ABBOTT, William J. William and Ethel Abbott were married and moved to Winnett from the Ashley community in 1921. They built a house on South Broadway Avenue which served as a law office for Mrs. Abbott, and from which Mr. Abbott conducted an insurance business.

Mrs. Abbott had graduated from Boston University School of Law and had for many years successfully practiced her profession in the state of Maine. In that state she had the distinction of being the only woman attorney in her county. This was also true of her practice in Fergus County. Many remember the skunk skin jacket which Mrs. Abbott wore in the wintertime.

Mr. Abbott was known for his honor and integrity — not only in business, but also in the field of education. He later became an instructor in the junior high and high school from 1935 to 1939. Mr. Abbott had lost an arm in childhood, but that did not prove to be a handicap to him. It was remarkable how fast he could hang a basket of clothes on the line!

Both were gifted with sharp minds and a dry sort of humor. Mrs. Abbott was never known to drive faster than 35 miles an hour and was usually a very careful driver. She also enjoyed the wit of other people and told the following story on herself:

Heading toward Lewistown, Montana, one morning, and driving very slowly, she failed to come to a complete stop as she entered the highway. Suddenly she heard a siren and was forced to pull over and stop. Trying her wiles on the patrol officer, she remarked, “Now officer, just what is the difference between driving as slowly as I was and coming to a complete stop?” “Well,” he answered, “not much — just $5.00.” She really enjoyed his comeback, and cheerfully paid the fine.

Mr. Abbott was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of I.O.O.F. of the state of Montana in June of 1939. For many years Mrs. Abbott was the senior case worker in the department of public welfare. She resigned in March of 1944 and took a similar position at Ryegate, Montana. (See also ABBOTT — Ashley)

ABSHER, J. O. Mr. Absher supervised the construction of the Great Northern Refinery. It was located north and east of Winnett near the storage tanks of the Independent Pipe Line. According to the Winnett Times article of November 4, 1921, the first carload of gasoline from the Great Northern Refinery was shipped November 1, 1921.

ADAMS, Albert Albert and Esther Adams made their home in Winnett for many years. (See also ADAMS, Albert — Musselshell River)

ADAMS, Frank Gwen, born September 21, 1924, in Uvalde, Texas, was an orphan who was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sanchez. She and Frank Adams were married October 22, 1949. They came to this part of the country to work for Andrew Iverson. They later moved to Winnett, where Frank worked as a common laborer.

Gwen died April 20, 1968, and was buried in the Winnett Cemetery. Frank later moved to Lewistown, where he died many years later.

ADOLPHI, Henry The Adolphis operated the Delco Cafe in 1921. Mrs. Adolph was a sister of Harve Wilson of Cat Creek. The Adolphis moved from Winnett to Minnesota.

AFFLERBACH, Marie and Ruth News items, memories and Fergus County courthouse records indicate that Marie taught for four years in Winnett High School — from 1918 through 1922. She also taught short terms in the Bear Creek, Staff and Brady schools.

A Winnett Times ad indicated that Marie was a corsetiere in Winnett in the very early 1920s. After all, women had to wear corsets in those days to maintain wasp-like waists. Many had the garments made-to-order by Marie, especially if their figures couldn’t conform to commercially made models.

Ruth graduated from Winnett High School in 1921. She married James Berky, who was employed by Montana Flour Mills of Great Falls, Montana. After retirement, the Berkys moved to Sun City, California. They had no children. (See also AFFLERBACH — Blakeslee)

AGEE, R. F. R. F. Agee came to Winnett in July of 1921 and assumed the management of the Continental Supply Co. oil field supply house. At the time he took over, carloads of supplies were coming to Winnett daily on the Milwaukee railroad.

AIKENS, Vernie Vernie and Anna Aikens moved to Winnett the winter of 1941-42. They lived in the Senst
Hotel and ran the Lunch Room, which was next to the Town Tavern. Anna, ("Babe," as she was known around Winnett) and Vernie ran the Town Cafe for two years. They had a daughter, Cecelia, who also helped in the cafe. Babe was a sister of Edith Longpre and Bill Herweg.

Vern died and Babe later became Anna Behm. She passed away November 12, 1984, in Lewistown. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

AITON, Alexander P. The Reverend Alexander Aiton arrived in Winnett from Great Falls in late March of 1915. Under his leadership, ground was broken for Victory Memorial Church. (See also METHODIST CHURCH — Winnett)

ALDERMAN, Abe Abe Alderman was a barber in Dugan’s Barbershop, arriving in Winnett from Butte, Montana, in August of 1921.

ALEX, Raymond Ray Alex was a mechanic who took charge of the repair shop in the Broadway Garage when Mr. A. J. Spaulding became proprietor in July of 1933. He left Winnett in October of 1933.

ALEXANDER, E. V. E. V. Alexander was a brother of Dr. J. L. Alexander. He was the first editor of the Winnett Times in 1914.

ALEXANDER, Eleanor In 1923 Eleanor operated a store of ladies’ accessories, ready-to-wear and millinery. The store was a branch of Miss Corsaut’s store in Lewistown, Montana.

ALEXANDER, Dr. Joseph L. Joseph Alexander was born September 11, 1868, in Indiana. Iowa. Dr. Alexander arrived in Winnett the same day and on the same stage as the Rev. Aiton — March 26, 1915. They had taken the train as far as Grassrange. In September of 1919 "Doc" left for Los Angeles, but a Winnett Times article of 12-26-1919 stated: "Townspople were agreeably surprised to learn that Dr. J. L. Alexander was an arrival on that day's train from Los Angeles, where he and Mrs. Alexander had spent the past three months... His many friends are urging him to again locate here." He did stay and served the community as long as he lived and not only as a doctor. He helped establish the Winnett golf course. He was the prime mover in organizing a very successful band composed of local townspeople.

"Doc" and "Mary Doc," as they were called, were very active in the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, and the Order of Eastern Star. Mary Doc was secretary of that organization for 25 years. Their home was at 104 South Moulton Avenue.

Dr. Alexander is mentioned in many stories throughout this book. He died January 1, 1948. Mary Doc died August 26, 1962. Both were buried in the Winnett Cemetery.

ALFORD, Thomas F. "Tex" Thomas Alford was born August 16, 1860, in Sprinkle, Texas. After spending most of his life trailing cattle from Texas, he settled near the mouth of the Musselshell River. He moved into Winnett in 1936.

T. F. "Tex" Alford was honored on his 79th birthday August 15, 1939, with a party at the Emma Barkdoll home. Mrs. Paige Green and Mrs. Joseph Barisch each presented Mr. Alford with a large birthday cake while other friends brought many fine presents.

Mr. Alford was one of Montana’s oldest cowboys and loved to reminisce about the days when he drove cattle over the Sante Fe Trail to Montana.

Tex had two sisters — Mrs. Jennie McCall of Long Beach, California, and Mrs. Julia Davis of Durant, Oklahoma; also two brothers, John and Charles of Texas.

He died in his Winnett home July 4, 1940, after suffering greatly from asthma. Rev. Ellen Rose officiated at graveside services at the Winnett Cemetery. (See also ALFORD — Musselshell River)

ALFSON, Elmer "Shorty" Elmer was born in Harmony, Minnesota, January 5, 1887. He was baptized in St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and received his education in Harmony. At eighteen years of age he went to Craik, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he homesteaded and farmed until 1918. He lived in Havre, Montana, a short time before coming to Winnett in 1920.

In Winnett he ran a trucking business and later went to work for William Hayes Smith in the Winnett Cash Produce. When Mr. Smith sold the business to the Fergus County Creamery in May of 1928, Elmer was named manager. The location, on a dead-end street of Ashley and Millsap, gave inadequate access for customers. Con-

Dr. Alexander, "Mary Doc"
sequently, in November of 1930, Shorty purchased the old brick and tile post office building (Block 18, Main) and continued in business there. In 1938, he converted the front of the building into an ice cream parlor, and hired Rosalind Merten as his able partner. During the same year he assisted Dorothy Bowen in the operation of a skating rink at the Aristo Theater.

Shorty died December 21, 1950, and was buried in Harmony beside his parents and brother, Alfred.

ALGIE, John P. John Algie was the second engineer to be in charge of construction of the Winnett Irrigation Co., which commenced in 1911.

ALLEN, Charles B. Charles B. "Chuck," son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Allen, was born April 28, 1917, on the Allen homestead at Laurel, Montana. He attended schools in Billings, Pryor, and Sidney, Montana, and also in Brighton, Colorado. He worked with his father in ranching while growing up and later worked in Billings. On March 20, 1944, he was inducted into the Army Air Force as a machinist. He was honorably discharged June 20, 1944, due to a physical disability. After coming home, he was a patrolman for the Fort Peck game range and lived at Jordan.

Louise Spears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Spears, was born in White River, North Dakota, on April 27, 1920. She and her sister, Merle, both attended schools and worked in Jordan, Montana.

Charles and Louise Spears Murry were married in Forsyth, Montana, on April 11, 1945. They lived in Jordan until that fall when they moved to Winnett. They lived north of town on Bill Henton's ranch, where Charles trapped and hunted coyotes with his hounds.

In 1949 Chuck and Louise took over the management of the City Food Lockers. They made a number of changes for better service and later added groceries, fresh meats and frozen fish. They also put in locker food products and supplies. They were in the business for two years.

Later, at their home, Chuck and Louise carried on the business of buying hides, furs and scrap iron.

In 1954 and 1955 they secured a government lease on the shore of Petrolia Reservoir and had a concession cabin and boats for rent. (Later the state established a public campground at this same location.) After that, the family moved to Ballantine, where Chuck went into the mink-raising business until about 1959, when they came back to Winnett.

In 1961 they moved to what they termed "God's Country," the old site of the town of Becket, Montana. Chuck processed mineral fertilizer and building stone which he discovered in the hills near there. They still (in 1989) make their home there. Chuck does trapping and coyote hunting with his hound dogs in the winter.

Chuck and Louise have two daughters — Mary (Mrs. Roy) Calhoun of Billings, and Myrna Kay (Mrs. Jack) Allan of Bozeman. Mr. Calhoun is a teacher; and Mr. Jack Allan, a carpenter. Jack and Myrna have a daughter, Jacque Lynae, and a son, Charles Bur Lee. Myrna Kay now lives in St. Johnsburg, Vermont. (Bernice Glatz)

ALLEN, Charles E. Charles "Chuck," son of Grace and Claude F. Allen, was born in Roundup, Montana, in 1947. He attended school in Winnett and graduated from Winnett High School in 1965. After graduation, Chuck attended a trade school in St. Louis, Missouri, to study IBM computers and other machines.

He returned to Winnett and helped his father in the house-moving business. In 1966 he enlisted in the U. S. Army, received his basic training in Ft. Lewis, Washington, and received technical training at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Chuck spent from 1967 until August 1969 in Vietnam as a microwave radio repairman. Upon being discharged from the Army in late 1969, he returned to Winnett to again help his father in the family business.

In the spring of 1970, Chuck worked as an emergency employee for McConie Electric Cooperative following the big April storm which put much of the area out of electricity for several days. After his father's death in June of 1970, Chuck completed some contracts (in which his father had been involved) with the Bureau of Land Management.

Bonny Welte, the daughter of William and Viola Welte, was born in Lewistown, Montana, in 1941 and received her schooling in Winnett, graduating from Winnett High School in 1959. After graduation, she spent the summer at the family ranch. In the fall of 1959, she attended Billings Business College. After four months, she began a part-time job at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company as bookkeeper-receptionist. In January of 1960 this job became full time.

In May 1960 Bonny married Harry A. Dengel of Grassrange and eventually moved to the Great Falls, Montana, area, where Harry "Bud" worked on a wheat
ranch. In January 1961 Bonny returned to the family home at Winnett, which was to be "home" for her and two small sons, Dale and Rodney, for the next nine years. In February 1962 Bonny began work at the Petroleum County courthouse as deputy clerk and recorder- clerk of district court under Mrs. Velma Merten. When Mrs. Merten retired in November of 1962, Bonny moved into the position as clerk and recorder and clerk of district court, a position she held until March 1969, when she resigned due to the critical illness of son Rodney. After Rodney's recovery, Bonny worked as bartender at the Gusher Bar, which the Welter family had acquired. She worked there until after her marriage to Chuck Allen in July of 1970.

Chuck and Bonny, with sons Dale and Rodney, made their home in Winnett. Chuck worked for Welten and Sons Pelleting of Petrolia. A daughter, Letha Diane, was born on June 29, 1971. A month later the family moved to Billings. There Chuck was employed by Husky Parkways until the spring of 1972. He then worked part time for Northrup King Seed Company and Casa Village Mobil Home Park. Bonny worked at the Yellowstone County courthouse in the clerk and recorder's office from February until June 1972. When daughter, Bonnie Jo, was born. In September 1972 Chuck began work for Burrough's Corporaton as field engineer. He received six weeks' training on the maintenance, etc. of Burrough's office machines and computers. The family moved to Glendive in July 1973, when Chuck was transferred to the eastern part of the state with the company.

They returned to Winnett in March 1975 and again worked for Welten and Sons until September 1981, when it was thought the ranch was being sold. They moved to Winnett and lived in the former Kenneth Cole residence until September 1988. They now (1989) reside in the Ernest Bump house. From 1981 to 1986 Chuck worked for Kenney Brothers Construction out of Hardin, Montana. In November of 1986 he became maintenance superintendent for the Town of Winnett. He is also a substitute bus driver for the Winnett school system and for Jim Brady.

Bonny returned to work for Petroleum County as clerk and recorder-clerk of district court in December of 1982. Both she and Chuck remain in these positions at this writing.

Dale graduated from Winnett High School in 1979. He has worked in a fiberglass plant in Big Spring, Texas, in oil fields near Gillette, Wyoming, and on construction in the Billings area since graduation. He married Barbara Greenfield in 1985. Dale and Barbara are presently living in Lewistown, where Dale works for Bill Dengel Construction. The couple have a daughter, Jennifer Jo Allen.

Rodney graduated from Winnett High School in 1980. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, enlisting for active duty in March 1980. Since enlistment he has been stationed at San Antonio, Texas; Biloxi, Mississippi; and Altus, Oklahoma. He has been in Fairbanks, Alaska, since November of 1982. Rodney is a computer operator/programmer. He married Deborah Wiley in Oklahoma in 1982. The couple have a daughter, Galina Marie Allen.

Daughter Diane graduated from Winnett High School in 1989. Daughter Bonnie Jo is a senior in high school (1989). Chuck is assistant fire chief for the volunteer fire department, and Bonny is secretary for the fire department. Both are volunteer ambulance attendants. (Bonny Allen)

ALLEN, Charles V. Charles V. Allen was born in Nebraska in 1886. Mabel Palin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Palin, was born in Kansas in 1888. Both were members of families of ten children.

Charles and Mabel met in "Sweetheart" town — Loveland, Colorado — early in 1906 when Mabel's father, Murry Palin, had a contract to haul lumber many miles into the mountains to build the first hotel in Estes Park. Mabel was quite a horsewoman. She and C. V. were two of the teamsters who drove four- to six- horse teams and wagons for the long journeys. They returned with loads of logs.

C. V. and Mabel were married in 1907. One child, Adel, was born in Colorado. C. V., Mabel, and Adel Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Palin, their daughter Lois and her husband, Howard Mullenaux, and Palin's two sons decided to stake homesteads near Laurel, Montana. The men with their possessions traveled west in freight train boxcars, and the women and little girl, Adel, in a passenger train. When they arrived in Billings, the first people they met were the Peter Yegens. C. V. and other family members worked for the Yegens while proving up on their homesteads.

In the early 1940s Allens moved to Petroleum County, living first on the Dell Huotte and Monger ranches. C. V. had been here for a short time much earlier in the oil boom days, with Howard Mullenaux. Howard was a cousin of John O'Dea, a Musselshell River rancher. At that time, C. V. and Howard had been in the freighting business, using C. V.'s horses and wagons. They had lived along the railroad tracks in little tar paper shacks.

In 1945, having submitted the highest bid ($400), the Allens bought the old school dormitory and ran a boarding and rooming house. After World War II, they bought the City Service Station at the intersection of South Broadway and West Main Street. Son Claude helped in the operation of it. Later it was sold. C. V. bought the locker plant, which son Chuck operated, adding the sale of groceries and other merchandise.

Mabel, her sister, and her sister-in-law at one time also ran a cafe on Main Street. They featured all their own home-baked foods. In July of 1952 Allens sold the locker plant and store, bought Block 8, the original townsite of Winnett, some land under the Winnett Irrigation ditch, the Rusty Quigg acreage along the highway east of town, and a small acreage below Petrolia Dam. They farmed a bit and had cattle.
Mabel died in 1970 at 81 years and C. V., in 1978 at 92 years of age. Children of C. V. and Mabel were: Adel Henman, whose husband ran a motorized mail carrier for many years in Billings; Edna Spallinger of Billings; Bernice Glatz of Winnett; Charles B.; and Claude. (Bernice Glatz)

**ALLEN, Claude F.** Claude F. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen, was born March 7, 1921, on a homestead at Laurel, Montana. Claude attended schools at Sidney, Billings, and Pryor, Montana; and Brighton, Colorado. He worked with his father in ranching until entering the U. S. Army from Yellowstone County. He served in England, France, Germany and Italy, being a member of the 12th U. S. Armored Division (known as the "Mystery Hellcat Division"). That division joined Lt. General George S. Patton's drive across the Rhine through Germany and the Alps into Italy. Claude was discharged from the Army in December of 1945. He worked in Winnett with his father until he married Grace Garrison in 1947. (Submitted by Bernice Glatz)

Grace Garrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar O. Garrison, was born November 13, 1926, at Cat Creek. When she was 2½, she moved to Dovetail, where her parents had formerly homesteaded. (See also GARRISON — Dovetail) She went to Dovetail grade school and graduated from Winnett High School in 1946.

Grace wrote: "I met Claude Allen in 1946. The next year we were married. We have five children — Charles E., Claudia F., Linda Mae, Gary W., and Martin M. Charles "Chuck" married Bonny Dengel and they live in Winnett at the present time (1989). Gary married Barbara Lea. They also live at Winnett. Linda married Doyle Vanthuyne. They have lived in Billings. She was a registered nurse at Deaconess Hospital until she injured her back at work. She is now employed at a medical center. Doyle is a Greyhound bus driver. They have three children. Claudia lives in Billings with her two children. She works as a nurse's aide. Martin (Marty) works in seismography. At the present time he is residing at home.

"Claude and I lived at Circle, Montana, from October 1947 until May 1948. While there, Claude and his brother, Chuck, worked in a service station and Ford garage. After moving back to Winnett, Claude moved houses and also did other trucking. We moved to Roundup for a few months in 1957, then came back to Winnett. Claude started moving houses again.

"We built the Hilltop Service Station and garage and opened it for business in 1961. Claude also did contract work for BLM until his death in 1970. After Claude's death, I went to work in the post office as a sub clerk for four months. Then I went to work at the school as a teacher's aide. I work at that job and as library aide at the present time (1989)." (Grace Allen)

**ALLEN, Gary W.** Gary Wayne Allen, son of Claude F. and Grace F. (Garrison) Allen, was born in Lewistown, Montana, in 1952. He went to school in Winnett and Roundup, and graduated from Winnett High School in 1971. He took one year of college in Bozeman, taking up architecture. He then went to work for Bud Shaw, and later for Tony Mlekush until 1973, when he started working for Petroleum County as a road patrol operator. He still holds that job (in 1989).

Barbara A. Lea, daughter of John D. and Rosa Lee (Beers) Lea, was born in Lewistown, Montana, in 1954. Barbara attended Judith Gap, Montana, schools through her eighth grade. In 1969 she moved to Winnett, where she finished school and graduated from high school in 1973. She is cook-manager for the Winnett schools during the school year and works as park manager for the Town of Winnett during the summer months. Barb is also employed by Olson's Grocery part time.


**ALLEN, Dr. Ron** For five years previous to coming to Winnett, Dr. Allen had engaged in construction work with his brother in Utah. His last school experience had been as superintendent of the Shepherd and Shelby schools. He was hired as superintendent of the Winnett Schools in July of 1981.

**ALTENBURG, James** James and Beverley (Hinrichs) Altenburg were both born and educated in North Dakota. They were married and moved to California, where they spent 15 years. They left LaPuenta, California, in July of 1972 and moved to Winnett. They bought the Hilltop Service Station at the intersection of North Broadway and Highway #200 and set up a service station and welding-machine shop. In 1973 Bruce Arthur and Jim became partners in the enterprise naming the company Hilltop Service (Aral, Inc.) the name being composed of the first two letters of the partners' last names. Beverley was hired as deputy treasurer of Petroleum County in June of 1980 and held the position until she resigned in September of 1987. In September of 1989 Altenburgs retired and sold the contents of their shop at public auction.

James and Beverley have three children. Their son, Greg, and his wife, Toni, live in Macon, Georgia. Their daughter, Debi, and her husband, Cory Phillips, live in Lavina, Montana, and have three children — Michael, Cassandra, and Kristopher. Their son, Jeff, and his wife, Kari, live near Cat Creek. They have two daughters — Sarah and Kadena, and a Centennial son (1989). Hayden James. Jeff was in business with his father for several years. When Jim decided to retire and sell the garage and shop, Jeff secured work at Cat Creek, being employed by the Cenex oil company. Kari served for a time as clerk in the Winnett Post Office. During the school year of 1987-88, Jeff and Kari were acting parents of an exchange student, Stephanie Kelp, who came from West Germany, Germany.

**ANDERSEN, Alfred** Alfred and son, Howard, bought the Gusher Bar from Otto Bixenaum on March 4, 1947.
After a little more than a year, Andersens sold the establishment to Mr. and Mrs. Tencotte, and moved to Malta, Montana.

ANDERSEN, D. When the first train rolled into Winnett at 9:30 on Wednesday, October 10, 1917, the blowing of the whistle in the west part of town was answered by the cannonading in the east part performed by D. Andersen.

ANDERSON, Norman Norman Anderson was proprietor of Andy’s Barbershop in 1947. In November he moved the shop from the Tunnicliff building to the Antler’s Exchange building, which was a block east and on the south side of Main Street. At that location he handled both barbering and the sale or purchase of second-hand items. Anderson children who attended school in Winnett were Norman, Elaine and Carroll.

ANDERSON, Peter J. Peter J. Anderson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peter Anderson, was born October 31, 1877, in Lime Springs, Iowa. Rosina Schultz, the eldest daughter of Carrie and Lewis Schultz, was born in Fillmore County, Minnesota, on September 19, 1878.

Pete and Rose were married in November of 1900 in Lime Springs, Iowa. Their daughter, Inez, was born in Cresco, Iowa, on August 15, 1901, and went to school in Lime Springs, Iowa, through the third grade. In 1910 Andersons moved to Lewistown, Montana, and after living there only a few months, filed on a homestead about eight miles from Grassrange, Montana. They lived in a one-room shack that Pete built, and Pete walked to many different jobs doing carpenter work. Rose and Inez lived alone much of the time. Rose worked for a homesteader’s wife near them, helping with the neighbor’s small children. When groceries were needed, Inez and Rose took a horse-drawn two-wheeled cart to Grassrange.

In 1914 Andersons moved to Winnett, where much carpenter work was available, as homesteaders were flooding the area, and Winnett was becoming a business center. At the Winnett lot sale on July 18, 1914, Pete bought a lot and built a house on it for his family.

Pete, with the help of two other carpenters, built the first residence in Winnett other than the W. J. Winnett house. It was the home of banker, Hammond J. Greene. Pete also helped build the Deethardt barn, a long-time landmark about two miles west of town. When the first train arrived in Winnett at 9:30 a.m. on October 10, 1917, Pete was one of the whistle blowers!

He was elected a school trustee in April of 1918, when bonds were issued to build the large school building, and he was re-elected the next term. Also, at the first town election in June of 1918, Pete was elected as the first mayor of Winnett.

In July of 1921 Pete built the Anderson residence at the corner of Jenkins Street and Moulton Avenue. It still stands today, watching over the school children as they play at recess in the south end of the school yard.

Pete was manager of the Basin Lumber Co. (which was established in 1916) until December of 1921. When the business became the Monarch Lumber Co., he was named manager of that company. Through the years Pete became under-sheriff under Perry Baker. Petroleum County Sheriff from 1928 to 1932, county treasurer from 1936 to 1940, and also served at times as deputy treasurer.

After his local government work, he was employed by the Montana Lumber and Hardware Co. in Winnett. On June 1, 1943, Andersens moved to Roundup, where Pete was employed by the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company for a time before coming back to work at the hardware store in Winnett until he retired in 1953.

Besides his other community work, he had served the Winnett Masonic Lodge for fifty-three years, having been a charter member on July 1, 1917. Peter died May 24, 1970, and Rose, March 5, 1974. Both were buried in the Winnett Cemetery.

Inez finished her elementary and high school education in Winnett. She never had to worry about getting to school in bad weather, as her home sat just across Moulton Avenue and to the west of the school. She graduated from Winnett High School in 1921, and was an honor graduate from the State Normal College at Dillon in 1927.

For the 1927-28 school term, she was hired to teach thirty-five first graders in the Winnett School. She later taught the Brown School near Cat Creek, where Clyde Dunlap was a remembered pupil. For a time she worked in the Petroleum County courthouse.

In April of 1931, with Howard Sandaker and Gladyes Sederholm as witnesses, she was wed to Leonard Eld. They had one daughter, Lenora. The marriage failed, and in 1943 when Inez married Clinton Hassett, Clinton adopted Lenora. (See also HASSETT — Petrolia)

ANDERSON, Sofus When Mr. Anderson came to Winnett, he worked for a time in the Hub Clothing Store. Later he worked at Rasmussens and delivered groceries with horse and wagon when delivery service was first instituted in 1921.

In December of 1928 he moved to Lewistown, Montana. He passed away there in 1934 and was buried in a Masonic lot in that city. He had been very active in Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges. He was remembered by residents of Winnett as a most generous and kind-hearted soul.

ANDERSON, William W. Mr. Anderson worked in the Eager Mercantile store as clerk in 1928 and 1929. He later moved back to his farm in Colorado. The Andersons had two sons — John and Jean.

ANUNDSON, Myles M. "Tig" Myles was born September 26, 1928, in Fargo, North Dakota. He received his education in Valley City, North Dakota, and entered the military services in 1946. In 1969 he went into service with the U.S. Embassy at New Delhi, India, and was located there for five years.
After his discharge, he came to Winnett in January of 1973, and was employed in the Stockman Bar. He died October 5, 1979, in Fargo, North Dakota. He was a cousin of Maxine (Mrs. Clinton) Arthur of Winnett.

ARRAS, A. A., Jr. When the second little oil boom developed in Cat Creek in early 1946, A. A. Arras was in charge of the Arras Tank Company’s local headquarters. The company built practically all the tanks which provided storage at the source of the new oil production. The company purchased the R. J. Woods house and used it as headquarters for a crew of men engaged in building oil field tank storage. Then, with the opening of the Ragged Point Oil Field north of Roundup, the company moved its headquarters to Roundup.


Phyllis Helm of Cohagen, Montana, came to Winnett to do her practice teaching under Blanche Saylor Grove in the spring of 1973. The next year Phyllis taught in the Sand Springs, Montana, school. In the fall of 1974 she was hired as first-grade teacher in Winnett and held that position through the spring of 1979.

Bruce and Phyllis were married on March 18, 1973. Bruce continued to work with his uncle James Altenburg in the Hilltop Service Station (Aral, Inc.). Phyllis conducted some very fine public library summer programs for children and young folks under a “Reading is Fundamental” grant. A son, Aaron, was born on July 27, 1979; Amy, on March 5, 1982; and Adam, on February 16, 1986.

Bruce and Phyllis lived in Canada from August 1986 to June 1987, while Bruce attended Briercrest Bible College. They returned to Winnett and now (1989) work for David Iverson. They have a nice home near Flatwillow Creek on the Iverson Ranch. Aaron and Amy both attend Winnett Elementary School.

Bruce and Phyllis, as active church workers, teach Sunday school in the Baptist Church and are involved in the establishment of a church youth group.

ARTHUR, Clinton "Bud" Clinton ‘Bud’ and Maxine Arthur came to Winnett in 1961. Bud has been employed by Mid-Rivers Telephone Coop, Inc. since 1960. The couple have three children, all graduates of Winnett High School.

Darla graduated in 1975. She worked ten years for Automotive Performance Center in Billings, Montana. During those years she also took classes at Eastern Montana College. In 1986 she went to school full time and graduated from Eastern Montana College in 1987. Darla is currently office manager for Cutler Counseling and Consulting in Spokane, Washington.

LaRae graduated from Winnett High School in 1978. She is married to Warren Damschen. They have three daughters — Shilo, Shannon and Shayna. They live in Davenport, Washington, where Warren is self-employed in the construction business.

Troy graduated from Winnett High School in 1987. He attends Dickinson State University in Dickinson, North Dakota, and is involved in the basketball and track programs there. (Maxine Arthur)

ARTHUR, Danny Danny, son of Lyle and Edith Arthur, arrived in Winnett with his parents in the fall of 1961. He began his elementary education in 1962 and graduated from Winnett High School in 1974. After attending Northern Montana College at Havre for two years, he was employed in a modular construction plant in Havre. He worked there for three years.

Sidney, Montana, had need for construction workers. so Danny went there and found work with a house builder — Rick Wallesstad. Rick had previously lived in Winnett while working for the Department of Fish and Game.

Danny decided he would like to see a little more of the real outside world — so he went for the big time! Off to Las Vegas went he, but still carrying his carpenter tools. He worked at many miscellaneous jobs, among them the complete rebuilding of a television news set — a very interesting and educational project.

It was not long before Danny became restless and tired of the rush of life in the city. He had a dream of a quieter place where night became dark with no bright flashing lights, where maybe he could even have a dog, and where, if you were short a coin or two at the grocery store, your word was good. The dream haunted him, and before he knew it, he was out on the highway headed northeast and landed back in the town that matched his dream — Winnett.

That was in early 1987, and it appears that the town and community will never let him get away again. He has been continually busy — building and remodeling houses and making fine furniture. When he cannot be found on a job somewhere, he just might be in the school gymnasium at the time-keeper’s bench.

ARTHUR, Lyle Lyle, son of Fern Sonneborn Arthur and Robert Arthur, was born in Cando, North Dakota. Edith "Edie," daughter of Alice Davis Altenburg and James Orville Altenburg, was born in Sanborn, North Dakota.

Edie and Lyle were married in Miles City, Montana. Lyle was transferred from Circle, Montana, to Winnett in March 1961, making his home temporarily in a small trailer house. He was lineman for Mccone Electric and was in charge of electric service in eastern Petroleum County and Garfield County. Edie, with sons Bruce, Keith and Danny, moved to Winnett when school started. She had been employed at the Tastee Freez in Circle and stayed to finish out the season.

Edie worked at Clark’s Store for four years, then opened a small diner in the fall of 1966. The following
year she leased the Stockman Cafe for two years, then worked at Clark’s Grocery another two years. In January 1971, she became school lunch cook, and in the spring of 1973, she opened the Hilltop Cafe. The cafe closed in 1975.

In 1981, Arthurs purchased a mobile home and converted it to a cafe, which was located on top of the hill adjacent to the intersection of Route #200 and the Roundup cut-off.

Lyle was hurt on the job in June of 1983 and retired from McConic Electric. Arthurs leased the cafe to Jim and Marge Johnson that fall and moved to Billings, Montana. The following year they moved to Las Vegas and were there three years, then came back to Winnett for a visit. That fall they leased the Gasamat Self-serve Station at 4562 State Ave. in Billings where they now live.

The Arthurs had three boys — Bruce, Keith, and Danny. Keith worked for the Fail brothers one year after graduating from high school. He enlisted in the Air Force in July of 1971. He has two boys — Brandon and Bradley, and two girls — Shannon and Sheri. They are now stationed at Malstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana. (Edie Arthur) (See also ARTHUR, Bruce and ARTHUR, Danny)

AUSTIN, E. R. E. R. Austin was adjutant of the American Legion in 1921. He was also clerk of School District #159 in 1921, when the bonds in the amount of $18,800 bearing six percent interest were sold. Said bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to take care of valid outstanding warrants which had been issued before the 21st of June 1921. Mr. Austin was the brother of Mrs. Hammond Greene.

BAARDSON, B. L. Mr. Baardson and his daughter, Aldyth, established a confectionery in the Munroe Hotel in 1921. It was called the Aldyth Ice Cream Parlor and Confectionery. In August of 1921, Mr. Baardson leased the west storeroom of the new Winnett Theatre and opened an ice cream and confectionery store. Miss Mildred Davis was in charge of that operation.

BADGER, OSCAR Mr. Badger and Walter J. Winnett started the first general store in Winnett in 1910 and did a prosperous business for about three years. They freighted the original supplies for the store from Musselshell, Montana, 50 miles away.

In 1912, Oscar was appointed first United States Commissioner for this district and held that office until H. J. Kelly took over. In 1913, Winnett and Badger dissolved their partnership and the mercantile business was sold to A. L. Rasmussen.

(W. T. 8-1-1915) "On October 1, Oscar H. Badger and Henry Chadd, both well-known here, will open their clothing store in Winnett, to be known as The Mode. Both gentlemen contemplate a trip to Chicago next month when a complete and up-to-date line of men's and boys' clothing and furnishings will be purchased for their new store. The store will be located in the building now occupied by Badger's Restaurant, which with very little alteration will be an ideal location for the business. Mr. Badger, who will manage the store, has had a number of years' experience in the clothing business; and together, with his personal popularity, and Mr. Chadd's wide acquaintance, the new venture will undoubtedly be well patronized. Success to them."

Oscar Badger was married to Nell Eager, daughter of Elmer Eager. Nell was one of the first four graduates from Winnett High School in 1919. Badgers had two girls — Bess and Jane — who were born in Winnett.

Believing that the town of Winnett would continue to thrive, Oscar built a beautiful home for his family in 1919 at 113 South Broadway Ave.

Eric Hove was a later partner with Oscar in The Mode. (W. T. 3-12-1926) "O. H. Badger, one of the pioneer merchants of Winnett, has packed his stock of clothing and is shipping same to Kevin where he has leased a building and will resume business at that point. Mrs. Badger and the family will join Mr. Badger at Kevin next month. The Badger family will be greatly missed in business and social circles of the city, and though hosts of friends regret their departure, they wish them well in the new location."

BAILEY, Harriett Harriett Bailey was just an infant when she left Virginia with her mother Eva, older sister Mary, baby brother LeRoy, and grandmother Stewart to come west. Her father, Vern Bailey, and grandfather Stewart had already come a year or two before. She grew up in the Winnett area, attending school in Winnett and the Brush Creek country school.

As a young lady, Harriett worked at her grandmother's restaurant, Mother's Cafe, in Winnett. In 1935, she married Gunnar Hansen and soon after moved to Minnesota. It was there that their sons — Martin, Bob and Vic — were born. Gunnar became ill while working on construction and passed away at a young age. As soon as her two oldest sons finished high school, Harriett moved back to Montana, settling in Belfry.

In the 1960s, she moved to Winnett and operated the Commercial Hotel with the help of a friend, Ann Williams. Harriett also cooked at the Stockman Cafe. Again leaving Winnett, she worked at a cafe at Cooke City, Montana, for seven years. The high altitude affected her health, however, and she was forced to move back to Belfry, where she still resides and has been a cook for the senior citizens since 1975. Her son, Martin, lives at Butte Montana; Bob, in Washington; and Vic, in Great Falls, Montana.

BAIR, James Jim Bair came to Winnett from White Sulphur Springs. The Winnett Times of 11-9-28 stated: "Bair and Markland have taken over the Hoyle Garage and are now ready for service. Come look our used cars over. Also will carry a stock of Chevrolet parts. B and M Motor Co." B and M Motor Co. became proprietors of the Continental Oil bulk station in October of 1929.

On June 1, 1929, Jim Bair and Annette "Nettie"
Achtein, a local schoolteacher, were married. Nettie and Jim became parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Ann, in February of 1939.

Jim leased his garage to Joe Neil the first of April in 1939 and accepted a position as supervisory foreman of automotive equipment for the Soil Conservation Service in Roundup, Montana. The Bairs kept their residence in Winnett at 308 South Moulton Avenue until the family moved to Roundup in February of 1941.

BAKER, Charles Charles Baker, born November 7, 1888, came to Winnett in the early 1920s. When he joined the Masonic Lodge in January of 1926, he was a telegrapher at the Milwaukee depot. Charles was very interested in music, and in May of 1927 presented an open-air band concert to the people of the area. 18 local musicians constituted the band. In July of 1927 Charles became the proprietor of the Palm Garden restaurant; but about this time, business in the town of Winnett was getting slack. So in October of that year, he and his wife and daughter, Knutie, moved to Lewistown.

BAKER, Harry Harry was a barber in Winnett during 1951 and 1952. In May of 1952 he moved to Denton, Montana, where he leased a barbershop.

BAKER, J. E. J. E. Baker was manager of the Marlow Theater in Winnett in 1941. In October of 1942 he accepted a position with the Continental Oil Company.

BAKER, James James Baker succeeded Hamm Greene as cashier of Winnett’s Farmers and Merchants Bank when Hamm resigned August 1, 1928. James had previously worked in the Miners and Merchants Bank of Roundup, Montana.

BALDWIN, Bill (W.T. 11-4-21) “Back in the fall of 1913, Bill Baldwin, who was herding sheep for W. J. Winnett, suddenly became demented, and after burning his own ranch, started in a frenzy for the Winnett Ranch. Enroute, he burned another sheep camp, and arriving within a short distance of the Winnett Ranch, commenced shooting at everything in sight, yelling that he was going to burn Winnett out, etc. However, the men about the ranch frightened him away, and the next day a posse went in search of him.

“He was brought back with a high power bullet hole through his heart, and upon his hatband was found his last will and testament, in which he turned over all his holdings, which included a quarter section of land, to W. J. Winnett. The will on the hatband was probated in court, and Baldwin’s possessions eventually were turned over to Mr. Winnett. The court held that the will was valid and acted upon it as in the case of any regular drawn document. The hat is still on file in the Fergus County courthouse in Lewistown, Montana.”

BALDWIN, William (W.T. 9-16-1914) “William Baldwin and family of Winnett will reside on the Musselshell this winter.” Miss Elsa Baldwin was the first secretary of the first Ladies Aid which was organized in Winnett in May of 1915.

BANNAN, Daniel W. Daniel homesteaded in the Petrolia area. Mrs. Bannan worked at the W. J. Winnett Ranch while their daughter, Mary, was attending school. Later the Bannans ran a rooming house and served meals. Mary married James Casper on January 4, 1928. (See also BANNAN — Petrolia)

BANTIE, Arthur In August of 1921, Mr. Bantie sold his barbershop in the Butte Block (Block 8, Main) in order to devote his full time to his tailor shop located on Lepper Avenue.

BARBEE, Martin “Buster” Buster Barbee and Orene Archibald Raundal were married February 20, 1971, at the home of Orene’s daughter, Mrs. Jack Clark, in Winnett. Reverend Joel Frank of the Lutheran Church conducted the ceremony.

At that time, Orene was Petroleum County Clerk and Recorder. Buster was employed on the Joe C. King Ranch southwest of Winnett. Buster and Orene established a home in Winnett. Both are now retired. Buster traps in the winter. He writes poems, does leatherwork and plays pool. Orene likes to crochet, do other craft work, and play cards. Both thoroughly enjoy going fishing and camping on Spring Creek near Lewistown, Montana. They always raise a beautiful garden. (See also BARBEE — Teigen; RAUNDAL — Flatwillow)

BARDEN, Ernest Ernest Barden moved into Winnett in March of 1936 and set up his blacksmith shop in the rear of the old McGuire building. In this location he did a lot of work for the Public Works Administration. The McGuire building was in Block 2 Broadway between the Monarch Lumber Company and the City Light Company.

After working in Winnett a few years, Ernest returned to his home in the Cat Creek section. (See also BARDEN — Cat Creek)

BARISCH, Jack Jack Barisch came to live in Winnett when his parents’ ranch on the Musselshell River was sold to make way for the Fort Peck Dam. Jack graduated from Winnett High School in 1949 and attended Montana State College for one year before entering the Army. He was a military police officer in Korea until his discharge in 1953. He then worked for Kulberg Drilling of Cut Bank, Montana, living and working on drilling rigs in many different towns between Cut Bank and Glasgow, Montana.

Marylee Worley Sims came to Winnett in 1953, making her home with Charles and Lois Poulton. Marylee and Jack were married June 2, 1956. Jack continued working on drilling rigs in scattered oil fields.

Marylee and Jack were parents of five children — Dann born in Glasgow: Kimberley in Havre, Montana; Jacqueline in Cut Bank. After they moved to Winnett, they lived in the former Valentine house. Then identical twin sons — Jason and Justin — were born.

These five children all graduated from Winnett High School. Dann graduated in 1968 and became a teacher.
and librarian. Kimberly (Kim) graduated in 1976 and
married Leo Tarplee. They live in New Palestine, Indiana,
where Leo is in carpenter work (1989). Jacqueline (Jackie)
who graduated in 1978, works as a teller at First Bank in
Lewistown. She and Mike Bentley were married
November 26, 1988. Jason and Justin, who gave many
people problems concerning their identity, graduated in
1985. Jason has worked for Big Sky Concessions, and at
present (1989) is working with his brother-in-law, Leo,
as a painter. Justin has a vocational degree in welding and
is presently working at various jobs in Billings, Montana.

