

the standpoint of architecture, but there is no church in Montana, of any denomination, which will surpass the Victory Memorial Church in usefulness."

In August of 1921, after working here for the Monarch Lumber Co., Oscar left to take over the lumberyard at Denton, Montana. He later moved to Portland, Oregon.

LINDSEY, A. Lloyd A. Lloyd Lindsey, born April 18, 1894, in Weaubleau, Missouri, was working in the oil fields and living in Winnett in the early 1920s. He joined the local Masonic Lodge on March 26, 1925. He died in 1931.

LINDSEY, Carroll Carroll Lindsey was hired as Winnett School superintendent in April of 1973. He and his wife, Virginia, and children, Kyle and Donna, moved to Winnett before the start of school in the fall. He was not only superintendent, but also P. E. instructor and coach of girls' basketball.

There was lots of talent among the girls, which, when coupled with Mr. Lindsey's exceptional basketball instruction, produced a team that won second in the Divisional tournament on a challenge. They went on to take fourth in the state in the school year 1974-75.

Mr. Lindsey resigned in 1975 and accepted the position of superintendent at Grassrange, Montana. He is now (in 1989), and has been for several years, the superintendent at Winifred, Montana. He is also coach of girls' basketball there.

LINTON, Royal V. (W.T. 8-19-1921) "Royal V. Linton, a young man well-known here, where he was interested in oil operations, ended his life Tuesday morning by sending a .22-caliber bullet through his heart. The event occurred while the young man was in his room at Lewistown, Montana, in the Beaver Hotel. He left a note to his sweetheart, who occupied the adjoining room, which did not give a clear explanation of his actions."

LITTLE, W. F. Mr. Little was in charge of the Independent Pipeline. In June of 1921 Mrs. Little returned to her home in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

LITTLEJOHN, N. J. (W.T. 1-16-1920) "Work on the construction of our water system started last Thursday, contractor N. J. Littlejohn having his force of men busy digging the supply well, which will be five feet square and approximately 150 feet deep. This well will serve as a sort of reservoir, as it is estimated that there will be about 75 feet of standing water in this shaft at all times. Digging is very slow, rock being encountered near the surface, and blasting is the only way of going down." This well was in the alley back of 11 North Grand Avenue. It was fitted with a hand pump and residents were allowed to procure their water there.

LIVINGSTON, W. L. "Axle" Livingston was born September 25, 1910, in Wathena, Kansas. He attended schools in Glendive and Baker, Montana, and graduated from the Chillicothe, Missouri, business college. He married Margarete Herman in 1937. They were the parents

of two children when they came to Winnett in 1945 — Camilla and Edwin.

Axle drilled in the discovery well on Mosby Dome the first of the year in 1946 (See also LIVINGSTON — Cat Creek). After that, and for several years, Axle drilled water wells and serviced them. Daughter Elaine was born to the family during those years. Axle died November 8, 1959, of a coronary thrombosis.

Edwin married after graduating from Winnett High School in 1958. He and Faye are parents of Faye's son, John, and their daughter, Leigh. Edwin returned to Winnett with his own drilling rig in 1984 and brought in the new water well for the town of Winnett. Camilla graduated from Winnett High School in 1961 and attended Eastern Montana College for two years. She married William Baycroft, and they have two daughters, Sheri and Meri and a son, Matthew. Margarete married Joe Coffey in May of 1961 (See also COFFEY, Joe)

LOCKWOOD, Fay Mr. Lockwood was employed in the Winnett depot in 1921.

LODAHL, Delmo On March 1, 1964, Delmo Lodahl leased the Commercial Hotel from Mrs. Margaret Hedman. He also leased and operated Floyd's Bar.

LODERMEIER, William "Willie" Lodermeier was hired as industrial arts instructor and as assistant football and basketball coach in the fall of 1982. His wife, Carlene, taught art in the Winnett schools. In 1983 Carlene was "Story Lady" of the Public Library Story Hour and instructed elementary students in library science. In July of 1984, she was hired as public librarian. She was also hired as the first teacher of the first full-time kindergarten in Winnett.

Willie was a fine carpenter and cement man. He drew up the plans for the modification of the library entrance, built a beautiful walnut stand for the library's visitor registration book, and helped many people with construction and cement work. He had just completed some remodeling work on the Mike Greytak house in Winnett when that building exploded due to a gas leak and a spark from a fan. Willie, living in the next block, heard the explosion, rushed to the scene, and carried Sig Greytak out of the shattered and burning building, probably saving her life.

The Lodermeiers resigned all of their positions in the early summer of 1985 and moved to Bozeman, Montana. They had become richer by two children while living in Winnett. When they left here, they were accompanied by son Luke and daughter Allison.

In Bozeman Willie continued his education, and Carlene taught primary grades there. In 1989, one of Carlene's students, Nina Zimmerman (afflicted with cerebral palsy) won a \$1000 national award for inventing a special pencil holder that would help people who also had her kind of disability. Teacher Carlene had asked the class to solve their most troubling problem by inventing a solution.

Lodermeiers are now (1989) living in Ames, Iowa.

LOEBS, Verda (By Verda Loeb) "After my first hus-

band, Jack Keith, passed away in 1975, I moved to Winnett (See also KEITH — Musselshell). This had already been planned before Jack died, because of Judy starting high school. I married Don Loeb on January 10, 1976, and moved to Grassrange, Montana, in June. Don worked at the sawmill and I bartended part time and did some cafe work. A lot of our weekends were spent taking the camper and the kids fishing or hunting.

"Don was killed February 16, 1977, in a snowmobile accident. I worked steady as a bartender at M & R Bar and Cafe. Judy graduated from Grassrange in 1979 and married a classmate, Dan Elliott, in July. They moved to the ranch to work until 1984 when Dan went to work at Cat Creek oil field. They started working for Rex Bohn in April 1988. Jessie was born July 10, 1982, and Jenna, August 24, 1986.

