at the early age of 14 years and went to northern Iowa, where he worked on farms. From there he went to North Dakota and Canada. He came to Winnett from Canada in the fall of 1926 and made his home in Petroleum County.

His first job in Winnett was working for "Uncle" Ben Wood driving a team of horses on the water wagon and delivering water for five cents a panel to the residents who had a water sign in their window.

Eva "Pat" Domian came to Montana with her parents in 1916 when she was six years old. Domans homesteaded in the Yellow Water Basin. Pat received her education in schools of the Yellow Water and the Flatwillow area (See also DOMAN — Flatwillow). Pat was working in Elmer "Shorty" Allson's cream station when she became acquainted with a tall, industrious fellow by the name of Henry "Hank" Lengeman.

The acquaintance flourished, and on September 19, 1931, Pat and Hank were married. Shortly thereafter Lengemanns purchased the cream station from Shorty Allson and were the proprietors until about 1934. Hank also worked for Art Spaulding at the Broadway Garage in 1933 and 1934.

In a joint venture with John Merten, Hank purchased the Broadway Garage in 1935. Hank and John ran the business together until the fall of 1937. Then Pat and Hank moved and opened a service station in Fairfield, Montana. Lengemanns returned home to Winnett in 1941, and Hank was employed by the Montana Highway Department.

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Lengemann family in front of their first home in Winnett.
Robert, Pat, Hank and Donna

Hank, always wishing to be more efficient in his work, invented and put into use a handy contrivance for loading gravel into trucks. Using the truck's power take-off, gravel was loaded into the truck in somewhat the same manner that grain can be propelled into an elevator. This device saved hours of back-breaking labor and speeded up gravel hauling operations. So impressed were some of Hank's peers at the State level, that it was not long before all State Highway trucks were ordered to be equipped with the same device.

He also contrived a method of driving highway posts, also using the truck's power take-off system. Hank was supervisor of the Winnett State Highway division and served until 1973 when he retired.

In the meantime, Pat was busy with two children. She also worked in Eager's store, and in 1944 was chosen as clerk of the Selective Service Board, a position which she held for twenty-nine years. That position later became only a part-time job. Pat also worked for Clark's Pay 'N Save Store, just to be sure she did not have unused time on her hands.

After Hank's highway retirement, he just had to keep busy, so he became ditch rider for the Petrolia Dam users. He also helped farmers in the area at various jobs for many years.

In February of 1987, Pat was having some health problems which the family believed could be improved by a move to Mesa, Arizona. Lengemanns expected to be gone about a year. However, upon their return to Winnett after a year, it was found that Hank could not cope with the environment here, so a hurried return to Mesa was necessary. Their one year's Mesa retreat has been extended to eleven years.

Hank died in February of 1989, after being in a nursing
LEPPER, Howard W. Howard was born January 27, 1884, at Brimfield, Ohio. As a young man, he was persuaded by his uncle, Benjamin Lepper, to come to the Winnett area of Montana. He became a partner in Lepper-Davis Store at Flatwillow, Montana. He was also an officer of the First State Bank of Winnett, which was established in February of 1917. That bank building was believed to have been constructed by B. F. Lepper and was located in the southwest corner of Block 8 at the intersection of North Lepper Avenue and Main Street. (The Schmidt Hotel was directly across the avenue.)

Howard married Marguerite Louise Long, a sister of Iona (Mrs. Weymouth) Symmes of the Power Mercantile Company of Lewistown. Howard and his wife, Marguerite Louise were living in Winnett when their first child, Louise was born in 1918. Howard had just completed a new house at 110 South Moulton Avenue when he contracted the flu and died in November of 1918. His daughter, Louise, was only three weeks old. The community hall at Flatwillow was named in memory of him.

Louise Lepper married Eugene Barsness, and for 37 years they operated Gene’s Pharmacy of Laurel, Montana. They were the parents of four children — Gene Louise, who is married and has four daughters: Kay Irene, who is married and is a teacher; John Howard, who now runs Gene’s Pharmacy and has one son and one daughter; and Craig Richard, who is married with one son and one daughter, and who is the chief in charge of the water operations for the city of Aurora, Colorado. Louise still lives in Laurel (1989).

Louise tells that the only time her mother ever saw Louise’s father (Howard) mad was when the new house was built in Winnett. Some other people came into the yard and were packing off the leftover lumber! (See also FLATWILLOW HALL and LEPPER — Flatwillow)

LEVI, Albert Albert Levi, son of Ralph and Jane Levi, was born in Red Lodge and educated there. As a grown man, he worked as timber man in the mines near Red Lodge until the mines were closed. He then became a tool-pusher for oil drillers in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, and Utah. Alice Dygert and he were married in Hardin, Montana, in 1931. Two children were born — Allen and Dolores.

The Levis came to Winnett in 1948 and left in May of 1952, when they moved to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to make their home. Allen graduated from Winnett High School in 1950. He worked his way through college and graduated from Montana State College at Bozeman. He married Betty Tindall of Grassrange, and they were parents of a daughter, Betty Ann. On November 8, 1961, the gasoline tanker which Allen was driving overturned, the fuel caught fire, and the truck and trailer were consumed by fire. Allen was pinned underneath.

After operating a trailer court in Bozeman for seventeen years, Albert Levi retired to Red Lodge. He passed away there in 1974. (See also LEVI — Cat Creek)

LEVINS, Dencil In 1940 Dencil Levins began his work as a body repair and paint man for Cooley Chevrolet and Don Deyoe in Lewistown. He came to Winnett to follow the same occupation, working for the Winnett Motors in September of 1964.

LEWIS, E. G. (W.T. 4-8-1921) "While in Winnett a few days ago, E. G. Lewis purchased from Walter Winnett a tract of land in the original townsite of Winnett 45 x 28 x 90, on which he will erect a large two-story building. Two store rooms will be finished up on the first floor, and the second floor will be finished up in two living apartments. To the rear of the main building two cottages will be erected . . . This will be the Lewis field operating office . . . It is his intention to have four or five drills working in the Cat Creek field this summer."

LIEBETRAU, Frank Frank Liebetrau, working with the Federal Government services, had his headquarters in Winnett in the 1930s. He was later transferred to the Roundup, Montana, office.

LILE, Fred Mr. Lile came to Winnett as Milwaukee Railroad agent in November of 1968. While living here, Mrs. Lile was active in the Women’s Society of Christian Service.

LINDGREN, Oscar Evidence unearthed by Melvin Elke of Cat Creek would lead us to believe that Oscar established an early lumber store in Winnett. In tearing down an old Cat Creek building in 1989, Melvin found a board branded “Lindgren Lumber Co.”

Oscar was commander of the American Legion in 1921, and as such, prepared the plans for the new Victory Memorial Church. (W.T. 4-8-21) "There may be, in the Treasure state, churches that are more elaborate from
the standpoint of architecture, but there is no church in
Montana, of any denomination, which will surpass the
Victory Memorial Church in uselessness."

In August of 1921, after working here for the Monarch
Lumber Co., Oscar left to take over the lumberyard at
Denton, Montana. He later moved to Portland, Oregon.

**LINDSEY, A. Lloyd** — A. Lloyd Lindsey, born April 18,
1894, in Weaubleau, Missouri, was working in the oil
fields and living in Winnett in the early 1920s. He joined
the local Masonic Lodge on March 26, 1925. He died in
1931.

**LINDSEY, Carroll** — Carroll Lindsey was hired as Win-
nett School superintendent in April of 1973. He and his
wife, Virginia, and children, Kyle and Donna, moved to
Winnett before the start of school in the fall. He was not
only superintendent, but also P. E. instructor and coach
of girls’ basketball.

There was lots of talent among the girls, which, when
coupled with Mr. Lindsey’s exceptional basketball instruc-
tion, produced a team that won second in the Divisional
tournament on a challenge. They went on to take fourth in
the state in the school year 1974-75.

Mr. Lindsey resigned in 1975 and accepted the position
of superintendent at Grassrange, Montana. He is now (in
1989), and has been for several years, the superintendent
at Winifred, Montana. He is also coach of girls’ basketball
there.

**LINTON, Royal V.** (W.T. 8-19-1921) — "Royal V. Linton,
a young man well-known here, where he was interested
in oil operations, ended his life Tuesday morning by
sending a .22-caliber bullet through his heart. The event
occurred while the young man was in his room at
Lewistown, Montana, in the Beaver Hotel. He left a note
to his sweetheart, who occupied the adjoining room,
which did not give a clear explanation of his actions."

**LITTLE, W. F.** — Mr. Little was in charge of the Indepen-
dent Pipeline. In June of 1921 Mrs. Little returned to her
home in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**LITTLEJOHN, N. J.** (W.T. 1-16-1920) — "Work on the
construction of our water system started last Thursday,
contractor N. J. Littlejohn having his force of men busy
digging the supply well, which will be five feet square and
approximately 150 feet deep. This well will serve as a sort
of reservoir, as it is estimated that there will be about 75
feet of standing water in this shaft at all times. Digging is
very slow, rock being encountered near the surface, and
blasting is the only way of going down." This well was in
the alley back of 11 North Grand Avenue. It was fitted
with a hand pump and residents were allowed to procure
their water there.

**LIVINGSTON, W. L.** — "Axle" Livingston was born
September 25, 1910, in Wathena, Kansas. He attended
schools in Glendive and Baker, Montana, and graduated
from the Chillicothe, Missouri, business college. He mar-
rried Margarette Herman in 1937. They were the parents
of two children when they came to Winnett in 1945 —
Camilla and Edwin.

Axle drilled in the discovery well on Mosby Dome the
first of the year in 1946 (See also LIVINGSTON — Cat
Creek). After that, and for several years, Axe drilled
water wells and serviced them. Daughter Elaine was born
to the family during those years. Axel died November 8,
1959, of a coronary thrombosis.

Edwin married after graduating from Winnett High
School in 1958. He and Faye are parents of Faye’s son,
John, and their daughter, Leigh. Edwin returned to Win-
nett with his own drilling rig in 1984 and brought in the
new water well for the town of Winnett. Camilla
graduated from Winnett High School in 1961 and attend-
ed Eastern Montana College for two years. She married
William Baycroft, and they have two daughters, Sheri and
Meri and a son, Matthew. Margarette married Joe
Coffey in May of 1961 (See also COFFEY, Joe).

**LOCKWOOD, Fay** — Mr. Lockwood was employed in the
Winnett depot in 1921.

**LODAHL, Delmo** — On March 1, 1964, Delmo Lodahl
leased the Commercial Hotel from Mrs. Margaret
Hedman. Mr. Lode also leased and operated Floyd’s Bar.

**LODERMEIER, William** — "Willie" Lodermeier was
hired as industrial arts instructor and as assistant football
and basketball coach in the fall of 1982. His wife, Carlene,
taught art in the Winnett schools. In 1983 Carlene was
"Story Lady" of the Public Library Story Hour and in-
structed elementary students in library science. In July of
1984, she was hired as public librarian. She was also
hired as the first teacher of the first full-time kindergarten
in Winnett.

Willie was a fine carpenter and cement man. He drew
up the plans for the modification of the library entrance,
built a beautiful walnut stand for the library’s visitor
registration book, and helped many people with con-
struction and cement work. He had just completed some
remodeling work on the Mike Greytak house in Winnett
when that building exploded due to a gas leak and a spark
from a fan. Willie, living in the next block, heard the ex-
losion, rushed to the scene, and carried Sig Greytak out
of the shattered and burning building, probably
saving her life.

The Lodermeiers resigned all of their positions in the
early summer of 1985 and moved to Bozeman, Montana.
They had become richer by two children while living in
Winnett. When they left here, they were accompanied by
son Luke and daughter Allison.

In Bozeman Willie continued his education, and Carlene
taught primary grades there. In 1989, one of Carlene’s
students, Nina Zimmerman (afflicted with cerebral palsy)
won a $1000 national award for inventing a special pencil
holder that would help people who also had her kind of
disability. Teacher Carlene had asked the class to solve
their most troubling problem by inventing a solution.

Lodermeiers are now (1989) living in Ames, Iowa.

**LOEBS, Verda** — (By Verda Loeb) — "After my first hus-

band, Jack Keith, passed away in 1975. I moved to Winnett (See also KEITH — Musselshell). This had already been planned before Jack died, because of Judy starting high school. I married Don Loebs on January 10, 1976, and moved to Grassrange, Montana, in June. Don worked at the sawmill and I bartended part time and did some cafe work. A lot of our weekends were spent taking the camper and the kids fishing or hunting.

"Don was killed February 16, 1977, in a snowmobile accident. I worked steady as a bartender at M & R Bar and Cafe. Judy graduated from Grassrange in 1979 and married a classmate, Dan Elliott, in July. They moved to the ranch to work until 1984 when Dan went to work at Cat Creek oil field. They started working for Rex Bohn in April 1988. Jessie was born July 10, 1982, and Jenna, August 24, 1986.

"Kevin and I moved back to Winnett in August of 1979, where I worked at the Winnett Bar, clerked at Olson’s Grocery, helped in the hot lunch program, and wrote news for the newspaper. I also worked at the Kozy Korner Cafe and did some part-time postmaster relief work.

"Kevin graduated from Winnett High School in 1982 and married a classmate, Cara Kipf, in June. They lived on the ranch for a year and then moved to Bozeman where Kevin got a ranch job and Cara started college. He is still on the same place, which he more or less manages, and Cara is still going to college part time and working at the FHA office part time (1989). Amber was born September 6, 1982, and Chase, on May 11, 1984. Kevin and Cara coach grade school girls’ basketball at Gallatin Gateway in the fall and boys’ basketball in the winter.

"Claude married Kathy Coffey in August of 1977. Clyde was born July 26, 1979, his great-grandfather’s (Bert Keith’s) birthday. Kasey got in a hurry and was born October 12, 1981, on the river, and was delivered by his dad and great-grand uncle, Pearl Nordahl. Claude and Kathy divorced, and Claude married Debbie Graham on December 31, 1984. A baby girl, Crystal, was born February 2, 1988, which makes me a grandma seven times. It’s a full house when we all get together in my trailer house."

Verda was Winnett Times correspondent. In her spare time, Verda enjoys a game of cards. She always is a very busy person, and now lives at Three Forks, Montana. (See also ROWTON — Musselshell River)

LONG, Charles Mrs. Long became the owner of the Central Hotel in December of 1925. It had originally been the Jarrett Hotel, which, during the oil boom was always filled to capacity with cots set up even in the halls and lobby. This building, later owned by James Weaver, was burned in the big fire of September 1929.

LONGPRE, Daniel F. Daniel F. Longpre was born January 26, 1893, at Superior, Montana. Edith Rose Herweg was born May 25, 1895, at Fort Scott, Kansas. They were married October 18, 1916.

Dan and Edith ran a store, post office, and boarding house in Huson, Montana, from 1921 until fire destroyed everything in the fall of 1922. They moved to Miles City, Montana, and Dan learned the baking profession from his father-in-law, F. W. Herweg. Mr. Herweg sold the bakery when he retired in 1930, and Dan and Edith and family moved to Winnett in March of 1931.

Dan set up a bakery in the building formerly occupied by the baker, Walter Johnson. A special news item about his baking appeared in the June 5, 1931, issue of the Winnett Times: "The local bakery uses a case (30 dozen) of eggs daily for cakes and pastries. Dan put a 25-cent cake on the market that competes with a large bakery cake formerly shipped into Winnett. Dan makes ten varieties of the 25-cent cake."

In November of 1931, the Longpres moved their bakery to Mrs. Walker's former Dress Shoppe building, formerly known as the Northrup barbershop building. In 1932 a new bread mixer was installed that would mix 300 loaves at a time. Also that year the local paper praised the Winnett Bakery:

"Two large cakes were baked last weekend by the Winnett Bakery for the American Legion convention held in this city Saturday. The cakes themselves were marvels, being large enough to serve 250 people and in two layers, light and dark, but decorations far out-shadowed anything we have ever been privileged to behold. Completely covering the top, the icing was made in such a way as to display the American Legion colors, together with a large ‘Welcome’ made of icing and the words ‘Sandman Post No. 95’! Other trimmings were added such as roses on each corner, colored borders around the entire cake and other trimmings that only a past-master in the art of baking can supply.

"Credit for these fine cakes were justly given by the American Legion to the Winnett Bakery and also to Mr.
Dan Longpre in his bakery in Northrup building

Herweg Sr., who assisted materially in the decorations." For the convenience of the public, Dan installed a slicing machine in April of 1937. Five years later the Longpres left Winnett and moved to Warm Springs, Montana, where Dan was employed as a baker in the hospital. They sold all the Winnett Bakery property, including the house, to Elmer Bauer. They worked in Warm Springs until Dan retired and moved to Ovando, Montana. Later, as their health required, they moved to Missoula, Montana, where Dan passed away on May 3, 1977. Burial was in Frenchtown, Montana.

Edith moved into a retirement apartment. The past several years she has been in the Immanuel Lutheran Home at Kalispell. At 94 years of age, she still exudes an enthusiasm for life. When Rex and Fran Eager celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1987, she was still dancing!!

Dan and Edith raised three children — Frances, born August 8, 1917, at Missoula; Betty Mae, born December 4, 1920, at Missoula; and Daniel Jr., born January 11, 1923, at Miles City, Montana. Frances graduated from Winnett High School in 1935. She was clerk of the Winnett Post Office until May 1, 1937. On May 26, 1937, she and Rex Eager were married in the Winnett Catholic Church by Reverend Aloysius Mueller. Hallie Tripp was the pump organist; Louise Eager was maid-of-honor; and Bill Herweg was best man. (See also EAGER)

Betty Mae graduated from Winnett High School in 1939. She attended St. Joseph’s School of Nursing in Lewistown, Montana, for a time before she married Roy Krutar of Anaconda, Montana, in October of 1942. They had three children — John Arthur, Janice Arlene, and Jerry Pierre. Roy and Betty Mae were divorced in 1974, and she married John O’Neill in 1977. In 1983 they moved to Cadiz, Kentucky. There Betty became a member of the Trigg County Hospital Auxiliary, the newcomers Club, Cadiz Lioness Club, and the St. Stephen’s Catholic Church.

Betty Mae passed away January 9, 1986, in the Trigg County Hospital emergency room, after having undergone heart surgery in December of 1985.

Dan Jr. graduated from Winnett High School in 1941. He had been a winning member of the Winnett Boxing Club. Many opponents were sorry when they had to meet him in the ring!! He attended Gonzaga University in Spokane in 1941 and 1942. When the war broke out, the civil engineering courses were discontinued there, so he transferred to Montana State College at Bozeman in the fall of 1942.

He enlisted in the Navy in March of 1943 and got out of the service in June of 1946. He went back to Gonzaga for a year, then went to work for the telephone company in July of 1947. He married Shirley Pfister in 1948 in Spokane, Washington. They raised three daughters, Elaine, Barbara, and Claudia.

Dan retired from the telephone company in 1982. He was retired for a year, but couldn’t stand it, so went back to work in Lakeland, Florida, where he and Shirley have resided for the past four years.

**LONING, John** John operated the Palm Garden restaurant and confectionery for a few months in 1927.

**LUPTON, Charles** (W.T. 11-4-1921) Mr. Lupton located the Discovery well in the Cat Creek field. "His excellent judgement in locating the spot on which to drill is due the major part of credit for bringing in the field."

**MACKEY, Howard** Howard Mackey and Kathryn "Kay" Wiseman of Grassrange were married April 12, 1934. Howard was transferred from Grassrange to the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company at Winnett in May of 1937. Mackeys lived in the Otto Moore house in Block 32 facing South Moulton Avenue, later moving to 307 South Broadway Avenue.

In June of 1944 Howard resigned his position here and the family moved to Bridger, where Howard was employed by the Aldrich Lumber Company. He later worked for a hardware store in Roundup, Montana. After a struggle with emphysema and heart trouble, Kay passed away in October of 1960. Howard and Kay were parents of three daughters — Karen, Sandra and Mary. Ramona L. Mursener, a teacher in Roundup, and Howard Mackey were married June 14, 1961.

**MADSEN, A. C.** Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Madsen came to Winnett to work in the Eager Mercantile store. They had recently sold their own store at Harlowton, Montana.

**MADSEN, Christian** Christian Madsen was born and educated in Copenhagen, Denmark. He served in the Danish army and with the King’s Honor Guard. After discharge, he and his brother came to America, but the brother returned to Denmark due to the illness of their father. Chris, upon learning of the available homestead land, came to Montana and proved up on a homestead located nine miles north of Melstone. In the meantime, he became a U.S. citizen on December 4, 1916.

After a few years of farming, Chris moved into the Winnett community and was a fine hand for many ranchers.
In 1937 he made Winnett his home and bought a brand new trailer home that had just been completed by A. A. Hanson. In 1942 he went to work for Kenny Cole in his service station and worked there until he passed away May 19, 1953. Chris was respected by all who knew him and was always ready to lend a hand to help in whatever way possible.

MARCOTTE, Leonard Leonard was born in Marshall, Minnesota, on December 4, 1918, into a family of six children. He received most of his schooling in Minnesota.

In 1941 he joined the U. S. Army, serving in both World War II and Korea. He served a total of 20 years in the Army and was discharged from Fort Lewis, Washington, in 1961. Leonard moved to Winnett in 1962, at which time he became known as "Sarge" rather than Leonard. He worked for Fraser Land and Livestock for seven years and later for the Bohn Ranch. He semi-retired in 1973 and purchased a home in Winnett in 1974.

Since then Sarge has worked part time for Bob Weingart, McCon Electric, and Larry Grantier. He is also, for many, the handiest handyman in town. When help is needed, the first thought is "call Sarge." Needless to say, the charge is nothing, and he has many grateful friends.

MARCOWITZ, J. J. Marcowitz was the proprietor of the clothing store in the homestead days of Winnett. His business (Lot 7, Block 16) was believed to have been established by Joe Alweis of Lewistown and was to later become the first Hub, Blumenfield's Cafe, and Mother Stewart's Cafe. An ad (W.T. 12-13-1916) read: "We are Carrying a Complete Line of CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS, AND SHOES at the TOGGERY Marcowitz and Delighter."

MARSH, A. H. Mr. Marsh worked for the Independent Pipe Line Co. as general manager. In June of 1921 he was transferred to another field.

MARSHALL, Darrell Darrell Marshall was a brother of Mrs. Lloyd Berg and Mrs. Harold Belstad. In 1955 he worked in Winnett as freight agent for Consolidated Freightways. At that time he and his wife had one daughter, Darla Mae.

MARSHALL, J. H. Joseph H. Marshall was an early day assessor of Fergus County. In December of 1921, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Mildred McCollum, he returned to look over his land which was in section 19-15-26 about eight miles northwest of Winnett. He and Mildred also visited with their long-time friends, the D. C. Walker family.

MART, Thamar Samuel "Ike" Ike Mart was born in Grand Rapids, North Dakota, in 1909 and moved to Montana as a small child. He attended schools in Jordan, Montana. He married Verna "Bunny" Childers in Miles City in 1931.

In 1954 he purchased the Town Tavern from Mrs. Frances McFarland. He and his brother, Pearl, operated the tavern until May of 1960, when a disastrous fire destroyed three buildings. Destroyed were the tavern owned by the Mart brothers, the Town Cafe, owned by Charles and Lois Poulton, and the Winnett Barbershop, which was owned by Lloyd Berg and Harold Belstad. The Marts moved back to Jordan. Ike had just retired when he died of an apparent heart attack while driving to Miles City on May 9, 1974.

MARTI, Alfred The Marti brothers came to Winnett from New Ulm, Minnesota, and opened a cash grocery on May 28, 1921. Their Marti Brothers Grocery ad stated: "We have everything in the line of groceries that the housewife needs and everything in candy that the men and children need."

The Marti Brothers store building became the Winnett Post Office on April 23, 1926. The post office remained in the building until 1971, when a new post office building was built, and the old building was converted to a firehall. A new firehall building will soon (1989) replace the use of the old building.

MARTIN, David Mr. and Mrs. Dave Martin, who worked for Kenneth Welter in 1970, lived in the Solf house in Winnett.

MARTIN, H. R. In July of 1921, Mr. Martin resigned as manager of the Continental Supply Company and accepted a position with the Frantz Corporation.

MARTIN, John When Mr. and Mrs. John Martin lived here in 1959, they made their home on the second floor of the former Hover building and operated the Stockman Bar on the first floor. They later leased the bar and moved to Billings, Montana.

MARTIN, Roy V. Roy V. Martin, Fergus County Treasurer, was chosen by the Petroleum County commissioners as first county manager January 1, 1943. Mr. Martin resigned from the position in September of 1943.

MASER, Mike In about 1924 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maser were the second owners of the fine brick house at 301 South Broadway. Mr. Maser was involved in oil development in the west end of the Cat Creek field. (See also MASER—Musselshell River)

MASSEY, Ed Ed Massey came to Winnett in the early 1940s as supervisor of the Soil Conservation Service. He, his wife, Ethel, and three children first lived in the stucco house at 108½ South Moulton Avenue. In November of 1945 they purchased the former Faragher house at 201 South Moulton Avenue.

Ethel was interested in both Royal Neighbors and Rebekahs. In 1945 she was Oracle of the Royal Neighbors of America and also Noble Grand of the Rebekahs. They had three children — Robert, Joyce, and Gene. Robert began his education in Winnett in 1946; Joyce, in 1947. In March of 1948 the Massey family was transferred to Ennis, Montana. On April 1, 1948, the following fond farewell appeared in the Winnett Times:

"Even as to life itself, an end must come to all good things. So ends our stay in Winnett. We are leaving immeasurably richer than when we came. not in worldly
goods, but in the many fine friendships we have enjoyed here and will take with us. Undoubtedly we shall make new acquaintances, but none shall take the place of friends and neighbors in Winnett and Petroleum County. Coming here as strangers, we were welcome to cast our lot with you, and in leaving we have deemed this opportunity a great privilege and in all sincerity we want to say 'Thank you!'"

MAST, Joe In July of 1944, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mast moved to Winnett, where Joe was employed by the Soil Conservation Service. Formerly he had been at Crow Agency near Hardin, Montana, with the Indian Service.

In December of 1944, Mrs. Mast took over the management of the Lunch Room. Several improvements were made and, in January of 1945, the business was re-named the "Winnett Cafe." By August of 1947 the Masts had been transferred to Grassrange, Montana.

MAYES, Will Will came to Winnett from Winifred and worked in the Cash Meat Market in 1921.

MAYFIELD, A. W. Mr. Mayfield's photograph gallery was across the street from the depot in 1921. He also developed film.

MAYS, Homer Arriving in Winnett just before Christmas in 1944, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mays made their home in the former Hegna house in Block 14 facing Moulton Avenue. The Mays owned a large ranch on the Musselshell River. Shannon Lee was born on May 4, 1945, while they lived in Winnett.

In October of 1945 they sold the ranch and house to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ostler. Mrs. Mays, who had been teaching at the Weede School, resigned. The family moved to Bozeman. (See also MAYES — Musselshell River)

McALLISTER, Charles Henry Charles Henry McAllister (1855) married Florence Bell Hardin (1867). In 1893 they moved from Kentucky to Bozeman, Montana. Charles worked on the railroad there and later in both Lombard and Lewistown, Montana. Eventually the family lived in Forestgrove, Montana. Over an itinerary of many miles and through a span of 22 years the McAllisters became the parents of 13 children. Will (1885) lost a leg in the lumbering business when a tree fell on him. His niece, Erma Hansen said: "Bill used to work on our ranch for a short time and at different intervals. He had to have his leg amputated without the use of anaesthesia or chloroform. He used to tell us kids that he actually sweat blood. At least he held our attention! He always wanted us to hit him on the knee, and we always came down on a metal strap and hurt our hand!"

Pearl (1887) worked on the W. J. Winnett Ranch and married John Woods in 1907 (See also WOODS). Blanche married Eli McBride who owned land in Sec. 29-19-27, about ten miles northeast of Valentine, Montana. Una (1890) came to replace Pearl on the W. J. Winnett Ranch when Pearl was expecting her first child. It was while working there that Una met and married Ernest Hansen (See HANSEN — Petrolia). Noda McAllister (Byrd) (1892) reportedly also worked on the Winnett Ranch. Cora (1894) died at the age of five years. Essie (1895) married Kristian Egeland (Sec. 20-19-27) (See also EGELAND — Dovetail). Ray (1897) worked some on the Ernest Hansen Ranch. No information was given on Leah McAllister Brinegar (1899) or Ida Erma McAllister (1901). Velma (1903), Lorraine (1905), and Glen (1907) were sent to the orphanage at Twin Bridges, Montana, when Mrs. McAllister died at Forestgrove in 1911.

Ernest and Una Hansen took the three children from the orphanage shortly thereafter. Lorraine and Glenn stayed with other relatives, but Velma lived with the Hansens. Velma married Ed Lambert of Flatwillow, Montana. She had previously worked on a ranch near there. Velma and Ed were parents of three or four girls and one boy. The boy was later drowned as he tried to rescue another person from a lake near Whitesfish, Montana.

Erma Hansen Damschen (granddaughter of the McAllisters), who grew up in Petroleum County, wrote the following: "I was born at the Hansen Ranch September 1, 1913. Mrs. Sam Smith was the midwife. I had my early schooling at the Petrolia School and graduated from Winnett High School in May of 1932. Floyd Damschen of Forestgrove and I were married May 29, 1932. Three boys — Floyd E. (1933), Robert R. (1937) and Kenneth M. (1938) were born to us.

"We lived in Lewistown, Montana, from 1933 to 1939 when we moved to Butte, Montana, and on to Deer Lodge, Montana, in 1942. We then moved back to Lewistown in 1947 and built a house in the Lewistown Heights Addition. Our boys grew up there and received most of their schooling there.

"In 1952, I was asked to take over the supervision of the school lunch at Highland Park School, which I did, and was employed there until Floyd’s job took us back to Deer Lodge in 1958. The high school there was just opening a lunch program at that school and asked me to be the supervisor-cook. I had two employees plus student help. I worked there until Floyd retired in January of 1973, after 47 years with the Milwaukee Railroad.

"We continued to live in Deer Lodge until 1982, when we moved to Chico, California, to be nearer the boys who both live at Chico . . . We still miss Montana, and as beautiful as California is, it can never replace our Big Sky Country." (See also DAMSCHEN — Petrolia)

McCALLISTER, C. F. When Tom Carr disposed of his livery which was one block west of the Monarch Lumberyard. C. F. McCallister used the site for a feed barn and laundry. In 1925 his ad in the Winnett Times stated that he had improved his laundry with the addition of an electric washer and iron.

McCARTHY, J. F. The McCarthys lived in Winnett in 1921. They were mentioned in the Winnett paper as attending a dance at the Montana Hotel complimentary to the two Lantz girls, who were leaving for the South.

McCARTHY, M. J. Mr. McCarthy came here as unit
leader for the Soil Conservation Service in February of 1942. Mrs. M. I. (Gay) McCarthy was clerk of the Draft Board of Petroleum County. She resigned September 1, 1942, and went to work for the Farm Security Administration in Denver, Colorado. Mr. McCarthy was accepted for training in the engineer corps. They left Winnett September 15, 1942.

McCARTNEY, Earl  Earl McCartney came to Winnett from Kalispell to work in the Soil Conservation Service office. He had been a former worker in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Winnett in the mid-to-late 1930s.

McCORMICK, Thomas  Tom McCormick came to the community in 1988. In January of 1989, he bought the original homestead of John and Elizabeth Bowen in Sec. 1-14-27 (See BOWEN — Petrolia). Tom and his wife, Sylvia, had previously farmed and ranched near Aurora, Colorado. They are the parents of three children — Laura, John and Michael.

Sylvia, an accomplished musician, has taught band and choir to students in grades Kindergarten through 12. When Christine Kaepel resigned her music position in the Winnett schools, in December of 1989, Mrs. McCormick was engaged to finish the school year.

The McCormicks enjoy traveling and state that they are most happy with the warm reception they have received in their new community.

McCoy, Charles  Charley McCoy worked for several different ranchers, among them Henry Sibbert. Charley was noted as being a fine “lambing” man on the Sibbert Ranch in May of 1933. He was chosen as constable of Winnett in 1936. He took his job very seriously and could be found walking the streets of Winnett at most any hour of the night.

McCray, William  William was head mechanic at the Broadway Garage in 1929.

McCue, Twila  Twila was born to Albert and Lois Coffey on August 3, 1921, at Dovetail (See also COFFEY — Dovetail). She attended grade school at Dovetail and attended high school in Winnett, from where she graduated in 1941. She joined the WACs in 1943 and served in the states and in the South Pacific until December of 1945. She met James C. McCue in New Guinea, and they were married in New York City on February 3, 1946.

The McCues moved to Winnett later that year. Jim became the postmaster in 1948. In 1951 he took a leave of absence from the post office and joined the Air Force. He served four years during the Korean conflict. He returned to Winnett to serve as postmaster until his death in 1971. Twila continues to live in Winnett.

Four children were born to Jim and Twila — Teresa, James, Deanna, and Lisa. They all attended and graduated from the Winnett school system. Teresa married David Harris, and they live in Winnett. Teri works for the school, and Dave works for the State Highway Department. They have three boys — Kris, Nick and Sean.

Jim joined the Navy when he graduated from high school. He spent nine years in the Navy and now works for the San Jose Mercury News, San Jose, California, as a computer system technician. He is married, and he and Linda have five children — Chance, Trevor, Tighe, Say, and Taylor.

Deanna worked in Lewistown, Montana, and then married Mark Robbins, and they live in Roy, Montana. He is a rancher and is a member of the Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative board of directors. Deanna works for the school system in Roy. They have two boys — Liam and Lance.

Lisa attended Eastern Montana College and a travel school in Minnesota. She became a travel agent. She and Steve Banister were married February 5, 1989. They live in San Ramon, California.

McCulloh, Albyn F.  Albyn was elected Petroleum County Attorney in November of 1930 and served a two-year term. Grace Woods, daughter of R. J. Woods, had graduated from Winnett High School in 1928 and attended the University of Montana at Missoula for two years. She and Albyn were married in the early 1930s.

Albyn held positions with International Business Machines Corporation at their main headquarters from August 1935 through 1960 when he retired. He died in Rome, New York, in July of 1963. Grace established the Albyn F. McCulloh Law Scholarship Fund for law students at the University of Montana, in honor of her husband, Albyn. (See also WOODS — Winnett)

McDaniel, Clarence  (By Arlene McDaniel) Clarence was born in 1880 in Anamosa, Iowa. When he was about 14 years old, he ran away from home and headed west. "Mac" worked his way into Wyoming, and there joined a trail herd headed for Montana. He worked for the Matador outfit for awhile, drove ore wagons for a Landusky gold mine, and then worked his way over the mountains to Missoula, Montana. There he drove horse-drawn hansom cabs. (Ed. A "hansom" was a two-wheeled covered vehicle drawn by one horse for two passengers with the driver seated outside.) He came back over the mountains, however, and finally landed at the Walter J. Winnett spread. He also acquired land about eight miles northeast of Winnett in Sec. 3-15-27.

Frances Pittman (1890) and her sister Jean (1891) were daughters of Ben and Julia Pittman of Buffalo, Missouri. They were young when their father died, and in 1910 they decided to come west — where all the action was. Frances became a teacher in the vicinity of Lewistown, Montana. In 1914 a couple of Walter Winnett's cowboys — Clarence McDaniel and Herb Thiel — talked the gals into coming down to Winnett and homesteading about three miles west and a mile north of town. They had their cabin built right on the line that divided their acreage. They both enjoyed dancing and card playing, so things never got dull. There were neighbors all around them, as the area was well covered with homesteads. All anyone had to do was mention a dance and everyone grabbed
something for lunch and joined in the fun. The music was mostly home talent, but that didn't stop it from being good and lively.

Fran married Clarence "Mac" McDaniel, Jean, a widow with a small son, Claude, married Herb Thiel. (See also THIEL — Winnett) Clarence was at the drilling site when the first well at Cat Creek came in. He always said afterward that he was the only feller there with transportation (his saddle horse). If he had just thought, he could have been rich! The boom that followed had people eating and sleeping anywhere they could. Fran and Jean made donuts — Mac put up a camp stove on a high spot on Main Street, and they kept busy selling hot coffee and doughnuts.

Fran had received her lifetime teaching certificate in 1916, and she taught in several schools of the county. She was county superintendent of Petroleum County schools from 1932 through 1936. Mac went into construction with horse teams and made it his life work.

Clarence and Frances were the parents of two sons, Robert and Fred. Both served in the Naval Air Force — Bob, before and during World War II, and Fred, during and after World War II. Fred received three air medals, a bronze star, and other campaign medals. He served as navigator on the Arnlb in establishing the weather station in the Antarctic. After retiring from the Navy, he worked with NASA on the tracking ship during the Apollo mission. Fred died in Arizona in 1986. He and his wife had an adopted son, Peter, who was the father of two daughters. After his term of service, Robert went into horse raising. (See also MCDANIEL — Musselshell River)

The family liked to tell this story about Mac. About 50 years after he ran away from home, he finally went back. His dad was sitting in a rocking chair on the front porch when Mac came up the walk. He looked at Mac a moment, then said, "Well, Clarence, did you bring the nails I sent you for?"

MCFADDEN, W. L. W. L. McFadden was born November 27, 1870, at Sherman, Texas. He came to Montana in 1891 and to Petroleum County in 1925. He herded sheep for several ranchers in the area. He died at a hospital in Roundup, Montana, on August 12, 1946.

MCFARLAND, Frances Mrs. Frances McFarland operated the Town Tavern for a time in the mid-1950s. She sold the tavern to Ike and Pearl Mart in 1954. She passed away in March of 1955.

MCFARLAND, John (W.T. 8-26-1921) "John McFarland, 22 years old, died early Monday morning a few hours after receiving injuries in an auto accident on the road one half mile south of Winnett. In company with Roy Pierce, McFarland had been out for a ride in a Ford car and was returning home at about 11 o'clock. They were traveling at a moderate rate of speed behind Dr. Robinson and William Bolton who were also going slow.

"Mr. Pierce, who was driving, intended to pass the car ahead, but waited for a wide place in the road; and after passing the other car to the left, on account of defective lights did not see a low bridge which had to be crossed until within a few feet of some protruding plank. He immediately put on the brakes and succeeded in getting the car on the bridge safely when a large loose plank caught on the rear axle, the force of which stopped the car and threw McFarland forward into the windshield, the glass cutting a deep gash in his throat. Mr. David Bolton (Ed. a farmer from Sec. 15-12-28), a moment later, drove up alongside of the accident and stopped.

"Although unable to talk, McFarland appeared to realize his condition as he rushed, with his hands to his throat, unaided to the Bolton car, and with the assistance of the others got in the seat. Dr. Robinson administered what aid he could and immediately took the young man to the offices of Dr. Berry where all possible was done to save his life, but death resulted a few hours later. The deceased never regained consciousness after getting in the car and starting to town.

"The body was taken to the Creekl and Opp undertaking parlors where it was prepared for shipment to the home of his mother, Mrs. Harmon Thift at the latter's request. The young man was a member of the Alta, Iowa, post of the American Legion and a delegation of the Sandman Post escorted the body to the train. Mrs. Sidney Smith accompanied the body to its destination.

"McFarland came to Winnett only a few days prior to the accident and was employed by Sidney Smith in his repair shop, he being an old friend of the Smith family and of Roy Pierce, who is employed in the same institution. The deceased was a skilled workman and of exemplary habits, and his tragic end is a great shock to his friends here."

MCFARREN, Frances (W.T. 7-11-24) "On Sunday, July 6, 1924, at 6:30 o'clock the marriage of Miss Frances McFarren and Dudley B. Wheeler took place in the Methodist parsonage at Lewistown, Montana. Rev. Esias performed the ceremony. The groom has been connected with the A. L. Rasmussen store for the past year and is a nephew of Mrs. A. L. Rasmussen. The bride had been in the employ of the Weowna Refinery . . . They were attended by Mrs. Millsap and Mr. Mather."

MCFARREN, Otto C. (W.T. 10-19-23) "O. C. McFarren, of Valentine, has leased the Leader Hotel and has opened same for the public's patronage. Mr. McFarren announces that his table will be laid with Petroleum County products, most of which will come off his own farm in Valentine, and that same will be cooked in the good old home-fashion way." (See also MCFARREN — Dovetail; JOHNSTON and MCFARREN — Flatwillow)

MCGEE, John Mr. and Mrs. John McGee and their two children were located in Winnett in April 1956 on the E. V. McCollum and Co. seismograph crew. In May they were transferred to Vernal, Utah.

MCGINLEY, Morse Morse McGinley was a drilling contractor in Winnett. He married a local teacher. Miss
Twelv.e in June of 1927.

McGLENN, L. S. (W.T. 12-9-1921) "L. S. McGlen left Monday for Lethbridge, Canada, where he will spend the holidays. Mr. McGlen has been trucking in this vicinity for the past several months."

McGUIRE, Gertrude Many folks remembered Gertrude McGuire and her goats, but no statistical history could be found concerning her. Bill Griebel Jr. probably described her best: "One lady whom I can never forget was Mrs. McGuire. She had a flock of goats and each one was named for a man in town. It didn't matter whether they were rich or poor, she named those goats for anyone she happened to know.