Jack is presently foreman of the Winnett district for the
State Highway Commission. Marylee, with no kids to cook
for at home anymore, pitches in when needed at the Kozy
Korner Cafe. Jack and Marylee both enjoy time with their
children and grandchildren. They also like to work in their
yard. (See also BARISICH — Musselshell River)

BARISICH, Tony Tony grew up and received his early
education while living on his parents' ranch near the
Musselshell River. He moved to Winnett with his parents
in 1938, received the rest of his elementary education,
and graduated from Winnett High School in 1943. He
entered the Army in February of 1944 and spent twenty
months in Europe.

After his discharge from the Army in May of 1946, he
worked for Continental Oil Company for five years. He
next spent eleven years as a truck driver for highway con-
struction work and then worked for various ranchers. He
also worked for the school district as assistant custodian
for a time. He spent about twenty-four years working for
Stanley Wiggins as a very reliable night watchman during
lambing operations. Tony is now semi-retired. He enjoys
visiting with people and likes to raise a large garden. He
shares his produce with relatives and friends. (See also
BARISICH — Musselshell River)

BARKDOLL, Floyd Floyd moved into Winnett and
operated Floyd's Bar from 1954 to 1958. (See also
BARKDOLL — Musselshell River)

BARNES, Robert Mr. Robert Barnes was chosen as
superintendent of the Winnett Schools in March of 1979.
He and his wife, Kathy, and four children — Chad, Kia,
Dena, and Micah arrived in mid-summer. Mr. Barnes
served the Winnett school system for two terms and then
resigned to accept a like position at Nashua, Montana. A
son, Blake, was born to them there.

BARNETT, Lillie B. The Winnet Times "School News
by Maurice" in 1921 noted: "Lillie Barrnett and Leon Mill
furnished an excellent exhibition of boxing when they
met in a three-round bout Tuesday noon."

BARTLETT, John "War Whoop" John Bartlett was
born in Laramie, Wyoming, on July 6, 1917. His earliest
remembrance, as he stated, "was when I was about four
years old and was going up and down the streets of
Pinedale, Wyoming, shouting H-E-L-L, that's the way to
spell hell."

John continues with his remembrances: "After several
moves to Idaho Falls, Idaho; Sandpoint, Idaho; Fish Creek
on Lake MacDonald in Glacier National Park; and East
Glacier, I graduated from high school at Browning, Monta-
na.

"In June of 1935 I joined the Civilian Conservation
Corps as a LEM (local experienced man) in Corps Com-
pany #595 and was then transferred to Company #575
which was moving to Winnett. I joined the company at the
railroad station at East Glacier. We had a layover of three
or four hours in Great Falls. My sister was attending
business college there, so I stopped off to visit her.

"We got back to the railroad station just in time to see
the caboose of the train disappearing around a distant
corner, and I was AWOL. I started out hitchhiking, and
after several short rides and a lot of hiking. I arrived in
Lewistown the next morning, again just missing the train
to Winnett. I started hiking again and was picked up by
Jack Runnells in an old Model T with a vacuum tank
system. The system wouldn't work going up the steep
grade of the divide, so when it would stop, I would jump
out and put rocks behind the wheels and he would fill the
vacuum tank.

"This happened several times, but at last we went over
the top. We arrived at Dunlap's in Winnett while they
were still unloading the train. I reported to the company
adjutant, Leo C. Wilson. After I had told him my story, he
slapped his leg and said, 'Only a damn War Whoop from
the reservation would do that.' I got the name War
Whoop from that and carried that nickname in Winnett for a long time. I am still called that by a few of the old-timers once in a while.

"Dorothy Lancellle and I were married, and we lived in Missoula until 1942 and then in Spokane until April of 1944. At that time I volunteered to be drafted into the Army, and we moved to the Lancellle Ranch. Connie had been born in Missoula on April 24, 1938; and Joseph Clarence, December 30, 1940. (See also LANCEELLE — Flatwillow).

"In the fall of 1962 Mirth Kiehl Petersen and I took over the operation of the Stockman Cafe. She left in 1963 and I moved to town to take over full management. In 1964 Mirth Kiehl retired from the ASCS office and married Carl Hedman. I replaced her as office manager of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in July of 1964. Dorothy and I were separated by then, and much later, divorced.

"We had a Toastmasters Club in Winnett, and as I became more used to speaking, I was asked to be master of ceremonies for several functions.

"When the Petroleum County ASCS office was combined with that of Fergus County, I became clerk. I was let go from that office on June 30, 1973, because of a reduction in force. I worked for Douglas Delaney until November of that year.

"In November of 1979, I met my present wife, Margaret. We were married April 19, 1980, and are still together in 1989."

BASTIAN, Frank Frank and Pearl Bastian and their children — Mary Lou and Donald — moved to Winnett from Cat Creek in 1933, as Frank had received the position of clerk at the Winnett Continental Oil Company loading racks. Frank and Pearl were involved in many civic and fraternal affairs. Frank was a member of the school board and the town council, and held various offices in Sandman Post of the American Legion. Pearl was very active in the Legion Auxiliary.

Frank held a record that many would treasure. In June of 1947 he was awarded a pin by the Continental Oil Co. in recognition of 25 years of service, during which time he had not been absent from work a single day due to accident or illness.

Mary Lou graduated from Winnett High School in 1945 and took nurse's training in St. Joseph's Hospital of Lewistown. She married Jim Sennett of Lewistown, a postal employee. They have a daughter, Linda. Donald graduated from Winnett High School in 1949, attended Montana State College at Bozeman, and was long involved in automobile mechanics. Donald married Marlene Christferson of Sunburst, Montana, and they have three boys — Johnny, Jerry, and Jackie. Frank, after a lifetime of apparent good health, succumbed to cancer on January 28, 1952, in Fort Harrison Veterans' Hospital at Helena, Montana. Interment was in the soldiers' plot of Lewistown City Cemetery. On September 2, 1955, Pearl married Leonard Eld. (See also BASTIAN — Cat Creek and ELD — Teigen).

BAUER, William In 1925 William Bauer took over the restaurant in the Moll building formerly owned by Scotty Spears, and in a short time sold it to Charles Williams.

BAUMGARTNER, Roy Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baumgartner moved to Winnett in February of 1948. At that time they had three children — Patty, Kay and Candy. Roy was Milwaukee road agent, and they made their home in the depot. While living here, another girl, Janet, was born. Roy was an excellent softball player, and in 1949 was made manager of the local club. Roy and William were brothers.

BAUMGARTNER, William Bill was an interim Milwaukee road agent, serving between the time George Pitman left in 1943 and George Beall arrived in September of 1943. Bill later married Virgie Senst of Winnett. (See also SENST — Winnett)

BAYER, Theodore Mr. Bayer homesteaded in the Brush Creek area, but when the town of Winnett burst alive due to the oil boom, the Lewistown Democrat News engaged him to cover the oil fields and the town of Winnett for news articles.

He proved up on his homestead in April of 1921, but left for Manhattan, Kansas, in September of the same year to attend Kansas State Agricultural College.

BAYLES, Lee "Our stock is New, Fresh, and Desirable" was the statement in the ad of the Jewel Cigar Store when the cigar store was established August 6, 1921, in the Winnett Theater. Lee Bayles was proprietor.

BEACHAM, Harold Harold was a mechanic. In May of 1927, he leased the Winnett Theater building from J. A. Dugan and established a machine shop and garage.

BEALL, George L. George Beall was born in Indiana April 10, 1881, and grew to manhood there. He came west in 1900 and was a railroader at Bozeman, Deer Lodge and Ringling. In 1925 at Deer Lodge, he was married to Jessie Talbott, and to this union six children were born. His wife by that marriage died in 1932. In 1927 he had gone to Hilger, Montana, where he was ticket agent for nine years. He married Marie Schaeffer in 1941. In September of 1943, he moved to Winnett, where he became railroad agent for the Milwaukee station there. Ill health overtook him, and he died at St. Joseph's hospital in Lewistown on Friday, January 12, 1945.

BEATON, Harry (W. T. 9-9-21) "With two men on bases and two men out, Harry Beaton stepped up to the plate and knocked the ball a couple miles out towards Flatwillow." It was a game between Roundup and Winnett. In the last inning, Roundup was ahead 8 to 7 until Harry took the bat.

BECK, Nick (W. T. 7-8-21) "The latest industry to be established in Winnett is a modern bottling works factory to be located on Broadway, south of the first Aristo. The new brick-veneered building is being rushed to comple-
tion and will be ready for installation of the machinery within ten days.

"Nick Beck, who recently arrived from Seattle, will be the manager of the new enterprise. Mr. Beck is skilled in this line of work, having followed it for a number of years. With the big field for an institution of this character and the management back of it, nothing but success is spelled for the Winnett Bottling Works.

"The firm will manufacture carbonated drinks of all kinds. The machinery installed is modern and complete in every detail. Arrangements are being made to also operate an ice cream factory in connection with the bottling works as soon as the business warrants."

**BECK, Rudolph**

Rudy Beck was born May 15, 1879, in Hostenbock, Germany. Freida Wulle was born in Heilbronn, Germany, on May 4, 1883. It was there that she was married to Rudolph Beck in 1904. In 1911 the Becks came to the United States and settled near Wenatchee, Washington, for a time before moving to the Winnett area and homesteading in Sec. 14-14-26.

Rudy proved up on his homestead and built a slaughter house there to accommodate the meat market which he established in the town of Winnett. The market, commonly referred to as the Enterprise Meat Market, was situated in Block 17 facing Main Street.

In the summer of 1920, Rudy, foreseeing a boost in business due to the oil boom, built a new meat market. He contracted with Clarence Napper for the construction, who in turn, subcontracted John Valach for the labor or brick work. The following contract form has been preserved by Frank Valach of Lewistown, Montana. (Frank is the son of the late John Valach.)

"Winnett, Mont. June 11th, 1920

"THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into between Clarence Napper, party of the first part, and John Valach, party of the second part, for the consideration of payments as hereafter stated, the party of the second part agrees to furnish all labor required to construct the brick and tile building for Rudolf Beck, at Winnett, Montana. In a good and workmanlike manner, buttering the joints thoroughly, and doing everything that will tend to make it a first class job.

"Further, the front of the building is to be laid up with three-quarter-inch raked joints, as shown on plans and drawings.

"Also the premises must be left clean, and the brickwork on the front must be washed down and left in good first class condition.

"Party of the second part, also will erect his own scaffolds and do all work in removing same leaving the premises clean.

"Party of the first part, agrees to pay to the party of the second part, the sum of Four Hundred Fifty dollars. ($450.00) as the work progresses, for the laying of all brick and tile in the above Rudolf Beck building according to this agreement, and the plans and drawings furnished by him, and payments not to exceed 85% of the amount of the work actually done. Final money to be paid when the work is all finished satisfactory and accepted.

"Party of the second part agrees to have the

above work completed by the twentieth of June 1920, weather permitting.

"In witness whereof, we have here attached our signatures this 12th Day of June A.D. 1920."

Signed by Clarence Napper and John Valach — N. D. McIver as witness.

The new building was on Lot 3, Block 16, and was sold, along with the meat business to Frank Boeckman and J. Otis Mudd, who then operated the Enterprise Meat Market until the building burned in September of 1929.

Rudy had been chosen alderman of the town of Winnett in 1919. Having disposed of his meat business, and with the demand for construction work in the town due to the oil boom, Rudy went to work as a carpenter.

(Ed. Although positive information is lacking, the following is presumed to be a resume of Rudy's business activity. It was gathered from memory of former residents and bits and snatches from the *Winnett Times*.)

After the new Aristo was established in 1921, Rudy bought from William Dickson the first Aristo building (which was on the northwest corner of Block 16 facing Main Street). Rudy then operated a cafe and confectionery there, naming the building the Palm Garden. In 1922 the *Winnett Times* reported that one of the first radios to be installed in Winnett was coming in loud and clear in the Palm Garden Restaurant! In February 1923 Rudy leased the back portion of the Palm Garden to the American Legion. That organization established what they called the American Legion Gym. In it were boxing and wrestling rings, punching bags, and other exercise equipment — for the use of bona fide Legion members and their families.

Later that same year, Rudy moved his cafe and confectionery and installed two bowling alleys in the Palm Garden. The name was changed to Olympic Bowling Lanes. (W.T. 11-2-23) "The alleys were opened for business the forepart of the week; since then, many of the population of Winnett have been taking the kinks out of their backs and putting cramps in their fingers at the old tenpin game." A bowling tournament with Roundup players was held in Winnett in April of 1924. The winning team members were: Sullivan, Crepps, Frank Nelson, Nate Wells, Hillius and Waldrop (relief man for both Nelson and Wells). The Roundup squad were highly complimentary of the fine condition of the lanes as maintained by Rudy Beck.

Rudy's confectionery had been moved two doors east between the Enterprise Meat Market and the Arcade, and that became the second Palm Garden. In December of 1924, Elmer Eager leased the Olympic Bowling Lanes building from Rudy Beck and conducted a store there for three years. The Palm Garden restaurant remained in business, operated by Rudy or lessors until 1928. When the building was leased to James Shipton as a soft drink establishment.

In January of 1928 Mr. Eager relinquished the lease on the corner Beck building. The building was then sold to Mable Towne, and she established therein the Love Bird
Cafe.

The Becks had just completed a new residence and garage in the same block as their heretofore business when the disastrous fire of September 1929 destroyed not only their home, but the entire block of businesses, including the Enterprise Meat Market. Since the former proprietors of the Enterprise did not wish to re-establish themselves, Rudy decided to again enter the meat business. He set up the Winnett Meat Co. in the Moll building. In about 1931, he sold his meat business to George Waldrop of the Winnett Mercantile. Becks moved to Washington state. Rudy died there in October of 1932. Death was attributed to a carbuncle on the back of his neck which poisoned his spine and lungs.

Freida, in company with her brother, John H. Wulle, moved to New York in 1934 and opened a sanitarium that specialized in the treatment of diabetes and Bright’s Disease. Freida was president of the Cherihurst Medical Co. which specialized in a medicine to treat the two diseases. In 1937 Freida and John Wulle returned to Winnett and made their home on the Rudy Beck Ranch. Freida died in September of 1940.

BECK, Russell Russell came to Winnett in August of 1943 as Milwaukee road agent.

BECKER, Cynthia L. In the late 1940s Cynthia bought the old school dormitory from the C. V. Allens and rented sleeping rooms.

BEEBE, Edgar Edgar was a long-time resident of the Winnett area, having been employed by many ranchers as a sheepherder and as a good all-around handyman. He and his wife, Jane, (as reported on the census) were the parents of four daughters—Mable (1932), Dolly (1934), Elsie (1935) and Edna (1933). They also had a son (no name or birthdate available).

In 1942 Edgar and the family moved to Geyser, Montana, where Edgar was employed as herder for the Hill Bros. Ranch. Edgar was given Christmas day off to spend with his family, but returned in the evening to the sheep camp. All appeared well the next morning at the camp, but by noon the sheep were scattered, and the owner, investigating the cause, saw Edgar’s two beautiful collie dogs running to the top of the hill and then back to the bottom, but not near the sheep. They would slowly approach the top of the hill and look toward a trail to see if help might be coming.

As the men with two cars approached, the dogs bounded forward to meet them, seemingly with joy that help had come, but also with uncertainty. Then they bounded back to where Edgar lay, and where he had probably lain throughout the night. There were evidences that the dogs had laid beside him. Edgar had suffered epileptic attacks previously, and without help, had probably succumbed to the cold. The dogs were tenderly placed in one of the cars and given a ride out of the field. Edgar had been a kind master, and a loving father and husband who had cared for his family to the best of his ability.

BEECHER, C. E. C. E. Beecher, in charge of the government bureau of mines, moved his office from the Winnett Block to the new offices one block south of the schoolhouse in July of 1921.

BELL, Lafe The E. G. Lewis Oil Development Association of Winnett had Lafe Bell as one of its developers. He left Winnett in April of 1921 and went to Greybull, Wyoming, with the same company.

BELLOWS, W. F. Mrs. Bellows was very active in the work of the Community Sunday School in 1920. The Bellows family moved to North Dakota in July of 1921.

BELSTAD, Harold Harold Belstad was born in Van Hook, North Dakota. Ethel Marshall was born in Chester, Montana. They were married and became the parents of Marsha, Monty, Pamela and Kay Colleen.

Harold sold his farm in North Dakota, and the family moved to Winnett just before the big snowstorm of the first week of April in 1955. They moved into the house in Block 10 which was behind the original Northrup Barber Shop.

Harold went into partnership with Lloyd Berg in Winnett Motors. They also had the Ford dealership for this region. The building used had previously housed Winnett’s City Light Company.

The partnership was dissolved in 1964, and Harold operated Cliff’s Auto Service until the spring of 1967, when he opened his own shop, Harold’s Auto Service, in the former Ford Service building.

In 1971 Belstads built a new garage on the lots where the Broadway Garage, Dunlap’s, and Cliff’s Auto Service had been located. After sixteen years comprised of many long days, Harold retired and the garage was sold to Bud and Donna Rabern in April of 1987.

All four Belstad children graduated from Winnett High School—Marsha, in 1968; Monty, 1970; Pamela, 1972; and Colleen. 1973. Belstads have lived for many years on South Broadway Avenue in Winnett and have made many fine improvements to their home.
Funeral services were held in the school gymnasium with the Rev. Harold Tannehill officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Wilbur Armagost of Roundup and W. S. Cramer of Hinsdale. Mr. Cramer had formerly been in charge of the Community Chapel here, of which Mr. Bennett had been an active participant. Burial was in the Winnett Cemetery.

Gordon died while attending Winnett High School.
Virginia graduated from Winnett High School in 1931 and from the University of Minnesota in 1941. She served as a secretary at Montana State College of Bozeman, and at the U.S. Civil Service in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Washington, D.C. She was married, lived in California, and passed away there. Robert graduated from Winnett High School in 1943, and Betty, in 1945.

Betty wrote as follows: ‘‘Those of you who remember Bob will remember him as quiet and hardworking and as a good student. He really hasn’t changed that much! Bob lives in San Mateo, California, still an administrator with the San Mateo College system. He writes programs for the college, usually related to job rehabilitation, and these are funded either by the state or federal governments. So he is basically a writer and does a part of the counseling with those who are in the process of job change. He greatly enjoys his work. We see each other fairly often. He has a beautiful home.

‘‘Bob has five children — two daughters and three sons. The three older children are married. He has two younger sons, Steve and Bill, who attend school and live at home. Bob’s wife, Jean, is an elementary school teacher. Bob has four grandchildren.

‘‘Those of you who remember me will remember me probably on my bike delivering papers or trudging back and forth to school from our house across from the telephone office. Because our mother had died and I was not off working with my dad, I was somewhat of a town
Toni won first place in a national contest which was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. In the contest, girls had to write an essay explaining how people lived in another country, what they did for recreation, and what their customs were. Also, the girls had to dress a doll, exhibiting the clothes worn in the country depicted.

Marie had dreamed of one of her local girls winning a national honor sometime. In 1955 Toni won first locally, first in the district, first in the state, and joy of joys to a hard-working and very ill mother, first in the nation! It was a great honor to bestow upon a mother who was to die and leave her daughters, Toni (12 years old) and Debra (4 years old), a little more than a month later, on October 28, 1955.

In May of 1957 Benny married Elsie Petersen. Benny died September 15, 1960. (See also BENTLEY — Cat Creek)

BERG, Andrina Mrs. Andrina Berg was the mother of Lloyd, Jodie and Lynn Berg. She lived in the Schreier house in October of 1962.

BERG, E. M. E. M. Berg, born September 6, 1892, in Stanley, Wisconsin, came to Montana with the homestead rush. He and his family reportedly homesteaded about four miles east of the town of Winnett. Mr. Berg was the publisher of the Winnett Times from 1917 to May 1921. He was elected school trustee of District #159 in April of 1921. Mrs. Berg was president of the Ladies Aid in 1921. In June of 1921 Mr. Berg went to work for the Basin Lumber Co., but in July the family moved to Billings where Mr. Berg worked for the Billings Gazette. However, they did not sell their home here until 1929 when they moved to Ashland, Oregon. Mr. Berg had an interest in the paper there. He also published the Ennis Daily Herald from 1929 to 1934. He died at Bridgeport, Washington, in 1948. His son, Robert, and family visited Winnett in 1968 and called at the old family home at 109 South Moulton Ave.

BERG, Jodie J. Jodie J. and Encel Lynn Berg were partners in Berg Motors, which opened in the old City Light Company building in the 1950s. After only a months' preparation, the brothers were open for business. Having obtained a sub-dealership through Holland Motors of Roundup, Montana, their garage was also headquarters for Ford sales and service. They were equipped to do repair work on all models of cars and trucks. They sold Standard Red Crown and White Crown gasoline.

In August of 1960 Jodie Berg opened Jodie's Carter Service on the corner of South Broadway and West Main. He married Lois McGiboney, daughter of James and Leona McGiboney. The couple had two children, Darlene and Jody. Jodie enlarged the station by connecting a building to it for a family home. After running the station for several years, the family moved to Livingston, Montana.

BERG, Lloyd Lloyd, his wife Janet (a sister of Ethel Belstad), and daughter Lana Joyce, six years of age, moved to Winnett in May of 1952. Lloyd opened a garage and general repair shop in the old City Light Company
building. Debra Berg was born after the family’s arrival in Winnett.

In 1960 Bergs built a new three-bedroom home at 1 East Wheeler Street. In 1963 they sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sims of Cat Creek and purchased a new mobile home. In November of 1964 the new mobile home burned, and daughter Debra suffered burns as a result.

The Bergs left Winnett and Janet and Lloyd were divorced. Lloyd died December 21, 1980, in a Great Falls nursing home.

Lana married Everett Lane and they had a daughter, Barbara. Lana and Everett were divorced, and Lana married George Stewart. They had two children, Jana and Barry. Debra married Victor Hansen, son of Harriet Bailey Hansen. They had three children — Laurie, Sheryl, and Janelle.


BERRY, Harold W. (W.T. 7-8-21) “H. W. Berry, proprietor of the Winnett Theater, which is under construction east of the Winnett Block announces that the new building will be completed and opened to the public August 1.

“The structure is of brick and tile with an exceptionally pretty and artistic front. Its dimensions are 100’ by 36’, and it will cost $25,000 when completed and all the modern fixtures installed. A hardwood floor will be laid so the building can be conveniently turned into a dance hall at any time. Two modern picture machines will be installed so there will be no stop for change of films. Power will be furnished by the city light plant, which will be in operation by August 18.

“The two splendid storerooms in the entrance have been rented by Lee Bayles of Winnett and Searl and Kennedy of Butte. The former will conduct a tobacco store, and the latter firm, a confectionery and fountain.

“H. W. Berry, the proprietor of the new Winnett Theater was, up until a year ago, proprietor of the Liberty Theatre at Butte. He has unlimited faith in the future of Winnett and the Winnett oil fields... With twenty years experience in the show business, he has chosen Winnett as the best location for a theater in the entire northwest.”

In January of 1923, Harold married Anita Sarah Sanders. October of 1923 found Mr. Dickson, of the Aristo Theater, leasing the Winnett Theater. W. E. Dickson and Harold Berry agreed that though both could make a living, neither could make a profit while both theaters were operating.

BERRY, Dr. Kent W. (W.T. 4-22-21) “Dr. Berry of Miles City arrived here the latter part of the last week and has affiliated himself with Dr. Alexander for the practice of medicine. Dr. Berry comes here from Miles City, where he has enjoyed a large practice and was recommended as a physician. His family will arrive as soon as a suitable place of residence can be secured.” When Mrs. Berry ar-

rived the next week, they moved into the George Pullin residence.

In July Dr. Berry, in company with a dentist, Robinson, opened offices in the Hover building; then in September Dr. Berry moved his office to the second floor of the Winnett Block. During his practice here, two registered nurses, with Dr. Berry as surgeon, opened a hospital in the Park Hotel building. Dr. Berry left Winnett in about 1925. (See also NICHOLSON)

In September of 1938 Dr. Berry was implicated in the kidnapping of Irving Baker of Olympia, Washington. (W.T. 1-13-39) “Dr. Kent W. Berry and three other men received life prison sentences today for the kidnapping and torture last August 19 of Irving Baker, retired Coast Guard officer, accused by the physician of attacking pretty Mrs. Berry, the third wife of the doctor.” The four men were convicted of taking Baker, 37, from his home to a gravel pit outside Olympia, where Berry beat him in revenge for what the physician said was a sexual assault upon Mrs. Berry July 4, 1938. Baker denied it.

Dr. Berry’s story has a happier ending. Dr. Berry was granted a parole after serving ten years of his sentence. The parole was granted on recommendation of the warden. His release was also recommended by the Walla Walla County Medical Society and by prominent physicians throughout the state of Washington.

During his term in the penitentiary, he doctored other prison inmates, and by his medical and surgical skill, saved more than sixty lives. At times he was called for consultation with private physicians in cases outside the prison walls. As a prisoner, and using his skills inside the prison walls, he had saved the state at least $300,000 in professional services.

The chairman of the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles believed that Dr. Berry could easily assume his place in society and would have no trouble in resuming his practice. It was reported that the first thing he did upon release was to call on his 88-year-old mother. He had not seen her for eleven years.

BERRY, Roy When A. B. Frix, rig building contractor, moved his main office to Billings, Roy Berry was put in charge of a rig building crew here. A son, Gilford Leroy, was born in August of 1921.

BEVIS, Burton Burton B. Bevis, son of Dorothy Messenger and Lester Bevis, and Judy L. Ziesmer, daughter of Alberta Coffey and Stanley Ziesmer, were married on May 25, 1958, in the First Lutheran Church of Winnett. After the wedding they made their home in the community of Cat Creek, where Burt was engaged in business with his father doing dirt construction, concrete and gravel work, and running a service station.

Their first son, Bryon Keith, was born on March 25, 1959, followed by Michael Wade on March 24, 1961, and Donald Wayne on May 4, 1963. Donald passed away in the Lewistown Hospital on August 4, 1965, after being bitten by a rattlesnake while playing in the yard at the family home in Cat Creek. Patricia Jo was born to Burt and
Judy on November 25, 1966.

During the spring of 1972, Burt and Judy purchased the former Kenny Bratten home under the rimrocks in the Rimrock Addition of Winnett. After extensive tearing down and rebuilding, the family moved from Cat Creek into their new home in Winnett during the Christmas-New Year holiday. At this time Burt's father retired, and Burt took over the family business with the help of his own two boys, who spent their summers and free time working also.

Judy became postmaster in Cat Creek in 1962 and then manager of the Cat Creek Rural Station until moving to town in 1972. After settling in Winnett, she worked for a year at the local hardware and then was hired at the school as day-librarian and later as the school secretary, a job she still holds (1989).

Bryan was married for a time and is the father of one son, Austin Bo Bevis (12-30-79), who lives with his mother and attends school in Roundup. Bryan lives in Winnett and is still working with Burt in the dirt construction/pipeline business.

Michael was married to Traci Welker, daughter of Nick Welker, on June 15, 1980, in Winnett. Michael and Traci live in Billings where both are employed. They have no children.

Patricia was married to Dwane Kiehl, son of Janet Weingart and Jack Kiehl (grandson of Walter J. Winnett), on August 10, 1985 in Winnett. Patti and Dwane lived in Billings for a year while both attended school. Returning to Winnett, they live on the Kiehl family ranch on Petrolia Bench, and Dwane is engaged in ranching with his parents and brother. Patti and Dwane have two children — Cassie Rae (1987) and Preston Scott (1989).

Burp and Judy enjoy their jobs, but are waiting for retirement. This past year they have purchased a motor home and enjoy traveling in it, but would like to do more. They are active in community affairs and take part in everything that comes along.

Burt spent nine years as a member of the Winnett School Board, spent some time on the Winnett City Council and will retire in 1989 after eight years as mayor of Winnett. With their children all having homes and families of their own, the house is empty a lot, but their time together, and with their children's families, is enjoyed to the fullest. (Judy Bevis) (See also BEVIS — Cat Creek)

BEVIS, Dan Dan, a son of John and Nedra Bevis, and his wife Donna came to Winnett in 1967. They lived in the house at 101 North Lepper Avenue. Dan was employed in Clark's Pay 'N Save for one year. He then leased the Stockman Cafe from Carl Pinkerton and had it open and ready for business on November 2, 1968. The couple had one son, Scott, and two daughters, Vickie and Kelly.

BEVIS, Harry Harry Bevis was stationed at the Naval Base at Corpus Christi, Texas, when he met Betty L. Darden. They were married in 1953 and remained at Corpus Christi until Harry was discharged in 1955. When they returned to Montana, they made their home at one of the company houses at the Farmers Union Oil Field near the Musselshell River.

Harry later went to work for his dad, Lester Bevis, at the Cat Creek garage. In 1961 they moved to Winnett, and Harry went to work as an auto mechanic at the Conoco station for Clifford Cook. Later he worked as a lineman for McCon Electric Cooperative. In 1968 he was diagnosed as having cancer, and he died in 1970. He is buried at Lewistown, Montana.

Harry and Betty have three children — Wesley "Butch" (1955), now living in Chinook; William "Bill" (1957), now living in Lewistown; and Susie (1959) now living in Lewistown. After Harry's death, Betty stayed in Winnett to finish raising the children, and she still lives here. (Betty Bevis) (See also BEVIS — Cat Creek and Dovetail)

BEVIS, John John Bevis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bevis. He was born at Whites, Washington, but moved with his family to Montana, where they homesteaded at Valentine. (See also BEVIS — Dovetail)

While still in his teens, he returned to Washington where he lived for several years. He later worked as a machinist in Alaska and California. He was married to Nedra Day, August 17, 1935, at Seattle, Washington. They had two sons, Dan and Mike, and a daughter, Jane.

In 1968 and 1969 he was associated with C. M. Bevis and Associates in Marine Supply of Tacoma, Washington. 1970 found him returning to Winnett and buying the Bevis Trailer Court. He was afflicted with cancer and died April 28, 1971, at Central Montana Hospital in Lewistown, Montana. Nedra Bevis died the same year in July at Sacramento, California.

BEVIS, Michael When Mike and Barbara Bevis came to Winnett in February of 1968, they made their home at the corner of Millsap Street and Moulton Avenue. Mike
worked at the Bevis Trailer Court and also with Les Bevis
at the Cat Creek garage. In February of 1969 the couple
returned to Carmichael, California. Mike and Barbara
have four sons — Michael, John, Eric, and Lester.

BEYL, Don Mr. Don Beyl was hired as Winnett’s water
commissioner in September of 1962. He and his wife
made their home in Gullicksons’ two-room house. Before
coming to Winnett, Mr. Beyl was employed in Billings
by General Motors Acceptance Corporation. Being unable
to comply with the requirement of securing bond in order to
collect water service fees. Don resigned in November of
1962.

BIGMAN, Carleton Carl Bigman lived with the David
Iversons and attended Winnett High School in 1970.

BISHOP, C. B. The Munroe Hotel, east of the post of-
Fice, was erected by two young men — Munroe and
Bishop. Mr. Bishop was captain of the Winnett Gun Club
in July of 1921.

BIXENAU, Otto In company with "Jim" Shafer,
Otto Bixenaum took over the Gusher Bar from Maurice
Egan in September of 1946. In turn, it was re-sold to
Alfred and Howard Andersen on March 4, 1947.

BLACK, Lynne W. In the general election of
November 1932, Otto Moore was elected sheriff of
Petroleum County. He chose Lynne Black, of Kelley, as his
deputy. The Blacks with children — Muriel, Jack, James,
Joe and Joan. moved to Winnett the first of January in
1933. Gladys L. was born in Winnett on April 29, 1935.
Lynne was later elected sheriff and held other county and
federal government supervisory positions until the fall of
1945.

In 1945 the family moved to Hamilton, Montana, where
Lynne worked in a pole yard plant. In 1952 they went to
Libby where Lynne again worked in a pole yard until his
retirement. They moved back to Woodside, Montana,
and later to Missoula, Montana. They made many trips to
Apache, Arizona, for winter months. Lynne passed away
January 18, 1979, and was buried in Hamilton, Montana.

Mrs. Black, after being one of the liveliest at the "Kelley
Kids" and Winnett High School reunions of 1979, passed
away on October of the next year. 1980.

Muriel graduated from Kelley Grade School in 1932 and
Winnett High School in 1936. After graduation she
worked for the Burt Sisters’ Telephone Co. in Winnett. In
1940 she married Carroll Munson of the Kelley commu-
nity, and they lived on the former Munson Ranch. While liv-
ing there, Paul E. and Norman D. were born in the
Roundup Hospital. In 1944 they moved to a ranch near
Hamilton.

Later Carroll worked in a pole plant in Libby until 1961,
when they moved to a mini-farm in Ashland, Oregon.
There he was groundskeeper for the Ashland School
District until his retirement in 1976. Muriel raised garden
and kids. She became a teacher’s aide for 11 years until
her retirement in 1979. In 1987 they sold their mini-farm
and now live in Ashland. Their other children were

Black family: (back row) Mr. Black, Jack, James; (middle row) Mrs.
Black, Muriel; (front row) Gladys, Joe, Joan

Annette, Keith, and Charlotte.

Jack graduated from Winnett High School in 1937. Dur-
ing a time in the service of his country, he married
Margaret Hagen, who had graduated from Winnett High
School in 1938. Jack worked as a carpenter in the Bitter-
root Valley, and Margaret performed secretarial work for
some of the banks and also for Rocky Mountain
Laboratory in Hamilton. They had four children — Steve,
Marty, Jeri and Donna. Steve and Marty were killed in
separate car accidents. Jack and Margaret are semi
retired and are living on a ranch near Vaughn, Montana.
Margaret’s mother also lives there.

Jim Black attended the Kelley School until January 1,
1933, then Winnett schools until graduating from high
school in 1940. He worked for the Agricultural Adjust-
ment Act until he entered the Air Force in 1942. He and
Frances Mae Armagost of Cat Creek were married. They
had seven children — one cheerleader (Bonnie jean) and
a basketball team with one over! The boys were Wesley,
Ronald, Robert, Kenneth, Douglas and Charles.

Wayne Joseph "Joe" attended Winnett Elementary and
High School until 1945 and took some courses at the
University of Montana at Missoula. He entered the armed
services and, after his discharge, worked at St. Patrick’s
Hospital. There he met and married Ann Durkey, who
was in nurse’s training. They had seven children — John,
Pat, Lee, Vickie, Pauline, Muriel, Mary — and a foster son.
John. Joe instructed Job Corps boys in Darby for a
number of years. He next worked at the University. After
raising the family, Ann went back to school to receive her
nursing degree at St. Patrick’s, where she works.

Joan attended Winnett Elementary School until she was
in the seventh grade, at which time her family moved to
Hamilton. She married Lee Douglas Kuster, and they had
three boys — Terry Lee, Ken, and Tim. Gladys attended
Winnett Elementary School through the fourth grade.
Then her family moved to Hamilton. She married William Holt, and they had two girls — Connie Jo and Cindy K.

Joan wrote: “I only have childhood memories of Winnett, but they are precious, and I wouldn’t trade them for anything. I loved Winnett so much that I don’t want to go back and see it now. I want to remember it with a child’s eye. I remember the old ball diamond hill! — the greatest sliding place in the winter. We had the ‘smooth run’ and the ‘jump-off side.’ Many happy hours were spent there. The ice skating rink next to Sheriff Moore’s house. It was great! I learned to ice skate there at age six, as did many others. Then there was the swimming hole that our dear janitor, Mr. Ingebo, helped build so the kids in Winnett could swim. Gladys and I took three lessons as soon as it opened, before it all drained out, and they had problems and couldn’t keep it going. So much for the swimming pool!

“I remember the day Merten’s home garage caught on fire, and they had a water brigade from our house across the alley. Jim was on the end of the line and threw a big bucket of water up on the roof just as Pete Anderson poked his head through the roof to yell ‘FIRE!’ I also remember the bad prairie fires we had — one in which my dad got caught in a truck and nearly lost his life.” (Note: Joan did return for a visit in 1989.)

Gladys said: “I think the most interesting thing in Winnett was the way my sister, Joan, and I made a little spending money. Matty Burt, the telephone operator, hired us as messenger girls. When a long distance call came in, she would call us... (with our dad being the sheriff, we were one of the few who had a telephone), and we would run to the person’s house and tell them there was a call coming in for them at a certain time at the telephone office. We got 25 cents per call.” (See also BLACK — Kelley)

BLAISDELL, Fred Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blaisdell and two little daughters moved to Winnett the first of February in 1952. Fred, formerly of Boston, Massachusetts, was the instructor of the veterans vo-ag class in Winnett.

BLANCHARD, H. E. A new taxi line was established in April 1921. (W.T. 4-8-21) “H. E. Blanchard arrived from Great Falls, Montana, Tuesday and has formed a partnership with J. T. Motari in a new field taxi line, to be known as the Field Taxi. They will have their stand at the Field Hotel. Both gentlemen are married men with families and will erect residences in the city immediately.”

BLANK, Carl (W.T. 8-5-21) “A deal was made the first of the week whereby Carl Blank and Harry Smith became owners of the barbershop in the Butte Block, purchasing the same from Arthur Bantie, who recently moved it to this location from the basement of the Winnett Block. The new proprietors are experts in their line, and are not strangers here, having worked in this city for some time.”

BLANK, Joe Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blank lived in the Methodist parsonage while living in Winnett. Joe was a well driller in August 1954.

BLUMENFIELD, Jack (W.T. 10-7-21) “Jack Blumenfield, brother-in-law of Sol Stormwind, is erecting a brick building on the property east of the Hub Clothing Store and will open a cafeteria lunch room. Mr. Blumenfield has had considerable experience in this line of work and will no doubt enjoy a good patronage.”

Mr. Blumenfield left Winnett in 1924 for Chicago, where he was a pastry cook for Henrisis restaurant until his retirement. In company with his nephew, Norman Stormwind, and Norman’s wife, he paid a visit to Winnett in October of 1982. He was 86 years old at the time, and stated that the only familiar parts of Winnett that he recognized were the rimrocks and the old Joe Shumate saloon building.

BOATMAN, C. L. The Independent Pipe Line Company put Mr. Boatman in charge of gauging and connections in the Cat Creek oil field in 1921.

BOECKMAN, Frank A. Frank Boeckman was a partner with J. Otis Mudd in the Enterprise Meat Co. The Boeckman family had three children — Ted, Myrtle and Priscilla. Ted graduated from Winnett High School in 1927 and Myrtle, in 1929. Ted attended Montana State College for two years. After the disastrous fire of 1929 in which the Enterprise Meat Co. was destroyed, the entire Boeckman family moved to Dayton, Ohio, where they again entered the meat business.

Ted married Ruth Holdren in 1936. They had two girls and one boy. Myrtle has held business administration positions and was always interested in music. Their sister, Priscilla, also lived in Dayton.

BOGGESS, Lyle E. Lyle was the son of O. E. Boggess of Flatwillow. In March 1921 he was employed at the Midget Grill. He married Metta Corth of Roy. (See also BOGGESS — Flatwillow)

BOHN, Raymond C. Raymond C. Bohn was born to A. J. Bohn and Hattie Bohn at Crown Point, Indiana, on May 7, 1904. He came to the Winnett area at the age of seven with his parents, and attended the Pilgrim School until the eighth grade. He worked on the Bohn ranches all his life. (See also BOHN — Petrolla)

Hulda “Tillie” Wadman, who grew up in the Ashley country (see also WADMAN — Ashley), was working in a restaurant in Winnett in 1934. She and Ray Bohn were married on September 29, 1934, in Billings. They were married by a Lutheran minister who served in the old folks’ home in Billings, as that was the only Lutheran minister they could find. They lived in Winnett in what was known as the Dan Sommerfield house of Block 22 on Moulton Avenue. Ray did trucking during the 1930s, and Tillie continued to work in a restaurant, where she earned $20 a month and two meals a day.

Ray and Tillie later lived in a house close to the ball diamond, and still later bought the house at 109 South Moulton Avenue. Ray continued to truck and also worked
for his father, Al, and his uncle, Charles, of the Petrolia area.

In 1942 Ray went into the sheep business with Ernest Hansen. The Bohns lived at different sheep camps and Tillie did the cooking for lambing and shearing crews. She also milked a cow to furnish milk for 37 own lambs and her two little boys, Rex and Jimmy. Because of the partnership agreement, she lost the money from sale of her lambs, as she had to make up for the lamb losses that occurred during a terrible spring blizzard.

In 1945 Ray’s uncle Charles passed away and left a share of the ranch, including the Petrolia residence, to Ray: so Ray, Tillie, and family moved to the Charles Bohn Ranch.

After moving back to Winnett in 1958, Ray commuted to the ranch until his health failed. After much suffering with cancer, he passed away in 1978. Ray was one of the Petrolia community men who had worked to get the Petrolia Dam construction under way. He was a member of the Winnett school board when the new Winnett High School was built. He also served on the SCS board. He was a member of Eagles Lodge #374 of Lewistown.

Tillie and Ray had three sons — Rex, Jimmy and Jerry. Rex married “Josie” Johnson, and they live on the Charles Bohn Ranch. Jimmy was killed in a automobile accident on December 23, 1959. The scoreboard in the high school gymnasium was given by the Bohn family as a memorial to Jimmy. Each year the Jim Bohn Athletic Award is presented to an outstanding athlete of the school. Jerry married Paula Sinclair and they live near McDonald Creek on the former Al Bohn Ranch.