"Kevin and I moved back to Winnett in August of 1979, where I worked at the Winnett Bar, clerked at Olson's Grocery, helped in the hot lunch program, and wrote news for the newspaper. I also worked at the Kozy Korner Cafe and did some part-time postmaster relief work.

"Kevin graduated from Winnett High School in 1982 and married a classmate, Cara Kipf, in June. They lived on the ranch for a year and then moved to Bozeman where Kevin got a ranch job and Cara started college. He is still on the same place, which he more or less manages, and Cara is still going to college part time and working at the FHA office part time (1989). Amber was born September 6, 1982, and Chase, on May 11, 1984. Kevin and Cara coach grade school girls' basketball at Gallatin Gateway in the fall and boys' basketball in the winter.

"Claude married Kathy Coffey in August of 1977. Clyde was born July 26, 1979, his great-grandfather's (Bert Keith's) birthday. Kasey got in a hurry and was born October 12, 1981, on the river, and was delivered by his dad and great-great aunt, Pearl Nordahl. Claude and Kathy divorced, and Claude married Debbie Graham on December 31, 1984. A baby girl, Crystal, was born February 2, 1988, which makes me a grandma seven times. It's a full house when we all get together in my trailer house."

Verda was *Winnett Times* correspondent. In her spare time, Verda enjoys a game of cards. She always is a very busy person, and now lives at Three Forks, Montana. (See also ROWTON — Musselshell River)

LONG, Charles Mrs. Long became the owner of the Central Hotel in December of 1925. It had originally been the Jarrett Hotel, which, during the oil boom was always filled to capacity with cots set up even in the halls and lobby. This building, later owned by James Weaver, was burned in the big fire of September 1929.

LONGPRE, Daniel F. Daniel F. Longpre was born January 26, 1893, at Superior, Montana. Edith Rose Herweg was born May 25, 1895, at Fort Scott, Kansas. They were married October 18, 1916.

Dan and Edith ran a store, post office, and rooming



Longpre family: Betty, Frances, Junior, Edith and Dan

house in Huson, Montana, from 1921 until fire destroyed everything in the fall of 1922. They moved to Miles City, Montana, and Dan learned the baking profession from his father-in-law, F. W. Herweg. Mr. Herweg sold the bakery when he retired in 1930, and Dan and Edith and family moved to Winnett in March of 1931.

Dan set up a bakery in the building formerly occupied by the baker, Walter Johnson. A special news item about his baking appeared in the June 5, 1931, issue of the *Winnett Times*: "The local bakery uses a case (30 dozen) of eggs daily for cakes and pastries. Dan put a 25-cent cake on the market that competes with a large bakery cake formerly shipped into Winnett. Dan makes ten varieties of the 25-cent cake."

In November of 1931, the Longpres moved their bakery to Mrs. Walker's former Dress Shoppe building, formerly known as the Northrup barbershop building. In 1932 a new bread mixer was installed that would mix 300 loaves at a time. Also that year the local paper praised the Winnett Bakery:

"Two large cakes were baked last weekend by the Winnett Bakery for the American Legion convention held in this city Saturday. The cakes themselves were marvels, being large enough to serve 250 people and in two layers, light and dark, but decorations far out-shadowed anything we have ever been privileged to behold. Completely covering the top, the icing was made in such a way as to display the American Legion colors, together with a large 'Welcome' made of icing and the words 'Sandman Post No. 95'! Other trimmings were added such as roses on each corner, colored borders around the entire cake and other trimmings that only a past-master in the art of baking can supply.

"Credit for these fine cakes were justly given by the American Legion to the Winnett Bakery and also to Mr.



Dan Longpre in his bakery in Northrup building

Herweg Sr., who assisted materially in the decorations."

For the convenience of the public, Dan installed a slicing machine in April of 1937. Five years later the Longpres left Winnett and moved to Warm Springs, Montana, where Dan was employed as a baker in the hospital. They sold all the Winnett Bakery property, including the house, to Elmer Bauer. They worked in Warm Springs until Dan retired and moved to Ovando, Montana. Later, as their health required, they moved to Missoula, Montana, where Dan passed away on May 3, 1977. Burial was in Frenchtown, Montana.

Edith moved into a retirement apartment. The past several years she has been in the Immanuel Lutheran Home at Kalispell. At 94 years of age, she still exudes an enthusiasm for life. When Rex and Fran Eager celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1987, she was still dancing!!

Dan and Edith raised three children — Frances, born August 8, 1917, at Missoula; Betty Mae, born December 4, 1920, at Missoula; and Daniel Jr., born January 11, 1923, at Miles City, Montana. Frances graduated from Winnett High School in 1935. She was clerk of the Winnett Post Office until May 1, 1937. On May 26, 1937, she and Rex Eager were married in the Winnett Catholic Church by Reverend Aloysius Mueller. Hallie Tripp was the pump organist; Louise Eager was maid-of-honor; and Bill Herweg was best man. (See also EAGER)

Betty Mae graduated from Winnett High School in 1939. She attended St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Lewistown, Montana, for a time before she married Roy Krutar of Anaconda, Montana, in October of 1942. They had three children — John Arthur, Janice Arlene, and Jerry Pierre. Roy and Betty Mae were divorced in 1974, and she married John O'Neil in 1977. In 1983 they moved to Cadiz, Kentucky. There Betty became a member of the Trigg County Hospital Auxiliary, the Newcomers Club, Cadiz Lioness Club, and the St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Betty Mae passed away January 9, 1986, in the Trigg

County Hospital emergency room, after having undergone heart surgery in December of 1985.

Dan Jr. graduated from Winnett High School in 1941. He had been a winning member of the Winnett Boxing Club. Many opponents were sorry when they had to meet him in the ring!! He attended Gonzaga University in Spokane in 1941 and 1942. When the war broke out, the civil engineering courses were discontinued there, so he transferred to Montana State College at Bozeman in the fall of 1942.