"I can still hear her admonishing the goats as she drove them back to her place, 'Get along there, George Waldrop! Get back here, Spot Morgan! Shoo, Elmer Eager!' and so on. To us kids she was as close to a witch as we could find: but as I see her now, she was probably a very good person and lived her life as she chose."

McGUIRE, L. G. Mr. McGuire was proprietor of the Army and Navy store. In September of 1921 he and his family closed the store for the winter and went to Seattle, Washington. He expected to return in the spring and again engage in business. On September 30, 1921, a fire of unknown origin destroyed five buildings, including the Army and Navy store. (See also NOBLE — Winnett)

McKAY, Dan Although Dan McKay was not a bonafide resident of Winnett or Petroleum County, he became a prominent figure in the local history of the area. He arrived in Montana in the early 1880s and settled at Great Falls, Montana. In 1895 he was sergeant-at-arms of the Montana Senate and was becoming a well-known person in political circles.

A bricklayer by trade, in 1908 he established himself at Glasgow, Montana, where he owned a brickyard. He built several of the brick structures which still stand in Glasgow.

Mr. McKay answered what he believed was his calling — that of creating new counties — in about 1912. By the time he had completed his last successful campaign (the creation of Petroleum County), he had been instrumental in splitting nearly a dozen counties. His method was quite simple. After a group contacted him for help, he would charge a flat fee and necessary expenses for organizing a campaign to form a county. He took care of all the necessary scheming and planning, got petitions signed, held rallies in schoolhouses, and stirred up the people through the medium of their home-town newspapers.

After four legislative attempts to create a new county in eastern Fergus County had failed (see main Introduction), a Winnett "division committee" hired Mr. McKay to assist in a petition and election campaign to form a county. One of the first of a series of articles written by Dan McKay is copied verbatim from the Winnell Times of 11-4-1921:

Ambitious Young Men

"In the division of Eastern Fergus County we often meet the argument that this is not the time, and that we should wait awhile. Yet they who complain never set the time or venture to say what that time will be. As a matter of fact, they do not wish the time to arrive at all.

"In sizing up the human family, we find that this is only the excuse of an old man. He is waiting for something, and he does not want to be disturbed in his declining years. It is the young men who want county division. All progress must be started by the young men. Their hearts are hot and restless, and they must be moving forward, never standing still, never going backward. They know that there is no economy in a large unit of county government and that by segregation of a large unit and the creation of smaller units, they cut off all the great waste of energy that seems so prevalent in all the larger counties.

"The young man, ever with a growing ambition, observes the wonderful effect upon state legislation that is brought about by small county units. He knows that the Montana State Senate has always been the graveyard for all the good laws passed by the lower house of the legislature. The young man knows well that the city politician has always dominated the state senate and retarded all progressive legislation. He also knows that by the creation of smaller units of government, the control of the state senate will rapidly pass into the hands of the younger men. With the assurance of all these advantages, is it any wonder that most young men are for county division?

"All the women voters seem to be imbued with the same spirit toward small county units. Largely for the same reason they wish to get away from the heavy and unreasonable burdens of taxation incurred by the old counties. Judging from the tax notices already sent out, the women of Petroleum County do not wish any longer to share in the old county luxury of high cost of government."

McMAHON, James In the middle of June 1967, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McMahon and six children from Glendive arrived in Winnett. Jim was employed on the Bratten Ranch. The family lived in the former Merten house at 205 Moulton Avenue.

McMANN, John John was a barber in Dugan's Barbershop in 1922.

McMANN, William Employed by Rex Freighting. William McMann spent the winter of 1921-22 in Great Falls, Montana.

McMILLAN, Willard (W.T. 8-12-1921) "Word was received here Thursday morning that the sinking of the steamer Alaska off the coast of California Sunday morning had touched a Winnett home. Mrs. Averill, one of the unfortunate passengers to lose her life, is the mother of Mrs. Willard McMillan of this city. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan left immediately for Garfield, Washington, the home of the deceased."
Mrs. Averill was in charge of her four-year-old granddaughter, Betty Jean Sanders, from Washington to the home of the child’s parents in California. When the accident occurred, both were placed in a lifeboat, and the last ever seen of Mrs. Averill was shortly before the boat in which they were riding capsized. And she had placed a life preserver about the little one. The child was thrown into the sea and was found hours afterward numb and cold, but still alive. The first boat to reach the scene of the accident was the Anyag, and Betty Jean was taken care of by the crew until she landed.

The steamer Alaska started on its final voyage to San Francisco last Friday and carried 214 passengers and crew. She sank 30 minutes after striking some rocks forty miles south of Eureka, California; 36 passengers and 12 of the crew are unaccounted for.


McWILLIAMS, Burl Mr. and Mrs. Burl McWilliams worked on the Bratten Ranch in 1971. They lived in the original Sommerfield house on Moulton Avenue.

MERRY, Fay Fay, son of Louise Schaeffer Merry and Charles Henry Merry, was born August 16, 1903, in Cherokee, Iowa. He graduated from Winnett High School in 1923, after having attended Lincoln High of Fargo, North Dakota, and Fergus High School of Lewistown, Montana. Fay was one of the members of the Winnett championship basketball team the year of 1923, when Mr. Frank Long was the coach.

Fay was employed by the Weowna Refinery while attending his senior year of Winnett High School. Then he was employed by the California Company and was in charge of that office in 1927, when he was transferred to Billings, Montana. He later worked in Utah, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, and still later, in Rangely Field, Denver, Colorado.

Fay married Vera Magdalene Payne May 19, 1930, in Kemmerer, Wyoming, and they had one son, Richard. He retired in 1967 after 43 years of service for Chevron Oil Company. Fay loved horses, and at the time of his death in May of 1989, was the oldest thoroughbred horse trainer in Colorado. Vera had preceded him in death on November 15, 1986.

Fay had his plans all laid to attend the Montana Centennial 1989 Winnett High School reunion. He was very loyal to Winnett High School and to the local Masonic Lodge, which he had joined in 1925. He had reminisced: “My year of school at Winnett High was most enjoyable and beneficial for my future living. The commercial work enabled me to be employed by the California Company.”

Son Richard H. Merry resides in Slidell, Louisiana.

Fay's mother purchased some land in the Dovetail area.

She later married Mr. Noah Boone of Coffee Creek, Montana.

MERTEN, John John Frederick Merten was born November 2, 1889, in Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota, to Fred C. and Therese Luedke Merten (See also MERTEN — Petrolia). After basic school, John didn’t want more schooling but wanted to go railroading with his Uncle Charles, so he went to Aberdeen where the work was. After a few years, the head brakeman had both feet cut off, causing his death. This stopped John’s desire for railroad and he quit.

Before going home, he heard the government was giving homesteads away in Montana; so he talked good friend Bill Petrausch into joining him, and they both filed on homesteads in 1912 two miles south of Winnett. Then they had to go back to South Dakota and make arrangements to get their belongings to Montana. John’s father followed the boys to Montana to help build them each a house, so they would have a place in which to store their belongings when they got here. John brought a team of horses; one was a mare heavy with foal, and the colt was born on the train so he named it “Millie” because it was born on the Milwaukee railroad.

Before marriage John lived with his parents and sister Rose. He walked to town where he worked for Eager Mercantile. He also worked in the Lepper-Davis store at Flatwillow. John married Velma Ruth Woodard on October 2, 1917.

Velma was born June 23, 1899, at Hebron, Nebraska, to Hattie and Pratt Woodard. (See also WOODARD — Brush Creek and Winnett) She received her schooling in Nebraska and Winnett. She came to Winnett with her parents in 1914. Because of her quiet, considerate, jolly disposition, she was always one of the most respected ladies of the community. She was involved in church activities, played the organ, and taught four years of primary class in Sunday school.

John enlisted as a member of the 147th Division of Engineers in World War I. He was deputy county treasurer from 1925 to 1930 and county treasurer from
1930 through 1932. He was always very active in the American Legion. For a period of time he worked for the State Highway with Norman Gillette as his boss. Then, in partnership with Henry Lengemann, he purchased the Broadway Garage from Art Spaulding. Hank and John ran the business together until 1937. When Lengemannes went to Fairfield, John operated the business alone until his death in 1939.

Velma continued to operate the Broadway Garage until December 6, 1940, when she sold it to Fred Dunlap. She campaigned for the office of clerk of court and in November 1940, was elected and assumed office January 1, 1941. In May 1943, under the county manager form of government, she also assumed the office of director of records and held both offices until retirement. She was an outstanding county official and always did her best to run her offices in such a manner as to be of best service to the people of Petroleum County.

Velma was a member of the Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary. For many years she was a secretary and treasurer of the Petroleum County chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

Having been in failing health for several years, Velma resigned on November 30, 1962, after serving as an official of Petroleum County for 21 years. She passed away May 1, 1965 in the Roundup, Montana, hospital. The Mertens were parents of five children — Rosalind, Lucille, Peggy, John “Jack,” and Janet. Peggy and Jack submitted their own remembrances:

"I (Peggy), was born in Winnett on January 2, 1934 (in the house where I lived most of my life), the third child of Mr. and Mrs. John Merten. Our home was across from the school, so it was not far to go on the cold days. I attended Winnett schools all of my grades.

"During my growing-up years, I worked at the telephone office for Matty Burt. My most scary moment was when I was alone and some of the oil men came in to make a long distance call, which I wasn’t sure I could do alone; but everything went well, so it wasn’t so bad at all. I also worked at the theater for Lloyd Lafond, where I was an usher, so I got to see all the shows free.

"When I was eight years old, I got to take my first train ride to Portland, Oregon, with my grandmother, Hattie Woodard, to visit my uncle Homer Woodard. Mom took us to Billings, Montana, where we got on the train. On June 18, 1951, I married Encel Berg and moved to Circle, Montana, where he had a job at the Ford garage. We had three boys there — Enver (1951), Alan (1952) and Gary (1960). We lived in Circle for ten years. In 1964 we moved to Livingston, Montana, where we now own the Ford Garage. All my sons are involved in the family business. Our daughter, Jana, was born on July 27, 1969, after we moved to Livingston, Montana. She graduated from high school in 1988."

Jack Merten wrote: "I was born in the family home west of and across the street from the high school in Winnett. Grace McAllister was the midwife nurse, and to the best of my knowledge, Dr. Alexander was fishing on Flatwillow Creek that day. I was the fourth child and only boy of five children.

"I attended all 12 grades of school in Winnett, graduating with the class of 1954. I entered the Army in 1956 and spent until the spring of 1958 in Germany. I recall having many jobs such as: worked in the Montana Lumber and Hardware, worked on drilling rigs, road construction, service stations, and worked at drilling the core holes for the missile sites.

"On August 19, 1961, I married Mary E. Mosser of Stanford. She is a teacher. I entered college and graduated from the University of Montana in 1967 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration. I have been in the accounting business since then. We have lived in Billings, Montana, since 1967.

"Some things that I remember most of my childhood in Winnett are: watching the many carloads of sheep and cattle being loaded onto railroad cars at the stockyards; watching Frank Bastian load crude oil onto railroad cars at the ‘loading docks’ west of the stockyards, and being there when the Rogge brothers loaded out their alfalfa seed into rail cars. I lost my favorite jackknife in one of the alfalfa cars.

"It was not uncommon to get a ride (if you begged enough) in the steam engine as it switched the cars or moved the next one up to the chute. A pasttime that filled many afternoons was to wait at the post office and catch a ride in Mr. T. N. Sandaker’s Army truck as he prepared to haul the mail from the post office to the waiting train at the depot. We would ‘help’ load and unload sacks of mail and catch the return trip to the post office."
"I have ice-skated on McDonald Creek and have spent hours washing the black soot off of my face and clothes from the burning tire bonfires at the creek and the ‘tanks’ hill.

‘Scary things’ included the big flywheels at the old Winnett Light Plant and the fires. It was confusing for a young boy to understand how such an interesting store as the Eager Mercantile could just disappear, because it was from there that all the good things in life came — hard candy and bananas.” (For the other Merten children, see HARRIS and MYERS — Winnett; KNUTSON — Petrolia)

MESERVE, William Bill, son of Cosby and Dot Meserve, was born in 1935 in Lewistown, Montana, and received his schooling in Winnett. He graduated in 1954 and joined the Air Force, serving from 1956-1960. He spent two and one-half of those years in Japan.

During his high school years, Bill rode bucking horses (both barebacks and saddlebrons) in rodeos around Central Montana. During his senior year, he won the Montana State High School Bareback Championship, an event which qualified him for the National High School Rodeo in Hallettsville, Texas. After his stint in the service, Bill continued rodeoing as a pastime.

Bill returned to Montana after his discharge from the Air Force and worked in the oil fields around the state. In 1962 he was in Wolf Point, Montana, where on October 31, he married Mary Himes. They moved to Glendive, Montana, to begin a trucking business. Mary had three children from a previous marriage, and Bill and Mary had two children — Kari (1963) and Coty (1966).

In 1970 Mary Himes and Bill were divorced, and shortly thereafter Bill moved to Utah and continued to truck for eight years. It was during this time that Bill met Mary Webb O’Driscoll. In 1978, after returning to live in Montana, Mary and Bill were married and settled in Winnett. Bill’s children — Kari and Coty — and Mary’s daughter, Paulette (1974), lived with them. On September 2, 1980, another daughter, Dottie Rae, was born. Kari now (1989) lives in Cat Creek with her husband, Jeff Altenburg, and their three children. Coty graduated from Winnett High School and is now working in Renton, Washington.

The Messer family still live in Winnett where they are involved in school activities — ones in which their daughters are involved — and also in the capacity of bus drivers for the majority of school events (1989). They are supportive of the students: they say it seems like every year when the graduating class departs, it’s as if their own children are leaving. The highlight of Bill’s life was when the graduating class of 1984 asked Bill to be guest speaker for the commencement ceremonies. In addition to driving a regular school bus route and the activity bus, Bill also works for the Petrolia Water Users’ Association as ditch rider. (See also MESERVE — Musselshell River)

MESSIER, Mary Mary Messier acted as Milwaukee Road agent from the time A. G. Pitman left until February of 1948.

METZEL, Herschel (By Viola Welter) Herschel was not born as Metzel. Something happened to his parents, and the Metzels who lived at Forestgrove, Montana, adopted him. The Robert Sinclair family of Winnett often visited with the Metzel family, and so it was that Wanda Sinclair and Herschel became friends. Herschel played mouth harp and accordion for dances. He was a good dancer himself.

Wanda attended Winnett High School, but did not graduate. She married Herschel and they moved to Red Lodge, Montana, where Herschel worked on ranches. A boy, William Edmond, was born there in 1937. Shortly thereafter, Metzels returned to Cat Creek, where they worked for a time at Dunlap’s Refinery. Wanda had invited her parents to have a Thanksgiving dinner with them one year, but before Sinclairs left town, word came that the Metzel house had been burned down, and the family lost everything.

The Metzels moved to Winnett and lived in a separate apartment of the Sinclair home. When a great number from this community moved to Fairfield, the Metzels moved there also. While there, in about 1940, a daughter, Lois, was born to the family. Herschel and Wanda were later divorced. Herschel was given custody of the children and, not knowing anything better to do, he eventually brought the children home to Grandmother Della Sinclair. There was always room for more in her heart and home. Herschel worked at many different jobs to support his children and himself.

Herschel has been mentioned by many as a most considerate and helpful person — first to be at hand if help was needed. While playing a game in the bar one evening, a call came in that help was needed — there had been a wreck outside of town. True to form — Herschel was the first one there. Approaching the scene, he took one look and exclaimed “Oh, my God, it’s my son!” William “Bill” Metzel, then 13 years old and in junior high at Winnett, was killed in the car wreck on that July evening of 1951.

Lois graduated from Winnett High School with the class of 1958. She married Bill Service and has three boys and a girl, all married. They all live in Great Falls, Montana. Herschel died in the mid-1980s.

MEYER, Rev. Paul E. Rev. Meyer conducted Lutheran services in Winnett for several years. He resided in Lewistown, Montana. (See also LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY)

MICHAELSON, Mildred Mildred Michaelson of Hogeland, Montana, came to Winnett to teach mathematics in Winnett High School. She replaced Grace Van Duser, who had resigned in the spring of 1936. In May of 1941 Mildred married John Feaster Jr. in Billings, Montana (See FEASTER — Petrolia).

MIKSCH, J. E. Mr. Miksch acted as agent of the Milwaukee depot upon the departure of Mordecai J. Boyd.

MILLAR, Phelps Phelps, youngest son of the
Reverend and Mrs. W. H. Millar, was born in Cortland, Ohio, January 15, 1876. As a young man he enlisted in the 31st Michigan infantry and served in the Spanish-American War until honorably discharged.

He married Nelle Whitlow in 1904 and soon thereafter moved to Park City, Montana, and then to the Winnett country where he settled on a farm in Sec. 33-15-27, about 1½ miles east of Winnett. The Millars' social and civic community was Winnett, where Phelps was an active Mason and Nelle was a charter member of the Order of Eastern Star. Phelps was a talented member of the Winnett baseball team.

A brother, Clarence, also acquired land in the section adjoining Phelps' land. The Phelps Millars moved back to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1922. When Phelps died in June of 1925, brother Clarence was living in Cortland, Ohio.

A water well on the Millar place was a source of water for the town of Winnett in 1921.

**MILLARD, Frank L.** Mr. and Mrs. Frank Millard, Rosalie and Richard came to Winnett in the fall of 1954. Mr. Millard was the school superintendent, and Mrs. Millard a third and fourth grade teacher.

The Millards were here only one year. Mr. Millard resigned and taught at West Yellowstone the next year. Mrs. Millard taught third grade in the Billings, Montana, school system. The family lived in Billings. Mrs. Millard (Annabelle) died in Billings in December of 1965.

**MILLER, James** The great Northern Refinery, which shipped its first carload of gasoline out of the city in October of 1921, employed Mr. Miller as secretary-treasurer.

**MILLER, N. O.** The Farmers and Merchants Bank of Winnett became defunct in 1930. Before coming to Winnett in 1931, Mr. Miller had been engaged in the banking business in Roy, Montana. He served as the liquidating agent for the closed Winnett bank. (See also MILLER — Flatwillow)

**MILLER, Royal J.** "Roy" Miller, with the assistance of sons Cecil and Chris, had charge of the water system in Winnett from 1930 until 1934. In November of 1930, Roy was forced to reinstitute a water route of house to house delivery to supplement the city water system. The Burt Sisters Telephone Exchange built a telephone line to connect with the Fred Merten home on the hill. In that way, if there was a sudden drain on the supply of water in the reservoir, the Mertens could quickly start the pumps on the wells which were situated on the top of the rim. If the Mertens found trouble with the pumps, they could call the maintenance men.

Roy and his sons were efficient water people. After the big fire in September of 1931, Roy was given much credit for having ample water to save the bakery building and Cole's Service Station, when three other structures on Main Street were demolished. It seems that some of the old iron water lines were beginning to disintegrate in the 1930s, and Cecil remarked once that if he wasn't digging out old lines and replacing them, he was running to the hill to repair the pumps.

Mildred, daughter of Royal and Daisy Miller, reminisced: "I suppose my worst memory of Winnett was watching our house burn. We were in school, and the teacher let us out — we weren't doing anything but looking out the windows, anyway." The Miller family left Winnett in about 1934. (See also MILLER, Arthur — Kelley; MILLER, Cecil — Petrolia)

**MILLS, V. E.** In July of 1938, Mr. Mills came from Yakima, Washington, where he had operated a shoeshop for 12 years. He took over A. A. Kragrud's "Winnett Shoe and Harness Shop" after Mr. Kragrud's death. A later news item stated that Mr. Mills was also good at sheep shearing.

(W.T. 6-7-1940) "V. E. Mills and his crew of 10 sheep shearers arrived in Winnett this week and started work at the O. M. Green Ranch for Joe King. The crew has 40,000 sheep to shear for various ranches.

**MILLSAP, Frank** Frank Millsap married Ella V. Moschner in 1903. Ella was born January 30, 1883, in Virginia City, Montana, and moved to Lewistown, Montana, with her parents as a small child. She graduated from Fergus County High School in Lewistown in 1901, a member of the first class to graduate from that school. She attended the University of Minnesota and then taught school.

Frank and Ella V. spent many years in the Flatwillow country (See also MILLSAP — Flatwillow). Ella V. and two daughters moved into Winnett in about 1917, and Leone entered Winnett High School. Ella V. Millsap was chosen as cook of the dormitory. The Winnett Building, as it was known at that time. had originally been built by W. J. Winnett for an opera house. In 1918 the local board of school trustees rented the Winnett Building for use as a dormitory. As a dormitory, the second floor was reserved for girls, the third floor for boys, and the first-floor rooms and lobby were used for teacher lodging and dining facilities. In 1920 the same building became the "Montana Hotel." Frank and Ella V. were the proprietors.

The formation of Petroleum County was approved by the electorate in November of 1924. Ella V., Art Dunn, Elden Freed and Robert Hogg all ran for the office of clerk and recorder of the proposed new county. Ella V. won the election by a one-vote margin — 275 to 274 — over Art Dunn. Freed received 254 votes and Robert Hogg, 266. Ella V. held office until the election of 1930, when she was defeated by Hammond Greene by two votes — 468 to 466.

The election of 1932 brought political change in governmental administration. A Democrat, Franklin Roosevelt, became president, and Democrat James F. O'Connor was elected state Senator. Ella V., a staunch Democrat, was appointed acting Winnett postmaster on January 22, 1934. She became postmaster June 18, 1934.

Frank passed away in 1935. Along with the administra-
tion of the Winnett Post Office. Ella V. was also sole proprietor of the Montana Hotel. She served as Winnett postmaster until her marriage to Forbes Leslie in November of 1945 (See also LESLIE — Blakeslee). She sold the Montana Hotel to the Winnett School District in 1945 for use as a dormitory. (The school district was forced to demolish the building in 1960.)

Forbes and Ella retired and moved to a ranch about two miles east of Lewistown. Forbes died in 1951. Ella V. suffered a severe stroke and died in March of 1974.

Frank and Ella were parents of two daughters: Leone, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1923 and who presented Ella with one granddaughter, Pamela Sue Britt; and Fern, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1924, and presented Ella with two granddaughters, Jane and Jeri Whitten, and one grandson, Jack Whitten. Ella’s record of public service tells the story of the capabilities of a determined, hard-working lady.

MINATO, Frank (W.T. 5-6-21) “Hotel building for lease — 23 room, brick and tile building, lighted and heated rooms. Inquire at First National Bank, or Frank Minnet, Winnett, Montana.”

MING, Bill Bill was born at Liberty, Ohio, October 28, 1863, and came to Montana in 1900. His early days were spent at Maiden and Gillette, Montana. There does not seem to be any record of when Bill moved into Winnett. He had owned land in Sec. 14-16-26.

It is known that his residence was in Winnett in the early 1930s. A Winnett Times news item of 3-17-1933 stated that Bill left his house shortly before noon, and had extinguished his breakfast fire; however, fire broke out while he was uptown shortly before noon, and destroyed his house and all of his belongings.

In May of 1944, Bill became ill and was taken to the hospital in Lewistown, Montana. Bill just wasn’t going to be corralled that easily. He was particularly upset when nurses tried to give him a bath, so he ran away from the hospital in his nightgown the first night there. However, he was caught and brought back to the fold. He was very ill and died there May 11, 1944.

MODDE, David David Modde was an employee of Earth Builders, Inc. That company, while working on the State Highway near Winnett in 1979, also paved the streets of Winnett. Two of the Modde children attended school in Winnett — Cherrie Lee, sixth grade; and Tina Marie, fifth grade.

MOE, Oscar Oscar Moe, a member of a seismic crew, came to Winnett from North Dakota in 1952. The crew was stationed across the road and west of Block 14, Rimrock Addition to the town of Winnett.

Moe left Winnett for a time but returned in 1954 and worked on various ranches. In 1958 he began working for Petroleum County on road maintenance. He continued this work until 1973, when he was forced to retire because of heart problems. Moe lives in his trailer home at 105 South Moulton Avenue (1989).

MOLL, Ray Mr. Moll was proprietor of a billiard parlor — Temple Billiard Hall — in what was later known as the I.O.O.F. hall. In 1916 the second story of his building was used as a classroom for 7th and 8th graders and the first Winnett High School students. His ad in 1916 stated: “First Class Pool and Billiard Tables.”

Ray later established a shoe repair shop in Kruger’s furniture store. The Moll building became the site of many businesses, among them being Scotty Spear’s restaurant, Buhler Cafe, Bauer Cafe, Williams Restaurant, Winnett Meat Co., Scheurman Store, Winnett Drug, Winnett Pharmacy, Winnett Drug and Gift Shop, and Sugar Shack.

It is not known when Ray, Beatrice and family left Winnett, nor what their destination was. A paragraph in the Winnett Times of July 4, 1925, stated: “Word has been received here by friends of Ray Moll to the effect that he has left the hospital after several weeks treatment for crippled hands. Mr. Moll’s hands were seriously injured when they were caught in an electric bread mauler in a bakery where he was employed. One of his hands was permanently crippled.” (See also MOLL — Teigen)

MOLLERSTUEN, George Mr. and Mrs. Mollerstuen of Billings, Montana, came to Winnett March 25, 1947, to operate the Mint Barber Shop. They had a son, Larry.

MONCRIEFF, C. B. Engineer C. B. Moncrieff directed the construction work of the Independent Pipe Line. He left in July of 1921 after completion of the project.

MONTGOMERY, Clarence J. “Monty” Montgomery came with the tide of new people who arrived at the time of Winnett’s second little oil boom in April of 1946. He could see the need for a laundry and dry-cleaning establishment. He put up a building 16’ x 32’ in the southeast corner of Block 18. The business opened July 20, 1946.

One year later, in June of 1947, Mrs. Montgomery opened a ready-to-wear shop for ladies, children, and babies in a building facing Main Street and in Block 17. It was named the E and M. However, the burst of boom began to fade, and this business was closed August 20, 1947. Remaining merchandise was available at the Axel Livingston home.

Monty also was named deputy state stock inspector in Winnett, but his health began to fail. In October of 1948 he was taken to Seattle for treatment of heart disease and asthma. He died there October 24, 1948.

MONTGOMERY, O. L. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. “Red” Montgomery came to Winnett in 1946. Red was employed by a pipeline company on the Mosby dome of the Cat Creek field. An ardent sportsman, Red was president of the local sharpshooters rifle and pistol club. In November of 1949, Montgomery left Winnett and went to Texas, later moving to Laurel, Montana. In June 1950, Red serviced wells on the Maser Dome of that area.

The Montgomerys always felt tugs of heart for this area and returned frequently to fish in Yellow Water Dam. While fishing in the Yellowstone River on January 18.
1971. Red fell through the ice and drowned. His body was found March 27, 1971.

MOORE, Arthur Art Moore, son of Lottie and Chester Moore, was born January 10, 1927. He married Lillian Whisonant June 22, 1946, in Jordan, Montana. Lillian, daughter of Borghild and Dudley Whisonant, was born November 14, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois. She came to Montana with her parents at age two and lived near Dovetail. She attended Dovetail School until grade six. Then the family moved to the Petrolia area, and Lillian attended Box Elder or Solf School through the seventh grade, after which she went to Winnett schools.

Art worked as a mechanic in Dunlap's Garage and the Britzius Garage. He also worked on construction and did a lot of shop work for himself and others.

In 1952 Moores bought their Flatwillow Creek farm from Clinton Hassett. Five children were raised there — Linda, Lorraine, Judy, LeRoy, and Steve. The children attended the Box Elder School. When the schools in the county were consolidated, LeRoy and Steve finished the seventh and eighth grades in Winnett. The Moores raised cattle, sheep, and hogs on their ranch.

In 1980 Art bought the former Joe Shumate building. It was remodeled and repaired and was named the Winnett Bar. Some meals are also served there. Lillian is an excellent cook, as was her mother, Borghild Whisonant. Lillian ran the Stockman Cafe from 1974 to 1979. She has also cooked for the Winnett senior citizens since 1975. She sells Avon products. She is a member of Rimrock Chapter #82, Order of the Eastern Star of Winnett and a Rebekah of the Roundup Lodge. (See also WHISONANT — Cat Creek)

MOORE, Chester Chester Moore replaced Herb Thiel in the Enterprise Meat Market when Herb moved to Oil-mont, Montana, in 1928.

MOORE, Otto The history of the Otto Moore family is best told the way Mrs. Otto "Nannie" Moore herself related it at the time of the Moore's 50th wedding anniversary:

"We were married at the home of my parents near Frankfort, South Dakota, December 6, 1911. by Rev. Boslaugh of the Methodist Church. We made our first home at Moore, Montana, in 1912. We homesteaded in the Kelley country about 18 miles southeast of Winnett in 1913. Otto was inducted into the U. S. Army in 1917, did overseas service in 1918-19 in World War I, returned in 1919 and located in Winnett. After 24 years in Winnett, we came to Washington in 1943, our present home.

"We were married at the home of my parents near Frankfort, South Dakota, December 6, 1911. by Rev. Boslaugh of the Methodist Church. We made our first home at Moore, Montana, in 1912. We homesteaded in the Kelley country about 18 miles southeast of Winnett in 1913. Otto was inducted into the U. S. Army in 1917, did overseas service in 1918-19 in World War I, returned in 1919 and located in Winnett. After 24 years in Winnett, we came to Washington in 1943, our present home.

"The three sons were born to us — Wesley in 1918 and twin sons in 1921. Ralph died in infancy; Roscoe gave the supreme sacrifice March 18, 1945, in Germany, and is laid to rest in Custer National Cemetery in Montana. Wesley served his country in Japan. He passed away November 15, 1961, and was laid to rest at Custer National Cemetery on November 20, 1961.

"Wesley married Adeline Rozeluh, May 15, 1943, and they have three children — James, Linda, and Timothy — our only grandchildren. Both our sons attended the School of Mines at Butte, Montana. Wesley graduated in 1940. Roscoe was in his junior year when he was called into service. Wesley was branch manager for Ingersol Rand Co. of New York City at the time of his death. The family resides in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"The years found us in various occupations — carpentry, farming, lumber and hardware assistant, construction, homesteading, Army service, sheriff of Petroleum
Otto was Petroleum County Sheriff from 1933 through 1939 and sheriff, county coroner, and public administrator from 1936 through 1940. The Moores left here in 1943. Otto died in April of 1966, and Nannie in April of 1977. The entire Otto Moore family are at rest in the Custer Battlefield National Cemetery.

MOORE, Ray Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moore were managers of the Mint Bar and Lounge in July of 1947.

MORELAND, John The Morelands lived in Winnett from 1914 to 1924. Mr. Moreland freighted the first oil rigs into the Cat Creek field.

MORELAND, Willis P. Willis was awarded the contract to haul mail between Grassrange and Winnett in July of 1916. (See also MORELAND — Cat Creek)

MORGAN, Ed While Morgans lived in Winnett, Mrs. Morgan worked for several months in the Aristo Theater. They left for the East in May of 1921.

MORGAN, Joseph B. In 1929, after several years of living in Winnett during the school week and returning to the ranch about 10 miles southwest of Winnett on weekends, Mrs. Morgan and Dorothy, now accompanied by Mr. Morgan, moved into Winnett permanently (See also MORGAN — Teigen). Dorothy had commenced high school. The Morgan home was at 305 South Teigen Avenue. Mr. Morgan served several years on the School District #159 Board during the 1920s. He did not enjoy retirement for long, as he died in November of 1931.

Mrs. Morgan continued to live in Winnett, renting part of her house as an apartment. She acted as a mother or grandmother to several people and spent a lot of time visiting her children. She died in September of 1942.

Dorothy, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1931, reminisced: "Whitten was my favorite teacher — probably because I got better grades in commercial classes than I did in any others!"
MORGAN, Russell  Russell, wife Dorothy, and family lived at 305 South Broadway when they were operating the Aristo Theater in the 1930s. They made their own delicious ice cream, which was sold in the confectionery part of the theater. (See also MORGAN — Teigen)

MORNINGSTAR, Alvie (W.T. Sept. 1915) "The work has already begun on the new tailor shop to be erected by A. S. Morningstar east of the Jarrett Hotel. The basement is excavated and lumber is on the ground for the carpenters. In this, Winnet is to have a brand new tailoring establishment." Alvie homesteaded Sec. 34-15-27.

MORSE, Florence  Florence Morse was employed at Pat’s Cafe. She and her husband had been divorced, but when King H. Morse Jr. was discharged from military service, he returned to Winnett, and he and Florence were remarried on September 1, 1946, by Justice of the Peace O. K. Hough. They left to make their home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

MORTIMER, W. O. (W.T. 6-24-21) "The partnership of L. I. Brimm and W. O. Mortimer, doing business under the name of Oil Field Sales Agency, has been dissolved on the 15th day of June 1921, by mutual agreement, and the public are hereby notified that the undersigned will not be liable for any contract entered into by anyone under the name of Oil Field Sales Agency. W. O. Mortimer."

MORTON, John  John Morton of Chicago was transferred to Winnett as general manager of the Independent Pipe Line. (W.T. 7-1-1921) "Mr. Morton comes to Winnett with years of practical experience to guide him in his new executive capacity, and it is a safe prediction that the enterprise will progress under his direction."

MORTON, R. Pat  R. Pat Morton purchased the Aristo Theater in April of 1934. He sound-proofed the walls and ceiling and installed two of the latest sound machines. He also purchased buildings in Grassrange, Montana, Jordan, Montana, and Judith Gap, Montana, and remodeled them for theatrical purposes. He showed movies at each location on different nights.

In March of 1935, Pat was also appointed as the authorized Terraplane, Hudson, and Diamond T truck dealer for this district. The first interior popcorn machine in Winnett was installed by Pat in the Aristo Theater in November of 1935.

In February 1936 one of the plagues of Winnett hit, and an internal fire in the Aristo burned all the sound padding from the walls and ceilings. Also part of the floor and some of the seats were damaged. Pat quickly acquired workmen to repair the damage so the movie "Grand Exit" could be shown as scheduled the following week.

The building was closed for about six months in late 1937 but was reopened the first of January in 1938. Shows were resumed on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Roller skating was held in the building every other week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. A. Neirstheimer was the skate manager. He had a new music maker and new skates.

In April of 1938 the Aristo was closed, and Pat left for Fairfield, Montana, where he was a salesman for Plymouth and Dodge cars. The family did not move until later. A son was born in April of 1938. Pat’s wife, Olive, was named Petroleum County census enumerator in January of 1940. Olive and the four children moved to Fairfield June 1, 1940.

MOTAREY, J. T. (See BLANCHARD, H. E.)

MOUTREY, Jim  Jim Moutrey was the manager of the Mint Bar and Lounge during the second "baby" oil boom of early 1946.

MUDD, John Otis  J. Otis Mudd was born September 25, 1891, in Butte, Montana, and was reared in the Big Hole Basin of southwestern Montana. J. Otis and Vera Guilbault were married October 7, 1912. Two children were born to this union — John (1913) and Vera (1914). Mrs. Vera Mudd died when daughter Vera was born. After Vera’s death, J. Otis married Vera’s sister Ellen. Ellen and J. Otis had five children — Mary (1917), Joseph (1921), Catherine Alexina (1928), Rose Ellen (1930) and Doris Ann (1933).

In 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Mudd, John, Vera and Mary arrived in Winnett. Mr. Mudd and F. A. Boeckman became partners in the Enterprise Meat Market which they purchased from Rudy Beck, and which was located three doors east of the first Aristo. The family’s home was at 240 Southwest Avenue (in 1989 the Brendan Murphy home).

(W.T. 4-17-25) "George P. Mudd, father of J. Otis Mudd, arrived here last week to visit a few days with the Mudd family. Mrs. Mudd, who was visiting at Grassrange, Montana, with the Emory Mudd family, arrived Monday, and the elderly folks are enjoying a visit with their children and grandchildren."
"George P. Mudd trekked cattle through this section of the country thirty-seven years ago (1888) when the range was wide and white folks were scarce. His home ranch is in the Big Hole country."

The Otis Mudd family lived in Winnett for nine years and were valuable assets in business and social circles. Besides running a meat market, Mr. Mudd was president of the Petroleum County Realty Co. He was on the executive committee of the Winnett Chamber of Commerce which successfully led the campaign to form Petroleum County, and he and Elmer Eager signed the bond for appeal costs when the county-splitting case was taken to the Montana Supreme Court in April 1923.

The loss of the Enterprise Meat Market by fire on September 1, 1929, was a financial setback for the family. They decided not to re-establish a market in Winnett but moved to Missoula, Montana. (W.T. 10-11-29) "Otis and his estimable family will be sorely missed in this city, but their many friends wish them the best of luck in their new home."

John Mudd married Clara Stowe. John (deceased) was a car dealer by trade. He and Clara had one daughter, Charlene. Vera became Sister Rita and was president of the College of Great Falls for several years.

Mary was a librarian at Carroll College for 20 years and now lives in Missoula, Montana. She married E. Perry Moholt, and they were parents of four children — Thomas John, Ellen Christine, Mary Anne and James Perry. Mary reminisced: "I recall Mother telling us stories about people from the oil field coming into town eating at a restaurant that was a tent with dirt floors... I recall riding out to the slaughter house (south of Winnett about two miles) with my father. I also recall how my father spent many days working to form Petroleum County, Independent of Fergus County. Roger Mudd, television anchorman, is a very distant relative of our family."

Joseph was a lawyer. He married Rose Marie Bourdeaux, and the couple were parents of John Otis Mudd III, Lee Ann, Nancy and Jolene. Catherine Alexina "Lex" was a social worker. She married John McCullough, and they had six children — John Charles, Bruce, Joe, Robert, William and Ellen. Rose Ellen, a teacher, married Robert Richle and had five children — Diane, Larry, Allen, Dan and Elaine. Doris Ann married Tom Haggarty. Doris was a teacher. She and Tom had five children — Michael, Anne, Ellen, Pat, and Sean.

Mr. Mudd died in 1961. Mrs. Mudd, in 1969.

MÜLLER, Fr. Aloysius Fr. Müller was born in Lucerne, Switzerland. He received his early education with the Benedictine Fathers at Engleburg, Switzerland. He continued his studies under the Benedictines at Mount Angel, Oregon, after coming to the United States in 1890.

He was adopted into the diocese of Helena, Montana, and ordained there by the Rev. J. B. Bondell, D.D., the first Montana bishop. Father Müiller served 54 years in the diocese as missionary priest at the following Montana missions: St. Labre, Roundup, Harlowton, Lewistown, Hilger, and Winnett.

An elderly couple, aged 68 and 70, who lived at Roy, Montana, wished to be married in January of 1927. They called Father Müiller to perform the ceremony. They could speak nothing but Bohemian; consequently, Fr. Müiller had to learn the Bohemian ceremony to accommodate them.

In October 1948, after being in Winnett for 25 years, Father Müller celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination. The ceremony was held at St. Leo’s in Lewistown, Montana.

At his residence in Winnett, he also operated a small printing shop which supplied printed forms to the Catholic church in various parts of the state. It was while working in his shop that he suffered a heart attack which took his life on October 8, 1952. Besides people, Father Müiller loved flowers and gardening. (See also CATHOLIC CHURCH; also picture, page 460)

MUNK, Christian (W.T. 12-9-1921) "Christian Munk, who emigrated here from Denmark last April is attending school for the purpose of studying English."

MUNSING, Alyce (W.T. 7-8-1921) "The Misses Alyce Munsing, Nellie Pullin, Margery Hough, and Etta Nichols have taken bachelor-girl quarters in the E. M. Berg residence..."

MURPHY, Brendan Brendan Murphy was born and raised in Roundup, Montana, where he graduated from Roundup High School. He attended college out of state one year on a basketball scholarship but returned to Montana where he graduated from Montana State College in 1959. He married Joan Hill.

Joan Hill, daughter of Floyd and Viola Hill, was born and raised in the Winnett community. She graduated from high school in 1955 and continued her education at Montana State University, where she received a degree in home economics and business education in 1959. She was married that August to Brendan Murphy from Roundup, Montana.

In 1967 Brendan was named Class C Basketball Coach of the Year, after taking the Stanford High School Wolves to the state tournament where they won second place. The following year, 1968, he was named Class B Basketball Coach of the Year for coaching Chinook High School to the Class B basketball state championship. Under his leadership Chinook placed third in the state basketball tournament in 1969.

Together, Brendan and Joan have taught school in Montana for fifteen years. Their family was completed with the birth of two sons, Brad and Brent. In June 1974, Murphys made the decision to return to Winnett where Brendan worked with Floyd and Vi Hill on their ranch, and Joan taught home economics and business in the local school system.

Brad completed his education at Winnett High School graduating in 1983. He continued his education at Carroll College where he participated in the basketball program.
for three years and received a degree in business administration in 1987. He married Shannon Clinch of Helena, Montana, on July 2, 1988, and they reside in Seattle, Washington, where he is pursuing a career in banking.

Brent finished his junior and senior years at Roundup High School, graduating in 1985. He is working toward a degree in secondary education at Montana State University with plans to graduate in 1990.

