

The oldest livery in Winnett — the OIL City Phone 80.”

Robert Hogg was a candidate for the office of clerk and recorder of Petroleum County in 1924, but was defeated in a closely contested four-way race. He purchased the Schmidt Hotel from Mrs. Schmidt December 15, 1924. His ad in the Winnett paper of January 30, 1925, read: “The Commercial Hotel, formerly the Schmidt Hotel — Hot water and all modern conveniences for exclusive use of guests only — Private telephone booth — Free bus to and from all trains for patrons — Taxi service from town points, 50 cents a person — Latest model typewriter for use of guests. Robert T. Hogg, proprietor.”

In April of 1926, Mr. Hogg accepted a position as salesman for International Harvester Co. with headquarters in Lewistown, Montana. The Hoggs then made their home in Lewistown.

HOLLAND, E. T. The E. T. Holland family were part of the E. V. McCollum Co. crew who did seismic exploration in Petroleum County in 1955 and 1956.

HOLLAND, Henry Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holland took over Saylor’s barbershop in August of 1944.

HOLLAS, Everett G. (W.T. 9-1915) “In the past two weeks, four buildings have been put under construction in this town: a land office, a tailor shop, a restaurant, and a bungalow. The latter is being built in the northeast part of town by Everett Hollas, and will be occupied by himself and wife, Helen, as a residence . . .”

(W.T. 8-26-21) “Fire which started in the roof almost totally destroyed the residence of Everett Hollas early Thursday morning. Mr. Goar first noticed the smoke about 3 o’clock A. M. and immediately notified J. E. Smith at the Wide Awake Garage. The fire bell has not been installed yet, and with his own efforts Mr. Smith notified Everett Hollas, Frank Alfson, Mr. Petticord, W. H. Wilson, Harry Timm, and Frank Nelson.

“A car was attached to the hose cart and the fire was reached before the blaze had made any headway. If chemicals had been in working order very little damage would have resulted. The hose was then connected up and the boys soon had the blaze under control. However, water and fire combination almost totally destroyed the building and furniture.” (W.T. 10-28-21) “The residence of Mrs. Helen Hollas in the east end of town has been repaired and is again ready for occupancy. The house was partially destroyed this spring by fire.”

Everett and Helen Hollas had one son, John Everett, listed on the 1924 school census.

HOLMBOE, Evan H. Mr. Holmboe was secretary of the Winnett Irrigation Co., and he maintained an office in Winnett. Minnie Pribble worked as his stenographer during the school years of 1920-1921, and proving herself very efficient, was given the full-time position in May of 1921. (See also HOLMBOE — Brush Creek and PRIBBLE — Brush Creek and Winnett)

HOPKINS, Roy Roy and Hazel Hopkins moved to Winnett from the Buffalo Creek area about 1920 (See also

HOPKINS — Brush Creek). Son Ralph wrote: “We left the ranch, and Dad had a house built at the foot of the rimrocks in Winnett, one of the nicest houses around at the time. My sister, Patti, and I played on the rimrocks all of the time, and neither of us were threatened or bitten by rattlesnakes, which were very plentiful. We were taught early on to run when we heard one.

“One winter someone loaned us a tobaggan and the family would slide off the rimrock hill. Not being experienced in how to guide one, one day we got off course and ran into a barbed wire fence. Mother was in front and her nose was nearly torn off her face by the fence. Patti and I were so scared we lay back, covered our faces, and didn’t get a scratch.

“My mother moved to Lewistown, Montana, when I was about six years old — about 1923 — along with my sister, Patti. From that time on, my mother and dad never lived together.

“One year I remember being around bees and getting stung a lot. Dad and Johnny Woods were in the honey business together. The hives were at his place on the edge of town. I went there a lot with Dad, when they would harvest the honey.”

(W.T. 11-17-26) “The Woods and Hopkins Apiary made the last shipment of 12,000 pounds of honey from Winnett on Friday. It was the last of 10 shipments. The honey brought 20 cents a pound.” In June of 1928 the Hopkins-Woods Apiary business was dissolved. Hopkins’ share of 50 stacks of bees were moved to the Sibbert Ranch.

Ralph married Barbara Baker, daughter of Tom Baker of Lewistown. They were the parents of Sue Marie, Thomas Kirk and Mariann. Ralph lives in Tucson, Arizona (1989). Patti married Frank Anderson, and they had a daughter, Wendy.

HOUGEN, Harold Harold Hougén bought Myers place from Roy Myers in May of 1958. The bar was later re-named the Stockman Bar. Harold also owned the Stockman Cafe.