He enlisted in the Navy in March of 1943 and got out of the service in June of 1946. He went back to Gonzaga for a year, then went to work for the telephone company in July of 1947. He married Shirley Piffner in 1948 in Spokane, Washington. They raised three daughters, Elaine, Barbara, and Claudia.

Dan retired from the telephone company in 1982. He was retired for a year, but couldn't stand it, so went back to work in Lakeland, Florida, where he and Shirley have resided for the past four years.

LONING, John John operated the Palm Garden restaurant and confectionery for a few months in 1927.

LUPTON, Charles (W.T. 11-4-1921) Mr. Lupton located the Discovery well in the Cat Creek field. "His excellent judgement in locating the spot on which to drill is due the major part of credit for bringing in the field."

MACKEY, Howard Howard Mackey and Kathryn "Kay" Wiseman of Grassrange were married April 12, 1934. Howard was transferred from Grassrange to the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company at Winnett in May of 1937. Mackeys lived in the Otto Moore house in Block 32 facing South Moulton Avenue, later moving to 307 South Broadway Avenue.

In June of 1944 Howard resigned his position here and the family moved to Bridger, where Howard was employed by the Aldrich Lumber Company. He later worked for a hardware store in Roundup, Montana. After a struggle with emphysema and heart trouble, Kay passed away in October of 1960. Howard and Kay were parents of three daughters — Karen, Sandra and Mary. Ramona L. Mursener, a teacher in Roundup, and Howard Mackey were married June 14, 1961.

MADSEN, A. C. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Madsen came to Winnett to work in the Eager Mercantile store. They had recently sold their own store at Harlowton, Montana.

MADSEN, Christian Christian Madsen was born and educated in Copenhagen, Denmark. He served in the Danish army and with the King's Honor Guard. After discharge, he and his brother came to America, but the brother returned to Denmark due to the illness of their father. Chris, upon learning of the available homestead land, came to Montana and proved up on a homestead located nine miles north of Melstone. In the meantime, he became a U. S. citizen on December 4, 1916.

After a few years of farming, Chris moved into the Winnett community and was a fine hand for many ranchers.

In 1937 he made Winnett his home and bought a brand new trailer home that had just been completed by A. A. Hanson. In 1942 he went to work for Kenny Cole in his service station and worked there until he passed away May 19, 1953. Chris was respected by all who knew him and was always ready to lend a hand to help in whatever way possible.

MARCOTTE, Leonard Leonard was born in Marshall, Minnesota, on December 4, 1918, into a family of 11 children. He received most of his schooling in Minnesota.

In 1941 he joined the U. S. Army, serving in both World War II and Korea. He served a total of 20 years in the Army and was discharged from Fort Lewis, Washington, in 1961. Leonard moved to Winnett in 1962, at which time he became known as "Sarge" rather than Leonard. He worked for Fraser Land and Livestock for seven years and later for the Bohn Ranch. He semi-retired in 1973 and purchased a home in Winnett in 1974.

Since then Sarge has worked part time for Bob Weingart, McCone Electric, and Larry Grantier. He is also, for many, the handiest handyman in town. When help is needed, the first thought is "call Sarge." Needless to say, the charge is nothing, and he has many grateful friends.

MARCOVITZ, J. J. Marcovitz was the proprietor of a clothing store in the homestead days of Winnett. His business (Lot 7, Block 16) was believed to have been established by Joe Alweis of Lewistown and was to later become the first Hub, Blumenfield's Cafe, and Mother Stewart's Cafe. An ad (W.T. 12-13-1916) read: "We are Carrying a Complete Line of CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS, AND SHOES at the TOGGERY Marcovitz and Delighter."

MARSH, A. H. Mr. Marsh worked for the Independent Pipe Line Co. as general manager. In June of 1921 he was transferred to another field.

MARSHALL, Darrell Darrell Marshall was a brother of Mrs. Lloyd Berg and Mrs. Harold Belstad. In 1955 he worked in Winnett as freight agent for Consolidated Freightways. At that time he and his wife had one daughter, Darla Mae.

MARSHALL, J. H. Joseph H. Marshall was an early day assessor of Fergus County. In December of 1921, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Mildred McCollum, he returned to look over his land which was in section 19-15-26 about eight miles northwest of Winnett. He and Mildred also visited with their long-time friends, the D. C. Walker family.

MART, Thamar Samuel "Ike" Ike Mart was born in Grand Rapids, North Dakota, in 1909 and moved to Montana as a small child. He attended schools in Jordan, Montana. He married Verna "Bunny" Childers in Miles City in 1931.

In 1954 he purchased the Town Tavern from Mrs. Frances McFarland. He and his brother, Pearl, operated the tavern until May of 1960, when a disastrous fire destroyed three buildings. Destroyed were the tavern

owned by the Mart brothers, the Town Cafe, owned by Charles and Lois Poulton, and the Winnett Barbershop, which was owned by Lloyd Berg and Harold Belstad. The Marts moved back to Jordan. Ike had just retired when he died of an apparent heart attack while driving to Miles City on May 9, 1974.

MARTI, Alfred The Marti brothers came to Winnett from New Ulm, Minnesota, and opened a cash grocery on May 28, 1921. Their Marti Brothers Grocery ad stated: "We have everything in the line of groceries that the housewife needs and everything in candy that the men and children need."

The Marti Brothers store building became the Winnett Post Office on April 23, 1926. The post office remained in the building until 1971, when a new post office building was built, and the old building was converted to a firehall. A new firehall building will soon (1989) replace the use of the old building.

MARTIN, David Mr. and Mrs. Dave Martin, who worked for Kenneth Welter in 1970, lived in the Solf house in Winnett.

MARTIN, H. R. In July of 1921, Mr. Martin resigned as manager of the Continental Supply Company and accepted a position with the Frantz Corporation.

MARTIN, John When Mr. and Mrs. John Martin lived here in 1959, they made their home on the second floor of the former Hover building and operated the Stockman Bar on the first floor. They later leased the bar and moved to Billings, Montana.

