

Grassrange, Montana, leaving Lewistown at 10 A. M. and Winnett at 5 P. M. He used new seven-passenger cars and made stops at any place on the route. (See also NOLEN — Teigen)

NORMAN, Katherine Moore Katy Moore taught the W. J. Winnett children and other school-age children in the W. J. Winnett home in 1906-07. (W.T. 4-1-1921) "Tom R. Moore of Lewistown, Montana, drove down Monday for a visit to the oil fields, being accompanied on the trip by his daughter, Mrs. Katherine Norman, of Bozeman, Montana. Mrs. Norman was very much interested in the phenomenal growth of Winnett and recalled the days when she taught school in Winnett. This was over thirteen years ago, when the only resident of the present thriving town was Walter Winnett and his family. Being engaged as teacher for his children at that time gives her the distinction of being the first school-teacher in Winnett, and she could scarce believe that this is the same place. While here Mr. Moore and his daughter were guests at the Winnett home."

NORMAN, M. (W.T. 6-3-1922) "Born at high noon Friday at the Rimrock Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. M. Norman, a girl."

NORTHRUP, William Mr. Northrup was one of the earliest barbers in Winnett and built one of the first buildings on Main Street in Block 10. Former residents recall that although he was crippled, he was a perfectionist in his trade. Besides barbering, he gave manicures and facials to ladies. When he died in the summer of 1919, Mrs. Permelia Allen was named as administratrix of his estate. Her relationship to Mr. Northrup was not known, but for a time the building was then known as the Allen building. It later became a furniture exchange, a dress shop and a millinery for Mrs. D. C. (Daisy) Walker, the Winnett Bakery and the Eager Mercantile store. In 1989 it is known as the Bauer building and is used for storage.

O'DONNELL, Joe J. J. J. O'Donnell was in charge of the Mid Northern Oil office when it opened in October of 1921. In June of 1922 he went to Ringling, Montana, to be in charge of drilling activities there.

OGG, Albert W. A. W. Ogg freighted his household goods from Lewistown, Montana, to Winnett in the fall of 1914. He had a homestead in the Petrolia area in Sec. 22-14-28. One of the first buildings to go up on Main Street in Winnett was the one occupied by the Winnett Land Company in the early days and later used by Mr. Ogg as a residence.

When the first train came into Winnett in October of 1917, and the steel rail was dropped that fell on the town site, the lever of the long-wished-for whistle of the locomotive was pulled by A. W. Ogg of the Winnett Land Co. Mr. Ogg built the first sidewalk in Winnett. It consisted of a three-foot-wide board walk beside his place of business. By April 1 of 1921, the press of business and the need of more desirable locations on Main Street made it

necessary for Mr. Ogg to move his land office building to his residence lot on Moulton Avenue. The lot vacated by the land office next contained a business which housed automobile accessories. The land office was then housed in the First State Bank building until the first of May 1921, when it was moved into a new building on Main Street just east of the Hub Clothing store.

When the Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church was organized, Mrs. A. W. Ogg was the first president. The Oggs left Winnett in February of 1923. The Ladies Aid sponsored a farewell party for them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Woods. Mrs. Ogg had been president of the Ladies Aid since it had been organized. (W.T. 2-23-1923) "The departure of the Ogg family to Lewistown, Montana, will mean a distinct loss in church, social, and business circles, as during their residence in this city, they have always taken a leading part in these affairs, proving themselves an estimable and valuable family for any community."

Mrs. Ogg died in 1939. Mr. Ogg died in 1941. They had two sons — Ralph and Lon, and one daughter — Betty (Mrs. Clarence Bates).

OGG, L. A. L. A. Ogg was also connected with the Winnett Land Company.

OGG, Ralph R. Ralph Ogg, born February 11, 1889, at Solsberry, Indiana, was an early merchant and a registrar of elections of the early days of Winnett. In June of 1922 the Oggs moved to Great Falls, Montana, where they resided for a few years. Mr. Ogg was interested in oil holdings and conducted a land office from that point. The family later moved to Missoula, Montana, where Mr. Ogg managed a store.

O'LEARY, Mary One half of the front portion of the lower floor of the Munroe Hotel was equipped as a confectionery by Mrs. Mary O'Leary. (W.T. 4-8-1921) "Mrs. O'Leary is planning to establish in Winnett the most elaborate confectionery in Central Montana. It will be equipped with private booths, marble finished furniture, carpets, and an extremely elegant fountain." The Munroe Hotel was in the block directly across the street from the Winnett Block. The hotel burned in September of 1921.