HOUGH, Carroll Carroll, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, was born February 17, 1922, in Winnett. His mother died soon after Carroll’s birth. Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Hough, with their big hearts, offered to adopt the little fellow, and so Carroll became a part of their family. Carroll attended Winnett schools and learned the art of working from his father, O. K., and older brother, Dow.

In 1940 Carroll married Alta Kelly and they had a daughter, Kathy. The marriage failed, and in August of 1944, Carroll entered the armed services. He was wounded in action and was awarded two Purple Hearts and the Good Conduct Medal. He participated in the Battle of Nijmegen Bridge and the Battle of the Bulge.

Carroll married Fern Petersen in Grand Junction, Colorado, March 6, 1948. They returned to Winnett and he went to work with the local section crew of the Montana Highway Department. In 1954 they purchased the former Bennett house from Ralph Saylor.

The highway department transferred Carroll to Roy,

Montana, in March 1964. He became ill, but did not inform his family of the seriousness of his condition. Fern became suspicious, called the doctor in Great Falls, Montana, and was advised that nothing could be done — only sedatives to relieve his pain. He died April 1, 1965.

Fern and Carroll had two sons, Glen and Neil. Glen married Peggy Bekel. They are the parents of two children — Warren, who is in high school; and Jennifer, in junior high. Glen works for Farmers National in a program dealing with repossessed farms. Neil married Karen Benson of Melstone, Montana. They are parents of three children — Bret, Kama Kay, and Cole. Neil is now a gauger for Conoco. His wife is a fourth-grade teacher in the Roundup, Montana, school.

In later years an older Reynolds brother found out about his brother, Carroll, and came to Winnett to see him. Carroll had passed away more than a year before. The brother, however, does keep in touch with his two nephews, Glen and Neil.

Fern married Russell Kesterson in 1966, and they live near Sumatra, Montana.

HOUGH, Dow An interesting account of Dow's early life is in the Cat Creek history section of this book. Dow and Lillian Story, daughter of Percy Story, were married in August of 1929 (See also STORY — Teigen). They became the parents of a daughter, Patsy, and a son, Reginald "Reggie."

In May of 1936 Dow built a new service station at the corner of West Main and South Broadway Avenue. He also continued with his trucking business. Dow later sold his Winnett-Lewistown truck line to A. B. Vannoy. The Dow Hough family purchased the Rader house when Raders left Winnett in 1940. Dow, Lillian, and children moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, in the mid-1940s. (See also HOUGH — Cat Creek)

HOUGH, Mrs. Laura (W.T. 1-26-23) "Mrs. Laura Hough has leased the Central Hotel and has opened the same to the general public. She has had the building thoroughly cleaned and renovated."

HOUGH, Oscar K. Oscar and Jennie Hough and family moved into Winnett from the Jitney area in 1920. O. K. then operated a dray line commonly known as the "O. K. Dray."

In 1926 Houghs returned to the farm for another four years. Then neighbors and other friends encouraged Mr. Hough to run for the office of Petroleum County assessor. He ran, was elected, and served for six years from 1931 through 1936.

Always a prudent man, he immediately moved to save Petroleum County money. (W.T. 4-3-1931) "Assessor O. K. Hough, who put the honor system into vogue for the first time in Petroleum County, reports that assessments are coming in fine and that taxpayers are not making any effort to dodge their full assessment; that in fact, in many instances, more was reported than that obtained by field men in former years. Using the honor system does away with the need of field assessors and is an economical

move on the part of Mr. Hough."

Mrs. Hough was her husband's able assistant in the office. After O. K.'s stint as assessor, he, with the help of Dow and Carroll, hauled the mail to and from the train to the post office. Mr. Hough also helped Dow in his City Service Station garage and worked in a local hardware store.

Mr. and Mrs. Hough moved to Grand Junction, Colorado in 1946. Mrs. Hough died there at the age of 86 years. Mr. Hough died two years later after 94 years of life. (See also HOUGH — Cat Creek)

HOUSER, Harry Harry was an employee of the Frantz Corporation in the Cat Creek Field. In December of 1922 he married Mrs. Lillian E. West of Winnett. She was the proprietor of the Star Cleaners.

(W.T. 2-16-23) "A. W. Ogg sold his residence property this week to Mrs. Houser. Mrs. Houser will move into her new home the latter part of the week." October 12, 1923, the Star Cleaners was sold to Bores Sombor. Mr. and Mrs. Houser then left for Oregon and made that their home.