Joan has completed 14 years of teaching in the Winnett school system, and Brendan is busy working on the Hill Ranch. Brendan was elected to the Petroleum County Board of Commissioners in 1976 and has served two terms in that office. On November 8, 1988, he was elected to another six-year term. (By Joan Murphy)

The Murphy boys, Brad and Brent, were excellent athletes. Brad was chosen as a member of the basketball All-State Class C first team in March of 1983. That same year, Brent was one of three sophomores who received All-State honorable mention in basketball.

In the dead of night, when all else is still, some strange sound may emanate from inside the Murphy home. It may well be echoes of music and roller skates; or the solemn processional march of graduating Winnett High School seniors; or the booming voice of Dan McKay urging local people to form their own county; or Nadine Griebel making sound effects on the piano for the silent movies; or the applause of the crowd as Hattie and Al Bohn so gracefully dance the Spanish Waltz. These whimsical noises could be generated from the hardwood flooring which was placed in the house. These fine boards were originally installed in one of the most popular buildings of the town, the large brick building known as the second Aristo. (See also HILL)

MUTH, Roy V. Mr. Muth first set up the Winnett Sheet Metal Works in Boyd’s Garage. He later purchased a building, south of Boyd’s Garage, from Dave Farnum, and conducted his sheet metal work there.

MYERS, Lee Lee “Pudge” Myers graduated from Winnett High School in 1955. He worked in the oil fields and volunteered for the draft in August of 1956. He worked for G. A. Ostler and Sons of Helmville, Montana, and then was ranch foreman for Wales Brothers, Inc. Sally Burnham and Pudge were married in 1959.

In 1973 Lee bought the original Jarrett home at 101 South Broadway in Winnett from Jack Clark. Pudge and his wife, Sally, had moved to Winnett to work for Hugh Brindley on construction. In 1974 they moved to a ranch between Big Timber and Livingston, Montana. Their Winnett house was sold to John Sibbert. The Lee Myers family now live in Rainier, Washington. They have four children — Gwen, Gary, Greg, and Benny. (See also MYERS — Dovetail)

MYERS, Roy (By Janet Myers) “I, Janet Merten, youngest daughter of John and Velma Merten, and Roy Myers, oldest son of Tiff and Lillian Myers, were married March 11, 1957. We started our married life at what is now the Fred Robinson Bridge, as Roy was employed there. We lived there two months and then came home to work for Petroleum County. Our life for many years consisted of construction work and working on ranches.

“Our son, Rick, was born April 25, 1958, and on August 27, 1960, our oldest daughter, Rhonda, was born. When school time was nearing, we quit construction. Our youngest daughter, Renae, was born in September of 1963. We moved to Fort Benton, Montana, and leased a ranch until 1973, when it was sold. We moved to Livingston, Montana, in 1973 and figured we had finally found our home. We built a new home in 1976. Roy was working on a ranch at this time. In 1978 he went to work for Burlington Railroad.

“In May of 1979 Rhonda was married. In November of that same year, Renae was in a terrible accident, but the good Lord was with us and she survived. In September of 1982, we were blessed with our first grandchild, Brad, born to Rhonda and Ralph Fehlman. He was really a joy.

“In 1983 Roy was laid off from the railroad. He worked around Livingston doing work that he could. And in May of 1985, he went to work for Burt Bevis in Winnett. I stayed on in Livingston until we sold our home, at which time I joined Roy in Winnett.

“Our youngest daughter, Renae, and Herman Wilson were married in 1984, and in March of 1985 they presented us with another grandson, Lance. Our first granddaughter was born May 6, 1986, to Rhonda and Ralph. So now there are no dull moments in our lives.

“Roy went to work for Petroleum County in 1986 as a truck driver, and in 1987 became road foreman which was his goal for a long time. I am sure Winnett will be our home for a long time. On the side, we do a little fishing
and enjoy our motor home." (See also MYERS — Dovetail)

NAPTON, Percy Percy Napton was born July 21, 1876, at Elk Hill, Missouri. He studied law and was an early lawyer in Winnett, practicing through the first oil-boom years. (W.T. 10-7-21) "Mr. and Mrs. Percy Napton left Monday for New York, from which point they will sail to France to visit with Mrs. Napton's mother and sister in Paris. Mrs. Napton's mother and sister will sail soon for their home in India." Mr. Napton's ads in the Winnett Times were discontinued as of the first of September of 1922, which indicates that he might have left Winnett at that time.

In August of 1923, Percy wrote to Homer Geis of Winnett from San Francisco, California: (quoted in part): "... Well, you know the difficulty of breaking into the game in a new place — more, in particular, in a big city. I think I will be able to land a place in the office of one of the foremost lawyers of the city — fact is. I have already done some work for him and think I have made good.

'Why do you not locate in this country? ... I liked Winnett and the people there ... I hope Winnett becomes a county seat. That is one of the disadvantages of practicing law in Winnett ... To me Winnett was an interesting place and I liked the rough and tumble life it afforded ... Give my regards to Weidman, Druggist Woods and our genial friend, Nick.'

Masonic Jerusalem Lodge secretary books revealed that in 1933 Percy was an attorney in the courthouse of Woodland Park, Colorado.

NEIL, Joe Joe, raised in Kansas City, was an electrician working for the City Light Co. in Winnett when he and Maxine Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlie Cox, were married in the Episcopal parsonage in Billings, Montana, in 1925. Maxine and Joe were attended by their two friends, Vane Catlin and Winnie Smith, of Winnett. In 1927 Joe purchased the machine shop equipment of Frank Boyd of Cat Creek and had it placed in the Hoyle's Garage, where Joe ran a machine shop. With this purchase, Joe had the largest lathe this side of Billings.

Later, in partnership with Alvin Ingebo, Joe was a proprietor of the Neil-Ingebo Garage. (W.T. 11-23-28) "At the Neil-Ingebo Garage they have a large speaker which, when attached to their radio and set in the driveway of the garage, can be heard all over the city. When the music first began to pour forth, our citizens wondered where all the music was coming from. On still nights the speaker can be heard ten blocks from the garage."

Joe later worked for the Lewistown Electric Co. and in 1934 was employed as a machinist by Trench Oil Company of Cat Creek, Montana. Being handy at many trades, and having been formerly associated with his father in the restaurant business, Joe tried a new venture in 1938 when he took over the management of the Herman Hansen Cafe. Still preferring to work with tools and electricity, Joe leased the Jim Bair repair shop, when Jim left Winnett in April of 1939.

February of 1940 found Joe back at the City Light Co. working with Harry Hafer. At the same time Joe was chosen as justice of the peace for the 1940 and 1941 years. Then came World War II and machinists were much in demand. The Nells moved to Bremerton, Washington, where Joe was employed in the Puget Sound Navy yard. After the war he and son Rex established an electric service shop, J. F. Neil and Son, in Cut Bank, Montana. This was truly a family affair, as Maxine served as bookkeeper for the company.

Joe died in 1968 after a long illness. Rex continued in the business until January of 1988, when he sold it and retired. He still makes his home in Cut Bank. His three children are grown and on their own. Peggy Joe Neil Robinson graduated from Cut Bank High School and the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana, and now resides in Sacramento, California. Peggy's children are also grown. Maxine has retired as bookkeeper and continues to make her home in Cut Bank. (See also COX — Cat Creek)

NELSEN, Dan Dan Nelsen was chosen as Superintendent of the Winnett Elementary and High Schools in 1986, and is presently serving Winnett in this Centennial year of 1989-1990. Dan was raised and educated in Kalispell, Montana, and Havre, Montana. He graduated from Havre High School in 1962 and from Northern Montana College of Havre in 1966. Before coming to Winnett, he taught in a number of Montana schools — Browning, Chinook, Harlem, Columbia Falls, and Whitefish. He came to Winnett from Terry, Montana, where he was an administrator.

Dan's wife, Margaret "Margie" (Johnstone), was raised and educated at Fort Benton, Montana, and Bozeman, Montana. Her father was acting president of Montana State University in 1970. She graduated from Bozeman High School in 1965 and the University of Montana in 1969. Margie was a speech therapist in the Harlem school system and was a teacher at Terry. She is a teacher of first grade students in Winnett (1989-1990).

The Nelsens have two daughters: Jennifer, who was born in Bozeman in 1971 and graduated as a valedictorian of Winnett High School in 1989; and Lisa, who was born in Whitefish, Montana, in 1973 and is a junior at Winnett High School in 1989-1990.

NELSON, Arthur Art Nelson, son of Oscar and Hedvig Nelson, was born in Thurston, Nebraska. He came to Montana and on May 8, 1917, was married to Lulu Mae Thompson in Lewistown, Montana. "Mae," daughter of Steven and Jennie Fay Thompson, was born in Decatur, Nebraska. She homesteaded near Roy, Montana, in 1913. Art worked in the Montana Lumber and Hardware Store at Roy.

In April of 1919 the company transferred Art to manage their store and yard in Winnett. The Winnett store had been established August 10, 1914. When Art arrived, the business was housed in the Winnett Block. There, in 1921, the essentials of every household — a pail, a dipper, and a
The Nelson family moved to Livingston, Montana, where Merle became a Greyhound bus driver. He was killed in a bus-car collision in August of 1946. Later that same year, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson moved to Gold Bar, Washington. Mrs. Nelson died in 1952, Frank in 1967.

NELSON, Oscar Oscar Nelson, born March 4, 1894, in Paynesville, Minnesota, was assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Winnett in 1921. He also had farm land at Winfred, Montana. In 1921 he reported grasshoppers did his harvesting for him there. Oscar was secretary-treasurer of the then popular Gun Club of Winnett.

NESS, Mrs. (W.T. 9-21-23) "Mrs. Ness, of Lewistown, Montana, has arranged with Mrs. Alexander to open a beauty parlor in conjunction with the Dress Shoppe. Mrs. Ness comes recommended as an artist in applying beauty to the beautiful as well as to all others."

NEVILLE, Hattie Hattie Neville ran the Cosmopolitan Rooms until the building was razed by fire in October of 1927. The Riley Cafe, adjoining on the south, was also ravaged. The Cosmopolitan Rooms were in Block 3 facing Broadway Avenue and south of the Leader Hotel.

NEWMAN, Judy Judy Newman, formerly Judy Moore, opened the Mecca Beauty Shop in Winnett November 13, 1975, planning to have it open each Thursday and Friday.

NICHOLS, Etta In 1921 Etta was leader of the Victory Memorial Methodist Church music group. She was assisted by Dr. J. L. Alexander. Etta was also stenographer for the Frantz Corporation. She married Dean Quilter of Great Falls, Montana, on May 17, 1930. (See also QUILTER — Brush Creek and Winnett)

NICHOLSON, Lyda Mrs. Lyda Nicholson was one of the registered nurses who established a hospital in Winnett in March of 1924. The equipment came from a Roundup, Montana, hospital and was installed in the Park Hotel (in 1989, the Masonic building). Reportedly, the first floor was used as an operating room by Dr. Kent W. Berry, and there were 15 hospital beds on the second floor. Miss Stella Youderian was the name of the other registered nurse. The hospital was known as the Winnett Hospital and was not believed to have operated for more than a few months. Alexander Dixon from Cat Creek was the first patient registered.

NOBLE, George R. George was one of the proprietors of the Army and Navy Store in Winnett. The store, which was in Block 18 facing Main Street, was destroyed by fire in September of 1921. (See also MCGUIRE — Winnett)

NOLEN, William Ford W. Ford Nolen, born in June of 1886 at Colorado City, Texas, homesteaded about six miles southeast of Winnett. In April of 1921 Mr. Nolen inaugurated a stage line service between Winnett and Lewistown, Montana, operating daily. His office was at the Central Drug Store. The route was via Cheadle and
Grassrange, Montana, leaving Lewistown at 10 A. M. and Winnett at 5 P. M. He used new seven-passenger cars and made stops at any place on the route. (See also NOLEN — Teigen)

NORMAN, Katherine Moore Katy Moore taught the W. J. Winnett children and other school-age children in the W. J. Winnett home in 1906-07. (W.T. 4-1-1921) "Tom R. Moore of Lewistown, Montana, drove down Monday for a visit to the oil fields, being accompanied on the trip by his daughter, Mrs. Katherine Norman, of Bozeman, Montana. Mrs. Norman was very much interested in the phenomenal growth of Winnett and recalled the days when she taught school in Winnett. This was over thirteen years ago, when the only resident of the present thriving town was Walter Winnett and his family. Being engaged as teacher for his children at that time gives her the distinction of being the first schoolteacher in Winnett, and she could scarce believe that this is the same place. While here Mr. Moore and his daughter were guests at the Winnett home."

NORMAN, M. (W.T. 6-3-1922) "Born at high noon Friday at the Rimrock Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. M. Norman, a girl."

NORTHROP, William Mr. Northrup was one of the earliest barbers in Winnett and built one of the first buildings on Main Street in Block 10. Former residents recall that although he was crippled, he was a perfectionist in his trade. Besides barbering, he gave manicures and facials to ladies. When he died in the summer of 1919, Mrs. Permelia Allen was named as administratrix of his estate. Her relationship to Mr. Northrup was not known, but for a time the building was then known as the Allen building. It later became a furniture exchange, a dress shop and a millinery for Mrs. D. C. (Daisy) Walker, the Winnett Bakery and the Eager Mercantile store. In 1989 it is known as the Bauer building and is used for storage.

O'DONNELL, Joe J. J. O'Donnell was in charge of the Mid Northern Oil office when it opened in October of 1921. In June of 1922 he went to Ringling, Montana, to be in charge of drilling activities there.

OGG, Albert W. A. W. Ogg freighted his household goods from Lewistown, Montana, to Winnett in the fall of 1914. He had a homestead in the Petrolia area in Sec. 22-14-28. One of the first buildings to go up on Main Street in Winnett was the one occupied by the Winnett Land Company in the early days and later used by Mr. Ogg as a residence. When the first train came into Winnett in October of 1917, and the steel rail was dropped that fell on the town site, the lever of the long-wished-for whistle of the locomotive was pulled by A. W. Ogg of the Winnett Land Co. Mr. Ogg built the first sidewalk in Winnett. It consisted of a three-foot-wide board walk beside his place of business. By April 1 of 1921, the press of business and the need of more desirable locations on Main Street made it necessary for Mr. Ogg to move his land office building to his residence lot on Moulton Avenue. The lot vacated by the land office next contained a business which housed automobile accessories. The land office was then housed in the First State Bank building until the first of May 1921, when it was moved into a new building on Main Street just east of the Hub Clothing store.

When the Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church was organized, Mrs. A. W. Ogg was the first president. The Ogg's left Winnett in February of 1923. The Ladies Aid sponsored a farewell party for them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Woods. Mrs. Ogg had been president of the Ladies Aid since it had been organized. (W.T. 2-23-1923) "The departure of the Ogg family to Lewistown, Montana, will mean a distinct loss in church, social, and business circles, as during their residence in this city, they have always taken a leading part in these affairs, proving themselves an estimable and valuable family for any community."

Mrs. Ogg died in 1939. Mr. Ogg died in 1941. They had two sons — Ralph and Lon, and one daughter — Betty (Mrs. Clarence Bates).

OGG, L. A. L. A. Ogg was also connected with the Winnett Land Company.

OGG, Ralph R. Ralph Ogg, born February 11, 1889, at Solsberry, Indiana, was an early merchant and a registrar of elections of the early days of Winnett. In June of 1922 the Ogg's moved to Great Falls, Montana, where they resided for a few years. Mr. Ogg was interested in oil holdings and conducted a land office from that point. The family later moved to Missoula, Montana, where Mr. Ogg managed a store.

O'LEARY, Mary One half of the front portion of the lower floor of the Munroe Hotel was equipped as a confectionery by Mrs. Mary O'Leary. (W.T. 4-8-1921) "Mrs. O'Leary is planning to establish in Winnett the most elaborate confectionery in Central Montana. It will be equipped with private booths, marble finished furniture, carpets, and an extremely elegant fountain." The Munroe Hotel was in the block directly across the street from the Winnett Block. The hotel burned in September of 1921.

OLMSTEAD, Archie Archie Olmstead was married to Dorothy Ziesmer, and they were parents of a daughter, Susie. Archie was a trucker and also worked as a mechanic in garages. He was working for Vane Catlin when the Catlin Garage burned in 1937. Archie helped move the Catlins to Miles City, Montana, in August of 1938.

OLSEN, Lars R. (W.T. 4-15-1921) "L. R. Olsen, of Great Falls, Montana, has purchased the lot occupied by the Motor Transport Co., and after the removal of the Motor Transport building, will erect thereon a large, two-story brick and tile structure, 25' x 50', the lower portion of which will be used exclusively as a billiard parlor. Mr. Olsen expects to lease the upper story. The building will be furnished with fixtures costing $7000 and will be con-
considered the most elegant billiard parlor in Central Montana.

"Mr. Olsen shows his faith in the future of the Wonder City when he unhesitatingly invests so heavily with us, and rather than a frame building, erects a splendid brick and tile structure that will stand for years as a credit to the city and the owner."

In June 1921 Lars opened a new confectionery and soft drink fountain in the new building on East Main Street. The building was decorated with fine paintings. Mr. Olsen also operated the Savoy Hotel, which was established July 16, 1921, in the upper story. His rates for rooms in August of 1921 were as follows: a room with hot and cold water — $1.50, or $2.00 for two persons occupying the same room.

Mrs. Olsen and children moved from Great Falls, Montana, to make their home in Winnett in August of 1921. (W.T. 11-4-1921) "The Savoy Hotel has the distinction of being the first and only hostelry in the city of Winnett with all modern improvements. being steam heated with hot and cold water in every room and baths on each floor."

OLSON, Ronald Ronald Olson came to the Winnett area from Minnesota and worked for the Mid-Rivers Telephone installation crew. Lurene Solf graduated from Winnett High School in 1961. Ronny and Lurene were married in June of 1962. They did not live in Winnett right after their marriage, but returned later and worked for David Hale on his ranch. Ronnie drove the school bus when Hales acquired the bus contract for the north Winnett-Dovetail route.

In 1973 the Olsons purchased the grocery store, meat and locker plant, and laundromat from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark, and they are still operating in 1989. They are also proprietors of the State Liquor store.

Lurene and Ronny are the parents of six children — Edwin, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1981 and works with a seismic crew; Donna, a 1982 graduate, who married Lloyd McKenna and is a registered nurse; Carol, class of 1983, who is attending Montana State University at Bozeman (1989); Terri, class of 1986, attended beauty operator school in Bozeman and married Ken Smith of Three Forks, Montana; Brad, who graduated in 1987 and is in the Air Force in Turkey; and Marcia, attending Winnett High School (1989).

OPP, Arthur (W.T. 4-15-1921) "Arthur Opp, of Helena, arrived in Winnett on Saturday of last week and is making arrangements to open undertaking parlors in the west half of the new Ogg building. He has taken over the supplies formerly handled by George Pullin. Mr. Opp comes to the city as an experienced undertaker and embalmer and as such, will no doubt meet with a goodly share of success."

(W.T. 4-22-1921) "Messrs. Potter and Osborne of Judith Gap, Montana, who established an undertaking parlor in this city some two months ago, have sold their business to Messrs. Creel and Opp, the latter being in charge of the business here."

(W.T. 5-6-1921) Ad:

CREEL AND OPP
Funeral Directors and Licensed Embalmers — Calls Answered Day or Night — Our establishment next door to the Winnett Land Office is now completed and we are prepared to handle any case in a sanitary and up-to-date manner.

PHONOGRAPHS AND MAGAZINES
Our complete line of Columbia graphophones and records should arrive at any time, and our magazines will arrive as the May issues are published. Call and see our complete stock next to the Winnett Land Co. CREEL AND OPP Winnett, Montana.

ORANCE, Henry "ONE — ARM HENRY" According to the Winnett Times, Henry was born February 5, 1865, and received his education in Deer Lodge, Montana. During this period he was shot in the left arm, and the arm had to be amputated at the shoulder. He was a range rider at the age of 16 and at one time worked with Marcus Daly.

He was in Marcus Daly's employ during the first battle over the choice of the State Capitol site. In the spring of 1882, he helped trail 3000 head of cattle to British Columbia. The owner of the cattle was the Prince of Wales, who owned the U Bar Ranch. By 1900, through squatters' rights, he owned land which was later sold to Eben Ashley. He also worked as a shepherd all over Petroleum County.

"One-arm Henry" spent many hours of his declining days at Cole’s Service Station visiting with Kenny and watching the world go by. Mr. Orance died in 1946. He had been the oldest living pioneer within the borders of Petroleum County.

ORE, George George was born April 21, 1886. Jessie South was born October 12, 1887. Jessie and George were married October 10, 1917, at Ortonville, Minnesota. Jessie had previously been a schoolteacher in Andover, South Dakota.

After their marriage, the couple made their home in Lewistown, Montana, where George was a lawyer. In March of 1943, after Petroleum County Attorney Nick Langshausen's death, the Petroleum County Commissioners appointed George Ore to the position of Petroleum County Attorney.

Jessie Ore was hired as teacher of the Weede School in 1943 and taught there several years. She also was teacher of third and fourth grade students in Winnett during the 1945-46 school term. In 1945 Ore purchased the two original Sommerfield houses in Winnett. They lived in the two-story house at 15 South Broadway.

Mr. Ore was a self-appointed volunteer janitor and maintenance man of the Methodist basement church all the years that he lived in Winnett. It was not an easy task, because in those days coal was shoveled and ashes were carried up the stairs. Mr. Ore did all within his power, however, to have the large building clean and toasty warm. Both he and Mrs. Ore served as Sunday school
superintendents and teachers.

Ores’ daughter, Carol, and her two sons, Danny and Mike, lived in Winnett for a time when Carol’s husband was water commissioner. Carol also helped with Sunday school classes and played the piano for different groups and classes. The Ores had a son, Wesley, who was married and had children, and who visited often.

June of 1967 brought an award to George Ore as a fifty-year member of the Montana Bar Association. George resigned as County Attorney August 1, 1967. In October the Ores were honored with a Golden Wedding celebration. George died May 1, 1969. After his death Mrs. Ore presented the town of Winnett with lots 6, 7, and 8 of Block 11 for the designated use as a city park. The plot was developed and named George D. Ore Memorial Park. Local folks and visitors enjoy the picnic tables and playground equipment.

Mrs. Ore died in August of 1979.

OSBORNE (See OPP, Arthur)

OSTLAND, Frederick G. Frederick Ostland was born January 3, 1886, in Sweden. (W.T. 4-29-1921) “The Frederick G. Ostland Company has opened its offices in the building formerly occupied by the Winnett Land Co. The company will handle leases, royalties, and general oil development investments, and the company will prove a valuable addition to the live wires already located in the Wonder City. Mr. Ostland comes here from Minneapolis.”

OSTLER, G. Alvin The Ostler family arrived in Winnett along with a beautiful sunrise the morning of July 6, 1946. They moved into the Hegna house. The summer was spent stockin their new ranch on the Musselshell River and moving their belongings from the U. S. Naval Reserve, Teapot Dome, Wyoming. (See also OSTLER — Musselshell River)

The Ostler family formed the 311 Ranch Corporation in 1951 and purchased the Odillo Rogge Ranch; this included parcels of the old Walter Winnett Ranch and the Walter Winnett home located at the intersection of Main and Grand Avenue. The Ostlers made their home in the Winnett house. In 1962 the 311 Ranch Corporation purchased the old Kelly Ranch from Pete Widener at Helmville, Montana, and in 1964 they sold their Winnett holdings to Bill and Cleo Meyer and Eileen Foxley.

Harold graduated from high school at Midwest, Wyoming, in 1946. He married Doris Isaacs. (See also ISAACS) in 1953. The couple live on a small ranch at Helmville and operate a trucking business. They have three children — Penney, Sandra and David. Penney and Mike Clark live in Helena, Montana, where she works for the State Department of Welfare. Sandra and A. J. Kroll live at Drummond, Montana, with their two daughters. David works in the timber industry.

Twin brothers (Bob and Dick) and Mary graduated from Winnett High School. Spurred on by the exuberance of their cheerleading mother, the Ostler boys were fine competitors on the basketball floor and the football field.

The same mother can still be found at tournaments — cheering her heart out for the team she supports!

Bob married Jennie Hatch in 1963. The couple had eight children and lived at Laurin, near Sheridan, Montana. Bob died from complications of an auto accident in January 1981. Dick married Darlene Orr in 1962; they had two children. Dick was injured in a horseback-riding accident and died in July 1963. Mary is married to Hugh Brindley. (See also BRINDLEY — Winnett)

Mary remembers how she felt when, as a young teenager, she would go to the Winnett Post Office after the family mail: “Often the lobby would be full of people—visiting, laughing, or just patiently or impatiently waiting for the windows to be opened. In those days the post office service windows were closed as soon as the train whistled. This was done to allow the postmaster and clerk time to lock the outgoing mail sacks and distribute the incoming mail. When the windows were opened, people checked their boxes, others lined up at the general delivery window, and the crowd soon dispersed.”

As a newcomer, Mary said she felt very shy as she wended her way through the throng to get the family mail from the box.

G. Alvin Ostler died in 1963; Mary L. (Leona) Ostler still makes her home in Helmville (1989).

OWENS, Shephard (W.T. 9-2-1921) “Shephard Owens, about 72 years of age, was found dead at 4 o’clock Friday afternoon in his room at the Rancher’s Rooming House. Kidney trouble and old age are given as the cause of his death. The deceased was apparently in good health but went to bed in the forenoon to rest and died while sleeping in bed. He was found by friends who became anxious as to his whereabouts.”

“Shepherd is known of Mr. Owens past life, other than he leaves three daughters and one sister who could not be located. He came to this city about four months ago and worked at odd jobs and took care of the Rancher’s Rooming House for some time. Friends who knew him attempted to locate relatives, but all letters and telegrams were fruitless in the search. Creel and Opp prepared the body for burial and funeral services were held by Rev. Alton.”

PADGETT, Kenneth In May of 1955, Ken Padgett was named work unit conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Petroleum County. He served in that capacity for sixteen years. For two of these years, he and his family lived in Winnett. They had three daughters — Jona, Laurie, and Kerrie. The Padgetts lived in Grassrange, Montana, for fourteen years. And the girls were all students there when Ken was transferred to Jordan, Montana, in May of 1971.

PAINTER, William In May of 1921 William Painter erected a building on Broadway north of the Milwaukee railroad. He operated a blacksmith shop there.

PALIN, Gurn Gurn Palin was a brother of Mrs. C. V. (Mabel) Allen. Agnes Calvin had originally come to Win-
nett as a helper in the Rudy Glatz household. She became a partner with Mabel Allen and her sister in operating the Coffee Cup Cafe. She and Gurn Palin were married April 12, 1952. Agnes later helped in the City Food Lockers when the Allen family was operating the plant. The Gurn Palins made their home at 301 Edith Street.

PALIN, Murry Murry, a brother of Gurn Palin, operated the Shell Service Station in Winnett in the mid-1940s. He and his wife, Edith, were parents of four sons — Max, George "Blackie," Ernest "Red," and Robert. The family lived in the Bennett house in Block 13 facing Teigen Avenue. They later moved to Billings, Montana. In 1935 George and his wife returned to Winnett and operated the City Service Station.

PALMER, C. E. Mr. Palmer and Charles J. Doherty were joint publishers of the Winnett Times from 1921 to 1931 (See also DOHERTY)

PALMER, Emma Emma Palmer (a sister of Andrew C. Anderson of the Petrolia area) and her daughter, Ruth, operated a luncheonette by the name of Uneeda Lunch. It was established in the Butte Block in February 1926. Emma married Rudolph Branden of Teigen, Montana, May 4, 1929.

Ruth graduated from Winnett High School in 1927 and, in April 1928, married Gail Carver. They had one son, John. She worked for 15 years in the Alaska State Department of Revenue at Juneau. She enjoyed raising flowers.

PARKINSON, Edward Eileen "Billy" Parkinson Potter related her memories of the family's time in Winnett. "When our family moved into Winnett, we rented part of the old Freed house, once known as the 'Silver Rooms.' Later we lived in the Miller house next door to Otto Moore, the sheriff, and across the street to the south of the school playground. In the fall of 1935, we moved out to the Spaulding house under the rim and across the road from the CCC Camp, where our father was camp superintendent and project supervisor.

"One cold winter day, it was too cold to go to school, with wind, snow, and 20 degrees below. The next morning it was beautiful — clear skies, windless, and bright sun. We walked to town, enjoying the brisk weather. There was a huge, round, outdoor thermometer on the corner north of Dr. Alexander's office and the Masonic Lodge. It registered 30 degrees below, and we nearly froze in the next three blocks to school! If we hadn't seen the thermometer, we never would have noticed the cold!"

"On Fridays, in school assembly, students took turns putting on a program. I remember one we did with 'Paul Revere' riding on a stick horse around the stage, calling at windows. The British are coming! The British are coming! At the final window, a feminine voice called out, 'Too late. George is already here.' Assemblies were fun."

"It was very hard for the 'Frosh' to get away from the interfering sophomores to whitewash the 'W' under the rim. Zoe's and my class got up with the birds one spring morning, completed our chores, and were eating hotcakes and eggs in Mrs. Gaines' house before the rascally sophomores got the smell wiped out of their eyes. We were impressed with ourselves. We thought we were the smartest high school class ever."

"I don't now remember all the teachers we had, but two I remember with a great affection. Mr. Abbott and Ivan Hodges. Mr. Abbott had been a reporter on the Boston Globe and had never lost his "down East" accent. He was very kind to give assistance whenever I needed it. Mr. Hodges opened up new vistas. He belonged to the Book of the Month Club and was kind enough to let me read all his books. In my Senior Memory Book he wrote, ‘If you ever do anything with your art, I will regret less the hours you spent drawing in my classes.’"

"The Aristo Theater ran movies on Friday and Saturday. A boy I sometimes dated worked on Fridays at the show, so I got to see all the shows on Saturdays."

"A couple, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morgan, had an ice cream parlor in the front of the theater. It was a gathering place for the local youngsters, both high school and CCC boys. Just inside the door of the theater itself was a nickelodeon, and the Morgans allowed us to dance there. As a matter of fact, there were a lot of regular dances held there. I remember one in particular, the first March of Dimes dance, held on January 31. We had a blizzard: it was 20 degrees below zero, but we danced in overcoats and overshirts."

"When we were juniors, we put on the senior banquet and prom. Our flower was the jonquil, and our colors were green and yellow. The banquet was held in the Masonic Temple; the prom, to which the whole town came, was held in the high school gym. We decorated it with fir trees, separated by groups of chairs, and with coffee cans of wet earth filled with wild sweet peas."

"Mrs. Ruby Story painted a picture of a mountain road, which was spotlighted so that it looked like headlights of a car shining down on the road. I did a large picture of a prairie scene, including a log house, a corral, and hilly background, and a rattlesnake (just to add realism). We thought we had made a beautiful setting."

"One of the big events of our senior year was the play, which I believe was 'Mr. Pim Passes By.' Miss Martin, our director, had also directed the junior play in the fall and it had been a huge success. She called our attention to the fact that there were exactly the same number of boys in our class as there were male parts in the play. She did not feel they could do justice to the parts and wanted to use some junior boys in some parts, including the male lead."

"We objected, and she said, 'Remember, your audience deserves the best we can give them.' We said they didn't come to see a professional performance but to see their relatives and friends on stage. The final decision was that a senior play should be made up of seniors. Bless their hearts, our senior boys gave an excellent performance and our play was a big success."

"Baccalaureate was held the Sunday before graduation in the basement sanctuary of the Methodist Church. Then on graduation day, we decided we would not have an
out-of-town speaker. Instead, in addition to the valedictorian and salutatorian, we selected four of our classmates to give short speeches.

"Zoe and I were two of them. I don’t remember my subject, but I’ll never forget Zoe’s. She elected to address the eighth grade graduates who preceded us on stage. She warned them about being too impressed with themselves. Self-importance was a vice to be shunned. She said, ‘When I was a freshman, I thought I was pretty important, but I learned better. Now as a senior, I’m the best one in the class!’ As soon as graduation was over, we headed for the dance at Flatwillow, and the real festivities began!

“That was the end of our high school days in Winnett. Our folks moved to Great Falls in May of 1944 and lived there until their deaths — both on the same day, February 15, 1961. Our dad was 81 and our mother 76.” (See also PARKINSON — Musselshell River)

PARSONS, J. D. Mrs. J. D. Parsons leased the Hoyle Cafe and opened it for the name under the business of “Home Cafe” in February of 1928.

PEARL, THE CLEANER (W.T. 7-8-1921) “Speck, the tailor, and Pearl, the cleaner, two of the city’s dexterous and qualified tradesmen, have moved from their former location on Main Street to the rear of The Mode Clothing store, where they are still turning out the same quality work.”

PEARSON, George The George Pearson family from Chouteau, Montana, lived in the Methodist parsonage during the summer of 1966. Mr. Pearson worked for the Bureau of Land Management building some stockwater reservoirs approximately 17 miles north of Winnett. They returned to Chouteau on October 1, 1966.

PEARSON, Stella (W.T. 4-15-1921) “Mrs. Stella Pearson, of Chicago, Illinois, is having erected on the lots west of the Army and Navy store, the twenty-first rooming house in Winnett. To one not acquainted with conditions in this city, this may seem a great number of hotels and rooming houses, but as yet, the demand for rooms has not been over come.” This building (Cecil Hotel) was burned in the huge fire of September 30, 1921.

PEASE, Joseph A. Joe Pease and Charleen Whitmore both graduated from Melstone High School. They were later married and became the parents of three daughters — Wynita, Angela and Susan. In the spring of 1975 the Pease family moved to the original Eben Ashley Ranch in the Ashley area. They lived there for nine years and built up a fine herd of registered Black Angus cattle.

In 1985 Joe and Charleen purchased the Northern Hotel from Blanche and Hugh Grove. Peases sold their herd of cattle to Jack Jensen. Along with being proprietor of the hotel, Joe is also maintenance man for the Winnett schools. Charleen works with the schools’ hot lunch program. Also, with the knowledge acquired as a graduate of Acme Beauty College of Billings, Montana, Charleen patronizes the community by being a local barber. Besides cutting the hair of either men or ladies, she also gives home permanents to anyone needing this service.

The three Pease girls graduated from Winnett High School. Wynita married Jay Woodford in 1984. Wyna and Jay have a son, Cedar, and a daughter, Malori, who was born in March of this Montana Centennial year of 1989. Angela married Keith Hanson, son of Carol Knerr Hanson and Tom Hanson of Lewistown. Angela and Keith are the parents of a daughter, Stefanie, and a son, Colton. Susan was involved in a work-exchange program in Australia in 1988-1989. She is now (1989) working on the Hans Marks Ranch north of Winnett.

Since acquiring the hotel, Joe has remodeled and modernized several rooms. Four rooms were converted into family living quarters. In July of 1989 the Northern Hotel was 68 years old. It stands straight and tall — a memorial to its builder and a tribute to those who have so well maintained the structure. For the sojourner, the Northern Hotel is the only public “nest” in the town of Winnett.

PECK, Clinton L. In June 1921 Clinton L. Peck and Brents Smith formed a co-partnership known as the Cash Meat Market. Its purpose was to conduct a general wholesale and retail meat and produce business. Both Clinton Peck and Brents Smith had come to Winnett from Winifred, Montana.

PERRY, Eugene P. (W.T. 11-25-1926) “Eugene P. Perry, who arrived here last week as relief operator at the Milwaukee depot, dropped dead on the sidewalk between the courthouse (Ed. In 1926 the courthouse was at West Main and North Broadway,) and Broadway Garage Saturday afternoon from a stroke of apoplexy. He was immediately taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. J. Parkinson, and in the evening removed to Roundup and thence to Melstone. Funeral services were conducted by the Masonic Lodge in the Methodist Church Monday.” (See also PARKINSON — Musselshell and Winnett)

PETERSEN, Don The Methodist parsonage was home for Mr. and Mrs. Don Petersen when Don started working with Bud Arthur for the Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative. After getting out of the Army, Don had spent a year attending an electronics school in Butte and had a second-class radioman license. His employment here was on a three-month trial period. In December of 1965, Petersens moved into their new mobile home in Grassrange, where Don was employed as a serviceman by Mid-Rivers Telephone Service. (See also PETERSEN — Musselshell)

PETERSEN, Clarence R. Clarence R. Peterson was an interior decorator. In September 1923 he married Etha Duncan. At that time he was in charge of the interests of the Indiana Oil Co. at the loading racks.

PETERSEN, James James was an employee of the Buhler Cafe. In December 1921 he and his wife left Winnett for Conrad, Montana.
PETE RSON, Mar le Marie was a relative of, and lived with, the Fred Hansen family about five miles north of Winnett. She was a spelling contestant at the school meet in Winnett in April of 1921. She graduated from Winnett High School in 1925, and on July 11, 1930, married Myrtle Bacon of Los Angeles. She was a registered nurse and served in a large hospital at Torrance, California, before her marriage. (See also HANSEN — Brush Creek)

PETE RSON, T. Mr. Peterson was a driller of water wells in 1925.

PETTY, Bob An open house was held in the Gusher Bar on August 4, 1968, when Mr. and Mrs. Bob Petty became the new owners.

PHELPS, E. G. In October of 1921, Mr. Phelps leased the Park Hotel and took over the management of same. He also conducted a laundry in connection with it. In November of that same year, he moved the machinery and equipment of the Winnett Laundry from the Park Hotel building to the Sutter Hotel. The Winnett Times of November 4, 1921, stated: "The new location offers a more commodious location for this rapidly growing institution."

PHILLIPS, Eldon Eldon Phillips, son of Ilio and Mary Phillips, was born in 1921. He lived with his family about three miles southeast of Valentine. He attended the Long School and started at Winnett High School.

Eldon married Clara Juergens in 1942. They lived on the home place at Valentine until Eldon bought part of the John Sinclair place and built a house. They lived and worked on this place until 1961, when they moved into Winnett. Eldon worked on the construction of the missile silos in Fergus County and later on other construction.

Eldon and Clara had seven children: Janet (1943) lives at Greybull, Wyoming; Larry (1944) died in 1968 and is buried at Winnett; Nancy (1945) lives at Stanford, Montana; John (1948) served in the Vietnam War and now lives at Winnett; Judy (1956) lives at Stanford, Montana; David (1959) lives at La Mesa, California; Sandra (1960) lives at Stanford.

Eldon was awarded the contract on the Winnett-Jordan mail route in 1968 and carried the mail for this route until he retired in 1986. His son, John, now has this route. Clara Phillips died in 1969. Eldon married Leola Pinkerton, who was born in Rosebud County in 1921. They are living in Winnett (1989). (See also PHILLIPS — Dovetail)

PHILLIPS, Samuel Though Sam Phillips did not reside in Petroleum County, he had important business connections in the community. Mr. Phillips was the president of the Empire Bank and Trust Company in Lewistown, Montana, and a pioneer Fergus County sheepman. He was a stockholder and the president of the Winnett State Bank when it was formed in 1914. The Winnett State Bank became the First National Bank of Winnett in 1919, and Mr. Phillips continued as president. He held the office until the First National Bank of Winnett and the First State Bank of Winnett merged in November 1923. The merged bank was forced to close only days after the merger was completed. The bank reorganized and reopened as the Farmers and Merchants Bank in July 1924. Mr. Phillips was no longer listed as an officer of the bank.

PHIPPS, Margaret Margaret Phipps, widow of Lewie E. Phipps of Reed Point, Montana, came to Winnett as a teacher in 1960. She was the mother of Elbert, Michael, and Barbara Joyce Phipps. Elbert and Michael had previously graduated from Peerless High School. Barbara Joyce entered school in Winnett as a freshman in the fall of 1960.

Elbert married Bonnie Black, daughter of Frances Armagost Black and James Black of Williston, North Dakota. Bonnie and Elbert are the parents of Clinton, Cody, Margaret "Molly" and Amanda.

Michael, after his graduation from Peerless High School, worked on various farms near Peerless and Scobey until Margaret moved to Winnett to teach. He then went to work on ranches around Winnett. In May of 1961 Mike married Ellen Carrell, daughter of Charles Ambrose and Annette Rostad Carrell. Ellen and Mike moved to Two Dot, Montana. They returned to Winnett in 1965 and moved into the old Bennett house. At this time, Mike did carpenter work with his father-in-law, C. A. "Amby" Carrell. Soon after, the Mike Phipps family moved to Lewistown, where Mike worked for several businesses.

In 1975 he moved his mobile home to the Thompson Ranch in the Petrolia area. Ellen became local representative in Winnett for Klings' Riverside Greenhouse of Lewistown in 1977. Mike, while managing the Thompson Ranch, suffered a heart attack and died in 1983.

Mike and Ellen were the parents of three children — Michael II "Mickey", Rene Ann, and Cole LaVerne. All attended Winnett schools while living in this area. Mickey graduated from Winnett High School in 1981. He attended college at Bozeman one year, then applied for admission to the United States Air Force. He is presently a medical technician in the Air Force. He married a widow with one child.