MARTIN, Roy V. Roy V. Martin, Fergus County Treasurer, was chosen by the Petroleum County commissioners as first county manager January 1, 1943. Mr. Martin resigned from the position in September of 1943.

MASER, Mike In about 1924 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maser were the second owners of the fine brick house at 301 South Broadway. Mr. Maser was involved in oil development in the west end of the Cat Creek field. (See also MASER — Musselshell River)

MASSEY, Ed Ed Massey came to Winnett in the early 1940s as supervisor of the Soil Conservation Service. He, his wife, Ethel, and three children first lived in the stucco house at 108½ South Moulton Avenue. In November of 1945 they purchased the former Faragher house at 201 South Moulton Avenue.

Ethel was interested in both Royal Neighbors and Rebekahs. In 1945 she was Oracle of the Royal Neighbors of America and also Noble Grand of the Rebekahs. They had three children — Robert, Joyce, and Gene. Robert began his education in Winnett in 1946; Joyce, in 1947. In March of 1948 the Massey family were transferred to Ennis, Montana. On April 1, 1948, the following fond farewell appeared in the *Winnett Times*:

"Even as to life itself, an end must come to all good things. So ends our stay in Winnett. We are leaving immeasurably richer than when we came, not in worldly

goods, but in the many fine friendships we have enjoyed here and will take with us. Undoubtedly we shall make new acquaintances, but none shall take the place of friends and neighbors in Winnett and Petroleum County. Coming here as strangers, we were welcome to cast our lot with you, and in leaving we have deemed this opportunity a great privilege and in all sincerity we want to say "Thank you!"

MAST, Joe In July of 1944, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mast moved to Winnett, where Joe was employed by the Soil Conservation Service. Formerly he had been at Crow Agency near Hardin, Montana, with the Indian Service.

In December of 1944, Mrs. Mast took over the management of the Lunch Room. Several improvements were made and, in January of 1945, the business was re-named the "Winnett Cafe." By August of 1947 the Masts had been transferred to Grassrange, Montana.

MAYES, Will Will came to Winnett from Winifred and worked in the Cash Meat Market in 1921.

MAYFIELD, A. W. Mr. Mayfield's photograph gallery was across the street from the depot in 1921. He also developed film.

MAYS, Homer Arriving in Winnett just before Christmas in 1944, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mays made their home in the former Hegna house in Block 14 facing Moulton Avenue. The Mays owned a large ranch on the Musselshell River. Shannon Lee was born on May 4, 1945, while they lived in Winnett.

In October of 1945 they sold the ranch and house to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ostler. Mrs. Mays, who had been teaching at the Weede School, resigned. The family moved to Bozeman. (See also MAYS — Musselshell River)

McALLISTER, Charles Henry Charles Henry McAllister (1855) married Florence Bell Hardin (1867). In 1893 they moved from Kentucky to Bozeman, Montana. Charles worked on the railroad there and later in both Lombard and Lewistown, Montana. Eventually the family lived in Forestgrove, Montana. Over an itinerary of many miles and through a span of 22 years the McAllisters became the parents of 13 children. Will (1885) lost a leg in the lumbering business when a tree fell on him. His niece, Erma Hansen said: "Bill used to work on our ranch for a short time and at different intervals. He had to have his leg amputated without the use of anaesthesia or chloroform. He used to tell us kids that he actually sweat blood. At least he held our attention! He always wanted us to hit him on the knee, and we always came down on a metal strap and hurt our hand!"

Pearl (1887) worked on the W. J. Winnett Ranch and married John Woods in 1907 (See also WOODS). Blanche married Eli McBride who owned land in Sec. 29-19-27, about ten miles northeast of Valentine, Montana. Una (1890) came to replace Pearl on the W. J. Winnett Ranch when Pearl was expecting her first child. It was while working there that Una met and married Ernest Hansen (See HANSEN — Petrolia). Noda McAllister (Byrd) (1892)

reportedly also worked on the Winnett Ranch. Cora (1894) died at the age of five years. Essie (1895) married Kristian Egeland (Sec. 20-19-27) (See also EGELAND — Dovetail). Ray (1897) worked some on the Ernest Hansen Ranch. No information was given on Leah McAllister Brinegar (1899) or Ida Erma McAllister (1901). Velma (1903), Lorraine (1905), and Glen (1907) were sent to the orphanage at Twin Bridges, Montana, when Mrs. McAllister died at Forestgrove in 1911.

Ernest and Una Hansen took the three children from the orphanage shortly thereafter. Lorraine and Glenn stayed with other relatives, but Velma lived with the Hansens. Velma married Ed Lambert of Flatwillow, Montana. She had previously worked on a ranch near there. Velma and Ed were parents of three or four girls and one boy. The boy was later drowned as he tried to rescue another person from a lake near Whitefish, Montana.

Erma Hansen Damschen (granddaughter of the McAllisters), who grew up in Petroleum County, wrote the following: "I was born at the Hansen Ranch September 1, 1913. Mrs. Sam Smith was the midwife. I had my early schooling at the Petrolia School and graduated from Winnett High School in May of 1932. Floyd Damschen of Forestgrove and I were married May 29, 1932. Three boys — Floyd E. (1933), Robert R. (1937) and Kenneth M. (1938) were born to us.

"We lived in Lewistown, Montana, from 1933 to 1939 when we moved to Butte, Montana, and on to Deer Lodge, Montana, in 1942. We then moved back to Lewistown in 1947 and built a house in the Lewistown Heights Addition. Our boys grew up there and received most of their schooling there.

"In 1952, I was asked to take over the supervision of the school lunch at Highland Park School, which I did, and was employed there until Floyd's job took us back to Deer Lodge in 1958. The high school there was just opening a lunch program at that school and asked me to be the supervisor-cook. I had two employees plus student help. I worked there until Floyd retired in January of 1973, after 47 years with the Milwaukee Railroad.