HOVE, Erik Mr. Hove was a partner of Oscar Badger in The Mode, a store of men's apparel in 1921. He also was a rancher. (See also HOVE — Dovetail)

HOVER, Herbert A. (W.T. 10-13-49) "Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hover of Pass-a-Grille, California, were visitors in Winnett one day last week looking over the place they left 30 years ago. Mr. Hover will be remembered here best for his activity during early oil boom days. He built the brick and tile building in Block 9 facing Main Street. After being the Hover office building, it became, among other businesses, the Hansen Beer Parlor, Hansen's Cafe, and now, in 1949, is Myers Bar." (See Picture next page)

"He also built a refinery in Lewistown. In Cat Creek the named is connected with the old Hover-Schwartz lease. The couple was traveling by car, having toured a good part of the world in that manner. Mr. Hover is now 81 years of age and apparently in good health." Herbert Hover died in November of 1951. (See also HOVER — Cat Creek)

HOWE, Mike Mike worked for Rex Freighting in 1921.

HOWE, W. R. Mr. Howe was a contractor and builder in Winnett's homestead years. A part of his ad (W.T. 12-13-1916) stated: "Let Me Figure on Your Job, and I will help you pay your carpenter bill by reducing the cost of your material. Being agent for the Local Lumber Company of Tacoma, Washington, enables me to make this reduction on the lumber bill. . ."

HOWRY, Carl Carl Howry, born February 4, 1885, was one of seven children, with three sisters and three brothers. He came to Winnett from Roundup, Montana, in the 1920s. Previously married, he had one daughter, Louise. He married Lillian Isaacson Gorman. She was the sister of Len Isaacson and the mother of two children —



Mr. Hover contracted John Valach (far left) of Lewistown for the construction of his Hover-Schwartz office building in 1920. Besides serving as an oil office, the Hover building offered space to Dr. Kent W. Berry and Dentist R. R. Robinson in 1921. As stated in the text, it was to serve many purposes before its demise.

Gordon "Snooky" and LaVerne "Buster."

In June of 1930 Carl leased the Hoyle garage building and opened an auto repair shop, "Busy Corner Garage." In November of that year, he leased the garage to Fred Welch, only to again open it in May of 1933 with Les Thompson as a partner. They installed new machinery to bring the shop up to date. When Ted Hegna closed his garage that year, Carl took over the handling of Ford parts.

No more information was available on Carl until March of 1939, when he succumbed to tuberculosis aggravated by pneumonia and died at the home of his brother, George, in Roundup, Montana. A brother, John, enroute to Carl's funeral was killed when the passenger bus in which he was riding plunged 100 feet into a canyon. Lillian later moved to Portland, Oregon, and married Hal Gossett.

LaVerne, or "Buster," was born in Minnesota, but came to Winnett as a child and received his education here. He had been a victim of polio when an infant, and it was most difficult for him to walk. As a child in Winnett, he often used a four-wheeled low platform, which he propelled with his hands, to get where he wanted to go. He was later fitted with leg braces. Even though handicapped, he made his own way in life. He was artistically gifted and was admired by all who knew him. After being a fighter all his life, he finally could fight no more and passed away in

Whittier, California, June 11, 1981, at the age of 60.

Gordon, or "Snooky," married and had one son and five daughters. He and his family lived for a time in Hood River, Oregon.

HOYLE, Alfred In about 1918, Al and Mary Hoyle, formerly of Hoyle, Montana, moved into Winnett where Al ran the Winnett Garage. (See also HOYLE — Petrolia) Mary and Alice Hoyle (her daughter-in-law) managed the Delco Cafe, which was renamed the Hoyle Cafe in May of 1921.

Al and Mary's home was at 11 North Ashley Ave, behind Al's garage. The garage, in 1989, is the county garage. In April of 1930, Al was found building a golf green next to his filling station, so that he could keep up his golf practice between greasing and filling cars!

In 1931 Al took over the jitney mail route, which had formerly been run by his son Len, and Al moved onto Len's ranch in the Petrolia community. His filling station on Main Street had been rented to Kenneth Cole. Apparently tiring of the farm life, on April 29, 1934, Al moved a metal building to Winnett from the farm and opened a barbershop on Winnett's Main Street. The building and business was sold to Clarence Saylor in August of the same year.

The Lewistown Creamery established a cream station in Winnett in August of 1935. Al was chosen operator. The

creamery was located one door west of Mother's Cafe. Al spent the last four months of his life in the Masonic Home at Helena, Montana. He died March 7, 1944.