Rene Ann was married at an early age to Henry "Hank" Stahl. They had two children — Valarie and Jonas. Rene and Hank were divorced. Rene is remarried and has one more child. Cole spent several years at Yellowstone Boys Ranch and finished high school in Winnett.

Ellen Carrell Phipps and Buck Wood were married September 24, 1988. Ellen and Buck live on the Fraser Land and Livestock Ranch of the Flatwillow community. (See also WOOD — Flatwillow).

Barbara Joyce graduated from Winnett High School in 1964. She is married to Charles Sims, manager of the Thompson Ranch. (See also THOMPSON, Leslie — Petrolia)

PIERCE, Roy (See McFARLAND, John)

PIERSON, Ira Ira built a fine home for his family on their homestead just north of Winnett. Beside farming, he

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Ira Pierson, family: Frances, Ira, Frank, Helen, Gayle, Betty Lou was a mail stage driver using horse-powered vehicles between Flatwillow and Winnett. As early as 1914, Ira was chosen as justice of the peace for the Winnett area of eastern Fergus County. Two marriages he performed in 1914 were those of Clyde Luke and Daisy Morrell in October, and Jimmy Badger and Etta Mae Parker in December. Both ceremonies were performed in the Walter J. Winnett Ranch home.

In 1921, with daughter Gayle (1916) about to enter school, Ira built a new house for his family at 102 South Teigen Avenue in Winnett. Both Gayle and Frances (1917) started school in Winnett. Betty Lou was born in 1922. In about 1926 the family moved to Cat Creek where Ira was employed (See also PIERSON — Cat Creek). Frank, the only son, was born in 1927 in a Great Falls, Montana, hospital. The family moved back into Winnett for the 1929-30 school year, when Gayle attended Winnett High School for one year.

Gayle married Lawrence Larson, a carpenter and contractor. They raised two children: Robert lives in Ocean-side, California. He is a Motorola salesman, selling microwaves to utility companies in Los Angeles, California; Nancy Larson Klee is a registered nurse living in Gorham, Kansas and working at Hays, Kansas. Gayle, now a widow, lives in Billings, and does lots of volunteer work. She is an enthusiastic member of a dance group, and enjoys playing bridge.

Frances married Roy Vincellette, formerly of Cat Creek, in 1937. They were parents of two sons — Richard and James — and one daughter, Renee. Frances died at age 40 of leukemia.

Betty Lou married Thomas Samples, and they had four children — Kate, Meigan, Steve and Patrick (who died at age 18). Betty Lou later married Bill Harris. She teaches school at Southbank, B. C., Canada.

Frank married Clarlee Fischer. Frank, a retired safety engineer for Conoco Oil Co. of Billings, and Clarlee were parents of one son, Frank, and two daughters — Clarissa and Michelle.

PIERIE, Robert B. “Bob” Bob did not reside in Winnett, but he was conductor on the Winnett-Lewistown train for many years and had many friends in Winnett. On July 12, 1939, he met with a very painful and debilitating accident. He had been riding on top of a cut of several freight cars being switched and evidently slipped and fell between them. No one witnessed the accident, but they heard him call for help. He was lying outside the tracks, but the heavy freight wheels passed over both legs below the knees, virtually severing them. Drs. F. F. Attix and E. A. Welden completed the amputations at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Lewistown. The accident happened in the Heath yards.

PITMAN, Alvin G. Alvin, son of George Pitman and wife Ada, moved to Winnett when Alvin was assigned as Milwaukee depot agent in 1944. They were the parents of four sons — Paul, George Nicholas, Stephen and Danny Joe. Later Alvin was agent at Grassrange, Montana, and the family moved there. When asked to serve the Winnett area again, Pitmans returned and lived in the Winnett depot in November of 1960. They later bought the Conolly Ranch in the Valentine area, which son Paul and family now own (1989).

PITMAN, George F. George Pitman, father of Alvin and Joe Pitman, arrived in Winnett in October of 1942 as Milwaukee road agent. Mrs. Pitman opened a beauty parlor, specializing in permanent waving. She had previously been an instructor in this profession while residing in Bozeman, Montana.

After her husband was transferred to Grassrange, Mrs. Pitman opened a beauty shop in a room of the Montana Hotel in Winnett, giving permanent waves on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings each week. Local ladies were thus introduced to the first cold process of permanent waving.

Pitmans later moved to Bozeman, Montana, where Mr. Pitman died on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1965. Mrs. Pitman moved to Eureka, Montana, and lived in a trailer court close to her son, Joe. She died in 1971.

PITMAN, Joseph R. Joe, son of George Pitman, his wife, Betty, and two sons came to Winnett in April of 1943. Joe assumed the operation of the City Light Co. The family lived in the original Sullivan house at 301 South Broadway, in which the former city light plant
owners — the Hafers — had resided. As manager of the town’s electric supply, Joe was also manager of the city water supply. In April of 1946, Joe was responsible for having a booster pump installed on the water line from the well to the tank. With this innovation came the hope that the flow to the tank would amount to 100 gallons a minute.

Joe was made town constable in 1944 and elected fire chief in 1945. In January of 1946 the Pitmans sold their house to Otto and Myrtle Senst and moved to a house near the light plant.

Local residents of Winnett had earlier petitioned for the electric service of the Fergus Electric Cooperative. Consequently, in February of 1946, Joe offered his local electric plant for sale to the cooperative. By January of 1947 the contract had been completed and the local light plant was sold. Joe was retained as manager of the local electric system until the Rural Electrification Act-financed lines were completed from Roundup to Winnett.

In the meantime, two local World War II veterans, Arnold Hansen and James Dunom, had been busy building a food storage and meat processing plant just north of the Rimrock Theater building. Construction of the 30’ x 50’ cement block building had begun in April of 1946. With one third of the space filled with lockers and the balance for processing and display, the City Food Lockers opened for business March 21, 1947. General Electric appliances were also sold there. Joe Pitman participated in the operation of the City Food Lockers until the store was sold to Floyd Hill in 1948.

The Pitmans moved to Eureka, Montana. In the summer of 1950, and Joe became manager of the Lincoln Electric Co-op. Joe and Betty were the parents of four children — Darrell, Fred, Susan and Roger.

PITTM, Mrs. Florence Winnett’s Mecca Beauty Shop had been closed for some time until Mrs. Florence Pitt and another experienced operator came to Winnett each Thursday in November of 1966.

PLACE, Louis E. Mr. Place was a salesman of securities and insurance in Winnett in the early 1920s.

PLUM, R. S. In October of 1965, the last depot agent in Winnett, Mr. R. S. Plum, announced that on Friday, October 29, 1965, four Montana Railway depots (Winnett, Danvers, Musselshell and Lavina) would close; also, that shippers would have to contact the Milwaukee Road in Lewistown, Montana, by telephone collect, for service.

Mr. Plum had been in Winnett for five months. and he to the Great Northern Railroad.

PORTER, A. L. (W.T. 4-1-1921) ’A. L. Porter and R. E. Sawyer, of Great Falls, are in Winnett arranging to erect a building for a sheet metal works shop. Both gentlemen are experienced sheet metal workers and plumbers, with years of experience at Great Falls. They consider Winnett a very likely location and expect to do a flourishing business.”

POTTER (See OPP, Arthur)

POTTS, Gib Mr. and Mrs. Gib Potts and their three children, formerly of Ryegate, came to Winnett to work on the Bratten Ranch in the fall of 1971. They lived in the former Cornue house at 301 South Broadway.

POULTON, Charles The Charles Poulton family moved from Jordan to Winnett in the summer of 1950, and “Charlie” went to work on the Petroleum County road crew. Sharon was three years old at the time and Lary was a mere one. Their first home was at 402 Moulton Avenue. The following spring the family moved to the old Methodist Church parsonage, and in 1953 they purchased their home at 105 S. Lepper Avenue from Eddie and Joe Stauffer.

After Charles’ employment by the county, he worked on various construction jobs, both locally and for road contractors state wide. He was employed by the Town of Winnett for a short time during the mid-1950s and again from 1966 until his death in 1979.

In the meantime, Lois worked for Dunlap’s Auto Service, Williams coulee Grazing District, the Montana State Liquor Store, and several cafe operators. Poulton purchased the Wise Cafe (renamed the Town Cafe) in 1955 and operated it until it burned in May of 1960. Later they operated the Winnett Drug and Gift Shop and the Stockman Cafe. Both Poultons drove school bus for several years. Charles drove the Valentine-Dovetail route, then the Flatwillow route. Lois started helping with this job in 1974 and is still driving the Flatwillow route (1989).

Lois became the Town Clerk in 1974 and still holds the position in 1989. She was the Winnett correspondent for the Winnett Times from the time the paper was purchased by the Roundup-Record Tribune until she was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1984. She was elected to that position in 1986.

Sharon and Lary are both graduates of Winnett High School. Sharon also completed training at Miles City Beauty College. She is now employed at the Taylor Ranch at Kirby, Montana. Her two children, Angie and Robert, are living with their grandmother and attending school in Winnett (1989).

Lary graduated from Montana State University. He and his wife, Sue, were transferred from Dillon, Montana, to Malta, Montana, by the FMHA (Farm Home Administration) in 1973 and still reside there. He is now a partner in Eazie’s Wholesale, handling Conoco and Petroline products. Sue teaches in St. Mary’s parochial school where their children — Cory, Jori, and Amy — attend. (By Lois Poulton)

PRATT, Mabel Mabel was a member of the first graduating class of Winnett High School in May of 1919.

At that time she expected to take some normal school work and teach the next year, if she succeeded in getting.
a certificate. She did get the certificate and taught at Plum Creek. She became Mabel Pratt Rost and had four children — Jean, Kenneth, Lou and Merle. (See also PRATT — Ashley)

PREHN, E. E. (W.T. 4-22-1921) "E. E. Prehn of Mapleleaf, South Dakota, spent several days here this week looking over Winnett, and so favorably was he impressed that he made the purchase of a thirty-seven foot frontage on Broadway from G. W. Conrad, being just across the street from the S. O. Pribble Implement office. Mr. Prehn had no more than closed the deal for the lot when he let a contract for a 18’ x 32’ building to be erected at once. which, when completed, will be rented. Mr. Prehn will return to Winnett in about six weeks and will then start his other work, which may lead to his decision to erect a modern brick and tile opera house."

(W.T. 7-15-1921) "Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Prehn and family of Mapleleaf, South Dakota, arrived in Winnett Friday to make this city their future home. Mr. Prehn is interested in the Pacific Oil and Refining Co."

In August of 1932, Mr. Prehn was made manager of the Farmers Union Elevator. The elevator was run on a basis of a farmers’ cooperative with profit reverting directly back to the farmer for grain delivered. Mr. Prehn died in 1948.

PRESCOTT The Prescots were the proprietors of the Prescott Hotel. (W.T. 7-22-1921) "W. J. Winnett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Prescott, and the Donnell children took their dinner to Elk Creek Sunday and enjoyed an old-time picnic at that place."

PRESTON, Ruby Ruby Preston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Preston, was born August 8, 1888, in Monmouth, Iowa, and was educated there. Ruby came to Montana in 1916 and homesteaded about 10 miles northeast of Winnett (Sec. 35-16-27).

Later she ran the Sunset Cafe in Winnett and was clerk of the Winnett Post Office from February 1, 1942, until November of 1944. She retired and moved to Lewistown where she made her home. She was a sister of Mrs. Ethel Quigley. Ruby died September 26, 1964.

Pribble, Savil "Sam" Pribble and his family came to the Winnett area in 1910. He was a foreman on the Walter J. Winnett Ranch, and also proved up on a homestead in the Brush Creek community (See also Pribble — Brush Creek). In about 1915, Sam went into the implement business in Winnett (Block 2, Broadway). (W.T. 12-13-1916) "... A complete line of Moline Implements, Windmills, Pumps and Pipe, Double and Single Disc Monitor Drills. We handle the easy, perfect-running DeLaval Cream Separators. S. O. Pribble Winnett, Montana WATERLOO BOY TRACTORS"

The large implement building, which was owned by Tom Fleming of Grassrange, and the large stock of Moline farm equipment and repairs, owned by Sam, were completely destroyed by fire July 20, 1921. Although a goodly share of both losses were covered by insurance, Sam figured it was too late in the season to restock.

Sam had built a fine house at 13 South Ashley Avenue and had married Mrs. Charles Schellenberger of the Brush Creek community. She ran the Jarrett Hotel and Home Cafe in Winnett for several years. In the fall of 1921, Mrs. Pribble was ill for several weeks, and Sam took her to Ogden, Utah, with the hope that climatic conditions would improve her health, but she died there at 37 years of age in November of 1921. She was survived by her husband, Sam, her sister, Mrs. E. C. Hillius, and her four children — Evelyn, Louise, Carroll, and Ford Schellenberger. Sam died in Utah many years later — in 1967.

PUCKETT, Donald Donald took over the management of the Montana Hardware in Winnett when Art Nelson moved to Roundup in September of 1936. In April of the next year he was replaced by Howard Mackey. An obituary of the Winnett Times of 4-15-54 disclosed that Donald had been born in Winnett in 1909, taught school in Glendive, Montana, and Harlem, Montana, after graduating from Intermountain College at Helena, Montana, and had been an industrial arts instructor in Cut Bank, Montana, for seven years before he died in April of 1954.

PUDOR, Frank Frank was a driver for the Hogg Auto Livery. His wife visited him from her home in Fargo, North Dakota, in July of 1921.

PULLIN, Charles F. Charles Pullin evidently owned several lots in Winnett in 1919. (W.T. 1-10-1919) "The petition circulating in Winnett recently, asking that certain lots on Main Street owned by Charles F. Pullin be donated for a hotel site has been denied. The lots in question were reserved for hotel purposes for a considerable period, but as no one took advantage of the offer of the Milwaukee Land Co., the reservation was cancelled. Since that time, two hotels have been constructed in Winnett on lots purchased in the regular manner, and it would seem unfair to the present hotel keepers to have lots donated for a hotel at this time." Charles also owned a livery stable in Winnett. He was elected alderman in both 1918 and 1919.

PULLIN, George George, born August 30, 1884, in Midland, Virginia, came to this area in the early 1910s and homesteaded about five miles northeast of Winnett. In company with Werner G. Hagemann, he established the Hagemann-Pullin Grocery Store (previously Mahon-Box) in Winnett in about 1915. The store was located in lot 6, Block 8. George became sole owner of the store in 1919. The store handled groceries, general merchandise, and also undertaking supplies. Those supplies, however, were sold to Arthur Opp in April of 1921.

George married Gertrude Deethardt, daughter of Benjamin Deethardt (See also DEETHARDT — Brush Creek). The Pullins built a large house in lot 16, Block 14. (See also PULLIN — Cat Creek)

QUICKENENDEN, Irene Irene taught in the Winnett Elementary School for two years (1925-1927). Mr.
Lasater was the principal during that time. Irene had formerly taught the Brush Creek School for two years (1921-1923).

(W.T. 8-30-1929) "While in Lewistown, Montana, Wednesday, County Treasurer John Merten and the editor met Otto Marsh and his bride attending the fair. Mrs. Marsh will be remembered here as Miss Irene Quickenenden, a former teacher in the Winnett schools. Otto was still passing out the cigars and the bride was still blushing, which indicated that the wedding was of recent date." Mr. Otto Marsh died in June of 1930. (See also BRINKMAN — Brush Creek and MARSH — Dovetail)

QUIGG, Henry C. "Clint" Clint came to Montana by train with his parents in June of 1914 and by team and wagon to their homestead in the Ashley area about twelve or fourteen miles north of Winnett and close to what is known as the "Ohio Well." (See also QUIGG — Ashley) He went to country school, sometimes walking with his brothers and sisters as far as four miles one way. It was mighty cold in those days and by the time they got to school, their lunch would be frozen, and they themselves almost frozen.

Clint helped his mother raise his brothers and sisters by working in the fields and on threshing crews until he was about eighteen, then struck out on his own. He worked for Forbes Leslie by herding sheep for awhile, then for the Rogge Brothers in their fields. After awhile he worked on the W.P.A. running a team of horses and fensio, helping to build dams. He also drove truck for Ray Bohn, hauling coal from the mines in Roundup to Winnett. Clint was a very good mechanic and went to work on the Fort Peck Dam in 1936.

Clint came back to Winnett from Fort Peck and went to work for Petroleum County as the road maintenance crew. (He was the crew!!) In 1940 he married Helen Kindt, their wedding being on April 9th, the same as Helen’s parents’ (See also KINDT — Petrolia and Winnett). They lived in a small trailer house and pulled it around (Helen did that) with a car from job to job on the county roads. At that time there was no county pickup, no fuel truck, and one patrol to take care of all the roads in the county. A lot of the roads have been abandoned since then. There was no gravel on any of the roads at that time either.

In 1946 Clint went into his own dirt-moving business, which didn’t last long, because he worked for farmers and ranchers, and finances were tight. In other words, he almost went broke, so he called it quits and went to work for dirt-moving contractors, which proved to be a lot more successful. Clint had a trailer house and moved from job to job, which meant he was home only on weekends and sometimes not then. All in all, Clint worked in the “dirt-moving” business for almost fifty years.

He finally retired at age 69 and went to work part time building roads for John Greytak in Petroleum County. He was still working at the time of his death on May 19, 1980. He loved the outdoors and his shop where he did a lot of handiwork with his welder. He had a hard-working life, but enjoyed life to the utmost.

Helen was born on July 25, 1918, in the homestead house which was located, as she tells it, "over the hill" from the farms about three miles south of Winnett. In 1925 her folks moved to Winnett and her dad, William Kindt, went to work at the courthouse.

Helen started first grade in Winnett and went through all twelve years, graduating with the class of 1937. She worked in the treasurer’s office and also in the county attorney’s office during the summers of 1935, 1936, and 1937. Then, after graduation, she went to work steady between the treasurer’s office, the county attorney, and the Winnett Grazing District. At that time about the only machines they had in the offices were a typewriter and an adding machine; the rest was done with a pencil and your head. It sure is a lot different now!

In April 1940 Helen married Clint Quigg and traveled the county with her husband, Clint, maintaining roads. Helen was the official trailer house puller, camping near the site of the next job. One summer was enough of that, so they rented a house in town and started raising kids (five in all). The children born to Helen and Clint were Jeanne, Diane, Bonnie, Sylvia, and Raymond "Butch." That kept her busy for a long time.

After the youngest one was in school, Helen went to work in the only cafe in town and spent almost thirteen years there. I'll bet she barked a million pies and two million cinnamon rolls. Enough of that. She finally decided to call it quits and stay home. Helen was involved in a lot of community projects, especially in the school, until the kids were gone. After that it was ten years on the library board, ten years on the city council, and three years on the city-county planning board.

Helen also was very active in two lodges, the Royal Neighbors and Rebekah Lodges. She is also a member of the Winnett United Methodist Church and takes an active part in all their activities. She belongs to the Winnett Senior Citizens and to the American Legion Auxiliary.
She goes to all the basketball games in town and loves to play cards and does a lot of baking. She always says, "I carry groceries in the house and then carry them back out, all cooked and baked" (to all kinds of dinners and potlucks). That's enjoyment!

Helen spends a lot of time in Billings visiting with her three daughters and took a trip with two of her girls to the United Kingdom in the spring of 1988. All in all she's still going strong and doesn't want to leave Winnett until it is "absolutely necessary." She always says she'll be here to "close the gate." (Contributed by Helen Kindt Quigg in her own inimitable style)

**QUIGG, Russell H.** Rusty Quigg was born December 22, 1915, to Farrell C. Quigg and Amelia Keehart Quigg (See also QUIGG — Ashley). Rusty received his early education in the "Kid Hollow" School. He enlisted in the Army October 9, 1940, and served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Central Europe, being overseas for 2½ years. He was discharged June 28, 1945.

Rusty and Mabel Gladys Redd were married and became the parents of two sons, Gary and Rex. Mabel and Rusty were later divorced. Mabel was appointed acting postmaster of Winnett in July of 1953. In September of 1955, she married Harold "Bumpy" Lear, who worked for the State Highway Department in Billings, Montana. Mabel, Gary, and Rex remained in Winnett until November of 1955, when James McCue returned to assume his position as postmaster.

Rusty also remarried and had three children — Dale, Tommy and Russell. Rusty's wife passed away June 4, 1963. Russell, the 2½-month-old infant; Dale, age 8; and Tommy, 6, then made their home with their grandmother, Mrs. Amelia Sutton. At that time Amelia lived on the original Grant Robinson farm in Sec. 13-14-27, about 6½ miles east of Winnett. Young son Russell passed away in June of 1964 at fifteen months of age. In 1973 Rusty and family moved to Livingston, Montana. Rusty died in 1976.

**QUIGLEY, Carl** In March of 1964, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Quigley of Lewistown acquired the Stockman Cafe, bar business, and building from Carl Houglen of Melstone. The Quigleys moved into the apartment on the second floor of the building. They operated the bar, taking over the business formerly leased by Terry Sandman. Carl was the son of John W. Quigley.

**QUIGLEY, John W.** John Quigley was born August 15, 1879. He married Ethel Preston on July 3, 1904. They homesteaded in the Brush Creek — Ashley area. They had a large family — Thomas, Robert, Durward, Leo, Gerald, Carl, Leona, and Irene. A John W. Quigley was foreman of the track laying crew for the first train into Winnett, but may not have been the same man who homesteaded. John died in 1953. Ethel died in June of 1969.

**QUILTER, Dean Bartlet** Dean Quilter was born April 25, 1893, in Walnut, Illinois, and arrived in Winnett in about 1915 or 1916. He joined the Masonic Lodge in 1917 and was a member of Sandman Post of the American Legion. He represented that body at a district convention in Lewistown in June of 1921. (W.T. 6-23-22)

"Dean Quilter is repainting the interior and exterior of the old First State Bank building to the east of the Schmidt Hotel. Dean is an experienced wielder of the brush, and a marked improvement on the building is credited to his efforts." (See also QUILTER — Brush Creek)

**RABERN, Richard "Bud"** Richard Rabern "Bud" was born in 1930 in Presho, South Dakota. He came to the Winnett area in the fall of 1951, working for the Nebraska Feeding Co. for approximately two weeks. Then Uncle Sam drafted him to serve some time in the U.S. Army, spending part of that time in the Korean War. He was discharged in 1953 and returned for several years to the Nebraska Feeding Co. and rodeoing (riding bulls) in the state of Montana.

Donna Mae Daum was born in 1941 in Bridger, Montana, and moved with her parents, Emma and Jake Daum, to the Fraser Land and Livestock Co. in the fall of 1947. The Daums managed the Fraser Ranch for 25 years. Donna can remember so well her brother and she would have horse races up and down the hay meadows, and they would sneak off (so they thought) to ride over to the Bob Raundal Ranch to visit the Raundal girls. She remembers her dad building a wooden box for her to stand on to wash dishes and to help do whatever her mom needed done while preparing meals for 21 to 25 hired men. It seems to her that she washed dishes for hours.

Donna received all of her education in the Winnett public schools. There was no big yellow bus to bring the country kids to school. It was up to her dad to see that the children got to school on time, until one of the kids was old enough to drive. They took sack lunches, which arrived sometimes in good condition or sometimes squashed from someone sitting on them. Then the big day came when the students received hot lunches at school — what a treat!

Bud and Donna were married June 2, 1958, in Lewistown, Montana. They moved to Texas and worked on ranches for six years, including some ranches in Oklahoma and New Mexico. They enjoyed the different scenery and the meeting of so many wonderful people. They returned to Miles City, Montana, in 1964 to work on the Orcutt Ranch. They moved to the Sharkey Ranch in 1966. Their "pride and joy," daughter Tina Marie, was born in Roundup, Montana, October 22, 1968. She bounced in at 4 pounds and 13 ounces. In 1969 they moved to the Bob Raundal Ranch, where Tina spent most of her childhood days growing up. She was always loving to help her dad feed cattle, loving to work in the shop (and get dirty), and loving the wide open spaces to run and play.

Raberns moved into Winnett in the spring of 1976. at
which time they leased farming ground north and south of town. In 1978 they bought the Continental Oil bulk plant, and in May of 1987 they bought Harold’s Auto Service. They continue to operate both the bulk plant and service station today (1989).

Tina Marie Rabern started “Story Hour” in Winnett taught by Mrs. Ruth Freburg. She received all her education in the Winnett schools and was active in all sports, plays and other activities. She was voted unanimously ‘All Star Conference’ basketball player her senior year — 1987. She graduated with honors and was the valedictory of her class. She rodeoed for seven years, going to the National Finals Rodeo in Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1985. She was High School Rodeo Champion in 1987. Tina is presently (1989) a sophomore at Montana State University majoring in pre-veterinary medicine. (By Donna Rabern)

RABOU, Robert Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rabou and family worked on the Bratten Ranch in 1966. In August of 1966 they moved to Boyd, Montana, to work for the Descheemaecker Hereford Ranch.

RADER, William L. William L. Rader was born in Enid, Oklahoma. He graduated from the Malta, Montana, high school, then attended Mergenthaler linotype school in San Francisco, California. He worked for the Malta Enterprise, while managing the Saco Weekly. Nadine Snyder was born July 21, 1904 in Ewing, Nebraska. Nadine and Bill were married December 31, 1927. Raders had one son, Bill, who is now a Doctor of Dental Surgery in Havre, Montana. Bill and his wife, Gaul, have two sons, Jeffrey and Jonathan.

Bill Jr. wrote his memories of Winnett: “W. L. (Bill) Rader and Nadine arrived in Winnett in 1936. They had purchased the bankrupt Winnet News from O. S. Worden, owner of the Great Falls Tribune. It was a very successful business which was sold to Rudy Glatz in July of 1940. We then moved to Stanford, Montana. I started school in Winnett. Miss Saylor was my first-grade teacher, and I went through three grades before moving. I rode my first horse at Bill Rogge’s place, and Morty Boyd Jr. taught me how to ride my first bicycle.”


RAMSEY, E. “Kid”” Kid” Ramsey was pitcher for Winnett’s fabulous baseball team in 1921. (W.T. 8-12-1921) “Fire completely destroyed a big White truck belonging to O. E. Dunlap of the White Transportation Co. early Thursday morning. Kid Ramsey was driving the truck containing a tank load of crude enroute from the Cat Creek field to the Black Hawk oil field on Flatwillow. He was going down a steep grade and had the brakes on when the car broke out in flames.

“It is supposed that the car backfired and that some of the crude splashed over and became ignited. Mr. Ramsey immediately left the car and within a few minutes the big truck was totally destroyed. The truck was valued at $4600 and was partially covered with insurance.”

RANF, Fred Mr. and Mrs. (Marie) Fred Ranf, accompanied by their five children, moved to Winnett in 1930. Fred was engaged in carpentry and other construction work. We was a very handy man when any bridge was in need of repair. That was his specialty. The five children — August, Fred, Marie, Orval and John — attended the Winnett schools. All graduated from Winnett High School with the exception of August, who preferred work for wages. He became an industrious and dedicated serviceman in Cole’s Service Station. He married Beatrice Ingalls Miller of the class of 1932. Bea worked for several years in the Petroleum County courthouse. Bea and August later moved to Seattle, Washington. (See also INGALLS — Winnett)

Fred became advertising manager of a Helena, Montana, paper. He married Margery DeBrie in 1939. They had three sons — Philip, Richard, and Jeffrey. Marie graduated from Winnett High School in 1937. She mar-
ried Henry Bentley (See also BENTLEY — Cat Creek and
Winnett).
Orval, a 1941 Winnett High School graduate, worked
for an oil company in South America and married there.
The couple had a daughter, Debra. John graduated in
1943 and entered the Navy in 1944. He married Marie
O'Connor. Their children were Wanda, Diane, Robert,
Darrel and Joni. John became a farmer and tavern owner.
Mother Marie Ranf died September 6, 1941, of abdo-
mental cancer. She was buried in Mountain View
Cemetery in Billings, Montana. Fred Ranf died January
28, 1968. (See also RANF — Blakeslee)

RANKIN, Grace Grace homesteaded about nine miles
southeast of Winnett in the Petrolia area (Sec. 17-14-28).
In July of 1925 she wrote to former homestead neighbors
that she remembered homestead music as being a
phonograph and coyotes, and that she was glad for
radio which broadened the entertainment facilities of
friends. She was working for the San Francisco Opera
Company at the time.

RAPLEY, Harold H. Mr. Rapley was the butcher at
the Eager Store for a short time in 1950. He later moved
to Lewistown, Montana. Mrs. Rapley was a sister of Lloyd
Berg.

RASMUSSEN, Anthony L. In 1911 Bessie Black
came to this area from Minnesota and homesteaded in
Sec. 20-14-27. Here she met Anthony (Tony) Rasmussen,
who, in 1913 purchased the mercantile stock of Winnett
and Badger. Tony ran the store in the same building as
had been used previously for one year. He then built the
first genuine store in Winnett. It was on the northwest
corner of the block across the street south from where
later the Winnett Block was constructed.

Mrs. Rasmussen was on the first Methodist church
board when the board was organized. She served as
Methodist church treasurer for five years from 1916 to
April 1921. Mr. Rasmussen was a stockholder of the Win-
nett State Bank when it opened in 1914.

Rasmussen's delivery pickup

Rasmussen ran their store until February 1932 when it
was consumed by fire. Although there was a bucket
brigade from the creek, an insufficient water supply failed
to quell the blaze. Rasmussen left Winnett and moved to
California after 20 years of service to their Petroleum
County patrons. Mr. Rasmussen died October 31, 1947,
at Santa Cruz, California.

READY, John (W.T. 10-21-1914) "John Ready and
family arrived here from Wisconsin this week. Mr. Ready
has purchased a lot and will put up a rooming house."

REDD, Oscar Harry Harry Redd was noted in a 1927
Winnett Times ad as being a vendor of undertaking supplies
in company with Elmer Eager. Also in May of 1927, Harry
was appointed Petroleum County Coroner. In 1946 he
was made assistant manager of the Montana Lumber and
Hardware Company; then in January of 1955, was made
manager of that company. Redd, as he was known,
resigned as manager in June of 1957, but stayed on for a
time to help Joe Killham. (See also REDD — Flat Willow)

REES, Morgan Morgan Rees managed the Montana
Elevator for a short time in 1937. He moved to Denton
and was in charge of a service station.

REESER, William L. W. L. Reeser was appointed
agent of the Milwaukee Railroad of Winnett in September
of 1939. He had been second "trick" operator at
Harlowton for the previous two years. (Ed. There were
three "tricks" or shifts of work during a 24-hour period.)
While here, he also became the local Selective Service
chairman. He had to resign this position when he was
transferred to Geraldine, Montana, in October of 1942.
Both Bill and his wife, Mary, had been very active in social
and fraternal circles. While Reesers lived in Winnett, their
daughter, Dorothy Boggess, and her son had also been
members of the Reeser household.

RENUM, Clarence (W.T. 7-15-1921) "While working
at the Craig and Bachelor well, Clarence Renum was
crushed between two drill stems, resulting in a broken
jaw and injury to both ears. The injured man was brought
to Dr. Brown's office to receive medical attention and is
recovering very rapidly."

REYNOLD BROTHERS The Reynold Brothers
established a blacksmith shop on Broadway Avenue
north of the Basin Lumber Co. on September 15, 1920.

REYNOLD, Carl L. Carl was born September 21,
1892, in Cody, Wyoming, and was an early inhabitant of
Winnett. (W.T. 11-4-1921) "Carl L. Reynold has resigned
his position as manager of the hardware department of
the Basin Lumber Co. to accept a position as manager of
the Hudson Lumberyard in Billings, Montana."

REYNOLD, Edward Edward was one of the Reynold
Brothers' blacksmiths. He married Miss Alma Frye who
had taught for a few weeks in Winnett's first elementary
school building. When Sam Pribble's machinery building
burned in July of 1921, the Reynold Brothers' Blacksmith
shop, adjoining the implement building on the north, was
damaged to a considerable extent, practically demolishing the north wall and roof.

The Reynolds' residence to the rear was saved by the timely application of water. All the household goods were moved, and at one point in time, destruction of the building seemed certain. Their loss was partially covered by insurance. In August the brothers tore down their old building and built a new one which was twice as large as the original.

RICE, Milton Milton Rice homesteaded or acquired land in Sec. 34-16-27, about ten miles northeast of Winnett. He later moved to Winnett where he owned a large livery stable. He also was an assistant to Ben Wood delivering water to residents of the town. He died in June of 1928, after an operation for ulcers of the stomach.

RICHARDS, Ernest Ernest Richards, born October 31, 1884, at Lewistown, Montana, lived in Winnett in the early 1920s and in 1921 was a stage driver for the Oil Field Taxi Company.

RICHARDSON, Don Don Richardson, wife Bergith, and daughter Jeanne came to Winnett in the fall of 1940. Don was a teacher and coach and remained here for three years. Winnett was a stepping stone for Don. He left here to become an elementary school principal in Missoula, Montana, for thirty-one years.

Bergith reminisced: "I remember the friendly welcome we received when we arrived in the fall of 1940. Everyone went out of their way to make us feel at home. The three years went by fast, but we made many lasting friendships." Bergith became the community hairdresser. She was very good at setting waves and pin curls.

RIDDLE, D. L. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Riddle and daughter of Billings opened "Pat's Place," a small lunch room one door east of Scheurman's Drug Store in 1946.

RIFE, Charles Charles Rife ran the Sunset Cafe in Winnett in the 1930s. Upon leaving Winnett for Fairfield, Montana, he went into the restaurant business there.

RIGG, O. F. O. F. Rigg was a linotype helper at the Winnett Times office in 1921.

RIGG, O. L. O. L. Rigg first ran a restaurant business in the Leader Hotel. In September of 1921 he leased the Northrup building west of the Eager store, which had been occupied by the City Furniture exchange. He moved his restaurant there, feeling it would be a more advantageous location for a restaurant, because it was closer to the center of the town.

RILEY, Andrew Patrick "Pat" Pat Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Riley, was born on April 13, 1884, in Iowa. He made his home in Winnett and on various ranches for many years. He was a good laborer, always willing to perform any kind of rough or dirty work, whether digging ditches, digging water lines, or cleaning barns.

One time, weary from work and needing a nap, he just lay down in the grass across the street from the elevator. A passerby thought he was dead and called the sheriff. Sheriff Todd, assisted by Carl Aasrud, was about ready to pick him up when signs of life appeared. Pat had simply taken a nap. He resided at the State Home for the Aged in Lewistown, Montana, for five years. He died June 10, 1966.

RILEY, H. W. When Lars R. Olsen opened a lunch counter and cafe in his Savoy Hotel, H. W. Riley, who had been cooking at the Oil Cafe, took charge of the Savoy restaurant.

In July of 1923 "Chef" Riley opened his own restaurant in a building south of the Cosmopolitan Rooms and directly across the street from the Broadway Garage. The Riley restaurant burned in the same conflagration that burned Hattie Neville’s Cosmopolitan Rooms in October 1927.

RISER, Mike Mike was reported as transacting business at the county seat in Lewistown, Montana, in June of 1922.

ROBERTS, C. B. Mr. Roberts was president of the Great Northern Refinery Co. at the time the refinery shipped its first load of gasoline out of Winnett in October 1921.

ROBINSON, Frank Frank conducted a tailoring and cleaning establishment on Lepper Avenue in 1921.

ROBINSON, R. R. (W.T. 7-15-1921) "Doctors Berry and Robinson have opened offices in the Hover brick building and are now comfortably located therein. Dr. Berry is a medical doctor, and Dr. Robinson, a dental surgeon. Dr. Berry was formerly with Dr. Alexander, and Dr. Robinson had offices in the building north of the Oregon-Montana office."

(W.T. 9-16-1921) "Doctor Berry and Dr. Robinson have moved their offices from the Hover building to the second floor of the Winnett Block."

ROBITAILLE, Eva Miss Robitaille was a Red Cross Nursing Service field nurse who conducted home nursing classes in Winnett in March, April, and May of 1943. Over 40 people in the county benefitted from this valuable instruction.

ROCK, Oliver Oliver Rock was principal of junior high and a teacher in the Winnett Elementary School from 1954 to 1956. Lillian Rock worked at the Poulton Cafe. Rocks spent a lot of their time in the summers searching for uranium in this part of the country.

Their son, Roger, who attended local schools, graduated from Kellogg, Idaho, High School. After high school he entered the service, then graduated from college with a degree in English. He commenced teaching the same year that his father retired. He teaches English at Nashua, Montana, and his wife, Virginia, teaches at Fort Peck, where the Roger Rock family lives (1988). They have two daughters, Stacy and April.

RODGERS, J. L. In 1921 Mr. Rodgers' business was plumbing and concrete construction, specializing in
sidewalk, culvert. and gutter work.

**RODGERS, Lyle** Lyle Rodgers was a teacher in the Winnett School in 1968-69. His wife opened and operated the Mecca Beauty Shop.

**ROFF, C. S.** In July of 1921, Mr. Roff moved his family to Winnett from Lewistown, Montana. He was manager of the local branch of the Fergus Motor Co. (W.T. 9-30-21) "C. S. Roff was at Welter the forepart of the week, where he held a special demonstration of the Fordson tractor. A large number of farmers witnessed the exhibit and were enthused over the practical possibilities of the Fordson tractor as an economical farm implement."

In December 1921 the Broadway Garage took over the Ford Agency, and Mr. Roff left for the coast where he expected to go into business.

**ROGERS, Robert** Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers and five of their six children came to Winnett in May of 1954. Robert was a barber and took over Shorty Saylor's shop. Shorty. along with his farming duties, had not been able to keep the barbershop open daily. Robert's arrival here gave Winnett a full-time barber again. They left here, however, after handling the business for only two months.

**ROGERS, William** Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers arrived in Winnett in November of 1963 to be partners with John Bartlett in the Stockman Cafe. They previously had cafe experience in Billings, Montana, and in Oregon. They left this business in April of 1964.

In May of 1964 they rented the former drugstore quarters in the I.O.O.F. building. There on July 1, 1964, they opened and operated the Ranch House (also called the Sugar Shack) until March of 1965. They then turned the business over to Mrs. Florence Johnson.

**ROSANDER, Mrs. Jean** Mrs. Rosander and her two sons, Charles and Ben, came to Winnett the first of December 1965. She became the new operator of the Stockman Cafe. She had previous experience in cafe business on the west coast, at Havre, and for seven years worked for the Rainbow Hotel in Great Falls, Montana. Charles and Ben both registered in Winnett High School as sophomores.

**ROSE, Reverend Ellen H.** The Reverend Ellen, accompanied by her father, Fred P. Rose, conducted her first Methodist Church service in Winnett in September of 1937. No one worked harder and for less dollar compensation than Miss Rose. She had two great things going for her - her youth and her undaunted enthusiasm. She traveled from Wallview to Dovettall to hold church services and particularly enjoyed her work with young people.

She served Winnett from 1937 until 1943 when she was assigned to the parish at Superior. On June 29, 1956, Miss Rose became the first woman in Montana to receive full clergy rights in the Methodist Church. Winnett was honored when Miss Rose was chosen as the leader of the Grassrange-Winnett parish July 1, 1956.

She served for three years and built up a large Sunday school and youth group. Many young folks attended summer camp while she was in charge of the parish. July of 1959 found Miss Rose assigned to the Saco-Hinsdale parish, and Winnett lost a highly respected and admired lady.

**ROSE, F. O.** Mr. Rose was vice-president of the Great Northern Refinery in 1921.

**ROSING, Maurice O.** Maurice was born in 1895 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was a lumberman in Winnett before leaving to serve in World War I. He died in France.

**ROSING, O. G.** The second store to open in Winnett was a grocery and hardware establishment, Mahon-Robinson Lumber Co. It was managed by O. G. Rosing of Minneapolis in September of 1914. (A former manager was Edward Hillius.) The original store later became the Pullin Grocery and was located in Block 8 Milwaukee First Addition and faced East Main Street.

**ROSLING, Franz "Pappy"** Mr. and Mrs. Franz "Pappy" Rosling lived in the Methodist parsonage in July of 1970. Mrs. Rosling was a cook in the Dan Bevis' Cafe. Pappy was an upholsterer.

Mrs. Rosling became the new proprietor of the Stockman Cafe in November of 1971. In July of 1972 the Roslings had wearied of stuffing both furniture and people! They moved to Oakley, Idaho, where both were employed in a potato processing plant.

**ROWTON, Vernon** Vernon was water commissioner for Winnett after the resignation of Ray Woods on January 5, 1963. Vernon resigned June 1, 1963. (See also ROWTON — Musselshell River)

**RUPP, George** George was a butcher in Eager's store in 1941.

**RUSHIN, Mike** Mike was a popular cowboy, but was better known for his trapping abilities. In 1928 he trapped a 65-pound beaver. He won first prize in the state because of the size and the excellent condition of the pelt. That qualified him to enter the national contest, which he entered and won. His prize was a new Chevrolet coach.

**RUSSELL, Fred** (W.T. 7-29-1921) "Fred Russell, prominent rig builder, is erecting a cozy little bungalow on Wheeler Ave. and will have it ready for occupancy within a short time."

**RYAN, Frank J.** (W.T. 10-21-1921) "Frank J. Ryan, the genial proprietor of the Oil Cafe, has invested in a new Ford coupe. Frank is the sort of an optimist who could believe that if some of the deep tests come in as they should, he would need the coupe to carry his money to the bank."