Tillie continues to live in her home at 109 South Moulton Avenue in Winnett. She keeps herself busy helping others, and is an active 50-year member of the Winnett Methodist Church. She is an expert at arranging receptions and other such social events that require her special “touch of class.” She is a Rebekah and worked with the Theta Rho girls. She was a trustee on the Petroleum County Community Library board from 1979 to 1986. She is a member of the Winnett Senior Citizens.

BOLDEN, W. S. Mr. Bolden came from Parkersburg, West Virginia, to take over the active management of the local Parkersburg Pig and Reel Co. in May of 1921.

BOLES, Earl Earl Boles was born May 20, 1905, in Coalinga, California. Edna Brooks was born in Laramie, Wyoming, in 1911. Edna and Earl were married and had two children, Gilbert and Gladys Ann. The family came to Winnett in the mid-1940s. Earl was associated with Axel Livingston as a well driller. Edna Boles and Mrs. Axel (Margarette) Livingston were sisters.

In 1946 Edna was appointed clerk of the board of Petroleum County commissioners, and in October of that same year the Boles family moved into the original Rasmussen house at 10 South Ashley Avenue. In August of 1949 Earl sold his interest in the drilling company to Axel Livingston. The Boles family moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, where they purchased acreage near the city and built a modern motel. Edna died April 3, 1964, at Sandpoint. Earl married Lottie Rose in May 1970. Earl died in June 1970.

BOLTON, William (See McFARLAND, JOHN — Winnett)

BONINE, John The Bonine family moved from their Dovetail homestead in 1920, and John established the Rimrock Dray in Winnett. "John is Still Hauling" read the logo of the ad in the Winnett Times of 1921. John and Jessie were the parents of a son, Glen Stanley, according to a 1924 school census. (See also BONINE — Dovetail)

BOOTH, Edwin C. Edwin Booth, son of the early-day lawyer, Edwin S. Booth, was born February 7, 1907, in Butte, Montana. His family moved to Comanche, near Billings, Montana, in 1910. He graduated from the University of Montana Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1929. He married Mary K. Maier, a teacher at Cat Creek, on March 24, 1929, in Cat Creek. They moved to Winnett in the fall of 1930.

In 1931 Edwin was appointed public administrator of Petroleum County and so served for two years. He was elected Petroleum County Attorney and served for two years — 1932 and 1933.

Booths became parents of a daughter born in December of 1933. Mr. Booth died in Helena June 3, 1976. He was survived by two daughters and his wife, Mary. (See also MAIER — Cat Creek)

BOWEN, Dorothy Dorothy Bowen was born in Akron, Ohio, November 19, 1877. She came to Montana in 1908. She first settled near Lewistown, but in 1913 homesteaded in what is now Petroleum County. (See also BOWEN — Musselshell River). Dorothy taught in the Winnett Elementary School in 1918 and was School District Clerk in 1921.

In 1926 Dorothy operated a beauty parlor on Main Street. In 1927 she managed the Grassrange Theater and became advance agent for the Ellinon-White Chautauqua Co. January 1929 found her purchasing the stock and business, and leasing the building of the Love Bird Cafe from Mable Towne. In September the business burned. In December of the same year, Dorothy leased the Savoy Hotel and re-opened it as a modern hotel with a dining room in connection.

When Dorothy was planning to re-open the Savoy, the Winnett Times of 12-27-29 stated: "Some of the old timers will perhaps recall the original opening of the Savoy. It was one of the grandest parties ever staged in Winnett. The bar was the longest, the glasses were the shinest, and the liquor the best served this side of Butte, Montana. This was in the early boom days when Volsteadism (Ed. "prohibition") was not taken seriously and all were bent on fittingly initiating the new hotel. When the Savoy is re-opened under the new management, it will be the ambition of Miss Bowen to make it one of the popular hotels in Central Montana." This business was closed in April of 1931.
Dorothy was elected clerk of district court of Petroleum County in the election of 1931, and held that office through 1940. In 1938 while in that office, she leased the Aristo from Mable Towne, purchased skates, and set up a roller skating rink, much to the delight of young folks in the area. Elmer Alfson was a helper in this venture.

After many years of hard work and dedicated service to the people of Petroleum County, Dorothy moved to California in January of 1941. She passed away there in November of 1950 and was buried in Lewistown. She was an aunt of Dow and Dean Bowen of Mosby. She never married.

**BOWERS, James W.** Mr. and Mrs. Bowers moved from Cat Creek to Winnett in 1928, and Winfield, as he was known, took over the Chevrolet dealership in Winnett. He used the Hoyle Garage as a display area, and the establishment was known as Winnett Chevrolet.

Upon the resignation of Hammond Greene in October of 1933, Leta Bowers was appointed Petroleum County Clerk and Recorder and was elected to that position for five consecutive terms. When the Boyd family left Winnett in June of 1939, Mr. and Mrs. Bowers purchased the Boyd home at 101 South Broadway.

After being bedridden for six months, Mr. Bowers died in their home in Winnett on January 21, 1940. The service and burial was in Lewistown under the auspices of Jerusalem Lodge #115 A. F. and A. M.

Winfield and Leta had one son, Charles, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1934 and from Montana State College in Bozeman with a B. S. degree in industrial engineering. He and his wife, Roberta, have three children — James, Joel and Jill.

On May 1, 1943, Leta resigned her position as clerk and recorder and married D. Y. Wilson, Jr., at the home of Rev. Sloan in Billings, Montana. (See also BOWERS — Cat Creek and Musselshell; WILSON — Winnett)

**BOYD, Frank L.** Frank L. was the son of Frank and Mary Boyd, proprietors of the Teigen Hotel and the Teigen Store. In 1921 Frank L. became the proprietor of the Mechanics Machine Shop in Winnett. (See also BOYD — Cat Creek and Teigen)

**BOYD, Mordecai J.** "Morty" Boyd, born July 10, 1894, in Kansas, Illinois, and Kathryn "Kate" Sund, born February 17, 1897, in Norway, were married in 1915. Morty was the telegrapher who came to Winnett in 1917 and became the first depot agent for the Milwaukee railroad. During most of the Boyds' stay in Winnett, which was 22 years, they lived in the house that Jarretts built at 101 S. Broadway.

Morty was also involved in some real estate and sheep business. The Boyds were very active in all social concerns of the community and Morty was elected mayor in 1927. Morty and Kate became the parents of two sons — Robert and Mordecai "Junior," who were excellent athletes. Robert graduated from Winnett High School in 1938. In June of 1939 the Boyds sold their house and moved into a remodeled apartment in the Milwaukee depot.

In September of 1939 the Milwaukee railroad company transferred Morty to Denton, Montana, as agent. The family, especially Junior, was loath to leave Winnett. Junior enjoyed playing basketball with his teammates in Winnett, and it was very hard for him to face the fact that now he would be their opponent. His folks reported later that after the family turned on to the highway to leave, Junior, too old to cry, admonished his father, "Well, get-a-going, cantcha?" He did not want to look back at the town he liked so well. Later the people of Winnett had to watch as Junior, just as loyal to his Denton team, played some fine basketball against Winnett.

After several years in Denton, the family moved to Lewistown and later to Great Falls, Montana. Robert and Morty Jr. became owners and operators of Boys' Burgermaster Drive-In in that city. Kate and Morty still reside in Great Falls, Montana (1989).

**BRAATON, Rick** Rick and Connie Braaton went to school in Forsyth and later moved to Tucson, Arizona. They came from there to Winnett in the winter of 1972. Rick worked for Wayne Bratten for a time and later for Tom Purgud. While working at the Purgud Ranch, they became parents of a son, Jeremiah.

**BRAHS, Walter** Walter was born October 28, 1889, in Henderson, Minnesota. He was a painting contractor in Winnett and Cat Creek. (W. T. 7-8-21) "Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brahs were visited by Dr. Stork last Monday morning and we were left with an eight-pound baby girl." Mrs. Walter Brahs was Bill Wiggins's sister. She was also a sister of Mrs. Will Skaggs of Giltedge. The family left here in 1929. Walter died July 7, 1959, of leukemia. His wife, three sons, and one daughter survived him.

**BRANCH, Claude M.** (Sec 21-15-27) After living on his farm under the Winnett Irrigation Company system for 13 years, Claude Branch moved into Winnett in April of 1930. He had leased his ranch to Peter Kjersem. Mr. Branch spent the winter of 1939-40 in California with E. H. Holmboe of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Holmboe was a former homestead neighbor and a very close friend.

On June 9, 1940, Mr. Branch was found dead in his chair, a victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound through the head. He was 70 years old and had never married. His only known relative was a brother, Earl, of Postville, Iowa. Services were held in the Methodist Church with Rev. Ellen Rose conducting, and interment was in the Winnett Cemetery. (See also BRANCH — Brush Creek)

**BRATTEN, Jewel L.** Jewel L. Bratten was a brother of Vird Ward Bratten. His son, George, graduated from Winnett High School in 1929. In January of 1930 George married Pauline Wilson.

In June of 1930 George and William Groves set up a new grocery and mercantile business in the Moll building. The two young men laid claim to being the youngest businessmen in town. George and Pauline became the
parents of one daughter on November 8, 1930. In April of 1931, the Brattons moved to Missoula; but in July they returned, and George opened a barbershop. In September of 1933 the barbershop was closed. George and Pauline were divorced.

George then married Jacqueline Carter of the Flatwillow country. They were later divorced, and George served as a truck driver in the Marines in World War II, being discharged in July 1943. He moved to Spokane, Washington, and worked as an accountant and for Boeing, Heidelberg Brewing, and several real estate firms. In 1957 he met and married Heddy, a Swedish girl. They had one girl. George died February 27, 1982, in Tacoma, Washington. He and Heddy had two grandchildren. (See also BRATTON — Petrolia)

BRATTON, Kenneth Kenneth Bratten, son of Vird Ward and Stella Bratten, was born July 3, 1914, in Miami, Oklahoma. His parents later moved to Montana, owned land, and lived near Winnett. (See also BRATTON — Petrolia) Kenny attended Winnett schools, but did not finish high school. Choosing instead to get aboard a lively horse and work on ranches or travel on the sea. In 1936 he entered the Navy. He married Marjorie Wilkinson of Melstone on September 8, 1938, in Billings, Montana. (See also WILKINSON — Musselshell River) They resided in Long Beach, California, where he was stationed at that time.

When the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Kenneth was a storekeeper aboard the U.S.S. Saratoga. He participated in eleven major battles, and was honorably discharged November 18, 1943.

He came home and ranched on the Musselshell River, but after three or four years sold the ranch and moved to Winnett, where he went into the trucking business. He and Marj purchased the R.L. Stewart home on Seventh Avenue in Rimrock Addition, and Kenny built a quonset in which to store his trucks and equipment. Later leaving the family in Winnett for a time, he took his trucking business to Alaska, but returned in 1952 and worked on ranches.

While at the Kincheo Ranch near Melstone, he suffered a heart attack. A plane was called to take him to the Veterans’ Hospital at Miles City. He died enroute from the plane to the hospital on May 24, 1953.

Marjorie continued to live in Winnett. She worked at different jobs from time to time and was always a good reliable helper. She could do anything that needed to be done at the Rimrock Dairy, and whether paid or not, would assist there anytime — day or night.

During the year of 1968, she and Orene Raundal operated the Winnett Upholstery Shop in the west end of the old Monarch Lumber Company building.

Marjorie and Kenny were parents of two daughters. Cheri and Karen. They both attended Winnett Elementary and High School. Cheri married James Quigg, and they have a son. Kenneth Ward. Karen married Tom Wilkinson, and they have a son, Wayne. In 1972 Marj sold her home to Burt and Judy Bevis of Cat Creek. She married a long-time friend, Jack Sherman, and they moved to California.

BRATTON, Wayne Wayne Bratten sold his ranch in 1979 (See also BRATTON — Petrolia). It included some of the Walter J. Winnett land that had been homesteaded in 1879, some of the Benjamin Franklin Lepper land and a part of the Eben Ashley holdings. In all, Wayne’s land acquisitions consisted of about 100 sections with 28,000 acres deeded, and the remainder in private leases and grazing permits. A corporation composed of Angus Kennedy of North Dakota, his brother of California, and Larry Grantier bought the Bratten Ranch.

Wayne built a new home in Winnett for his and Ruth’s retirement years. Due to Ruth’s appreciation of a scholarship she received when she was in school, the Brattons were prompted to initiate a Bratten Scholarship Fund for Winnett High School graduates. Ruth died in November of 1980.

After Ruth’s death, Wayne found another good companion, and on May 14, 1983, he and Winnie Skelton were married in Roundup, Montana. Their married life was short-lived, however. In October of 1983, Wayne succumbed to a heart attack. About one half of the residents of Petroleum County attended his funeral. He was respected and remembered kindly by many. Even after suffering and recovering from an earlier heart attack, neighbors attest that he still drove himself very hard. He was known to take time to open a road for a neighbor in the wintertime, in the dead of night, after plowing snow all day in order to feed his own cattle.

Still remembering his friends in death, Wayne willed a trust of about 1½ million dollars to the taxpayers of Petroleum County to lighten the load of taxes incurred by the county’s operation. He had stated beforehand that he would do this because he felt that the land of Petroleum County had provided him with more than enough financial success, and he wished to share his good fortune with his neighbors. Each year $10,000 from this source is used to furnish scholarships valued from $500 to $2000 to qualifying Winnett High School graduates.

Petroleum County commissioners commissioned Greg Eiselein of Roundup, Montana, to cast a bronze sculpture of a cowboy hustling three head of cattle down a steep hill. The sculpture, mounted on an oak pedestal crafted by Ralph Skagen of Roundup, was placed in the Petroleum County courthouse entry as a memorial to Wayne for his generous contribution to the taxpayers of Petroleum County.

Wayne was always interested in the Winnett rodeos and was noted for being a fine “pick up” man. As a memorial to Wayne, Winnie donated a lighting system for the local rodeo arena in order that future cowboys and cowgirls could benefit from Wayne’s generosity. Winnie lives in Winnett (1989), enjoying her friends and supporting community efforts.

BRAUTIGAN, Herman Herman was born October 26, 1889, in Hector, Minnesota. He and his friend, John
Merten, were employed by the Milwaukee railroad in the Dakotas and Minnesota before he came to Montana and homesteaded on the Minnesota Bench in 1912 (Sec. 12-16-24). After farming there for several years, he came to Winnett where he helped John Merten and was night watchman in the Broadway Garage. In 1948 he did a lot of the hand labor on the East Main Street bridge in Winnett.

After his friend John died, Herman operated the farm owned by Velma Merten. In August 1954 he planted his second crop of lettuce and harvested a beautiful crop. He was named the “Champion Dry-land Gardener,” and as such, advised people that they did not need to go south to harvest two crops a year. Herman passed away in June of 1955 and was buried in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

BRENDEL, James For the short time that Brendels lived in Winnett in 1987 and 1988, the community enjoyed Jim’s playing of the big bass viol. Mrs. Brendel pleased folk with her singing.

BRICKLEY, Henry Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brickley moved into Winnett the first of January in 1965. They made their home in the Dave Hale place on South Broadway. They had been living in the former Carl Hedman cabin on Crooked Creek. Their son, Mote, was associated with the Two Crow Ranch. Henry Brickley died October 25, 1970, at Hermosa, North Dakota.

BRIDGER, Mrs. Laura Laura, wife of Frank Bridger of Ashley, had a dressmaking shop ½ block east and ½ block north of the Montana Hotel in 1921. She lived in Winnett during the school year. Son, Aubrey Moore, attended Winnett High School. In 1925 she managed the Central Hotel. (See also BRIDGER — Ashley)

BRIDGES, Cola Cola Bridges homesteaded in the Elk Creek area in 1916 (See also BRIDGES — Teigen) and came to Winnett from Lewistown, Montana, in 1941. He formerly worked for the old Fergus Motor Co. In Lewistown, as well as for a furniture store. He was a car salesman for the Dowen Chevrolet Motor Co. of Lewistown and for the Price Motor Co. of Roundup, Montana. He was known to practically everyone in this Central Montana area. He served as relief vendor for T. N. Sandaker at the State Liquor Store in Winnett in 1948.

"Colie" and Shorty Huette were killed instantly July 16, 1949, when the pickup in which they were riding was accidentally struck by an oil tanker. Funeral services were held from Creel's Chapel with Rev. C. W. Orner officiating. Masonic services were conducted at the Lewistown City Cemetery, where Colie was buried beside his wife, who died in Lewistown in 1929.

BRILLHART, W. H. (W.T. 4-1-21) "A deal was consummated in Winnett last week whereby Charles E. Taylor purchased the barbershop known as the William Northrup Shop and the interests of W. H. Brillhart in the Solo tonsorial parlors, and will consolidate the business in the Solo location. Mr. Taylor was formerly owner of the Victory Barbershop in Lewistown, Montana.

On August 25, 1921, Mr. Brillhart leased the Dugan Barbershop from the proprietor, J. A. Dugan. Mr. Brillhart had worked in this shop for some time. In December of that year he broke his arm while attempting to crank his truck. June of 1922 found the Brillhart family leaving in their Ford car for Portland, Oregon, to make their future home.

BRIMM, L. I. (W.T. 6-3-21) "L. I. Brimm and wife are now located in Winnett in order that Mr. Brimm, who is with the Field Sales Agency of Lewistown and the Lydecker Tool Co. of Casper, Wyoming, may be close to the field of operation."

BRINDLEY, Carl Carl, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brindley, accompanied his parents to the lower Musselshell River area in 1943 (See also BRINDLEY — Musselshell River). He graduated from Winnett High School in 1945, then joined the armed forces. He served in the Engineer Amphibious Support group, and saw duty in Panama, Newfoundland, Labrador, Greenland, and Revolution Island.

Floy "Tiny" Matovich, daughter of Marcus and Ruby Barkdoll Matovich, graduated from Winnett High School in 1955. Upon Carl’s discharge and return to Winnett, he and Tiny were married. (See also MATOVICH — Musselshell) Carl owned several pieces of heavy earth-moving equipment, and he and Tiny traveled around the country building large stock dams for ranchers and for the Bureau of Land Management.

Tiny was as efficient and necessary as a bolt when she worked in the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company in Winnett from 1962 to 1970. If someone came in wearing a grouse, it wasn’t too long until Tiny had them grinning.

Carl, besides moving dirt, was a trustee of the public library board from 1970 to 1976. In this position he became responsible for the moving of books! It was during his term of office that the books from the public library were moved to the new joint school-public library facility of the new elementary school.

Carl stayed with the earth-moving work until he was forced to quit due to poor health. In 1976 he was hired by

Carl and Tiny Brindley
the Garfield County commissioners as road foreman. The winter of 1977-78 was horrible — deep snow, high winds, and bitter cold. The cold and wind aggravated Carl's painful condition, so he was forced to resign from his position. Brindleys moved to Spokane, Washington. The climate there did not agree with Carl, either, so they moved back to Lewistown, Montana, to live. They live there now in 1989. Tiny enjoys working in the IGA store there.

Carl and Tiny have two sons — Bill, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1975, married Sarah Shaw (class of 1978), and manages the Matovich Land and Livestock Co. (See also BRINDLEY — Musselshell River); and Walt, who has registered quarter horses. He shows and trains not only his own horses, but others' horses also. At present he is back at Montana State University, adding another degree to his education.

BRINDLEY, Hugh (By Hugh Brindley) "1989 marks the 40th anniversary of Brindley's Earthmoving. The business started as a general agriculture irrigation and dam building venture back in 1949. Over the years we have grown to include small highway contracts, oil well locations, stream bank riprap and structural contracts.

"Our largest major job, a turnkey prime contract for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bridger Creek Station, Bozeman, Montana, was our largest contract to date. It included a 104-cubic-yard reinforced concrete diversion and cat walk across Bridger Creek, a 32-foot structural steel bridge, 3100-foot 24" water line relocation, and a 3000-cubic-yard stream bank riprap. We received a letter of commendation from the contracting officer and engineer upon completion of this work. Our work has taken us from our home on many occasions. Major jobs, besides the Bridger Creek flood repair, include the 84,000-cubic-yard Taylor Creek Dam in Powell County, Montana, the Willow Creek watershed complex in Valley County, Montana, and during the 1984-1986 seasons, the building of 106 stock water reservoirs in southwestern Wyoming, totaling 416,000 cubic yards of earth moving.

"Over the years we have kept pace with the ever new in machinery and technology; introduced to this area the first large hydraulic "dozer," the first power shift tractor, the first self-propelled elevating scraper and laser grade control. Presently we are developing a computer-assisted design program for land leveling and earth structures.

"Before getting involved in the business world, I was in the United States Marine Corps, and survived boot camp at San Diego; then attended the U. S. Marine Corps electronic school at LeJeune, North Carolina. I graduated from special electronics and radar college at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. I saw duty in the Asian-Pacific war theatre.

"I have served on the Winnett Town Council, as mayor for one term, and also did a stint on the local education board. (Ed. While on that board, he instituted the implementation of the present purchase order system.) My wife, Mary, served as Petroleum County Civil Defense Director. The then school board chairman, Burt Bevis, secured Civil Defense funding for the basement of the new school building. Senator Mike Mansfield was instrumental and most helpful in this matter. Mary served as Petroleum County Civil Defense Director for over a decade.

"We bought our present residence from the Elmer Eagers in 1963. We started remodeling in 1974 and are continuing to remodel.

"Our daughters — Patricia and Sonia — and son, Matthew, attended our local schools and graduated from Winnett High School. Sonia received her degree in Family Resource Management from Brigham Young University in 1981. Matthew graduated from Rocky Mountain College with a Business Management degree in 1987. Patricia is presently (1989) in her fourth year of accounting at the National College of Business in Rapid City, South Dakota.

"We have seven grandchildren — Cha, Ian, Joel, Tyler, and Kristina Hess; and 'George' and 'Knute' Lloyd. Patricia and her husband, Loren Hess, live in Rapid City, South Dakota, where he is employed by Zandstra Construction Company as an operating engineer. 'George' and 'Knute' Lloyd's mother (Sonia) and father operate a printing shop in Pueblo, Colorado." (See also BRINDLEY — Musselshell River)

BRITT, Daniel Daniel came to Winnett to work in the Winnett Mercantile in April of 1927. He was a stepbrother of George Waldrop, the proprietor of the store.

BRITZIUS, William Bill and Micky Britzius and family arrived in Winnett in June of 1947. Bill, along with Jack Gallagher, operated a mechanic shop in Dunlap's Auto Service. A modern parts department was installed.

May of 1948 found Bill starting construction of a building on East Main Street across the street from the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company. The building was constructed with a wood framework and metal covering. By July 1, 1948, the building was completed, and Bill was ready for business. Art Moore was one of his mechanics.

Micky and Bill had four children — Joyce, Gayle, Rita and Michael. The Britzius family left here in the late 1950s.

BROOKS, Mrs. Fannie Mrs. Fannie Brooks bought the Commercial Hotel from Edward and Jo Stauffacher in 1955.

BROOKS, William William Brooks of Laramie, Wyoming, married Camilla (Mrs. Ed Herman) on December 28, 1921. She had been born in Elk Mountain, Wyoming, on April 20, 1882, and married to Ed Herman on April 14, 1905. Ed died in 1919. William and Camilla came to Winnett in February of 1949 and leased the Smokehouse from the R. W. Gilmore, later purchasing same.

On May 10, 1951, Mr. Brooks died of a heart attack at the home of his daughter, Margarette Livingston. In August of that year, Mrs. Brooks sold the Smokehouse to
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr, and Mrs. Brooks made her home with various members of the family. She passed away in November of 1961. She was the mother of Edna Boles and Margarett Livingston Coffey.

BROWN, Bessie As director of the Girl Scouts in Winnett, Bessie was on an outing in Lewistown in August 1921.

BROWN, Carl Carl Brown operated the Montana Lumber and Hardware store in Winnett from June 1, 1964, until September 1, 1964. He returned to Roundup, Montana, where he had previously been employed.

BROWN, Dr. Dr. Brown came to Winnett on call from Grassrange in 1914. In 1921 he was living and practicing in Winnett. His family moved to Lewistown for school in the fall of 1921.

BROWN, Frank Frank was proprietor of the Butte Cafe in June of 1921.

BROWN, J. B. Mr. Brown was Superintendent of the Mid-Montana Refinery in July 1921.

BROWN, J. H. The Packard Auto and Express Stage made a round trip daily to Lewistown and Roundup. Mr. Brown was the proprietor. His office was in the Savoy Hotel. An advertisement for the service appeared in the Winnett Times of 9-9-21.

BRUMMETT, John Wesley Mr. Brummett had a land office in Winnett and sold insurance. (W.T. Sept. 1919) "J. W. Brummett's new land office has been completed, and in its dress of fresh paint, makes a nobby looking building. Buildings of this class are what make Winnett look substantial and insure the rapid growth which the town is now experiencing."

The first Catholic church service in Winnett was held in the Brummett home on May 9, 1916. (See also BRUMMETT — Kelley)

BRUNS, Hermie Hermie Bruns was born December 13, 1914, in Ross, North Dakota. He came to Montana in 1931 and worked on ranches and farms near Harlem. In December of 1960, he and his wife, Barbara, who was in the fifth grade, came from Havre to Winnett to assist Stella Getten in the operation of the Gusher Bar (See also GETTEN). An altercation in the bar on July 14, 1966, resulted in the fatal shooting of Hermie (See also WATERS). Barbara graduated from Winnett High School in 1968. She married Carl Leslie Howard of Lewistown in 1968.

BRUNSON, Denny Denny was born July 1, 1881, at Texarkana, Texas. At eighteen years of age, he came to Montana with a cattle drive over the Chisholm Trail. He was a cowboy all his life and worked for many local ranchers. In 1915 at Warroad, Minnesota, he married Edith Ireland, and for a short time they lived at Little Falls, Minnesota. They moved to Winnett to retire in 1948 and lived at 401 Edith Street. Denny was an invalid due to crippled legs in his last years. He died at his home July 27, 1960, and was buried in the Winnett Cemetery. Edith died in July of 1962.

BUCHHOLZ, Fred Fred was superintendent of the Winnett schools from 1959 to 1967. He and his wife, Eileen, came to Winnett from Judith Gap, Montana, where he had been superintendent. Fred served on the Winnett Public Library board 1960 - 1967. He volunteered many hours to the Boy Scouts, American Legion and Toastmasters.

Eileen was kept busy with five sons — Fred Jr., James, Tom, Phillip, and Danny. She was also a bookkeeper for the Stockman Cafe. Fred Jr. graduated from Winnett High School in 1963. He married Genia Richardson. They have two children. Tommy and Melody. James graduated from Winnett High School in 1964. He married Lynda Brewer and they had two children. James Jr. and Dawn. Tom married Lorraine Moore, daughter of Arthur and Lillian Whisonant Moore. Tom works for the State in Helena. They have two children, Christie and Don.

Phillip graduated from Winifred High School and went into the service. He married Karen Schaeffer of Winifred, and they had a son, Jamie. During 12 years in the Air Force in the Philippines and Vietnam, he received the distinguished Flying Cross and four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal. Phillip also had a son, Richard, from a second marriage. Phillip died in 1982.

BUHLER, Bill (W.T. 6-23-22) "Bill Buhler, tired of the prosaic restaurant life, decided to make a tour of the oil fields Wednesday. After giving his consent as to the geological location and the manner in which the new Frantz gusher was handled. Bill started homeward bound. Defying the advice of experienced truck drivers, etc., Bill sought a new route, which he pronounced less injurious to that part of the individual most subject to the jolts, than the regularly traveled north route.

"But Bill encountered many unhoped-of difficulties in his endeavors; and once, when he abandoned his car to seek a passage across the mudhole. Bill stepped on the tail of a wild cat — not the proverbial oil well — but a real man-eatin', flesh-tearing wild cat! No! No damage was reported. Bill, being little of body and long of leg and having several miles of open prairie ahead — in about nothing flat he left the wild cat in the oil fields where he belongs!!" Bill was owner and operator of the Buhler Cafe in Winnett in 1921-22.

BURDICK, Robert J. Bob and Betty Burdick came to Winnett from Havre in April of 1942. Bob was employed by the Soil Conservation Service. On June 1, 1944, he was inducted into the service at Fort Douglas, Utah, and served until May of 1946. After his discharge, he was transferred to Fort Benton, Montana, with the SCS there. But in March of 1947 was returned to Winnett. The
Burdicks then bought the house at 307 M Bolton Avenue. They were active in the Methodist Church here. Betty was a daughter of the Reverend C. J. Cole, a minister at Havre at that time. The Reverend Cole later was chosen superintendent of this district. While Burdicks lived here, three children were born — James Robert, Kenneth Charles, and Nancy. On February 1, 1950, Bob was transferred to Harlowton, Montana, where he opened a Soil Conservation Service office.

BURKE, Clayton Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burke and son, Jimmy, moved to Winnett in 1936. Mr. Burke was manager of the Yale Refinery. In January of 1938, Mr. Burke dismantled the Winnett refinery and rebuilt it in Newcastle, Wyoming. The family left in January of 1938 and made their home in Billings, until Mr. Burke was transferred to Kalispell the next year to build a refinery there.

BURNETT, Clifford L. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett and family — Arnold, Dixie, Donnell and Gayla — came to Winnett during the summer of 1950. Mr. Burnett had been hired as school superintendent and would be the last to serve in the old combined elementary-high school building. The new high school was completed that year, so Mr. Burnett had the pleasure of initiating the new building in the fall of 1951.

Something else was new for him in 1951. He was appointed as county manager in January of 1951. Because of conflict of interest, this did not prove to be a satisfactory arrangement for him, so he resigned the manager position in April 1951. He continued as school superintendent until his resignation at the end of the 1953-54 school term.

BURNHAM, Dr. Dr. Burnham, an osteopath, came to Winnett in August of 1939 and opened an office in the Montana Hotel.

BURNHAM, Irving Mr. and Mrs. Irving Burnham moved here from Lewistown in August of 1946. They operated the Shell Service Station.

BURNS Mr. Burns was Superintendent of the Montacal Oil Co. in June of 1922.

BURT, Matty Matty Burt was born May 26, 1888, at Wilson, Kansas, and received her education in Kansas. In 1917 she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burt, and her sister Blanche to Grassrange, where Mr. Burt installed the telephone exchange.

Blanche and Matty became partners in the telephone business, and in April of 1919 a franchise was granted by the Winnett City Council to the Burt Sisters Telephone Company to operate and maintain a telephone system in Winnett. Matty managed the Winnett system. All calls were made through Matty’s switchboard.

It would be interesting to know how many times Matty said, "Number, please," or "They went to Lewistown today — no use calling them!" Matty did develop huge callouses on her arm near her elbow where her arm brushed the table as she connected or disconnected a number. Many high school girls earned some much-needed money being relief operators for her. Matty died in a hospital in Dallas, Texas, in December of 1956.

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative bought the Burt Sisters Company real estate and property in July of 1959. The original Winnett switchboard, which belonged to the Burt Sisters, is now a showpiece in the Chamber of Commerce museum building at Lewistown, Montana.

BUSBY, William C. Bill Busby married Katherine Donkelar of Auburn, Washington, in July of 1931. Being an expert with engine and grading equipment, Bill was put in charge of grading and maintaining the county roads in the early 1930s. The Busbys lived in the Sommerfield house on Moulton Avenue adjacent to and south of the Dr. Alexander house. (See also BUSBY — Brush Creek and Dovetail)

BUSCH, Susie Susie Busch became the full-time operator of the Mecca Beauty Shop in September of 1962. In April of 1963 she married Kenneth E. Reighard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Reighard of Roundup, Montana. The wedding was held at the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Busch of Billings, Montana.

BUSENARK, Robert Bob Busenbark, sheriff of Petroleum County (1989), wife Pat, and daughter, Sara, at first had the distinction of living in a former hall of learning. Their home was the former Brown School of District #198, which had been located about six miles east of Cat Creek.

That house suffered a chimney fire in the spring of 1989, so Bob and Pat now live in a new modular home adjacent to and north of the damaged building. The old building will be repaired and used for storage or rental. Pat is a licensed EMT and also works as clerk in the Winnett post office and as waitress in the Kozy Korner cafe. (See also BUSENARK — Dovetail)

BYRNE, Marilyne Marilyne Byrne was made vendor of the State Liquor Store of Winnett in July of 1972. In 1973 she resigned and married Verlin McIntosh, a widower with four children, who had been previously married to Patricia Bauke. (Pat was killed in a car wreck in 1972).

CALVERI, James In October of 1965, Carl and Donna Quigley sold Lots 7, 8, and 9 of Block 9, original townsite of Winnett, to James and Irene Calveri. Calveri also purchased all the business equipment and stock inventory of the Stockman Bar and Cafe.

Carl Quigley was a brother of Irene Calveri. Irene was a 1940 Winnett High School graduate. She was very interested in poetry and in 1976 had a poem, "Search," published in the Anthology of New American Poetry. She also wrote and published a book of poetry and a book of short stories for children.

CAMPBELL, Clifford Coming here from Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Campbell took possession of the Com-
mercial Hotel on July 2, 1965. Mrs. Campbell was a
daughter of Mrs. Lyle Fuller, who owned Floyd's Bar. In
September the Campbells took over the management of
the Stockman Cafe. Jane served as waitress.

CANTRELL, Mrs. Hattie  Mrs. Cantrell leased the
Wise Cafe in September of 1954. In March of 1955 she
took over the operation of the Smokehouse News Cafe.
The name was changed to "Hattie's Cafe."

CAR, Ollie Ollie Car was a night policeman in Winnett in
1921.

CARBRIDGE, M. The Acme Hotel was managed by M.
Carbridge in 1921.

CARR, Norman Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr. Carol and
Jane came to Winnett in December of 1947 and took over
the operation of the Commercial Hotel in January of
1948. In 1951 they bought the Smokehouse, and in 1954
became owners of the Commercial Hotel. Norman added
a small building to the hotel which housed "Norm's Sport
Shop." Norman was justice of the peace from 1957 to
1961. He also served on the school board of District
#159.

Three more children were born to the family while they
lived in Winnett — Thomas Roger, William Scott, and
Kathryn Jean. On April 1, 1961, the family moved to
Whitehall, Montana, where they managed an A and W
short-order food service. Karen Christine was born there
in January of 1963.

CARR, Thomas Mabel Tunnicliff, daughter of Henry
Tunnicliff Sr., was born January 20, 1885. She and
Thomas Carr (not to be confused with Tom Carr of
Teigen) were married January 2, 1905. They came to Win-
nett and purchased the Hattie Woodard property in
October of 1947. On January 1, 1948, they bought the
Commercial Hotel from Mrs. Otto Senst. In August of
1950 they sold the hotel to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. (Ioe) Wilson
of Helena. They returned to their farm home near
Roberts, Montana. They were parents of Norman Carr.

CARRELL, Charles Ambrose (By Annette Rostad
Carrell) "Charles Ambrose Carrell and I, Annette Rostad,
were married in Lewistown on September 28, 1942. We
were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McNiere. We lived
in Winnett from 1942 to 1948, when we moved to Cat
Creek; then back to Winnett in 1952. Charles
worked at many jobs: oil field, state roads, farming, but
mostly doing carpentry work.

"Four children were born to this union: Anna Ellen
(1943), Charles Duane (1944), Gladys Marie (1945), and
Kenneth Wayne (1948). We lost son Charles in 1962, due
to drowning. Charles "Amby" passed away in 1978. I enjoy
my Legion Auxiliary and serving as custodian of the
Winnett courthouse."

CARRELL, George The George Carrell family moved
from Cat Creek to Winnett during the summer of 1949,
although George continued his work at the Cat Creek
field. (See also CARRELL — Cat Creek and Dovetail) The
children all attended the Winnett schools. Virginia and
George were both active members of the Methodist
church. George was a Masonic member and Virginia, a
member of Eastern Star.

Son George graduated from Winnett High School in
1957. He attended Montana State University at Bozeman
for two quarters and then sought employment in the oil
fields, often working with his father. George was later
married and had four children — Keith, Billy, Dawn and
Lisa. George lives in Lewistown, Montana.

Larry graduated from Winnett High School in 1958,
worked his way through the University of Wyoming with
scholarships, and earned a degree in Petroleum
Engineering. He and wife Kathy have two children —
Wesley and Rebecca. They reside in Parker, Colorado,
where, at the present time (1989), Kathy is recovering
miraculously from a severe injury incurred in a car-
pedestrian accident.

Doris graduated from Winnett High School in 1961, and
in 1962 she went to work in the Petroleum County clerk
and recorder office, holding that position until moving to
Lewistown in 1971.

Lloyd married and had two children — Russell and
Brandon. Lloyd has returned to Petroleum County and is
working for Conex at Cat Creek. His son, Charles Russell
joined the Navy in September of 1988. Brandon is
attending Winnett High School.

Kim and his wife, Terry, reside in Missoula, Montana.

George Sr. died in September of 1983. George had a
great knowledge of the eventful life of the Cat Creek oil
field and knew many things that were not written
anywhere. When he died, he had spent 40 years working
there — a longer record than anyone. (His record was
closely followed by David Potter.)

Virginia died in February of 1987. She had recounted
some of her experiences as she played for community
gatherings and school events in Dovetail and Flatwillow,
starting in 1939:

"Quite often I played with Roberta (Thorsheim) Eike,
who played violin. We played for high school parties,
dances, and political rallies. I was often joined by hus-
bond, George, on violin, and by George's brother.
Ambrose, on banjo. I recall playing in a large sheep shed
in Ross in cold weather — I learned there that you can't
play an instrument with gloves on! I also played for
political rallies above the old D & E Store and for a
Christmas program in Cat Creek with George playing San-
ta (prompting Carrell kids to wonder why Santa had
gloves 'just like Dad's')."

Son Kim added the following: "At one time in
Petroleum County, it was difficult to attend an event
featuring live music without a member of the Carrell fami-
ly there to provide that music. In Montana's Centennial
Year, it's interesting to note this musical legacy that has
continued for over 50 years.

"Although Virginia and George are no longer with us,
the tradition is carried on by me, Kim. I teach music
privately, have played in rock and country bands, and am a frequent musical theater performer in Missoula. Their grandson (Lloyd’s son), Brandon, plays in the Winnett High School band."

CARRELL, John Ambrose  When the Carrell family moved to Winnett in 1938, Mrs. Carrell operated the old Montana Hotel for a time and then was matron there when the Winnett school district acquired the Montana Hotel for a dormitory. After the dormitory was closed, she provided a home for students in her own home. She operated a cafe in the 1940s. Mr. Carrell was justice of the peace from 1946 to 1950, and also served as livestock brand inspector.

In 1950 Mrs. Carrell re-opened the old Montgomery Laundry, and the business was known as Carrell’s Trailer Court and Laundry. Mr. Carrell died in February of 1955. Mrs. Carrell worked for several years on the Joe C. King Ranch southwest of Winnett. After several years’ battle with cancer, Mrs. Carrell passed away December 11, 1962. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carrell were buried in the Winnett Cemetery. (See also CARRELL — Cat Creek and Dovetail)

CARSON, “Curly” (W.T. 3-9-28) “An unruly Ford car driven by Curly Carson hit the corner of the Dugan building, west of the Eager Store, pushed in the corner, and pushed out one of the side windows of the front. The car was practically undamaged. Immediate settlement was made for the damage done to the building and front.”

CASTEEL, George  George and Isabelle Casteel lived in Winnett in the 1920s. George was distributor of either the Rawleigh or Watkins products. (The two products were very similar.) Until the advent of automobiles, a specially built buggy drawn by horses was used to deliver
his wares over his territory — the whole of what became Petroleum County. Many who were children remember the thrill of the Rawleigh's or Watkin's man's visit. Especially favored were the families reached at the end of a long day. The salesman would be invited to stay overnight, and the next morning the host family was given the choice of some free product. It was usually a bottle of some kind of concentrated fruit drink for use on hot summer days, — a rare treat!

There was also Rawleigh's liniment. It cured everything in man or animal! Mixed with some warm milk and sugar, it cured blight in horses and cows and tummy aches in adults and children. As an external rub, it burned just enough that the pain in the muscle or joint was partially forgotten.

During the last part of Casteels' stay in Winnett, they lived in the double apartment house on Edith Street. The house had been built by Walter Winnett and was supposedly previously used by his hired hands. Casteels left Winnett in 1935 and sold their house to the Robert Sinclairs. There were seven children in the family — George (1920), Dorothy (1922), Annabel (1924), Doyle (1926), Alvin (1929), Dolores (1932) and Leslie (1933). The Casteels moved to Washington state in about 1933.

CATLIN, Vane In August of 1932, the Catlin family — Vane, Winnie and son Larry — bought the Continental wholesale oil company and the retail filling station and vulcanizing outfit — the only one in Winnett. Jim Bair managed the Bair Repair Shop in the back. The tile building was east of the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company on East Main Street.

In 1933 Winnie saw the need for a ladies' ready-to-wear shop in Winnett. An agreement was made with the Leader Store of Lewistown, Montana, and the shop was set up in the Aristo building. Winnie also did dressmaking and remodeling of ladies' clothing.

Winnie and Vane enjoyed the dance crowd, and when it came to dance music, no one could make the beat or roll the drums better than Vane. He and his sister, Mable Towne, played for many dances. Mable was an expert on the piano or saxophone. Vane was elected an alderman in 1935. Vane's garage went up in smoke during the first part of December in 1937. Soon thereafter the Catlins moved to Miles City; and more of Winnett's good music was gone!! (See also CATLIN — Ashley)

CATTO, Charles (W.T. 10-21-21) 'Charles Catto, yardman at the Grogan-Robinson lumberyard, left Saturday for New York City, where he will be duly and officially initiated into the ranks of the benefics. (A benefic is a confirmed bachelor, newly married.) He expects to return with his wife about the first of November.'