HOYLE, Len Len was the barbering son of Al and Mary Hoyle. He and his wife, Alice, had two daughters — Lenora Montana and Mary Jane. (W.T. 8-4-22) "Len Hoyle this week purchased the barbershop equipment of J. S. Taylor, which includes the three chairs used by Mr. Taylor in his business in the Stormwind building.

"Mr. Hoyle has moved his equipment to the Winnett Theater building and started in business Thursday morning. Carl Blank, who was associated with Mr. Taylor, will be employed in the new shop by Mr. Hoyle."

(W.T. 5-21-26) "Len Hoyle has returned from Billings, where he was employed in the Priscilla Ladies Hair Cutting Parlor, and has opened a barbershop in the former White Transportation building across the street from the drug store."

In July of 1926 Len went into business with Perry Walker in Perry's barbershop, later purchasing same. In 1929, Len sold his shop to Harry West and moved to the Hoyle Ranch ten miles east of town. In July of 1931, he moved back to Winnett and purchased the Dugan barbershop. He moved into Al Hoyle's residence. September of that year found him adding luxury to his shop! Hot and cold water both were installed, after which he offered bath service to the public — on Saturday only!!

A fire on October 30, 1931, partially destroyed his shop, so he relocated on the south side of Main Street next to Casey's Meat Market in the old offices of Nick Langhausen. On May 27, 1933, his home in Winnett burned. He moved to Missoula, Montana, in July of 1933. (See also HOYLE — Petrolia)

HOYLE, Lester A. Lester, son of Al and Mary Hoyle, was the "flying" Hoyle. He married Opal Wilson of the

Ashley country. They made their home at 307 South Broadway Avenue. (W.T. 4-1-21) "L. A. Hoyle returned Saturday from a trip to Great Falls, Montana, where, it is said, he closed a deal for a late type aeroplane."

(W.T. 4-15-21) "Winnett can now lay claim to having a flying machine belonging to a native son, and the appearance of one of the flying birds over our town will not much longer offer any thrills to those who see it. Flying the standard machine purchased recently by Lester A. Hoyle, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, Earl T. Vance, pilot for the Aero Miles City Club, arrived in Winnett Sunday evening, being forced to land some two miles from town due to a leaky radiator.

"Owing to the fact that they were forced three times on their way from the Falls to take on water, the trip took something like three hours. After spending the day in Winnett Monday, when repairs on the radiator were made, Mr. Vance took off early Tuesday morning for Miles City, where the machine will be stored until such time as Mr. Hoyle can secure the services of a competent pilot to handle the machine for him. While at Miles City, the motor now in the machine will be changed, the 4-cylinder 110-horse being replaced by an 8-cylinder Curtis 125-horse.

"The change is made so that the machine will have plenty of power for high altitude flying. As soon as the pilot is secured, Mr. Hoyle will have the machine brought here and will then take up the study of air navigation himself. Although there are many machines in Montana, this is the first to be owned by anyone in this section. Mr. Hoyle can justly be remembered as the pioneer aeroplane owner in the famous oil fields."

(W.T. 10-14-21) "Lester Hoyle, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, and first and only owner of an airplane in Winnett, took the reins in his own hands and is now piloting the machine without the aid of a teacher. From the standpoint of one on the ground looking up, Les is an expert at the business, and rides the swiftest gale without a hitch."



Opal Wilson Hoyle and baby



Les's first flying machine

HRUSKA, Joe Joe Hruska of Lewistown served in the Navy during World War II. After his discharge, he came to Winnett in March of 1946 and was employed as clerk and butcher in the Winnett Mercantile Co. In August of that year, he met with a most painful accident, when he lost his middle finger and mangled the third one in the meat grinder. The machine had to be dismantled to extricate the finger.

HUGHES, Jess Jess Hughes, born October 18, 1883, in Boone, Iowa, came to Winnett before 1920, and was an auto mechanic. (W.T. 7-29-21) "Mrs. J. H. Hughes and two children returned Saturday from Lewistown, Montana, where they have visited friends for several days."

(W.T. 9-9-1921) "The frame building formerly occupied by the Broadway Garage has been moved south to the lot next to the new garage and has been remodeled and fitted in shape for a repair shop. Jess Hughes has leased the building and has opened a repair shop and service station. In connection, proprietor Hughes will conduct a line of trucks, engaging in heavy trucking and long distance hauling."

HUGHEY, C. A. Mr. Hughey came from Denver, Colorado, in 1929 to take the position of clerk in the Eager Mercantile Co. He replaced William Anderson.