**RYAN, Joe** Miss Joe Ryan was a beauty expert who specialized in facial. She came to Winnett in June of 1926 and conducted a beauty parlor in the Riley Cafe building across the street from the Broadway Garage.
SAFFORD, F. H. Mr. Safford was an assistant in the publication of the Oil Field Bulletin in September 1921.

SANDAKER, Howard (By Gladys Sederholm Sandaker) Howard Sandaker came with his family from Etrick, Wisconsin, to Comanche, Montana, in 1908. He was two years old and the youngest of seven children. The family homesteaded north of Comanche, where his aunt, Julia Thompson, taught school in her homestead shack until schools were built in that area.

In 1928 Howard came to Winnett and worked in the Monarch Lumber Company with his brother, Tillman Sandaker. The drought and depression hit a few years later, so he worked for Fred Dunlap in his refinery, near Cat Creek, before leaving to work on Fort Peck Dam from 1935 to 1938. (After 50 years, while visiting Fort Peck for the dam’s 50th celebration, Howard saw the railing he had built to guard some of the tunnels — they were still hanging in there.)

After Fort Peck was completed, he worked for the city of Roundup, Montana, for awhile, but decided to attend a welding school in Los Angeles, California, in 1939. He was working for the shipyards in Seattle, Washington, when he left for the Army in 1942. He was in the 1931 Ordinance of the Air Force in the South Pacific theater of World War II. He was stationed in Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, Ie Shima, and Okinawa. He was among the first soldiers to fly to Japan after the surrender of the Japanese. Howard returned to Billings with the rank of staff sergeant in November 1945.

In 1946 he and Raymond Sederholm built their own shop in Billings, Montana, which they called “S and S Welding.” They branched out into supplies and called the shop the “H and R. Oxygen and Supply Co.” (H and R stood for Howard and Raymond.) They also became distributors for National Cylinder Gas for Montana and part of Wyoming. In 1972 they sold the business to three of their workers who in turn have sold it to a French company, and the third name is now “A and L Compressed Gasses.” It is an international company. How time does change things!

In 1975 Howard married Gladys Sederholm and they live at 2855 Belvedere Drive, in Billings, Montana (1989). (See also SEDERHOLM)

SANDAKER, Tillman N. “Sandy” Sandaker and his wife, Hazel, came to Winnett in the early 1920s. Sandy was employed in the Monarch Lumber Company and in 1926 was made manager. Sandakers purchased the original C. A. Kelley residence at 107 South Broadway in May of 1926. In the city election of April 1935, Sandy was elected as alderman. Along with his lumber business, Sandy was elected as justice of the peace in 1928.

Sandy had been injured in World War I and quite often visited the veterans’ hospital to have another piece of shrapnel removed from his thigh. In spite of his troublesome leg, he kept at his work and managed the lumber company for 16 years until August of 1942. At that time Monarch Lumber Company discontinued doing business in Winnett. The stock was sold to the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company.

With no hardware store to care for, Sandy bid on and received the contract to haul mail to and from the depot to the post office. Also in 1942, he was named constable of the town and in 1944-1946 was again elected justice of the peace. Dates of his service as liquor vendor are a little uncertain, but in about 1948 his Monarch Lumber Company office was used as the State Liquor store, and Sandy was the manager. 1966 found Sandy again elected justice of the peace.

In the very late 1960s or early 1970s, the family moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Local residents have recalled: “Sandy was the most patriotic citizen of the town. If he was near the post office or any other building when the flag was either hoisted or lowered, Sandy would stop where he was and immediately snap to attention.” Community people also remember Hazel Sandaker’s delicious bakery goods and her comical attire in local parades. With a mop for hair, huge oversized tennis shoes, some kind of sloppy clothes and a big nose mask, she delighted youngsters and adults as she cleansed and tossed candy kisses along the parade route.

The Sandakers were parents of five children — Marjorie, Maurice, Patti, Allen and Gene. Marjorie married Lee Coon and had five children — Larry, Judy, Terry, Linda and Jimmy (who was killed on a motorbike). Maurice married Alice Fox, daughter of George and Odessa Atwood Fox, and had four children — Marcia, Valerie, Aaron and Greg. Patty married Bill Poulton, son of Jim and Fern Poulton, and had five children — Richard, Randy, Carrie, Cathy and Shelley. Allen married Dayle Johnson. The Allen Sandakers adopted two children, Ryan and Chelsea, and parented a son Rhys. A tragic highway accident in October of 1948 was responsible for the death of Gene at sixteen years of age.

Mrs. Hazel Sandaker passed away in September of 1988 at Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Sandy is living in a nursing home in Bonners Ferry as of November 1989.

SANDERS, Anita Sarah On Friday, January 5, 1921, Anita Sarah Sanders and Harold W. Berry were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage, with Rev. Fike officiating. The groom was the proprietor of the Winnett Theater, and the bride, the ticket lady.

SANDISH, C. W. Mr. Sandish was elected assistant fire chief in August of 1921.

SANDMAN, Alberta Alberta “Skeet” Sandman, daughter of Albert and Minnie Sandman, graduated from Winnett High School in 1930. It was not long until she got right down to business. In October of that same year, Skeet rented the building which had been owned formerly by Bores Somber, and established her own cleaning, pressing, and dressmaking business. She also was very capable and interested in food preparation. She eventually took over Herman Hansen’s restaurant and
operated it until March of 1935.

At that time she moved from Hansen's and took over the management of Mother Stewart's Cafe. This new eating place was named "Skeet's Cafe and Confectionery." Skeet met Jerry Gunlickson. They were married and became the parents of four daughters — Jeri Ann, Donna, Jean and Arlene. (See also SANDMAN — Brush Creek)

SANDMAN, Lloyd Lloyd, son of Albert and Minnie Sandman (see also SANDMAN — Brush Creek), went to work in the Eager Mercantile in March of 1934. A month later he and Clara M. Brown were married.

1937 found Lloyd working as a mechanic in Vane Catlin's garage. In 1938 the garage burned, and Lloyd lost many of his very fine mechanic tools. Being a true mechanic at heart, he was not discouraged, but became re-equipped and opened a shop for all car repair work in the Broadway Garage.

Sandmans were the parents of three children while living here — Betty LaVonne, Robert and William. William passed away at five months of age. Lloyd and family moved to Lewistown where Lloyd was mechanic through the years in several garages. Sons Ray and Joe were born in Lewistown. Lloyd is retired, and he and Clara continue to live in Lewistown (1989).

SANDMAN, Terry In September of 1971 the Gusher Bar, then owned by the Welters, was sold to Terry and Donna Sandman. Sandmans were to become the last owners of the historic structure. In March of 1975 fire completely destroyed the building and its entire contents — a loss estimated at about $33,000.

Analysis of the bar's ashes might have revealed that in 1921 the brick and tile structure was built as a post office, replacing the frame post office building which had burned at the same site earlier. One can only imagine the business that passed through the post office doors during those first years of the oil boom. In later years the building housed a creamery for Elmer Alfson, a creamery for the Lengeman family, and later, it became a youth center.

During the second oil boom of 1945-1946 under Maurice Egan's ownership, the building became the Gusher Bar. Throughout the years employees of the courthouse and hardware store across the street jokingly remarked of anyone seen going to the bar as going to the "office." (See also SANDMAN — Cat Creek)

SAWYER, R. E. (See PORTER, A. L.)

SAYLOR, Austin Austin Saylor came to Winnett in 1920 to work in Ted Hegna's elevator. While his family held down the farm in Fergus County, Times were tough. The severe winter of 1919 had taken a heavy toll; some cash inflow was a necessity. In the fall of 1922, Austin moved the family to Winnett for school. Lois and Blanche entered high school.

Mr. Saylor (Austin) returned to the ranch in Fergus County in about 1924, but returned to Winnett to manage the Montana Elevator for a time in about 1929 and 1930. With the help of his family, he managed to continue to operate the ranch until 1950, when he sold it to the George Smith family of Gillette, Montana. Mrs. Saylor (Belva) remained in Winnett to raise the children until they were all graduated, married, and on their way.

All the family graduated from Winnett — except Lois, who decided on marriage over graduation — Blanche, Ralph, Clarence "Shorty," Clara, Walter, and Harold. In the years following, most of their children also graduated from Winnett High School: Lois's daughter, Patty McVay; Blanches's daughter, Betty Grove; Shorty's sons, Allen and Roger; Clara's twins, Clarabelle and Marabelle Herweg. Ralph's children, Bill and Julie, graduated in Billings, Montana. Walter's son, Dick, graduated in Oregon. Harold had no family.
Blanche prepared for teaching and taught 33 years — 27 of them in Winnett. Most of the time she taught primary grades. She and Lillian Porter also taught several of the men from the CCC camp to read and write. Blanche retired in 1974. She spent a few years working with the Camp Fire Girls. They all worked together on many projects to earn money for several trips.

Blanche married Hugh “Red” Grove. The couple has one daughter, Betty (Badger) of Billings, Montana. Groves purchased the Northern Hotel from Mrs. Svindland in 1950 and continued to operate it until 1985, when they sold it to the Joe Pease family. They spent one year at Harlowton, then moved to Billings to be near their daughter and grandson. Red drove the school bus in Winnett for 18 years. (See also GROVE)

Ralph worked as an elevator helper, stockman, ranch hand, construction worker. He married Marge Thorsheim. They have a son, Bill, of Billings, and a daughter, Julie Keenan, in Helena, Montana. Clarence “Shorty” was a barber for many years, during which time he was manager of the boxing club. It was a highly successful club. The boys trained hard and fought well all over the state. Some of them were members of the state champs who went to the nationals in San Francisco and in Boston.

Shorty married Agnes Benson, and they have two sons. Allen is employed in Whittier, California. Roger and family operate the family’s cattle and sheep ranch at Garnell, Montana. Shorty and Agnes were ranchers in Petroleum County for several years before moving to the Garnell area. He served on the P. C. A. Board in Lewistown. He also served as Petroleum County state representative; and he was vice-president of the Amateur Boxing Association for a number of years.

Clara clerked in Eager’s Store, cooked for an oil camp, and was an exceptional cook, seamstress, and gardener. She was gifted in arts and crafts. Clara married Bill Herweg, who had been a painter and builder in Lewistown before coming to Winnett to clerk in the Eager Mercantile Co. They were the parents of twin daughters, Clarabelle (Johnson) and Marabelle (Byers). The girls have lived and raised their families in the Seattle, Washington, area.

Clara and Bill owned a store and hotel in Grassrange for a time after their marriage, and Clara ran a dormitory during the school term. They later owned and operated the Eager Store in Winnett until the girls graduated. They sold to Don and Ethel Gullickson and moved to Seattle, where Bill worked for Boeing until he retired.

Walter spent time in the CCC camp near Missoula, Montana. He worked for the County Highway Department. Then Ralph, Walt, and Harold, along with Kenny Ingalls and Linc Wadman, joined the Navy on October 8, 1940. Walt and Harold stayed in after the war ended (and for a total of twenty years) as Aviation Machinist Mates. Ralph spent his time on the Saratoga airplane carrier. Both Walt and Harold married Navy girls.

Harold died in 1964. He had no family. Ralph died in 1973; Mr. Saylor (Austin), in 1950; Mrs. Saylor (Belva) in 1973; and Lois died in 1929, leaving a daughter, Patty McVay for the Saylor family to love and raise. Patty married Ray Sult, and the family owns and operates a sheep and cattle ranch near Sidney, Montana.

Walt and Martha retired in Oregon. They raised berries and vegetables for commercial purposes. Their son, Dick, lives and works in the area.

Thus, the Austin and Belva Saylor family passed through Petroleum County. So now, 1988, everyone is scattered everywhere, and since 1985 none of the family has lived in Petroleum County, after having lived there a total of sixty-five years. (Submitted by Blanche Saylor Grove)


SCHAER, J. L. J. L. "Jim" Schafer took over the management of the Gusher Bar from Maurice Egan in September of 1946.

SCHELIN, Martin When Carl Pinkerton and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schelin took over the Stockman Cafe and Bar in December of 1965, Mr. Schelin operated the bar, and Mrs. Schelin was a waitress in the cafe.

SCHURMAN, Vern Mr. and Mrs. Vern Schurman, Allan, and LuAnn arrived in Winnett the first part of April 1946. They leased the main floor of the I.O.O.F. building and opened an over-the-counter drugstore. They named the establishment Schurman's Store. In June Mr. Schurman was granted a license to operate a drugstore in Montana. Since prescription service was then available, the name was changed to Winnett Drug. On September 1, 1946, the Winnett Drug was sold to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kencke.

SCHMIDT, Emil (W.T. 4-7-1915) "Last Saturday, Dame Rumor brought out the good news that a hotel was to be erected in the near future, and people awakened to the certainty of it when work upon the construction began in earnest Monday morning. The site is the corner opposite the Winnett State Bank. Emil Schmidt purchased the lots last week and proposed a two-story structure containing 24 sleeping rooms. Mr. Schmidt comes well recommended, having had an extended experience in the hotel business which guarantees good service. The building is already assuming goodly proportions under the workmanship of Emil Edmond."

(W. T. 8-24-1923) "Emil Schmidt, proprietor of the Schmidt Hotel, passed away Wednesday, August 22, 1923, at 7:30 p.m., death being due to cirrhosis of the liver, from which ailment he had suffered patiently for the past eighteen months. Medical skill could not combat the illness, and he slowly failed until Wednesday evening when he breathed his last.

"Deceased was born in Bavaria, October 25th, 1862, being 60 years, 9 months, and 27 days of age at death."
"He immigrated to America with his parents in 1866 when but four years of age. The family made their home in Chicago until the year 1883, when deceased re moved to Butte, Montana, and later to Helena, where he resided for twenty-five years. In this city he was married to Anna M. Klien, April 2, 1888, to which union three children were born—one daughter, Mrs. Ray Mosher, Shappir, North Carolina; sons Richard, of Tacoma, Washington; and Carl of Winnett—all of whom survive the father.

"Deceased came to the Winnett section in 1910 taking up a homestead north of this city and in 1914 made this his permanent home. In 1915 he built the Schmidt Hotel opening same for business on the 4th of July of that year.

"For four years he was a member of the school board of District #159 and while holding this office, did much toward developing the splendid school facilities of the district.

"He was a member of the Grand Lodge of the sons of Herman at Helena. Knights of Pythias at Butte, and was taken into the Masonic Lodge in this city in 1917.

"Funeral services will be held under the auspices of the local Masonic Lodge Sunday. In the morning special Masonic services for the Masons and their friends in the Masonic hall and at 1:30 public services at the cemetery. Pall bearers: C. S. Spear, Christ Crowel, H. B. Greene, R. J. Woods, and Alfred Hoyle.

"Emil Schmidt was known by his friends as a man with the courage of his convictions. In business matters he hewed to the line and never faltered, carrying on over all obstacles according to the dictates of his conscience. As a careful, conservative man, he was successful in business and drew about him a ring of friends who often sought his advice and trusted him infinitely. Though afflicted with a disease from which there was no surcease, he bore up with wondrous patience and calm until the Angel of Death bore him Homeward crowned and blessed.

"The Times joins his host of friends in mourning the untimely demise of a kindly father and ideal husband."

Mrs. Schmidt retired and sold the hotel to R. R. Hogg on December 15, 1924.

SCHMIDT, Dr. P. G. (W.T. 4-1-1921) "Dr. P. G. Schmidt has erected two bungalows on Lepper Avenue and has leased both of them. He expects in the near future to erect others, also for lease."

SCHREIER, John John was born in Loyal, Wisconsin, February 17, 1918. He married Goldie Thomas, the daughter of W. K. "Kenny" and Evalena Thomas (See also THOMAS—Musselshell and Winnett) John, Goldie, and son Bill came to Winnett in July of 1950. John worked at general work around the community. Goldie became the Winnett Times correspondent in November of 1954, and John went to work in the Petroleum County clerk and recorder's office in January of 1955. Another son, Carl, was born in 1956. In August of the same year, Schreiers acquired the management of the Rimrock Theater, and the theater was reopened in September.
granted the franchise to furnish electricity for the town of Winnett in May of 1921.

Gladys Sederholm about 1928. "Waiting at the depot!" or "Y'all come see us!"

SEDERHOLM, Gladys Gradys wrote, "I was born in Fargo, North Dakota, and moved to a farm at Whitetail, Montana, at the age of eight. I had two brothers — one older and one younger — who are both deceased now.

'I had to leave my home to go to high school in Scobey, Montana, for my last three years. My mother brooked no excuses for not going to high school regardless of the difficulties it might entail. I graduated in 1924 at age 16 so my mother made me spend a year at home to 'grow up.' In those days the teachers liked to have students take two grades in one year especially when there were few pupils in the school.

'I went to the Normal School at Dillon, Montana, for nine months and returned home to teach the 5th and 6th grades at Whitetail for a year. I returned to Dillon and graduated from the two-year Teachers' Certificate course in 1928. My first year there I met Inez Anderson, as we lived in the same dorm. She was teaching in Winnett at the time (1927-28), and she encouraged me to apply at Winnett when I graduated.

'I did apply and was accepted to teach the 7th and 8th "opportunity room" the fall of 1928. As the school planned to do away with this room the next year, it was my duty to see that the students all passed their state examinations, which at that time were a prerequisite to high school attendance. The students and I worked day and night on this assignment, and I am happy to say they passed.

"So I stayed in Winnett for 14 years teaching the intermediate grades, two grades at a time. These were some of the best years of my life. The people of Winnett accepted the teachers into the community and you became part of it. The drought and depression came while I was there, but we all hung in there together during the dust storms and slim purses. I believe it made the people 'tough' and tempered like steel as they were able to overcome adversity in their lives. How lucky I was to come to Winnett to teach and know the students and people.

"Don't think we didn't enjoy ourselves in Winnett. Besides the school activities (I can't forget those Christmas programs we used to put on, and I have wondered if the students ever remember them), I recall the 'DANCES' we had. Nearly every week there was a dance at Flatwillow or the Aristo. Everyone went to the dances and you danced with everyone — no wallflowers here. Remember this was when the radio was still squeaking and howling and TV hadn't reared its head, so you made your own fun — and we had fun.

"I well remember the day I got off the train in Roundup, Montana, on my way to Winnett for my teaching assignment — at 10:00 a.m. it was. Two other lost souls from Iowa were wandering up and down the platform — on their way to Winnett — Selma Huehn, a first grade teacher, and Ivy Rice, a music teacher. We waited all day and into the evening for our ride; the depot agent finally said he had to close up the depot. As he had put up with us the whole day, he knew our predicament; so he said his wife and son would drive us to Winnett.

"He sent our trunks on to Winnett by train as Winnett had a train then. So Selma and Ivy had a sample of western hospitality. After we had left, our ride came to the depot looking for us and couldn't understand why we hadn't waited for him — on the platform I guess!! He had been visiting friends and playing golf and the time got away from him! The three of us became fast friends for life.

"Ivy Rice decided to marry Christopher Schwarz, and they spent most of their lives in Winnett and Cat Creek until Chris retired and they moved to Nebraska, which was Christopher's old home. Selma went on to teach in Seattle, Washington, married an Englishman and had many trips to England. All three — Ivy, Chris and Selma — are deceased these past years, and we miss them so much.

"I should mention that Inez Anderson (Hassett) invited Ole Rigg and Howard Sandaker for me to meet that fall of 1928. Years later I married Howard, which is another plus for Winnett. In 1942 I left Winnett to teach in Billings, Montana, where I taught 31 years. In all I have taught 46 years and I never felt 'burned out.' My last 20 years were in counseling and guidance in junior high school in Billings. I enjoyed my teaching in Billings, also, as I have always been blessed with good principals and superintendents — plus, my colleagues were good to work with.

"It seems I spent my life teaching during the school years and then attending summer school for years — the perpetual student! Blanche Saylor (Grove), Freda Erflie, Lillian Porter and I spent a number of summers going to Montana University at Missoula, Montana. I received my
B. S. degree in 1944. Then I went to Eastern Montana College and received my Master’s Degree in counseling and guidance in 1958. Even after this I spent two summers at Montana State College of Bozeman and one summer at Boston University, Massachusetts.

“As long as I continued teaching, I felt I had to keep up on the changing education cycle. It is interesting to note that a number of things have gone full cycle now and are swinging back to what I had been taught in my two-year certificate in Dillon so long ago. I retired in 1973 and married Howard Sandaker in 1975. We live at 2855 Belvedere Drive, Billings, Montana (1989). We were doing just fine until we reached the 80 mark. Then we began to fall to pieces like the shay in the poem ‘The One Horse Shay,’ where you remember the shay reached 100 years with nary a scratch and then when it reached 101 years it fell completely to pieces. Y’all come see us before this happens to us! (See also SANDAKER, Howard)

SEEFLUTH, William William Seefluth owned land in Section 24-16-26 about nine miles north of Winnett, Montana. Fern Kindt recalled that when Mr. Seefluth passed away from pneumonia in June of 1928. Fern’s mother, Florence Kindt, was called in to prepare the body for services and to line the homemade casket. Mrs. Kindt used several yards of gray silk for all the lining. Fern sat contentedly by until her mother had finished the job. Then her mother sent her home, and Fern, just a small child, was disappointed that she didn’t get to see the body of Mr. Seefluth put into that beautifully lined casket. (See also SEEFLUTH — Ashley)

SENNETT, James The Wide Awake Garage had been remodeled and redecorated by its owner, Carl Clasun, when it became the home of James and Mary Lou Sennett in May of 1946. James had been hired as bookkeeper at the Continental Oil Company loading raks in Winnett. James later became a postal employee in Lewistown, Montana, where Sennetts reside as of 1989. Mary Lou, the former Mary Lou Bastian of Winnett, is a nurse in Central Montana Hospital. She and James have a daughter, Linda. Linda married Mark Scally of Lewistown and they had two children, Mike (1971) and Crystal (1980). (See also BASTIAN)

SENST, Otto Otto Senst was a native of Minnesota, being born there on January 31, 1888, and residing there until moving with his family to Howard, South Dakota. In 1911 Otto moved to Montana and homesteaded five miles south of Winnett (Sec. 30-14-27). Otto served in the Army during World War I. After his discharge, he returned to Winnett and worked as a bookkeeper for Walter J. Winnett.

Myrtle Fisher was born in Sisseton, South Dakota, on Valentine’s Day in 1898 and grew up in the Petrolia area, where her parents, the Andrew Fishers, homesteaded (See also FISHER — Petrolia). In her late teens Myrtle found employment at a laundry in Winnett. She was also a waitress in a cafe in the boom days of 1920-1921. It was during this time that she met Otto Senst. Myrtle at one time recalled how solicitous Otto was of her during those rough and rowdy days: “Why, he wouldn’t even have me walk across the street alone.” she said respectfully.

Myrtle and Otto were married March 2, 1921. Their son, Mervin, was born October 13, 1922, and daughter, Virgie Mae, July 22, 1927. When Virgie was three weeks old, Otto and Myrtle bought the original Schmidt Hotel.
which at that time was known as the Commercial Hotel. Myrtie never let dust settle in her establishment! Many residents remember how often the dust mop, shaken in the wind, was seen at the front or back door.

(W.T. 8-4-1933) "The first draft beer in Winnett from the Great Falls Brewery is being sold by Otto Senst, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel." (W.T. 3-19-1937) "Otto Senst opened a beer parlor with Pete Tunnicliff next to the Sunset Cafe. The beer parlor will be known as the Town Tavern."

January of 1948 found Myrtie and Otto selling the Commercial Hotel after operating it for twenty years. They bought and moved into the original Sullivan house at 301 South Broadway. Otto continued to be proprietor of the Town Tavern. In August of 1950, at an annual secretary breakfast, Myrtie was honored and given an award as the best secretary in her division of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Otto decided to retire, and in October of 1954, Sensts sold their nice brick house to Harvey Cornues and moved to Lewistown, Montana. Otto died in Lewistown in August of 1975. Myrtie moved into a house close to her daughter Virgie and died in May of 1987.

Mervin graduated from Winnett High School in 1941. He enlisted in the Army in 1942 and was stationed in England, France, Belgium, and Germany as a radio operator. In June 1945, after he had visited Berchtesgaden, Hitler’s favorite retreat, he wrote to his family as follows: (W.T. 6-21-1945) "The mansion sits on top of the mountain and is accessible by only one road which goes up and up until it makes the Red Lodge-Cooke City road look sick. There are thirteen stories carved out of solid rock underneath the mansion — right down into the heart of the mountain. You never saw anything so exquisite, even in the movies." Mervin and Ethel Skillen Hodges (1947 Winnett High School graduate) were married in 1947. They have two sons, Terry and Jimmy.

Virgle graduated from Winnett High School in 1945. She attended McMurry College for girls and Montana State College. In September of 1948 she was married to William Baumgartner, a telegrapher for the Milwaukee railroad in Lewistown, Montana. Their children were Larry, Danny, Regina, and Mark. Mark was killed in a winter accident in 1960. Virgle still lives in Lewistown (1989).

**SETSER, Ralph** Ralph Setser acquired land close to Hoyle, Montana, in Sec. 34-15-28. (W.T. 5-6-21) "Ralph Setser has opened a repair shop at the Wide Awake Garage and is now ready to serve those in need of a good mechanic. The Wide Awake is one of the busy places in Winnett these days."

**SEVALS, Barney** Barney was a carpenter and contractor in Winnett in the early 1920s. (See JOHNS, Mrs. Louise)

**SEVALS, Walter** Walter was born January 16, 1888, in Bismarck, North Dakota. In 1919 he joined the Masonic Lodge of Winnett. In September of 1921 Walter Sevals served on a committee to advertise and plan for a chautauqua to be held at the Aristo Theatre the 5th through the 10th. He ran a billiard hall and card room on the south side of Main Street. His building also housed some popular bowling alleys.

**SHAFFER, W. M.** Mr. Shaffer was the father of Mrs. William Hough. (See HOUGH — Cat Creek)

**SHAMMEL, Frank** Frank Shammel, the oldest son of Fred and Elizabeth Shammel, was born July 20, 1876, in Ohio. He married Myrtle Cogswell, and they were the parents of Earl, Lee, Elizabeth, Iva, Gladys, and Wayne. Mother Myrtle died in 1909. Frank found another wonderful wife and mother for his children in the person of Sarah Laufer. They were married in June of 1911.

Somewhere around the mid-1920s, Mr. and Mrs. Shammel, Gladys, and Wayne moved to the Lepper Ranch on Flatwillow Creek. Frank's brother Fred shared the work on the ranch. In 1931, while still running stock on the ranch, the Shammels moved into Winnett and made their home in the former Mudd house.

An interesting news item appeared in the *Winnett Times* of 11-20-1931: "Taking advantage of the extremely low price of white beans, Frank Shammel bought 30 tons to feed his sheep. They were hauled to Shammels’ ranch by Fred Welch and Spats Morgan."

Mrs. Shammel served as mother and grandmother to many who were just friends. She won prizes at all the fairs on her canned vegetables, fruits, and baked goods. Her large, soft sugar cookies couldn’t be beaten. Her canned mutton liver was delicious!

In March of 1933, the Shammels moved to a beautiful ranch in the mountains near Lewistown. Much later they moved into Lewistown, where Frank passed away in March of 1960; his brother Fred, in June of 1961; and

SHANDY, Dewey Dewey was a Petroleum County road patrol operator until he entered the Army and went to Korea to serve his country.

SHEETS, Mary Louise Mary Louise and Constance Bowen were married in 1870 and were the parents of Daniel, Earl, John, Guy, and Dorothy Bowen. In 1893 Mary Louise Bowen married Alexander Sheets. One son, Harry, was born to them. He died in July of 1929. Mrs. Sheets also had a step-daughter, Mrs. Frank Morret.

Dean and Dow Bowen were grandsons of Mary Louise Bowen Sheets. She raised Dow Bowen from a baby as one of her own sons. Mrs. Sheets came to Winnett in 1921 and made her home with her daughter, Dorothy Bowen. She died in March of 1933. (See BOWEN, Dorothy — WINNETT; BOWEN — Musselshell River)

SHEPHERD, Leo Leo W. Shepherd, son of Glen Shepherd and Lottie Mitchell Shepherd, was born June 20, 1927, at Chester, Montana. Arlene Tutvedt, daughter of Peter Tutvedt and Myrtle Brevik Tutvedt, was born March 12, 1929, at Chester, Montana. Leo and Arlene were married and were parents of two daughters, Linda and Lottie, and one son, Glen.

Mr. Shepherd was chosen as superintendent of the Winnett schools in March of 1975. He served two terms, and in July 1977 asked for and received a year’s leave of absence. He returned as superintendent for the year of 1978-79.

Mr. Shepherd remarked: “The greatest thrill in my experiences in Petroleum County came from the bunch of girls I coached in 1975 — winning the championship game of the Northern Divisional tournament by scoring eight points in the last one minute and three seconds; the same team winning a Saturday morning game in the State tournament by scoring nine points in 15 seconds!! Arlene and I feel we met some of the finest people of our lives while serving in Petroleum County. We wish them well and will continue to cherish their friendships.”

SHINE, I. S. Mr. Shine opened a harness shop in Winnett in 1914.

SHIPTON, James James Shipton was born in England in 1863. In 1886 he immigrated to Hamilton, Canada, where he attended the public schools. Then he studied the business of manufacturing cigars, serving as an apprentice for three years. In the early 1890s he spent considerable time traveling over the United States and Canada studying cigar making and looking for a place to locate.

James was married in 1892 to Miss Sadie Kirkland of Winterset, Iowa. In the summer of 1890 Mr. Shipton settled in Livingston, Montana, engaging in the wholesale and retail cigar business, manufacturing Livingston Favorite and J. S. brands of cigars. A daughter, born to them there, died in 1905. He came to Winnett in 1922. Mrs. Shipton died in 1924.

It is not known just when Mr. Shipton started his soft drink parlor on south Main Street in Winnett. His first business site was in the building known as the Sevals Pool and Billiard Hall that adjoined the first Aristo on the east. In 1927 he moved his soft drink establishment to the Palm Garden, just west of the Enterprise Meat Market. That building was destroyed by fire September 1, 1929. He next rented the lower half of the Savoy Hotel but lost his business there in the next big fire of October 1931. He then moved to Whitehall, Montana, but in 1927 returned to Livingston where he opened the Stein on East Callender Street. He died in Livingston on July 10, 1939.

SHOFFEN, Thomas Tom Shofen worked as butcher and clerk at the Winnett Mercantile in the early 1930s. He served as a witness of the Grace Woods — Albyn F. McCulloh marriage. Tom later worked at a large meat plant in the new dam-construction town of Fort Peck, Montana.

SHUMATE, Joseph Joe Shumate came to this area from Missouri and was, no doubt, one of the earlier settlers of this community. He established the Central Billiard Parlor on October 19, 1914. The same building celebrates its diamond anniversary this State Centennial year. Lillian and Art Moore operate their bar and serve lunches in the historic structure in 1989.

An early news item in the Winnett Times (which was only one week old itself on September 23, 1914), stated: "Shumate and Hunter gave a dance in the new pool hall Monday night." An ad (W.T. 10-19-1914) read "The Central Billiard Parlor, Joe Shumate, Proprietor. Candy, Cigars, Tobaccos, and Soft Drinks. Established October 19, 1914."

Joe was elected alderman of the first ward of Winnett in April of 1921. In December 1921 the following news item appeared in the Winnett Times: "Joe Shumate left today for Oklahoma where he will visit a short time with his mother, and from there he will go to his old home in Missouri to spend the holidays. It has been twenty-three years since Mr. Shumate left his old home, and this will be his first visit during that time."

Charles Doherty, editor of the Winnett Times of 9-13-29, wrote a short article entitled "Joe Falls from Grace": "At the administrator’s sale of the personal property of the Erik Hove estate held at the courthouse Monday, Joe Shumate bid on the new model A Ford coupe. Joe has been afoot for all these many years. Auto salesmen have used every effort to induce him to join the traveling class but he stood steadfast until Monday. Now he has a means of locomotion and, like all the rest of us, can talk more learnedly on gasoline prices and taxes, auto licenses, mileage, etc. Among Joe’s friends there are those who contend that the auto may also remove him from the contented bachelor sphere; but Joe stoutly denies this and points to Commissioner Hays as a shining example of a bachelor who can stay put even when put on wheels."

Joe left Winnett for a time in the late 1920s but returned in the mid-1930s to operate the Central Tavern in his old
building. He again left Winnett in October of 1939 and went to Suffolk, Montana, where he assumed the operation of the Suffolk Hotel and Tavern. He also owned a fine farm near there.

SIBBERT, John John spent his entire life in the Winnett area except for his schooling in Lewistown and his service in the Army during World War II (See also SIBBERT — Telgen). His service years were spent on troop trains in the United States, as he was in command of troop movement from one coast to the other. He had runched with his father prior to entering the Army. When John returned, he took over the management of the family ranch on Flatwillow Creek (See also SIBBERT — Flatwillow).

John and Emma Rabern were married in 1955 and lived on the Flatwillow Ranch until 1974. At that time they purchased the original Jarrett house at 101 South Broadway in Winnett from Mr. and Mrs. Lee Myers. The house was remodeled, and Emma became busy with her favorite hobbies — gardening, growing flowers, and doing many types of handicraft. Her skill in decorating brightened many a social meeting.

Emma died in August of 1980 and John, in September of 1982. Emma was the mother of one daughter, Dulcie Rabern Thomas, and a son, Richard “Bud” Rabern (See also RABERN — Flatwillow and Winnett)

SIECZKOWSKI, Joe Mr. Sieczkowski was a butcher in the Eager Store in 1940.

SIEGEL, J. Mr. Siegel was general manager of the Brust Oil and Gas Syndicate, a common law trust, unincorporated, and consisting of practically all Winnett men. The officers in 1921 were: J. E. Wilson, Chairman of the board of trustees; J. Siegel, General Manager; E. E. Eager, Treasurer; and C. Bean, Secretary and Sales Manager. The Brust Company built a camp on their holdings in Sec. 17-15-30 and erected a rig in July of 1921.

SIGVARDT, Veggo Veggo Sigvardt was a cousin of P. J. Anderson. When Veggo lived in Winnett in its early days, he assisted in laying Winnett’s water system. He also worked on highways and bridges in the area. Veggo and his wife, Ida, were the parents of two children — Marie (1911) and Veggo Jr. (1908).

SILER, Mrs. G. B. (W.T. 6-3-21) “Mrs. G. B. Siler, a well-known citizen of Winnett, is visiting with friends in Lewistown.”

SIMS, Alan In 1943 Alan Sims was a new employee on the Wayne Bratten Ranch. He lived in the former Sommierfield house on Moulton Avenue.

SIMS, Claude Claude and Helen “Doll” Sims and family moved to Winnett in 1963, and Claude commuted to his work in Cat Creek (See also SIMS — Cat Creek). Doll became the school lunch cook that school year and efficiently and lovingly held the position until 1970. With four fun-loving active Sims children as the core, the Sims household on Wheeler and Broadway was the home-away-from-home for dozens of kids. There was always room for one more! If a fast moving blizzard or spring thaw marooned country children in town, regardless of age, they loved an excuse to be mothered by Dolly.

The Simses left Winnett in 1970 and spent a year in Billings, Montana, before moving to Missoula to make their home.

Helen laughs about her birth. “I was born.” Doll says, “August 25, 1929, in the no longer existent Savoy Hotel. In attendance of my mother was our benevolent, good samaritan registered nurse, Mrs. Frank (Grace) McAllister. When I was just six days old, on September 1, 1929, a fire started near the Eager Mercantile store. A high wind came up, spreading the fire down the entire block. Mrs. ‘Mac’ kept watching anxiously out the window of the hotel room as the fire spread and devoured one building after another. She kept worrying that a shift in the wind would cause the fire to leap across the street and catch the Savoy Hotel. The citizens were alerted to be ready to evacuate the mother and baby in such a case. No such thing occurred, but I was almost born in a ‘ball of fire.’” (See also SIMS — Cat Creek)

SIMS, Glen Glen “Jiggs” Sims was one of the 12 children of Henry and Alice Sims (See also SIMS — Musselshell River). Ruth (Noll) Sims was born in Winnett, Montana, on October 22, 1932, to Peter and Alma (Rostad) Noll. When she was two and one-half, her mother passed away; and she was raised by her mother’s parents, Anna and Bernt Rostad, at Flatwillow (See also ROSTAD — Flatwillow).

She attended schools at Flatwillow, Winnett, and Missoula. After she graduated from high school at Winnett, she married Glen “Jiggs” Sims, who worked for Continental Oil Co. at Cat Creek. They lived in Winnett and Cat Creek until he was transferred to Circle Ridge, Wyoming, where they lived until he retired, and they moved back to Winnett.

They had five children — Dorothy, who married Frank Siroky Jr., and lives at Roy, Montana; Glen Charles; Doris, who married and divorced Wes Ford, lives in Pavillon, Wyoming, and has three daughters — Margaret Ann, Ruth, and Helen; Alice, who married Jerry Bisbee, lives in Dubois, Wyoming, and has two daughters. Cindy and Valarie; Wesley, who married Ilse Weiss, lives in Pawillon, Wyoming, and has one son, Cory, and a daughter, Misty; and Dale, who lives in Pavillon, Wyoming, and has never married. (Submitted by Ruth Sims)

SIMS, Henry The Henry Sims family lived in Winnett for almost ten years, and the children attended the Winnett schools. They lived in the northeast quarter of town on Waterside Avenue. Henry Sims was a trucker. (See also SIMS — Musselshell River)

SINCLAIR, Robert J. Robert and Della Sinclair moved to Winnett from the Dovetail-Valentine community in 1935 (See also SINCLAIR — Dovetail) and bought the former George Casteel residence on Edith Street. It was an especially nice location because of the beautiful cottonwood trees which shaded the house. Mirth Winnett
Hedman stated that her father had stuck cottonwood branches in the irrigation ditch formerly there which resulted in the growth of the trees. Though old, and with some dead branches, they still tower over the house in this Centennial year.

After moving to Winnett, Mr. Sinclair worked on the Sibbert and Rogge ranches. Della helped in restaurants and enjoyed being a good neighbor to anyone who needed help. She also cooked and worked for Ella V. Millsap in the Montana Hotel. During some of the World War II years, Sinclairs lived and worked on the Elden Freed Ranch at Petrolia. (That land is now under the lake.) Della liked to entertain people with humorous readings, and she acted in many home-talent plays. It seemed she always knew a good joke to make someone smile.

On a beautiful October day in 1960, the Sinclairs celebrated their golden anniversary. The party was staged by their daughter Viola and Bill Welter at the beautiful Welter Ranch in the Petrolia area. The weather cooperated and chrysanthemums were still in glorious bloom.

The Sinclairs were parents of five children — Viola (1913), Wanda (1918), twins Pat E. and Mick E. (1920), and Robert (1928). Viola married William Welter (See also WELTER — Petrolia). Wanda married Herschel Metzel (See also METZEL). Pat married Beverly Fleharty, daughter of Clifford Fleharty of Blakeslee, and they had three children — Susie, Dallas and Roy. Mick married Frances Akensen, a local schoolteacher, and they had four children — Allan, Beverly, Dennis and Carol. Robert married Louanne Hill, daughter of Lou Hill of Mosby, and they had four children — James, Paula, Don and Margery. (See also HILL and WOODFORD — Musselshell River)

Mr. Sinclair died in 1963, Mrs. Sinclair, in 1976.

SKAGGS, Albert Albert Skaggs and wife, Mary, ranched in Sec. 23-16-27, about ten miles northeast of Winnett. They had nine children — Beatrice (1909), Bernice (1910), Mary (1911), Bessie (1913), Judith (1914), Robert (1917), August (1919), Clarence (1920) and Ronald (1922). (W.T. 7-9-21) "A. A. Skaggs took his little daughter, Bessie, to Dr. Brice’s hospital in Lewistown, Montana, last week for an operation for ulcers.

SLUM, Adolph Adolph worked in the Monarch Lumber Company in 1926 and 1927.

SMIDT, Jack Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smidt and family — Arthur, Lloyd, and Laureen — arrived in Winnett and took over the Rotary Inn establishment on December 14, 1950. Their three children entered the Winnett School. Smids were natives of Laurel, Montana. Previously, Jack was a truck driver for Hageman Transport and had driven a truck through Winnett on a number of occasions.

SMILEY, J. T. The Smileys owned land about one mile northeast of the town of Winnett in Sec. 29-15-27. Mr. Smiley was reported to have delivered milk in town before Swifts operated a dairy. He ranched, and, in later years, operated the City Laundry near Winnett.

SMITH (W.T. 4-22-21) "Smith and Barnes are the new proprietors of the Peerless Grill, having taken over the business the latter part of last week. The men are both experienced restaurateurs and will make the Peerless one of the best cafes in Winnett."