OLMSTEAD, Archie Archie Olmstead was married to Dorothy Ziesmer, and they were parents of a daughter, Susie. Archie was a trucker and also worked as a mechanic in garages. He was working for Vane Catlin when the Catlin Garage burned in 1937. Archie helped move the Catlins to Miles City, Montana, in August of 1938.

OLSEN, Lars R. (W.T. 4-15-1921) "L. R. Olsen, of Great Falls, Montana, has purchased the lot occupied by the Motor Transport Co., and after the removal of the Motor Transport building, will erect thereon a large, two-story brick and tile structure, 25' x 50', the lower portion of which will be used exclusively as a billiard parlor. Mr. Olsen expects to lease the upper story. The building will be furnished with fixtures costing \$7000 and will be con-

sidered the most elegant billiard parlor in Central Montana.

"Mr. Olsen shows his faith in the future of the Wonder City when he unhesitatingly invests so heavily with us, and rather than a frame building, erects a splendid brick and tile structure that will stand for years as a credit to the city and the owner."

In June 1921 Lars opened a new confectionery and soft drink fountain in the new building on East Main Street. The building was decorated with fine paintings. Mr. Olsen also operated the Savoy Hotel, which was established July 16, 1921, in the upper story. His rates for rooms in August of 1921 were as follows: a room with hot and cold water — \$1.50, or \$2.00 for two persons occupying the same room.

Mrs. Olsen and children moved from Great Falls, Montana, to make their home in Winnett in August of 1921. (W.T. 11-4-1921) "The Savoy Hotel has the distinction of being the first and only hostelry in the city of Winnett with all modern improvements, being steam heated with hot and cold water in every room and baths on each floor."

OLSON, Ronald Ronald Olson came to the Winnett area from Minnesota and worked for the Mid-Rivers Telephone installation crew. Lurene Solf graduated from Winnett High School in 1961. Ronny and Lurene were married in June of 1962. They did not live in Winnett right after their marriage, but returned later and worked for David Hale on his ranch. Ronnie drove the school bus when Hales acquired the bus contract for the north Winnett-Dovetail route.

In 1973 the Olsons purchased the grocery store, meat and locker plant, and laundromat from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark, and they are still operating in 1989. They are also proprietors of the State Liquor store.

Lurene and Ronny are the parents of six children — Edwin, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1981 and works with a seismic crew; Donna, a 1982 graduate, who married Lloyd McKenna and is a registered nurse; Carol, class of 1983, who is attending Montana State University at Bozeman (1989); Terri, class of 1986, attended beauty operator school in Bozeman and married Ken Smith of Three Forks, Montana; Brad, who graduated in 1987 and is in the Air Force in Turkey; and Marcia, attending Winnett High School (1989).

OPP, Arthur (W.T. 4-15-1921) "Arthur Opp, of Helena, arrived in Winnett on Saturday of last week and is making arrangements to open undertaking parlors in the west half of the new Ogg building. He has taken over the supplies formerly handled by George Pullin. Mr. Opp comes to the city as an experienced undertaker and embalmer and as such, will no doubt meet with a goodly share of success."

(W.T. 4-22-1921) "Messrs. Potter and Osborne of Judith Gap, Montana, who established an undertaking parlor in this city some two months ago, have sold their business to Messrs. Creel and Opp, the latter being in charge of the business here."

(W.T. 5-6-1921) Ad:

CREEL AND OPP

Funeral Directors and Licensed Embalmers — Calls Answered Day or Night — Our establishment next door to the Winnett Land Office is now completed and we are prepared to handle any case in a sanitary and up-to-date manner.

PHONOGRAPHS AND MAGAZINES

Our complete line of Columbia graphophones and records should arrive at any time, and our magazines will arrive as the May issues are published. Call and see our complete stock next to the Winnett Land Co. CREEL AND OPP Winnett, Montana.

ORANCE, Henry "ONE — ARM HENRY" According to the *Winnett Times*, Henry was born February 5, 1865, and received his education in Deer Lodge, Montana. During this period he was shot in the left arm, and the arm had to be amputated at the shoulder. He was a range rider at the age of 16 and at one time worked with Marcus Daly.