CHADD, Henry Henry Chadd was a partner with Oscar Badger when The Mode clothing store for men boys opened on October 1, 1915. It was located in the building which had formerly been occupied by Badger's restaurant.

CHANDLER, H. F. H. F. Chandler operated a dairy for a short time at the Deethardt Ranch about two miles west of Winnett. He disposed of his dairy equipment, livestock, and other miscellaneous items at an auction sale June 30, 1925.

CHERNICK, Leo Leo Chernick became the manager of the new Stockman Cafe in October of 1959.

CHICK, Allen W. With the exception of the W. J. Winnett buildings, the first residence was erected in Winnett in July of 1914. Mr. A. W. Chick was one of the carpenters. Allen and Evelyn Chick had a son Roy (1905), who attended high school in Winnett in 1921. Three other children born to this couple were: Marion (1908), Helen (1911), and Frank (1914).

CHRISTENSEN, Agnes Agnes Christensen kept house for Mr. Valentine and his children. In July of 1921 she went back to Denmark to be with her aged mother.

CLARK, Jack After graduating from Winnett High School in 1956, Jack, son of Robert Clark, enlisted in the Navy and served in Guam, Japan, Hawaii, and Midway Island. He and high school classmate, JoAnn Raundal, were married and they became parents of three children — Jay, Laurie and Chris.

After the death of his father, Robert, Jack decided to buy the Clark store. The following article was taken from the Winnett Times of November 5, 1964:

"Mrs. Cecilia Clark, owner of Clark's Pay 'N Save, on November 1, 1964, turned over the ownership of the store to her son, Jack R. Clark, and family.

"Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark were attending Montana State College at the time of Bob Clark's death. Mrs. Clark continued her schooling and practice teaching to receive a degree in education. Jack Clark dropped out of college to assist with operation of the local business, and now has taken over the business.

"Jack was well prepared for management of the business, having grown up in it with his parents, who had worked in retailing for many years."

JoAnn and Jack were very loyal community residents. JoAnn was active in Eastern Star, advancing through the
chairs, and was Worthy Matron for two terms. She and Jack both gave their all to any good community project. Jack was scoutmaster and was elected mayor.

Son Chris Clark had a very good friend by the name of Ben Burns. These two youngsters should really be credited with the inspiration for the establishment of the Winnett Public Library Story Hour. On the afternoons that the library was open, the two of them would go to the library and ask the librarian to read to them. They were very irritated when other people needing services intruded on their story times. There the idea developed! Small children need a special library time of their own. Those two boys did their bit for history before they were five years old!!

After operating the store for nine years, Clarks decided to sell and move. The following article written by Rudy Glatz then appeared in the Winnett Times of August 16, 1973:

"Biggest loss to the community will be the Clark family itself. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been invaluable to the community, working unselfishly in all phases of community life. They will be sorely missed. The Clarks have bought a western wear business at Forsyth and the family will move there the first of September."

CLARK, Sumner R., Jr. Bob Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Clark, was born December 17, 1914, in Grassrange, Montana. He received his education from the Grassrange schools and Montana State College. In 1934 he married Montana McFadden of the Lone Prairie community. They had one son, Jack. They were later divorced.

Cecelia Leary was born October 6, 1907, at Butte, and raised and educated there. She moved with her family to Sweetgrass and operated the telephone exchange. She and Bob were married October 31, 1939, at Cut Bank. They had a daughter, Roberta.

In July of 1952, Bob, Cecelia, Jack, and Roberta moved to Winnett. They lived in the former Nick Langshausen house on Moulton Avenue. Roberta wrote the following history: "When we moved to Winnett, I was in the fourth grade and Jack was a freshman in high school. Our parents bought the locker plant and grocery store from Allens. During the twelve years that my father lived, they expanded the store three times. He purchased the Monarch Lumber Co. building next door and remodeled it into a self-service laundry and a barber and beauty shop. The back was used as a warehouse.

"They tried to provide a complete shopping center for the people. Besides groceries, they sold dry goods, veterinary supplies, and feed. They had complete meat processing and locker storage and appliance and repair service. Hunting season was always a busy and exciting time. Ranchers knew that they were welcome to come around to the house, and Clarks would open the store at any time for them to get groceries.

"The Clarks were very active in the community. Bob was State Representative from Petroleum County in 1957-58. He was a member of the school board and was on the first Board of Directors of Mid-Rivers Telephone. He was a member of Winnett Town Council and president of Petroleum County Chamber of Commerce. They both were members of Victory Chapter #113, Order of Eastern Star. Bob was a Mason. Cecelia was a member of Rebekahs and American Legion Auxiliary. Bob died of cancer September 3, 1964. Cecelia died November 19, 1979." (See also CARPENTER — Cat Creek)

CLARK, Tom Before coming here. Tom and Ruby Clark were engaged in the restaurant business in Jordan, Montana. They opened the Mint Cafe for business again on September 17, 1948.

CLAUSON, Carl (See CLAUSON — Petrolia)

CLAY, Kenneth Kenneth Clay worked on the Bratten Ranch in 1970. He and his family lived in the brick house at 301 South Broadway. Son Jon was a Winnett High School student. Clays left in September of 1971 and moved to the Brown Ranch near Sand Springs.

CLOSE, Thomas Mr. Close was superintendent of the Nelson Construction Co., and supervised the construction of the Box Elder Creek bridge on the highway east of Winnett in 1953. The family lived in Winnett during that time.

COBURN, William Mr. Coburn was employed by the First State Bank of Winnett for three months in 1921, then resigned and accepted a position with the Winnett Loan and Realty Co., which handled the lots owned by W. J. Winnett, as well as a general land and insurance business. In 1921 the family lived in an apartment in the Winnett Block. William was later associated with the Weowna Refinery. In September of 1923, Mr. Coburn resigned as secretary of the Weowna Refinery and accepted the management of a new refinery about to be started in Butte, Montana. William Coburn died in August 1941 and was buried in White Sulphur Springs, Montana.

COCKRAN, J. M. In August of 1921. Mr. Cockran came from Washington and was one of the owners of the New Method Laundry.

COFFEY, Joe Joe Coffey attended Winnett High School. He liked school and especially football. He also boxed when Shorty Saylor had his boxing club here. He left school to work; and in 1939, after Floyd Barkdoll died, he operated Floyd's Bar.

He and Margarett Livingston were married on May 12, 1961. In March of 1962 they leased Floyd's Bar from Dahls. After that Joe went to work on road construction. They have lived for many years at Harrison, near Ennis. Margarett died there June 10, 1989. (See COFFEY — Dovetail; LIVINGSTON — Winnett)

COFFEY, Robert E. Bob Coffey, son of Mr and Mrs. A. G. Coffey, was born at Dovetail. He attended Dovetail Grade School and graduated from Winnett High School in 1946. He served his country in the Korean War, came home, and worked at various jobs in Petroleum County until the spring of 1956. Then he was employed by
Exploration Survey, Inc. of Dallas, Texas, working in Alaska, Texas, and Mississippi, until the company went out of business in 1960.

Bob and Winnie Lorraine Magee were married August 14, 1959, in Mississippi. They moved to Oklahoma, where Bob worked for Blue and Wright Drilling Co. of Great Bend, Kansas. After a short time there, they returned to Montana. They bought a mobile home and lived near the Jet Fuel Refinery where Bob worked for five years.

In July of 1966 their mobile home was moved from Mosby to Winnett, as Bob had purchased the business of Cole’s Service Station in Winnett. In 1967 they bought the house formerly owned by Carl and Mirth Hedman. Now as “sure enough” citizens of the Town of Winnett. Bob was elected to the city council and three years later was elected mayor.

In the meantime, Coffeys had acquired from the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company, the original Ed Hillius house at 101 North Ashley. In June of 1980 the Petroleum County Commissioners named Bob as County Manager.

Consequently, Coffey’s Service Station was sold to David and Becky Grantier, and Bob began training for the county manager position on October 15, 1980. He assumed full responsibility January 1, 1981, and is still manager now (in 1989).

The Coffeys have three children — Peggy Hill, who is married to Mike Long, lives in Franklin, Virginia, and has one daughter, Lisha; Jim Hill, who is a self-employed trucker, lives in Laurel, Montana, and has one son, Jamie; and Kathy Coffey Keith, who works at Country Kitchen (Midland Road) Billings, Montana. She has two sons, Clyde and Kasey. (See also COFFEY — Dovetail)

**COFFMAN, Ray** Ray Coffman was president of the White Transportation Co. in 1921.

**COLBO, Kenneth G.** Kenneth Colbo was hired as superintendent of the Winnett Schools in April of 1971. He served two terms. During his term of office the new elementary, gymnasium, and combined school and public library addition to the high school building was commenced.

Mr. Colbo resigned in the spring of 1973, having purchased the award and athletic supply business of E. Jay S. in Lewistown, Montana.

**COLE, Delmar** Delmar came to Winnett to work in the Winnett Times print shop in 1930. He later became manager and editor. On October 4, 1930, he and Helen Brady were married. They became the parents of two sons — Douglas (7-26-31) and Elmer (10-23-34).

Delmar served the town as alderman before the family left Winnett in 1936. He then followed the printing trade in Republic, Washington; Kellogg, Idaho; and Tacoma, Washington, before settling in Shelton, Washington. In 1960 the Coles purchased a stationery and supply store there. They managed the store until their retirement in 1972. Helen, after writing the story of her family’s homestead life, died in August of 1988. Delmar continues to live in Shelton. (See also BRADY — Ashley)

**COLE, Mrs. Florence** Mrs. Florence Cole came to Winnett in July of 1950 in company with Mrs. Margaret Sabbe. The two became the new proprietors of the “Home Cafe.” They renamed the business the “Good Eats Cafe.”

**COLE, Kenneth** Kenneth Cole, son of Anna and Klein Cole, was born May 6, 1905, in Springfield, Maine, and while a young boy, came to Montana with his parents (See also COLE — Blakeslee).

In about 1913 Kenny and his mother moved to Winnett, where Anna operated the Bachelor Cafe — one of the first restaurants in Winnett. In the accompanying picture of a 1916 parade, Kenny can be seen leading a steer calf draped with a sign that reads “THIS IS NO BULL — EAT AT THE BACHELOR CAFE.” The Bachelor Cafe is barely discernable at the far left.

Kenny attended the Winnett schools and graduated from Winnett High School in 1924. After graduation he worked for Lars Kragrud as clerk in the Winnett Post Office, and also served as deputy county assessor after Petroleum County was formed in 1925.

Bernice Dusschee was born August 31, 1906, in
Portland, Oregon. She graduated from Butte High School in 1924 and from Montana State Normal College in Dillon in 1926. She taught a country school in Powder River County during the 1926-27 term. From 1927 through 1931, she taught in the Winnett Elementary School. Kenny "took a real shine" to the schoolteacher from Butte, Montana, and on July 3, 1930, he and Bee Dusschee were married. Kenny rented the Hoyle Service Station in 1931, later purchasing it. In 1933 he took over the wholesale oil business of the Welloff Oil Co.

Kenny served 26 years as a state legislator from Petroleum County. He was given many important committee posts, was chairman of the Senate Committee on Committees, was appointed by Governor Aronson to the State Highway Financing Committee, and served on many others. He fought valiantly and won in getting Secondary Route #244, the "cut-off" road to Roundup, placed on the primary Montana State Highway system. He was able to prove that the road benefited 15 or more counties, was used by heavy interstate traffic, and was used by the oil industry, which was carrying on development activity in the county. This action relieved Petroleum County of the financial burden of maintaining 24.7 miles of highway. (See also picture page 524)

While Kenny was busy with all his projects, his wife, Bee, kept herself busy working on all kinds of social concerns both in Winnett and, when they were there, in Helena. She was superintendent and taught in the Methodist Sunday School, was on the church board, was substitute teacher, and, like Kenny, probably served on any other local committee that needed her input. Both she and Kenny were active in Eastern Star, and Kenny, in Mason and Shriner activities. Bee was Montana’s Worthy Grand Matron of Eastern Star in 1962-63.

Bee and Kenny were both happy when they could sneak away on a fishing trip. Kenny was an avid hunter and he looked forward each winter to going big game hunting with his friends in places like the Spanish Peaks in southwest Montana or in the Glacier Park vicinity.

On May 21, 1964, Kenny bought a new Ford delivery truck. It is interesting to note that for his fuel deliveries alone, his old Ford truck had traveled 237,000 miles in eight years — that being an average of 29,625 miles a year.

On July 16, 1966, Coles sold their service station to Robert Coffey and they moved to Great Falls, Montana. They celebrated their 40th anniversary at Klynn’s home in Great Falls in 1970. Kenny died October 31, 1970. In Great Falls and was buried in Lewistown City Cemetery. Bee lives in an apartment in Great Falls (1989).

Bee and Kenny raised two children, Luanne and Klynn. Luanne was delivered in the Cole home in Winnett on April 3, 1932. Dr. Alexander delivered her, and Mrs. Grace McAllister was the attending nurse. Luanne graduated from Winnett High School in 1950 and received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Montana State College at Bozeman in 1955, after training in the Deaconess Hospital of Great Falls, Montana. She married Verne Christensen of Westby, Montana. They have three sons — Roger, Kevin and Les.

Klynn graduated from Winnett High School in 1952 and Montana State College with a degree in architecture in 1957. He married Margaret Larson of Grove City, Minnesota, in 1963. They have two daughters, Laurie and Debra. Klynn was architect of the gymnasium, library, and elementary Winnett school addition that was completed in January of 1973.

COLEMAN, John John Coleman bought the Maybelle building in April of 1927 and opened a chili house. Sandwiches and coffee were also served. John Duffy was associated with him in this venture.

COLLIER, L. R. (W.T. 9-21-58) "The H Bar C, formerly Tiff’s Bar, and now owned by Harold Hougen of Musselshell, is undergoing a remodeling job which was started Monday.

"The old frame Pastime Parlor (see also HOVER — Winnett) which joins the two-story brick structure, was reroofed first and will receive new siding, new flooring, and the interior will be refinished. The first floor of the main building will also be completely remodeled with new flooring, new restrooms, new back bar and other improvements.

"Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Collier, who operate the business, make their home on the second floor of the building. The second floor quarters will also be completely remodeled. Wilbur Shomer of Melstone has the contract for the work."

COLLINS, Fred Fred Collins came to Winnett in 1963 as pastor of the Winnett and Grassrange Methodist churches. He and his wife, Mary, had two girls — Ruth and Lois. Fred served for three years. Mary was a capable minister also, and she filled Fred’s place in the pulpit on several occasions. Mary also had quite a large class of piano students. The Collinses were the last resident
Methodist minister family as of the year of 1989.

CONRAD, George W. George Conrad was manager of the Grogan-Robinson yard until 1915, when he took charge of the Western Lumber and Grain Company's yard at Teigen. In 1917 he opened the Montana Elevator at Winnett and operated it as manager until July of 1921. At that time, he became associated with the Valley Lumber Company.

Mrs. G. W. Conrad was president of the Winnett Ladies Aid in 1920-21; and, as quoted from the Winnett Times, "proved her splendid executive ability . . . and has been equal to any emergency that has arisen."

Mabel, daughter of the Conrads, worked in the First National Bank of Winnett. Byron Conrad was one of the first graduates of Winnett High School in May of 1919. Conrads, accompanied by their older daughter, Mrs. William Griffith, left for San Diego, California, in November of 1921.

COOK, Clifford Clifford Cook sold his ranch in the Dovetail community to Isaac Iverson in the spring of 1960. (See also COOK — Dovetail) Cliff purchased Dunlap's Auto Service, and the name of the garage was changed to Cliff's Auto Service. His wife, Guri, who had been a teacher at the Lone Prairie School, turned bookkeeper for the new business. Cliff's son, Tom, was also employed as a mechanic. The business thrived until January of 1967, when fire leveled the building. Cliff did not wish to rebuild. He became a dealer for a new paint, Epoc 5.

Guri was appointed alderman of the east ward of Winnett in June of 1971. She also served as a teacher aide at school, resigning that position in August of 1972.

In July 1987 the children and families of Clifford "Bus" and Guri Cook held an open house in the Masonic Temple in honor of Bus and Guri's fiftieth wedding anniversary. Over 120 people signed the guest book. Bus and Guri's home is at 13 South Lepper Avenue in Winnett (1989).

COOK, Maurine Maurine Cook of Novary was housekeeper and printer helper for Fr. Aloysius Müller. In 1958 she sold her property, the former residence of Fr. Müller, and moved to Lewistown, Montana, to make her home with her brother. The Winnett Times acquired the equipment of the print shop which Fr. Müller and she had operated for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Phillips bought the real estate.

COOLIE, Vern Vern Coolie came from Britton, South Dakota in 1921 to assist in the management of the Rainbow Cafe.

COON, Marlon Marlon Coon operated a Litenig gas service station at the east end of Main Street in 1934-1953. (See also COON — Musselshell River)

COONEY, W. J. Mr. Cooney was a businessman who never lived here, and when he came to visit, he made some people very nervous. He was a perfectionist and demanded that his associates be likewise. He was the post office inspector from Helena, Montana. No one ever knew when he was coming. One time there was a new clerk in Winnett. At lunch time when the postmaster was gone, someone tried to get in the back door of the post office, but luckily, it had been barred. This shook the clerk a little bit, but knowing that it was not the proper time for any official to need in that door, she did not open it.

A few minutes later, a well-dressed man, carrying a briefcase stepped up to the post office window. "I'm W. J. Cooney, the post office inspector!" he sternly announced. "I'm here to inspect the office." He walked to the front office door and turned the knob, but the door was locked, so he stepped back to the window; and the clerk, shaking all over by now and wondering if she should reach down in that bottom drawer and brandish the dreaded "gat," finally took hold of herself, and in a shaky voice said, "I can't let you in unless you show me your credentials."

Thereupon he displayed his badge and produced his credentials from the valise he carried. He then grinned a grin as wide as the rimrocks, shook the clerk's hand, and said, "That was tough, wasn't it? But you pass." He and the postmaster, who knew him from previous visits, had a good laugh when she arrived back from lunch. He was an excellent and kind, but tough, examiner, who visited all offices and railway station offices in the area.

CORBETT, Ralph Ralph Thomas Corbett was born in Great Falls, Montana, September 21, 1946. He and his parents, Alice and Clyde Corbett, lived in Cascade, Montana, until moving to Tiber Dam from 1953-57. They moved back to Cascade where Ralph graduated from high school in 1964. He was in the U. S. Navy from March 1965 until March 1969. Ralph worked the next four summers for the U. S. Forest Service and attended Montana State University in Bozeman on and off until 1973. He and a friend started a pilot car service.

In the spring of 1974, Ralph went to work for Pete Dobson. He met Carol Ann Schaeffer when she went to
work for the summer at Dobsons. (See also SCHAEFFER — Cat Creek) Late that fall Ralph started working for Ken Welker in the pellet plant. He continued working there for the next 3½ years irrigating, haying, and doing other everyday farm and ranch work, as well as pelleting.

In April 1978 Ralph was hired by Petroleum County to fill the position left open in the county road department by the retirement of Fred Kastner.

On July 29, 1978, Ralph and Carol invited their families and friends to the school section east of Cat Creek to an informal wedding under the cottonwood trees by the Musselshell River.

In December 1979, Ralph and Carol acquired Rudy Glatz’s inventory of film and photo supplies and his dealership for film processing. Adding this to what had been a hobby of taking pictures at school games and events, weddings, etc., C & S Photography became a business.

Eagle Rock Camera Club was a fairly active group for several years. It was started by several people interested in learning more about their new cameras. Ralph and Carol had been members of Eagle Rock Camera Club and, as other members’ interest faded, Corbetts became involved in the Roundup Photo Club. Having entered their work in the Yellowstone Exhibition, the Central Montana Fair, and the State Fair, they were quite interested when the 4-H fair in Roundup, Montana, began to expand into the Tri-County Roundup. Corbetts and Gerald Bartow of Roundup were named co-chairmen of the photography division of the open class.

As a volunteer fireman, Ralph was part of a crew from Petroleum County that worked on the Hawk Creek fire in the Bull Mountains in August 1984. Carol became an ambulance attendant in the spring of 1985 and that summer was appointed to the public library board.

Ralph became assistant scoutmaster when a troop was started in Winnett again. Bill Zabel, a high school science teacher, was the scoutmaster. When Bill moved from Winnett, Ralph became scoutmaster for two years until the troop decided not to recharter in the fall of 1988.

As an avid hunter and a neighbor of Elmer Grosser, Ralph became part of the hunter education program — first showing some of his slides of wildlife species, then becoming an instructor.

After many changes in plans, in 1987 Corbetts finally began doing black and white darkroom work in their kitchen. Still more plans are in the works to get the darkroom in its own permanent and separate location.

In January of 1988 Ralph was appointed to the Winnett Town Council. He also joined the American Legion.

COTTON, Erwin Jerome (W.T. 8-2-1925) "In this day of divorced flapper wives and sheikish men folks, such nuptial bliss is rare indeed — something for the youngsters to ponder over. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cotton have the distinction of having celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary September 21, 1925. They were married at Marengo, Iowa, and moved to Petroleum County in 1913, where they filed on a homestead. (See also COTTON — Brush Creek)

"Their five children, all of whom are living, are: Dick Cotton, San Francisco, California; Everett Cotton, Winnett; Mrs. Hardgrove, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Perry, Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Burnam, Jacksonville, Florida. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cotton are well and happy and are blessed with the vigor of middle age. Mr. Cotton has had a blacksmith shop in Winnett for several years and has an extensive business which he conducts himself."

Everett Cotton was a jeweler and ran a jewelry repair shop. He also had a shoe repair shop at the rear of the Rainbow Cafe. In May of 1930, Mrs. Cotton opened a shop for the sale of fancy work and costume jewelry in her son’s jewelry repair shop. When Mr. Cotton could no longer operate his blacksmith shop, his son, Richard, took over the business. Mr. Erwin Cotton passed away in September of 1935.

COUGHLIN, Rose Rose Coughlin operated a beauty parlor in a second floor room of the Commercial Hotel. The period was in the 1920s and 1930s. It was the era of marcelling and curling irons. Women, doing their own curling at home, used the chimney of the old kerosene lamp as an iron heater. This was also the beginning of the era of waving lotion and "spit" curls. An economical waving lotion was made by boiling flax seeds in water. The result was a lotion containing all the properties of the commercial bottled product minus perfume and color. Rose’s beauty parlor was a boon to those who were not proficient at fixing their own hair. Rose left Winnett in the mid-1930s, returning to Lewistown, Montana.

COWAN, Lyle For one month Lyle Cowan managed and edited the Winnett Times when the editor was on vacation in the year of 1924. He had also, at one time, published the Judith Gap Journal. Mr. Cowan died December 28, 1927.

COWDERY, Robert Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cowdery and infant son arrived in Winnett in January of 1948. Bob had been hired as a clerk at the Winnett Mercantile Co. A short time later he was hired by the city as town marshall and town water and license collector. The Cowderys left Winnett in October of 1948.

COX, Albert Albert Cox moved to Winnett from the Flatwillow country in the mid-1920s. In 1926 he was elected constable of the town of Winnett, and so served until 1930. Also, in January of 1929, Bill Griebel relinquished his lease of the Aristo Theater. Sam took over the management of the theater until the owner, Mable Towne returned the middle of April 1929. (See also COX — Flatwillow)

COX, Dr. Jack E. Dr. Jack E. Cox was an osteopath of Lewistown. In September of 1932, he opened an office in the Montana Hotel in Winnett. However, because of his increased practice in Lewistown, he was forced to give up his Winnett business in December of 1932.
CRAIG SISTERS Lumber was purchased from the Valley Lumber Co. when the Craig sisters erected a rooming house south of the old Aristo and north of Dan Sommerfield’s Harness Shop in 1921.

CREE AND OPP (See OPP, Arthur)

CREIGHTON, J. L. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Creighton operated a restaurant in Winnett in 1955. Mrs. Creighton was a sister of Mrs. C. V. Allen. Creightons had a daughter, June, who married Curtis West. June and Curtis were divorced, and in November of 1965, June married Robert Kastner. June passed away in January of 1971.

CROMWELL, M. A. Mr. Cromwell was the first superintendent of Winnett High School from 1918-19 to 1919-20. Anne Cromwell, his daughter, was one of the first four high school graduates in 1919.

CRUMBAKER, Oliver Mr. Crumbaker was education advisor for the Winnett Civilian Conservation Corps Camp. There were two children in the family — Alan and Mary Jo. On May 1, 1937, Oliver was transferred to the Belton, Montana, CCC Camp. The family left as soon as the school year ended.

CULLY, B. L. After B. L. was discharged from the Marine Corps, the Culleys moved to Winnett, where Mr. Cully was a mechanic in Dunlap’s Auto Service in 1946.

CUMBERLEDGE, Claire "Gumbo" Mr. and Mrs. Claire Cumberledge purchased a three-room house from Grace Waldrop in June of 1961. It was on North Broadway in Block 9. Gumbo was proprietor of the Gusher Bar.

CURTIS, Steven Steven Curtis held a teaching and coaching position at Winnett, where he assumed his duties in the fall of 1988. Steve taught two sections of chemistry to juniors and seniors. He also taught math, science, health and P.E. to the combined 5th and 6th grades. Mr. Curtis coached the Jr. High girls’ basketball team to a 11-1 season and the fifth and sixth team to a 4-0 season.

Steve was married in 1958 and has four sons — Barry, Todd, Lance and Kyp. Mr. Curtis graduated from high school at American Falls, Idaho, and received a Master’s degree from Idaho State University at Pocatello, Idaho, in Health and P. E., with an emphasis on athletic administration. Steve also has a Bachelor of Science minor in chemistry. Previous training and coaching includes Declo, Idaho, from 1977-1980, and Victor, Montana, from 1980 to 1983. He extended his credentials to Secondary Administration by going to the University of Montana at Missoula. Steve was working off campus on his education specialist degree while teaching and coaching in Winnett in 1988-1989. Mr. Curtis remarried in 1984 to Lee Osentowski and has two stepsons, Mark and Paul.

CUSHMAN, Yvonne Yvonne Cushman was a clerk in Waldrop’s Winnett Mercantile Store in 1949.

DAHL, Harold and Les Harold became the owner, and Les the operator of Floyd’s Bar in November of 1961. In March of 1962 the bar was leased to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coffey. In March of 1965 it was sold by the Dahls to Lyle Fuller of Glendive.

DALY, Arthur Arthur was born in Meadow, South Dakota. At the age of two years, he moved to Montana with his parents but was left homeless by the age of twelve. He herded sheep and worked on ranches in this area. He enjoyed reading westerns, playing bingo, and dancing. At age 65 he entered the Hillbrook Nursing Home in Clancy, Montana. He died there at age 76 in October of 1985. The following ‘Farewell to Art Daly’ derived from the Winnett Times of 10-31-85 bears testimony of his sharing of life:

“Arthur ‘Art’ Daly had been a resident here at Hillbrook Nursing Home in Clancy, Montana, since 1974. He leaves behind many friends — other residents and employees, and members of the surrounding community. For the most of the eleven years Art spent here, he was a productive member of our little nursing home community. Art acted as our canteen clerk, flag attendant, bingo caller, and occasionally served coffee at the residents’ coffee break. Art was an active member of our residents’ council. He attended Catholic church services regularly. He was chosen Hillbrook’s Man of the Year in 1979 and was a finalist for the honor many times.

‘Art was a man in demand at our dances and theatrical productions. He always dreamed of being another Gary Cooper. He enjoyed visiting with people. Art loved to tease. The attention he gave other residents and staff members alike often ‘made their day.’ This is not to say that Art was perfect, but then we don’t know any of us that are. Those of us here at the Hillbrook just wanted you to know him as we knew him.

Sincerely,

-Signed by 34 residents and employees

“'A Mass with memorial services was held Wednesday in Hillbrook Nursing Home and burial services were Thursday in the Winnett Cemetery.'”

DAUM, Gene Gene graduated from Winnett High School in 1957 and went into training in the National Guard. He then became a ranch hand for the 311 Ostler Ranch. In May of 1961 he and Velma Johnson were married. Velma was clerk of the Petroleum county commissioners. Daums lived in the house that had formerly been the office of Dr. J. L. Alexander. Their son, Brad, was born while they lived in Winnett. Daums moved to Helmlville, Montana, with the Ostlers in July of 1962. (See also DAUM — Blakeslee and Flatwillow: JOHNSON and RUKAVINA — Musselshell River)

DAVIS, Charles E. In the town meeting of April 1920, the proposition of granting a franchise to Mr. Davis for installing and operating an electric light and power plant was voted down by a vote of 13 against and 7 for.

DAVIS, Claud Claud was one of the highway crew in April of 1929. While unloading culverts, he fractured his
skull. Dr. Alexander gave him first aid until he regained consciousness, then sent Claud to Lewistown on the train.

DAVIS, James Jim Davis married Maryanna (Hamilton) Meserve in 1950. They lived mainly on the ranch until 1965, when they moved to Winnett and started "Davis Trucking." (See also DAVIS - Musselshell River) They are both drivers and were in business until they retired in 1988. They still own their land in the Ashley community and run cattle on it.

Maryanna I. Davis is the daughter of Mrs. Ernest (Clara) Bump. (See also BUMP — Musselshell River) Maryanna married Elwin Lane in 1940, and they had one son, Everett, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1960. Everett lives in Glendive. In 1945 she married George Meserve, and they had a daughter, Anna Marie, who lives in Billings. Jim and Maryanna have three children — Guyla, Clara and Wesley. These children all graduated from Winnett High School. Guyla Roberts lives in Lewistown; Clara Harris and family live in Winnett (See also HARRIS — Winnett); Wesley lives in Billings.

Maryanna worked for several years as Clerk of the Winnett Post Office, and later was postmaster at Cat Creek for several years.

DAVIS, M. G. South of the high school on Moulton Ave., Mr. Davis maintained a sand supply for plastering and concrete purposes in 1921.

DAVIS, Mildred Mildred worked as a clerk in the Marti Brothers new confectionery store in 1921. (See also DAVIS — Teigen)

DAWES, Harry The family made their home in Winnett in 1921.

DAYTON, Fred Mr. Dayton came to Winnett from Newcastle, Wyoming, in 1921. He was interested in building construction.

DEHNERT, Gus Gus worked for the Montana Lumber and Hardware Co. in 1921.

DELANEY, Ed Ed and Gladys Delaney and family moved from North Dakota to Montana in 1946 and settled at Christina, Montana. After three years they moved to the Beedle Ranch (the original Eschelman Ranch) about ten miles north of Teigen, Montana, and then to the Vic Stromnes Ranch.

In the spring of 1956, Gladys was chosen by the Winnett School Board to complete the term of Ethel Gullickson as the school’s hot lunch cook. Gladys was rehired for the next school term, and due to her expertise as cook, was named as an instructor in a state-sponsored school lunch workshop held in September of 1959. She served as cook through the 1959-60 year. At the end of that time, the Delaneys moved back to the Stromnes Ranch and later moved into the town of Grassrange, Montana, where Gladys died. Ed is now in a nursing home in Lewistown, Montana (1989).

Two sons were born to Ed and Gladys — Raymond and Richard. Richard attended Winnett High School and graduated in 1960. He married Karen Nelson of Grassrange, and they have ranched and been in construction work. Richard and Karen have two sons — Troy and Brian, both attending the Grass Range School.

DENTON, W. L. Mr. Denton was made manager of the local Frantz oil office in September of 1921.

DEVault, Mrs. This lady was a soloist and active music leader in the Methodist Church choir in 1921.

DEVOILE, Louis J. and Duke Formerly of the Turf Barbershop in Billings, Louis became the proprietor of the Winnett Barbershop in early 1948. The former Doughty schoolhouse was moved into Winnett and placed in Block 9 North Broadway for both the DeVoise residence and a paint shop. As Louis DeVoise was also a professional painter. His profession took care of a long-time void in this community.

Louis "Shorty" was also a veteran entertainer. He and his son, Duke, often entertained in the community with rhythm tap dancing. Shorty also instructed some school students in the art. charging nothing for his services. He coached the Winnett merchants’ softball team.

Duke, a twenty-three-year-old veteran of World War II, brought fame to Winnett athletic circles, when on July 1, 1948, he was signed to play baseball with a New York Giants’ farm club.

DEVOS, Mrs. Leslie Mrs. Leslie DeVos taught fifth and sixth grades along with art during the 1988-89 school year. She taught various grades in her four years at Winnett. Leslie was raised at Bütte, Montana, and graduated from Butte High School. She formerly taught at Butte Central High School. Leslie is married with two daughters — Jayme, a student at Montana Tech in Butte (1989); and Petra, a student at Winnett High School (1989). Leslie is an artist and illustrator and is currently involved in a project illustrating poems of Robert Frost.

DEWAN, Joe Joe Dewan lived in Winnett in the mid-1930s and worked for George Waldrop in the Winnett Mercantile. He had come to the Grassrange, Montana, area in 1915. His final years were spent at the Joe Grogan Ranch near Grassrange, where he passed away August 23, 1966, at the age of 85 years.

DICKSON, Minnie Minnie worked in Lil’s Cafe in Winnett in 1949. That was the same year in which she discarded the old car she had driven for fourteen years. She stated that she could drive her new car better if she could only remember that the shift was on the wheel instead of on the floor!

During a ten-year period, no record could be found on Minnie. However, on October 15, 1960, she returned to Winnett to cook in the Stockman Cafe. In December of 1963, "Minnie Dickson Day" was held at the Stockman Cafe. Minnie was retiring and moving to Lewistown.

DICKSON, William E. William Dickson and Iva Della Haney were married in Great Falls, Montana. They came to Winnett in the very early years of the town’s existence.

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and were believed to have been the builders of Winnett's first Aristo Theater. That building was on the corner of East Main and South Broadway Avenue, and was later to become a store for Eagers and the home for the Love Bird Cafe. The Dicksons built a new home on South Moulton Avenue, and were the proprietors of the theater.

The Dicksons were especially interested in providing good entertainment for young people. Once a year, they invited all the school children to a free movie and furnished them with ice cream. This was believed to have been the most elaborate free entertainment given students in the state of Montana.

As the population of the town and community increased with the discovery of oil, the need for a larger theater became apparent. Dicksons met the demand and a new site was chosen one block west on West Main Street.

(W.T. 11-4-21) "The new Aristo theater, which will open to the public Saturday, November 12, is a credit to a city of 50,000 people. The modern fireproof building is rapidly reaching completion and will open with a feature photoplay and dance by the American Legion, with Fletcher Bros. orchestra of Roundup, Montana, furnishing the music.

"The new structure is located on Main Street and stands as a monument to the progressiveness of the proprietor, W. E. Dickson, in his effort to keep abreast of the times. The building is 48' by 112' in size and entirely of brick and tile with a stucco front and brick trimmings.

"The front portion of the building is divided into two retail areas. The Aristo confectionery store will occupy the east room which is 20' by 30' with a full plate glass front. The west room will be rented for store or office purposes. To enable the ticket booth, and with a door opening to the hall, is a room for the convenience of the public. The large auditorium is entered through wide doors from the spacious hallway. The auditorium has a hardwood maple floor and a dome metal ceiling. Five hundred and fifty people can be comfortably seated in this portion of the building.

"The gallery to the rear, with an elevated floor has a seating capacity of 200. With its tasteful decorations it lends a handsome appearance to the interior of the huge structure. Next to the wall in the center of the gallery is the picture machine booth which has been pronounced fireproof, and has met with federal and state requirements. The spacious stage is 28' by 48' and is completely equipped with curtains and modern scenery. Located in the concrete basement is the heating plant which will furnish steam heat for the building.

"The massive edifice is a credit to the city of Winnett. It has a total seating capacity of 750 and with a little crowding, half that number again can be accommodated. It was erected at a cost of over $25,000 and a large number of seats and much other apparatus will be added to the present equipment."

(W.T. 12-9-21) "Manager Dickson of the Aristo has conceived a novel method of raising funds to build a sidewalk from the schoolhouse to Main Street. All the proceeds of the show on the evening of Wednesday, December 13, will be toward that purpose. The regular admission — 15 cents, 25 cents, and 35 cents — will be charged."

On October 1, 1925, the Dicksons sold the Aristo and its complete contents to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dugan. The Unique Cafe, which they had also operated in Winnett, was leased. The cafe burned April 15, 1927. The Dicksons moved to Lemmon, South Dakota.

In Lemmon, South Dakota, Dicksons operated a restaurant and two theaters — the Aristo and the Grand. Mr. Dickson died in 1937. Mrs. Dickson then disposed of the two theaters, giving her undivided attention to the operation of the Aristo Lunch. While visiting with her sons and the employees and making plans to attend a basketball game. Mrs. Dickson suffered a massive stroke and passed away in February of 1938. (For more on the Aristo, see also DUGAN, TOWNE, GRIEBEL, COX, HAFER, MORTON)

DILLEY, Leslie Dilies came to Winnett from Kalispell. Mr. Dilley was employed in the Town Tavern on August of 1946.

DILSON, Tom (W.T. 11-4-21) "Curving around the east end of the rimrock, you will find a lone grave marked with a slab of the eagle sandstone hued from the rimrock. The slab marks the last resting place of Tom Dilson, who drowned in about 12 inches of water while crossing McDonald Creek below the Winnett Ranch on Decoration Day, May 30, 1913.

"Dilson had been herding a band of lambs east of the rimrock for W. J. Winnett and inasmuch as there was no drinking water in that vicinity, he was in the habit of coming to the ranch when thirsty. There was a six-inch log across the creek north of the bridge which was often used for crossing, rather than walking around to the bridge. After securing his drink of water, Dilson returned and crossed by way of the log.

"He was missed the next day, and in searching for him, two boys found his herding stick by the log across the creek. They waded in to where there was a deep hole, and there, diving, brought the body to the surface. Dilson was subject to epileptic seizures and it was thought that he was overcome by one as he was crossing, and falling in the shallow water, drowned. A sister in Kentucky was notified of his death."

DINSDALE, Tim Mr. and Mrs. Tim Dinsdale lived in a mobile home in Winnett when they came to work for Wayne Bratten in July of 1973. They had three children. One was of school age.

DIXON, Alexander Alexander Dixon (1875), of New York City, and Hattie Hulda Beach (1877), of Elk County, Kansas, were married in Roundup, Montana in 1912. Hattie had previously homesteaded in the Flatwillow area. Their small son, Calbert Harvey, died in about 1921 and was buried in the Shay Cemetery near Cat Creek.
Their daughter, Josephine (1915), related some family history:

"My father, Al Dixon, worked for Thomas and Jimmy Cruse at the N Bar Ranch near Grassrange. He also worked one summer for Walter J. Winnett. "I attended first, third and fourth grades at the Brown School near Cat Creek. Teachers were Miss Bowen and Miss Biddle. The Carrell, Garrison and Gotzinger girls were some who attended the Brown School. I stayed with the Snyder family when I was in second grade and attended the Cat Creek School."

"My family moved to Flatwillow Creek to the Berkin Ranch in about 1925 and then to Becket to the Spangler Ranch which my father purchased. I finished the eighth grade at Becket and went to Fergus County High School." (Ed. The Winnett hospital news of the *Winnett Times* of March 1924 reported that "Alexander Dixon from Cat Creek was the first person admitted to the newly-opened hospital.) Josephine married Elmer Morse and lives in California. (See also DIXON — Blakeslee and Cat Creek)

**DOHERTY, Charles** Charles was a newspaper man even before entering the Army in World War I. He served overseas in France and later in the Army of occupation in Germany for eighteen months. Charles Doherty and C. E. Palmer came to Winnett as publishers and editors of the *Winnett Times* in May of 1921. Their hometown paper of Killdeer, North Dakota, presented them to residents of Winnett with the following article from the *Killdeer Herald* (Reprinted W.T. 5-13-21) "Messrs. Doherty & Palmer of the *Winnett* (Mont.) *Times* were busy in the city the first of the week crating and shipping most of the better part of the Tribune equipment owned by Mr. Palmer, to the new location among the oil fields. Both the boys are former Dunn Countyites who left their business to enter the service of their country. They are among the best printers and general all around newspaper men in the state, and the city of Winnett will have to hustle to live up to the kind of paper they will run after they get their stride."

"They were both born in this state, and we can assure our Montana brethren that when it comes to pep, punch and zip, they'll have to travel some to keep these boys in sight. Go to it fellows; we're all for you back here; pass out the old stuff, and all the folks out there will have to do is just join in the procession and 'Watch Winnett Win.' "

Charles was owner and manager of the Winnett Times until September of 1931. At that time he turned the management of the weekly paper over to Delmar Cole, who had been assisting him for about a year. The Dohertys moved to Missoula, where Charles established an independent weekly newspaper. He continued to be editor of the *Winnett Times*, in absentia, until January of 1933. Son Pat was born in Winnett in 1929, and he was joined by two sisters, Catharine Clara and Mary, who were born in Missoula. Charles died of a heart attack at his home in Missoula on May 22, 1958.

**DOHERTY, Vern** Vern was a nephew of Charles Doherty and worked for him at the *Winnett Times* offices. Vern and Irene Cox were married on April 20, 1929 (See also COX — Cat Creek).