HUNT, Thomas S. Thomas was Petroleum County Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration Rehabilitation set up in November of 1938. He made his home in Winnett. At that time Petroleum County had 30 families who were restocking or getting reestablished through government loans and help. Miss Jennie Knoll was Mr. Hunt's secretary.

HUNTER, Mrs. Helen (W.T. 6-30-22) "A deal was consummated this week whereby Mrs. Helen Hunter leased the Winnett Theater from Harold Berry. Mrs. Hunter takes possession today."

HUOTTE, Dell "Shorty" Dell "Shorty" Huotte came to Montana from Wisconsin and worked in the mines at Butte, Montana, before arriving in the Winnett area in the early 1920s. He owned a fleet of White trucks and engaged in the trucking business, freighting oil well supplies to the then booming Cat Creek oil field. Before 1925 he also owned a farm in the Brush Creek area about six miles northeast of Winnett.



Dell "Shorty" Huotte

Shorty was an excellent farmer, being as fastidious regarding the production of alfalfa seed as he was of his physical appearance. There was no clover allowed in his alfalfa fields, as the clover plants were pulled by hand. Always generous and thoughtful of others, after a hunting trip in 1930, he gave the steaks and roasts all away to his friends. The editor of the *Winnett Times* told of this, as he was one of the recipients of the venison.

One of Shorty's contracts was described in the *Winnett Times* of November 20, 1931: "Shorty received the contract to haul culverts to be used in the new stretch of highway east of Winnett. There were four carloads of them, totaling better than 30,000 feet. The culverts were all marked, and will be moved to a spot in the highway that bears the corresponding mark. Inasmuch as the smaller culverts were placed inside the larger ones, Shorty had quite a job separating them and loading them on his trucks."

Friends remember that Shorty, gentleman as he was, would get a large box of green carnations on St. Patrick's Day and give one to every lady at the dance. In 1934 Shorty was a surveyor on the Dead Man's Basin project. Shorty and his friend, Colie Bridges, met with a shocking and instant death in July of 1949, when their pickup was struck accidentally by a truck.

IGUARAN, Nora Nora was an exchange student from Bogota, Columbia, South America. She graduated from Winnett High School in 1971. Nora lived at the home of Tony and Jane Mlekush near Flatwillow. Mlekush "sisters" and "brother" were Randy, Reese, and Monty.

INGALLS, Ernest (By Ruth Ingalls English) "The head of our clan was Dad, Ernest Alfred Ingalls, born May 15, 1889, in Whitehall, Wisconsin. Mother was Emma May Parsons, born October 3, 1888, in Afton, Minnesota. They were married December 19, 1912, at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, by Rev. Clark.

"There were four children: Ruth Madaline Ingalls, born November 18, 1913, in Consort, Alberta, Canada; Beatrice Margaret Ingalls, born at Coronation, Alberta, on October 28, 1915; Kenneth Eugene Ingalls, born December 18, 1921, at the Brice Hospital in Lewistown, Montana; and Muriel Lucille Ingalls, born July 8, 1923, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewistown, Montana.

"Beatrice married Chris Miller on January 30, 1933, in Roundup, Montana; a second marriage was to August Ranf on June 30, 1936, in Lewistown, Montana. Kenneth Eugene married Margaret McCracken on April 8, 1950. Ruth married Webster C. English in Libby, Montana, on December 20, 1935. Muriel married L. Dan Tikalsky in Seattle, Washington.

"So much for the information contained in our big family Bible. But 'a life spent worthily should be measured by deeds, not years,' somebody has said, and all of these people lived lives that should be recorded somewhere in other than birth and death dates.

"My family lived in Winnett from 1922 until 1953, when my father retired as a section foreman on the Milwaukee

Railroad, after 31 years of service. Mother had died on September 24, 1938.

"During his stay in Winnett, Dad was chairman of the school board for many years, a councilman under Mayor Elmer Eager and a member of the Masonic Lodge, as well as a past Noble Grand and longtime secretary for the Odd Fellows. Dad would have been 93 years old on May 15, 1982, but he died in February of that year. He was the most unjudgmental person I ever knew — except of himself — right up to the very end.

"I was graduated from Winnett High School in 1931, spent my 19th birthday teaching in a one-room school on the Brown Lease out of Cat Creek in 1932, and my 20th at the Shay School, then within the Winnett School District. In 1935 I went to Troy, Montana, to teach; there I met Webster C. English. Web and I were married in Libby, Montana, on December 20, 1935. Our only son, Webster Eugene, was born December 4, 1936.