He was in Marcus Daly's employ during the first battle over the choice of the State capitol site. In the spring of 1882, he helped trail 3000 head of cattle to British Columbia. The owner of the cattle was the Prince of Wales, who owned the U Bar Ranch. By 1900, through squatters' rights, he owned land which was later sold to Eben Ashley. He also worked as a shepherd all over Petroleum County.

"One-arm Henry" spent many hours of his declining days at Cole's Service Station visiting with Kenny and watching the world go by. Mr. Orance died in 1946. He had been the oldest living pioneer within the borders of Petroleum County.

ORE, George George was born April 21, 1886. Jessie South was born October 12, 1887. Jessie and George were married October 10, 1917, at Ortonville, Minnesota. Jessie had previously been a schoolteacher in Andover, South Dakota.

After their marriage, the couple made their home in Lewistown, Montana, where George was a lawyer. In March of 1943, after Petroleum County Attorney Nick Langshausen's death, the Petroleum County Commissioners appointed George Ore to the position of Petroleum County Attorney.

Jessie Ore was hired as teacher of the Weede School in 1943 and taught there several years. She also was teacher of third and fourth grade students in Winnett during the 1945-46 school term. In 1945 Ores purchased the two original Sommerfield houses in Winnett. They lived in the two-story house at 15 South Broadway.

Mr. Ore was a self-appointed volunteer janitor and maintenance man of the Methodist basement church all the years that he lived in Winnett. It was not an easy task, because in those days coal was shoveled and ashes were carried up the stairs. Mr. Ore did all within his power, however, to have the large building clean and toasty warm. Both he and Mrs. Ore served as Sunday school

superintendents and teachers.

Ores' daughter, Carol, and her two sons, Danny and Mike, lived in Winnett for a time when Carol's husband was water commissioner. Carol also helped with Sunday school classes and played the piano for different groups and classes. The Ores had a son, Wesley, who was married and had children, and who visited often.

June of 1967 brought an award to George Ore as a fifty-year member of the Montana Bar Association. George resigned as County Attorney August 1, 1967. In October the Ores were honored with a Golden Wedding celebration. George died May 1, 1969. After his death Mrs. Ore presented the town of Winnett with lots 6, 7, and 8 of Block 11 for the designated use as a city park. The plot was developed and named George D. Ore Memorial Park. Local folks and visitors enjoy the picnic tables and playground equipment.

Mrs. Ore died in August of 1979.

OSBORNE (See OPP, Arthur)

OSTLAND, Frederick G. Frederick Ostland was born January 3, 1886, in Sweden. (W.T. 4-29-1921) "The Frederick G. Ostland Company has opened its offices in the building formerly occupied by the Winnett Land Co. The company will handle leases, royalties, and general oil development investments, and the company will prove a valuable addition to the live wires already located in the Wonder City. Mr. Ostland comes here from Minneapolis."

OSTLER, G. Alvin The Ostler family arrived in Winnett along with a beautiful sunrise the morning of July 6, 1946. They moved into the Hegna house. The summer was spent stocking their new ranch on the Musselshell River and moving their belongings from the U. S. Naval Reserve, Teapot Dome, Wyoming. (See also OSTLER — Musselshell River)

The Ostler family formed the 311 Ranch Corporation in 1951 and purchased the Odillo Rogge Ranch; this included parcels of the old Walter Winnett Ranch and the Walter Winnett home located at the intersection of Main and Grand Avenue. The Ostlers made their home in the Winnett house. In 1962 the 311 Ranch Company purchased the old Kelly Ranch from Pete Widener at Helmville, Montana, and in 1964 they sold their Winnett holdings to Bill and Cleo Meyer and Eileen Foxley.

Harold graduated from high school at Midwest, Wyoming, in 1946. He married Doris Isaacson (See also ISAACSON) in 1953. The couple live on a small ranch at Helmville and operate a trucking business. They have three children — Penney, Sandra and David. Penney and Mike Clark live in Helena, Montana, where she works for the State Department of Welfare. Sandra and A. J. Kroll live at Drummond, Montana, with their two daughters. David works in the timber industry.

Twin brothers (Bob and Dick) and Mary graduated from Winnett High School. Spurred on by the exuberance of their cheerleading mother, the Ostler boys were fine competitors on the basketball floor and the football field.

The same mother can still be found at tournaments — cheering her heart out for the team she supports!