**DOMAN, William** William Doman and Lillian Sibbert were married December 31, 1946. (See also SIBBERT — Teigen) They later moved into Winnett, where their only son, Donnis, attended school. In Winnett Lillian was a member of the following organizations: Rimrock Chapter #82 Order of Eastern Star, Nicol Rebekah Lodge, Victory Camp Royal Neighbors of America, and American Legion Auxiliary.

Although a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Lewistown, she faithfully served for many years as musician for the Winnett Methodist Church. Lillian was very helpful to a young choral group in their practicing to sing for church or other gatherings. She was also musician for all of the other organizations to which she belonged. When she passed away May 20, 1966, friends sadly missed her cheerful friendliness and her freely-shared musical ability. (See also DOMAN — Flatwillow)

**DOUGLAS, William E.** Mr. Douglas, although not a resident, was well known in Winnett. He had been engineer on the Milwaukee rail run from Lewistown for many years. He made his regular run to Winnett on Thursday before he was stricken with a coronary thrombosis on Saturday, May 1, 1943. He died the next day in St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewistown, Montana.

**DUFFNER, A. B.** Mr. Duffner lived in Winnett in the 1950s. A kindly man, he was often called upon to help with the dairy cows at the Rimrock Dairy. On one occasion, one of the dairy's highest producing cows became bogged in McDonald Creek. Who would help? Mr. Duffner, of course. He had just returned from a business trip.
to Billings, but went right to work in rescuing the cow. He jumped into the creek, suit pants and all, and as his tie dipped in the water, affixed a harness and sling to the cow. She was then harmlessly lifted from the muck with a farm-hand machine.

On another occasion, and on a bitter cold night, Ernest Freburg was sick and help was needed. Of course, Mr. Duffner again!! One of the cows had two frozen teats, and although her milk couldn’t be used, she still had to be hand milked. He was offered the use of the kickers (a device by which the cows hind legs are hobbled), but he declined the use of them. “No,” he said, “Georgie (the cow) and I will get along all right!” With grease on his hands, he “stripped her dry,” only offering her kindly words when she twitched with pain.

The Freburg family has a memory of him looking and acting like Abraham Lincoln. (See also DUFFNER — Musselshell River)

**DUGAN, James A.**

James A. Dugan was born January 18, 1876. At some time in his life he was married to Mable Catlin, daughter of the Catlins of the Ashley community. The two of them were active in Masonic and Eastern Star circles and the Methodist Church. Mable was the first secretary of the first Ladies Aid of that denomination. Formerly a member of Captain Scott Lodge of Grassrange, James became a member of the local Masonic Lodge in December of 1917. He was a barber in Winnett at that time.

In November of 1921 James built a new barbershop on his lot directly east of the Brumnett Land Office. October of 1925 found the Dugans buying the Aristo Theater after having leased it for nearly four years. They also bought all the furniture, equipment and fixtures.

From about that time on, Mable Dugan is in the news as Mable Towne. In the disastrous fire of 1929, Mable Towne lost the Love Bird Cafe which she owned, but which was operated at that time by Dorothy Bowen. Local residents remember the west window of that building. There was a cage with a pair of love birds in it. (See also TOWNE — Winnett)

**DUNCAN, William**

The Duncan family came to Winnett from Melstone in about 1922. Mr. Duncan was an employee of the Wewona Refinery. Mrs. Duncan died in the Lewistown hospital December 30, 1922. Daughter Etha Duncan married Clarence Peterson in Lewistown on September 15, 1923. She had formerly attended Winnett High School.

**DUNHAM, Delmar**

Delmar C. Dunham was born November 2, 1916, in Verona, North Dakota. He was a son of Charles A. Dunham and Elsie A. (Gilman) Dunham and had one brother, Merrill G. Dunham. Ida R. Rykels was born December 5, 1918, in Manhattan, Montana. She was a daughter of Sam Rykels and Grace (Kelder) Rykels. She had one brother, John, and two sisters, Jeanette and Grace.

Delmar C. Dunham came to Winnett in 1940 and taught shop, math, science, and music in Winnett High School for five years. Ida R. Rykels taught the third and fourth grades for three years. Delmar and Ida met and married while teaching in Winnett. They left Winnett in 1945, when Delmar entered the Navy. After Delmar’s discharge from the Navy, the Dunhams moved to Troy, Montana. They taught school there, with Ivan Hodges as their superintendent. Delmar and Ida had two sons, Kenneth D. and Robert A. The Dunhams taught school in Troy until 1961, when they moved to Laurel, Montana, to teach. They both retired in 1978.

Delmar shares some of his memories: “Of the 38 years I spent in teaching, the five I spent in Winnett rank as the best. It was an excellent place for a beginning teacher to get started in community affairs, develop student-teacher relationships, and gain many friends. The way the parents entered into and backed school affairs was something quite new to me. Along with the school affairs, I enjoyed hunting, fishing, group picnics, dances and other activities available. The friendships of the students are still remembered.

“Of course, the addition of Ida Rykels to the teaching staff was the most important event in our lives, and our years spent there in church work, lodge activities, and community social events were wonderful.” Ida shares her memories: “We will always remember our years of teaching in Winnett as some of the most enjoyable ones. The friendship and community spirit of the Petroleum County people will never be forgotten.

“I do remember when I first came to Winnett. After spending a good part of the day ‘shunting’ back and forth on the train, I finally arrived in Winnett to be met by a big coiled rattlesnake on the station platform. Then the next morning when I was walking to Mother’s Cafe for breakfast, a jackrabbit was running down the street in front of me. If there had been a train going back to Lewistown the next day, I think I might have been very tempted to be on it. But then, I met some of the other teachers, including Delmar, and things began to improve really soon.

“Delmar and I both still chuckle over a church service (Methodist) we attended in Winnett. The minister gave a real ‘pulpit-pounding’ sermon on the evils of liquor. The only two men there were Delmar and Ivan Hodges and neither would be classified as drinkers.”

**DUNHAM, Lucien**

Lou Dunham, wife Susan, and children — Courtney, Graham, and Nathan “Nate” arrived in Winnett during the summer of 1988. Lou had been chosen as principal and science instructor in the Winnett school system for the 1988-89 year. He also taught elementary physical education and was coach of junior varsity and varsity boys’ basketball.

Suzy was born and raised, and received her education in Reno, Nevada. Lou was born and raised in Billings and received his education at Catholic elementary and Billings Central High schools. He attended the University of Nevada at Reno, received his degree in education from
Eastern Montana College, and his master's degree from Montana State University at Bozeman.

Lou had previously taught or been in administrative positions at St. Labre, Ashland, Terry, Frenchtown, and Shepherd — all in Montana. The Dunhams lived in the original Lengeman home at 15 North Lepper Avenue, and were very much involved in one of the most interesting activities of the community — basketball!

DUNLAP, Fred After fire had destroyed the Catlin Garage building in December of 1938, the Fred Dunlaps of Cat Creek decided to move to Winnett and take over the Conoco business formerly handled by Vane Catlin. Fred moved a small structure onto the same site as the former building on East Main and east of the Montana Lumber and Hardware Co. He installed gas pumps and carried a full line of Conoco products. The station was named Dunlap's Auto Service.

The Dunlaps (Fred, wife Nora, and children — Clyde, Mary Ann, and Shirley) moved into the original Rasmussen house at 10 South Ashley Avenue, later moving into the Hillius house at 101 North Ashley.

In December of 1940, Fred bought the Broadway Garage from Velma Merten. That year he also was awarded the contract for hauling the mail to and from the post office and depot. On August 1, 1941, Fred closed Dunlap's Auto Service and moved all equipment and Conoco supplies to the former Broadway Garage. An internal fire caused some damage in July of 1945.

There was a new car on the market — the Kaiser-Frazer — and in August of 1946. Fred became the dealer for this district. In June of 1960 the Dunlaps sold their garage to Clifford 'Bus' Cook. They retired and moved to Billings in 1961. They moved to Lewistown in 1978. Fred passed away there in August of 1980; Nora, in October of 1985. Both were buried in Sunset Memorial Gardens of Lewistown.

The Dunlaps were parents of three daughters — Edith (Fred's daughter by a former marriage), Mary Ann, and Shirley — and one son, Clyde. Clyde married Helen Nelson and they have lived in Billings, where Clyde worked for L. P. Anderson Tire Co. They were the parents of four children — Luke, Dean, Janice, and Connie.

Mary Ann married Gale Dorn, a long-time officer of Northwestern Bank of Lewistown. They were parents of five children — Diana, Debra, Karrie, Don and James. Shirley married Clinton Woodford. They had one son, William. They were divorced. Shirley later married Matt Carroll, who already had a family. Between them they were the parents of eleven children. (See also DUNLAP — Cat Creek)

DUNLAP, Oscar E. Mr. Dunlap was general manager of the White Transportation Co. Fire destroyed one of his large White trucks in 1921.

DUNN, Art Art was a candidate for Petroleum County Clerk and Recorder in 1924 but lost the election by only a few votes. He was appointed to take the Jeffersonian (agricultural) census during the winter of 1924 and 1925. Also, in 1925, Art was chosen as one of Petroleum County's field assessors. He had formerly been a Ford car salesman in Winnett.

DUNN, James (W.T. 7-15-21) "Winnett's first fire was a small affair, but served to draw out a large crowd of volunteer fire fighters who could do nothing but volunteer. A small one-room frame house owned by James Dunn on west Main Street was set afire Friday night by the explosion of a kerosene lamp."

DUNN, Pat (W.T. 6-24-21) "Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dunn and Clarence Miller left last Monday for Wyoming where they will make their future home."

DURHAM, Sidney Before coming to Winnett as town marshall and maintenance man in March of 1984, Sid and his wife, Carolyn, had worked for Alex Weingart Jr. and Norris W. "Petie" Dobson. Previous to that Sid had been a mechanic for 18 years in Iowa.


EAGER, Elmer Elmer Eager was born March 20, 1877, in Central City, Nebraska. His parents owned a general mercantile store in Beaver Crossing, Nebraska. Elmer came to Billings in 1896 and worked in Yegen Brothers store for a time. From there he went to Alaska for about a year, where one of his jobs was chopping wood. He received five dollars a cord, and was able to chop about 1 1/2 cords a day.

Elmer returned to Nebraska where he was married and had one daughter, Nell, born December 24, 1900. He operated a bank in western Nebraska. After his first wife died, he married Lillie Schmehr (born September 23, 1883, in Utica, Nebraska) at Beaver Crossing, Nebraska.

The following are excerpts from an article written by Mrs. Charles Gilfeather and printed in the Winnet Times of May 18, 1950: "Back in 1914, Mr. and Mrs. Eager owned and operated a large general store at Beaver Crossing, Nebraska, when they sent a long-time employee, Pratt Woodard, to investigate business possibilities in this part of Montana, where Mr. Woodard was somewhat familiarized. Mr. Woodard deemed the infant settlement in a rapidly settling homesteaders' region a worthwhile business location, and he bought a lot for Mr. Eager at the auction of lots of the original townsites of Winnett. He superintended the construction of a building on the lot: the building now is the Catholic church on the west part of Winnett's Main Street.

"Some of the stock for the new store was sent from Nebraska; and Mr. and Mrs. Woodard opened and ran the store until April 1916. When Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eager and three young children arrived in Winnett, Woodard continued in the Eagers' employ for some years and also homesteaded near town. (See also WOODARD — Brush Creek and Winnett)

"The first location of the store was considered a bit too
remote from the rest of the business district on Main Street, and a roomy one-story building was built for the store on the northeast corner of the intersection of Main and North Broadway Avenue."

(W.T. 12-19-1924) "The large Eager Mercantile Company store building will be the first courthouse for Petroleum County. The building and lot to the west were leased for $150 a month... After signing the lease with the county commissioners for his store building, Mr. Eager leased Rudolph Beck's corner building (Ed. originally the first Aristo), which is now occupied by the bowling alley, and will move his stock of general merchandise therein."

(W.T. 1-19-1925) Ad: "FREE DANCE EAGER MERCANTILE BUILDING Tuesday January 13th Before County Takes Over Building, we are giving the people of Petroleum County a Complimentary Dance INVITED Eager Mercantile Co."

(W.T. 12-16-1927) Headline: "EAGER MERCANTILE COMPANY TO A NEW LOCATION Buy Walter Sevals Building Next Door East and will Move into new Quarters between Christmas and the first of January. To Install New Front."

Mrs. Gilfeather's article (W.T. 5-18-50) continued: "The store was located there only 20 months and extensive remodeling and enlarging had been done, when a fire on the Sunday before Labor Day, 1929, wiped out the Eager Mercantile Store and several adjoining business houses.

"The Eager Mercantile Co. was then re-established across Main Street from the drug store, in the block now only occupied by Cole's Service Station (in 1989, B & D Service). There the company consisted of two stores, a dry goods and a grocery store. In the spring of 1930 the county courthouse was obtained on east Main, and Mr. Eager moved his store back into his building on the corner of Main and North Broadway.

"Eager Mercantile Co. was housed there until 1945 when a fire destroyed the building and entire stock. Mrs. Eager stated that she thought that her husband was finished with store business after that fire, but in a week he had set up a new store in the smaller and former Longpre Bakery building, which was west of the burned store.

"That building housed the business until May of 1950, when it was moved across the street into the former Winnett Mercantile Co., which had been purchased by the Eagers the middle of April 1950.

"The Eagers' son. Rex, is a business partner with his father. Rex is a quiet fellow who is a 'good hand' wherever he is, whether it be working behind the counter, trucking goods from Billings, operating a tractor at the ranch, or adding a long column of figures. Mrs. Elmer Eager still clerks in the store whenever she is needed.

"Pages and pages can be written about the Eager Mercantile Co., since the days Arbuckles coffee and Lewistown Belle and Five Roses flour were standard brands in grocery stores of central Montana. Here only mention can be made that Elmer Eager homesteaded on Box Elder Creek, north of town, in 1917 and owned the homestead until a couple of years ago. He owns a fine irrigated farm where alfalfa and Herefords seem to be the chief crops.

"Beginning with five registered Hereford cows that were purchased from Fred Colver in Fergus County, a fine
herd of registered Herefords is now owned by Elmer and Rex Eager. They sell herd sires to many stockmen in this part of Montana and endeavor to improve the quality of the herd by purchase of superior sires. Some years ago a rancher was checking off his shopping list in the store and remarked: 'I've bought prunes before in this store, but this is the first time I've ordered a bull.'

When the Eagers moved into town from the homestead, they lived in a house behind their store. Howard Lepper, the nephew of B. F. Lepper had built a new home at the corner of Rowley Street and Moulton Avenue, but he had died of the flu soon after occupying the house. The Eagers lived there for a time, and also in the original Jarrett house at the corner of South Broad- way and Millsap. In 1926 they moved into the fine house at the corner of Broadway and Rowley, which had been constructed for the Oscar Badger family.

Besides handling the Winnett store business, which stocked everything from caskets to candy bars, machinery, shoes, clothing and food, Mr. Eager also was vice-president of the First National Bank when the bank was changed from Winnett State to First National in July of 1919. He was treasurer of the Brust Oil Syndicate in 1921. After the original store at Flatwillow burned, Mr. Eager stocked a store in that community. Mr. O. H. Redd was manager there.

As well as keeping up with the newest trends in farm machinery for the men, Eagers also stocked (in 1929) the Haag washing machine as a convenience for women. It was made to operate by either electric or gasoline power. Mr. Eager was drafted as mayor of the town in June of 1933 and served in that capacity until 1947.

During the years of drought and depression, store owners, the same as their charging patrons, found it difficult at times to pay their bills. A wholesale dealer pressed Mr. Eager for payment. He calmly placed the store keys on the counter in front of him and remarked, 'Well, if you think you can do a better job than I can, here are the keys!' The dealer calmed down, and an agreeable plan for payment was made.

Mr. Eager's inability to pay may have been created because of his very kind heart. A typical example is of a customer who had suffered both grasshopper and hail loss and came to the store for necessities. She looked wistfully at the stacks of crated peaches (97 cents a crate), then walked away. She knew she wouldn't even have the cash for what the family had to have, and she would have to ask for more time to pay. Mr. Eager took her order, told her not to worry about the payment and said, 'You better take about six crates of those peaches, too; your family should have some fruit.' Also, whether the bill was paid or not, if there were children in the family, a small sack of dumb-bell suckers or other candy treats always mysteriously appeared in the bottom of the grocery box.

During all of this time, Mrs. Eager, too, had been busy. She helped in the store when needed. She taught many people the art of knitting, crocheting, and embroidery.

An all around 'good scout,' she seemed to delight in inviting friends to the Eager home for parties.

In 1952, after thirty-seven years in the store business in Winnett, Mr. Eager sold his last store to Bill and Clara Herweg. Eagers sold their original homestead to B. C. Stewart and acquired the John Woods place on McDonald Creek, which Rex and Mr. Eager ran in partnership until Mr. Eager retired in 1962.

Many friends gathered at the Masonic Temple on Sunday, May 26, 1963, to bid a fond farewell and God-speed to these fine people who had contributed so generously of themselves to the development of this community. The Eagers retired to sunny San Clemente, California.
In January of 1965 the Eagers moved from San Clemente to the new Western Manor in Billings. Mr. Eager passed away December 27, 1965. Mrs. Eager died on June 24, 1978.

Daughter Nell was one of the first four graduates of Winnett High School in 1919. She married Oscar Badger and they had two girls, Bess and Jane. Daughter Louise graduated from Winnett High School in 1932 and from Montana State College. She was a talented pianist and accompanied the Glee Club and other music groups through all her school years. She married Art Ward in 1941. After years of business positions, she succumbed to cancer on February 10, 1982, and was buried in Lincoln, Nebraska. Rex graduated from Winnett High School in 1930 and went into business with his father.

EAGER, Rex Rex, son of Elmer and Lillie Eager, was born December 11, 1912, in Beaver Crossing, Nebraska. He came to the Winnett area with his folks when they homesteaded in 1916. He attended twelve years of school in the Winnett school system, graduating from high school in the spring of 1930. After a short term of college work, Rex acquired an interest in his parents’ store and ranch, and he worked at both occupations.

In 1937 Rex and Frances Longpre were married, and they moved into their first home at 110 South Moulton Avenue. They planted trees and a lawn there, and this seemed to be an inducement for others in town to do the same. Two daughters joined them at this location; Betty was born December 2, 1938, and Mary, October 27, 1941.

1951 found Rex and Fran building a new home at the corner of West Main and South Moulton Avenue, a fine addition to Winnett’s Main Street! Rex worked as a partner with his father until Mr. Eager retired, then operated the ranch until 1974. At that time Rex and Fran retired, moved to the shore of Flathead Lake, and built a new home for their retirement years.

The couple had given many years of dedicated service to their home community and were sorely missed when they left Winnett. Fran was a charter member of the local Royal Neighbors of America, a very active member of the Garden Club, had been chairman and held other positions in the Red Cross, and was a highly interested trustee of the Winnett Public Library from 1957 until 1972. Rex served on the town council, was mayor, school board trustee, and was on the board of the Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative.

Betty graduated from Winnett High School in 1956, and from Montana State College with a degree in Elementary Education in 1960. She and Marshall Bjork were married in the Catholic church in Lewistown, August 6, 1960. They had three children — Kristin Marie, Gregory, and Darryl. Betty and Marshall now live in Polson and are in business there.

Mary graduated from Winnett High School in 1959, and from the University of Nebraska in 1963, with a degree in Business Administration. She worked in the Mildred Hazel Shop in Billings, Montana, before marrying Douglas Wadman in the Catholic church in Winnett October 24, 1964. They have two children — Grant and Mariel. Mary and Doug live in California, where Doug is a petroleum engineer for Exxon Corporation.

Fran spoke of her memories of Winnett: “Winnett was a great place to raise a family in those days. The children were free to roam the hills, ride their bikes all over the country without the worries parents have now-a-days. They all enjoyed a lot of freedom, and people there were friendly, concerned, neighborly and trustworthy. We hardly ever locked the doors to our home until later years. The friendships made during those years will remain all of our lives.”

EAYRS, Monty Monty and Nina Eayrs worked on the Bratten Ranch in 1975 and 1976. Nina was an accomplished artist. She painted an excellent picture of the old Winnett School. Her picture was re-photographed and copies were sold at the Winnett High School reunion of 1979. Revenue from the sale produced enough money for the purchase of a microfiche reader for the local school-public library.

EDGINGTON, Rev. When the Victory Memorial Church was being built, Rev. Edgington was one of the promoters. He delivered the sermon at the breaking-of-sod ceremony on May 29, 1921.

EDMUND, Emil Emil should go down in history as one of the carpenters who built the first residence in Winnett (with the exception of the W. J. Winnett buildings). It was the residence of H. B. Greene and was built in July of 1914. He also was prime mover in the building of the Schmidt (later Commercial) Hotel in April 1915.

He apparently was a loyal Legionnaire, as he attended the state convention of that body in Lewistown in June of 1921 and the national convention in Kansas City in October of that same year. He had served his country in
World War I. He left Winnett in 1923. On August of 1939, he was killed when struck by a truck. He was survived by his wife and one daughter.

**EDWARDS, Leland** Leland Edwards was a county patrol operator in 1946.

**EGAN, Maurice** Maurice Egan of Lewistown, Montana, a veteran of 3½ years of service in the Army, opened the Gusher Bar and Lounge of Winnett in July of 1946. It was housed in the old brick creamery building directly across the street from the courthouse.

He sold the bar to J. L. "Jim" Schafer and Otto Bixenbaum of Moccasin, Montana, in September of that year, and he and his wife returned to Lewistown.

**EGERER, Joe** The Egerer family moved to Winnett and made their home at 13 South Teigen Ave. Mrs. Egerer was a sister of Mrs. Paul Pitman, who now lives at Valentine. Six months later Egerers bought the Hattie Hogan land in the Valentine area, added another room to the house, and made it a three-bedroom home. They planned to run sheep and do trucking.

Son Robert worked for his room (at the Commercial Hotel for Margaret Hedman) and board (at the Stockman Cafe) and attended high school. When Delmo Lodahl took over the operation of the hotel on March 1, 1964, Robert was knowledgeable enough about the operation that he was named manager.

Robert graduated from high school in 1964. He then enlisted in the Navy and specialized in dietetics and foods. He married Connie Hanson, a 1966 Winnett High School graduate. (See also HANSON — Winnett)

**EIKE, Lyle** (See EIKE — Blakeslee and Cat Creek)

**ELBERT, Henry J. F. "Heinie"** Heinie was first mentioned in the Winnett papers as joining a deer hunting party to the Musselsshell in October of 1914. At the Flatwillow celebration of 1921, he won first in the fatman’s race! In August of 1921, he was elected temporary fire chief of Winnett after there was some agitation for a better organized fire fighting organization.

Heinie was a very personable man in town and was a friend to everyone. He was on the Winnett baseball team and took part in all civic affairs. He worked in a meat market and was a World War I veteran. His wife, Eva Fleury, was of Metis Indian heritage. Heinie later moved to the Hi-line, where he operated a meat market.

**ELDRIDGE, Lewis** Lewis was hired on a temporary basis as water commissioner for the town of Winnett during the summer of 1981. His wife, Faith, became an excellent library aide in the combined school-public library. Daughter Lois had graduated from high school previously. Scott graduated from Winnett High School in 1983. Brice entered school here. The Eldridges moved to Frenchtown, Montana.

**ENGELS, Cecil** Cecil Engels worked for Floyd Hill, Clinton Hassett, and others in 1954 and 1955. He was also an active member of the square dancing group. He moved to Miles City, Montana, in April of 1955.

**ENLOW, Clarence** Clarence was born on May 6, 1878, in Golden, Illinois. He came to Winnett from Lewistown to act as day engineer of the Winnett Electric Light and Power Company. Mrs. Enlow joined him, and they made their home here in October of 1921.

In December of 1921, Mr. Enlow was involved in an explosion at the light plant. His left arm was badly fractured at the shoulder and elbow, and a portion of his muscle blown away. One hundred stitches were necessary to close the gaping wound near his shoulder. His arm was about three-fifths permanently disabled. The Enlows later moved to Great Falls, Montana.

**ERDMANN, Walter** Walt and Ruth Erdmann and their children, Pam and Davey Lynn Schmidt, came to Winnett in August of 1945. The Erdmanns bought the Gusher Bar. The Brown schoolhouse near Cat Creek had been purchased by the Farmers Union Central Exchange. It was sold to Erdmanns, hauled to Winnett by Claude Allen, and converted by Amby Carroll into a home for the Erdmanns. It was situated behind the bar at 202½ East Main Street. Pam and Davey Lynn entered the Winnett schools.

Walter died in December of 1959. In February of 1960, Ruth sold the bar and residence to Ray Petersen of Spokane, and went to live with her mother, Mrs. Ray Olsen, of Billings, Montana. Pam graduated from Winnett High School in 1957. She married Jake Smith in October of 1959. They had three children — Franklin, Roxanne, and Steven.

When Ruth moved to Billings, Davey Lynn stayed in Winnett to complete her freshman year. She graduated from Billings West High School in 1963, after winning many first place awards in track and field meets. Friends in Winnett remember her as a person who liked all outdoor sports, especially riding horses. She entered the Air Force in 1963. Her big aim in life was to compete in the Olympics. During her stint in the Air Force, she worked as a medical service specialist and received specialized training for the specific sport events that interested her.

**ERICKSON, Oscar** Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Erickson reopened the Stockman Cafe in August of 1960 and had a grand "get-acquainted" party. They purchased the Earl Fleharty residence.

They had a son, Edwin, who was in service in the Army for three and one-half years — twenty-seven months of which were in Germany. He returned home in May of 1962 and enrolled in college. On April 1, 1963, Ericksons sold their interest in the Stockman Bar to Vernon Bauer and left Winnett.

**EVENSON, Tom** Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evenson and family from Choteau, Montana, moved into the Methodist parsonage during the summer of 1966. Mr. Evenson was employed building stock water reservoirs for the Bureau of Land Management in an area approximately 17 miles north of Winnett. They moved back to Choteau on
October 1, 1966.

**FALLIS, Earl** The family arrived here from Marathon, Texas, in May of 1921, with the intention of locating permanently. Earl was interested in the work at the Cat Creek oil field.

**FARAGHER, Archibald** "Archie" Faragher homesteaded in the Elk Creek area. (See also FARAGHER — Teigen) All other information was taken from news items and articles of the *Winnett Times*: Archie had been elected alderman both in 1919 and 1920 and his wife, Margaret, was vice-president of the first Women’s Civic Club, when it was organized in April of 1920. She was a charter member of Rimrock Chapter #82 O. E. S. The Faraghers had two adopted children, Dale and Jean, who attended school in Winnett.

By the end of April of 1921, Archie Faragher and H. A. Stenson had completed the building of the Broadway Garage. (W.T. 5-21-1921) "The Broadway Garage has reached completion and is now occupied. The building is of brick and tile 56’ x 120’ and the front 22 feet high from the walk to the top. It has a storage capacity for 50 automobiles and is equipped with an electric automatic pump for washing cars — the pump starts automatically when the faucet is turned and stops automatically when turned off. The same system is used by the electric compressed air pump — upon a certain pressure the pump shuts itself off and starts again when the pressure drops.

"The garage is also equipped with a battery steamer and still for producing distilled water for battery service. Their own electric light plant is another convenience and added feature. The storage room also receives light from front and rear windows and skylights.

"The office room is 20’ x 34’, plastered and kalsomined, hardwood floor, and fine display windows. The size of the office gives the firm ample room for office work and the display of the auto accessories they carry in stock. It is the intention of the firm of Stenson and Faragher to confine themselves to storage and battery work and the sale of auto accessories. No mechanics will be employed other than the experts needed for battery repairing and building.

"In erecting such a splendid modern garage building in Winnett, Stenson & Faragher show beyond doubt that they have infinite faith in the future development of the city and are willing to back their faith with a great investment. They are to be complimented on their enterprise."

Archie was made president of the Central Montana Highway Association in February of 1929. In July of 1930, the Archie Faraghers left for St. Paul, Minnesota. Archie had been offered a position with the Ford Company in Fargo, North Dakota.

**FARAGHER, Stanley** In March 1929 Stanley Faragher and D. C. Walker, who owned the Midwest Oil Station, opened for business at the Broadway Garage, using the Midwest product. One pump held red gas, and the other, white.

The Winnett Service Oil Co., of which T. E. Hegna was president, and D. C. Walker, vice-president, took over the gas business of the Broadway Garage in May of 1930. Stanley was left in charge of that business.

In the meantime, and through the years, Mrs. Stanley Faragher had been teaching at several different schools in the county. The Stanley Faraghers left for Minnesota in May of 1930. (See also FARAGHER — Teigen)

**FARNES, Raleigh** Raleigh Farnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Farnes, was born and educated in Broadview, Montana. During World War II he served in the Burma Theater. On May 1, 1950, he and Ann Hanel were married in Miles City, Montana. They were the parents of three daughters — Rose, Rita, and Barbara — and one son, Dale. They lived in Buffalo, South Dakota, for many years, five of which were spent working for a banker on his ranch.


Rose graduated from Winnett High School in 1972, was married, and now (1989) lives in Shepherd, Montana. She had three children — Matt, Jamie and Lyla. Rita lives in Ronan, and has four children — Jon, Joshua, and Jory Nunn, and Brenna French.

Barbara graduated from Winnett High School in 1974 and married Joe Delaney, son of Milton Richard and Georgia Delaney. Joe and Barb are the parents of three children — Justin J., J.J., Tacoma, and Tobi. This entire family participated in the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive.

Dale is a truck driver in Shepherd. He married Juanita Mote, who works in the Shepherd School.

Joe and Barb Delaney, J.J., Tobi, and Tacoma
FARNUM, Dave  He sold his building, which was south of Boyd’s garage, in August of 1921.

FERRIS, Mr.  Mr. Ferris was a partner with McAneny of Great Falls, Montana. They owned and managed the M and F Cafe in April of 1921. The cafe was south of the Percy Napton law offices.

FLANSBURG, Beulah  Beulah Flansburg, a widow, came to Winnett in about 1950. She was accompanied by two sons, Robert Flansburg and Clarence Yoctorowic. Beulah, a dutiful mother, worked for different restaurants, cleaned houses, and washed and ironed in private homes. She cooked in the Sugar Shack and was famous for her sourdough doughnuts and pancakes.

Clarence graduated from Winnett High School in 1956, but no record could be found of him after that time. Robert did not graduate from Winnett High School, but went into the service and to Germany, where he met and married a German widow, Magdalena. She was already the mother of three children — Ludwig, Erika and Lucia. Robert and Magdalena then had three sons — Siegfried, Robert Jr., and Steve.

At the end of Robert’s service, he and his family returned to the United States and lived in several different localities. Sometime around the early 1980s, Robert returned to Winnett with his sons Siegfried, Robert, and Steve; and also with Erika.

A short time later Magdalena (now Hinckley) and daughter Lucia Weil and her son, Paul, moved to Winnett. Magdalena’s oldest, Ludwig, came to Winnett about a year after his mother’s arrival. Lucia is now re-married. Her son, Paul, attends grade school in Winnett. Erika married Robert Huff of Teigen on September 22, 1984. Siegfried graduated from Winnett High School in 1984, and in 1986 was a parachute specialist rated as Airman First Class. Robert Flansburg Jr. graduated from Winnett High School in 1986 and went into the Air Force. He is now stationed in Great Falls. Steven is a Winnett High School student.

A former resident recalled that at one time she took a carload of school children to a picnic. Upon their arrival home, the children all tumbled out of her car hotel-skelter and went on their merry way — all that is, but one boy. He hung back, was last out of the car, and said, “Thank you for the fine ride. I really appreciated it.” The driver does not remember who the other children were, but she has never forgotten Robert Flansburg, son of Beulah, who remembered to say “Thank you.” Robert owns and operates Wymont Recycling in 1989.

Clarence Yoctorowic is deceased. Beulah was married to Robert Kastner for a time, but then divorced. She died as Beulah Kastner and was buried in the Winnett Cemetery.

FLEHARTY, Cliff  Clifford Fleharty and his second wife, Maybelle, ran Casey’s Cafe in 1944. Cliff did a lot of carpenter work, both in town and in the country, while living in Winnett during the years of 1944 to about 1950. (See also FLEHARTY — Blakeslee)

FLESCH, B. J.  In July of 1943, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Flesch arrived in Winnett from Lewistown and took over The Lunch Room. Mr. Flesch had previous experience as a cook in North Dakota. Their three daughters helped them. They returned to Lewistown in December of 1944.

FOLEY, G. H.  Mr. and Mrs. Foley came to Winnett in 1919. They operated the National Rooming House. This was also their residence. Mrs. Foley died in her home from a heart attack on October 8, 1921, at the age of 33 years. Interment was in the Winnett Cemetery. Rev. Beer conducted the service, with undertakers Creel and Opp having charge.

FOX, George  George was married to Odessa May Atwood of Winnett July 9, 1929, at White Sulphur Springs, Montana. They made their home in Winnett, where George was cattle inspector and also worked as janitor for the school district.

In November of 1929, Odessa purchased a half-interest in the Luncheonette from Mrs. E. C. Hillius and the two of them continued its operation as a partnership. They served regular meals as well as lunches. George was made custodian of the Petroleum County Courthouse and held that position, as well as being state brand inspector, until his death in July of 1956.

Odessa continued to live in Winnett until 1969, when she went to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to make her home with her daughter Alice. She passed away there October 14, 1970. Services for both of these people were held in the Methodist church of Winnett, and burial was in the Winnett Cemetery.

The Foxes had two children. Alice and George, who grew up in Winnett. In 1940 George was bitten by a rattlesnake, but recovered after hospitalization. Alice graduated from Winnett High School in 1948. She married Maurice Sandaker, and they raised four children — Marcia, Valerie, Aaron, and Greg.

George Fox Jr. graduated from Winnett High School in 1951. George received a B. A. degree in accounting. He married Vivi Jo Mohar, daughter of Ladonna Gotzinger Mohar of Roundup, Montana. They had three children — David, Roseann, and Dan Kay. George has held numerous accounting positions, was Montana State Highway patrolman for three years, and has been cashier at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, Nevada. (See also FOX and ATWOOD — Musselshell River)

FOX, John R.  John, born November 25, 1895, at Naples, South Dakota, lived in Winnett during the oil boom. He joined the Winnett Masonic Lodge on December 14, 1922, and was a tool dresser and pumper in the Cat Creek oil field.

FRANCIS, Nellie  Nellie came to Winnett from Great Falls. She was a clerk in Rasmussen’s store in June of 1921.

FREBURG, Ernest A.  Ernest grew up in the Blakeslee community (See also FREBURG — Blakeslee). Ernest and Ethel (Curtis) Freburg moved to Winnett from Harlowton.
Montana, during the summer of 1937. Ernest had been hired as clerk in the Winnett Mercantile. They lived in an apartment of the Nancy Morgan home. Daughter Mavis Rae was born while they lived there on October 27, 1937. When Dan Sommerfield, a longtime friend of Ernest’s, moved to Canby, Oregon, in 1938, Ernest moved his family to Dan’s large two-story house.

Misfortune struck when Ethel developed pneumonia and died in October of 1939. Two fine ladies — Nancy Morgan and Hattie Woodard — then kept house for Ernest and cared for Mavis. When they could no longer help, Mavis went to stay with her grandparents, Henry and Anna Freburg, and her uncle Emil Freburg at Blakeslee, Montana.

In 1942 a trade of employees between the Winnett Mercantile and the Eager Mercantile resulted in Ernest’s employment at the Eager store. The same year, on June 29, Ruth Hodges (See HODGES — Kelley) and Ernest Freburg were married in the Congregational parsonage of Billings, Montana. The mutually admired Rev. Sloan, a Masonic Grand Chaplain of the state of Montana, tied the proverbial knot.

After a honeymoon of five days spent going through Yellowstone Park (total cost, $38), Freburgs returned home to their bungalow which had been built by Roy Hopkins in 1921. It was on Eighth Avenue East at the foot of the rimrock. Dan Sommerfield wished to dispose of all the furniture in his house, so gave Ernest first chance to purchase whatever he needed. Thus the unfurnished house on the hill became the recipient of a table, four chairs, bed, cot, radio, and best of all, a fairly new Majestic wood and coal range — all from the Sommerfield house.

Ernest worked for Elmer and Rex Eager, and Ruth became an instant mother of Mavis and homemaker for all. January 1, 1948, found the Freburg family starting the Rimrock Dairy. Although well supported by Winnett and Grassrange patrons, it was not a financial success. By 1958 cardboard containers for all milk products were replacing glass bottles. Freburgs could not invest in the kind of equipment needed for that process; nor was it financially profitable for them to run a bulk-milk dairy.

Consequently, with no place to go but in reverse, the dairy, including all the cows and dairy equipment, was sold in the spring of 1958. The dairy franchise was sold to Darigold of Roundup, Montana, and Ernest delivered dairy products for that company for a year. During that same period of time, when he wasn’t peddling dairy products, Ernest was working as part-time city maintenance man and water commissioner.

On July 1, 1959, Ernest was hired as Winnett Elementary and High School custodian and served for 21 years, a record time for a school custodian at Winnett! Ruth was hired as school district clerk in April of 1961, and as public librarian in 1968. From July of 1958 to October of 1986 the two of them served as watchers of the city water supply.

They are the parents of three children: Mavis, born October 27, 1937, to Ernest and Ethel Curtis Freburg; Eunice Ann, who died immediately after birth April 29, 1944; and Nancy, who arrived six weeks too early, and couldn’t wait to be the first baby born in 1946, but was the last born in Lewistown’s St. Joseph’s Hospital in 1945 — on December 31, 1945. But she was a Happy New Year even without the gifts that are given to New Year firstborns!!

Ernest and Ruth both enjoy sports. They especially like Winnett High School boys’ and girls’ basketball! Ernest likes to read and work with carpenter tools. Ruth likes to do many things, as long as no cooking is involved!!

Mavis graduated from Winnett High School in 1955 and from Eastern Montana College with a Nursing degree in 1957. She worked in Billings Deaconess Hospital until October of 1962, when she and Robert Shotwell were married. They have three children — Melanie (Shotwell)
Munson. David Shotwell, and Laurie Shotwell. After the
children were grown, Mavis returned to her nursing pro-
fession, and is now (1989) a charge nurse in Valley Nurs-
ing Home of Billings, Montana.

Nancy graduated from Winnett High School in 1964
and from Rocky Mountain College in 1968, with a B. A.
Degree in Elementary Education. She was a classroom
teacher in grades one and two at Highland Park Ele-
mentary School of Lewistown, Montana, for eleven years.
After receiving her elementary library endorsement, she
now (1989) teaches library science and is librarian for
grades K-6 in the three Lewistown elementary schools.

Having obtained all of their elementary and high school
education in Petroleum County (except for the two years
that Ernest went to Grassrange), the four Winnett High
School graduates — Ernest, Ruth, Mavis and Nancy — are
grateful for the education furnished by the many fine
teachers of the county. To Ruth and Ernest it was
fundamental and final for occupations which they pur-
sued. To Mavis and Nancy, it was a large stepping stone
to further training.

Ernest and Ruth continue to live (in 1989) in the same
location under the rimrock, where they can lovingly look
down on the town that loyally patronized their dairy ven-
ture and cheered them on through other endeavors. All
members of the family delight in coming home to again
traverse the backyard rimrock, watch the wild animals,
and enjoy the fantastic view in all directions.

FREED, Elden

Elden Freed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex
Freed, was born January 14, 1883, in Wilmot, Ohio. He
married Esther Graber at Mt. Eaton, Ohio, and the couple
came to Montana in the early 1900s. Elden taught school
at Moore, Geyser, and Musselshell before coming to the
Petrolia area in 1912, and homesteading on Sec. 24-14-27.

Two girls, Lola and Ruth, were born before Mrs. Freed
passed away in 1918, at 32 years of age. Elden’s sister,
Martha Cornue, assisted him in raising his two little girls.

1928 found Elden entering the political arena. He was
chosen Petroleum County State Representative in the
elections of 1928, 1930, and 1932. In 1936 he was
elected Petroleum County Assessor, and in 1938 was
elected as both county assessor and Petroleum County
Superintendent of Schools. The Petroleum County com-
missioners appointed him as county manager and county
superintendent of schools in September of 1943. He held
this position until the first of January, 1951. He passed
away in September of 1959.

Lola graduated from Winnett High School in 1930, at-
tended Eastern Montana College for two years, and in
June of 1933 was hired as teacher of the Cat Creek School
and remained as such until 1936. She married Ted Neutz.
They had two girls, Janice and Judy. Ted was killed in a
motorcycle accident. Ruth graduated from Winnett High
School in 1931 and also from Billings Business College.
She married Gordon Petaja in 1938. (See also PETAJA —
Petrolia)

FREEMAN, David P.

David was first employed as office manager for the Mid Northern Oil Co. Later he was
secretary-treasurer of the Mid Montana Refining Co.

On June 19, 1921, he married Miss Marian Smith in the
Presbyterian Church in Lewistown, Montana, with Rev.
Archie Griggs officiating. Marian came to Winnett from
Vergas, Minnesota, and had been making her home here
with her sister. She was employed by Rasmussen’s.

FRENTZ, Charles

(W.T. 6-10-21) “Charles Frentz is a
brick and plaster contractor, and is a skilled mechanic in
both branches of his profession. Mr. Frentz has made his
home in Great Falls for years and is well known as a
reliable and conscientious artisan all over the northwest.
Mr. Frentz has been the superintendent of construction of
some of the largest buildings in Montana. He also had full
charge of building the immense brick stack for the
Anaconda Copper Company at Great Falls, which at the
time it was erected, was the highest stack in the world,
being 86 feet in diameter at the base, 53 feet in diameter
at the top, and 506 feet in height.