"Beatrice graduated from Winnett High School in 1932. Before moving to Seattle, Bea worked in the Winnett courthouse in the 1930s. Kenny graduated from Winnett High School in 1939. He served eight years in the Navy and followed aviation until 1957. He later became manager for Singer Co. in Walla Walla, Washington. Muriel graduated from Winnett High School in 1941. She retired in the late 1960s as an administrative assistant for the U. S. Government Civil Service. She is deceased." (See also INGALLS — Cat Creek)

INGEBO, Alvin C. Alvin and Pearl Ingebo moved from Petrolia to Winnett in 1919 (See also INGEBO — Petrolia). After moving to Winnett, Alvin drove the commissary truck for the Frantz Corporation between Winnett and the Cat Creek oil field. In November of 1922, Alvin and his brother in law, J. Birmingham, purchased a dray line from



Alvin Ingebo and the grandfather clock he built

Earl Wallace. In 1928 he and Joe Neil were partners in operating the Neil-Ingebo Garage. 1931 found him a partner with William Griebel in opening the previously internally-burned Aristo Theater.

Alvin was elected a District #159 school trustee in April of 1934, and he helped build a wonderful skating rink in Winnett in December of that same year. In 1938 Alvin was chosen as custodian of the Winnett Schools — a fine choice, as he was always interested in doing things for the youth of the community. Being a carpenter, he was an expert at building any kind of contraption needed for a



George, Pearl, Alvin, and Robert Ingebo

community or school carnival. Girls wore skirts and dresses in those years, and probably many victims can remember one of his inventions — the carnival wind machine which he placed beneath a grill under the old gym stage. A girl had to walk over it to the enjoyment of bystanders!

Meanwhile Pearl was not only a homemaker, but she taught in several country schools. They lived in their home at 108 South Broadway Avenue, and were never too busy to help anyone.

In 1948 Ingebos moved to Billings, Montana, where Al built a Dairy Queen which operated until 1958. Next they moved to Hood River, Oregon, and finally to Tigard, Oregon. Al followed his lifelong interest of exquisite wood working, making grandfather clocks, for instance. Pearl continued writing to all her many friends. In 1978 she completed a genealogy of the Ingebo family. Pearl died in April of 1979. Alvin died in January of 1983.

The Ingebos raised two sons, George and Robert. George served four years in the Air Force (1942-1946) in the China, Burma, and India theaters, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He received his Ph.D. in 1952 and distinguished himself in education institutions in Oregon. He married Margaret Smith, and they have one daughter, Kristy Rae.

Robert graduated from Winnett High School in 1940 and received a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. He served two years in World War II in the U. S. Navy. He was an aerospace engineer and became an acknowledged authority on fuel atomization and vaporization. He married Frances Embry, and they have a son, Steven Robert.

IRELAND, Harry Bliss Harry B. Ireland was born February 13, 1896, in Glasgow, Scotland. He was a truck driver in Winnett during the early 1920s.

IRVIN, S. F. Mrs. S. F. Irvin was hired as dormitory cook for the 1927-1928 school year.

ISAACSON, William Len Len Isaacson was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, January 18, 1894, and received his education there and in Detroit Lakes. He came to Montana in 1915 with his parents, who later ran the Smith Post Office in the Petrolia area. He entered the Army and served in World War I. (See also ISAACSON — Petrolia)

Mildred Atwood was born June 22, 1909, in Missouri, and as a child moved with her parents to the Musselshell River area (See also ATWOOD — Musselshell). She received her early education there and graduated from Winnett High School with the class of 1929.

On July 14, 1929, Mildred and Len were married. They lived in the original Ira Pierson home in Winnett. Len worked on ranches, carpentered, and was a general handy man. In 1938 Len was put in charge of locating and marking the graves of soldiers who had been involved in any war. Many of these fallen soldiers had been buried in secluded spots all over Petroleum County and an effort was being made to pay them their proper respect by placing marble markers at their gravesites.

The Isaacsons were parents of four children — Louise, Viola, Doris and William Len "Junior." Louise graduated from Winnett High School in 1948. She married Garnet Bacon. She developed Hodgkins disease and died soon after giving birth to a son, Henry. Viola graduated from Winnett High School in 1949, attended Eastern Montana College and then taught school. She married Arthur Calvin. They had four children — Allen, Janet, Danny and Julie. They live at Laurel, Montana.

Doris graduated from Winnett High School in 1951. She married Harold Ostler and they had four children — Penny, Sandra, David and Kathy (died in 1971 with encephalitis). Harold is involved in over-the-road trucking, and Doris drives pilot cars for oversize loads. They live near Helmville, Montana.