Bob married Jennie Hatch in 1963. The couple had eight children and lived at Laurin, near Sheridan, Montana. Bob died from complications of an auto accident in January 1981. Dick married Darlene Orr in 1962; they had two children. Dick was injured in a horseback-riding accident and died in July 1963. Mary is married to Hugh Brindley. (See also BRINDLEY — Winnett)

Mary remembers how she felt when, as a young teenager, she would go to the Winnett Post Office after the family mail: "Often the lobby would be full of people — visiting, laughing, or just patiently or impatiently waiting for the windows to be opened. In those days the post office service windows were closed as soon as the train whistled. This was done to allow the postmaster and clerk time to lock the outgoing mail sacks and distribute the incoming mail. When the windows were opened, people checked their boxes, others lined up at the general delivery window, and the crowd soon dispersed."

As a newcomer, Mary said she felt very shy as she wended her way through the throng to get the family mail from the box.

G. Alvin Ostler died in 1963; Mary L. (Leona) Ostler still makes her home in Helmville (1989).

OWENS, Shephard (W.T. 9-2-1921) "Shephard Owens, about 72 years of age, was found dead at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon in his room at the Rancher's Rooming House. Kidney trouble and old age are given as the cause of his death. The deceased was apparently in good health but went to bed in the forenoon to rest and died while sleeping in bed. He was found by friends who became anxious as to his whereabouts.

"Little is known of Mr. Owens' past life, other than he leaves three daughters and one sister who could not be located. He came to this city about four months ago and worked at odd jobs and took care of the Rancher's Rooming House for some time. Friends who knew him attempted to locate relatives, but all letters and telegrams were fruitless in the search. Creel and Opp prepared the body for burial and funeral services were held by Rev. Aiton."

PADGETT, Kenneth In May of 1955, Ken Padgett was named work unit conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Petroleum County. He served in that capacity for sixteen years. For two of these years, he and his family lived in Winnett. They had three daughters — Jona, Laurie, and Kerrie. The Padgetts lived in Grassrange, Montana, for fourteen years, and the girls were all students there when Ken was transferred to Jordan, Montana, in May of 1971.

PAINTER, William In May of 1921 William Painter erected a building on Broadway north of the Milwaukee railroad. He operated a blacksmith shop there.

PALIN, Gurn Gurn Palin was a brother of Mrs. C. V. (Mabel) Allen. Agnes Calvin had originally come to Win-

nett as a helper in the Rudy Glatz household. She became a partner with Mabel Allen and her sister in operating the Coffee Cup Cafe. She and Gurn Palin were married April 12, 1952. Agnes later helped in the City Food Lockers when the Allen family was operating the plant. The Gurn Palins made their home at 301 Edith Street.

PALIN, Murry Murry, a brother of Gurn Palin, operated the Shell Service Station in Winnett in the mid-1940s. He and his wife, Edith, were parents of four sons — Max, George "Blackie," Ernest "Red," and Robert. The family lived in the Bennett house in Block 13 facing Teigen Avenue. They later moved to Billings, Montana. In 1935 George and his wife returned to Winnett and operated the City Service Station.

PALMER, C. E. Mr. Palmer and Charles J. Doherty were joint publishers of the *Winnett Times* from 1921 to 1931 (See also DOHERTY)

PALMER, Emma Emma Palmer (a sister of Andrew C. Anderson of the Petrolia area) and her daughter, Ruth, operated a luncheonette by the name of Uneeda Lunch. It was established in the Butte Block in February 1926. Emma married Rudolph Branden of Teigen, Montana, May 4, 1929.

Ruth graduated from Winnett High School in 1927 and, in April 1928, married Gail Carver. They had one son, John. She worked for 15 years in the Alaska State Department of Revenue at Juneau. She enjoyed raising flowers.

PARKINSON, Edward Eileen "Billy" Parkinson Potter related her memories of the family's time in Winnett. "When our family moved into Winnett, we rented part of the old Freed house, once known as the 'Silver Rooms.' Later we lived in the Miller house next door to Otto Moore, the sheriff, and across the street to the south of the school playground. In the fall of 1935, we moved out to the Spaulding house under the rim and across the road from the CCC Camp, where our father was camp superintendent and project supervisor.

"One cold winter day, it was too cold to go to school, with wind, snow, and 20 degrees below. The next morning it was beautiful — clear skies, windless, and bright sun. We walked to town, enjoying the brisk weather. There was a huge, round, outdoor thermometer on the corner north of Dr. Alexander's office and the Masonic Lodge. It registered 30 degrees below, and we nearly froze in the next three blocks to school! If we hadn't seen the thermometer, we never would have noticed the cold!