"We continued to live in Deer Lodge until 1982, when we moved to Chico, California, to be nearer the boys who both live at Chico . . . We still miss Montana, and as beautiful as California is, it can never replace our Big Sky Country." (See also DAMSCHEN — Petrolia)

McCALLISTER, C. F. When Tom Carr disposed of his livery which was one block west of the Monarch Lumberyard, C. F. McCallister used the site for a feed barn and laundry. In 1925 his ad in the *Winnett Times* stated that he had improved his laundry with the addition of an electric washer and iron.

McCARTHY, J. F. The McCarthys lived in Winnett in 1921. They were mentioned in the Winnett paper as attending a dance at the Montana Hotel complimentary to the two Lantz girls, who were leaving for the South.

McCARTHY, M. J. Mr. McCarthy came here as unit

leader for the Soil Conservation Service in February of 1942. Mrs. M. J. (Gay) McCarthy was clerk of the Draft Board of Petroleum County. She resigned September 1, 1942, and went to work for the Farm Security Administration in Denver, Colorado. Mr. McCarthy was accepted for training in the engineer corps. They left Winnett September 15, 1942.

McCARTNEY, Earl Earl McCartney came to Winnett from Kalispell to work in the Soil Conservation Service office. He had been a former worker in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Winnett in the mid-to-late 1930s.

McCORMICK, Thomas Tom McCormick came to the community in 1988. In January of 1989, he bought the original homestead of John and Elizabeth Bowen in Sec. 1-14-27 (See BOWEN — Petrolia). Tom and his wife, Sylvia, had previously farmed and ranched near Aurora, Colorado. They are the parents of three children — Laura, John and Michael.

Sylvia, an accomplished musician, had taught band and choir to students in grades Kindergarten through 12. When Christine Kaepfel resigned her music position in the Winnett schools in December of 1989, Mrs. McCormick was engaged to finish the school year.

The McCormicks enjoy traveling and state that they are most happy with the warm reception they have received in their new community.

McCOY, Charles Charley McCoy worked for several different ranchers, among them Henry Sibbert. Charley was noted as being a fine "lambing" man on the Sibbert Ranch in May of 1933. He was chosen as constable of Winnett in 1936. He took his job very seriously and could be found walking the streets of Winnett at most any hour of the night.

McCRAV, William William was head mechanic at the Broadway Garage in 1929.

McCUE, Twila Twila was born to Albert and Lois Coffey on August 3, 1921, at Dovetail (See also COFFEY — Dovetail). She attended grade school at Dovetail and attended high school in Winnett, from where she graduated in 1941. She joined the WACs in 1943 and served in the states and in the South Pacific until December of 1945. She met James C. McCue in New Guinea, and they were married in New York City on February 3, 1946.

The McCues moved to Winnett later that year. Jim became the postmaster in 1948. In 1951 he took a leave of absence from the post office and joined the Air Force. He served four years during the Korean conflict. He returned to Winnett to serve as postmaster until his death in 1971. Twila continues to live in Winnett.

Four children were born to Jim and Twila — Teresa, James, Deanna, and Lisa. They all attended and graduated from the Winnett school system. Teresa married David Harris, and they live in Winnett. Teri works for the school, and Dave works for the State Highway Department. They have three boys — Kris, Nick and Sean.

Jim joined the Navy when he graduated from high school. He spent nine years in the Navy and now works for the *San Jose Mercury News*, San Jose, California, as a computer system technician. He is married, and he and Linda have five children — Chance, Trevor, Tighe, Say, and Taylor.

Deanna worked in Lewistown, Montana, and then married Mark Robbins, and they live in Roy, Montana. He is a rancher and is a member of the Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative board of directors. Deanna works for the school system in Roy. They have two boys — Liam and Lance.

Lisa attended Eastern Montana College and a travel school in Minnesota. She became a travel agent. She and Steve Banister were married February 5, 1989. They live at San Ramon, California.

McCULLOH, Albyn F. Albyn was elected Petroleum County Attorney in November of 1930 and served a two-year term. Grace Woods, daughter of R. J. Woods, had graduated from Winnett High School in 1928 and attended the University of Montana at Missoula for two years. She and Albyn were married in the early 1930s.

Albyn held positions with International Business Machines Corporation at their main headquarters from August 1935 through 1960 when he retired. He died in Rome, New York, in July of 1963. Grace established the Albyn F. McCulloh Law Scholarship Fund for law students at the University of Montana, in honor of her husband, Albyn. (See also WOODS — Winnett)

McDANIEL, Clarence (By Arlene McDaniel) Clarence was born in 1880 in Anamosa, Iowa. When he was about 14 years old, he ran away from home and headed west. "Mac" worked his way into Wyoming, and there joined a trail herd headed for Montana. He worked for the Matador outfit for awhile, drove ore wagons for a Landusky gold mine, and then worked his way over the mountains to Missoula, Montana. There he drove horse-drawn hansom cabs. (Ed. A "hansom" was a two-wheeled covered vehicle drawn by one horse for two passengers with the driver seated outside.) He came back over the mountains, however, and finally landed at the Walter J. Winnett spread. He also acquired land about eight miles northeast of Winnett in Sec. 3-15-27.

Frances Pittman (1890) and her sister Jean (1891) were daughters of Ben and Julia Pittman of Buffalo, Missouri. They were young when their father died, and in 1910 they decided to come west — where all the action was. Frances became a teacher in the vicinity of Lewistown, Montana. In 1914 a couple of Walter Winnett's cowboys — Clarence McDaniel and Herb Thiel — talked the gals into coming down to Winnett and homesteading about three miles west and a mile north of town. They had their cabin built right on the line that divided their acreage. They both enjoyed dancing and card playing, so things never got dull. There were neighbors all around them, as the area was well covered with homesteads. All anyone had to do was mention a dance and everyone grabbed

something for lunch and joined in the fun. The music was mostly home talent, but that didn't stop it from being good and lively.

