

car accident in 1962. Phyllis married Dick Hanson (See HANSON). Bill married Evelyn Estes of Winnett (See also ESTES — Dovetail). They have five children and live in Union City, California, where Bill works for Pabco Co.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**KAUTH, Cecil** Cecil Kauth, son of Gusty Kauth of Roy, Montana, was born June 2, 1902. The family came to Montana in 1914 and lived east of Roy. There Cecil and Florence Welter became acquainted and were married. They had one daughter, Barbara.

The family moved to Winnett, and Cecil was involved in

trucking. Florence went to work at the Eager Mercantile in 1936 and worked there until 1942. In August of 1942 Kauths moved to Lewistown, where Cecil was employed by the Fergus County Creamery. Cecil and Florence were later divorced, and both re-married. Cecil passed away in July of 1962. Florence married a Wilson and ran Wilson Realty in Lewistown.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

also purchased the Vane Catlin house at 10 South Ashley Avenue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Three Kiehl children were born in the large Winnett

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

home to Mosby in 1965.

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

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

**KINCHELOE, Roy** Mr. Kincheloe hauled a lot of oil field equipment during the oil boom years. (W.T. 8-12-1921) "Roy Kincheloe departed Monday for the Judith Basin with Wm. H. Brillhart's big White truck where he will engage in hauling wheat during the season." Kincheloes had a daughter, Mary Jo.

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

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

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

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

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

Irene graduated in 1938 and worked for the Selective Service Office in Winnett after graduation from high



Bill Kindt

school. In 1942 Irene married Adam Lantz, who was employed by a drilling company working in Winnett. Most of their married life was spent in Wyoming. They were parents of four children.

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

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

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

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

**KIPP, James** Mr. and Mrs. James Kipp and sons, James and George, moved to Winnett in the fall of 1958. Mr. Kipp was Winnett High School coach and English instructor. Mrs. Kipp was cook at the Stockman Cafe. She also served as public library trustee for a time. The family left in the summer of 1962.

**KIRKEBY, A. C.** (W.T. 4-1-1921) "A. C. Kirkeby, yard manager of the Valley Lumber Co. here, spent Easter Sunday with his family at Bozeman, returning to Winnett Wednesday to resume his duties." The Valley Lumber Company's yard and offices were west of the depot — their hardware store was in the first Eager building on West Main.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

"In 1970 Dad's health was not too good, so he moved in with us at the ranch. He was with us until his death in 1985. In 1979 I began my postal career at the Winnett

Post Office, as clerk for Ann Schenk. I was also Avon lady for the Winnett community. Russ was brand inspector, which kept him busy in the fall. He also belonged to the Stockgrowers Association.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Andrew lost his fine shop in the disastrous fire of October 29, 1931, but leased space in the showroom of the Ted Hegna garage and continued shoe-repair work

until his death in April of 1938. (W.T. 4-8-1938) "Andrew was of sterling character and highly respected by his neighbors and friends in Petroleum County. Beside the widow, Sophia, he was survived by his brother, Lars, of Casper, Wyoming, and children in other sections of the country." Sophia married Herman Hansen May 9, 1943. (See also HANSEN)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

to Moore in 1953.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

stood clapping his knees and laughing hilariously as he watched her crawl to safety!

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

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

**LAMPHY, Jack** Jack Lamphy was a shoemaker in Winnett's early history.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LANGSHAUSEN, Nicholas "Nick"** Nicholas Langshausen, born June 18, 1882, at Alexandria, Min-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LARSEN, James Elden** James Elden was born January 3, 1890, in Williamsfield, Illinois. He joined the

local Masonic Lodge in May of 1923. He was an oil driller at that time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



*Fuller and Ruth Laugeman*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

John and Rosa Lee were married in Judith Gap in 1947. The years at Judith Gap from 1947 to 1969 saw the birth of all their children — Linda Louise (1947), Terry Sharlene (1949), Jeanne Ellen (1950), Barbara Alice (1951), Rosemary (1952) and John William (1961). Three daughters graduated from high school in Judith Gap — Linda in 1965, Terry in 1967, and Jeanne in 1968.

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

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

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

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

Bill did some wrestling and played some football and basketball. He was also a paper boy for many years for the *Billings Gazette*. He graduated from Winnett High School in 1979 and attended Wyoming Technical Institute, where he received a degree in body, fender and paint work. Bill married Mary Christine Dunning in 1987. They live in Judith Gap, where Bill works as a ranch hand



and Chris teaches third and fourth grades. A Montana Centennial son, Jacob, was born in to them in the spring of 1989.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Hank died in February of 1989, after being in a nursing

home where, Pat stated, "He received absolutely wonderful treatment." Pat lives in her own apartment in a portion of daughter Donna's home. Pat, Myra Poulton, and Hattie Gershmel were strong promoters of the local Senior Citizen organization. Pat was the first president of this popular group.

Lengemanns have two children: Robert, who was born while they lived in Winnett in 1934; and Donna, who was found under the Christmas tree at Fairfield, Montana, on Christmas day in 1937.

Bob graduated from Winnett High School in 1952. As a chemical engineer, he has worked in London, South Africa, Rhodesia, Angola, Zambia, Russia, Romania, and Turkey. He now lives in Arlington Heights, Illinois. He and his wife, the former Mary Jane Spangler, have two children - Jane "Susie" and James "Jimmy".

Donna graduated from Winnett High School in 1955. She married Enrico d'Amico, and they had five children - Ricky, Randy, Denise, Patti, and Janette. Janette died from infant death syndrome while d'Amicos were living in Alaska. Since Rico was a career man in the Air Force, the d'Amicos found themselves living in all corners of the nation. They now (1989) live in Mesa, Arizona.

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

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

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

Louise tells that the only time her mother ever saw Louise's father (Howard) mad was when the new house was built in Winnett. Some other people came into the

yard and were packing off the leftover lumber! (See also FLATWILLOW HALL and LEPPER - Flatwillow)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oscar was commander of the American Legion in 1921, and as such, prepared the plans for the new Victory Memorial Church. (W.T. 4-8-21) "There may be, in the Treasure state, churches that are more elaborate from