"On Fridays, in school assembly, students took turns putting on a program. I remember one we did with 'Paul Revere' riding on a stick horse around the stage, calling at windows, 'The British are coming! The British are coming!' At the final window, a feminine voice called out, 'Too late, George is already here.' Assemblies were fun.

"It was very hard for the 'Frosh' to get away from the interfering sophomores to whitewash the 'W' under the rim. Zoe's and my class got up with the birds one spring morning, completed our chores, and were eating hot-

cakes and eggs in Mrs. Gaines' house before the rascally sophomores got the sleep wiped out of their eyes. We were impressed with ourselves. We thought we were the smartest high school class ever.

"I don't now remember all the teachers we had, but two I remember with a great affection, Mr. Abbott and Ivan Hodges. Mr. Abbott had been a reporter on the *Boston Globe* and had never lost his 'down East' accent. He was very kind to give assistance whenever I needed it. Mr. Hodges opened up new vistas. He belonged to the Book of the Month Club and was kind enough to let me read all his books. In my Senior Memory Book he wrote, 'If you ever do anything with your art, I will regret less the hours you spent drawing in my classes.'

"The Aristo Theater ran movies on Friday and Saturday. A boy I sometimes dated worked on Fridays at the show, so I got to see all the shows on Saturdays.

"A couple, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morgan, had an ice cream parlor in the front of the theater. It was a gathering place for the local youngsters, both high school and CCC boys. Just inside the door of the theater itself was a nickelodeon, and the Morgans allowed us to dance there. As a matter of fact, there were a lot of regular dances held there. I remember one in particular, the first March of Dimes dance, held on January 31. We'd had a blizzard; it was 20 degrees below zero, but we danced in overcoats and overshoes.

"When we were juniors, we put on the senior banquet and prom. Our flower was the jonquil, and our colors were green and yellow. The banquet was held in the Masonic Temple; the prom, to which the whole town came, was held in the high school gym. We decorated it with fir trees, separated by groups of chairs, and with coffee cans of wet earth filled with wild sweet peas.

"Mrs. Ruby Story painted a picture of a mountain road, which was spotlighted so that it looked like headlights of a car shining down on the road. I did a large picture of a prairie scene, including a log house, a corral, and hilly background, and a rattlesnake (just to add realism). We thought we had made a beautiful setting.

"One of the big events of our senior year was the play, which I believe was 'Mr. Pim Passes By.' Miss Martin, our director, had also directed the junior play in the fall and it had been a huge success. She called our attention to the fact that there were exactly the same number of boys in our class as there were male parts in the play. She did not feel they could do justice to the parts and wanted to use some junior boys in some parts, including the male lead.

"We objected, and she said, 'Remember, your audience deserves the best we can give them.' We said they didn't come to see a professional performance but to see their relatives and friends on stage. The final decision was that a senior play should be made up of seniors. Bless their hearts, our senior boys gave an excellent performance and our play was a big success!

"Baccalaureate was held the Sunday before graduation in the basement sanctuary of the Methodist Church. Then on graduation day, we decided we would not have an

out-of-town speaker. Instead, in addition to the valedictorian and salutatorian, we selected four of our classmates to give short speeches.

"Zoe and I were two of them. I don't remember my subject, but I'll never forget Zoe's. She elected to address the eighth grade graduates who preceded us on stage. She warned them about being too impressed with themselves. Self-importance was a vice to be shunned. She said, 'When I was a freshman, I thought I was pretty important, but I learned better. Now as a senior, I'm the best one in the class!' As soon as graduation was over, we headed for the dance at Flatwillow, and the real festivities began!

"That was the end of our high school days in Winnett. Our folks moved to Great Falls in May of 1944 and lived there until their deaths — both on the same day, February 15, 1961. Our dad was 81 and our mother 76." (See also PARKINSON — Musselshell River)

PARSONS, J. D. Mrs. J. D. Parsons leased the Hoyle Cafe and opened it for business under the name of "Home Cafe" in February of 1928.

PEARL, THE CLEANER (W.T. 7-8-1921) "Speck, the tailor, and Pearl, the cleaner, two of the city's dexterous and qualified tradesmen, have moved from their former location on Main Street to the rear of The Mode Clothing store, where they are still turning out the same quality work."