Fran married Clarence "Mac" McDaniel. Jean, a widow with a small son, Claude, married Herb Thiel. (See also THIEL — Winnett) Clarence was at the drilling site when the first well at Cat Creek came in. He always said afterward that he was the only feller there with transportation (his saddle horse). If he had just thought, he could have been rich! The boom that followed had people eating and sleeping anywhere they could. Fran and Jean made donuts — Mac put up a camp stove on a high spot on Main Street, and they kept busy selling hot coffee and doughnuts.

Fran had received her lifetime teaching certificate in 1916, and she taught in several schools of the county. She was county superintendent of Petroleum County schools from 1932 through 1936. Mac went into construction with horse teams and made it his life work.

Clarence and Frances were the parents of two sons, Robert and Fred. Both served in the Naval Air Force — Bob, before and during World War II, and Fred, during and after World War II. Fred received three air medals, a bronze star, and other campaign medals. He served as navigator on the *Arnab* in establishing the weather station in the Antarctic. After retiring from the Navy, he worked with NASA on the tracking ship during the Apollo mission. Fred died in Arizona in 1986. He and his wife had an adopted son, Peter, who was the father of two daughters. After his term of service, Robert went into horse raising. (See also McDANIEL — Musselshell River)

The family liked to tell this story about Mac. About 50 years after he ran away from home, he finally went back. His dad was sitting in a rocking chair on the front porch when Mac came up the walk. He looked at Mac a moment, then said, "Well, Clarence, did you bring the nails I sent you for?"

McFADDEN, W. L. W. L. McFadden was born November 27, 1870, at Sherman, Texas. He came to Montana in 1891 and to Petroleum County in 1925. He herded sheep for several ranchers in the area. He died at a hospital in Roundup, Montana, on August 12, 1946.

McFARLAND, Frances Mrs. Frances McFarland operated the Town Tavern for a time in the mid-1950s. She sold the tavern to Ike and Pearl Mart in 1954. She passed away in March of 1955.

McFARLAND, John (W.T. 8-26-1921) "John McFarland, 22 years old, died early Monday morning a few hours after receiving injuries in an auto accident on the road one half mile south of Winnett. In company with Roy Pierce, McFarland had been out for a ride in a Ford car and was returning home at about 11 o'clock. They were traveling at a moderate rate of speed behind Dr. Robinson and William Bolton who were also going slow.

"Mr. Pierce, who was driving, intended to pass the car ahead, but waited for a wide place in the road; and after

passing the other car to the left, on account of defective lights did not see a low bridge which had to be crossed until within a few feet of some protruding plank. He immediately put on the brakes and succeeded in getting the car on the bridge safely when a large loose plank caught on the rear axle, the force of which stopped the car and threw McFarland forward into the windshield, the glass cutting a deep gash in his throat. Mr. David Bolton (Ed. a farmer from Sec. 15-12-28), a moment later, drove up alongside of the accident and stopped.

"Although unable to talk, McFarland appeared to realize his condition as he rushed, with his hands to his throat, unaided to the Bolton car, and with the assistance of the others got in the seat. Dr. Robinson administered what aid he could and immediately took the young man to the offices of Dr. Berry where all possible was done to save his life, but death resulted a few hours later. The deceased never regained consciousness after getting in the car and starting to town.

"The body was taken to the Creel and Opp undertaking parlors where it was prepared for shipment to the home of his mother, Mrs. Harmon Thift at the latter's request. The young man was a member of the Alta, Iowa, post of the American Legion and a delegation of the Sandman Post escorted the body to the train. Mrs. Sidney Smith accompanied the body to its destination.

"McFarland came to Winnett only a few days prior to the accident and was employed by Sidney Smith in his repair shop, he being an old friend of the Smith family and of Roy Pierce, who is employed in the same institution. The deceased was a skilled workman and of exemplary habits, and his tragic end is a great shock to his friends here."

McFARREN, Frances (W.T. 7-11-24) "On Sunday, July 6, 1924, at 6:30 o'clock the marriage of Miss Frances McFarren and Dudley B. Wheeler took place in the Methodist parsonage at Lewistown, Montana. Rev. Esias performed the ceremony. The groom has been connected with the A. L. Rasmussen store for the past year and is a nephew of Mrs. A. L. Rasmussen. The bride had been in the employ of the Weowna Refinery . . . They were attended by Mrs. Millsap and Mr. Mather."

McFARREN, Otto C. (W.T. 10-19-23) "O. C. McFarren, of Valentine, has leased the Leader Hotel and has opened same for the public's patronage. Mr. McFarren announces that his table will be laid with Petroleum County products, most of which will come off his own farm in Valentine, and that same will be cooked in the good old home-fashion way." (See also McFARREN — Dovetail; JOHNSTON and McFARREN — Flatwillow)

McGEE, John Mr. and Mrs. John McGee and their two children were located in Winnett in April 1956 on the E. V. McCollum and Co. seismograph crew. In May they were transferred to Vernal, Utah.

McGINLEY, Morse Morse McGinley was a drilling contractor in Winnett. He married a local teacher, Miss

Tweit, in June of 1927.

McGLENN, L. S. (W.T. 12-9-1921) "L. S. McGlenn left Monday for Lethbridge, Canada, where he will spend the holidays. Mr. McGlenn has been trucking in this vicinity for the past several months."

McGUIRE, Gertrude Many folks remembered Gertrude McGuire and her goats, but no statistical history could be found concerning her. Bill Griebel Jr. probably described her best: "One lady whom I can never forget was Mrs. McGuire. She had a flock of goats and each one was named for a man in town. It didn't matter whether they were rich or poor, she named those goats for anyone she happened to know.

"I can still hear her admonishing the goats as she drove them back to her place. 'Get along there, George Waldrop! Get back here, Spot Morgan! Shoo, Elmer Eager!' and so on. To us kids she was as close to a witch as we could find; but as I see her now, she was probably a very good person and lived her life as she chose."

