

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.

GERSHMEL, Gary When Gary and Linda moved to Winnett in 1985, they built a combination grocery-Trustworthy Hardware Store. (See also GERSHMEL — Petrolia and MATOVICH — Musselshell River) The store, located in Block 16 near the corner of East Main Street and South Broadway, is a fine addition to the town of Winnett.

The Gershmels live at 301 South Moulton Ave. Lani graduated from Winnett High School in 1986. She married Lynn Olson, also a Winnett High School graduate of 1986. She works for the Soil Conservation Service in Lewistown, Montana. Gard, in his junior year of Winnett High School, received a fellowship in science from Brandeis University in Boston and spent the summer of 1988 there, researching motion sickness in astronauts. Gard graduated as a high school valedictorian in 1989. Grant, Gane, Lacey and Leila are students in the Winnett schools (1989).

Gary has been a member of the Toastmasters Club, Rodeo Club, SCS committee, ASCS committee, Winnett School Board, and the Firehall committee. The family are members of the Winnett United Methodist Church and are active in many community affairs. Gary and Linda sing and play guitar at church functions, community dances, and for various other social gatherings. Linda worked for the United States Census Bureau in 1987 and 1988.



New Gershmel Store helped fill a blank spot on Main Street!

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 Barrel 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 thumb and finger, are still there!) and walked to Winnett's Ranch. He hooked up a team of broncs and drove me to Teigens' 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 Gaudalcanal, 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 Mountain 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 Tunnickliff, daughter of H. H. "Pete" Tunnickliff, 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 months. He moved his family here from Belt, Montana.

In June of 1933 he was transferred to Lewistown, Montana, 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 Stauffer. 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.



Patrick Gilfeather

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.

John Gotzinger died March 17, 1932. Anne married Lawrence Kroetch, a former Kelley resident, in 1939. They made their home in Billings. Anne died in 1977.

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 1987-88. 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 canner 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,



Frank and Marshall Bey Greene about 1928

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. Green's residence, he was under his Ford at the east end of Main Street investigating the reason why the dubob 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.



Newly completed first residence in town of Winnett (1914)

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.



First baby born in town of Winnett — Elizabeth Brownie Greene, Christmas Day 1915



Hamm and Nellie Greene, many years after leaving Winnett

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 ranched 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.

June graduated from Winnett High School in 1934 and attended college one year. She married Gerald Trump, brother of Winnett's Elliott Trump, in 1936. They had three children — Gerald, Donna and Michael. Gerald died of a heart attack in June of 1959. In 1965 she married Oliver Woodall. He passed away in September of 1972.

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 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-gauge 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."

GRIFFITH, 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)



Elmer and Eva Grosser

GROVE, Hugh "Red" "Red", son of Earl and Merle Killham Grove, was born March 25, 1916, in Loveland, Colorado. (See also KILLHAM and TERNAN — Dovetail) Red married Blanche Saylor, who had taught for several years in the Winnett School. (See also SAYLOR — Winnett) They became the parents of a daughter, Betty (1949). In 1950 the Grove family purchased the Northern Hotel from Helen Svindland.

In 1966 the first long yellow bus was seen traversing the Petrolia and Musselshell River area, bringing students to the Winnett schools. Red had been awarded that contract. Red was a fine driver, and parents along the route were pleased with Red's concern for the welfare of their

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 Geis' 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 marshal. 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)



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gullickson



Ethel and Don 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 in 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



D and E Store auction sale (1981)

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 marshal 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.

HASSLER, 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