PEARSON, George The George Pearson family from Choteau, Montana, lived in the Methodist parsonage during the summer of 1966. Mr. Pearson worked for the Bureau of Land Management building some stockwater reservoirs approximately 17 miles north of Winnett. They returned to Choteau on October 1, 1966.

PEARSON, Stella (W.T. 4-15-1921) "Mrs. Stella Pearson, of Chicago, Illinois, is having erected on the lots west of the Army and Navy store, the twenty-first rooming house in Winnett. To one not acquainted with conditions in this city, this may seem a great number of hotels and rooming houses, but as yet, the demand for rooms has not been overcome." This building (Cecil Hotel) was burned in the huge fire of September 30, 1921.

PEASE, Joseph A. Joe Pease and Charleen Whitmore both graduated from Melstone High School. They were later married and became the parents of three daughters — Wynita, Angela and Susan. In the spring of 1975 the Pease family moved to the original Eben Ashley Ranch in the Ashley area. They lived there for nine years and built up a fine herd of registered Black Angus cattle.

In 1985 Joe and Charleen purchased the Northern Hotel from Blanche and Hugh Grove. Peases sold their herd of cattle to Jack Jensen.

Along with being proprietor of the hotel, Joe is also maintenance man for the Winnett schools. Charleen works with the schools' hot lunch program. Also, with the knowledge acquired as a graduate of Acme Beauty College of Billings, Montana, Charleen patronizes the com-

munity by being a local barber. Besides cutting the hair of either men or ladies, she also gives home permanents to anyone needing this service.

The three Pease girls graduated from Winnett High School. Wynita married Jay Woodford in 1984. Wyna and Jay have a son, Cedar, and a daughter, Malori, who was born in March of this Montana Centennial year of 1989. Angela married Keith Hanson, son of Carol Knerr Hanson and Tom Hanson of Lewistown. Angela and Keith are the parents of a daughter, Stefanie, and a son, Colton. Susan was involved in a work-exchange program in Australia in 1988-1989. She is now (1989) working on the Hans Marks Ranch north of Winnett.

Since acquiring the hotel, Joe has remodeled and modernized several rooms. Four rooms were converted into family living quarters. In July of 1989 the Northern Hotel was 68 years old. It stands straight and tall — a memorial to its builder and a tribute to those who have so well maintained the structure. For the sojourner, the Northern Hotel is the only public "nest" in the town of Winnett.

PECK, Clinton L. In June 1921 Clinton L. Peck and Brents Smith formed a co-partnership known as the Cash Meat Market. Its purpose was to conduct a general wholesale and retail meat and produce business. Both Clinton Peck and Brents Smith had come to Winnett from Winifred, Montana.

PERRY, Eugene P. (W.T. 11-25-1926) "Eugene P. Perry, who arrived here last week as relief operator at the Milwaukee depot, dropped dead on the sidewalk between the courthouse (Ed. In 1926 the courthouse was at West Main and North Broadway.) and Broadway Garage Saturday afternoon from a stroke of apoplexy. He was immediately taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. J. Parkinson, and in the evening removed to Roundup and thence to Melstone. Funeral services were conducted by the Masonic Lodge in the Methodist Church Monday." (See also PARKINSON — Musselshell and Winnett)

PETERSEN, Don The Methodist parsonage was home for Mr. and Mrs. Don Petersen when Don started working with Bud Arthur for the Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative. After getting out of the Army, Don had spent a year attending an electronics school in Butte and had a second-class radioman license. His employment here was on a three-month trial period. In December of 1965, Petersens moved into their new mobile home in Grassrange, where Don was employed as a serviceman by Mid-Rivers Telephone Service. (See also PETERSEN — Musselshell)

PETERSON, Clarence R. Clarence R. Peterson was an interior decorator. In September 1923 he married Etha Duncan. At that time he was in charge of the interests of the Indiana Oil Co. at the loading racks.

PETERSON, James James was an employee of the Buhler Cafe. In December 1921 he and his wife left Winnett for Conrad, Montana.

PETERSON, Marie Marie was a relative of, and lived with, the Fred Hansen family about five miles north of Winnett. She was a spelling contestant at the school meet in Winnett in April of 1921. She graduated from Winnett High School in 1925, and on July 11, 1930, married Myrle Bacon of Los Angeles. She was a registered nurse and served in a large hospital at Torrance, California, before her marriage. (See also HANSEN — Brush Creek)

PETERSON, T. Mr. Peterson was a driller of water wells in 1925.