McGUIRE, L. G. Mr. McGuire was proprietor of the Army and Navy store. In September of 1921 he and his family closed the store for the winter and went to Seattle, Washington. He expected to return in the spring and again engage in business. On September 30, 1921, a fire of unknown origin destroyed five buildings, including the Army and Navy store. (See also NOBLE — Winnett)

McKAY, Dan Although Dan McKay was not a bonafide resident of Winnett or Petroleum County, he became a prominent figure in the local history of the area. He arrived in Montana in the early 1880s and settled at Great Falls, Montana. In 1895 he was sergeant-at-arms of the Montana Senate and was becoming a well-known person in political circles.

A bricklayer by trade, in 1908 he established himself at Glasgow, Montana, where he owned a brickyard. He built several of the brick structures which still stand in Glasgow.

Mr. McKay answered what he believed was his calling — that of creating new counties — in about 1912. By the time he had completed his last successful campaign (the creation of Petroleum County), he had been instrumental in splitting nearly a dozen counties. His method was quite simple. After a group contacted him for help, he would charge a flat fee and necessary expenses for organizing a campaign to form a county. He took care of all the necessary scheming and planning, got petitions signed, held rallies in schoolhouses, and stirred up the people through the medium of their home-town newspapers.

After four legislative attempts to create a new county in eastern Fergus County had failed (see main Introduction), a Winnett "division committee" hired Mr. McKay to assist in a petition and election campaign to form a county. One of the first of a series of articles written by Dan McKay is copied verbatim from the *Winnett Times* of 11-4-1921:

Ambitious Young Men

"In the division of Eastern Fergus County we often meet the argument that this is not the time, and that we should wait awhile. Yet they who complain never set the time or venture to say what that time will be. As a matter of fact, they do not wish the time to arrive at all.

"In sizing up the human family, we find that this is only the excuse of an old man. He is waiting for something, and he does not want to be disturbed in his declining years. It is the young men who want county division. All progress must be started by the young men. Their hearts are hot and restless, and they must be moving forward, never standing still, never going backward. They know that there is no economy in a large unit of county government and that by segregation of a large unit and the creation of smaller units, they cut off all the great waste of energy that seems so prevalent in all the larger counties.

"The young man, ever with a growing ambition, observes the wonderful effect upon state legislation that is brought about by small county units. He knows that the Montana State Senate has always been the graveyard for all the good laws passed by the lower house of the legislature. The young man knows full well that the city politician has always dominated the state senate and retarded all progressive legislation. He also knows that by the creation of smaller units of government, the control of the state senate will rapidly pass into the hands of the younger men. With the assurance of all these advantages, is it any wonder that most young men are for county division?

"All the women voters seem to be imbued with the same spirit toward small county units. Largely for the same reason they wish to get away from the heavy and unreasonable burdens of taxation incurred by the old counties. Judging from the tax notices already sent out, the women of Petroleum County do not wish any longer to share in the old county luxury of high cost of government."

McMAHON, James In the middle of June 1967, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McMahan and six children from Glendive arrived in Winnett. Jim was employed on the Bratten Ranch. The family lived in the former Merten house at 205 Moulton Avenue.

McMANN, John John was a barber in Dugan's Barber-shop in 1922.

McMANN, William Employed by Rex Freighting, William McMann spent the winter of 1921-22 in Great Falls, Montana.

McMILLAN, Willard (W.T. 8-12-1921) "Word was received here Thursday morning that the sinking of the steamer *Alaska* off the coast of California Sunday morning had touched a Winnett home. Mrs. Averill, one of the unfortunate passengers to lose her life, is the mother of Mrs. Willard McMillan of this city. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan left immediately for Garfield, Washington, the home of the deceased.

"Mrs. Averill was in charge of her four-year-old granddaughter, Betty Jean Sanders, from Washington to the home of the child's parents in California. When the accident occurred, both were placed in a lifeboat, and the last ever seen of Mrs. Averill was shortly before the boat in which they were riding capsized, and she had placed a life preserver about the little one. The child was thrown into the sea and was found hours afterward numb and cold, but still alive. The first boat to reach the scene of the accident was the *Alyssa*, and Betty Jean was taken care of by the crew until she landed.

"The steamer *Alaska* started on its final voyage to San Francisco last Friday and carried 214 passengers and crew. She sank 30 minutes after striking some rocks forty miles south of Eureka, California; 36 passengers and 12 of the crew are unaccounted for."

McNEESE, Don Don McNeese attended Winnett High School, graduating in 1965. He enlisted in the Army in 1966 and spent one year in Vietnam. After a medical discharge in 1968, he came back to Winnett and worked for Hugh Brindley, earth-moving contractor. He married Sue Bartlow of Danville, Illinois. They made their first home in Winnett in the early 1970s.

McWILLIAMS, Burl Mr. and Mrs. Burl McWilliams worked on the Bratten Ranch in 1971. They lived in the original Sommerfield house on Moulton Avenue.

MERRY, Fay Fay, son of Louise Schaeffer Merry and Charles Henry Merry, was born August 16, 1903, in Cherokee, Iowa. He graduated from Winnett High School in 1923, after having attended Lincoln High of Fargo, North Dakota, and Fergus High School of Lewistown, Montana. Fay was one of the members of the Winnett championship basketball team the year of 1923, when Mr. Frank Long was the coach.

Fay was employed by the Weowna Refinery while attending his senior year of Winnett High School. Then he was employed by the California Company and was in charge of that office in 1927, when he was transferred to Billings, Montana. He later worked in Utah, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, and still later, in Rangely Field, Denver, Colorado.

Fay married Vera Magdalene Payne May 19, 1930, in Kemmerer, Wyoming, and they had one son, Richard. He retired in 1967 after 43 years of service for Chevron Oil Company. Fay loved horses, and at the time of his death in May of 1989, was the oldest thoroughbred horse trainer in Colorado. Vera had preceded him in death on November 15, 1986.