“With Mr. Frentz’ large and varied experience in the
building line, he is capable of taking care of anything that
may develop in the upbuilding of the coming oil
metropolis of the northwest. Mr. Frentz has invested ex-
tensively in city property in Winnett and expects to erect
several houses on his lots in the south addition.”

FRIX, A. B.

Mr. Frix was a builder and contractor of oil
rigs during the Cat Creek boom era. In the fall of 1921 he
moved his headquarters to Billings, Montana. In
November the company shipped a large amount of
material to the Armells structure near Roy, where a deep
test was to be drilled.

FRYSLAND, Marcus

A new confectionery and soft
drink stand was opened by Mr. Frysland in November of
1929. It was in the old Butte Block. Marcus came here from Highwood, Montana.

**FULLBRIGHT, William** Mr. Fullbright moved to Winnett as a driller for B. R. Gainer and Associates in the fall of 1944. Their children entered school here. They left in December of 1944.

**FULLER, Lyle** Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Fuller from Glendive, Montana, bought Floyd’s Bar from Harold Dahl in March of 1965. They renamed the bar the D and L. In the last of May of 1966, fire destroyed the bar. It had been closed for several days previously. Lyle was away from Winnett, having employment elsewhere.

The building next to the D and L was also destroyed. That building had served as the office for the “Tent Hotel” during the first oil boom. Housing was very scarce for a long time, and oil field workers made full use of the Tent Hotel. When one roughneck rolled out of his bed to go to work, another would climb into it. “Daddy” Stewart, husband of “Mother” Stewart had a cigar store business in it at one time. The D and L building in the early days had housed the Oscar Badger-Hove Clothing Store, and later, Mother Stewart’s Cafe.

**GAINES, J. H.** John Harry Gaines was born January 24, 1887, in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Lura Osborne was born August 19, 1890, in Ashland, Wisconsin. They were married October 19, 1912. They had four children — Marjorie, Earle, Jack and Lura Anne.

Mr. Gaines came to Winnett as school superintendent in the fall of 1930 and remained here for 10 years. During some of that time Mr. Gaines was superintendent in Winnett, he also acted as superintendent of his own home. Mrs. Gaines was ill with tuberculosis and had to be in a sanitarium in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The children and Mr. Gaines did a fine job of holding the house and home together. Mrs. Gaines’ treatment was successful, and upon her return, she took her place in service to the family and community. Lura Anne wrote some of her memories of living in Winnett:

“Social events at Winnett revolved around school, club, and church activities. Everyone attended the political rallies without any bias. Church functions were equally well-organized. If they promised some excitement or even just ‘a good turn out’. Winnett was seldom a big name in athletics, but that didn’t stem the flow of school spirit. Everyone attended the games and rooted hard to the bitter end. Winnett did take some trophies in boxing under Shorty Saylor’s leadership. People around the state still remember Winnett for its many triumphs in boxing.

“ar mother, Jack, and I spent a lot of time scouting the rimrocks for arrowheads and fossils. Winter fun involved sledding, skating, and sliding down the hills on anything that would skid. My mother and father loved music and served in any capacity available to further the appreciation of the arts in church, school and community.”

Mr. Gaines died April 28, 1969; Mrs. Gaines, August 7, 1970. Both were buried in Kalispell.

Marjorie Gaines graduated from Winnett High School in 1931. She attended normal school and returned in the fall of 1933 to teach for two years in the Cat Creek School. She obtained her B. A. degree in education with a music minor from the University of Montana in Missoula in 1937. She married Cecil Smith in 1941. Marjorie, like her parents, loved music and gave many private lessons. She was also a judge for Guild auditions in the United States.

In 1932 Earl was chosen to attend the Citizens’ Military Training Camp at Missoula. He won the loving cup for basic student and the medal for being the honorary student of basic students. Earl was in the service for quite some time after graduation from high school. He married Betty Louise Carr on August 19, 1939, in Seattle, Washington.

Jack graduated from Winnett High School in 1934. He graduated from the University of Washington at Seattle, then received a petroleum engineering degree from the School of Mines in Golden, Colorado, and a M. A. degree in geology from the University of Washington. He worked as a petroleum engineer, a construction engineer, mason, hod-carrier, and quarry man, and was a professor for several years at Pacific Lutheran University in geology, math and engineering. He has taught every level of school. He and his wife, Alice, have one son, Terry.

Lura Anne graduated from Winnett High School in 1939. She received a degree in education from the University of Montana at Missoula. Lura Anne had one son, Robert Jones, by her first marriage; and a daughter, Robin Maetche, by her second marriage. Lura Anne taught both music and Spanish. She now (1989) lives in Bellingham, Washington.

**GALLAGHER, Jack** Jack leased the shop department of Dunlap’s Auto Service on April 1, 1947. Jack and an associate from Lewistown had been engaged in auto mechanics for several years. Mrs. Jack Gallagher taught the Blakeslee School during the 1947-48 school years, while her husband was a Petroleum County road patrol operator.

**GANNON, J. W.** (W.T., 10-12-1917, reprinted 11-4-1921) "At exactly 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 10, 1917, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad entered the townsite of Winnett. The tracklaying crew, with J. W. Gannon as engineer and J. W. Quigley as foreman, came quietly down the grade, one steel rail after another being moved into place. When the steel rail was dropped that fell on the townsite, the lever of the long-wished-for whistle of the locomotive was pulled by A. W. Ogg of the Winnett Land Company.

"A long, clear blast came forth from the engine breaking the news to the populace that the Milwaukee was in our midst. P. J. Anderson of the Basin Lumber Company then took charge of the lever and the great old engine continued to peel out the glad tidings. A. E. Hammond, our resident engineer, used the lever while the anxious people came flocking from residences and business places to get a good view of the first train into Winnett."
The blowing of the whistle in the west part and the cannonading by D. Anderson in the east part of town was spreading the glad news far and wide over the surrounding country.

"The growth and development of our town and county for the past three years has been wonderful. We have waited patiently, and now our dreams are realized. A new era dawns. Our town will take on new life while the farmer, who will have a home market, will redouble his energies in the cultivation of the soil and in stock raising. Let us make our town the best town in the county in which to live. Success awaits the Milwaukee in coming to Winnett. Long live the Milwaukee officials!"

GARFIELD, Frederick E. After homesteading at Sand Springs in 1914, Fred and Emma Garfield moved into Winnett in the mid-1940s. Fred kept himself busy carpentering and helping on farms. He passed away in Winnett June 17, 1951, of a heart attack. He had been having heart trouble for some time, but kept on working around his home until his last day. He was buried in Lewistown City Cemetery.

The Garfields had three daughters — Myrna, Margaret and Audrey; and one son, Frederick B. Mr. Garfield was noted as being an honest, upright worker, and a fine citizen. After his death, Mrs. Garfield made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Walter (Myrna) Haynie. Mrs. Garfield passed away November 20, 1966. (See HAYNIE — Winnett)

GARRIOT, Brice Brice was the proprietor of the Winnett Barbershop, coming to Winnett in December of 1955.

GASSER, Otto Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gasser moved to Winnett in June of 1960. They had just sold their home in the Ingomar country. They stayed for only a short time.

GEIS, Homer E. Homer Edgar Geis was born January 26, 1890, in Nebraska. As a young man he studied law and eventually became a practicing attorney. After moving to Montana, he became a member of the Fergus County Bar of the Tenth Judicial District of the State of Montana in 1912. He came to what was to be Petroleum County in 1914 and opened a law office in Winnett.

Homer also homesteaded and acquired other land in the Ashley community. Recognizing the need for a newspaper, he set up the print shop of the Winnett Times, hired an editor, E. V. Alexander, and the first edition of the paper appeared on September 2, 1914. In 1917 the business was sold to E. M. Berg.

As a lawyer, one of his first cases was representing Walter Winnett in the famous and unique "will on the hat" case (See also BALDWIN — Winnett). Homer served in World War I as a commissioned officer in the Navy.

Meanwhile, Gladys Geiger had homesteaded about three miles south of Flatwillow on Sec. 14-12-26. Gladys was born January 27, 1892, in Illinois. She, too, was caught up in the lure of homesteading. What happened next was well described in a clipping from a 1920 paper:

"Attorney Homer E. Geis returned Thursday after an absence of three weeks which he spent in Chicago and Lincoln, Nebraska. When he left, his many friends surmised that the trip was one with Cupid leading — the fact that he had built a new home, and the month being June, being taken as evidence that such was the case.

"He returned alone, but is not refusing to accept the congratulations being offered by his many friends, and it is quite certain that it is proper that we join in extending our heartiest congratulations. Mrs. Geis was formerly Gladys Geiger of Chicago, Illinois, the ceremony taking place at Calvary Church in that city on Saturday, June 12, 1920. The romance culminating in the marriage of these two young people started when Miss Geiger resided on her homestead in the Flatwillow country. She is well known to many here and is a young lady of pleasing charm and personality.

"On their return home, Mrs. Geis stopped in Lewistown for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Geis will reside in the new residence just completed for them on South Broadway."

In November of 1920, Homer was elected State Representative from Fergus County, residing in Winnett. During the legislative session of 1921, he was named to the following committees: banks and banking; judiciary; petroleum and oil and gas affairs; new counties and divisions.

On February 8, 1921, Homer introduced a bill to create Edgerton County. This was one of the first attempts to create what was to become Petroleum County. The bill died in committee. (See county creation discussion in the Introduction.) In 1922 when an attempt was made to create Petroleum County by petition and election, Homer and his partner, R. H. Weidman, represented the petitioners at the initial hearing before the Fergus County commissioners. When the case was appealed to the Supreme Court, Mr. Geis and Mr. Weidman once again represented the petitioners. (The Geis and Weidman offices were in the Winnett Block.)

(W.T. 5-6-1921) "A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Geis at the Sisters' hospital in Lewistown on April 26, 1921. Mother and babe are doing well and Mr. Geis is some proud dad."

Homer was a very active member of Sandman Post #95. He was also instrumental in the formation of the 40 et 8 voiture, a social order likened to the mystic Shrine. A voiture was composed of Legion members in good standing, who were essentially patriotic, with a special mission to look after funerals of comrades, and to keep fresh the memories of the days spent in the Army and Navy of the United States. Homer was made first chairman, or chef de gare, of the first Montana Grand Voiture.

Percy Napton, another early Winnett lawyer and friend of Homer's, wrote to Homer from California on August 12, 1923, urging Homer to come to that state to practice. That might have been an influence, for Mr. and Mrs. Geis and daughter, Mary Louise, moved to California in 1923.

Judge John Huntoon wrote to Homer: "I regret ex-
ceedingly that you have made up your mind to leave us, but trust that you will prosper in your new location." At the same time, Judge Huntoon recommended Homer to any judicial district: "I take pleasure in stating that I consider Mr. Geis a competent attorney, and a man of good moral character and splendid reputation in this community. He has been a member of the legislature from this county, and his reputation for honesty and integrity is unimpeachable."

Homer and Gladys became the parents of another daughter, Barbara Jean, on May 29, 1924. Mary married Daniel B. Downer, and they had four children — David, Richard, Steven and Christina. Homer died on Christmas day in 1973, and Gladys died in January of 1961. Both were buried in California.

**GETTEN, Stella B.** Stella Haugen was born and raised in Caldwell, Montana, and attended high school in Turner, Montana. During World War II, she served in the United States Army. Following her discharge in 1943, she returned to Turner and was employed at a cafe in Harlem, Montana.

In 1946 Stella married Bernard E. Getten in Havre, Montana. They made their home in Turner, where they owned and operated the Turner Bar. They later purchased the Zurich Bar in Zurich, Monana. Bernard died in 1958.

After the death of her husband, Stella sold the business in Zurich and moved to Havre to work at the Palace Bar. Stella came to Winnett in December of 1959 and purchased the Gusher Bar from Ruth Erdmann. She also purchased the Erdmann residence from Mrs. Bina Emory, who was a sister-in-law of Ruth Erdmann.

Stella and Bernard had one daughter, Jacqueline. Jackie graduated from Winnett High School in 1967. After graduation, Stella and Jackie moved to Great Falls, Montana, where Stella worked in the Barbell Cafe and Bair's Cafe as cook. She then worked in the Fireside Inn in Simms, Montana, until she retired in 1981. Stella passed away September 1, 1986. Jackie completed beauty college in Great Falls. She has a daughter, Lynne.

**GIBBS, A. H.** Mr. Gibbs operated a popcorn wagon and news stand in Winnett for several months. (W.T. 10-21-22) "A. H. Gibbs, the genial popcorn man, who was located in Winnett until a few weeks ago, is now conducting his stand in Roundup, and reports are to the effect that he is doing a thriving business in the fast growing mining town to the south."

**GIFFORD, Arthur S.** Arthur Gifford, born in 1874, was one of Winnett's very first residents. The following are excerpts from a letter written to Rudy Glatz as mayor in 1947.

'Say, Mr. Mayor, what goes on in my old stamping ground? First, I read a good sage hen joke several years back in the Saturday Evening Post that occurred in a Winnett cafe, and now you come up with a plane landing in your Main Street. And to think I herded sheep the winter of 1893 and 1894 for Walter Winnett, right where that Main Street is! I worked two years for Winnett and sheared his sheep for several years, the last time in 1904 when I left Montana for Alaska. I came to Arizona in 1906 and have been a desert rat ever since.

'Winnett's oldest boy was named for me (Arthur). Walter was a very good friend of mine. He was a most wonderful man... No man ever lived harder or went through more grief than Walter did to hang on to his ranch during the tough years of 1893 to 1897.

'I used to know everybody in Fergus County west to Lewistown. I walked from Billings to old Fort Maginnis in the spring of 1892. Billings at that time was a small town and Lewistown maybe had 1000 inhabitants. Strange as it seems, last night I was telling my wife about the time (September 13, 1894) I shot off my thumb and forefinger
at War House Butte just north of Buffalo Creek (they, my
tumb and finger, are still there!) and walked to Winnett's
Ranch. He hooked up a team of broncs and drove me to
Teigen's Ranch and got there at midnight. Had a few
hours' sleep, got up for breakfast, and fell over in a faint.
Got up, ate, got on a horse, and that evening was in
Lewistown. Changed horses at Forestgrove at the old
Frost Ranch.

"When I read the piece in the Phoenix Republic (about
the plane landing on Winnett's Main Street) this morning, it
certainly brought back memories. I have traveled a lot
since those days, but for hospitality, the old-timers of
Montana were in a class by themselves. Homes had no
locks on their doors, just a rawhide latch-string. I presume
they have all passed away. I am 73 now and my string is
about run out too. Had five boys, one daughter, and three
sons-in-law in the war. Two boys, one a Marine, wounded
at Guadalcanal, one in Germany; two silver stars, one
bronze star, one Navy medal, two Presidential citations
among them, so I don't think I have done so bad.

"I suppose you go to Billings now in three or four hours.
We used to figure 12 or 14 days then. I remember
Roundup when there was just a bridge and the old Block
brand ranch log buildings and corrals. Grassrange was
just a saloon, post office, and a small hotel where we held
dances. I can still see Edna's bluff (now known as Eagle
Point) south of the Winnett Ranch, in my mind's eye.
Eagles used to come every spring and raise young ones in
the same nest on the pinnacles. I counted 12 wolves in
one pack over on Buffalo Creek the summer of 1894.
Never a night but you would hear them howl.

"Oh, well, Mr. Mayor, this is just an old-timer living over
some very happy days in what I still think of as the
grandest place in the west — the finest folks I ever met
regardless of what it may be now. I know it is different
now, and for that reason I don't think I would enjoy a trip
up there. I want to think of it as it was. I would appreciate
it very much if you would mail me a copy of your local
paper, so I could see if any of the names are familiar.

"As I sit here after 55 years, I can see every coulee and
rise for many miles around Winnett's old ranch. Peace to
him. If he had a headstone, it should have engraved on it:
'Here lies a man.' Thanks for reading this and Adios: A. S.
Gifford, Box 1131, Globe, Arizona."

GILFEATHER, Patrick Pat Gilfeather grew up on the
Musselshell River and graduated from Winnett High
School in 1926. He worked his way through Rocky Moun-
tain College of Helena, Montana, and three years of law
school at the University of Montana in Missoula. He
served as Petroleum County Attorney in 1934 and 1935.
(See also GILFEATHER — Musselshell River)

GILL, George George Gill was born March 29, 1900, at
Donovan Gulch, 15 miles east of Missoula, Montana. He
lived in Winnett in the 1920s and did freighting for the
new oil field.

Mary Idamae Tunnicliff, daughter of H. H. "Pete"
Tunnicliff, was born April 7, 1913, in Anaconda and was
educated in Anaconda and Butte. She and George Gill
were married June 16, 1933. Ida worked in grocery stores
and did practical nursing for 25 years. The Gills lived in
New York, Spokane and several Montana cities. George
died July 7, 1972. Ida now lives in Butte (1988). (See also
TUNNICLIFF — Winnett)

GILLETTE, Norman Norman arrived in Winnett
September 12, 1931, bringing with him a state maintainer
to work the State Highway between Teigen and the Box
Elder Creek bridge. He was given orders to work the
highway for three years. He moved his family here from
Belt, Montana.

In June of 1933 he was transferred to Lewistown, Mont-
ana, only to be later moved back to Winnett where he
was highway department section foreman for a number of
years. Mr. Gillette passed away at the home of his
daughter, Mrs. Robert McCafferty in Belt, Montana, in
March of 1966.

GILMORE, R. Wesley Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gilmore
and two school-age children, Marian and John, came to
Winnett in February of 1946. They bought the old R. J.
Woods Drug Store building from Jo and Edward Stauf-
facher. By the middle of March 1946, the building was
ready to be opened as the Smokehouse News Store.
Materials handled were magazines, cigars, cigarettes, and
candy.

The Gilmores ran the business until January of 1949,
when they leased it to Mrs. Brooks. They left Winnett soon thereafter.

GIPE BROTHERS These two men were practicing
chiropractors in Winnett in 1921.

GJERDAN, Don Formerly a cook for the Elks Cafe at
Forsyth. Don was afternoon and evening cook at the
Stockman Cafe in December of 1965.
GLATZ, R. G. "Rudy"  R. G. "Rudy"  Glatz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Glatz, was born in Barnes, Kansas, on May 27, 1911. F. Bernice Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen, was born at Laurel, Montana, on July 6, 1910, on the Allen homestead.

About 1928 Rudy's parents and family moved from Kansas to Brighton, Colorado. Bernice's parents and family moved from Billings, Montana, to Yuma, Arizona, Denver, Colorado, and then to Brighton, Colorado, also. That is where Rudy and Bernice met, as both worked at the same place. One summer day the girls were eating lunch outside in the shade. Rudy walked by eating a large ice cream cone. Though she hadn't met him, Bernice called out "umm, bites," and he came over and gave her a bite.

About 1931 the Allen family moved back to Billings, Montana. Rudy was visiting his sister in Michigan at that time. When he arrived home and Bernice was gone, he followed her to Montana and went to work at Townsend, Montana, for the Townsend Star weekly newspaper. He had worked at a newspaper in Brighton, Colorado. In 1935 Bernice and Rudy were married in Billings, where Bernice lived and was employed. They made their home in Townsend for seven years.

Rudy dreamed of owning a newspaper of his own one day. It came sooner than he'd thought. When Bill Rader, owner of the Winnett Times, learned through a mutual friend of Rudy's wishes, he went to Townsend to see Rudy with an offer. (Bill had a larger newspaper he wanted to buy.)

Those were depression years and money was scarce, wages low, and cash hard to come by. But when the county attorney, who lived alone across the street from the Glatzes, learned of the offer, he loaned them the down payment without interest. Bernice had often supplied him with his favorite hot mince pies. Rudy had his heart's desire. A friend who was a trucker loaded their belongings and they were on their way to Winnett.

There were no houses available for rent, so they put their furniture in the storeroom in back of the Times office. Rudy stayed at the hotel and ate out the first month, while Bernice and daughter, Trudy, stayed with Bernice's parents in Billings.

Rudy was helped by Roy Kindt, Helen Quigg's brother, who stayed on in the shop that first year of 1940. Later, they also operated the state liquor store in the front of the shop. Bernice wanted to be in Winnett also, so she and Trudy came; and Bernice started to fix up the back storage room to live in. It had been a garage in former years and never had been really cleaned up. She, on hands and knees, scraped black dried grease up with a putty knife before putting down tar paper under the rug, so grease wouldn't show through. They started housekeeping there.

One day an older rancher came in when Rudy was at the liquor counter and said he'd like to speak to the proprietor. Rudy said, "You're looking at him," and again, "That's me, Rudy!" The man chuckled and out he went. At the store he stopped in down the street, he said to someone, "That young whipper snapper at the paper tried to tell me he was the owner." They said, "What was his name?" He replied, "Rudy." They said, "That's him, he owns the paper." The rancher came back to apologize to Rudy, and they were friends ever after.

Carpenters and helpers were hard to come by, so Bernice helped Fred Ranf remodel the storage-room apartment as it had no large side windows or any partitions. The roof was lowered four feet and bedroom partitions were added. It is now, by additions, a three-bedroom, two-bath, six-room, comfortable apartment with two porches. There is a large yard and lawn and many trees and bushes on five lots.

Bernice went to the shop and office to work with Rudy, though she knew very little of newspaper work. She soon learned, though, and they operated the newspaper for 36½ years before selling it to the Roundup Record Tribune in 1976. It was their "Ma and Pa" shop. When they sold, they retained the building and equipment and still do commercial printing. Their two children, Trudy and Dana, practically grew up in the shop.

Trudy graduated from Winnett High School in 1955 and attended the University of Montana at Missoula for one year. She later graduated from North Central Airlines School of Minneapolis and was employed as supervisor of an airline teletype department before moving to Spokane. She is now an office manager and accountant for a production company in Spokane. She has one son, Tracey.

Dana graduated from Montana State University at Bozeman with a major in math and computer science. He worked for the Montana Department of Community Affairs as a computer programmer before owning his own business, "Wesco," in Helena, Montana. Dana is married to Sandra Hale (See also HALE — Dovetail) and they have four children — Jeremy, Emil, Winston and Patricia.

Through the years Rudy and Bernice have been very active in community and church affairs. Space does not permit listing all the many civic and social organizations they have served so well. To name but a few, Rudy has been president of the Chamber of Commerce, mayor, two-term school board member, secretary-treasurer of the Fergus Electric Cooperative board, member of the Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative board of directors and member of several state boards. He served a record-breaking 23 years on the public library board. Bernice faithfully served as March of Dimes Chairman for many years and is the current Heart Fund Chairman. Bernice and Rudy both have enviable records of service to the many social organizations to which they belong.

It is due to the generosity of the Glatzes that the Petroleum County Community Library has a complete file of Winnett Times newspapers for the years 1921-1976. Rudy negotiated with the Montana Historical Society to have some of the missing years of newspapers returned
to the Petroleum County files, and in addition, the Glatzes loaned ad infinitum some of their personal bound copies of the Winnett Times in order to complete the library file.

The fine newspaper which the Glatzes published will always form the core of Petroleum County history. (Information from Bernice Glatz)

GOKEY, Joe The Gokey family moved to the Winnett community in 1945. They leased the Akins Ranch north of town, but the family lived in Winnett. Joe and Janet Gokey were mentioned as students in the elementary school.

In March of 1946 Gokeys left Winnett and returned to the ranch they had purchased at Bonners Ferry, Idaho. They sold that ranch and came back here the next year to again operate the Akins Ranch. At that time they purchased the former C. J. Montgomery home in Winnett. Another son was born in January of 1948. In September of 1949 the Gokeys, with their six children, left this area, and Mr. Gokey went to work in the oil fields of Roundup, Montana.

GORSUCH, Lizzie Lizzie (Mrs. Perry) Gorsuch was Winnett’s postmaster from August 25, 1917, until February 4, 1926. (See also GORSUCH — Petrolia)

GOSSETT, Hal (W.T. 4-1-21) Mr. Gossett advertised losing a tire and rim on the south road from the oil field in April of 1921. Hal married Lillian Isaacson Gorman Howry in the early 1940s. (See also HOWRY — Winnett)

GOTZINGER, John The Gotzingers were early-day residents of Valentine and Cat Creek. (See also GOTZINGER — Cat Creek and Dovetail) During the school year 1929-30 and 1930-31, Mrs. Anne Gotzinger was the cook at the Winnett High School dormitory. Anne and her three children — Rayburn, Josephine and Ladonna — stayed at the dormitory.

Rayburn (1912) graduated from Winnett High School in 1930. He made the Air Force his career. He was married to Elizabeth Snell. The couple had three children — Gordon, Hazel and Phyllis.

Josephine (1914) graduated from Winnett High School in 1930 and was employed in the Petroleum County treasurer’s office for seven years. While in high school, Josephine had been an expert at keeping her own and fellow students’ hair in beauty-shop shape. Besides her courthouse work, Josephine found herself kept busy after hours and on Saturdays waving or marcelling the hair of practically all the young ladies and matrons of the community.

Josephine moved to Billings, Montana, in 1937. There she met and married Ben Reynolds in 1938. They eventually owned and operated the first supermarket on Grand Avenue, known as Ben’s Supermarket. Josephine and Ben were the parents of a daughter, Sherry, and a son, Douglas. Josephine passed away May 1, 1981, of heart complications.

Ladonna (1916) graduated in 1934 and went to work for the Works Progress Administration in Roundup as a clerk-typist. She married Martin Mohar of Roundup in 1936. They owned and operated several bars and nightclubs in the Roundup area and then moved to Las Vegas in 1961. Ladonna worked for the Department of Energy until she retired in 1978. Their daughter, Vavi Jo, married George Fox, Winnett High School class of 1951.


GRAHAM, Dora (W.T. 4-8-21) “The Field Hotel, built by Mrs. Dora Graham is located west of the First State Bank and is one of the largest of the many located in Winnett this winter.” (Ed. It would appear to have been just north of the First State Bank.) The hotel had 28 rooms and was consumed by fire December 19, 1921.

GRANBOIS, Barbara Barbara Granbois teaches kindergarten (1989). Winnett was her first teaching position in 1980-81. She was raised in Georgia, Michigan, and Tennessee. Mrs. Granbois graduated from Lee Jr. College in Cleveland, Tennessee, in 1963, with an A. A. degree and from Eastern Montana College in Billings, Montana, in 1987, with a B. A. degree. She spent four years in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman/Basic Laboratory Technician and is now in the Naval Reserve.

Barbara and her husband, Joe, make their home near Roundup, Montana. They have a 12-year-old daughter.

GRANTIER, David David Grantier was born in Watford City, North Dakota. His family moved to the Winnett area and David attended local schools, graduating from Winnett High School in 1973. For two years he attended Helena Vo-Tech, where he studied over-the-road and agricultural mechanics. He worked at Three Forks, Montana, for a time; then went to Watford City, North Dakota, where he worked for a cousin.

Becky Metz grew up in Riverside, Iowa, and graduated from high school there. She attended the Medical Institute of Minnesota. She became a laboratory technician at McKenzie County Hospital of Watford City, North Dakota.

Becky and David met in Watford City and were married. In 1979 they came to Winnett to live, and David went to work on his father’s ranch. In October of 1980 they bought the Chevron Station from Bob and Winnie Coffey. Their station was re-named B and D Service Station. They also bought the original Al Hoyle home at 11 North Ashley Avenue. Daughter Samantha was born on February 28, 1982. (See also GRANTIER — Petrolia)

GRAY, Lazar K. (W.T. 7-18-41) ”Lazar K. Gray was born in Bulgaria and came to this country when a young man. He homesteaded in the Yellow Water region, and later spent many years in Winnett. He was a skilled landscape gardener and supervised the planting of the trees around the Winnett school buildings in the WPA era. A few remain as a monument to him.”

“L. K. was a kindly man, and many will remember the advice he so freely gave when local people were planting trees in the spring of 1941. Lazar died July 12, 1941, in St.
Joseph's Hospital of Lewistown, Montana.

GREEN, James Jim, brother of Wallace Paige Green, spent his retiring years in Winnett — helping people and doing odd jobs on ranches. Jim died in 1972, and graveside services were held in the Winnett Cemetery. (See also GREEN — Musselshell River)

GREEN, Wallace Paige The Green family, consisting of Paige, his wife Margaret, and five children — Mary (1924), Udell (1926), Dorothy (1929), Emory (1931) and Henry (1934) moved to Winnett in 1934. They came from Cat Creek where the older children had attended school. Darlene was born in Winnett in 1938.

The Green family lived in both Cat Creek and Winnett at different times when Paige worked in the oil fields. In 1938, when the Civilian Conservation Corps camp was abandoned, Paige was hired as caretaker of the buildings. He went into service in World War II and worked with the Navy as a civilian employee after his discharge. He then worked for a lumber company in Tacoma, Washington, until he retired in 1966. In 1969 he moved to Jordan, Montana. Paige died in March of 1980 and was buried in the Winnett Cemetery.

Mary Green Beecher wrote: "Some of my memories of Winnett include the daily train from Lewistown, which carried mail, freight, passengers, oil cars, stock, and grain cars. A trip on the train to Lewistown took about four to five hours. It was usually on time, but sometimes was late, and I thought it rather weird to hear the train at night, due to derailment or late loading of stock, etc. The train crew always set off fireworks on the Fourth of July. I think by running over them. The train ran every day except Sundays. Many hundreds, perhaps thousands of wild cotton horses were loaded out of the Winnett stockyards during the thirties.

There were several severe dust storms, some even darkened the daylight hours, and were very scary to us children. I also remember the schools and churches were closed a number of times because of diseases like whooping cough, smallpox, meningitis, etc. My grandfather, J. C. Weaver, survived smallpox in his fifties. Smallpox vaccinations were given at the school during this time. We also had vaccinations for Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in the spring of the year . . ."

"I belonged to a group of Campfire Girls. Our leader was Miss Blanche Saylor, who taught first grade in the school system. We took many trips around the state to parks, state institutions, and eventually to Mexico and the World's Fair in San Francisco, the Grand Canyon, and Salt Lake City. Those trips, thanks to Miss Saylor, were the highlight of my growing-up years." (See also GREEN — Musselshell River)

GREENE, Blanche Blanche Greene, a widow, was the sister-in-law of Hamm Greene. Blanche clerked at the Winnett Mercantile Store and was an excellent seamstress, making and altering any type of wearing apparel. She lived at 307 South Broadway Avenue during the 1920s and early 1930s. Blanche had two sons, Marshall Bey and Frank.

Bey, as Marshall was known, graduated from Winnett High School in 1931. He attended Montana State College for two years and graduated from a college at Stockton, California. His life work was in radio and television. He also was a deputy sheriff of San Joaquin County in California for sixteen years. He married Alice Sunde of Valley City, North Dakota, and they had three children — Susan, Sally, and Marshall. Bey is deceased.

Frank graduated from Winnett High School in 1932 and attended Montana State University three years. He married Rosella Kelly, who died in August 1969. They had three children — Claudia, Elizabeth and Frank Jr. Frank has been a transport operator with his own equipment.

GREENE, Hammond Bey Hammond Bey Greene was born September 10, 1886, in Sheldon, North Dakota. Nellie Austin was born October 2, 1895, at Corry, Pennsylvania. They were married March 17, 1913. In 1914 "Hamm," as he was known, filed on a homestead about 5½ miles southeast of what was to become the town of Winnett.

(W.T. 11-4-21) "With the exception of the W. J. Winnett buildings, the first building to be erected in Winnett was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Greene, the contract being let July 23, 1914, to P. J. Anderson, A. W. Chick, and Emil Edmund. The carpenters relate that at the very moment they commenced upon the erection of Mr. Greene's residence, he was under his Ford at the east end of Main Street investigating the reason why the d ubow would no longer flicker on the crank shaft! Those be the days." In September of that same year, the new house was completed and Hamm and Nellie moved in.

Hamm was vice-president of the Winnett State Bank when it opened in August 1914. He was also cashier.
Later he was president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, which was formed from a merger of Winnett's two banks. On Christmas day in 1915, Dr. Stork, (Dr. Alexander) and Santa Claus teamed up and delivered a present of a baby girl to the Greene home. Little Miss Elizabeth Brownie Greene was the first baby born in Winnett after the town had been laid out. On June 27, 1918, sister Anna Loris made her appearance.

Hamm and Nellie were very active members of the community, the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, and Rimrock Chapter #82 O.E.S., serving as officers in all of them. Nellie had a beautiful singing voice, and was a featured singer in the church choir and at other social events. Hamm was selected alderman in both 1919 and 1921. Also in 1921 he acted as defending attorney in the kangaroo court trial of A. M. Vangsness, and at a Masonic picnic, was labeled as a swimming "specialist." He was an ardent golfer and fisherman.

At one time Hamm was a partner in the Poor Boy Sheep Co., running sheep on the former W. J. Winnett land west of town. May 25, 1925, brought a little boy to the Greene home in the form of Hammond Bey Greene II.

He was usually known as "Buddy."

Hamm resigned from the bank in August 1928. He was elected Petroleum County clerk and recorder in 1930 and again in 1932. Before he had completed his last term, he was offered a position in Lewistown, Montana, with the Federal Land Bank. Consequently, he resigned from the county position and moved his family to Lewistown.

Brownie attended all twelve years of school in Winnett and graduated with the class of 1933. She had inherited her mother's fine singing voice, and was truly the school's "songbird." After graduation, she went on to college and returned to teach English for one year (1937-38) at Winnett High School. She married Robert L. Everett on August 4, 1938. They had three girls and two boys. One boy, Lawrence, died on December 18, 1977. Brownie's husband, Robert, died July 27, 1982. Robert had been a control specialist at Micro-Wave Electronics. Brownie worked in the graduate administration office of Stanford University.

Anna Loris graduated from Lewistown High School and went to Montana State College at Bozeman, Montana, for two years and Montana State University at Missoula, Montana, for two years. She graduated with a degree in business accounting. During the war, she worked in Los Angeles, California, and then at an Arizona Army base, where she met her husband. They were married in Nebraska, where he had been stationed before going overseas. Anna Loris and Brownie both lived with their parents while their husbands were overseas. When Anna Loris's husband returned home, they lived in Idaho, Billings, Denver, and then in Mountain View, California, where he worked with Safeco until he retired.

Bud went to Fergus County High School, then Montana State College at Bozeman, while Brownie and Anna Loris were in college there. He then attended Montana State University at Missoula, but enlisted before graduation. He came back and finished his B. S. degree at Missoula, and then went to Arizona State for business and international school. He worked in San Francisco, California, for a while, married a girl from Montana, and was drafted for
the Korean War. After that, he worked for a Ford business in San Francisco and then in Fresno, California.

Hamm passed away March 25, 1964; and Nellie, June 15, 1980. Both were buried in Palo Alto, California.

GREENE, N. M. Mr. Greene was a stockholder in the Winnett State Bank when the bank first opened in August of 1914.

GREENFIELD, Bertice L. Mr. Greenfield taught in several rural schools before coming to Winnett to teach in 1921.

In May of that year, Bertice conducted a school meet in Winnett, involving about 20 county schools. It was such a success that the local mentors decided the meet should be an annual event in the future. The following officers were elected to carry on this project: President, B. L. Greenfield; Secretary-treasurer, Mina Lowe. However, Mr. Greenfield moved to Wisconsin during the summer of 1921. He was a nephew of Mrs. Dan Sommerfield. (See also GREENFIELD — Blakeslee)

GREGG, Norman L. Norman L. 'Pinky' Gregg married Inez Cutright, daughter of William C. and Ollie Cutright. In 1930. Her parents had homesteaded in the Ashley community. (See also CUTRIGHT — Ashley)

The Greggs came to Winnett in about 1946, and Pinky serviced water and oil wells in this vicinity for five years. They left Winnett in April of 1951 and ranches in Kansas until 1965, when they moved to Cut Bank. Pinky passed away in June of 1979 and was buried in Conrad, Montana.

GRIEBEL, William Fred William Fred Griebel was born December 21, 1889, at DeWitt, Iowa. Martha Wiegert was born October 1, 1889. They were married March 26, 1913.

After homesteading in Garfield County (See also GRIEBEL — Musselshell River) and living in a tar-paper shack in the oil fields at Cat Creek, William and Martha and their children — Nadine, June and Bill Jr. moved into Winnett in the spring of 1922. Mr. Griebel worked at the Continental Oil rack, loading tank cars. They lived in a house at 302 South Broadway. Mrs. Griebel's mother, Mrs. Wiegert, also moved in with them just before Jack was born in December of 1922.

William had quite a family to support when he was making only about five dollars in a twelve-hour day. On Sundays he pitched for the Winnett baseball team. He was elected alderman in 1927 and appointed police commissioner.

(W.T. 12-16-28) 'In December of 1927, William and Nate Wells entered into a partnership and established a second theater in Winnett. It was known as 'The Peoples Theater.' Its temporary quarters were in the Moll building. They had the exclusive contract for the showing of Metro-Goldwyn and Paramount pictures.' (W.T. 3-30-28) 'The Peoples Theater was moved to the center division of the Winnett Block, formerly occupied by the Winnett Times. In March of 1928.'

For a short time Griebels ran the Aristo Theater for Mable Towne. June wrote of some of their Aristo activities: 'They used to move the seats back on Saturday nights for dancing. Mom used to bake sweet rolls, make potato salad, heavenly hash, and other foods for midnight suppers. They also had a confectionery store there for a short time. Nadine used to play the piano for the silent movies.

'When sound movies came in, Dad had to synchronize the record with the picture. It was a regular phonograph record. When the sound didn't agree with the actions, the people in the theater would clap their hands and stomp their feet until he realized something was wrong. Then he would stop the picture — sometimes start again — so he could get them synchronized.'

January of 1929 the Griebels discontinued running the Aristo. Mrs. Griebel had become very ill with cancer and could no longer tolerate the work. In spite of special medical treatment and a family's loving care, she passed away December 29, 1929.

With partner Casey Joslin, William leased the Aristo in September of 1930. There was some internal fire in the period between September of 1930 and October of 1931, but determinedly Bill had the building ready for a re-opening the first of October 1931.

June wrote about her father's orchestra: 'Dad, Nadine, Casey Joslin, and a saxophone player named Gillespie organized an orchestra. Dad sent to Sears and Roebuck for a set of drums and he said that after 'considerable time' he learned to play them. Casey Joslin played the banjo, Nadine the piano, and Gillespie the saxophone, with Dad on the drums. They played all around Winnett, including Flatwillow, Cat Creek, Valentine, Ross, and Roy. During election year they played almost every night.'

Nadine graduated from Winnett High School in 1931. She was a talented pianist and played for school and public dances both during her high school years and after. She moved to California where she married. She died while delivering her first child.


Bill Jr. and Jack moved to Billings, Montana, with their father in either the late fall of 1933 or the spring of 1934.

The following interesting "bits" of history are excerpts of an article written by Bill Griebel Jr.: "School was in a single building that housed grades one through eight and high school. When I was going to school there, it seemed like an enormous building; but when I went back several years later, it looked pretty small. There was no indoor toilet, and when the weather was cold, it was a quick trip to the 'john.'

"Winters seemed to be colder and lasted longer than they did later on. I think this is because we were young
and time stretched longer when things were unpleasant. The house we lived in had no insulation and no indoor wind always blew, and snow sifted in through the cracks of the outhouse and covered the seats; even though you brushed it away, the shock of bare skin on that cold seat made you forget what you came out there for. made you forget what you came out there for.

"We kids liked to go down to McDonald Creek and swim. We had two swimming holes. Little Casino and Big Casino. Little Casino was not much, but Big Casino had a six-foot bank where we dove off of into the water. I learned to swim there. I was afraid of the water, but Wayne Vannoy decided the best way to learn to swim was to have to do it to save your life, so he pitched me into the deepest part of Big Casino. I swam.

"During those days of 1929 through 1932, our family had some hard times. My dad lost his job with Continental Oil Co. My mother was dying of cancer and Dad was spending his nights and part of the day caring for her. There was no hospital, and Dr. Alexander had done all he could for her, so Dad had to be her nurse and doctor. He finally had to spend so much time with her that he lost his job. How we ate, I don't know, but somehow we managed to live.

"Andy Vannoy had a flat-bed truck. Dad would get his 12-gage shotgun and with us kids and the Vannoy kids on the truck, we would ride out into the country and shoot sage hens for food. You can drive right up to a flock of sage chickens without scaring them. There was no desire to be a good sport. Dad would line up a group of sage hens and bang away. We kids would chase the wounded birds and carry them back along with the dead ones. Otto Moore was the sheriff and knew what we were going to do but never let on that we were breaking the law on quantity of birds shot.

"A few years ago I came across a document in Dad's stuff that showed how many people donated money to help with funeral expenses for my mother."

GRIFTH, Mrs. W. F. (W.T. 10-7-1921) "Mrs. W. F. Griffith of Milesville, South Dakota arrived last week to make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Conrad." (W.T. 11-11-1921) "Mrs. William Griffith and Miss Conrad, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad, left Thursday for San Diego, California, where they will make their home for the winter."

GRIGGIN (W.T. 5-6-1921) "The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Griggin passed away April 28, 1921. The funeral took place the next day from Creel and Opp Chapel."

GROBE, William H. Mr. Grobe was a clerk in the Pullin Grocery Store of Winnett. He also owned land in the Petrolia area.

(W.T. 9-2-1921) "The latest business enterprise to open in the city is the Winnett Grocery, doing business in the building formerly occupied by the Wyoming Rooming House on Main Street. William Grobe and Ed Loveland are the new proprietors. The building has been thoroughly renovated, and fixtures installed for the operation of the new institution . . ."

