

and Company have purchased 20 tons of ice from Roe Fisher at Smith crossing and are putting up an icehouse to store it."

HALLICKSON, 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 Dissa.

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



Lincoln and Martha Hamilton

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. 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. Leege. 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 masonry 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 Earl 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 Elden 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 Fail 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 Win-

nett 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 here 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.



Lois and Jack Hanson with Connie

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 Weiloff 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. Whiting 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 Harris family 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 oldest 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 Harris family 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. (Teri 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 rims 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 skinned 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 Flatwillow 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



Bill Harris family: Heidi, Bill, Cori, Clara, Addie and Destry (in front)

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 Win-

nett. 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 Harris, 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 filling station attendant, and Mr. Hayman worked in the Gallagher and Britzius Shop Department.

HAYNIE, 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 Heaton's 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

1966. 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. J. 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 McCone 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



Joie and Ron Heitz

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."

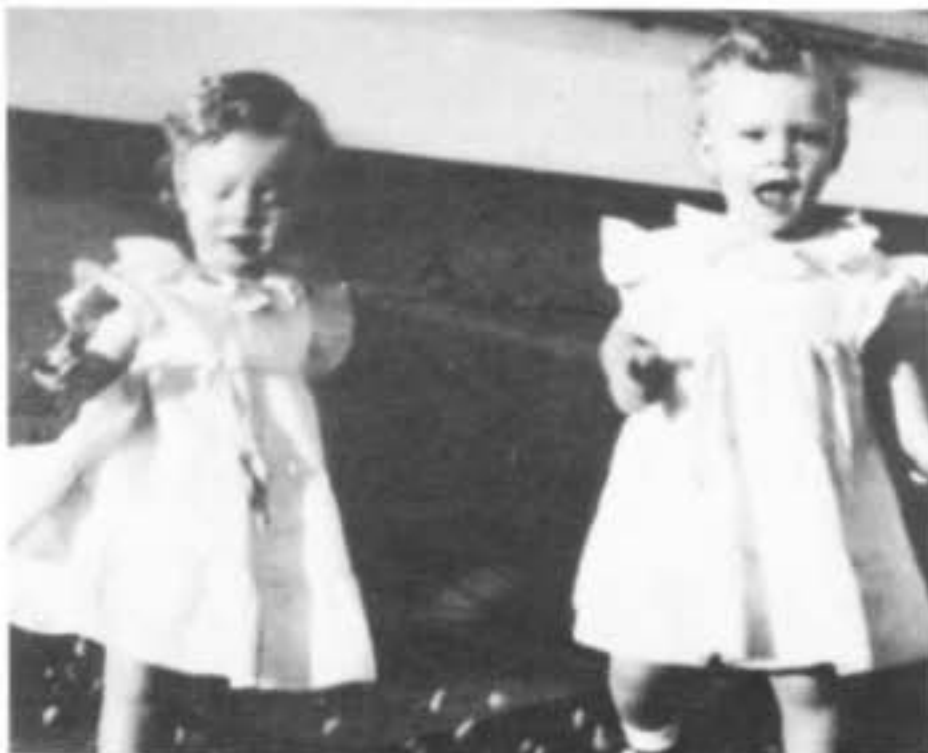
John later worked for Jadie's Carter Service Station, then went to work for the Anaconda smelter in East Helena. He was married and had two children — Anna Marie and John Louis.

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)



Marabelle and Clarabelle Herweg

HEWES, Otis Being a professional painter and calciminer, 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



Hill — 50th Anniversary

(Top row) Brad, Joan, Brendan and Brent Murphy

(2nd row) Reba, Virginia, Pearl and Loren Mart

(3rd row) Jennifer, Calvin, Sharon and Matthew Wilson

(4th row) Bruce, Kathi, Kathy and Stanley Hill

(5th row) Joshua, Jarom, Jacob, Floyd, Viola, Jonathan, Sarah



Joel (Bruce's son), not in Anniversary picture

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 — Musselshell). 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 Musselshell 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 Thiel 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



Hillius house (1989) being prepared for trip to country

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 Tunnick, 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.

HIMES, Dale Dale Himes was a driller for Red Wing Drilling Company in 1956. Children in the family, as noted in news items, were Danny, Donald, Steven, and Kalua Ann. In December of 1956, Kalua Ann, four months old, died and was buried in Yuma, Arizona. February of 1960 found Dale being forced to bring suit against the drilling company in order to collect his wages.

HIMMENGER, 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 home 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 1932. 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), Marci, and Michael. Sylvia is now married to Wayne Maffit. 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, Frantz Camp 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. —