Junior entered high school in Harlowton, but did not graduate, as he enlisted in the service at seventeen years of age. He served for three years and obtained his G. E. D. (high school diploma equivalency). Junior married Jackie Hutchison, and they had three children — Betty, Carla and Eddy. They live in Laurel, Montana, where Junior works for the Ford Tractor Company.

Len and Mildred moved to Harlowton in 1959. Len died there in January 1973 and was buried in the Custer National Cemetery. Mildred moved to Roundup, Montana, in 1977, where she was married to Earl Adams, brother of Albert Adams. She died in November of 1979.

IVERSON, Ruth (By Ruth Laugeman) "In the fall of 1961, after Isaac Iverson's death in the spring, I moved to town (from the Dovetail ranch) to be closer to my kids who were still in school. We lived in the Bauer house behind the old Eager store. The next spring I bought the house my folks, the Tripps, owned across from the southeast corner of the school and started remodeling it. We put it on a new foundation with a basement, then took the stucco off the outside and the plaster out of the inside, and remodeled the whole house.

"Lee was in college, Anne had married Warren Weaver, Zell and Tom were in high school, and Hallie was in the sixth grade. Charles Peabody was hired to take care of the livestock and the ranch. We spent the summers on the ranch. After Lee finished college and married Marcia Neild, they took over managing the ranch and are now buying it." (See also IVERSON — Dovetail and LAUGEMAN — Winnett)

IVINS, E. G. Early in 1914 the Winnett State Bank opened in Winnett. Mr. Ivins was one of the stockholders.

JACOBSEN, Ernest E. Ernest Jacobsen was born December 24, 1894, in Racine, Wisconsin. In Winnett in 1921, he was bookkeeper and president of the Mid Montana Refinery which was east of the Independent Pipe Line loading racks.

JACOBSON, Ralph Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jacobson lived in the apartment at the rear of the Winnett Motors building in 1961.

JANKOWSKI, Mr. In July of 1948, Mr. and Mrs.

Jankowski and two children moved to Winnett, and Mr. Jankowski managed the Winnett Barbershop. Mrs. Jankowski was hired as first and second grade teacher in the Winnett School for the 1948-49 term of school. However, school records show that Daisy Shaw was the first and second grade teacher that year. It is therefore assumed that the Jankowskis were here only a short time before they moved to Sunburst, Montana.

JARRELL, William Carter William lived in Winnett during the oil boom and joined the local Masonic organization in 1922. He was born April 4, 1899, at Henderson, Texas, and came to this area as a well driller in 1921.

JARRETT, Charles Charles Jarrett and family evidently came to the Winnett country in the early teens, as a news item in the *Winnett Times* stated that the first baby born in the site of Winnett before the town was laid out was Leona Jarrett, who was the youngest girl of the family. Lucille was the other daughter.

Mrs. Jarrett ran the Jarrett Hotel, two doors east of the first Aristo. Charles had charge of the Montana Bar, which was west of the Schmidt Hotel. The family built and lived in the house in Lot 18 Block 22. In 1921 the family and the town of Winnett were sadly shocked when Charles became involved in a hold-up at Roy, Montana. He and "Tex" Jackson robbed the Roy bank and a man was killed in the ensuing foray. Both men were tried, found guilty, and sentenced to serve time in the State Prison at Deer Lodge, Montana.

The following article which was printed in the *Lewistown Democrat News* and re-copied in the *Winnett Times* of January 9, 1928, tells more of the story: "Charlie Jarrett, former well-known businessman of Winnett, who is now out on parole from the state penitentiary having just completed five years of a ten- to twenty-year sentence, arrived in Lewistown the first of the week. He has been spending the past few days renewing acquaintances here while selling what is known as 'Speedo' can openers and knife sharpeners.

"Charlie states that he is mighty glad to be out again, that he hardly knows how to express his appreciation for the kind treatment he has received since returning to Lewistown. He states that he intends to make good in every way possible, that Mrs. Jarrett and his two daughters who have stuck by him, are all at Deer Lodge — Mrs. Jarrett working in a hotel; Lucille, one of the daughters, working in a store; and Leona, the youngest, attending school.

"He also says that he received mighty good treatment at Deer Lodge. Referring to Tex Jackson, who was sentenced about the same time as himself, Charlie said that he was considered one of the best crooks in the institution and was doing well. Mr. Jarrett expects to go out to Winnett in a few days and clean up some business matters, after which he will work around Lewistown for about a month and then travel over the state."