William Grobe was also superintendent of the Methodist-Episcopal Sunday school in Winnett in 1921. (See also GROBE — Petrolia)

GROSSER, Elmer Elmer and Eva made their home in Winnett after World War II. Elmer worked for Fred Dunlap in his Continental Oil Co. gas station and bulk business for eighteen years. In 1964 he went to work for the State Highway Department, working out of Winnett. He retired from this job in 1984.

Eva was active in community affairs, enjoyed playing cards, and entertaining friends and neighbors. For a number of years she was employed in the office of the superintendent of schools. She particularly enjoyed her duties with regard to the hot lunch program, where she kept in contact with the students. Eva died in July of 1986.

The Grossers had one daughter, Cheryl, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1965. Cheryl and her husband have four sons — David, Todd, Zane and Justin Wymore. (See also GROSSER — Cat Creek)
children. The same bus and driver served the route for 18 years.

Blanche taught first graders during much of their hotel-running, bus-driving years, resigning in 1974. In 1985 Red and Blanche sold the hotel to Joe and Charleen Pease and moved to Harlowton, Montana, for one year after which they settled in Billings, Montana.

GUERTIN, F. P. Francis and his wife, Lavinia, lived in Winnett only a few months in 1947. He was an oil driller.

GUILBAULT, Lex Lex was a stenographer in Attorney Gels' offices in July of 1921. She was a sister of Mrs. J. Otis Mudd.

GULLICKSON, Albert J. Albert (A. J.) and Kathryn Gullickson came to Winnett in the fall of 1945. Albert soon went to work for the city as town marshall. What started out as a part-time job soon became full-time with the influx of oil workers. One evening while making his rounds, he noticed things didn't look right at one of the bars; and upon closer inspection, he discovered that a man, armed with a shotgun, had several patrons lined up against the wall. Albert managed to slip in behind the gunman and, when within reach, made a noise that caused the gunman to turn. Mr. Gullickson was able to get the gun without anyone being hurt.

During this time Mr. and Mrs. Gullickson managed a secondhand store on Main Street. In 1953, Albert took the job of custodian at the school. He continued there until he retired in 1957. Gullicksons moved to Osburn, Idaho, where they made their home until their deaths.

Two of their sons, Albert and Earl, returned from the service and came to Winnett for a short time. Albert helped at Dunlaps and his wife, Hazel, worked at Lil's Cafe. Earl didn't stay very long. (Ethel Gullickson)

GULLICKSON, Donald Don Gullickson, son of A. J. and Kathryn Gullickson, grew up on a ranch in the southeastern corner of Montana, where his folks had homesteaded. Ethel Smith grew up in Billings, Montana. They met in Lennep, Montana, on July 4th, 1939, while working on different ranches — Don as ranch hand and Ethel as cook and housekeeper. They were married December 6, 1939, in Billings.

They worked on another ranch until the fall of 1940 when they moved to Billings, where Don learned the welding and radiator trade. From there they spent a short time in Edgar, Montana, where Don worked as mechanic and welder. Then they went to Belle Fourche, South Dakota, where Don worked in a machine shop. In the fall of 1942 they moved to Martinsdale, Montana, where Don worked as mechanic and welder until August of 1944, when they came to Winnett. Don went to work as mechanic and welder at Dunlap's Auto Service. This was during World War II, and parts were hard to get for farm machinery and oil rigs. Don spent many long days rebuilding parts to keep people going, not getting home before midnight on many occasions. Then he was back at it by 8:00 a.m. the next day.

Ethel worked in, and then ran, a small cafe that first winter. She closed it in the spring when she went to work in the grocery store for George Waldrop. In 1945 they bought two lots on Main Street and moved into a two-room trailer house. That summer Ethel's brother, David LeRoy Smith, came to live with them and went to grade school here for two years. He finished school in Spokane, Washington. In the spring of 1947, Don and Ethel left Winnett for three years. This time was spent in Forsyth, Montana, Billings, and Lewistown, where Don worked as mechanic and later operated a radiator repair shop. Ethel worked as a presser in dry-cleaning plants during this
time.

They returned to Winnett on January 1, 1950, in a big snowstorm and were unable to get their trailer home on the lot because of the deep snow banks. Don re-opened the shop at Dunlap’s again for about three years; then he went to work at Cole’s Service Station. Ethel went to work at Lil’s Cafe and stayed there until the cafe changed hands.

During this time, the Gullicksons moved a two-room building onto the lots they had and started additions and improvements on the property, doing the work themselves in their spare time. They had some help from Ethel’s father, “Grandpa” Smith, when he came to visit.

In February 1954 the hot lunch program began at school, and Ethel was the first cook. The first meal was planned for 20 or 25, but 43 students and teachers turned out to see what it was like. It took some fast thinking and quick changes to provide enough food for everyone, but no one went away hungry. This program has grown continuously since that day. Ethel cooked for the school until the end of the term in 1956, when she resigned and went to work at the Herweg Store.

That same year Don left Cole’s and went to work for the city as town marshall and water commissioner until January of 1958. In 1957 the Gullicksons bought the Herweg Store and ran it until they closed it in 1980 due to Don’s health.

While they were in the store business, Don also ran a mail route to the Dovetail-Valentine area for several years, and also served two terms as mayor of Winnett, one term as councilman, and was a volunteer fireman. Ethel started doing reflexology and massage therapy.

In 1981 they had a very successful auction, which brought in a lot of people from all over the state. In November of 1981, they made a trip to the Philippines, where they spent two enjoyable weeks. Don died on February 20, 1986, and is buried in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Lewistown.

Ethel still (1989) has her home in Winnett and keeps busy with numerous activities — church and senior citizens in particular. She still works at helping people with physical problems by using her reflexology and massage skills. (Ethel Gullickson)

GUPTILL, Stuart Stuart and Renae Guptill moved from Garfield County to Winnett in November of 1975. Stuart was employed by Wayne Bratten, and Renae became the Winnett Times reporter of local news.

GURNETT, Gertrude (W.T. 1-18-29) “Miss Gertrude Gurnett, who has been a courthouse employee since the creation of the county, and has been of great help in all the offices due to her knowledge of courthouse work and her unusual ability, has resigned and left for Garfield County, where she will be employed as deputy clerk and recorder.”

HAFER, Harry Before coming to Winnett in 1937, Harry was vice-president of the Lewistown Motors in Lewistown, Montana. In April 1937 he and Al W. Johnson, chased the Winnett City Light Company from Barney and Frank Winkes. Harry took over the management of the plant May 1, 1937, and he and his wife, Estelle, moved into the former Winkes house.

Estelle, a registered nurse, was a welcome addition to the city. She was able to administer shots under doctors’ orders and, because of her expertise, rendered first aid when such was needed. She also offered excellent advice when home nursing care was all that was required. At the same time, she knew when the case was beyond her gentle care and urged folks to quickly seek a doctor.

Hafers became the parents of two children while living in Winnett — a daughter, Annette Ruth, and a son, David Winfield.

In the fall of 1942, Hafers purchased the old Aristo Theater building and demolished it. The fine hardwood flooring was sold to Elmer Bauer. Hafers sold the City Light Company to Joe Pitman and moved to Missoula in April of 1943.

HAGEMANN, Werner George George Hagemann was born June 21, 1885, in Minnesota. He and his wife, Mollie Christine, were parents of two sons — Johan (1914) and George Jr. (1916). George was an early merchant in the town of Winnett, owning a general store in partnership with George Pullin. When the first village election was held in 1918, he was elected alderman. George acquired the first franchise for the furnishing of electricity to the town of Winnett in 1919. He sold his share of the store to George Pullin in early 1920.

HAISSLER, Ann (W.T. 6-10-21) Ann attended a birthday party for Gladys Lantz, Martha Killian and Virgil Stewart in June of 1921.

HALL, E. M. Mr. Hall established a commercial ice- house in Winnett as early as 1914. (W.T. 9-2-1914) "Hall
and Company have purchased 20 tons of ice from Roe Fisher at Smith crossing and are putting up an icehouse to store it."

HALICKSON, Ober Ober graduated from Winnett High School in 1923. He moved to Winifred and farmed with his father. Ober's parents had owned land near Box Elder Creek in the Welter area of Petroleum County in the early 1920s. His sisters, Evelyn and Olga, entered Winnett High School in 1921.

Ober kept his farm in Winifred until 1954, although he retired and moved to Tempe, Arizona, in 1949. He married Irene Crawford in 1935, and they were the parents of four children — Friedabelle, Harry, Jean and Disa.

HALONEN, Leo "Shorty" Leo was born March 2, 1914, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Very little is known of his early life before he came to live in Winnett. He worked for the school district when the superintendent house was raised and the basement repaired in the 1960s. A good common laborer and a hard worker, Shorty did not mind putting forth 1½ days' labor for one day's pay.

He liked young folks, and the feeling was mutual. He would take animal hides from them that were worth practically nothing; but when Shorty sold them, he would walk all over town — even in a storm — to give the kids their money. He died in January of 1977 and was buried in the Winnett Cemetery.

HAMILTON, Lincoln W. Lincoln Washington Hamilton was born September 9, 1860, in Greensburg, Indiana, and moved with his parents to Iowa in 1865. As a young man, he was in the livery business in Charles City, Iowa. In 1915 he came to Montana and homesteaded about 13 miles northwest of Winnett near Little Bear Lake (Sec. 29-16-26).

Martha Ella Payne was born at St. Joseph, Missouri, October 17, 1863. She came to Montana and on November 11, 1917, she and Lincoln Hamilton were married in Grassrange, Montana. Hamiltons carried on ranching and stock-raising operations for a number of years, raising sheep, cattle and horses. Lincoln was also an auctioneer in the Winnett community.

Sometime in the 1920s the Hamiltons moved into Winnett and lived in the house adjacent to and south of the Hamm Greene home. The Winnett Times of September 9, 1927, noted that Lincoln Hamilton went with a train car load of horses to Homer, Nebraska. Lincoln was elected justice of the peace in 1928 and 1930.

Martha Hamilton received her 50-year Rebekah pin in April 1932. She had served as Noble Grand and District President. She was a charter member of Rimrock Chapter #82, O.E.S. and received her life membership in 1944.

In 1937 Lincoln received a certificate of life membership in the Masonic order. He was the first member of the local lodge to be given this honor.

Martha was active in the Methodist church and the Ladies Aid. She also helped at all times possible to keep the local volunteer library in operation.

The Hamiltons left Winnett and moved to Lewistown in 1937. Mr. Hamilton passed away in November of 1945, and Mrs. Hamilton, in December of 1950. A news item of the Winnett Times of September 12, 1930, stated that a daughter of Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Gladys Linnell of San Diego, California, visited here in September of 1930. The obituary of Mr. Hamilton named as survivors: daughter, Mrs. J. L. (Gladys) McDonnell, of Glendale, California; and one son, Glenn Hamilton, of Detroit, Michigan.

Because she was always interested in library service, Mrs. Martha Hamilton willed $5000 to be used specifically to establish a free public library for the people of Winnett and Petroleum County. The actual amount finally received was $4530.01.

With this money, the gift of a building, and lots of volunteer labor, the Winnett Public Library was presented to the public at an open house on April 21, 1958.

HAMMARBACK, Marvin Mr. Marvin Hammarback and son, Barry, came to Winnett in March of 1951. He had been chosen unit conservationist for the local Soil Conservation Service. They formerly lived in Glendive, Montana, where Marvin was with the S.C.S. Mrs. Hammarback was a teacher in the Glendive Junior College and completed her term there before coming to Winnett.

Marvin resigned from the S.C.S. in March of 1952, and the family moved to Ada, Minnesota, where Marvin engaged in farming.

HAMMOND, A. E. It was a glorious day when the first train came to Winnett. Mr. A. E. Hammond played his part in being the resident engineer at that time. He was another one of the whistle blowers.

HAMPTON, Bruce Bruce Hampton, a barber, rented Dugan's barbershop in April of 1925.

HANLEY, Mark Mark Hanley moved to Lewistown from Butte, Montana, in 1914. He was associated with his
father, Daniel J. Hanley, and his two brothers, Roy and Paul, in the Montana Land Company, a real estate and insurance business. Daniel owned a small tract of land in the Flatwillow section (Sec. 25-12-26) though none of the family made their home in the area.

(W.T. 5-27-21) "Mark R. Hanley, who is heavily interested in oil leases in the Cat Creek field, was here on Friday of last week on matters pertaining to same."

Many years later, two of Mark's grandchildren graduated from Winnett High School — Laurie Hanley in 1974, and Edward in 1979. Laurie and Ed made their home with their aunt and uncle, Marjorie and Joe King, during their high school years.

HANSEN, Herman Herman and his wife, Irene, took charge of 'The Grill' in Winnett in August of 1926. Herman had just made several improvements, including a Frigidaire cooling system and an electric stove of the most modern make. The Winnett Times of August 13, 1926, stated "Mr. Hansen is one of the pioneer restaurant men of Winnett and is famed as a cook of exceptional ability. Mrs. Hansen is a capable and experienced waitress."

In 1931 Herman bought the Hover building which was one door east of the cafe. It had been built by the Hover Oil Company during the boom days. It was converted into an excellent restaurant and was opened for business in January of 1932. In April of 1933, Herman was given a license to sell 3.2 beer.

During some of the years of 1933-34-35, Alberta "Skeets" Sandman managed the Hansen restaurant. In March of 1935, Hansens took it over, completely remodeled it again, and then re-opened it as Hansen's Cafe and Beer Parlor on April 10, 1935. By December of 1937, the Hansens were serving no more meals, just light lunches along with beer and fountain services. The management of the restaurant was turned over to Joe Neil in August of 1938.

Irene Hansen, an excellent business woman, leased the Aristo Theater in 1938 and purchased the roller skating equipment from Shorty Alfson. She then conducted roller skating twice a week. In January of 1942, Irene, who had been born August 14, 1890, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, passed away. She and Herman had no children.

In May of 1943, Herman married Sophia Kragrud, widow of Andrew Kragrud. They lived in Lewistown and operated a cafe and bar for many years, later retiring and moving to Hamilton in 1948. Herman passed away in March of 1971. Sophia passed away in August of 1978. (See also KRAGRUD — Winnett; and HANSEN — Kelley)

HANSON, A. A. A. Hanson was a carpenter who came to Winnett from Gildford, Montana. In 1937 he built a small trailer home for himself. Chris Madsen thought that it was just what he (Chris) needed and pulled Mr. Hanson's arm until Mr. Hanson sold it to him. Chris lived in it the rest of his life.

A. A. Hanson's son, Loy, worked in the Winnett Mercantile Co. from November of 1935 until October 1937, when Loy and his father moved to Oregon, where they both purchased farms.

HANSON, Alice Alice Ragland, daughter of Robert and Nellie Ragland, was born in Pinnacle, Colorado. She moved to the Winnett area in 1919 and attended Winnett High School in the mid-1920s. She met and married Roy Hanson November 14, 1926, and they operated what was known as the Horse Ranch in the Dovetail country. Alice and Roy loved horses and enjoyed training them. The Hansons moved to Billings, Montana, in 1936. Roy passed away there in 1965.

In 1970 Alice moved back to Winnett. Several of her grandchildren — Janice and Julie Gairrett, and Monty and Michael Huff — lived with her and attended the Winnett schools.

Alice worked in the school-public library in 1983. She truly enjoyed her work there, and library staff members were delighted with her patient industry. No one was happier or showed more pride than Alice, when her grandson, Mike Huff, won a State championship in the high jump in 1982. This was believed to have been Winnett's first championship in track and field.

Alice passed away in September of 1986. She and Roy raised two sons — Robert and Lee — and a daughter, Katherine. (See also RAGLAND and GAIRRETT — Musselshell River; and HANSON — Dovetail)

HANSON, Emma Mrs. Hanson moved from Petrolia to Winnett, where she lived for seventeen years before her death on June 22, 1939. She was a dearly beloved lady and was most courageous through an illness of 2½ years that culminated in her death. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church and were conducted by Rev. Lege. Members of the Methodist Church provided the music, and members of Nicol Rebekah Lodge #109 attended in a body, wearing white as a tribute of honor and love to Pearl Ingebo, daughter of Emma Hanson. (See also HANSON — Petrolia)

HANSON, Erick The Hanson family formerly owned land and lived on Sec. 25-16-26 about ten miles north of Winnett. Mr. Hanson was a carpenter and mason worker by trade. In 1925 he was awarded the contract to remodel the Eager store building into Petroleum County's first courthouse. Hansons moved to Winnett and became the proprietors of the Sanitary Dairy in the southwest section of the town of Winnett in the year 1927. There were four children in the family — Ardella, Earl, Eileen and another boy, name unknown.

(W.T. 3-16-1928) "Earl Hanson, thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Hanson, was instantly killed last Saturday afternoon when kicked by a horse. The horse which was riding shied from a passing train, slipped and fell. It is presumed that the fall knocked the youngster unconscious as he made no outcry. The horse got to its feet and ran with the boy hung up with one foot in the stirrup of the saddle..."

Funeral services were held in the Odd Fellow Hall. Mrs. D. Y. Wilson made a short address, followed by songs by
the choir. R. J. Woods delivered the funeral address. Last rites were performed by the Rev. James Elvin of the Presbyterian Church of Lewistown, Montana. Interment was made in the Lewistown Cemetery beside a sister who had died earlier.

In August of 1929, Erick moved with his family to Great Falls, Montana, where he was able to secure all the work he could do in the carpentry and masonry professions.

The children had attended the Winnett schools. Ardella graduated from Winnett High School in 1929, earned a college degree from Intermountain Union College, and a M. A. degree in English from San Francisco State. She then taught at the college level. She married a Hageman from Jordan, Montana, and they had three daughters.

HANSON, John E. John E. Hanson, son of Elmer and Doris Hanson, was born in 1925 at Lebanon, South Dakota (see also HANSON — Dovetail). Lois A. Hansen, daughter of Carl and Augusta Hansen, was born in 1929 at Verdi, Minnesota. John and Lois were married in 1947 at Pipestone, Minnesota.

After working in various places in Petroleum County, Jack and Lois returned to the Elmer Hanson ranch at Valentine when Elmer retired and left the ranch in 1951. Lois and the children moved to Winnett shortly after that, so that they might not have to worry about hard winters and bad roads, should any of the children be sick. When Jack was cutting fence posts along the river or fencing for other ranchers in isolated areas, she did not want to be alone to cope with these problems. Jack commuted from the ranch to Winnett as time and work permitted. Jack and Lois finally bought the old Eiden Freed house in Winnett, as it was big enough for the growing family.

In 1970 Jack sold the ranch at Valentine to Warren Weaver and Torger Sikveland. He bought the Casey Fall place on the Musselshell River. By then the children were in school, and, as there was no local school operating down on the river, Lois and the children remained in Winnett except for vacations and some weekends, until the children had finished high school. Then Lois moved down to live at the river until they sold the place and retired to Winnett to again live in the Freed house.

Jack and Lois had seven children who all attended Winnett High School: Connie Jo (1948) married Bob Egerer and lives in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; John Norman (1950) lives in Tacoma, Washington; Carol Ann (1951) married Bill Bond and they live in Iron Mountain, Michigan; Vicki Lee (1953) married Jody Daisa and lives in Olympia, Washington; Linda Darlene (1955) lives in Helena, Montana; Sandra Marie (1958) married Scott Houston and lives in Great Falls, Montana; Karen Lynne (1963) died in an auto accident in Wyoming and is buried in Lewistown City Cemetery. (Jack and Lois Hanson)

HANSON, Dr. O. L. Dr. Hanson was named Petroleum County physician and health officer in June of 1948. He resigned as of January 1949. He felt that his services one day a week were of little value; that patients could not prescribe what day to be sick.

HANSON, Richard Irving "Dick" Richard Irving "Dick" Hanson was born in 1927 to Elmer and Doris Hanson, in Lebanon, South Dakota (see also HANSON — Dovetail). They moved to Montana in 1934 to the "Doc" Jackson homestead near Dovetail Butte and later to the B. T. Myers place. They moved to the Valentine area in 1939 and stayed there until his brother, Jack, bought the place when his dad retired. Dick went to school at the Long School and graduated from Winnett High School.

In 1962 he married June Marinoff Conolly. They had one daughter, Doris Zell, who is married to Rick Beigh and lives at Lewistown. Dick and June lived in the Roy, Montana, area until they were divorced. Then Dick went to work on several ranches in the area.

In 1969 he married Phyllis Kastner. Phyllis was born to Fred and Edna Kastner in May 1945 at Jordan, Montana. (See also KASTNER — Musselshell and Winnett) She lived in the Musselshell River area until she was old enough to go to school. In 1951 she and her parents moved to Winnett, where Phyllis received her education and has lived ever since.

Dick and Phyllis live in Winnett and have five children — Susan, who married Brett Mosby and lives in Circle, Montana; Terry, who is working with a fencing crew; Lisa, who married Kale Sandman and lives on the Sandman Ranch; Edward, who is in high school and is six feet tall; and Holly, who is four and the apple of her Daddy’s eye! Dick is the custodian of the Winnett School (1989) and has held this job since 1974. (Phyllis Hanson)

HARCHENKO, Cliff Cliff worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Winnett in the mid-1950s.

HARMISON, Rice Rice, having accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, came to Winnett from Lewistown in April of 1926. He had twelve years of banking experience in Lewistown before arriving here.
The Harmison family moved into the original Valentine house at 208 South Teigen Avenue. In September of 1929 Rice resigned from the bank, and the family returned to their home in Lewistown. Rice became credit man and bookkeeper for the Welloff Oil Co. Two Harmison children remembered were Charles and Fern.

HARRINGTON, Herbert Percival Herbert came from Lewistown and in 1925 was working as an accountant for various oil companies in Winnett. In 1945 he was accountant for R. J. Whittinger and Co. of Muncie, Indiana.

HARRIS, David David Keith Harris and Teresa McCue were married August 18, 1973. Dave, a life-long resident of Petroleum County from the Blakeslee area (See also HARRIS, Blakeslee), is the son of Floyd D. Harris and the late Lorraine Lenling Harris. Dave graduated from Grass Range High School in 1973. Teri, also a life-long resident of Petroleum County and Winnett, is the daughter of the late James C. McCue and Twila Coffey McCue (See also McCUE — Winnett). Teri graduated from Winnett High School in 1974.

The HARRISes began their married life working for area ranchers, including Jack Hanson, Chuck Rich, and Marcus Matovich in the Musselshell River country. They moved into the Blakeslee area and worked with Bill and Floyd Harris, and then were employed for seven years by Lewis Brothers on the Blakeslee Bench.

On May 23, 1977, their eldest son, Kristopher Keith, was born in Billings, Montana. He began kindergarten at Grass Range Elementary School in the spring of 1983. In the fall of 1983, the new Blakeslee bus route was started and Kris began first grade at Winnett. Nickolas Ryan was born in Lewistown on May 11, 1979. He began school at Winnett in the first accredited kindergarten class in 1984-85. Sean Patrick was born in Lewistown on May 6, 1982. He began school at Winnett in 1987.

The HARRISes moved from Blakeslee to Winnett in April of 1984. Dave worked for John Greytak before being employed by the town of Winnett as the city maintenance person in 1985. In 1986 he went to work for the Montana State Highway Department. Teri has been employed by the Winnett Schools as an aide for special education, speech therapy, and the library for the past five years. She has also managed the Winnett community swimming pool since 1984, providing swimming lessons to approximately 150 children each summer. (Terri Harris)

HARRIS, Rex (By Rosalind Harris) "The eldest daughter of John "Johnny" Frederick Merten and Velma Ruth Woodard Merten. I, Rosalind Lillian Merten Harris, was born in a log house upon the rimrocks on what was known as the Wheeler place, which is about three miles around the rim and to the east of the town of Winnett, Montana. My attending physician was Dr. J. L. Alexander, and his assisting nurse was Mrs. Grace McAllister from out near Flatwillow, Montana. They must have been a busy pair that night, as about six hours before delivering me, they had assisted in the birth of Loren Fay Story, son of Fred and Ruby Story. There were so many babies that summer that Aunt Rose Bratten used to say, 'the water in the creek was bad that year.'

"We lived in that log house until we moved into Winnett and lived in an old lumberyard a block south of the depot. My playmates were Robert "Bob" and "Junior" Boyd, whose father was depot agent, and June and Susan Knapp, whose father was a mechanic in the garage. When my father, John, was in the Broadway Garage, I used to do the posting there.

"My dad had bought a section house, that was at the east end of the railroad right of way, and had it moved up to a lot just west of the schoolhouse front door. He moved the house when I was seven years old, and I, along with the rest of my sisters and brother, attended all grades of school there. It was really a handy place to live to go to school. We never left the house until the last bell was ringing, and many a skinny knee I got from that little step in front of the schoolhouse, while trying to reach the classroom before the teacher shut the door.

"I remember having a good time all through school and having really good friends. I don’t remember learning too much, but I must have gotten by. Average student! And I still have all my report cards and attendance records.

"In the sixth or seventh grade, or when I was 10 or 12, I got polio and was crippled in the back and legs. I do remember I was out riding with the George Waldrop family in the Flattwillow country the day I came down with it. My, they must have been afraid! It made life a struggle, but it didn’t keep me down too much, thank God!

"I married Rex Roy Harris on March 15, 1942, and we lived in Winnett until 1952. Two children — Carol Jean (now Spranger) and Robert "Buz" Rex — were born while we lived there. We moved to Roundup, Montana, in the summer of 1952, so Carol could start school. We had two more boys born in Roundup — Richard Wayne and Rex Roy Jr.

"Big Rex had a trucking business when I married him, but a few years later he changed it to an oil field trucking business. That business was carried through with the help of our sons until his death in 1981. The boys ran the business until the economic depression of the 1980s, when they shut down until the oil field business recovers.

"Rex Harris and son Robert moved to Chinook and Havre, Montana, in 1968 and 1969 to follow gas field development; and Richard, Rex Jr., and I moved in 1970. We only intended to stay just a short while, but ended up living there for sixteen years. Then I moved back to Roundup into the same house we had lived in before we left."

HARRIS, William (by Clara Harris) I, Clara Davis Harris, attended school in Winnett all 12 years. In high school I enjoyed being active as a cheerleader, played basketball, TARS, and rodeo club. Upon graduation in 1971, I postponed my lifeguard commitment to be a team member of a branding crew for the OxYoke Cattle Co. on
the Two Crow Ranch. There I fell in love with a not-so-tall, but dark and handsome, cowboy named Bill Harris. Bill graduated from Grass Range High School in 1966, and attended Eastern Montana College for two years. He also served two years of active duty in Vietnam. It was a short courtship; we were married in the Lutheran Church in Winnett and hit the rodeo circuit for our honeymoon. We returned to Carl’s Camp on Crooked Creek, where we remained through the fall gathering and then moved north for the winter.

“At that time, the Sleeping Buffalo Resort between Saco and Malta was only in partial operation with some cabin rentals and an Olympic size indoor pool and hot tubs. Bill soon got cabin fever and began commission cattle buying, working both country contracts and auctions. In the spring we joined his father on the ranch at Grassrange to help with the calving. We went south for the summer, but only as far as Reno Creek on the Crow Reservation, where we worked on a large cattle ranch.

“With our first year of marriage behind us, we moved into Billings, Montana, where I worked in a boat store and Bill served as a brand inspector at the stockyards. He again phased into livestock buying, and we moved to Grassrange to calve some heifers and hold-over cattle Bill was handling as an order buyer. After the spring duties were in hand, we again yielded to the urge to roam, as we toured Canada, but found the U.S.A. beckoning us back home. We returned to the Winnett area and spent the summer irrigating and haying on a Musselshell River Ranch.

“As we began our second year of marriage, Bill got a contract for the removal of government fence at the mouth of Soda Creek early that fall. When that job was completed, we bought a little house on the edge of Winnett. We spent the winter with Bill tearing out ties from the railroad around Grassrange.

“In the spring we had the opportunity to buy a few heifers and get back in the country. We spent the calving season at Henry Hedman’s (now that’s country!) and then back to the OxYoke.

“It had been a fairly eventful three years of marriage with our eleven address changes; and now the upcoming event of becoming parents was at hand. In October of 1974, we moved back into Winnett and rented a home to care for Addie Rae, who had joined us. Bill helped his dad with the feeding and calving on the Fraser Ranch that spring. From there we returned to the breaks to farm a piece of government ground on the east side of the Musselshell River, which was linked to a grazing lease on the west side. At that time Fort Peck Lake was over-full and was backed over the Thompson Bottom that we farmed. In order to better use our grazing lease, we rented the Walker Ranch, north of Teigen, where we ranched for the next twelve years.

“In September of 1976 our joy for baby girls was doubled with the birth of Heidi Lynn. We were genuine ranchers with our growing numbers of cattle and kids. We saw some dry summers and some deep-snow winters, which produced some floods for War House Lake. In August of 1978 we were further blessed with the addition of a big bouncing boy, Destry Heath.

“In September 1983 Bill and I attended an embryo implant school in Eureka, Montana. Where we developed a growing interest in the Simmental breed and the linear measurement system for cattle. The need for a more controlled breeding program, and that ole yearning to pioneer a business in the breaks, triggered a move into Winnett. A third baby girl was gifted us in April of 1985. From town the kids enjoy the convenience of participating in basketball and piano lessons but can still play an important part in our cattle business, now based on leases in the Winnett area.

“We are in the process of building a marina and subdivision at the mouth of Crooked Creek. For the past three years, Bill has outfitted eastern hunters and had full success at “getting his game” while I serve as camp cook. So for us Harrises, though our realm of travel was really quite compact, we share the feeling that East is East and West is West, but North to South our home’s the best.”

(Postscript) In the summer of 1989, Clara was involved in a serious automobile accident which left her physically but certainly not spiritually impaired. She continues to make steady progress with rehabilitation.

HARTFORD, G. Fred G. Fred bought Shorty Saylor’s barbershop in 1942. On April 5, 1943, Fred gave notice that his barbershop would be open only on Monday, Friday, Saturday and Saturday evening. He felt that he should spend the other days assisting the farmers with their spring work, since so many local men were away in the service of their country. In July of 1943, Fred left to work at Heath, and Shorty took the barbershop over
again.

HARTFORD, George H. George Hartford took over the operation of the Lunch Room in April of 1943. In July of 1943 he moved to Jefferson City, Montana, where he was engaged as cook in a mining camp.

HAWKS, Howard Howard was the first driller of the first well at Rattlesnake Butte in the Kelley country in July of 1938. He and his family lived at the Northern Hotel in Winnett. Watson Oil Company was in charge.

In March of 1939, with a well at 1200 feet. Nelson-Story-Hogan Ltd. of Calgary contracted with the Watson Oil Co. to finish the well. They were to start work March 15 and work two 12-hour shifts daily until a depth of 3250 feet was reached.

In August of 1942 Howard Hawks won a judgement from the Watson Oil Co. on a suit for wages. Howard bid $1400 for all equipment. A sheriff sale of all real property then satisfied the judgment.

HAYMAN, Harry Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hayman from Lewistown, Montana, were both employed at Dunlap's Garage in 1947. Mrs. Hayman "Mickie" was a filing station attendant, and Mr. Hayman worked in the Gallagher and Britzsis Shop Department.

HAYNE, Walter "Bill" Walter "Bill" Haynie and wife, Myrna, moved to Winnett in 1961. They lived in their mobile home on South Moulton Avenue. Mrs. Emma Garfield, Myrna's mother, lived with them. Haynies, by planting many, many beautiful flowers, trees and shrubs, converted their yard into one of the garden spots of the town. They returned to Hamilton, Montana, in 1965, then moved to Lewistown in 1975. Bill died in 1977 and Myrna, in 1987. (See also GIBSON — Musselshell River and GARFIELD — Winnett)

HAYS, W. Dean Mr. Hays was with the Mid Northern Oil Co. during the year of 1920. He resigned and became chief of the scouting department for the State of Montana, being associated with the Elk Basin Consolidated Co. Even with the state title, he still maintained his home and office in Winnett.

HEATON, Hubert Hubert Heaton came to Winnett with an electric transmission line crew in 1954 and married Helen Johnson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Johnson of the Brush Creek area, in September 1954. The Heatons moved around considerably in the Midwest following his construction work. They had four children — Dallas, Dennis, Dixie and Louise — and finally bought a permanent home in Missouri.

The family was not allowed to share that home very long. Hubert was drowned June 13, 1967, while at work. As a lineman, he was in a boat with two other men, stringing a line across the river, when the boat capsized. His body never surfaced, but was found the next day. Helen is a sister of Eric Johnson, who lives northwest of Winnett. (See also JOHNSON — Brush Creek)

HEDMAN, John John Hedman grew up in the Blakeslee area (See also HEDMAN — Blakeslee). Margaret Baucke, a widow with three children — Patricia, Donna, and Byron, was a teacher of the Matovich School in 1948-1949. On April 21, 1950, she and John Hedman were married.

In the summer of 1953 Margaret taught in the Long School. Then she and John moved to the John Bowen place on the Musselshell River. On August 11, 1954, a son, David, was born to them. Margaret became the operator of the Commercial Hotel in Winnett on August 1, 1961. March 1, 1964, she leased the hotel to Delmo Lodahl, as she planned to enter Eastern Montana College in the spring for a refresher course in education.

John was elected Petroleum County commissioner in 1970. He passed away in 1977.

Patricia married Verlin McIntosh. They had four children. Patricia was killed in a car wreck in 1972. Donna married Vernon Rowton. They had three children — Rodney, Tammy and Patricia. Byron is married, lives at Zortman, and has five children. David is married and lives on the former Beedie Ranch in the Blakeslee area.

Margaret is now living in the house in Winnett where Mrs. Austin Saylor lived. Margaret remembers that when Mrs. Saylor lived there, Mrs. Saylor enjoyed competing with her next-door neighbor, Mrs. Mary Wadman, in having a pretty yard.

HEGNA, Edwin T. Ed Hegna, a brother of Ted Hegna, was born February 15, 1898, in Wallace, South Dakota, and received his schooling in that state. He came to Montana and settled at Winnett in 1926. Audra, a daughter of E. A. and Lillian Adams, was born July 30, 1903, in Bristol, South Dakota. She attended school in Wallace and in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Audra and Ed were married in Wallace, South Dakota, in 1930.

The couple lived in Winnett, where Ed was manager of the local Farmers Union Elevator (formerly known as the Hegna Elevator). In November of 1931, Ed also leased the Montana Elevator and handled all kinds of winter feed for livestock. Ed had a pet chicken at the elevator. He was very fond of her and quite upset when she suddenly disappeared. Three weeks later, he found her in the bottom of an empty bin. She had lived that long without food or water, and was unable to stand. Ed, a kind-hearted man, tenderly nursed her back to health.

Audra, in her cheerful and sophisticated manner, clerked at the Eager Mercantile for six years. If you were indecisive about purchasing an item, it didn't take her long to prove to you that you needed it.

In 1935 Ed decided that he wasn't busy enough. The Litening Gas Station, which had been located formerly at the east end of Main Street, was moved to a new site near the Montana Elevator. Ed operated it, selling Litening and Wildfire gasolines and motor oils.

In February of 1936 the Montana Flour Mills Company transferred Ed to Miles City, Montana. He was made manager of the eastern branch of that company. In 1948 the Hegnas moved to Lewistown. Ed died there in April of
Survivors were his brother, Ted, and his widow, Audra. Audra was a member of an early Humane Society in Lewistown, and also a member of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed playing duplicate bridge. She died in October 1982.

**HEGNA, Theodore E.** Ted and Mae were married October 1910 at Dickinson, South Dakota, where Ted ran an elevator. They moved to Winnett in 1916. Ted Hegna owned and operated the Hegna Elevator beginning in 1917.

The Hegnas had two daughters — Vivian and Beatrice. For this family, Ted built a fine bungalow in Block 14 on South Moulton Avenue in April of 1921. With his success as a businessman, and because of his popularity, he was elected mayor of his chosen town at the city election that same spring. Grain elevators were certainly Ted’s interest, because in November of 1928 he purchased one at Gildford, Montana, and named it the Hegna Elevator also. He chose Frank Nelson as manager of the elevator there. The Farmers Union Elevator took charge of the business of the Winnett elevator in 1929. Ted, after running his own elevator here for 12 years, turned the management of the local Farmers Union over to his brother, Ed. Ted and his family moved to Great Falls, Montana, in 1929.

However, Winnett and its business was still in Ted’s blood; so in May of 1931 he purchased the former Broadway Garage and also the Service Oil Co. Garage. He combined the two businesses in the former Broadway building and changed the name to the Hegna Garage. I. J. Miller was made manager, and D. C. Walker handled the bulk oil business. Keeping abreast of the times, Ted had one pump of Ethyl gasoline installed in the Hegna Garage in 1931. By 1933 many people had left and more were leaving the county, so Ted sold his garage. In June of 1935 he had carpenters tear down the T. E. Hegna elevator. It was not rebuilt, and the lumber was shipped out. Ted Hegna died in 1972, and Mae in 1984.

**HEITZ, Ronald** Ronny Heitz was born in Terry, Montana. Judith "Joie" Murphy made her first appearance in Glendive, Montana. They were married and lived in Circle, Montana, before coming to Winnett in 1970.

Ron works as lineman for McCona Electric Cooperative and owns a trailer court in Winnett. He serves his town as councilman. Joie is a teacher and has worked with special education students and has taught art. She also served as "Story Lady" of the public library’s pre-school story hour.

Winnett people are very proud of their school gymnasium. Joie painted the rams which stand magnificently and stately on the west wall. The rams look you right in the eye and seem to be completely oblivious of the athletic struggles or other activities which ensue below them. Joie’s hobbies are, of course, arts and crafts. She also likes to play cards.

Daughter Shauna came to Winnett with her parents. Dawn and Scott were born in Winnett. Shauna attended Winnett schools and graduated from high school in 1985. She won an art award while in high school and won a superior rating at the State music festival. She now works in Billings for "Creative Monograms." Dawn and Scott delivered the Billings Gazette for two or three years. They are both in high school. Joie said that the hardest thing about coming to Winnett was learning to pronounce "Winnett" with an emphasis on "Win." As local basketball boosters, the Heitzes have learned that it is WINnett.

Clara Heitz, Ronny’s mother, came to Winnett from Salem, Oregon, in September of 1980. She lived for a time in a trailer home in the Heitz Trailer Court.

**HELMOT, Peter** Peter operated a grocery business at Bainville, Montana, before coming here in December of 1947. He purchased the Mint Bar and Cafe from N. V. Edwards and Eddie Neumann. At that time Mrs. Pearl Dundom was managing the cafe. No record could be found of Mrs. Helmot and their five children ever moving to Winnett. On May 12, 1949, the Mint building was razed by fire. The adjacent Smokehouse-News and Winnett Pharmacy were saved.

**HENDERSON, Tex** Mr. and Mrs. Tex Henderson moved to Winnett in July of 1959. Tex had been chosen as town marshall and water commissioner. Mrs. Henderson was the former Dorothy Geary of the Grassrange community. The Hendersons had a five-year-old daughter, Rhonda, who entered first grade in 1961. Donna Helzer was her first teacher. Hendersons left here in 1962.

**HENMAN, Roy** Roy Henman purchased the Commercial Hotel property in October of 1966.

**HENSLEY, Jess** Jess was town marshall and water commissioner as of April 15, 1958.

**HENTON, Sam** Sam Henton, wife Margaret, and son John came from Sand Springs to Winnett in 1944. Margaret was fifth and sixth grade teacher in 1944-45 and taught for ten years after that. In July of 1945 Sam assumed the management of the Montana Elevator in Winnett. Hentons made their home in the original Les
Hoyle home at 307 South Broadway Avenue.

John graduated from Winnett High School in 1952 and entered the armed services in 1955, serving until 1957. In November of 1959, he returned to Winnett and cooked in the Stockman Cafe. In February of 1960 he became manager. Right after becoming manager, John was called away for fifteen days of Reserve Training. He was quoted as saying, "While I'm in the Army again, I'm going to learn how to cook Spam fifty-seven different ways."

John later worked for Jadie's Carter Service Station, then went to work for the Anaconda smelter in East Helena. He was married and had two children — Anna Marie and John Louis.

Sam worked as clerk in the Winnett Post Office in 1952 and 1953, when Grace Waldrop was acting postmaster. In 1956 Sam and Margaret moved to Three Forks, where Margaret was again a teacher. She had taught in Winnett for eleven years. Sam died in Three Forks in February of 1962, and Margaret was killed in a car accident there in April of 1963.

HERBER, Frank Frank was superintendent of the loading racks and receiving station of the Independent Pipeline Co. in 1921.

HERWEG, William William "Bill" Herweg came to Winnett in 1934 to work in the Eager Mercantile. He was the brother of Edith Longpre and lived with them until he married Clara Saylor in 1935. He and Clara became parents of twin daughters — Marabelle and Clarabelle. In 1937, besides working in the store, he sold Miracle Maid Aluminum Co. products. In 1939, with Bill as manager, he and Austin Saylor took over the Berglund store at Grassrange.

Bill and Clara became owners of the Eager Mercantile Co. of Winnett in January of 1952 and operated it until May of 1957, when they moved to Washington. Bill died in November of 1986 and was buried at Miles City, Montana. Clara died in the summer of 1987 and was buried at Miles City, Montana. (See also SAYLOR — Winnett)

HEWES, Otis Being a professional painter and calciner, Otis Hewes was kept very busy in the building years of Winnett. He passed away June 10, 1934, due to complications closely following a siege of tick fever. He had one daughter who lived in Lime Springs, Iowa. at the time of his death. He was buried in the Winnett Cemetery beside the grave of his father, A. J. Hewes, who passed away in 1924.