"Grandpa" Smith

SMITH, Arthur E. Arthur E. "Grandpa" Smith came to Winnett several times to visit his daughter and son-in-law, Ethel and Don Gullickson. After retiring from the railroad in Billings, Montana, his visits lasted longer, and in 1957 he started helping at the D and E Store. He enjoyed visiting with the customers and waiting on the children. He became known to everyone as Grandpa Smith. He loved to fish and hunt and soon got a small dog, Tippy, which followed him everywhere. Tippy was the mascot at the store. Grandpa Smith lived with the Gullicksons until his death in March of 1977. (Submitted by Ethel Gullickson)

SMITH, Brents (See PECK, Clinton L.)

SMITH, Dorothy Dorothy was a bookkeeper and stenographer at the Broadway Garage. She had come here from Vergas, Minnesota, in 1921.

SMITH, Estelle She passed from the eighth grade into high school in the spring of 1921.

SMITH, Harry (See BLANK, Carl — Winnett)

SMITH, J. E. J. E. was manager of the Wide Awake Garage in 1921.

SMITH, John Wind derailed three Milwaukee stock cars in February of 1964. John Smith was Milwaukee agent at the time. The cars, pushed by the wind, rolled to the dead end but did not overturn.

SMITH, Lillie B. Lillie B. "Smithie" moved into Winnett in about 1937 and lived in the northeast corner of Block 21 (See also SMITH — Musselshell River). From there she often went out to work on various ranches — Forbes Leslie and N Bar Ranches — to mention two. She
also helped in restaurants and cooked at the school dormitory at times. Smithie died in 1950 at the age of 73. Her request that no flowers or music be part of the funeral service was complied with, and graveside services were held in the Winnett Cemetery.

SMITH, Mabel Mabel Smith graduated from Winnett High School in 1921. In November of 1923, she married D. Y. Wilson Jr. They were the parents of two girls — Barbara and Gayle. (See also WILSON)

SMITH, Marion Marion was clerk in Rasmussen’s store in April 1921. In June she resigned her position and married David Patrick Freeman. (See also FREEMAN)

SMITH, Sidney Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith lived in Winnett and were running a repair shop in the early 1920s. (See also McFARLAND)

SMITH, William Hayes William Hayes Smith came to Winnett from Lewistown, Montana, in July of 1921. He previously had several years of experience in handling poultry and dairy products. He built a brick and tile building on Ashley Avenue south of Rasmussen’s store. It had a 25-foot front facing west. After his building was completed, he took over the dairy and poultry business which had been handled by Rasmussen’s store. His was the first creamery established in Winnett. It was named the Winnett Cash Produce. The Smiths’ home was at 308 South Moulton Avenue.

In April of 1925 Mr. Smith installed an electric egg processor which enabled him to detect unerringly all eggs below standard or even slightly cracked. This was especially necessary before eggs were prepared for winter storage. (Before the days of the scientific handling of poultry — especially in regard to egg production — hens just were not expected to lay eggs in the wintertime. Consequently, farmers and produce handlers resorted to storing eggs in a solution of sodium silicate or potassium silicate, commonly known as waterglass. The silicate was dissolved in water to form a colorless, syrupy liquid used as an adhesive, as a protective and waterproofing coat for eggs. The eggs and solution were usually stored in earthenware crocks and placed in a cool room such as an underground cellar. Eggs stored in this manner had to be in perfect condition.)

In May of that year, Mr. Smith set up a produce line — two truck routes — one through the Valentine-Dovetaill country, and the other through the Flatwillow country. For these routes, he had a special body built on a Ford truck. In 1927 William purchased a 1200-egg incubator and invited his customers to bring eggs to him for hatching, thus saving their hens the trouble! Mr. Smith sold his business to the Fergus County Creamery in May 1928. He then secured work with Erick Hanson in building concrete culverts along the highway between Grassrange and Lewistown — the contract being sublet to Mr. Hanson by Thomas Carr, prime contractor.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith had two daughters, Winnifred and Hester. “Winnie” married Vane Catlin, a farmer from Ashley. Hester worked in Rasmussen’s store in 1924 and in 1929 married Dr. R. A. Elliott of Lewistown. The Smith family moved back to Lewistown in 1929. (See also CATLIN)

SNIDER, Ray Ray Snider operated Ray’s Barbershop. He and his wife moved to Winnett in 1945.

SOLF, Ronald Ronnie Solf grew up on his parents ranch in the Petrolia community and attended elementary school there. After graduating from Winnett High School, he attended the Helena, Montana, Vocational Technical School. With that educational stepping stone, he was employed for five years by Industrial Plating and Grinding, Inc. of Billings before returning home to work on the William Solf Ranch.

Lisa Sluggett, daughter of Lester and Carol Sluggett, was born in Havre, Montana, May 29, 1966. Her parents lived south of Big Sandy, Montana, for six years and then purchased a ranch east of Roy, Montana, and north of Winnett. Lisa graduated from Roy High School in 1984 and went on to attend Montana State University where she received an associate degree in business administration in the spring of 1987. She was hired as deputy treasurer for Petroleum County on August 28, 1987.

Lisa and Ronnie were married on June 3, 1989. They chose the little picturesque and historic church of Forestgrove, Montana, in which to exchange their marriage vows. They make their home in Winnett, where Lisa continues her work in the courthouse, and Ronnie works for First Continental Corporation. (See also SOLF — Petrolia; and SLUGGETT — Dovetaill)

SOMBOR, Bores Bores was a fine merchant tailor who established a shop in Winnett in April of 1921. In October of 1923, he also purchased the equipment and business of the Star Cleaners, which had formerly been conducted by Mrs. H. G. Houser. (W.T. 10-12-1923) “Mr. Sombor is the pioneer tailor of the city, and with the added equipment purchased of the Star Cleaners, will be in a position to handle the business of this city with his usual skill and promptness.”

In August of 1925, Bores had planned to take an extended trip to Detroit, Michigan. But, at the last minute, he changed his mind and spent his money on a new steam presser for his shop and also bought some other equipment.

(W.T. 9-11-1925) “Bores Sombor, the local tailor, who this week added some up-to-date equipment to his shop here, is a Russian by birth. He came to this country before the World War started, as a political refugee from the late czar’s officers. Some of his associates were apprehended and executed, so it may be believed that Bores saved his neck by making a hasty getaway.”

“During the war and revolution and counterrevolution that followed in Russia, he lost all trace of his family — wife and three children. He became a naturalized citizen of this country and carried on efforts to locate them. Finally a package that he had sent a year before, was
delivered to his son, now a youth of eighteen, and correspondence was resumed. He hears from the family regularly now, and they have resumed the quiet tenor of living.

"The raging battles, internal and external, drove the family from their home village, and they were forced to wander over the country with other refugees, seeking food and shelter, almost like so many cattle on the range, for a considerable time.

"While Bores is of the opinion that the Bolshevik or soviet rule will prove of value to his former countrymen, he is desirous of bringing his family here as soon as possible, and is now carrying on negotiations to at least get some of them here soon. The fact that he is a citizen will permit him to get permission to bring his immediate family into the country in excess of the regular immigration quota from Russia."

(W.T. 10-4-1929) "Bores Sombor has received a picture of his eldest son in the uniform of the Red Army of Russia. . . . The Red Army uniform consists of wrap leggings and breeches on the style of the American uniform. However, instead of the blouse, a shirtcoat is used. Apparently Russia is economical with uniforms, as the young soldier’s uniform showed large patches on the knees."

Bores sold his business in June of 1930, but reopened it the first of October that year. He didn’t stay in business long, however. Probably for the love of his family, he decided to return to Russia.

(W.T. 10-24-1930) "Bores Sombor . . . left Tuesday for his old home in Russia . . . Now that the revolutionists have had their inning and the nation is a republic, Bores feels safe in returning to his native land and his family. He states that the government will set him up in the chicken business, giving him a large number of chickens and incubators, and it will be his job to herd the chickens and run the incubators.

"Bores thinks things are all right in Russia now and, for his sake, we hope they are; but if they are not, you can depend on that little Russian hopping the country again just one jump ahead of the Bolshevik scalping squad, and he’ll open up for business again in Winnett." (W. T. I-16-1931) "Lazar K. Gray received a letter from Bores in January of 1931. Bores was reported to have stated: 'Close contact with Russia was not as appealing as the distant contact of the United States.' In other words, Bores will probably return soon — if he can."

SOMMERFIELD, Dan Dan Sommerfield homesteaded about six miles east and a little south of the Ashley Post Office. Alice Greenfield homesteaded in Section 34-17-24 of the Blakeslee area (see also GREENFIELD — Blakeslee). Her son, Ray, and nephew, Bertice, also homesteaded in that community. Bertice taught in many schools of the county. Alice and Dan were married, and Alice Sommerfield became the first clerk of the first board of school trustees of Winnett School District #159 in 1916.

Dan had previously operated a harness shop in Winnett as early as 1914. In 1921 Mr. and Mrs. Sommerfield moved into a new bungalow on Moulton Avenue. Dan was chosen custodian of the Winnett schools in 1922. A news item of the Winnett Times of July 29, 1927, revealed: "With help from Tony Schwarz and Ted Boeckman, Dan repainted all eight District #159 schools." That same year Mrs. Sommerfield was matron of the school dormitory.

After pushing a broom and tending a boiler for sixteen years, Dan resigned in February of 1938. The following articles appeared in the Winnett Times of February 4, 1938:

"We were greatly surprised last week to learn that our school janitor, Dan Sommerfield, had found it necessary to resign owing to ill health. Dan has been an important part of our school personnel for so many years that we had come to look upon him as a permanent fixture, something always in its place like the desks or the school bell, or like the building itself. We never had to think of his work, because it was always done. The school bell never failed to ring at the proper time.

"We were always sure that we could come into a building that was clean and warm. We are sorry to see Dan go, and we know that we shall miss him. We shall miss him for his untiring industry, his zeal for thoroughness, for his many little kindnesses to the students and teachers, his constant watchfulness over the school property, his love of system and regularity. The little poem contributed by Mr. Whitten well expresses the sentiments of the students and faculty:

'To define the words, spic and span,
It might well be said, 'do like Dan.'
Our mothers taught us to be neat and clean
And Dan has shown us what this can mean.
And though we’ll miss you when to school we come
God bless you, Dan — a job well done.

By Allen Whitten'

Dan countered:

'Remember well and bear in mind
A friend like Whitten is hard to find.
Dan'"

The Sommerfields moved to Canby, Oregon, where Mrs. Sommerfield died in June of 1945, and Dan, in August of 1961.
SPAUDDLING, Arthur The Art Spauldings moved to Winnett in 1926. They made their home in the original Roy Hopkins house in the Rimrock Addition, and Art worked in Weloff’s gas station.

In 1928 Mrs. Spaulding (Henrietta) won an award in a national essay contest. The subject was "Why the Laundry Should Do My Washing." Henrietta’s letter was one of the several chosen from 1,044,372 entries. Having moved several times with their family of five, she wrote with some degree of authority. Her final two paragraphs were as follows:

"If each busy housewife would take pencil and paper and pause long enough to discover the true financial relation between the old and new way (of washing clothes), she would have more time for recreation, music, fancy work or other pleasures which would leave her better prepared for the priceless duties of motherhood.

"So you see I am for the laundry for health, happiness, economy and that feeling of good will and fellowship in the home, which leads to real contentment. May she (the laundry) continue to prosper and grow."

The stork left a ten-pound boy at the Spaulding home under the rimrocks in June of 1929. Art said that it should have been a girl, but felt he could get along just fine with four boys. Two of those boys, Jay and Bob, were put out of commission for a time in August of 1929. The boys both fell off a horse and each broke their left arm, one above the elbow and one just below. Their father stated that the boys caused very little trouble around the house, since each carried an arm in a sling.

In September of 1929, Vick Weloff moved to Lewistown, Montana, and Art was put in charge of the Weloff bulk plant and gas station until the station changed hands in 1933. In July 1933, Art became the proprietor and owner of the Broadway Garage. He sold that business in 1935 to John Merten and Henry Lengemann and moved to Lewistown. The Spaulding family moved to Joliet, Montana, in October of 1939.

In Joliet, Art operated a bulk plant and service station until his retirement. Son James D. then took over the plant and service. Art passed away in June of 1967.

Art and Henrietta Spaulding were the parents of five boys — Max, Ray, James, Robert and Frank. A boy, Gardley Spaulding, was also listed on the Spaulding census card with a note stating that Gard’s mother was deceased. In December of 1939 Gardley was married to Jean Province of Red Lodge. (See also SPAULDING — Cat Creek)

SPERES, Schuyler Schuyler “Scotty” was a restaurant cook in Winnett as early as 1917 and was cook for the crew of the discovery well at Cat Creek in February of 1920. The crew had stated that “Scotty’s good cooking and genial disposition made it easier for the drilling crew to enjoy the hardships encountered.”

In April of 1921, Scotty bought the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh White. At that time he was operating his own restaurant in Winnett. The business was later sold to

Unknown. William Petrasch, Scotty Spears, unknown; (front) D. Y. Wilson, high school boy working in Spears restaurant (1919)

William Bauer, and Scotty moved to Los Angeles, California.

SPECK, THE TAILOR (See PEARL, THE CLEANER)

SPENCER, A. W. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Spencer and family of Cut Bank, Montana, moved to Winnett in August of 1946. Mr. Spencer was the owner of Farm Service and Supply, an outlet for farmers’ electrical devices and the service thereof. Spencers purchased the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Palin, better known as the William Bennett house.

A daughter, Patty, entered Winnett Elementary School. While they lived here, another daughter, Marianne, was born (9-11-46).

In April of 1948, Mr. Spencer was given a larger service area that included Miles City, Montana. The family left here in August of 1948 and made their home in Casper, Wyoming.

SPENCER, J. H. Mr. Spencer was assistant to Mr. Morton and also acted as field agent for the Independent Pipe Line. He came here from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SPENCER, Kenni Jean The Mecca Beauty Shop in Winnett employed Jean Spencer as an operator in 1961. On November 24, 1961, she and Torger S. Skveland were married in the First Lutheran Church of Winnett.

STANTON, Kenneth Kenneth Stanton was employed by the Eager Mercantile after coming to Winnett in May of 1949. There were two children in the family. One girl entered school here.

STAFFACHER, Edward Edward Stauffacher was born December 19, 1904. He attended grade school in the Brush Creek area. On October 12, 1935, he married Josephine Doman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doman of the Flatwillow area.

Edward often helped in the Town Tavern in Winnett. In 1943 Stauffachers purchased the Hansen buffet property, including all lots and sheds west of the Joe Shumate building to the corner of Main and Broadway. On October 16, 1943, Jo and Edward opened a soda fountain and lunch counter. They had also purchased Mother’s

Stauffachers also owned the old drugstore, and they sold that building to R. W. Gilmore, of South Dakota, for $2700 in February of 1946. At that time Stauffachers owned and operated the Stockman Bar. (It appears that Edward enjoyed dealing in real estate.) 1949 found Stauffachers managing the Gusher Bar, and in June of 1953, they bought the Commercial Hotel. This was re-sold to Mrs. Fannie Brooks in 1955.

In 1961 Jo and Edward moved to Denton, Montana, then to Lewistown in 1963. Edward passed away there in 1967. Jo continued to enjoy life until September of 1985. (See also DOMAN — Flatwillow; BRUMBERGER — Ashley)

STENSON, Henry A. Henry Stenson was a resident of Winnett in the very early 1920s and was a partner with Archibald Faragher in the Broadway Garage. (W.T. 4-8-1921) "The splendid new garage being erected by Stenson and Faragher on Broadway is nearing completion, and it is more likely that it will be ready for occupancy by the 20th. Work of laying the concrete floor is now in progress. As soon as this is in and sufficient time elapses for its settling, the place will be opened."

(W.T. 4-8-1921) "Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stenson returned from Helena Monday. They had gone there to get a baby girl left at the Children's Home in that city, and whom they have adopted."

In March of 1925, H. A. Stenson obtained the Chevrolet agency for Petroleum County. He purchased the John Wilson property (Lot 12, Block 11) for use as a salesroom. He also installed a service station and sold Conoco gasoline.

STEPHENSON, Arthur W. Arthur Stephenson resided in Winnett during the summer of 1921. As a pilot for the Aero Miles City, Montana, Club, he instructed Les Hoyle in the art of flying. In November of 1921, Art won the honors at the Legion Aerial Derby at Kansas City, Missouri.

(W.T. 11-4-1921) "Stephenson's mascot, a Montana bobcat, which accompanied him on the trip, was presented to Marshal Foch of France by the Montana delegation. The bobcat was captured along the Musselshell River in the vicinity of Winnett, which makes both the champion and his mascot purely Winnett natives." (Ed. Other biographies assert that the bobcat was caught on Sunday Creek near Miles City.)

Art Stephenson was later involved in establishing the present municipal airport in Great Falls, Montana.

STERN, Jerry Mr. and Mrs. Stern and two sons lived in Winnett for only one year while Mr. Stern was work unit conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service. They left here in May of 1955 for Missoula, Montana, where Jerry had accepted a position with the State Forestry Department.

STEVENS, H. O. Mr. Stevens was engineer at the

pump station for the Independent Pipe Line in the 1920s.

STEVENS, J. A. Mr. Stevens (relationship to H. O. Stevens unknown) was in charge of the field tanks and line of the Independent Pipe Line in the 1920s.

STEWART, Harry In 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Stewart managed the Bachelor's Cafe.

STEWART, Mary I. "Mother" Stewart, as she was affectionately known, was the popular owner of Mother's Cafe in the 1920s. In April of 1929, to better serve her many customers, she enlarged her restaurant. This allowed the installation of private booths, a special attraction for the young folks who enjoyed a bit of privacy.

Then, just like all other business owners in Block 16, she had to watch her fine restaurant be consumed by fire September 1, 1929. Her husband, "Pappy" Stewart, also lost his cigar store in the same fire. "Mother Stewart" was determined in her desire to feed the hungry public, so she purchased the Herman Hansen Cafe and continued in business.

In March of 1930, she moved her cafe to the former Mode building. There, in 1934, she installed a modern ice cream cabinet, and wonder of wonders, an electric refrigerator! Both units were operated from the same freezing plant in the basement.

After cooking for people for 22 years, and to celebrate her 74th birthday, she closed her restaurant in December of 1942 and remarked that she was going to "just rest." She died in October 1946. (See also STEWART, George — Brush Creek)
Addition to Winnett. Mr. Stewart and son Boyd were active as oil drillers during the Cat Creek oil boom.

Young folks enjoyed visiting in the Stewart home, where Mrs. Stewart made taffy to pull and where everyone enjoyed listening to the music of a player piano. Stewarts raised chickens and always managed to have a beautiful and bounteous garden. They were active members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Stewart served as church pledge collector for years.

In 1941 Stewarts moved to Cut Bank to be near son Boyd, and where they expected to continue in the chicken business. In December of 1943, neighbors noticed smoke pouring cheerfully from Stewarts' former Winnett house chimney. Stewarts had returned to their home near the creek.

Mr. Stewart died in 1946. Mrs. Stewart moved to Cut Bank to make her home. She passed away in 1950. Their mini-farm home in Winnett was sold to Kenneth Bratten.

STOLL, Lewis Lewis was a proprietor of the City Furniture Exchange, which was in the building known as the Northrup Barbershop. His first ad appeared in the Winnett Times on 4-22-21.

STOLZ, Capt. Myles K. Captain Myles K. Stolz arrived in Winnett in the fall of 1936, as commanding officer of Company 575 of the Civilian Conservation Corps. The first of January the family, including daughter Nancy, moved to Lewistown, Montana. Capt. Stolz was transferred to Havre, Montana, in March 1937 to command a CCC camp which was located in the Bear Paw Mountains.

STONE, C. J. Geologist Stone. Mrs. Stone, and daughter Muriel had their office and residence in the Hover building. Mr. Stone's advice was sought on many occasions, not only for oil drilling, but for obtaining a water supply for the city (1921).

STORER, Robert L. Robert L. Storer, the son of Mable (Dreisbach) and 'Bud' Storer of Musselshell, was born August 1, 1930. (See also DREISBACH — Kelley) Gwen Blake was born February 12, 1932. Gwen and Bob were married in 1952. They became the parents of four children — Susie E., John W., David W., and Richard L. The family moved to Winnett from Roundup in September of 1964. Bob had been named manager of the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company. Their home, which was owned by Myra Poulton at the time, was the former Hillius house at 101 North Ashley Avenue.

Gwen was chairman of the Garden Club in 1965. When Bob was given the contract with School District #169 Board of Trustees for the transportation of pupils of the Dovetail-Valentine route, Gwen was certified as a relief driver. The Storer children all attended the Winnett Schools. Susie graduated from Winnett High School in 1971.

The Montana Lumber and Hardware was closed in August of 1971. The Storers were transferred to Harlowton, Montana, where both Bob and Gwen were employed by the lumber company. Susie married Donald Schoen. They have a daughter, Donna Suzanne, and live in California.

STORMWIND, Solomon Mr. Stormwind and his wife, Gertrude, were both born in Austria. They homesteaded in Sec. 29-16-27 before moving to Winnett. Sol operated The Hub, a clothing store for men in Winnett. An advertisement for The Hub stated the business was established on February 17, 1921. It is believed the store was a subsidiary of Joe Alweis' Hub in Lewistown, Montana. (In the fall of 1921, The Hub was moved into the new Ogg building which adjoined it on the east. The former Hub building became Blumenfield's Cafeteria and Pastry Shop.) The Winnett Hub operated until January of 1929, when the stock was removed to Lewistown.

Sol was in the insurance business at that time, and the family decided to stay in Winnett until the end of the school year. The family was very involved in school business, and social circles by this time, so when spring came, they remained in Winnett.

Then came the big fire of September 1, 1929, that destroyed not only the Hub clothing store, but also the Stormwind home. Unfazed by all this misfortune, Sol preferred to remain in Winnett and continue with his insurance business. Stormwinds rented the original Richard Valentine house, which had just been vacated by the Hamison family. The Stormwinds had four children at the time — Charles, Norman, Edith, and Ruth. Twin girls, Mary and Mildred, were born to them in 1932.

In March of 1933, Mrs. Stormwind was in the process of cleaning clothes and put about five gallons of gasoline into an electric washing machine. This would have seemed to have been a harmless and efficient operation. However, a 'loose' electric spark ignited the gas. Luckily no one was seriously burned, and only the back porch suffered damage, so much was washed off them that time!

Then the Stormwinds lost both of their twin girls — Mary in March of 1933, and Mildred in February of 1934.

Charles Stormwind could do the "muscle grind."
After living in Winnett for twenty years, Stormwinds moved to a farm near Fairfield in 1937. Sol opened a store in Fairfield in 1948. Mrs. Stormwind died in 1957; Mr. Stormwind, in 1971; and Charles, in March of 1982. Norman operated the Monarch Lumber Company and United Building Center in Fairfield for many years.

Bill Griebel Jr. reminisced concerning the Stormwinds: "I will always remember Solomon Stormwind. That gentle Jewish gentleman was a very courteous and kindly man, and Mrs. Stormwind was a very nice lady. I went to school with their son, Charles, and sometimes visited their house. I remember Mr. Stormwind addressing Charles in his gentle voice as "Choll." Mr. Stormwind's brand was a quarter-circle with the characters SS just below the arch of the quarter-circle, and he had it tattooed on their milk cow.

"When we were in the first and second grades (1926-1927), we used to chase Charles home. When Charlie got there, he would open the gate and turn the billy goat loose on us. That goat was mean and fast. Many a time I recall taking giant strides with one hand on that goat's horns and feeling him shoving hard to try to reach my hind end.

"In 1936 or 1937, I went back to Winnett from my home in Billings and went to see Charles. By this time Charlie had blossomed into a giant of a boy. His biceps were as large as my thigh. He worked out on the horizontal bar in Mr. Wood's yard and did some feats there I've never seen done before. He would hoist himself up with the bar behind his back and hook his elbows around it and then, supporting himself by his elbows, would gyrate around and around with that bar as the center of his motion, supporting his body weight on his biceps. He called it the muscle grind. I tried it and called it quits after landing on my neck on the ground. Charlie never again had to worry about anyone chasing him home."

STORY, Fred (By Ruby Story) The youngest son of Albert Lee Story, Fred Bird, followed his brothers to Winnett, Montana, in 1918. He worked as a mechanic in Winnett. In due time he met a homesteader's daughter, Ruby Pearl Runnalls, and after an acquaintance of three months, they were married in Lewistown, Montana.

Fred worked for several years as an electrician for the Winke Brothers at the Winnett City Light Co. Then in October of 1933, he took over the machine shop at the Broadway Garage, taking the place of Ray Alex. He next went to work for the City Light Co., which also operated the city's water supply. Fred was then involved in the water distribution system. It was noted in the Winnett Times paper of December 14, 1934, that he helped construct a skating rink that brought much joy to the younger set.

During World War II, Fred and Ruby moved to Port Orchard, Washington. Fred worked in the welding department at the shipyards. Ruby worked at drafting plans for any ship being built or repaired. This lasted until 1946. They next bought five acres and a small house near former Winnett friends, Bill and Katharine Busby, who also lived in Washington. Fred worked in a filling station. Ruby cooked for a suburban hospital, sometimes serving 35. They later returned to Winnett.

They sold their home in Winnett to Postmaster James McCue, then helped move the house of Ruby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Runnalls, to Lewistown, Montana. They, too, moved to Lewistown. The Fred Storys were the parents of three children — Ardith, Loren Fay, and Audrey Kay. All went through the Winnett schools.

Ardith went to Bozeman to college one year before marrying Jack Woodworth of Grassrange, Montana. They lived in Lewistown where Jack operated his own service station on Main Street and later ran an insurance agency.
They had three children — Donna M., Susan L. and Shawn E.

Fay married Bernice Bauer. He went into the armed services and was stationed for a time in Alaska. He was discharged on Ruby’s birthday, November 24, 1946. What a wonderful present for Ruby! He went to work for Continental Oil Company at Cat Creek. Fay and Bernice raised a family of three boys — Larry, Jerry and Alan. Bernice died of cancer in 1972. Three years later Fay married Edna Barker Fraser, who had three grown sons — Jerry, Stephen and Greg. Fay later worked for Continental Oil Company in Dickinson, North Dakota, for eleven years. Edna passed away there with cancer. Fay was transferred to Melstone and lived in Roundup, Montana, until he retired. He now owns a home in Fruita, Colorado.

Audrey also went into the armed services. She had been a local basketball star through her high school years in Winnett. She was also a star of the Women’s Army Corps team while serving at Fort Sam Houston. Their team won from the Randolph Field team 43 to 23. Audrey made 30 of the 43 points! Audrey married Merle Manuel in the Fred Story home when Rev. Rhodes was minister. They leased a cattle ranch in the Crazy Mountains west of Martinsdale, Montana, and later lived in Hardin, Montana. They had five children — Paul, Nancy, Martin, Mary and James. Fred Story died in January of 1985. (See also RUNNALLS AND STORY — Teigen)

STRATE, Ed. R. E. R. Strate (sometimes spelled Strale) was proprietor of the Arcade Billiard Parlor which was established March 3, 1921, in the former Walt Sevals building. It was located one door east of the first Aristo. In June of 1924, Ed Strate’s business was moved to the Moll building, and Jim Shipton and George Fox opened a soft drink establishment in the Arcade.

STUEVE, I. W. I. W. Stueve was a driller for Taylor Drilling Co. He and his wife lived in a trailer house near the Northern Hotel in December of 1949.

STURGIS, Mr. Mr. Sturgis was party chief of the E. V. McCollum and Co. seismograph crew who tested much land in Petroleum County in 1955 and 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis and son Tom came to Winnett in March of 1955.

SUCKSTORFF, Jack Mr. and Mrs. Jack Suckstorff and their two children came to Winnett in May of 1928. Jack, a former manager of the Judith Theater of Lewistown, Montana, leased the Aristo Theater from Mrs. Mable Towne. To add a little variety to the entertainment offered in Winnett, in July of that year, he prepared the floor that was between the Aristo and the Winnett Mercantile Store, and treated his patronage to an outdoor bowery dance. Later in the fall he subleased the Aristo to William Griebel, and the family returned to Lewistown.

SULLIVAN, William Mr. Sullivan was a contractor. He built his own residence, the fine brick home at the northeast corner of Block 32 and facing Broadway Avenue.

When bids were let for the construction of the new Winnett School in the fall of 1918, the Sullivan Construction Co. of Roundup, Montana, with whom William was associated, was awarded the contract. The amount of the bid was $9350 for four classrooms and the basement. (This was only the first unit of the building. The gymnasium and the balance of the building were not completed until 1921.) William was awarded the contract to build the first portion (the basement) of the Methodist-Episcopal Church in April of 1923. Mrs. Sullivan was very active in the Woman’s Club — a civic group.

SUTTER, C. G. Mr. Sutter was proprietor of the Sutter Hotel in 1921.

SVINDLAND, Theodore Ted Svidland, the son of Torgor and Anna Svidland, was born in Norway January 3, 1891. He immigrated to America and settled in Livingston, Montana, in 1909. He plied his carpenter trade for a time in the growing town of Roundup, Montana, until 1913 when he went to Alaska. He married Helen Lenno in April 1918, and they came to Winnett in 1921. In April of that year Svidlands decided to build a hotel in the booming town of Winnett. The Winnett Times of July 29, 1921, told of the completion of the hotel: "Manager Theodore Svidland of the newly erected Northern Hotel on Grand Avenue announces that the In-
stitution will open the first of next week. The finishing touches have just been completed, the construction work having been under way for some time.

"The new building is located in the first block north of the Montana Hotel and is a 23-room structure with a spacious lobby 12 x 31 feet. The rooms are all furnished with new furniture, the best obtainable. With heavy rugs on the floor and well-lighted rooms, the place gives a home-like appearance. The commodious lobby is furnished with large leather chairs and settees. It will also be equipped with a cigar counter for the accommodation of the guests.

"Mr. Svindland is recently from Seattle, although in former years spent a great deal of time in Montana. He has been watching operations for some time, and having an insight to conditions, decided that this is the proper time to build in Winnett. The new hotel is a credit to the city and to Mr. Svindland. It is only another addition to the many substantial enterprises located here within the past 30 days."

Ted and Carl Clauson often worked together in building or remodeling houses. In 1934 they were remodeling a home and were in the process of sanding a floor. The electric sander was chain-driven. This was in the days of fluctuating electric current, when the local plant at times would suffer an overload. The sanding machine stopped, and Ted, thinking he could help it along, decided to pull on the chain. Just as he grabbed the chain, the electricity came on with full power. Ted grimaced and grabbed his hand. "What's the trouble, Ted?" asked Carl. "Oh," said Ted, "I just lost a finger." Ted was taken to Dr. Alexander, and with no complaints, returned after lunch and finished sanding the floor.

The family and the entire community were shocked beyond belief when in September of 1935, Ted was instantly killed when accidentally struck by a truck while standing on the Winnett-Roundup highway. All businesses were closed and a standing-room-only crowd attended the funeral service of this popular man. Mrs. Svindland continued to operate the hotel. In 1950 the building and business was sold to Blanche and Hugh Grove.

Svindlands were the parents of two daughters, Helen Lorraine and Anita May. Lorraine graduated from Winnett High School in 1941. She worked for a number of years before marrying Jack Bucknum. They had a daughter, Stephanie, and twin sons, Grant and Greg. Anita graduated from Winnett High School in 1947, and also from Montana State College. She married Charles Mitchell in 1953. They were the parents of Denise, Mark and Michael. Mrs. Svindland later married Skipper Carlson and lived in Oakland, California. She died in 1987.

SWIFT, Amanda O. While serving as an elementary schoolteacher in Winnett, Miss Swift taught the first high school classes on a strictly voluntary basis from 1913 to 1915. She was then hired as a high school and upper class teacher from 1915 to 1917.

Always searching for ways to help parents with the education of their children, she set about, in the fall of 1917, securing a guardian for students who would be batching in order to attend high school. A Mrs. Brown from the Flatwillow Creek area of the Petrolia community agreed to accept the responsibility. However, a problem developed as related in Miss Swift's own writing:

"Mrs. Brown sent word to me that her cow and calf, pastured and cared for by a shiftless neighbor, had been returned to her, and the man had departed. Unless I could get the cow and calf to town and allow her (Mrs. Brown) a quart of milk daily from said cow, she didn't see how she could leave and become housemother for the girls.

"After persuading my unwilling brother to add the cow and calf to our dairy herd, and to agree to the furnishing of the aforesaid quart of milk, and failing to find any self-sacrificing male, I coiled a strong rope about my saddle horn and on a bright Sabbath morning struck out for the ranch of Mrs. Brown, fondly imagining that a cow owned and milked by a woman would be tractable, would lead easily. She wasn't. She didn't. The calf proved to be a yearling.

"So I passed a hectic Sabbath, sometimes headed for Winnett, more often in the Flatwillow direction. Impatient persistence had its reward at last, and nightfall brought me to the dairy, and, also, to my brother's wrath when he saw the size of the calf that would deplete the rather scanty pasture, and also when he discovered that the cow, neglected by the shiftless caretaker, produced less than the aforesaid quart of milk daily."

This incident demonstrates Miss Swift's indomitable will in getting done whatever needed to be done - even if she had to do it herself!

Amanda was elected Fergus County Superintendent of Schools for two terms — the first in 1918, the second in 1920. In addition to her other responsibilities in that position, she was responsible for the rural schools in all of the area which was to become Petroleum County. She often visited schools astride her trusted horse, Brownie. She later bought a Dodge touring car to speed up her travel. However, it is said that she threw her saddle in the back seat, so that snow or rain or lack of roads would not pre-
vented her from visiting a single school. She knew that she could always borrow a saddle horse somewhere along the way.

In acknowledgment of Miss Swift's hard work establishing and overseeing country schools, voters elected her as the first Petroleum County Superintendent of Schools in 1924. She served one two-year term.

After spending a lifetime devoted to education, Miss Swift died in 1963. (See also TRIBUTE and SWIFT — Brush Creek)

SWISHER, Rev. E. D. The Swisher family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Swisher, Alice 15, Ely 13, and Mary 7, moved to Winnett in August 1928. Rev. Swisher had been assigned to the Winnett Methodist Church, and the family lived in the Methodist parsonage. Mrs. Swisher was leader of the Campfire Girls. It was in the Swisher home that some of the girls were allowed to cook group meals to earn their cooking beads. The Swisher home was a happy place for young folks. While Swishers were here, the new south entrance to the church was built and the front porch of the parsonage was enclosed. The family's sojourn here was during the worst of the depression, and now one wonders how the family existed. They left Winnett in 1935.

Alice graduated from Winnett High School in 1931, attended North Dakota State College one year and Montana State College two years. She married Michael Devey. Their children were Carolyn, David, Thomas, Michael and Patrick (who passed away).

Ely graduated from Winnett High School in 1933 and married Marguerite Ruth Sorensen. They had three children — Kathryn Ruth, Robert Martin, and George Dana. Ely earned a Ph.D. in entomology from Ohio State University. He was employed for 38 years by Rohm and Haas at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. For 20 years he was manager of New Product Development for that firm. His story about Mormon crickets in Montana was published in the winter 1985 issue of Montana Magazine of Western History.

Mary started her elementary education in Winnett, but moved before graduating from high school. Ely shared some of his memories of living in Winnett: "I witnessed the great Winnett fire in the fall of 1929. Fire hoses were brought quite promptly to the origin of the fire at the rear of the grocery, but only a trickle of water flowed briefly, and to our horror the flames spread and the entire block was burned. If a good flow of water had been available for five minutes, the initial blaze could have been extinguished.

"I especially recall practice-driving a Model T and a 1930 Whippet on trips with Dad to the Wallview School that served as the church. The dirt road jogged always along section lines. After church on pleasant days, everyone congregated in the yard and chatted about crops and politics for at least an hour.

"I played left tackle on the Winnett High football team in 1930. Coach Whitten, who came from Iowa, had big expectations and scheduled our first game with Havre. They beat us 107 to 7. Over the subsequent years the team did fairly well. A year or two after my graduation in 1933, the game was switched to six-man football."

"In the summer of 1931, Frank Greene and I built the first miniature golf course (The Putt and Miss Golf Course) on a vacant lot next to the parsonage. It was removed two summers later to build a house on the lot. I look back very fondly on my life in Winnett. We had a great school and wonderful bunch of teachers under Superintendent Gaines for our various courses, athletics, school plays and operettas, declamation club and glee club. School dances with our own live band were first class affairs. It was a great time of life — despite the Depression."

TANNER, B. F. Mr. Tanner was Winnett School superintendent from 1920 to 1923. Before coming to Winnett, Mr. Tanner was on the faculty of Fergus County High School in Lewistown, Montana.

(W.T. 6-1-1923) "The entire community was much bereaved Memorial Day to learn of the death by drowning of Paul, son of Superintendent and Mrs. B. F. Tanner. The boy was playing on a raft in a small pond just outside of town when he fell from the raft, and being unable to swim, went down in the water which was very deep at that place. A playmate, who couldn't swim, tried to save him but being unable to do so, hurried for help. Mr. Hogg arrived at the pond soon after but the water was to a depth above his head and, as he was unable to swim, had to hurry back for more assistance. Mr. Jensen was then brought and after diving several times finally found the body. As the boy had been in the water for some time, all efforts to resuscitate him were futile.

"Paul Richard Tanner was born February 12, 1916, in Madison, Wisconsin. He was a very lovable and intelligent child; and his untimely demise cast a cloud of sorrow over our city, where the family is held in high esteem. To his mother, father and sister Ruth is extended the sincerest sympathy of the citizens of Winnett.""

TAYLOR, Charles E. (See BRILLHART) A Charles Taylor homesteaded or owned land in Sec. 17-15-26. It is not known if this is the same Charles Taylor who built an apartment house on Broadway, Immediately south of the Broadway Hotel, in July of 1921. The building was a two-story frame structure divided into flats.

TAYLOR, Mrs. K. M. (W.T. 5-6-1921) "Mrs. K. M. Taylor has leased the office property west of the Dungan barbershop and has made arrangements to open a real estate and brokerage office. In connection, the new firm will do public stenographic work of all kinds."

TEAGARDEN, Sam W. Sam Teagarden moved to Winnett from Lewistown, Montana, in September of 1921. He was publisher of the Oil Fields Bulletin. (W.T. 9-16-1921) "Mr. Teagarden has opened offices in the Winnett Block in the rooms recently vacated by Attorney Geis . . ." In November, Miss Alice Teagarden opened a stenographic office in the office of the Oil Fields Bulletin.
TEIE, Adolph Doris Savage, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Savage, was born in 1908 in Kensal, North Dakota. She moved with her parents in 1910 to Wibaux, Montana, and graduated from high school there. In 1946 she married Adolph "Ad" Teie in Great Falls, Montana.

The Teies operated the bar at the Meadow Lark Country Club in Great Falls previous to their arrival in Winnett in October of 1946. They purchased the Rotary Inn and residence property from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams in Winnett. In December of 1950 the Inn was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smidt.

Adolph worked many years for the State Highway Department at Mobridge, Montana, after leaving Winnett. Teies later moved to Roundup, Montana, where Ad passed away in 1980. Doris then moved to Billings, Montana, where she passed away in February 1981.

TENCOTTE, Fred Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tencotte of Wolf Creek bought the Gusher Bar from Alfred O. Anderson on May 13, 1948. Dollie, 43, wife of Fred, died January 12, 1949, presumably from a heart attack.

THIEL, Herb Jean Pittman Diere came with her sister Fran and her little boy, Claude, to Lewistown to teach. When she and her sister homesteaded in the Winnett area, Jean kept the home fires burning. She married Herb Thiel, one of W. J. Winnett's top hands. Herb also worked in the Enterprise Meat Market. Thiel's later moved to Shelby, then to Cut Bank, where Herb bought 1/4 interest in Heinie Elbert's meat market and shop. (Mr. Elbert was also a former resident of Winnett.) Herb sold cars as a sideline. The ranchers really got a kick out of a car salesman who could step into a saddle and rarely miss when roping a calf.

Thiel's moved to Kalispell before World War II, and Herb worked as a buyer and butcher for the B & B store for years until he retired. He died in Arizona, and Jean died in Pocatello, Idaho, where she had been living with her son, Claude, after Herb died. Claude Diere graduated from Winnett High School in 1928 and lived in Alamogordo, New Mexico, and Oxnard, California, where he retired, then moved to Pocatello, Idaho. He had two daughters and four grandchildren. He died in 1980. (Contributed in part by Arlene McDaniel) (See also McDaniel)

THOMAS, Carl Carl was in charge of the Lewistown Creamery station in Winnett for a time in 1935. In February 1936 the station was closed, and Carl was transferred to Laurel, where the company opened a station.

THOMAS, Jerry Jerry, a University of Montana graduate student, lived in Winnett in the summers of 1971 and 1972 and did research work on a sagebrush control project. He and his wife had two sons, Todd and Troy. In September 1972 the family moved to Missoula, Montana, where Jerry planned to receive his doctorate at the end of the school term.

THOMAS, Troy When the Stockman Cafe reopened on August 10, 1966, Troy Thomas was one of the cooks.

THOMAS, William K. Kenny and Evalena Thomas moved to Winnett in 1949 to spend their retirement years. They moved into the house at 101 North Leppe Avenue. Being adept at making repairs to furniture and because he enjoyed working with wood, Mr. Thomas set up the Driftwood Shop in his home. He specialized in building bird houses.