According to the *Winnett Times* of August 21, 1931,

Charles did not learn his lesson very well: "Charles Jarrett, well-known in this country due to his connection with the Roy bank robbery about ten years ago, was arrested in Great Falls last Saturday, charged with burglary."

JENKINS, Joe Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jenkins and daughter, Susan, lived in Winnett for a short time in March of 1961. Joe was an employee of the State Highway Department and did surveyor work for a program to improve Highway #200 east of Mosby.

JENSEN, Jack (By Jack Jensen) "I was born January 25, 1944, and grew up on a farm with four brothers and three sisters. I graduated from Circle High School in 1961 and went to work part time for the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service for five years, then enrolled at Montana State University in the fall of 1966. After two years, our Uncle Sam invited me on a free two-year, fun-filled vacation, with a one-year overseas experience in Vietnam. In June of 1970, I became a civilian again.

"That fall, just as I was preparing for 'The Mighty Elk Hunt,' I met a student teacher in Circle. Marsha Gray Jensen was born January 1, 1949, in Missoula, Montana, and grew up by a sawmill near Seeley Lake. She graduated from Seeley-Swan High School in 1967 and attended MSU. Marsha's major was home economics and physical education. In the fall of her senior year, she found herself lost in God-forsaken eastern Montana at a town called Circle.

"I enrolled at MSU the winter quarter of 1971. Marsha and I were married in August of 1971. She got a teaching job at Bozeman Junior High, and I attended MSU and graduated with a vocational agriculture degree following the winter quarter of 1973. Marsha continued teaching until June of 1975, four months after our first child, Stephenie, was born three months premature in Bozeman. That summer I was offered a job at Winnett to teach Vo-Ag. We moved here in August of 1975.

"I taught Vo-Ag for two years, then leased a farm with an option to buy. Our second daughter, Jacqueline "Jackie," was born on Thanksgiving Day in 1977. We purchased the Rostad farm in May of 1978. A few good years followed and we leased more ground. Kimberly "Kim" arrived during combining, August 13, 1979, followed by Heidi in May of 1981.

"We built our new home in 1981 and 1982 and moved in 1983. It is a good thing we did it then, because since that year, this country seems to have broken every rule of nature and made every bad record in the books. We started in the cattle business in 1985 and bought Joe Pease's registered Black Angus cows in the spring of 1986. We enjoy selling yearling bulls in the spring. It seems we all have fallen in love with this life-style; and it looks like Winnett will be stuck with us for a long time."

JENSEN, Jens Jens was the architect in Jensen Brothers firm in 1921.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Two sons were born while they lived in Cat Creek — Lance, in March of 1972; and Levi, in April of 1975. April

of 1976 found the Johnsons moving to Winnett, where they lived in their motor home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JORDAN, Joseph Judson Joseph Judson left Iowa in the early 1880s and, for a few years, hunted and trapped in the section now known as Yellowstone Park. In the

1890s he went to Portland, Oregon, where he married. He and Frances Lucy came to Winnett in 1919. Joseph died in Winnett in May of 1927. Funeral services were held at the home with Dr. Alexander officiating. R. J. Woods read "Ingersoll's Eulogy to his Brother" at the gravesite. This arrangement was according to the dying wishes of Mr. Jordan. Mrs. Jordan died in Winnett in November of 1927. They were the parents of Mrs. Harvey Hodson and Mrs. Arthur Spaulding.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Arthur went to the Army in 1942 and wrote back to Otto Moore the following: "We are known as Custer's Tank Busters here, and are a happy-go-lucky bunch, kind of don't care what happens the way it seems, always broke as a soldier should be. You were right when you told me I would get a kick out of everything. I sure did. I

have never seen so many dumb clucks trying to explain how things should be and then couldn't do them.

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

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

KARSTEDT, Minnie (W.T. 1-25-1924) "Henry G. Huot (pronounced *yacht*) and Minnie Karstedt, both of Winnett, were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Victory Memorial Church on Saturday evening at 8:30, with the Rev. T. T. Fike officiating. Mrs. McCurdy was an attendant. Mrs. Huot was employed at the Delco Cafe, and Mr. Huot is a farmer in the vicinity of Flatwillow." "Hank" was known as a very good horseman. The Huots adopted a daughter. (See also KARSTEDT — Flatwillow)

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

KASTNER, Fred (By Edna Kastner) Fred Kastner married Edna Kleiman on May 27, 1943, in Winnett. The couple had seven children — George, Phyllis, William "Bill," Doris, Ronald, Virginia, and Shirley. All of the children attended Winnett schools. George was killed in a



Edna and Fred Kastner