(W.T. 6-22-34) "The burial services were conducted by local Odd Fellows before a gathering of Winnett folks who paid their last respects to this kind and generous fellowman. Deceased had been an active member for twenty-seven years in Odd Fellow work, and his final wish, that his brother members bury him, was fulfilled."

HILL, Floyd R. Floyd R. Hill and Viola S. Carr were married in Lewistown, Montana, in 1936. They worked at the John Hill Ranch for several months before going to Fort Peck where Floyd worked for five months. Then they were employed in the state of Washington. Several years were also spent on the Musselshell River in Petroleum County.

Five children were born into this family, all arriving in Lewistown at the St. Joseph's Hospital. In order of birth they were Joan (1936), Virginia (1938), Sharon (1941), Stanley (1945), and Bruce (1953). The family resided on
the Lepper Ranch, which is now the Fraser Ranch, until it was purchased by Fraser in 1942.

They moved into the former Si Vontver (stucco) house in Winnett for one year, then purchased the original Mudd house and continued to ranch south of Winnett on some land they had acquired. In 1951 they purchased the original Sarvis homestead, which was then the Smith Ranch east of the Stanley Wiggins Ranch, and have continued to add to and develop this ranch to the present time (1989). Another ranch was also purchased on the lower Musselshell from Zeke Roberts and was sold in 1979 to Telford Browning.

All five of the children graduated from Winnett High School. The three girls graduated from Montana State University at Bozeman. Stan graduated from the University of Montana at Missoula. Bruce graduated from Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. Joan married Brendan Murphy in 1959; Virginia married Pearl Mart in 1961; Sharon married Calvin Wilson in 1965; Stanley married Kathy Palmer in 1970; Bruce married Kathi Carson in 1979.

In 1973 Floyd and Vi built a new home in the Kelley area, where they live at present. Joan and Brendan live in the house in Winnett where Floyd and Vi lived for 30 years (See also MURPHY).

Virginia and Pearl live at Lolo, Montana, where Virginia teaches first grade and Pearl works for the State Highway Department. They have two children — Reba and Loren. Sharon and Cal live in Shoreview, a suburb of St. Paul, Minnesota. Both of them are employed — Sharon for S and T Office Products, and Cal for Minnegasco. They have two children, Jennifer and Matthew.

Stan and Kathy live in Billings, Montana, where Stan works for First Bank downtown Billings, and Kathy teaches at Rimrock School. They have two children, Sarah and Jonathan. Bruce and Kathi live in Billings where Bruce works for JN Oil Co. Kathi is busy keeping up a home and caring for Joshua, Jarom, Jacob and Joel.

Vi remarked: "Petroleum County has been good to us in the 52 years of our married life here. We have a good living, have traveled throughout the United States, to New Zealand, Australia, East Africa, Hawaii, and we hope to do some more traveling in the future. We have decided that this is a pretty good place to live." (Viola Carr Hill)

HILL, Jack Jack is the son of John and Hellan Hill (See also HILL — Musselsshell). After graduating from Winnett High School in 1954, Jack served in the Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956. He married Kay Riddell. He spent one year in Illinois after his Marine service and then worked on the family ranch on the Musselsshell River. He and Kay had a daughter, Denise.

The family moved their mobile home to Winnett in September of 1963, when Jack was appointed Winnett Marshall and Water Commissioner and Petroleum County Sheriff. Jack resigned his three positions on December 1, 1965. He and Kay and two children moved to Macomb, Illinois, where Jack went to work with his father-in-law, Lester Riddell, in construction and bricklaying.

HILLIUS, Edward Edward Hillius first homesteaded a few miles northwest of Winnett (See also HILLIUS — Brush Creek). Besides his farming operations, he was made manager of the Mahon-Robinson Lumber Company, and in September of 1914 was transferred to Grassrange as manager there for a short time. When Mahon-Robinson Lumber Company became Gamble-Robinson Lumber Company in about 1915, Mr. Hillius was named manager of that store in Winnett. He remained in that position until about 1925 when his expertise was needed to manage a store in Kevin, Montana. The stock, business, and good will of the Gamble Robinson store in Winnett was assumed by the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company and the Monarch Lumber Company.

Mr. Hillius had served on the local school board and had been local justice of the peace for several years. He had built a fine home for his family at 101 North Ashley Avenue, and the family continued to live in Winnett until the children had graduated from high school. Mrs. Hillius and Mrs. Herb Thiell operated a dress shop in the former Delco Cafe building in 1925, and Mrs. Hillius later operated the Luncheonette.

The Hillius students were all excellent athletes, and
Merrill was a featured singer in a male quartet. Son Edward M. (Merrill) graduated from Winnett High School in 1925. He married Janetta Wagner, and they had one daughter. Merrill passed away December 30, 1983. Daughter Edna graduated from Winnett High School in 1927. She married Harold Snyder and they had one son. Always very dedicated to Eastern Star, she became Montana's Worthy Grand Matron of that order in 1975-76. Son Ervin died in May of 1984.

Son Arnold graduated from Winnett High School in 1931. He writes: "After graduation I moved to Conrad, Montana, staying there one year. I joined the Navy in April 1932 and spent 26 eventful years in the service, covering World War II, the Korean War, and part of the Vietnam War. I would say that the most dramatic episode of my service was being on a destroyer which was torpedoed and sunk in the South Pacific. It might be interesting to know that my starting salary in 1932 was $21.00 a month. My first raise was to $36.00 a month, which was reduced to $32.00 at the start of Roosevelt's term of office.

"One other item of some significance was being assigned to duty on one of President Roosevelt's cruises and being able to meet him in person. After retirement from the Navy, I worked for ten years in the Port District of the City of San Diego and then worked another ten years with S & H Green Stamps in Portland, Oregon and in Reno, Nevada."

Arnold Hillius and Patience Stockton (Winnett High School class of 1932) were married. They had two daughters, Judy Ruth and Mary Ann. Mrs. Ed Hillius died December 13, 1939; Ed Hillius, March 20, 1959.

Many people were to enjoy the comfort of the home that Mr. Hillius had built. Among them were Pete and Merry Tunnicliff, the Tom Carr family, the Fred Dunlap family, David Hale family, Robert Storer family, Myra Poulton, and the Robert Coffey family. In June of 1989 some electric wiring in the house malfunctioned, causing some damage to the roof and the second story. The building was purchased by Chris and Gari King to be moved to their ranch on Elk Creek, where it will be restored and remodeled into a beautiful home for their family.

HIMMENG'S, William William was proprietor of the My-T-Good Lunch Room in 1939. He was also a barber. He left Winnett April 1, 1940, having been hired as a barber in one of the large shops in Billings, Montana.

HOCKING, Mrs. Betty Fire, believed to have been started from a bottle-gas range, ruined the interior of the home which was occupied by Mrs. Betty Hocking and her two children in November of 1963. The house was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coffey.

HODGES, Ivan Ivan Hodges was born April 2, 1907, in Walworth County, Wisconsin. He grew up in the Kelley community (See also HODGES — Kelley). He graduated from Winnett High School in 1926 and from Rocky Mountain College in 1929. He earned a master's degree in education from the University of Montana. Inez M. Calkins was born July 1, 1909, in Rockford, Illinois. She became an elementary teacher. Ivan and Inez met during the school term of 1933-34, when both were teaching at Charlo, Montana. They were married June 10, 1934, and moved soon thereafter to Winnett, where Ivan had been hired as high school science teacher and football coach. He taught and coached for six years (1934-1940) and was superintendent, teacher, and coach for five more years (1940-1945). In the spring of 1945 Ivan resigned and accepted a position as superintendent of the school at Troy, Montana.

While living in Winnett two children were born — Allan Romaine (1935) and Sylvia Mae (1936). Allan is a mechanical engineer and works for Boeing. He married Sue Wareberg. They had three children — Kimberly, Kyle, and Keri. Sylvia married Robert Laffoon of Troy. They had four children — Mark, Lori (deceased), Marc, and Michael. Sylvia is now married to Wayne Maftit. She is a primary teacher in the Troy School. She also conducts classes in sign language.

Sylvia wrote some of her childhood memories of Winnett: "One event in 1945 stands out in my mind. I remember sitting on the counter near the sink (in the original Jarrett house) watching Eagers' store burn, while many residents attempted to put the blaze out. The terror I felt is still real to me. I would cover my eyes in the hope that when I would look again, the fire would be out. Quite a large group of 'kids' were invited to clean out the 'weight' machine of all its pennies. My dad was horrified at the thought but finally allowed me to take some, clean them up, and spend them at Waldrops.

"I enjoy the memory of watching several men carrying a beautiful curved glass china closet from George Ore's house to our home. It now (1989) sits proudly in my dining room. It had originally belonged to Dan Sommerfield.

"Winnett people are a 'special breed.' I thought they were wonderful when I lived there, and that was confirmed when I attended the all-school reunion during the summer of 1984."

Inez says of Winnett: "Living in Winnett was a positive benefit to our family. We treasure the many happy memories of the eleven years we spent in the Winnett community."

HOGG, Robert Hogg Auto Livery ad. April 1921: "Cars for General Use — Two Daily Trips to the Field — $5.00 Round Trip — $3.00 one-way fare — Leaves Schmidt Hotel at Winnett 8 A.M. and 1:15 P.M. — Leaves Jacques Cigar Store, Franz Camp 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. —
The oldest livery in Winnett — the OIL City Phone 80."

Robert Hogg was a candidate for the office of clerk and recorder of Petroleum County in 1924, but was defeated in a closely contested four-way race. He purchased the Schmidt Hotel from Mrs. Schmidt December 15, 1924. His ad in the Winnett paper of January 30, 1925, read: "The Commercial Hotel, formerly the Schmidt Hotel — Hot water and all modern conveniences for exclusive use of guests only — Private telephone booth — Free bus to and from all trains for patrons — Taxi service from town points, 50 cents a person — Latest model typewriter for use of guests. Robert T. Hogg, proprietor."

In April of 1926, Mr. Hogg accepted a position as salesman for International Harvester Co. with headquarters in Lewistown, Montana. The Hogs then made their home in Lewistown.

HOLLAND, E. T. The E. T. Holland family were part of the E. V. McColllum Co. crew who did seismic exploration in Petroleum County in 1955 and 1956.

HOLLAND, Henry Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holland took over Saylor's barbershop in August of 1944.

HOLLAS, Everett G. (W.T. 9-1915) "In the past two weeks, four buildings have been put under construction in this town: a land office, a tailor shop, a restaurant, and a bungalow. The latter is being built in the northeast part of town by Everett Hollas, and will be occupied by himself and wife, Helen, as a residence . . ."

(W.T. 8-26-21) "Fire which started in the roof almost totally destroyed the residence of Everett Hollas early Thursday morning. Mr. Goar first noticed the smoke about 3 o'clock A.M. and immediately notified J. E. Smith at the Wide Awake Garage. The fire bell has not been installed yet, and with his own efforts Mr. Smith notified Everett Hollas, Frank Allson, Mr. Petticord, W. H. Wilson, Harry Timm, and Frank Nelson.

"A car was attached to the hose cart and the fire was reached before the blaze had made any headway. If chemicals had been in working order very little damage would have resulted. The hose was then connected up and the boys soon had the blaze under control. However, water and fire combation almost totally destroyed the building and furniture." (W.T. 10-28-21) "The residence of Mrs. Helen Hollas in the east end of town has been repaired and is again ready for occupancy. The house was partially destroyed this spring by fire."

Everett and Helen Hollas had one son, John Everett, listed on the 1924 school census.

HOLMOBE, Evan H. Mr. Holmbe was secretary of the Winnett Irrigation Co., and he maintained an office in Winnett. Minnie Pribble worked as his stenographer during the school years of 1920-1921, and proving herself very efficient, was given the full-time position in May of 1921. (See also HOLMOBE — Brush Creek and Pribble — Brush Creek and Winnett)

HOPKINS, Roy Roy and Hazel Hopkins moved to Winnett from the Buffalo Creek area about 1920 (See also HOPKINS — Brush Creek). Son Ralph wrote: "We left the ranch, and Dad had a house built at the foot of the rimrocks in Winnett, one of the nicest houses around at the time. My sister, Patti, and I played on the rimrocks all of the time, and neither of us were threatened or bitten by rattlesnakes, which were very plentiful. We were taught early on to run when we heard one.

"One winter someone loaned us a tobaggan and the family would slide off the rimrock hill. Not being experienced in how to guide one, one day we got off course and ran into a barbed wire fence. Mother was in front and her nose was nearly torn off her face by the fence. Patti and I were so scared we lay back, covered our faces, and didn't get a scratch.

"My mother moved to Lewistown, Montana, when I was about six years old — about 1923 — along with my sister, Patti. From that time on, my mother and dad never lived together.

"One year I remember being around bees and getting stung a lot. Dad and Johnny Woods were in the honey business together. The hives were at his place on the edge of town. I went there a lot with Dad. when they would harvest the honey."

(W.T. 11-17-26) "The Woods and Hopkins Apiary made the last shipment of 12,000 pounds of honey from Winnett on Friday. It was the last of 10 shipments. The honey brought 20 cents a pound."

In June of 1928 the Hopkins-Woods Apiary business was dissolved. Hopkins' share of 50 stacks of bees were moved to the Sibbert Ranch.

Ralph married Barbara Baker, daughter of Tom Baker of Lewistown. They were the parents of Sue Marie, Thomas Kirk and Mariann. Ralph lives in Tucson, Arizona (1989). Patti married Frank Anderson, and they had a daughter, Wendy.

HOUGEN, Harold Harold Hougen bought Myers place from Roy Myers in May of 1958. The bar was later renamed the Stockman Bar. Harold also owned the Stockman Cafe.

HOUGH, Carroll Carroll, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, was born February 17, 1922, in Winnett. His mother died soon after Carroll's birth. Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Hough, with their big hearts, offered to adopt the little fellow, and so Carroll became a part of their family. Carroll attended Winnett schools and learned the art of working from his father, O.K., and older brother, Dow.

In 1940 Carroll married Alta Kelly and they had a daughter, Kathy. The marriage failed, and in August of 1944, Carroll entered the armed services. He was wounded in action and was awarded two Purple Hearts and the Good Conduct Medal. He participated in the Battle of Nijmegen Bridge and the Battle of the Bulge.

Carroll married Fern Petersen in Grand Junction, Colorado, March 6, 1948. They returned to Winnett and he went to work with the local section crew of the Montana Highway Department. In 1954 they purchased the former Bennett house from Ralph Saylor.

The highway department transferred Carroll to Roy.
Montana, in March 1964. He became ill, but did not inform his family of the seriousness of his condition. Fern became suspicious, called the doctor in Great Falls, Montana, and was advised that nothing could be done — only sedatives to relieve his pain. He died April 1, 1965.

Fern and Carroll had two sons, Glen and Neil. Glen married Peggy Bekel. They are the parents of two children — Warren, who is in high school; and Jennifer, in junior high. Glen works for Farmers National in a program dealing with repossessed farms. Neil married Karen Benson of Melstone, Montana. They are parents of three children — Bret, Kama Kay, and Cole. Neil is now a gauger for Conoco. His wife is a fourth-grade teacher in the Roundup, Montana, school.

In later years an older Reynolds brother found out about his brother, Carroll, and came to Winnett to see him. Carroll had passed away more than a year before. The brother, however, does keep in touch with his two nephews, Glen and Neil.

Fern married Russell Kesterson in 1966, and they live near Sumatra, Montana.

Hough, Dow An interesting account of Dow’s early life is in the Cat Creek history section of this book. Dow and Lillian Story, daughter of Percy Story, were married in August of 1929 (See also Story — Teigen). They became the parents of a daughter, Patsy, and a son, Reginald "Reggie."

In May of 1936 Dow built a new service station at the corner of West Main and South Broadway Avenue. He also continued with his trucking business. Dow later sold his Winnett-Lewistown truck line to A. B. Vannoy. The Dow Hough family purchased the Rader house when Raders left Winnett in 1940. Dow, Lillian, and children moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, in the mid-1940s. (See also Hough — Cat Creek)

Hough, Mrs. Laura (W.T. 1-26-23) "Mrs. Laura Hough has leased the Central Hotel and has opened the same to the general public. She has had the building thoroughly cleaned and renovated."

Hough, Oscar K. Oscar and Jennie Hough and family moved into Winnett from the Jitney area in 1920. O. K. then operated a dray line commonly known as the "O. K. Dray."

In 1926 Houghs returned to the farm for another four years. Then neighbors and other friends encouraged Mr. Hough to run for the office of Petroleum County assessor. He ran, was elected, and served for six years from 1931 through 1936.

Always a prudent man, he immediately moved to save Petroleum County money. (W.T. 4-3-1931) "Assessor O. K. Hough, who put the honor system into vogue for the first time in Petroleum County, reports that assessments are coming in fine and that taxpayers are not making any effort to dodge their full assessment: that in fact, in many instances, more was reported than that obtained by field men in former years. Using the honor system does away with the need of field assessors and is an economical move on the part of Mr. Hough."

Mrs. Hough was her husband’s able assistant in the office. After O. K.’s stint as assessor, he, with the help of Dow and Carroll, hauled the mail to and from the train to the post office. Mr. Hough also helped Dow in his City Service Station garage and worked in a local hardware store.

Mr. and Mrs. Hough moved to Grand Junction, Colorado in 1946. Mrs. Hough died there at the age of 86 years. Mr. Hough died two years later after 94 years of life. (See also HOUGH — Cat Creek)

Houser, Harry Harry was an employee of the Frantz Corporation in the Cat Creek Field. In December of 1922 he married Mrs. Lillian E. West of Winnett. She was the proprietor of the Star Cleaners.

(W.T. 2-16-23) "A. W. Ogg sold his residence property this week to Mrs. Houser. Mrs. Houser will move into her new home the latter part of the week.” October 12, 1923, the Star Cleaners was sold to Bores Sombor. Mr. and Mrs. Houser then left for Oregon and made that their home.

Hove, Erik Mr. Hove was a partner of Oscar Badger in The Mode, a store of men’s apparel in 1921. He also was a rancher. (See also Hove — Dovetail)

Hover, Herbert A. (W.T. 10-13-49) "Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hover of Pass-a-Grille, California, were visitors in Winnett one day last week looking over the place they left 30 years ago. Mr. Hover will be remembered here best for his activity during early oil boom days. He built the brick and tile building in Block 9 facing Main Street. After being the Hover office building, it became, among other businesses, the Hansen Beer Parlor, Hansen’s Cafe, and now, in 1949, is Myers Bar. (See Picture next page)

"He also built a refinery in Lewistown. In Cat Creek the named is connected with the old Hover-Schwartz lease. The couple was traveling by car, having toured a good part of the world in that manner. Mr. Hover is now 81 years of age and apparently in good health." Herbert Hover died in November of 1951. (See also Hover — Cat Creek)

Howe, Mike Mike worked for Rex Freighting in 1921.

Howe, W. R. Mr. Howe was a contractor and builder in Winnett’s homestead years. A part of his ad (W.T. 12-13-1916) stated: "Let Me Figure on Your Job. and I will help you pay your carpenter bill by reducing the cost of your material. Being agent for the Local Lumber Company of Tacoma, Washington, enables me to make this reduction on the lumber bill..."

Howry, Carl Carl Howry, born February 4, 1885, was one of seven children, with three sisters and three brothers. He came to Winnett from Roundup, Montana, in the 1920s. Previously married, he had one daughter, Louise. He married Lillian Isaacson Gorman. She was the sister of Len Isaacson and the mother of two children —
Gordon "Snooky" and LaVerne "Buster."

In June of 1930 Carl leased the Hoyle garage building and opened an auto repair shop, "Busy Corner Garage." In November of that year, he leased the garage to Fred Welch, only to again open it in May of 1933 with Les Thompson as a partner. They installed new machinery to bring the shop up to date. When Ted Hegna closed his garage that year, Carl took over the handling of Ford parts.

No more information was available on Carl until March of 1939, when he succumbed to tuberculosis aggravated by pneumonia and died at the home of his brother, George, in Roundup, Montana. A brother, John, enroute to Carl's funeral was killed when the passenger bus in which he was riding plunged 100 feet into a canyon. Lillian later moved to Portland, Oregon, and married Hal Gossett.

LaVerne, or "Buster," was born in Minnesota, but came to Winnett as a child and received his education here. He had been a victim of polio when an infant, and it was most difficult for him to walk. As a child in Winnett, he often used a four-wheeled low platform, which he propelled with his hands, to get where he wanted to go. He was later fitted with leg braces. Even though handicapped, he made his own way in life. He was artistically gifted and was admired by all who knew him. After being a fighter all his life, he finally could fight no more and passed away in Whittier, California, June 11, 1981, at the age of 60.

Gordon, or "Snooky," married and had one son and five daughters. He and his family lived for a time in Hood River, Oregon.

**HOYLE, Alfred** In about 1918, Al and Mary Hoyle, formerly of Hoyle, Montana, moved into Winnett where Al ran the Winnett Garage. (See also **HOYLE — Petrolia** Mary and Alice Hoyle (her daughter-in-law) managed the Delco Cafe, which was renamed the Hoyle Cafe in May of 1921.

Al and Mary's home was at 11 North Ashley Ave. behind Al's garage. The garage, in 1989, is the county garage. In April of 1930, Al was found building a golf green next to his filling station, so that he could keep up his golf practice between greasing and filling cars!

In 1931 Al took over the jitney mail route, which had formerly been run by his son Len, and Al moved onto Len's ranch in the Petrolia community. His filling station on Main Street had been rented to Kenneth Cole. Apparently tiring of the farm life, on April 29, 1934, Al moved a metal building to Winnett from the farm and opened a barbershop on Winnett's Main Street. The building and business was sold to Clarence Saylor in August of the same year.

The Lewistown Creamery established a cream station in Winnett in August of 1935. Al was chosen operator. The
creamery was located one door west of Mother’s Cafe. Al spent the last four months of his life in the Masonic Home at Helena, Montana. He died March 7, 1944.

HOYLE, Len Len was the barbering son of Al and Mary Hoyle. He and his wife, Alice, had two daughters — Lenora Montana and Mary Jane. (W.T. 8-4-22) “Len Hoyle this week purchased the barbershop equipment of J. S. Taylor, which includes the three chairs used by Mr. Taylor in his business in the Stormwind building.

“Mr. Hoyle has moved his equipment to the Winnett Theater building and started in business Thursday morning. Carl Blank, who was associated with Mr. Taylor, will be employed in the new shop by Mr. Hoyle.”

(W.T. 5-21-26) “Len Hoyle has returned from Billings, where he was employed in the Priscilla Ladies Hair Cutting Parlor, and has opened a barbershop in the former White Transportation building across the street from the drug store.”

In July of 1926 Len went into business with Perry Walker in Perry’s barbershop, later purchasing same. In 1929, Len sold his shop to Harry West and moved to the Hoyle Ranch ten miles east of town. In July of 1931, he moved back to Winnett and purchased the Dugan barbershop. He moved into Al Hoyle’s residence. September of that year found him adding luxury to his shop! Hot and cold water both were installed, after which he offered bath service to the public — on Saturday only! A fire on October 30, 1931, partially destroyed his shop, so he relocated on the south side of Main Street next to Casey’s Meat Market in the old offices of Nick Langhausen. On May 27, 1933, his home in Winnett burned. He moved to Missoula, Montana, in July of 1933.

(See also HOYLE — Petrolia)

HOYLE, Lester A. Lester, son of Al and Mary Hoyle, was the “flying” Hoyle. He married Opal Wilson of the Ashley country. They made their home at 307 South Broadway Avenue. (W.T. 4-1-21) “L. A. Hoyle returned Saturday from a trip to Great Falls, Montana, where, it is said, he closed a deal for a late type aeroplane.”

(W.T. 4-15-21) “Winnett can now lay claim to having a flying machine belonging to a native son, and the appearance of one of the flying birds over our town will not much longer offer any thrills to those who see it. Flying the standard machine purchased recently by Lester A. Hoyle, assistant cashier of the First National Bank. Earl T. Vance, pilot for the Aero Miles City Club, arrived in Winnett Sunday evening, being forced to land some two miles from town due to a leaky radiator.

“Owing to the fact that they were forced three times on their way from the Falls to take on water, the trip took something like three hours. After spending the day in Winnett Monday, when repairs on the radiator were made, Mr. Vance took off early Tuesday morning for Miles City, where the machine will be stored until such time as Mr. Hoyle can secure the services of a competent pilot to handle the machine for him. While at Miles City, the motor now in the machine will be changed, the 4-cylinder 110-horse being replaced by an 8-cylinder Curtis 125-horse.

“The change is made so that the machine will have plenty of power for high altitude flying. As soon as the pilot is secured, Mr. Hoyle will have the machine brought here and will then take up the study of air navigation himself. Although there are many machines in Montana, this is the first to be owned by anyone in this section. Mr. Hoyle can justly be remembered as the pioneer aeroplane owner in the famous oil fields.”

(W.T. 10-14-21) “Lester Hoyle, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, and first and only owner of an airplane in Winnett, took the reins in his own hands and is now piloting the machine without the aid of a teacher. From the standpoint of one on the ground looking up, Les is an expert at the business, and rides the swiftest gale without a hitch.”
Hruska, Joe

Joe Hruska of Lewistown served in the Navy during World War II. After his discharge, he came to Winnett in March of 1946 and was employed as clerk and butcher in the Winnett Mercantile Co. In August of that year, he met with a most painful accident, when he lost his middle finger and mangled the third one in the meat grinder. The machine had to be dismantled to extricate the finger.

Hughes, Jess

Jess Hughes, born October 18, 1883, in Boone, Iowa, came to Winnett before 1920, and was an auto mechanic. (W.T. 7-29-21) "Mrs. J. H. Hughes and two children returned Saturday from Lewistown, Montana, where they have visited friends for several days."

(W.T. 9-9-1921) "The frame building formerly occupied by the Broadway Garage has been moved south to the lot next to the new garage and has been remodeled and fitted in shape for a repair shop. Jess Hughes has leased the building and has opened a repair shop and service station. In connection, proprietor Hughes will conduct a line of trucks, engaging in heavy trucking and long distance hauling."

Hughley, C. A.

Mr. Hughley came from Denver, Colorado, in 1929 to take the position of clerk in the Eager Mercantile Co. He replaced William Anderson.

Hunt, Thomas S.

Thomas was Petroleum County Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration Rehabilitation set up in November of 1938. He made his home in Winnett. At that time Petroleum County had 30 families who were restocking or getting reestablished through government loans and help. Miss Jennie Knoll was Mr. Hunt's secretary.

Hunter, Mrs. Helen

(W.T. 6-30-22) "A deal was consummated this week whereby Mrs. Helen Hunter leased the Winnett Theater from Harold Berry. Mrs. Hunter takes possession today."

Huotte, Dell "Shorty"

Dell "Shorty" Huotte came to Montana from Wisconsin and worked in the mines at Butte, Montana, before arriving in the Winnett area in the early 1920s. He owned a fleet of White trucks and engaged in the trucking business, freighting oil well supplies to the then booming Cat Creek oil field. Before 1925 he also owned a farm in the Brush Creek area about six miles northeast of Winnett.

Shorty was an excellent farmer, being as fastidious regarding the production of alfalfa seed as he was of his physical appearance. There was no clover allowed in his alfalfa fields. As the clover plants were pulled by hand. Always generous and thoughtful of others, after a hunting trip in 1930, he gave the steaks and roasts all away to his friends. The editor of the Winnett Times told of this, as he was one of the recipients of the venison.

One of Shorty's contracts was described in the Winnett Times of November 20, 1931: "Shorty received the contract to haul culverts to be used in the new stretch of highway east of Winnett. There were four carloads of them, totaling better than 30,000 feet. The culverts were all marked, and will be moved to a spot in the highway that bears the corresponding mark. Inasmuch as the smaller culverts were placed inside the larger ones. Shorty had quite a job separating them and loading them on his trucks."

Friends remember that Shorty, gentleman as he was, would get a large box of green carnations on St. Patrick's Day and give one to every lady at the dance. In 1934 Shorty was a surveyor on the Dead Man's Basin project. Shorty and his friend, Colie Bridges, met with a shocking and instant death in July of 1949, when their pickup was struck accidently by a truck.

Iguaran, Nora

Nora was an exchange student from Bogota, Columbia, South America. She graduated from Winnett High School in 1971. Nora lived at the home of Tony and Jane Meekush near Flatwillow. Meekush 'sisters' and 'brother' were Randy, Reese, and Monty.

Ingalls, Ernest (By Ruth Ingalls English) "The head of our clan was Dad, Ernest Alfred Ingalls, born May 15, 1889, in Whitehall, Wisconsin. Mother was Emma May Parsons, born October 1, 1888, in Afton, Minnesota. They were married December 19, 1912, at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, by Rev. Clark."

"There were four children: Ruth Madaline Ingalls, born November 18, 1913, in Consort, Alberta, Canada; Beatrice Margaret Ingalls, born at Coronation, Alberta, on October 28, 1915; Kenneth Eugene Ingalls, born December 18, 1921, at the Brice Hospital in Lewistown, Montana; and Muriel Lucille Ingalls, born July 8, 1923, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewistown, Montana."


"So much for the information contained in our big family Bible. But 'a life spent worthily should be measured by deeds, not years.' somebody has said, and all of these people lived lives that should be recorded somewhere in other than birth and death dates."

"My family lived in Winnett from 1922 until 1953, when my father retired as a section foreman on the Milwaukee
Railroad, after 31 years of service. Mother had died on September 24, 1938.

"During his stay in Winnett, Dad was chairman of the school board for many years, a councilman under Mayor Elmer Eager and a member of the Masonic Lodge, as well as a past Noble Grand and longtime secretary for the Odd Fellows. Dad would have been 93 years old on May 15, 1982, but he died in February of that year. He was the most unjudgmental person I ever knew — except of himself — right up to the very end.

"I was graduated from Winnett High School in 1931, spent my 19th birthday teaching in a one-room school on the Brown Lease out of Cat Creek in 1932, and my 20th at the Shay School, then within the Winnett School District. In 1935 I went to Troy, Montana, to teach; there I met Webster C. English. Web and I were married in Libby, Montana, on December 20, 1935. Our only son, Webster Eugene, was born December 4, 1936.

"Beatrice graduated from Winnett High School in 1932. Before moving to Seattle, Bea worked in the Winnett courthouse in the 1930s. Kenny graduated from Winnett High School in 1939. He served eight years in the Navy and followed aviation until 1957. He later became manager for Singer Co. in Walla Walla, Washington. Muriel graduated from Winnett High School in 1941. She retired in the late 1960s as an administrative assistant for the U.S. Government Civil Service. She is deceased." (See also INGALLS — Cat Creek)

INGEBO, Alvin C. Alvin and Pearl Ingebo moved from Petrolia to Winnett in 1919 (See also INGEO — Petrolia). After moving to Winnett, Alvin drove the commissary truck for the Frantz Corporation between Winnett and the Cat Creek oil field. In November of 1922, Alvin and his brother in law, J. Birmingham, purchased a dray line from Earl Wallace. In 1928 he and Joe Neil were partners in operating the Neil-Ingebo Garage. In 1931 found him a partner with William Griebel in opening the previously internally-burned Aristo Theater.

Alvin was elected a District #159 school trustee in April of 1934, and he helped build a wonderful skating rink in Winnett in December of that same year. In 1938 Alvin was chosen as custodian of the Winnett Schools — a fine choice, as he was always interested in doing things for the youth of the community. Being a carpenter, he was an expert at building any kind of contraption needed for a
community or school carnival. Girls wore skirts and dresses in those years, and probably many victims can remember one of his inventions — the carnival wind machine which he placed beneath a grill under the old gym stage. A girl had to walk over it to the enjoyment of bystanders!

Meanwhile Pearl was not only a homemaker, but she taught in several country schools. They lived in their home at 108 South Broadway Avenue, and were never too busy to help anyone.

In 1948 Ingebos moved to Billings, Montana, where Al built a Dairy Queen which operated until 1958. Next they moved to Hood River, Oregon, and finally to Tigard, Oregon. Al followed his lifelong interest of exquisite woodworking, making grandfather clocks, for instance. Pearl continued writing to all her many friends. In 1978 she completed a genealogy of the Ingebo family. Pearl died in April of 1979. Alvin died in January of 1983.

The Ingebos raised two sons, George and Robert. George served four years in the Air Force (1942-1946) in China, Burma, and India theaters. and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He received his Ph.D. in 1952 and distinguished himself in education institutions in Oregon. He married Margaret Smith, and they have one daughter, Kristy Rae.

Robert graduated from Winnett High School in 1940 and received a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. He served two years in World War II in the U.S. Navy. He was an aerospace engineer and became an acknowledged authority on fuel atomization and vaporization. He married Frances Embry, and they have a son, Steven Robert.

IRELAND, Harry Bliss Harry B. Ireland was born February 13, 1896, in Glasgow, Scotland. He was a truck driver in Winnett during the early 1920s.

IRVIN, S. F. Mrs. S. F. Irvin was hired as dormitory cook for the 1927-1928 school year.

ISAACSON, William Len Len Isaacson was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, January 18, 1894, and received his education there and in Detroit Lakes. He came to Montana in 1915 with his parents, who later ran the Smith Post Office in the Petrolia area. He entered the Army and served in World War I. (See also ISAACSON — Petrolia)

Mildred Atwood was born June 22, 1909, in Missouri, and as a child moved with her parents to the Musselshell River area (See also ATWOOD — Musselshell). She received her early education there and graduated from Winnett High School with the class of 1929.

On July 14, 1929, Mildred and Len were married. They lived in the original Ira Pierson home in Winnett. Len worked on ranches, carpentered, and was a general handyman. In 1938 Len was put in charge of locating and marking the graves of soldiers who had been involved in any war. Many of these fallen soldiers had been buried in secluded spots all over Petroleum County and an effort was being made to pay them their proper respect by placing marble markers at their gravesites.

The Isaacsons were parents of four children — Louise, Viola, Doris and William Len “Junior.” Louise graduated from Winnett High School in 1948, married Garnet Bacon. She developed Hodgkins disease and died soon after giving birth to a son, Henry. Viola graduated from Winnett High School in 1949, attended Eastern Montana College and then taught school. She married Arthur Calvin. They had four children — Allen, Janet, Danny and Julie. They live at Laurel, Montana.

Doris graduated from Winnett High School in 1951. She married Harold Ostler and they had four children — Penny, Sandra, David and Kathy (died in 1971 with encephalitis). Harold is involved in over-the-road trucking, and Doris drives pilot cars for oversize loads. They live near Helmsville, Montana.

Junior entered high school in Harlouton, but did not graduate, as he enlisted in the service at seventeen years of age. He served for three years and obtained his G. E. D. (high school diploma equivalency). Junior married Jackie Hutchison, and they had three children — Betty, Carla and Eddy. They live in Laurel, Montana, where Junior works for the Ford Tractor Company.

Len and Mildred moved to Harlouton in 1959. Len died there in January 1973 and was buried in the Custer National Cemetery. Mildred moved to Roundup, Montana, in 1977, where she was married to Earl Adams, brother of Albert Adams. She died in November of 1979.

IVERSON, Ruth (By Ruth Laugeman) “In the fall of 1961, after Isaac Iverson’s death in the spring, I moved to town (from the Dovetail ranch) to be closer to my kids who were still in school. We lived in the Bauer house behind the old Eager store. The next spring I bought the house my folks, the Trippe, owned across from the southeast corner of the school and started remodeling it. We put it on a new foundation with a basement, then took the stucco off the outside and the plaster out of the inside, and remodeled the whole house.

‘Lee was in college. Anne had married Warren Weaver, Zell and Tom were in high school, and Hallie was in the sixth grade. Charles Peabody was hired to take care of the livestock and the ranch. We spent the summers on the ranch. After Lee finished college and married Marcia Neild, they took over managing the ranch and are now buying it.” (See also IVerson — Dovetail and LAUGEMAN — Winnett)

IVINS, E. G. Early in 1914 the Winnett State Bank opened in Winnett. Mr. Ivins was one of the stockholders.

JACOBSEN, Ernest E. Ernest Jacobsen was born December 24, 1894, in Racine, Wisconsin. In Winnett in 1921, he was bookkeeper and president of the Mid Montana Refinery which was east of the Independent Pipe Line loading racks.

JACOBSON, Ralph Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jacobson lived in the apartment at the rear of the Winnett Motors building in 1961.

JANKOWSKI, Mr. In July of 1948, Mr. and Mrs.
Jankowski and two children moved to Winnett, and Mr. Jankowski managed the Winnett Barbershop. Mrs. Jankowski was hired as first and second grade teacher in the Winnett School for the 1948-49 term of school. However, school records show that Daisy Shaw was the first and second grade teacher that year. It is therefore assumed that the Jankowskis were here only a short time before they moved to Sunburst, Montana.

JARRELL, William Carter William lived in Winnett during the oil boom and joined the local Masonic organization in 1922. He was born April 4, 1899, at Henderson, Texas, and came to this area as a well driller in 1921.

JARRETT, Charles Charles Jarrett and family evidently came to the Winnett country in the early teens, as a news item in the Winnett Times stated that the first baby born in the site of Winnett before the town was laid out was Leona Jarrett, who was the youngest girl of the family. Lucille was the other daughter.

Mrs. Jarrett ran the Jarrett Hotel, two doors east of the first Aristo. Charles had charge of the Montana Bar, which was west of the Schmidt Hotel. The family built and lived in the house in Lot 18 Block 22. In 1921 the family and the town of Winnett were badly shocked when Charles became involved in a hold-up at Roy, Montana. He and "Tex" Jackson robbed the Roy bank and a man was killed in the ensuing foray. Both men were tried, found guilty, and sentenced to serve time in the State Prison at Deer Lodge, Montana.

The following article which was printed in the Lewistown Democrat News and re-copied in the Winnett Times of January 9, 1928, tells more of the story: "Charlie Jarrett, former well-known businessman of Winnett, who is now out on parole from the state penitentiary having just completed five years of a ten- to twenty-year sentence, arrived in Lewistown the first of the week. He has been spending the past few days renewing acquaintances here while selling what is known as 'Speedo' can openers and knife sharpeners.

"Charlie states that he is mighty glad to be out again, that he hardly knows how to express his appreciation for the kind treatment he has received since returning to Lewistown. He states that he intends to make good in every way possible, that Mrs. Jarrett and his two daughters who have stuck by him, are all at Deer Lodge - Mrs. Jarrett working in a hotel; Lucille, one of the daughters, working in a store; and Leona, the youngest, attending school.

"He also says that he received mighty good treatment at Deer Lodge. Referring to Tex Jackson, who was sentenced about the same time as himself, Charlie said that he was considered one of the best crooks in the institution and was doing well. Mr. Jarrett expects to go out to Winnett in a few days and clean up some business matters, after which he will work around Lewistown for about a month and then travel over the state."

According to the Winnett Times of August 21, 1931, Charles did not learn his lesson very well: "Charles Jarrett, well-known in this country due to his connection with the Roy bank robbery about ten years ago, was arrested in Great Falls last Saturday, charged with burglary."

JENKINS, Joe Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jenkins and daughter, Susan, lived in Winnett for a short time in March of 1961. Joe was an employee of the State Highway Department and did surveyor work for a program to improve Highway #200 east of Mosby.

JENSEN, Jack (By Jack Jensen) "I was born January 25, 1944, and grew up on a farm with four brothers and three sisters. I graduated from Circle High School in 1961 and went to work part time for the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service for five years, then enrolled at Montana State University in the fall of 1966. After two years, our Uncle Sam invited me on a free two-year, fun-filled vacation, with a one-year overseas experience in Vietnam. In June of 1970, I became a civilian again.

"That fall, just as I was preparing for 'The Mighty Elk Hunt', I met a student teacher in Circle. Marsha Gray Jensen was born January 1, 1949, in Missoula, Montana, and grew up by a sawmill near Seeley Lake. She graduated from Seeley-Swan High School in 1967 and attended MSU. Marsha's major was home economics and physical education. In the fall of her senior year, she found herself lost in God-forsaken eastern Montana at a town called Circle.

"I enrolled at MSU the winter quarter of 1971. Marsha and I were married in August of 1971. She got a teaching job at Bozeman Junior High, and I attended MSU and graduated with a vocational agriculture degree following the winter quarter of 1973. Marsha continued teaching until June of 1975, four months after our first child, Stephenie, was born three months premature in Bozeman. That summer I was offered a job at Winnett to teach Vo-Ag. We moved here in August of 1975.

"I taught Vo-Ag for two years, then leased a farm with an option to buy. Our second daughter, Jacqueline, 'Jackie,' was born on Thanksgiving Day in 1977. We purchased the Rostad farm in May of 1978. A few good years followed and we leased more ground. Kimberly 'Kim' arrived during combining, August 13, 1979, followed by Heidi in May of 1981.

"We built our new home in 1981 and 1982 and moved in 1983. It is a good thing we did it then, because since that year, this country seems to have broken every rule of nature and made every bad record in the books. We started in the cattle business in 1985 and bought Joe Pease's registered Black Angus cows in the spring of 1986. We enjoy selling yearling bulls in the spring. It seems we all have fallen in love with this life-style; and it looks like Winnett will be stuck with us for a long time."

JENSEN, Jens Jens was the architect in Jensen Brothers firm in 1921.