To give his retirement years some variety, in 1960 he built a rug-weaving loom. Materials used were scraps of wood from around the house and a few very hardware items. His ingenuity was featured in the Winnett Times Times of January 7, 1960, and in several other publications. A rug produced on his loom brought him first prize at the Central Montana Fair in Lewistown, Montana, in 1960.

Mr. Thomas died in May of 1961, Mrs. Thomas went to live with the Schreier family in Billings. She died in January of 1963. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas had reported been the parents of seven children. Four children were reported as preceding them in death. Survivors by name were Reverend Otis Thomas, Preston Thomas and Goldie Thomas Schreier. (See also SCHREIER — Winnett; THOMAS — Musselshell River)

THOMPSON, Frank Frank was a drilling contractor who came from Thermopolis, Wyoming, and located here in the spring of 1921.

THOMPSON, Loren Loren Thompson, son of Roy Elmer Thompson and Nellie Grace Falkins Thompson, was born May 25, 1945, in Billings, Montana. Sharon D. Ehli, daughter of Pius Ehli and Bonnie Jean Moore Ehli, was born February 2, 1947, in Helena, Montana. Both Loren and Sharon came from a family of seven children. Loren and Sharon were married July 30, 1966.

In the fall of 1967, the Thompsons moved to Winnett where Loren had been hired as high school librarian and social studies instructor. Loren was also public librarian during the summer of 1968 and kept the Winnett High School Library open on "off days" of the public library. Sharon was hired as deputy director of finance, deputy clerk of court, and deputy director of records at the Petroleum County Courthouse from 1972-1975.

Loren Thompson served as public library trustee for six years and was responsible for the technical library skills needed to finally combine the public and school libraries into an efficiently operating one-building unit.

Thompsons left Winnett in 1975 and moved to Roundup, Montana, where Loren had been chosen as high school librarian. Sharon, with her excellence in bookkeeping and accounting skills, was very soon employed by one of the Roundup banks. The Thompsons became the parents of three children — Gregory David, Kimberly Dawn and Carrie Beth.

THOMPSON, Mrs. O. S. (W.T. Sept. 1915) "The restaurant building which will be occupied by Mrs. O. S. Thompson's restaurant, is well under way. She expects to give free dance in the building on the Saturday night following the laying of the floor which will probably be
Saturday, September 11th.

THORBURN, Mrs. Grant When Jane Adeline Brady was elected the first Queen of Petroleum County in the fall of 1924, Mrs. Thorburn took measures to see that Miss Brady, who was living with her at the time, was clothed "like a queen" to represent the new county. She called on business places for donations. Jane Adeline attended the Queen's Ball in Helena, clothed in a gown of sea blue-green chiffon, trimmed in yards of wide silver lace! The gown was handmade by Mrs. Thorburn.

THORSHEIM, Margaret Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thorsheim of Staff, was hired as a clerk in the Eager Mercantile store in August of 1942. After six months of work for Eagers, Margaret was hired as Petroleum County Superintendent of Schools. She was also hired to be general clerk in all departments of the courthouse under the new manager form of government. Margaret had graduated from Eastern Montana Normal School of Billings, Montana, and had taught one year at the Olson School in the Ashley area. This education and experience provided the necessary qualifications for the position of county superintendent of schools.

She and Ralph Saylor were married June 7, 1943. Ralph had enlisted in the Navy in 1940 and was a torpedo mate, second class. He was home on furlough for their marriage, but returned to Norfolk, Virginia, June 15, 1943. Margaret remained in Winnett and retained her position as County Superintendent.

Margaret resigned in September of 1943 and joined Ralph who was stationed at New York. In 1946 they returned to Winnett and moved into the Merle Ternan home which was owned by Hugh Grove. Ralph worked at carpentry, and Margaret gave piano lessons.

Accompanied by son Billy and daughter Julie, the Ralph Saylors moved to Billings, Montana, in June of 1954. Both Billy and Julie commenced their elementary education in Winnett. (See also Saylor — Winnett; Thorsheim — Blakeslee)

THORSTAD, Gene Gene came to the Winnett country from Malta in 1969 and worked on various ranches in the area. He died in June of 1972, when fire destroyed Leo Halonen’s mobile home where he was staying overnight.

THURMAN, Marion Marion graduated from Winnett High School in 1920 and became an electrician. He married Bernice Head. They had two sons, who both became electricians like their father.

THURSTON, Wayne Wayne Thurston was hired as superintendent of the Winnett school system and moved into the district house in July of 1955. The Thurston family was the first to have a home provided by the school district. Wayne had previously taught at Greenville, Maine, and Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Illinois. Son Vance and daughter Vicki accompanied their parents to Winnett. Another son, Vern, was born in 1957 before the Thurston family moved to Box Elder, Montana; two more children were born later — Vaughn and Valerie.

Wayne, in October of 1985, wrote some humorous and interesting recollections of his years of service in Winnett: "I remember how my old dog Bach used to hate magpies. They got after the deer hides that he dragged home from all over town. There was a low fence around our front yard, and the magpies took turns working poor Bach. He would go for one fence, and while his back was turned, the magpies on the opposite fence would pounce on his deer hide. When he ran to chase them away, the other bunch swooped in and started pecking. When he turned around and went for them, they flew slowly over the fence, and the other ones came on the field. Those wily birds acted as a team, and the foolish dog never learned. If he had only had sense enough to lie on the deer hide, he would have been all right, but he never learned. Back and forth across the yard he would run, until he was totally exhausted. I swear those magpies were laughing all the while.

"I took up cowpoking. The Weingarts had some beautiful cutting horses, and they invited me to ride at their place. One of my most cherished memories of Winnett is the feeling of sitting on a good horse while it worked cattle. Those horses didn't have a diploma, but they were a lot smarter than I was.

"My most embarrassing memory is of the senior diplomas the second year I was at Winnett. The first year I hadn't really been ready for graduation, but the second year I had everything all lined up long before the day came. Caps and gowns were ordered, announcements were sent out. Everything was set to go. A salesman dropped in that afternoon. 'All ready for tonight?' he asked. 'Everything is all set.' 'Got the diplomas signed?'

'Diplomas signed? Diplomas ... Oh, no! I had forgotten all about the diplomas. Members of that graduation class got two of them — one handwritten by me on graduation night, and the other printed and given to them a few weeks later. I got one of life's most embarrassing moments.

"Thirty years ago. It doesn't seem possible that so much time has gone by. The memories stand out fresh and clear, and for the moment I am homesick. It was a good two years I spent in Winnett."

TIGERT, Roger Roger Tigert was chosen as superintendent of the Winnett School in June of 1969. He served the community for two school terms. Mrs. Tigert was a home economics instructor in the school.

TITUS AND TROXEL, Mesdames (W.T. 4-15-1921) "Mesdames Titus and Troxel have opened dressmaking parlors in Room 1 of the Winnett Block. Both of the ladies are known to be careful and experienced needle artists, and that they will receive an excellent patronage goes without saying."

TIVIS, Mrs. Sarah She was a resident of Winnett in 1914.
TOBIAS, Charles Charles owned land in Sec. 24-15-25. In October of 1914, a Winnett Times news item reported that he had a lost a good horse with "lung fever." This was the second horse he had lost in a month. As necessary as horses were in 1914, this was somewhat of a calamity.

TODD, Harry G. Harry Todd, County Treasurer of Golden Valley County for many years, was chosen Petroleum County Manager and assumed office June 1, 1951. He served until September 1954. Grandson Allen lived with the Todds and attended the Winnett School. Mr. Todd died suddenly September 29, 1954.

TODD, T. J. T. J. Todd was instructor of a course in vocational agriculture for veterans from September 1951 to January 1952. He resigned and returned to Huntsville, Texas, to continue work on his master's degree at the college there.

TOOLEY, Lawrence H. Larry and Lillian Tooley lived in Winnett in the early 1950s. He was the resident engineer in charge of the construction of the Petrolia Dam. The Tooleys had three children — Larry, Leah and Lana.

TOWNE, Mable C. Mrs. Towne was a sister of Vane Catlin, and the two of them made a lot of dance music in Winnett and the surrounding area. In 1925 Mrs. Towne organized a 15-member saxophone band to the delight of participants and listeners. She also became owner of the Aristo Theater.

(W.T. 4-19-29) "Mrs. Mable C. Towne, who has returned recently from a trip west has taken over the management of her theater, the Aristo. Albert Cox has been manager the past few months." In June of 1929, Mable installed and ushered in the first "talkie" movies in Winnett.

Mable's son, Olin Towne, attended Winnett High School and, having inherited the musical ability of his mother and Uncle Vane Catlin, was a featured saxophonist and drummer in the high school dance band. He graduated from high school in 1930. Mable leased her theater to William Griebel in September of 1930 and moved with Olin to Missoula, Montana, where Olin enrolled in college. Olin later entered Montana State College at Bozeman and graduated from there in 1934 with a degree in electrical engineering.

The Winnett Times of January 26, 1940, wrote of Olin: "After graduation Olin was employed by the Montana Power Company in Fort Peck, Montana, and after completing his work there the latter part of December, he moved his family to Los Angeles, California, where his mother, Mable Towne, has lived for the past two years. Two years after his arrival in Los Angeles, he was employed as industrial engineer with the Power Cost Engineering Company of that city. Dee, as he was known, spent his life as a boy and youth in Winnett, and he always demanded the respect and admiration of all who knew him. He has developed into the type of man who will never have to look long for a job, as there is always a place ready for him. His Winnett friends and schoolmates all wish him success in his new position."

In March of 1963, Olin was appointed Boulder Canyon Project manager at Boulder Dam. He had previously served as electrical engineer at Hoover Dam. Olin married Theresa Dombroski of Sidney, Montana. They were the parents of one son and one daughter. (See also CATLIN — Ashley; DUGAN — Winnett)

TOWNESLEY, A. W. In the Flatwillow celebration of July 4, 1921, Mrs. Townesley won second in the beauty contest, and Martin Townesley won second in the 50-yard dash. In December an eight-pound baby girl became a new member of their family. Mr. Townesley was an instructor in the Winnett School system in 1921-22. Their son, Malcom, was chosen as the Montana candidate for the Thomas A. Edison Scholarship in 1929.

TOWNESLEY, Frank Frank lived in Winnett in 1914. His parents lived in Grassrange.

TRAVIS, Dennis Mr. Dennis Travis and family came to Winnett from Olmolt, Montana, in July of 1957. Mr. Travis had been hired as superintendent of the Winnett schools. They were here until June of 1959, when Mr. Travis was hired as superintendent at Turner, Montana. The family reportedly had five children. Larry and Barton were known to have attended school in Winnett.

TRIERWEILER, J. L. The Trierweilers first came to Winnett in 1941 when Mr. Trierweiler was work unity leader for the Soil Conservation Service. He was called into war service and, after 15 months of overseas duty, was discharged. He returned to his work here in April of 1946 and moved his family into the house at 307 South Moulton Avenue. It seemed that they were scarcely settled when they were transferred to Buffalo, Wyoming. Children reported to have been part of the family were Jack, Jim, Joan and Ruth.

TROCHTA, Mr. Mr. Trochta was superintendent in charge of the California Company office in April of 1927.

TROXEL (See TITUS AND TROXEL)

TRUMP, Elliott Elliott Trump was born in Lowell, Indiana, August 25, 1914. Edna Mary Maxwell was born March 20, 1916, in Rapid City, South Dakota. They were married September 26, 1937, and became the parents of four children — Jacqueline Jean "Jackie," Joellen "Joey," Judith Ann, and Jimmy Elliott.

Jackie married Joe Whisnant and they are the parents of two sons — Don and Bob. Joey married Franklin Potter, and three sons — David, Raymond and Danny — became their family. Judith Ann died when six years old, and Jimmy Elliott lived for only two months. Jackie Whisnant and Joey Potter contributed the following interesting account of life with their parents:

"One of our earliest recollections is of living in the white house next to the old hotel at Flatwillow in 1945. I (Jackie) started to school there. Ruth Ann Chesterman was my teacher, and she boarded with my folks. She was only a
teenager herself, so I'm sure we all had a lot of fun. Dad worked for the Wilson Sheep Company.

"I remember William Wilson and his love for Mom and us girls. I even cut his hair once, clear to the scalp and right up the back of his head. His remark, 'damn kid.' He was always bringing us things from town: one item, a Hudson Bay blanket from wool spun from his own sheep which I still cherish.

"Later when William Foxley bought the ranch and it became the Nebraska Feeding Company and Dad became manager, we moved to the big house on Flatwillow Creek. We lived on one side, and the cookhouse and the cooks' living quarters were on the other. At a moment's notice, Mom would be called to become chief cook. The cooks we can remember staying for a long period of time were Mrs. Carr, Grandma Willa Raundal, and Ma Smith. Louis Hazer was always the chore man and had a permanent bunkhouse separate from the other hands.

"Water was hauled by wooden barrels from the spring by Domans. and ice was cut and stored in the icehouse. One of the first things to be checked, if away for any length of time, was the bucket under the icebox — seems it was always full or running over. We had a light plant, and other than the fact we remembered its failures most, we were fortunate to have lights.

"We rode horseback to the Flatwillow School. In winter we can remember Dad taking us by team and sled on his way for a load of hay, and at night we would catch a ride home again with him or another hand. We rode on many roundups and were usually responsible for keeping up the rear of the cattle herd — many a time we were reprimanded for letting a calf go back. We were brain-washed into thinking it was the easiest position, a lesson we still don't believe today. The horse we rode double to school was a big black named Fleet and later a paint, Tex.

"We remember having many community softball games at Flatwillow. We also remember many 4th of July picnics with Raundals. I guess the Raundals and Johnkes were the folks' closest friends. We girls were almost teenagers before we realized that pop and watermelon weren't something that could be bought for only for the 4th of July celebration, because that was the only time we had them. Not many dances were ever held at the Flatwillow Hall that we didn't go to as a family. Many a card party was held at our home, and this was a lifelong form of entertainment for us.

"For a time we lived in Billings where Dad worked on the railroad at Laurel. We went to the Hawthorne School there. In 1950 Dad and Mom leased the Ernest Hansen Ranch in the Petrolia community. Mrs. Culbertson was our first teacher there, and later Joey had Mrs. Jackson.

"Mom always canned many quarts of fruit and tried to grow a garden. We can remember the ground being very hard and for any seeds to sprout, they must have been dared. The first time Dad was knocked down by lightning was while stepping on the clutch of a gas motor to get it going to irrigate the garden. Mom used the same kind of engine to power the washing machine.

"Dad always had a herd of brood mares and we always had colts and usually a stallion. One saddle horse was exclusively Dad's, and no one else rode it. He never kept a horse after he felt its usefulness was over.

"Over the years we had a colorful bunch of hired hands. Most stayed for only a short period of time. We can remember Lloyd and Bill Doman, Duane Ostermiller, and Denny Brunson. Denny had come up the Chisholm Trail with cattle on several occasions. Duane worked for Dad at the Nebraska Feeding Co. too.

"We think Dad was more contented on a horse than anywhere. He didn't believe in plows, much irrigation, or tractors. If it couldn't be done with horses, it just might be a waste of time. Over the years Dad roped at many, many brandings in the communities we lived in. We remember him as being quite accurate, and he had little trouble roping an animal out in the open either. Once while leading a colt, he caught his daily finger and pulled it off to the first joint.

"In the spring of 1958, a snowstorm caused cows to have blistered bags, and Dad, with the help of others, milked about eighty cows out in the open. They had to all be doctored with bag balm, and several milkings and treatments were needed before the cows would let the calves suck again. Dad got sores on his hands, and they were a long time healing. Another time Dad and Denny Brunson calved out 200 head of heifers for Wayne Bratten at the Piotrowski place (just south of Breed Springs). Dad also generally did all of his own vet work.

"We can never remember Mom wearing slacks until we were nearly grown. She always wore a dress, an apron, and high heel shoes — three items she rarely wore in later years. Mom always lived her life for others — she was always at Dad's side. She could do anything that Dad needed help with on the ranch, but ride horseback. Although she never drove on a highway or had a driver's license, she could drive, when needed, flawlessly.

"For many years our Mom and Dad gave much time and energy to the Order of Eastern Star. Dad was always
active in the Masonic Lodge too. He was proud when both his sons-in-law joined and also grandson Don. Both of us girls are members of the Eastern Star too.

"About this time, we got Lady, a horse that remained with us till death, about 30 years. She must have had fifteen colts and been ridden by every kid that came to our ranch. She was also ridden by all five of our sons many times. We always had a dog, too — and its name was always Boots.

"During high school we boarded with Mrs. Clara Bump. We always baby-sat and had odd jobs to earn spending and clothing money. We worked Saturdays for Ruth Bratten: we walked out there, and then she used some excuse to drive us back to town. During this period, Louie Hazer was choreboy at Brattens.

"We can remember that there were several organized drives, after the range-in-common was fenced off, to rid the Hansen range and other private ranches of wild horses supposedly belonging to the R. B. Fraser Ranch. On one of these roundups, lightning struck Art and John Benson, Bob Shelhamer, and Dad while they were riding four abreast. Art Benson was killed, and all four horses were knocked down. We believe two horses were also killed: Dad and his horse both suffered no lasting effects. After this event, Dad was always extremely afraid of lightning; and we knew we were never to go out or even open a door or window when it was flashing.

"Dad didn’t feed a lot of hay; he always fed cake in the winter, and many times he took a pack horse behind his saddle horse and rode many miles each day to feed cattle and cut ice to water them. In the early years at the Hansen Ranch, feeding was always done with a team and wagon or sled. The team we remember was dappled grey, and their names were Babe and Colonel.

"Joey usually drove the stacker, a John Deere B with narrow front wheels. It always had a tendency to tip over. It was the biggest tractor Dad ever owned. I mowed, and we stacked the hay loose. Dad was one of the first in Petroleum County to buy a swather. He bought the Case swather from Eager Mercantile.

"Joey and I were both grown when the folks leased the August 18th place at Cat Creek. During later years when the folks moved to Winnett and Mom really had the only decent home she’d ever had (even though she could always make a shack a home), her interest turned to her yard and roses. It was not uncommon for Dad to drive her around town to deliver a rosebowl to their friends. Mom always spent hours watching birds in their trees and could identify most of them.

"After Dad and Mom retired to Winnett. Dad rode and did day work for Wayne Bratten. We think Wayne was Dad’s idol — Dad’s biggest regret to his dying day was that he never owned a ranch. When Dad’s emphysema worsened and his strength failed for most physical work, Mom still told about all they did, when in fact she did it and unselfishly gave Dad all the credit. We seldom see or hear of true devotion of her magnitude. We think that’s a lesson we all could learn as we ride into our sunset. Does it really matter who did it, as long as it gets done?

"Mom loved to bake and cook for her family and friends. She many times would start baking in the morning and bake all day long and by nightfall have it all given away. Mom also loved to play cards and would deal on occasion, but guilt would soon overcome her and everyone had a good laugh along with her. Even the grandkids soon learned about Grandma’s tricks in card playing. In later years she went to Senior Citizens mainly to play cards.

"The grandkids and great grandkids became the folks’ real joy. As grandparents they gave much encouragement. They wanted them to have what they never had.

"When Mom suddenly left this earthly life in July 1988, the emphysema, heart condition, and cancer that had sapped Dad’s body for many years gave him little or no reason to struggle anymore, and he joined Mom again in February 1989. Our parents left us, along with a host of values, the knowledge that with good health we have everything. And with this knowledge we will strive to continue to emulate the values they taught."

TUNNICLIFF, Harold H. “Pete” Pete Tunnicliff and Guy Woodard opened a beer parlor in the old Joe Shumate hall in March of 1935. Pete and his wife, Merry, moved into Winnett and lived at 101 East Wheeler Street. In March of 1937 he and Otto Senst opened the Town Tavern, and in April of 1943 Merry and Pete took over the Lunch Room as well.

Merry was very active in Royal Neighbors of America and was successful in getting a camp started in Winnett in 1937. When W. F. Kindt resigned as county treasurer on November 1, 1943, Merry went to work in the county director of finance office and served until April of 1951. She had been elected State Oracle of the R. N. A. in April of 1946. She and the local Royal Neighbor Camp sponsored a successful drive for the purchase of an ambulance in 1949. This was seed for the ambulances that were to follow.

Petroleum County and the Town of Winnett now own a modern, well-equipped vehicle, and an Emergency Medical Technician is always available. Merry and Pete were both generous in their support of any good com-

Pete and Merry Tunnicliff
Pete Tunnicliff and daughter Idamae Gill

February 21, 1881, was the manager of a local Winnett lumberyard in 1917. A popular member of the local Masonic Lodge, it was understandable that he was chosen as the scapegoat in a kangaroo court made up of Masonic and Eastern Star members:

(W.T. 11-4-21) "April 18, 1919. — The Masonic Lodge held an enjoyable social session following their regular business meeting Thursday evening. The gathering of over a hundred members, their wives, sisters, sweethearts, and friends, was a complete surprise to the members. A feature in the evening’s entertainment was the trial by kangaroo court of A. M. Vangsness, who was convicted on a charge preferred against him by the court.

"Dr. Alexander as judge, Mrs. Elmer Eager and Mrs. L. W. Hamilton as prosecuting attorneys, H. B. Greene as the defendant’s attorney, Mrs. R. P. Beck as sheriff. and the six jury women and Bob Woods who acted as chief advisor to both sides, are all deserving of credit on the efficient manner in which they tried the case. Following adjournment of court, a fine lunch was served after which the party went to the Aristo, where dancing was enjoyed until a late hour."

During the Cat Creek oil boom, Mr. Vangsness became the efficient manager of the local Frantz office and served until September of 1921. He built a new home for his family on South Moulton Avenue in 1921. In another Masonic affair at a swimming party, Albert was given the title of "sinking specialist." Albert and Gertrude Vangsness had three children — Kenneth (1905), Olive (1907), and Waldo (1910). Mr. Vangsness died in December of 1928.

VANNNOY, Andrew With no direct family contact available, the only history gathered on this family was from the Winnett Times and the memories of friends. The very first news item found was of August 8, 1921, when Andrew B. Vannoy, who lived one block north of the elevator, advertised two houses and lots for sale for $450. (W.T. 10-19-23) "A. B. Vannoy was made poundmaster for the city. He received $3.00 a head for impounded dogs and a $2 a day salary."

One could be led to believe that the family left Winnett in the mid- or late-1920s and moved to Lewiston, Idaho. The next news item of July 29, 1932, stated that Vannoys arrived back in Winnett from Lewiston, where they had been residing for some time.

Mr. Vannoy owned a truck and did general hauling in the area. Andrew and Hazel Vannoy were the parents of six sons — namely, George, Wayne, Calvin, Max, Rex and Gene. George Vannoy married Pansy Sherman in August of 1935. Pansy and baby barely escaped when their house burned in October of 1936. The house was on South Moulton Avenue north of the present Bohn home, which is at 109 South Moulton Avenue. Wayne graduated from Winnett High School in 1934, attended the University of Montana for three years, and became a ship bomber in the Naval Air Corps. After discharge he became a commercial flyer for Nationwide Airlines. As co-pilot, he was
one of only three killed (although there were over 60 passengers in the plane) during a snowstorm in January of 1947. Wayne was married to Ruth Gregory and had one son, Peter.

Calvin was another good-looking Vannoy boy, but it is believed he did not graduate from Winnett High School. Max graduated from Winnett High School in 1939. He is remembered by some as an exceptionally good football player in high school. Max took some college courses and served in the Navy in the Pacific theatre. He later purchased and was proprietor of a trailer court, cabins, restaurant, and gas station in Oregon.

Max and wife, Eleanor, were parents of one son, Mark, and four girls — Lynne, Cheryle, Dayle, and a twin sister of Dayle’s who died at age two of cancer. The family evidently left Winnett before Rex and Gene were old enough to graduate from high school.

VANNAY, Earl (W.T. 1-23-1925) "Earl Vannay will, this week, open a general merchandise store in the building formerly used as County Division Headquarters, which was across the street from the Farmers and Merchants Bank. The new enterprise will be known as the ‘Busy Corner.' Mr. Vannay was formerly in the general merchandise business in Jordan, Montana."

VANSCHOYCK, Maurice Maurice VanSchoyck graduated from Winnett High School in 1924. Throughout his high school years, Maurice earned his way by being a printer for the Winnett Times. His "School News by Maurice" kept the reading public in touch with the school. Those same notes have provided local historians with bits of history that are unavailable elsewhere. Some excerpts of historical interest from the 1921 issues follow:

"The Winnett dormitory is running cheaper this year than before... Last year the board was sixteen dollars, this year board costs $15.50."

"The total enrollment of the high school is 97 and is expected to go over the top in the near future..."

"We have with us this year four college graduates among the faculty of our high school, a higher percentage than before."

"Last Saturday afternoon the first game of football ever played in the Winnett district was staged between Harlowton and our own high school boys. It was the second game that all but two of our boys had ever seen or played."

"The chemistry class will visit the laboratory at the Weowa Refining Company plant in a few days to learn about manufacturing the different products from crude oil and how to test them."

"Lone Eagle paid the school a visit Friday morning and gave a very interesting talk about his experiences when doing secret service work for Uncle Sam."

Maurice followed the newspaper trade all of his life. His parents later changed their name to Van. (See also VAN — Flatwillow)

VINSON, C. S. (W.T. 8-26-1921) "The new Method Laundry commenced business operation Monday at the location of the old laundry on McDonald Creek in the south part of the city. C. S. Vinson and J. M. Cockran purchased the equipment from the former proprietors and are operating the same.

"Mr. Cockran comes from Washington, where he previously engaged in this business, and Mr. Vinson has resided in this city for some time, conducting the Belmont rooming house. Being an experienced laundryman, Mr. Vinson realized the opportunity here for a first-class institution, which resulted in the opening of the New Method Laundry. These gentlemen understand treating the water. Lack of this procedure has somewhat hindered success in this line previously."

VLASTELIC, Mike Mike was employed by the Nebraska Feeding Co. and lived at Flatwillow in 1977 (See also VLASTELIC — Flatwillow). His wife, Patti, became the manager of the Mecca Beauty Shop in Winnett on September 15, 1971. Patti had taken her training at the Hollywood Beauty Academy of Billings, Montana. She had previously worked at Mary Jones Beauty Salon in Roundup, Montana. Vlastelic presently (1989) live near Grassrange, Montana, and are the parents of two daughters — Jamie Michelle and Jo Dee Lynn.

VOGEL, George George worked for G. W. Conrad in October 1921.

VOLLER, R. N. On February 1, 1960, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Voller and 20-month-old daughter, Linda, came to make their home in the Winnett depot. Mr. Voller was the Milwaukee Road agent, coming here from Straw, Montana, where he had previously been agent. They left here in October of 1960 and moved to Manhattan, Montana.

VON TOBLE, Rudolph Mr. Von Toble, well-known early-day Lewistown lawyer, was secretary of the Winnett Irrigation Co. In the early 1920s he was also a judge of Department No. 2 of the 10th District Court of the State of Montana.

WAAGE, Taylor B. Mr. Waage was not a Winnett resident, but was mail clerk on the Milwaukee train out of Winnett for many years. The Winnett post office personnel cooperated with him in preparing the mail for shipment to Lewistown, Montana, and points along the route.

WACKER, Ed Ed had been previously employed on the main line of the Milwaukee Railroad at Jefferson Island (about 25 miles west of Three Forks, Montana, on the Jefferson River) when he was transferred to be local agent at Winnett. He, his wife Fern, and his son Larry moved here in May of 1950.

Fern was hired as first and second grade teacher in the fall of 1954 or 1955. She was also chosen public library trustee in 1957. She resigned both of these positions in the spring of 1960, as Ed had been transferred to Choteau, Montana.

Larry graduated from Winnett High School in 1958. He had pleased many audiences with his musical ability as a
singer and instrumentalist. He graduated from Eastern Montana College with a degree in English and taught four years at Geraldine, Montana. He acted and played piano during summers with the Pioneer Playhouse and the Virginia City Players. He became a hotel manager in Hawaii and married Janice McCurry of Hawaii.

WADMAN, Lillian Lillian came into Winnett from the Ashley community in her teen years and worked in Mother Stewart's restaurant. She later ran her own restaurant, Lil's Cafe, for many years.

Desiring to see more of the country, she found cooking jobs in both Arizona and Alaska before moving to Anaconda, Montana. She married Raymond Piper there June 9, 1956. Her married status did not put an end to her public cooking career, as she was then employed as a cook at Galen State Hospital until her retirement in 1974.

Lillian died in 1982 in Anaconda. (See also WADMAN — Ashley)

WADMAN, Victor Vic graduated from Winnett High School in 1941, then was in the service as an Army medic at Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver, Colorado, and Baxter Hospital in Spokane, Washington. When his father passed away, Vic returned home to help on the ranch.

Blanche McAdam had lived in Cat Creek as a small girl (See also McADAM — Cat Creek). She later came to work for Lillian Wadman in Lil's Cafe. She and Vic were married in February of 1947, and they lived in Winnett most of their married life. Vic worked on the ranch and Blanche worked in both the Herweg and D and E Stores. When the Rex Eagers left in 1974, Vic and Blanche purchased the Eager house at the corner of West Main and South Moulton Avenue.

Vic played a lot of basketball, even after graduating from high school. Both he and Blanche were very supportive of sports and other activities for the betterment of the community. Vic was a member of the local American Legion. After a struggle with crippling arthritis, Vic passed away in 1980.

Blanche and Vic had one son, Jay, who graduated from Winnett High School and had a great basketball record in 1966. He attended Eastern and Northern Montana Colleges. He and Carol Pfieffer of Cut Bank, Montana, were married and are the parents of three children — Angela Renee, Blake Justin and Derek Jay. Jay works for the Texaco Company of Roundup, Montana. Carol was a teacher in Winnett the 1988-89 year, and the three children attended Winnett schools. She is now (1989) teaching in Roundup, Montana. (See also WADMAN — Ashley)

WALDROP, George R. George R. Waldrop was born April 15, 1893, in Rutherford, North Carolina. He received his early education there and attended the University of Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He grew up working in a general store and, as a young man, secured a job as clerk in a store in New Mexico.

Grace Greenwood Marshall was born December 3, 1893, at Wichita Falls, Texas. While visiting her sister, Maude, in New Mexico, she went shopping and met George, the store clerk. In the presidential election of 1916, George had the courage to vote for Woodrow Wilson as President, although his employer's choice was Charles Evans Hughes. For this, George lost his job, so he signed up with an employment agency to secure work elsewhere.

The proprietors of the Coates store of Martinsdale, Montana, were favorably impressed with George's application and asked him to come work for them. Of course this presented a problem — how could he stand to be so far away from his sweetheart? The enigma was quickly solved — they both traveled to Montana, got married in Butte, and went on to their first home in Martinsdale. They were both very happy there.

George was drafted for service in World War I, so Grace returned to her former home in Illinois to make a living for herself. She was employed by Carson Pirie Scott. George received his first military training at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas and was next sent to Fort Meade, Maryland, from where he was to be sent overseas. He did not go across the sea, however — measles caught up with him, so he missed the ship!

After George's discharge, he returned to Illinois, but he felt that he could not make a good living there. Again he signed up with an employment agency. This time Elmer Eager of Winnett liked his credentials. George and Grace arrived in Winnett in 1919, and George worked as clerk in the Eager Mercantile store. He built his house at 305 South Broadway. Two daughters were born to the couple — Hazel Jean (1920) and Grace Marie "Tyke" (1922). Although happy with his employment, George, like
many ambitious young men, felt the need of getting into business for himself. In May of 1925, the Waldrops bought the Winnett Mercantile from Barney and Frank Winkes. Thus George became the friendly competitor of his former employer. Still the two families, all through the years, shared Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. As though being a new businessman was not enough, the town populace chose George as their mayor in 1925.

During this time, Grace, an excellent seamstress, had been busy making clothes for her family, helping at the store when possible, keeping a beautifully clean house (with so little water) and directing the Methodist church choir. She also gave voice and piano lessons to aspiring musicians.

Both Grace and George were most supportive of any community effort for improvement of the town, the school and the businesses. George, with his natural southern accent was a featured actor in many home talent plays, flawlessly acting the part, either male or female, of our southern Black Americans. Grace was a featured singer for most programs and celebrations. When efforts were being exerted to form the new county of Petroleum, Grace was the one who wrote the rousing "Battle Hymn of Petroleum County" — a parody of "Hail, Hail, the Gang's all Here."

With hard work and long hours, Waldrops fared well with their general store. After the Enterprise Meat Market burned and Rudy Beck quit selling meat, George took over meat handling. He did most of his butchering at night at the slaughter house on Rudy Beck's place just south and west of town.

In 1930 the Winnett Mercantile suffered an internal fire resulting in an estimated loss of about $7000, mostly due to smoke permeation of food and materials. A lot of the burned and badly smoked material was hauled to the Winnett dump, only to be hauled away again by those who thought they could derive some benefit from it. A fire sale was held of less-damaged goods. There are those in the community who can still remember the unique taste of smoked bran flakes! So what? Five cents a box was really cheap!

Jean and Grace Marie were instructed in piano by Miss Sue Kenny of Lewistown, who gave them lessons on Saturdays. Each girl practiced prodigiously throughout the week, before and after their school hours. They became accomplished musicians, and entirely by rote, presented many recitals at the Kenny studio in Lewistown. They shared their talents at local programs in Winnett. Jean, like her father, was especially interested in the game of baseball. She was also a fine marble player and won more marbles than she lost!

A strong Democrat, one of George's chief interests was in local, state and national politics. He won the election as State Representative for Petroleum County in 1937-38 and as State Senator in 1939 and 1941.

The Waldrop home was sold in 1945, when the family purchased the original Jarrett house at 101 South Broadway. Residents remember the beautiful grand piano that had its place in that residence. Several youngsters received instruction and performed recitals at its noble keyboard.

George had an operation for cancer in 1948 from which he never fully recovered. He died April 6, 1949, in St. Joseph's Hospital of Lewistown, and was buried in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Grace and Jean operated the store for one year after George's death. Then the store was sold to Elmer and Rex Eager, and the stock of the Eager Mercantile store was moved to the Winnett Mercantile site. Grace and Jean lived in Winnett for a time, and Jean worked for Eagers in their newly-acquired store until she returned to school.

Grace later sold her house and moved to an apartment in Billings. In 1968 she married Eldridge C. "Corky" Fort and moved back to her beloved state of Illinois. Corky died in 1978, and Grace moved to Los Angeles, California, near her two girls. She died in 1987 and her ashes.
were scattered at sea.

Jean graduated from Winnett High School in 1938, attended Stephens College for girls in Columbia, Missouri, and received a B. A. degree from the University of Montana at Missoula, Montana, and a Ph. D. degree in economics from the University of Southern California. She has served in the WAVES as a technician in 1943 and is now a retired Commander in the U. S. Navy Reserve. She is also a semi-retired Emeritus Professor in the School of Business and Economics at California State University of Los Angeles.

Grace Marie graduated from Winnett High School in 1940. She received a B. A. degree in 1946 and an M. D. degree in 1949 from the University of California at Berkeley. She has had a private practice in obstetrics and gynecology in Los Angeles, and has held many prestigious positions related to her special field. She is still serving as a gynecologist.

Jean and Grace Marie each worked in the Petroleum County courthouse during their school years. Jean worked under Harry Tripp for the Agricultural Conservation Administration office in the 1940s. Grace Marie worked as assistant treasurer, assistant clerk and recorder, and assistant clerk of court from 1943 to 1945.

Both women feel that their education in Winnett schools was a fine stepping stone to their ultimate work in life. Loyal to their high school and their old home community, they return often for reunions or to visit. Through the years they have made generous contributions to various local endeavors.

**WALKER, Daniel C.** "D. C." Walker, as he was commonly known, was born in Hillsdale, Illinois, February 18, 1870. Daisy Pettifer was born in Moline, Illinois. By some consequence they became acquainted, were married in 1896, and moved to Lewistown, Montana, in 1904. Three children were born to them — Marie, Perry and Ruth. The whole family moved to Winnett in 1917.

D. C. was involved in a transfer business and, in association with Ted Hegna, built up a bulk oil plant and handled the Ford Agency in the Broadway Garage. The transfer company was known as the Blue Line Transportation Co. Co-partners were Roy Hopkins of Winnett and Ray S. Conger and A. T. Van Dinten of Lewistown.

D. C. was elected city alderman in April of 1921 and was also chairman of the board of school trustees. Daisy was a leader in the local Woman’s Club and was also first vice-president of the Methodist women’s Ladies’ Aid in 1921. In the mid-1920s, Daisy established the Dress Shoppe in the old Northrup barber building across the street from the Aristo building. She sold millinery for girls and ladies of all ages as well as a fine line of dresses.

For a time in the mid-1930s, D. C. operated the State Liquor Store in the First State Bank building. Walkers moved to Denton in 1940 and operated a theater there until 1944. D. C. died June 24, 1945.

Marie Walker graduated from Fergus High School, had teacher training, and was hired as teacher of the Circle Bar School of the Petrolia area for two years (1917-1919). She married a local land owner, Selah Converse, and became a part of the western Petrolia community. Perry served as a barber in Winnett and in 1925 married Mae Kauth. They moved to Denton in the late 1920s. Perry was involved in the grocery business there.

Ruth graduated from Winnett High School in 1928. She worked for a time as post office clerk under Postmaster Krugrud. She was married and became the mother of two sons, Perry and Wilson Johnston. After taking many prestigious business courses, she became a licensed real estate broker in the state of California. (See also KAUTH — Winnett)

**WALLACE, Earl I.** Earl I. Wallace was the stepfather of Bernice and Bennie Lee Haldeman (later known as Bernice and Bennie Wallace). Ben Haldeman, the father, was born in 1892 in Aurora, Kansas, died in 1912, and was buried in Concordia, Kansas. He had married Nellie Mae Harrington, who was born in Concordia. Kansas, March 7, 1880.

They had two daughters, Bernice and Bennie Lee. When Bernice was one year old, Ben Haldeman died. Bennie Lee was born three months later. Five years later, Nellie married Earl I. Wallace. In 1917 the Wallace family moved to Winnett, where Earl Wallace purchased some land a few miles east of Winnett.

Bernice recalled: "As a child, all I can really remember of Winnett was sagebrush, rattlesnakes, and hard times. When we children started school, my mother rented a shack in Winnett, and she rode the horse out to the farm every morning and back to Winnett in the evenings, so that we girls could go to school. She used the horse to plow in the daytime. Hard life. Wonder how she could have done it. Think I would have gone back to Kansas! They broke up land with horses, but I can’t remember
them ever having a crop.

"They kept at farming until they starved out, then moved into Winnett and started a dray line. They moved freight from as far as Lewistown with horses. Father used to haul water and sell it to the townspeople. Mother took in boarders to make a living. I can remember cattle running loose and being dangerous. There must have been a doctor there then, because I broke my arm one time. I remember the day the train came to Winnett. Big day!"

Bernice and Benny went to grade school here. Then in 1922 Earl sold his dray line to Alvin Ingebo and the family moved to Wyoming, where Earl went to work in the oil fields. Bernice returned and graduated from Winnett High School in 1928. She married Richard Kullberg in 1928. They had four children — Robert, who was killed in an air crash: a boy who died in infancy; Janet, who was Rodeo Queen of Montana in 1956 and taught in high school; and Nora, an art major who graduated from American University in Washington, D.C., and taught school in West Virginia. Bernice has 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Richard passed away April 12, 1988, and was buried in Cut Bank, Montana.

When Bernice answered her history questionnaire, she presented the local library with the special Easter edition of the 1917 Winnett Times. It had been kept in perfect condition. This edition was taken to Helena, Montana, where the Montana Historical Society microfilmed it for their records and then encased the complete paper in mylar to preserve it for the library's use. With thanks to Bernice, the local community library now has that issue for the patrons.

WALLACE, George George was a prominent rig builder in the oil fields.

WALTER, James James, wife Renae, and son Mitchell arrived in Winnett in 1950. They lived in the original Pullin house of Lot 16, Block 14 on Millsap Street. Jim was employed as butcher in the Winnett Mercantile.

Both Jim and Renae quickly entered into the civic and social concerns of their new community. Jim was made manager of the Winnett softball team. Renae shared her gift of singing for many occasions. Another son, Raymond Joseph, was born to them on May 2, 1951.

Later that same month, the Walters were outside visiting with some of their neighbors. It was a little late in the evening and becoming somewhat dark when two-year-old Mitch slipped away from the group and went for a walk. Believed to be in the house, Mitch was not missed for quite a time. A quick exploration of the house and surrounding area was fruitless.

The entire population of the town was soon involved in the search — even fearsomely scouring the McDonald Creek area. Finally, using spotlights, the roads leading out of town were explored. A driver on the Bauer road north of town sighted something white. It was Mitch's newly-acquired white puppy standing guard over his little master! The little boy, minus one shoe, was lying exhausted in the ditch. The following weekend there was hardly a dry eye in the crowd at a school program when Renae sang, "It is no Secret What God can do."

Jim found other employment in Poplar, Montana, in August of 1951. He later acquired his own butcher shop there.