Fay had his plans all laid to attend the Montana Centennial 1989 Winnett High School reunion. He was very loyal to Winnett High School and to the local Masonic Lodge, which he had joined in 1925. He had reminisced: "My year of school at Winnett High was most enjoyable and beneficial for my future living. The commercial work enabled me to be employed by the California Company." Son Richard H. Merry resides in Slidell, Louisiana.

Fay's mother purchased some land in the Dovetail area.

She later married Mr. Noah Boone of Coffee Creek, Montana.

MERTEN, John John Frederick Merten was born November 2, 1889, in Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota, to Fred C. and Therese Luedke Merten (See also MERTEN — Petrolia). After basic school, John didn't want more schooling but wanted to go railroading with his Uncle Charles, so he went to Aberdeen where the work was. After a few years, the head brakeman had both feet cut off, causing his death. This stopped John's desire for railroad and he quit.

Before going home, he heard the government was giving homesteads away in Montana; so he talked good friend Bill Petrausch into joining him, and they both filed on homesteads in 1912 two miles south of Winnett. Then they had to go back to South Dakota and make arrangements to get their belongings to Montana. John's father followed the boys to Montana to help build them each a house, so they would have a place in which to store their belongings when they got here. John brought a team of horses; one was a mare heavy with foal, and the colt was born on the train so he named it "Millie" because it was born on the Milwaukee railroad.

Before marriage John lived with his parents and sister Rose. He walked to town where he worked for Eager Mercantile. He also worked in the Lepper-Davis store at Flatwillow. John married Velma Ruth Woodard on October 2, 1917.

Velma was born June 23, 1899, at Hebron, Nebraska, to Hattie and Pratt Woodard. (See also WOODARD — Brush Creek and Winnett) She received her schooling in Nebraska and Winnett. She came to Winnett with her parents in 1914. Because of her quiet, considerate, jolly disposition, she was always one of the most respected ladies of the community. She was involved in church activities, played the organ, and taught four years of primary class in Sunday school.

John enlisted as a member of the 147th Division of Engineers in World War I. He was deputy county treasurer from 1925 to 1930 and county treasurer from



John and Velma Merten, unknown, in homestead cabin

1930 through 1932. He was always very active in the American Legion. For a period of time he worked for the State Highway with Norman Gillette as his boss. Then, in partnership with Henry Lengemann, he purchased the Broadway Garage from Art Spaulding. Hank and John ran the business together until 1937, when Lengemanns went to Fairfield. John operated the business alone until his death in 1939.

Velma continued to operate the Broadway Garage until December 6, 1940, when she sold it to Fred Dunlap. She campaigned for the office of clerk of court and, in November 1940, was elected and assumed office January 1, 1941. In May 1943, under the county manager form of government, she also assumed the office of director of records and held both offices until retirement. She was an outstanding county official and always did her best to run her offices in such a manner as to be of best service to the people of Petroleum County.

Velma was a member of the Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary. For many years she was a secretary and treasurer of the Petroleum County chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

Having been in failing health for several years, Velma resigned on November 30, 1962, after serving as an official of Petroleum County for 21 years. She passed away May 1, 1965 in the Roundup, Montana, hospital. The Mertens were parents of five children — Rosalind, Lucille, Peggy, John "Jack," and Janet. Peggy and Jack submitted their own remembrances:

"I, (Peggy), was born in Winnett on January 2, 1934 (in the house where I lived most of my life), the third child of Mr. and Mrs. John Merten. Our home was across from the school, so it was not far to go on the cold days. I attended Winnett schools all of my grades.

"During my growing-up years, I worked at the telephone office for Matty Burt. My most scary moment was when I was alone and some of the oil men came in to make a long distance call, which I wasn't sure I could do alone; but everything went good, so it wasn't so bad at all. I also worked at the theater for Lloyd Lafond, where I was an usher, so I got to see all the shows free.

"When I was eight years old, I got to take my first train ride to Portland, Oregon, with my grandmother, Hattie Woodard, to visit my uncle Homer Woodard. Mom took us to Billings, Montana, where we got on the train. On June 18, 1951, I married Encel Berg and moved to Circle, Montana, where he had a job at the Ford garage. We had three boys there — Enver (1951), Alan (1952) and Gary (1960). We lived in Circle for ten years. In 1964 we moved to Livingston, Montana, where we now own the Ford Garage. All my sons are involved in the family business. Our daughter, Jana, was born on July 27, 1969, after we moved to Livingston, Montana. She graduated from high school in 1988."

Jack Merten wrote: "I was born in the family home west of and across the street from the high school in Winnett. Grace McAllister was the midwife nurse, and to the best of my knowledge, Dr. Alexander was fishing on Flatwillow



Velma, John, Rosalind and Lucille Merten

Creek that day. I was the fourth child and only boy of five children.

"I attended all 12 grades of school in Winnett, graduating with the class of 1954. I entered the Army in 1956 and spent until the spring of 1958 in Germany. I recall having many jobs such as: worked in the Montana Lumber and Hardware, worked on drilling rigs, road construction, service stations, and worked at drilling the core holes for the missile sites.

"On August 19, 1961, I married Mary E. Mosser of Stanford. She is a teacher. I entered college and graduated from the University of Montana in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. I have been in the accounting business since then. We have lived in Billings, Montana, since 1967.

"Some things that I remember most of my childhood in Winnett are: watching the many carloads of sheep and cattle being loaded onto railroad cars at the stockyards; watching Frank Bastian load crude oil onto railroad cars at the 'loading docks' west of the stockyards, and being there when the Rogge brothers loaded out their alfalfa seed into rail cars. I lost my favorite jackknife in one of the alfalfa cars.

"It was not uncommon to get a ride (if you begged enough) in the steam engine as it switched the cars or moved the next one up to the chute. A pastime that filled many afternoons was to wait at the post office and catch a ride in Mr. T. N. Sandaker's Army truck as he prepared to haul the mail from the post office to the waiting train at the depot. We would 'help' load and unload sacks of mail and catch the return trip to the post office.