WALTERS, Charles (W.T. 6-10-1921) "Charles Walters, the well-known artist, has recently painted a fine large oil painting of the Winnett rimrocks. This picture is about eight feet by six feet in size and is an artistic creation."

Before the big Pribble Implement fire, Charles had used a portion of that building for a paint shop. A vest, that belonged to Charles which held the key to the building, had been stolen; and it was thought the thief may have used the building for sleeping quarters and accidentally set fire to the property.

(W.T. 12-12-1923) "Two oil paintings from the brush of Charley Walters of Winnett, Montana, have just been returned from the Lewistown fair with the first prize awards. In depicting western scenery and western scenes, Mr. Walters is not outclassed by any artist in this line. The charm of the vari-colored buttes and the unusual and peculiarly shaped lime and sandstone formations in this section provide scenes of absorbing and never ceasing interest, and when produced on canvas by the masterful hand of Charley Walters, they are distinctly realistic. The artist is now working on a series of pictures emblematic of Montana life from the early days when buffaloes and Indians added picturesqueness to western scenery.

"These paintings will picture western life up to the present day. The artist is assisted in his portrayal of early day scenes with accounts from personal experiences of Mr. W. J. Winnett, who has spent over forty years of his life in this section during the days when Montana and the west were in the making. The fact that Mr. Walters has not long since had a nationwide reputation for his oil paintings of the west is due entirely to his very modest temperament and the only desire of the artist's soul for the supreme joy of his work."

Charles also decorated the interior of the Winnett house with a mural. In 1922 he re-decorated the Savoy Hotel.

WALTZ, William Coming here from Roundup, Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waltz and four children moved into the Rowton house in the southwest corner of Block 14, the original townsite of Winnett in July of 1966. Bill Waltz worked for Claude Allen.

WANGSENG, Thomas Tommy Wangseng's father originally homesteaded in the Blakeslee area near War House Lake. His mother worked for a time at the Teigen Ranch. Tommy was eventually raised in Musselshell River territory by two uncles, Sever and Ed Wangness. Tommy attended Winnett High School for three years and was very active in the boxing club. While in Winnett, he became acquainted with Edna Petersen, daughter of Roy
and Mae Manuel of Cat Creek.

Edna and Tommy were married in 1952. They, along with Edna's sons — Dan, Bill and Art — lived on Tommy's uncles' place for one year. Then they moved into Winnett so the children could attend school.

Tommy worked for a seismograph crew for a few months and next went to work with the Petroleum County road crew in April of 1954. Edna did sewing for herself and others while their children were small. She also worked in the cafe for Edith Arthur; in Clark's store for five years; in the State liquor store for one year; and was the Winnett School hot lunch cook for 8½ years. During this time she was nominated as Culinary Queen by the Lewistown Daily News.

Tommy served Petroleum County as road foreman for 29 years and retired in October of 1987, after a total employment period of 33½ years. Upon his retirement in September of 1987, over 125 people gathered in the hospitality room of the Petroleum County courthouse to wish him well in his retirement and to thank him for his dedicated service. He and Edna had spent many of their Sundays driving around the county to check the road conditions. Tommy was presented with a gold watch and a bonus check.

The Wangsens bought a new fifth-wheel trailer so they can do what they like to do — go fishing, camping and just traveling. The Wangsens parented six children — Dan, Art, Bill, Loretta, Stanley, and Pamela. Dan and wife Cherlyn live in Winnett. Dan leases the mechanical shop of Rabern's Garage and is kept busy. He and Cherlyn are parents of Laurie, Gordie, Kevin, Kathy, Caren and Christie, who are all grown and on their own.

Art graduated from Winnett High School in 1965 and enlisted in the Air Force that year. After discharge he returned to Texas where he has been employed by American Telephone and Telegraph for 20 years. Art and wife Joan adopted a son, Billy, and were parents also of Matthew.

Bill also graduated from Winnett High School in 1965 and enlisted in the Army in 1966. He served as Honor Guard at Arlington National Cemetery before going to Thailand and Vietnam. He and Marsha Belstad were married. Their two sons, Rodney and Duane, live in Wolf Point. Bill works in a cement plant in Fernley, Nevada. Loretta passed away at three days of age. Stanley graduated from Winnett High School in 1973. He and his wife, Amy, have three children — Sarah, Shawn, and Bryan. Stanley works for a water company in Valier.

Pamela graduated in 1974 and has one son, Jason Davis. Pam works as a waitress at Circus-Circus in Fernley, Nevada. When Winnett's new gymnasium was completed in 1973, Pam painted the ram's head on the floor in the center of the basketball jump circle. Many contests have begun at that spot.

Wangsens own a former house of education. The old Long schoolhouse was moved to their home and converted into a garage and shop building. (See also WANGSNESS — Musselshell River)

WARD, Fred Fred C. Ward, formerly of Ismay, Montana, was chosen superintendent of School District #159 in April of 1927. Two children — Katheryn "Bumpy" and George — accompanied their parents to Winnett in the summer of 1927. The Wards remained in Winnett until Fred's resignation in the spring of 1930.

Mr. Ward had always been interested in journalism. In September of 1934 he purchased, and became the editor of, the Meagher County News at White Sulphur Springs. That newspaper was one of the oldest in the state, as it had been first published November 1, 1889, one week before Montana attained statehood.


In the fall of 1971, the family moved into the former telephone office building, which had been remodeled by Mrs. Anna Solf. Paul then worked for Floyd Hill. Rex entered first grade in Winnett in September 1968, and Velvet in September of 1969. The family left before the 1972-1973 school year.

WARNER, H. E. Mr. Warner was born in Cooperstown, North Dakota, and came to Montana in 1908. He went into the cattle business at Big Timber, Montana. Eline A. Adam was born in Belleville, Illinois, grew up in the Big Timber area, and graduated from Sweetgrass County High School. She attended Eastern Normal School. Eline and H. E. "Lynn" Warner were married in 1915.

After a few years, Lynn Warner became interested in the oil industry and was connected with operations in the Cat Creek field. He later became an oil and gas supervisor and was operator of a producing lease in the Kevin-Sunburst field. In the meantime, Eline pursued her teaching career, serving in the rural schools and finally in Winnett from 1945 to 1954. She retired from teaching at the end of the 1953-54 year and moved to Billings, Montana.

Mr. Warner died in 1950 as the result of a highway accident. Eline and Lynn had been parents of a son, Edward. Edward graduated from Winnett High School in 1943. He received an appointment to West Point, but failed the physical examination. With a valedictorian scholarship he entered college in Salt Lake City, Utah, and completed an engineering course which would permit him to enter the university. However, all students of this course were transferred into the Army.

Edward served in Africa, Italy, France, and in the Battle of the Bulge. As a platoon runner, he was mortally wounded while attempting to reach his platoon sergeant with a message. Killed on December 7, 1944, he was posthumously awarded five medals, the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

Students who were so fortunate as to have had her as a seventh and eighth grade instructor remember her as an excellent mentor.

**WATERS, Harry** Harry Waters came to Winnett in the early part of 1962 and worked as a bartender. In April of 1966 he was hired by Stella Getten as bartender in the Gusher Bar, after Stella had discharged Hermie Bruns. On July 7, 1966, and in self-defense, he shot and killed Hermie Bruns in the Gusher Bar.

A manslaughter charge was filed against him. John Hedman provided $2500 surety bond. At a coroner’s inquest, Waters testified that he shot Bruns with his own gun, and offered nothing in his own defense other than that Bruns came after him and said, “I’m going to throw you out of here.” Waters said, “When someone comes at you like that, you’ve got to do something.”

At Harry Water’s trial, the jury of eight men and four women, who had deliberated 4½ hours, returned a verdict of justifiable homicide, and Mr. Waters was set free.

**WATSON, Clinton** Until Clinton was in ninth grade, he lived in Valentine, Nebraska. Then his family moved to Townsend, Montana, where Clint graduated from Broadwater County High School in 1982. He then graduated from Montana State University. Clinton Watson started his teaching career in Winnett in the fall of 1987, after having done his student teaching here. Clint teaches industrial arts/technology education and physical education. He married Pamela Wilson, and they have a son, Shane Clinton, and a daughter, Emily (born in Montana’s Centennial year).

**WAY, John** Mr. Way was a surveyor for the Resettlement Administration in Winnett. He and his wife lived at the Montana Hotel. They lost an infant son while living in Winnett in October of 1936. In May of 1937, John was transferred to Roundup, Montana.

**WEARNE, Robert** Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wearne and three children — Michael, Nancy Colleen and Steven — moved to Winnett in September of 1951. Robert was in charge of the local SCS office. The family soon entered into the affairs of the school and the community in general. Mrs. Wearne (Vivian) was named Red Cross Fund chairman in February of 1952. Son Brian was born in 1953. The Wearnes left Winnett in April of 1954, when Robert was transferred to Roundup, Montana.

**WEAVEL, J. E. J. E. Weaver was one of the E. V. McCollum and Co. seismic crew. He and his family lived in Winnett during 1955 and 1956.**

**WEAVER, James** Mr. and Mrs. James Weaver moved to Winnett from their ranch on the Musselshell River in the early 1920s. They owned and operated the Central Hotel, which had initially been the Jarrett Hotel. Their business was consumed in the devastating fire of September 1, 1929.

Jim was a veteran oil and mining prospector. Finding time heavy on his hands, and wishing to be more produc-
attended Western Montana College at Dillon. She married Henry Van Heemst, a former resident of the Ashley community, and they moved to Taft, California. They later moved back to Montana — to Columbus — where they specialized in raising registered hogs. They were the parents of one son.

**WELLANDER, Ernest** Ernest Wellander was born in Jokhoping, Sweden, November 2, 1876. He came to this country, and in 1917 homesteaded eight miles north of Winnett in Sec. 35-16-26. He lived on his farm for 18 years and then moved into the town of Winnett.

In Winnett he built a two-room cabin finished with cedar shakes on the outside. He completed a unique fence around his house and lots. Cedar posts were set and painted white on top. Then three double strands of smooth wire were attached to the posts. The interval between the posts was woven with willow. 10,000 willows were required to complete the fence weaving. He built the fence tight to keep out cats and dogs. Then the whole yard was plowed for a truck garden and flowers of many varieties.

Mr. Wellander lived in Winnett until forced to enter the Roundup nursing home. He died there in December of 1961.

**WELLS, Charles** Mr. Wells, a former city engineer of Great Falls, Montana, came to Winnett in August of 1922. He was engaged as municipal engineer for Winnett — to be in charge of all improvement work within the city.

**WELLS, George** George, an architect and builder, came to Winnett from Great Falls, Montana, in June of 1921. Prior to 1915, Mr. Wells drew the plans and erected many of the large buildings in Lewistown, Montana.

**WELLS, Nate** (Not to be confused with Mate Wells of Cat Creek.) Nate operated a shooting gallery and a dance hall in the Winnett Theater building in 1925. In 1927 he was a partner with William Griebel in the Peoples Theater.

**WELTER, Nickoles R.** Nickoles Robert Welter, son of William N. and Viola Sinclair Welter, was born at Valentine, Montana, on March 3, 1933. The family moved to the Petrolia Bench area where they lived until leasing the ranch a few years ago. Nick attended schools in Petrolia and Winnett, and later in Lewistown. He became a victim of rheumatic fever and missed many days of school. In the seventh and eighth grades, Nick attended schools in Winnett, and with the kind and persistent help of Mrs. Eline Warner, graduated from grade school with flying colors. To be nearer a doctor, Nick lived with grandmother, Rachel Welter, in Lewistown and attempted to attend high school, but was forced to give it up.

His health later improved, and he enlisted in the Marine Corps in November 1953. While in the service he received his GED and became a certified ground airplane mechanic and diesel engine mechanic as well as a test pilot for jet planes.

After his discharge, he worked for a time on his parents' ranch, then went into trucking, working mostly in the local area, until moving to Billings in 1957, where he met and married Jayne Wardell. He later took over the management of Wardell's truck stop and continued trucking, returning to the ranch for a few years in the 1960s.

The family bought the Gusher Bar in Winnett in the late 1960s, and Nick managed it along with his trucking. He returned to Billings and the Laurel area in 1970 and married LaVerne Stoick. They resided outside of Laurel until Nick's death from a head-on car collision on the interstate west of Billings on August 12, 1984.

Nick and Jayne were the parents of three daughters — Lynda (1959), Karen (1961) and Traci (1962). Lynda has been married and has a daughter, Danielle. Lynda resides in Great Falls, Montana. Karen Ann lives in Billings, where she works for the U. S. Postal Service. She has son, Christopher. Traci met Michael Bevis. They reside in Winnett and Billings, where Michael trucks and helps out with Bevis Construction.

**WELTER, Rosemary Shields** (By Rosemary Welter) "I was born and raised in Roundup, Montana, the daughter of Raleigh Shields — game warden of Petroleum County for 26 years. As a girl I had been to Winnett a lot with my dad, and I always thought it was an isolated place! One couldn't have known I'd spend my adult life here. In 1962 I came to Winnett to teach school. Previously being employed in Great Falls, I was looking forward to teaching in a more rural setting. Fred Buchholz was the superintendent at that time; and he offered me a combination-room of 5th and 6th graders. What a challenge — I loved it!

"Winnett wasn't exactly a hub of social activities for a single parent, but my daughter, Linda, and I soon became acquainted and settled in this little community. Fortunately, there were quite a few single people around and some young couples with children Linda's age, so we managed to fit in and keep busy. One of these single people was a guy I'd known from high school days by the name of Kenny Welter. He and I started dating regularly and in March of 1963 we went to Riverton, Wyoming, and were married! Linda and I moved to the ranch and we settled into ranch life. (See also WELTER — Petrolia)

"In the summer of 1986, I moved to Winnett into a house right across from the school. It was certainly nice to be so close to work, after all those years of driving back and forth to the ranch.

"As of 1988 my family is somewhat scattered. Ken has the ranch leased and lives in Billings most of the time — he has many interests and seems to stay busy. Linda now lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. She works in a casino-hotel and likes her work; however, she's also going to school training to become a real-estate broker.

"Todd is attending Cheyenne Aero-Tech hoping to achieve his life-long goal — being able to work on airplanes. As for me — I still live across from the school and am still the school librarian and Chapter I teacher (1989). I spend as much time as I can with my dad in
Roundup, and enjoy many interests and friends. Winnett has been very good to me, and I will always consider it 'home.'"

**WEST, Everest** Everest was a native of Kansas who came to Montana in about 1913. He settled at Roundup, Montana, for seven years and conducted the Wardrobe, a cleaning establishment. He was married to Lillian Rose at Roundup, and they became the parents of three children.

In June 1921 the family moved to Winnett and established the Star Cleaners. On December 12, 1921, Everest was visiting at the Winnett electric plant when an air pressure boiler exploded, killing him instantly. (See also HOUSER)

**WEST, Harry** Harry West had been a barber in the Metropolitan Barbershop of Billings, Montana, when he and Mabel moved to Winnett in November of 1929. He leased the barbershop building formerly owned by Len Hoyle and, at that time, owned by Walter Johnson.

Harry barbered there until April of 1931 when Walter Johnson decided he needed that building on his ranch in the Petrolia area. Harry, still enjoying a good patronage, remodeled a building on Main Street which had been a cafe and continued his business. That shop burned in October of 1931.

By the first week of November that same year Harry was back cutting hair in the First State Bank building at the corner of East Main and South Lepper Avenue.

In the meantime Mabel West, an avid reader, became interested in the development of a library. With the help of the Legion Auxiliary and members of the Eastern Star and other organizations and interested folk, a library was established in the basement of the courthouse. Mabel was the librarian until Wests moved to Jordan, Montana, in 1936.

Bill Griebel Jr., many years later in writing his memories of Winnett, told of his experiences with Harry West: "There was a bond that held the community together that exists only in small towns. I was not aware of it because I was young and unsophisticated, but now I recall many times when someone needed help and was helped. One man, in particular, comes to mind. His name was Harry West, and he was the town barber.

"During those bleak depression days when we had nothing, Harry would cut my hair for the fee of performing some small task like chopping a small bundle of wood or running an errand. I recall passing his barbershop with a full head of hair and hearing Harry call to me to come in. Then came the haircut, and directions as to how to do some small task. I never knew enough to thank that man, but he was an outstanding member of our town.'"

**WESTERVELT, "Shorty"** "Shorty" was a trapper around Winnett in 1911. Visiting here in December of 1951, he related how he and Clayt Severns came here from Laurel, Montana, in a spring wagon drawn by a team of horses. They trapped along the way. There was no town here then — just the Winnett Ranch.

**WHEELER, Dudley B.** Dudley, a nephew of Mrs. Tony (Bessie Black) Rasmussen was born October 23, 1901, in Yankton, South Dakota. He was employed in Rasmussen's grocery store when he married Frances McFarren on Sunday, July 6, 1924. He joined the local Masonic Lodge in May of 1925. The Wheelers later moved to Yankton, South Dakota. (See also McFARREN)

**WHISONANT, Dudley** Dudley "Dud" Whisonant (1903) first came from North Carolina to the Winnett area in 1916 with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Whiso-
nant, and seven brothers and sisters. They traveled by train to Roy, Montana, then on to Dovetail by foot. (See also CARRELL — GARRISON TRIP TO DOVETAIL — Dovetail)

Dudley lived with his family for awhile in the Dovetail area before they all moved back to North Carolina. He then came back to Montana several times in his search for employment and opportunity. He met Borghild Lunde in Chicago, where they were married in 1928. They were the parents of two children, Lillian (1928) and Donald (1930). In 1931 the couple moved to Petroleum County. Joseph was born at Dovetail in 1937. (See also WHISONANT — Cat Creek)

The Dudley Whisonant family purchased the Barkdoll house in Winnett in 1941, after renting various homes so the children could attend school. The family remained on their ranch on Box Elder Creek while also maintaining a home in Winnett throughout the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s.

Dud worked in the oil fields, on construction, and on various jobs. Dud was a “jack of all trades” which included butchering beef and hogs for George Waldrup at the slaughter house southwest of Winnett. (One time a two-year-old steer jumped out of George’s four-wheel trailer, cleared the corral, and headed for open range with George and Dud in hot pursuit in George’s pickup. The chase ended when George hit a ditch and broke a front wheel off. The steer was captured three years later at the Elmer Baker place. The steer had at least four .22 short slugs in its thick skull.) Borghild worked at various jobs, including working for Mrs. Millsap at the Montana Hotel, for Lil Wadman at Lil’s Cafe, and at the school dormitory.

Borghild and Dud owned and operated cafes and hotels in Roy and Lavina, Montana, before Dud passed away in 1982. The house in Winnett was burned in 1983 to make space for a new retirement home for Borghild. She died at her home in 1985. The home in Winnett now belongs to Ron and Lisa Solf.

WHITACRE, N. (W.T. 6-10-1921) “N. Whitacre, manager of the Valley Lumber Co., this week announces the removal of the company’s offices from the Dickerson building on Main Street to their yard office west of the depot. This company has erected a large shed on their yard site and, according to Mr. Whitacre, now has the largest stock of field material of any yard in the state of Montana.” Whitacre’s daughter, Gladys, was married in Bozeman, Montana, in August of 1921.

WHITCOMB, A. B. Mr. Whitcomb, born September 29, 1884, in Wright County, Minnesota, was general manager of the Weowna Refinery in Winnett in 1924.

WHITE, Charles E. Charles E. White came here from Britton, South Dakota, and in April of 1921 resumed the management of his restaurant property, known as the Rainbow Cafe. This restaurant was across the street from the Jarrett Hotel and the First National Bank.

WHITE, George George worked as a clerk in Rasmussen’s store. In the spring of 1921, he and Mabel Ingebo, who was a clerk in the R. J. Woods’ drugstore, were married. A news item in the Winnett Times of 6-3-21 stated, “George White, a recent newlywed, is building a real nifty bungalow on South Moulton Avenue.” (See also INGEBO — Petrolia)

WHITE, Hugh (W.T. 4-15-1921) “Hugh White this week disposed of his residence in the west part of town to S. C. Spears. Owing to the failing health of Mrs. White, it is necessary that this estimable family move to some other climate, and they plan to leave soon for Hamilton, Montana, where they have purchased a small tract of land.”

Mrs. D. C. Walker, Mrs. P. E. Woodard, and Mrs. A. H. Faragher gave a party for Mrs. White, and gifts were presented from the Ladies Aid and the Order of Eastern Star.

WHITE, Nelle R. Nelle was born in Dresden, Missouri, January 25, 1879. She taught schools in Missouri and Oklahoma until 1912, when she married Leonard White. They came to Montana in September of 1923 and settled on land near Sand Springs, Montana. Nelle taught in various schools of Montana for twenty years. Her oldest son was killed in action in 1942.

In 1944 Nelle moved to Winnett and became actively engaged in the political and social affairs of the county and city. She was named chairman of the Petroleum County Red Cross in 1944. In 1946, as a representative of the Leader Store in Lewistown, she displayed and sold clothes from that source.

An ardent Democrat, Nelle was voted chairman of the Democratic county committee in 1946. She was also active in the Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Rebekahs, and American Legion Auxiliary. Some days she was a substitute teacher in the Winnett school system.

She moved to Idaho in August of 1949 to make her home with a nephew and family. A farewell party was given by all the organizations, and she received many gifts of gratitude for the service she had rendered the community. Nelle passed away March 8, 1970, in Bricelyn, Minnesota. Her two sons, Douglas and James, survived her.

WHITE, Rex Collins Rex C. White was born October 11, 1896, at Utica, Nebraska, and became an oil driller. Mr. White was a member of a contracting firm of Larson and White, who operated in the oil fields of Cat Creek in the 1920s. On June 27, 1924, at the Methodist parsonage in Lewistown, Rex married Miss Leonie Millsap, the older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Millsap of the Montana Hotel. They were later divorced.

WHITING, Walt L. The Whiting's bought the Commercial Hotel from Robert Hogg in April of 1926 and sold it to Otto and Myrtle Senst in August of 1927. The Whiting’s were parents of a son, Keith Leo, who was born September 5, 1929. Upon leaving Winnett, the Whiting's moved to Onalaska, Washington.
WIEDEMANN, George J. George Wiedeman acquired land in Sec. 4-15-26 and was treasurer of the Winnett Irrigation Company for several years. As a resident of Lewistown, Montana, he had established the Montana Hardware Company in 1893 and the Montana Lumber Company in the 1890s. When the two were merged in 1916, George owned 28 stores throughout the division, including the store at Winnett. He had also been president of the Bank of Fergus County and was associated with the Montana Flour Mill, Hanover Portland Cement, the Silver Tip Beer Brewery and Lewistown Brick and Tile.

After the oil boom at Cat Creek, George became the first president of the Arro Oil and Refining Company of Lewistown. Much of the oil from the field was shipped directly to this refinery.

George had married Anna Weydart, one of the first teachers at the Gillette School. They were the parents of three sons — William (1891), George J. (1894), and Arthur (1904). William was employed by the Montana Lumber and Hardware Co. after its establishment in Winnett in August of 1914. He resigned that position to become the manager of the Arro Refinery in Lewistown in 1921.

WIEDEMANN, Raymond H. Raymond H. Wiedman, attorney, joined Homer Geis in his law office in the Winnett Block in September of 1921 and was chosen clerk of the town of Winnett in 1922. An enthusiastic defender of the county division cause, he and Homer Geis represented the local petitioners for a new county when the petitions were submitted to the Fergus County commissioners (the first one in May of 1922).

On November 25, 1923, Mark H. Deer, Lake County Attorney wrote (in part) to R. H. Wiedman as follows: “Allow me to congratulate you upon your efforts in trying to get a new county. You are not through with the fight, and you will sleep with your boots on before you get the new county, but it is worthwhile. We have clearly demonstrated in Lake County that a new and smaller county is far preferable to the larger and older one . . . Now I will be able to give you some statistics in comparison with the old counties . . . Fact is, I am so enthusiastic about the new county principle that it would not take much encouragement for me to come over. If I can get away from my work long enough, I will surely do that. Hoping for you the best of luck and success, I remain, Sincerely yours, Mark H. Deer.”

R. H. was also a member of a committee to raise funds to appeal to the Supreme Court the negative position of the Fergus County Commissioners. R. H. persisted in his support of county division through all the legal entanglements, thus helping to win the final victory. R. H. was a candidate for the position of the first Petroleum County Attorney in November of 1924 but was defeated by Nick Langhausen by a vote of 465 to 370. Attorney E. S. W. Abbott garnered 213 votes.

WIEROSCHEKE, Carl Carl Wierschke was connected with the Enterprise Meat Market during the oil boom period. He returned to Winnett in 1925, visited the market, and just for the diversion, fixed up a few hundred pounds of sausage.

WIGGINS, Martin V. Martin “Cupie” Wiggins, the son of Elizabeth “Ella” and Volney Wiggins, was born November 2, 1896, in Genoa, Nebraska. He came to Montana in 1911 and ranched in the Sand Springs, Montana, area. In April of 1938 he married Lottie Moore. She was the mother, at that time, of a son, Arthur. Cupie worked on ranches and was also a gandy dancer for the Milwaukee Railway in Winnett. He and Lottie became the parents of a son, Perry, and a daughter, Bernice. Cupie died in July of 1951.

Perry graduated from Winnett High School in 1957 and enlisted in the Navy immediately. There he was in charge of electronics and worked with radar and sonar. He served three tours in the Vietnam conflict. Perry retired as chief petty officer after 22 years and worked for the U. S. Forest Service in Helena, Montana. Perry married and became the father of three sons — Dale, Clark and Shawn. He was remarried, and he and Sandra had two daughters — Julie and Lila.

Bernice married Marvin Garlick of Lewistown, Montana. Marvin is the head custodian for the Fergus High School (1989). Bernice works as a noon duty playground aide at Garfield Elementary School. Bernice and Marvin have one son, Martin, who attends vo-tech school in Helena, Montana. (See also MOORE — Winnett and WIGGINS — Flatwillow)

WILKINS, Lewis A. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wilkins and six children — Pat, Gloria, Paula, Wilkie, Bo and Burt — arrived in Winnett in November of 1965. Lewis had been chosen as marshall and water commissioner for the town of Winnett. Lewis had lived in Montana for two years, but had previously come from Memphis, Tennessee, where he had been engaged in law enforcement.

The Wilkins’ residence in Winnett resulted in a friendship between Larry Ziesmer, son of Cark Ziesmer, and Pat, the Wilkins’ oldest daughter. The friendship blossomed into love. In October of 1970 the two were married in the Temple Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee. (See also ZIESMER)

WILLIAMS, Charles Charles was already running a restaurant of his own in Winnett when he purchased another from William Bauer in September of 1925. Charles hired Joe Maxey and his wife as managers of the former Bauer restaurant. The Winnett Times indicated a Charles Williams came to Winnett from Cut Bank in 1946 and opened the Rotary Inn in the Mother’s Cafe building. It is not known if these two “Charles Williams” are the same individual. The Williamses returned to Cut Bank the middle of October 1946, having sold the Inn to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Teie.

WILSON, Dick Y. In 1922 the D. Y. Wilson family moved from their homestead in the Brush Creek area into
the town of Winnett. D. Y. became involved in the insurance business. In April of 1926, he was appointed U. S. land commissioner, succeeding Oscar Badger. He was elected justice of the peace for the area that same year. In June, Wilsons purchased the former Blanche Greene house at 307 South Broadway. D. Y. served as justice of the peace until his death on December 24, 1942. Mrs. Wilson died November 8, 1951. (See also WILSON — Brush Creek)

WILSON, Dick Y. Jr. D. Y. Jr. came with his parents to this area in 1916. He attended the local schools and graduated from Winnett High School in 1920 — a member of the first class to graduate from the first high school building. While attending school, he worked at Pullin's Grocery and in Scotty Spears' restaurant. After graduation he worked at The Mode — Badger's clothing store. In 1922 he was employed by Mordecai J. Boyd at the Milwaukee railway depot.

Mabel Smith graduated from Winnett High School in 1921. She and D. Y. had dated throughout their high school days, and they were married in November of 1923. D. Y. was transferred by the Milwaukee railroad to Great Falls, Montana in 1924. Two daughters were born to them — Barbara Jo (1925) and Gayle Fredene (1927).

In 1932 D. Y. and his two daughters returned to Winnett. D. Y. became deputy clerk and recorder from 1932 to 1943. On May 1, 1943, he and Leta Aikens Bowers were married. They moved to Cut Bank, Montana, where D. Y. was personnel supervisor for Union Oil Co. of California. He retired from that position in 1966. Leta died in 1977.

D. Y. has been most loyal to his high school and has returned for every reunion. He was the oldest alumnus present at the 1989 Montana Centennial gathering. (D. Y.'s daughter, Gayle Gregovich of Great Falls, accompanied her father. Gayle had attended Winnett Schools, but moved away before graduating.) Barbara graduated from Winnett High School in 1943. She married Vern Molen, and they had three children — Bob, Brenda and Don. Gayle "Freddie" married Robert Gregovich. They have four daughters — Bonita, Catherine, Barbara, and Karen. D. Y. lives in Great Falls, Montana. (1989).

WILSON, Ellis Ellis was associated with the Rex Freighting Co. in 1921.

WILSON, Frank M. Frank was born February 10, 1880, in DeWitt, Missouri. In the homestead days, he lived in many places in what is now Petroleum County. He trapped, herded sheep, and tended bar when needed.

Frank and Mrs. Cora Lenten Weaver were married May 17, 1947, in the Palace Hotel at Roundup, Montana. They left by train for Puyallup, Washington, where they made their home for a time. In the 1950s they returned to Winnett.

After being confined to her bed for a year due to a severe leg injury, Cora died in June of 1959. In 1962 Frank moved to Roundup, where he lived in the Maryland Apartments until he entered Grand View Rest Home in October of 1963. He died there in September of 1968. (See also WEAVER — Musselshell River and Winnett)

WILSON, James James and Ora Lee Wilson homesteaded near Winnett in 1915. They had come from Texas. They were the parents of five sons and three daughters, one of them being Ema.

In 1928 daughter Emma married Edward R. Roehl of Lewistown, Montana. He was a widower with three small children — Judy, Maxine and Richard. They lived on the Roehl Ranch at Moore, Montana, and later in Lewistown, Montana, where Mr. Roehl owned the Ford car agency. Mr. Roehl died in 1951. Emma moved to Missoula, Montana in 1981 to be near her nephew, John E. Wilson. Emma died March 8, 1989.

WILSON, John E. Lottie L. Holmes of Boulder, Montana, and John E. Wilson, formerly of Boonesville, Texas, were married in 1916. Their oldest son, John, was born on a farm about seven miles north of Winnett. It is not known if the following news items taken from the Winnet Times of 1921 actually relate to this family, but for the sake of history they are inserted:

"J. E. Wilson has about completed plans to erect a one-story brick office building on his lots between the new Odd Fellows' building and the Eager store. It will be furnished with modern and beautiful fixtures and made a credit to both Mr. Wilson and the city of Winnett."

"J. E. Wilson was chairman of the board of trustees of the Brust Syndicate in 1921."

Lottie and John were the parents of six children — John Evans, Wauline L., Prince H., Fabian L. "Teddy," Jerry J. and Lois K.

When the Works Progress Administration came into operation in Winnett in the 1930s, Mrs. Wilson was in charge of the distribution of commodities. Her office was in the courthouse. Young folks all over the county looked upon John Wilson Jr. as some sort of a hero after reading the following account which was in the Winnett Times paper under the date of July 7, 1929:
"John Wilson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Winnett, was struck by a rattlesnake Sunday. The fangs entered on top of the boy's right instep. The youngster immediately made a tourniquet from his shoe string and had his younger brother suck out the poison while he drove home. Dr. Alexander was at Valentine, so druggist R. J. Woods administered anti-venom and dressed the wound. When the doctor arrived a short while after, he found that everything possible had been done. Prompt action with first aid seems to have caught the poison before it entered the boy's system with the result that he suffered very little from the effects of the bite."

John Jr. graduated from Winnett High School and served in the Marine Corps until 1945. He married Beryl Wilkinson that year, and they became the parents of three children — David (died in 1987), Penny and John. Wauline graduated from Winnett High School in 1937. Prince joined the Marines after the family moved to Missoula, Montana, in 1941. He was killed in November of 1943 in Bougainville in the south Pacific theater. Teddy lives in Hornbrook, California; Jerry, in Victor, Montana; Lois, in Tacoma, Washington.

Lottie Wilson died in July of 1970 and was buried at Corvallis, Montana. Mr. Wilson died in January of 1976 and was buried at Anaconda, Montana.

**WILSON, W. J. "Joe"** Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson bought the Commercial Hotel from Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carr, parents of Norman Carr, in August of 1950. Mr. Wilson had previously worked for several years in the Flamingo Hotel of Las Vegas, Nevada. After three years, Wilsons resold the hotel and moved to Lewistown, Montana.

**WINKES, Frank** Frank was born February 19, 1892, in Wheaton, Minnesota. His wife-to-be, Melvina Sigford, was born October 15, 1893, in the same town. They were married October 5, 1914, Frank and Melvina homesteaded near Culbertson, Montana. Two daughters were born there — Opal (1915) and Maxine (1919).

Accompanied by Frank's brother, Barney, the Winkes family arrived in Winnett in April 1921 and commenced immediately upon the building of a residence for themselves across the street from the Eager Mercantile. As soon as their residence was completed, work was started in building another store for the town of Winnett. The two-story building was completed and the store known as Winkes Brothers Store opened July 16, 1921. The second story of the new structure was leased to the local Odd Fellow and Masonic Lodges. Although there were four other stores serving the growing town at that time, business was brisk. Fifty wells in Cat Creek were producing, and more were being drilled.

With the great increase in population, it became apparent that a more powerful electric plant was needed. The Winkes Brothers secured the franchise and were in business as the City Light Co. in February of 1925. They sold their general store to George Waldrop.

The family moved to the former Sullivan house at 301 South Broadway, and Barney and Frank worked hard to supply the electrical needs of their neighbors, at the same time giving of themselves in other community undertakings. Frank served as alderman in 1929 and was elected to the board of school trustees in 1934. In May of 1937 Winkeses sold the plant to Harry Hafer. Winkeses moved to Tacoma, Washington, where they operated a large tourist camp including a store, service station and cabins.

Barney, though unmarried while living in Winnett, eventually married Melvina's sister. Frank died in April of 1982.

Opal graduated from Winnett High School in 1933 and attended Montana State College studying dietetics. She married Jerome W. Roberts and they had three children — Barbara Ann, Patricia Jean, and Michael Shawn (deceased in 1955). Maxine married Lewis Phillips of the Winnett High School class of 1936. These two Winnett High School graduates became the parents of four daughters — Shirley, Anita, Vicki, Carol Ann — and one son, Lewis.

**WINNETT, Walter J. (Sec. 7-14-27) "W. J."** Winnett was born in the Crystal Palace Hotel, later known as the Queen's Hotel, in Toronto, Canada, in 1859. The Crystal Palace was owned by W. J.'s parents. W. J. left his home when he was very young. An old trapper had filled his young mind full of visions of the big unknown beyond the city.

After drifting about for a time, W. J. met Colonel Fowler, whom the Canadian government had hired to provide game for the crews building a railroad through Kicking Horse Pass near Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies. W. J. helped Colonel Fowler supply wild meat to the crews, and so sprung up a long-time friendship.

W. J. journeyed south into Montana from Canada. He spent a winter near the present town of Moore, Montana, but felt the winters were more severe in the Judith Basin than they would be east of the Judith Mountains. According to the Winnett Times of 11-4-1921, he settled on
McDonald Creek in 1883. After losing his first cabin in a flood, he built a three-room log house about a mile farther east on the creek. Had the town of Winnett been mapped at that time, his new home would have been at about 10 South Ashley Avenue.

Mary Jenkins was born to Lewis and Safrona Jenkins in Joplin, Missouri, in 1872. The family later moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where Mary grew to young womanhood. At the age of 26, Mary was informed by her doctor that she should go west where the air was drier to get relief for some lung problems. Mary is reported to have told her family, "The doctor says I will have to go out West, Mother, or I shan't live long," and stamping her foot, she shouted, "I may as well die here as go out to that wild land and let the Indians kill me!" But in a month's time she was on her way West. While staying on the Handel Brothers' Ranch at Musselshell, Montana, she met W. J. Winnett. They were married in 1899, and W. J. took Mary home to his three-room dirt-roofed cabin. He soon added two more rooms, and the first three Winnett children—Pearl (1900), Bertha (1901) and Mirth (1903)—were born there.

In 1900 W. J. started sawing lumber for the large ranch house he and Mary had planned. It would be a three-story, 11-room house with four more rooms on back for the hired girls and for an office for W. J. He sawed all but the finishing lumber at his own sawmill which was located on the timber ridge near War House Lake. Some of the larger logs were hauled from the Missouri River Breaks. The finish lumber was hauled from Billings, Montana. Three more babies were born to the Winnetts in this house—Arthur (1904), Edith (1906) and Lewis (1908).

The ranch house became the center of all community life—weddings, funerals, dances, church meetings, business gatherings, and school. W. J. started the first school in what was to become the town of Winnett when he hired a teacher, Katherine Moore, to teach in an upstairs room of the Winnett house in 1907. Pupils were the older Winnett children and children of Winnett's hired men—among them, some of the Fleursys. School was held in the Winnett home for about three years; then W. J. bought a house in Lewistown, as Mary did not feel the children were getting all the advantages they needed. In about 1912, when a schoolhouse had been built in Winnett, the family returned. W. J. furnished all the fuel to operate the new school the first year.

Irrigation was a necessity on the Winnett Ranch, and W. J. was an irrigation enthusiast. He established an extensive irrigation system from McDonald Creek and eventually irrigated several thousand acres which he put to the plow. He had hauled railroad rails from Billings, Montana, with his freighting outfit. His fields were leveled by having four teams of horses drag a rail over them. This was apparently the first land leveling done in the country. Mr. Winnett was also instrumental in forming the Winnett Irrigation Company in 1911. (See also Blakeslee Introduction)

In the early 1900s, W. J. made several trips to Illinois to purchase registered stallions—Percherons and Belgians— from which he built a sizeable herd. At one time he had from 500 to 600 horses on the range. His saddle ponies were of Morgan stock. He owned and operated a fine freighting outfit.

W. J. purchased the first car in the country—a Premier. It had no top, no doors, and headlights resembling lanterns. All comforts were omitted, but it did have speed: and it was speed that he was wanting—horses were too slow getting him everywhere he wanted and needed to go. Beside his own ranching business, Mr. Winnett set up a land office and was busy locating the homesteaders who were pouring into the area. One time he had several homesteaders in the Premier and went over a hill at a pretty good lick, hit the bottom, and as some settler had built a fence across his trail, he pulled back on the steering wheel yelling, "Whoa—whoa—damn it, stop!" It did when it hit the fence, throwing a couple of men out on their heads.

Years later, W. J.'s daughter, Mirth, told of the huge orders of groceries which were purchased for the family. Many items came packed in barrels—barrels of flour, sugar and even mixed nuts. Ten-pound boxes of dried fruit were common. Candy came in twenty-pound buckets—"chocolates for Mama, horehound for Daddy." Chewing gum came in long chunks which could be sliced off, one piece at a time. Clothing for the family, as well as for the hired help, was ordered in large quantities from Montgomery Ward in Denver, Colorado. As more and more homesteaders arrived, W. J. built a store and set up a trial post office at his ranch headquarters. There was also a place for selling liquors in the back portion of the building. All this ended when W. J. built the famous Log Cabin Saloon. Tony Rasmussen bought the store, and the official U. S. Winnett Post Office was established in 1910.

With the advent of the Milwaukee Railroad in 1917, W.
J. turned his efforts toward establishing a Great Western Sugar Company on his ranch. Even the blueprints had been drawn, and work was about to begin when World War I sounded the death knell not only to the sugar refinery, but to the building of the railroad further east. The Great Northern had also started building east from Lewistown, but was abandoned for the same reason.

During the first World War, W. J. sold his sheep and approximately 1500 hogs that ran more or less loose. The pigs were easy picking for thieves, so W. J. began branding them on the left "ham" with the Winnett "05" cattle and horse brand. Soon there was a rumor about a lot of three-legged porkers hitting the markets! Due to the Army taking most of Winnett's hired help, for several years he ran only his horses and some cattle. In 1924 he purchased more Hereford cattle from the PN Ranch on the Missouri River north of Lewistown, Montana. This brought the number of cattle to about 1200 or so head. Along with his horses, this comprised his livestock for a couple of years.

When oil began to pour from the fields of Cat Creek in 1920 and 1921, W. J. saw the opportunity for yet another enterprise. In partnership with several financiers from Miles City, Montana, he purchased and moved to Winnett a small oil refinery (which had been built in Cat Creek by Batcher and Miller). It became known as the Weowna Oil Refinery Company. It was built in a bend of McDonald Creek just east of the town of Winnett on land owned by W. J. It operated at full capacity for many years.

In 1929 Mary Winnett developed heart trouble to an extent that the doctor advised W. J. to take her to a lower climate, as that was the only chance for her to live; so he sold his cattle and horses and moved to California, turn-