PETTY, Bob An open house was held in the Gusher Bar on August 4, 1968, when Mr. and Mrs. Bob Petty became the new owners.

PHELPS, E. G. In October of 1921, Mr. Phelps leased the Park Hotel and took over the management of same. He also conducted a laundry in connection with it. In November of that same year, he moved the machinery and equipment of the Winnett Laundry from the Park Hotel building to the Sutter Hotel. The *Winnett Times* of November 4, 1921, stated: "The new location offers a more commodious location for this rapidly growing institution."

PHILLIPS, Eldon Eldon Phillips, son of Ilio and Mary Phillips, was born in 1921. He lived with his family about three miles southeast of Valentine. He attended the Long School and started at Winnett High School.

Eldon married Clara Juergens in 1942. They lived on the home place at Valentine until Eldon bought part of the John Sinclair place and built a house. They lived and worked on this place until 1961, when they moved into Winnett. Eldon worked on the construction of the missile silos in Fergus County and later on other construction.

Eldon and Clara had seven children: Janet (1943) lives at Greybull, Wyoming; Larry (1944) died in 1968 and is buried at Winnett; Nancy (1945) lives at Stanford, Montana; John (1948) served in the Vietnam War and now lives at Winnett; Judy (1956) lives at Stanford, Montana; David (1959) lives at La Mesa, California; Sandra (1960) lives at Stanford.

Eldon was awarded the contract on the Winnett-Jordan mail route in 1968 and carried the mail for this route until he retired in 1986. His son, John, now has this route. Clara Phillips died in 1969. Eldon married Leola Pinkerton, who was born in Rosebud County in 1921. They are living in Winnett (1989). (See also PHILLIPS — Dovetail)

PHILLIPS, Samuel Though Sam Phillips did not reside in Petroleum County, he had important business connections in the community. Mr. Phillips was the president of the Empire Bank and Trust Company in Lewistown, Montana, and a pioneer Fergus County sheepman. He was a stockholder and the president of the Winnett State Bank when it was formed in 1914. The Winnett State Bank became the First National Bank of Winnett in 1919, and Mr. Phillips continued as president. He held the office until the First National Bank of Winnett and the First State Bank of Winnett merged in November

1923. The merged bank was forced to close only days after the merger was completed. The bank reorganized and reopened as the Farmers and Merchants Bank in July 1924. Mr. Phillips was no longer listed as an officer of the bank.

PHIPPS, Margaret Margaret Phipps, widow of Lewie E. Phipps of Reed Point, Montana, came to Winnett as a teacher in 1960. She was the mother of Elbert, Michael, and Barbara Joyce Phipps. Elbert and Michael had previously graduated from Peerless High School. Barbara Joyce entered school in Winnett as a freshman in the fall of 1960.

Elbert married Bonnie Black, daughter of Frances Armagost Black and James Black of Williston, North Dakota. Bonnie and Elbert are the parents of Clinton, Cody, Margaret "Molly" and Amanda.

Michael, after his graduation from Peerless High School, worked on various farms near Peerless and Scobey until Margaret moved to Winnett to teach. He then went to work on ranches around Winnett. In May of 1961 Mike married Ellen Carrell, daughter of Charles Ambrose and Annette Rostad Carrell. Ellen and Mike moved to Two Dot, Montana. They returned to Winnett in 1965 and moved into the old Bennett house. At this time, Mike did carpenter work with his father-in-law, C. A. "Amby" Carrell. Soon after, the Mike Phipps family moved to Lewistown, where Mike worked for several businesses.

In 1975 he moved his mobile home to the Thompson Ranch in the Petrolia area. Ellen became local representative in Winnett for Krings' Riverside Greenhouse of Lewistown in 1977. Mike, while managing the Thompson Ranch, suffered a heart attack and died in 1983.

Mike and Ellen were the parents of three children — Michael II "Mickey", Rene Ann, and Cole LaVerne. All attended Winnett schools while living in this area. Mickey graduated from Winnett High School in 1981. He attended college at Bozeman one year, then applied for admission to the United States Air Force. He is presently a medical technician in the Air Force. He married a widow with one child.

Rene Ann was married at an early age to Henry "Hank" Stahl. They had two children — Valarie and Jonas. Rene and Hank were divorced. Rene is remarried and has one more child. Cole spent several years at Yellowstone Boys Ranch and finished high school in Winnett.

Ellen Carrell Phipps and Buck Wood were married September 24, 1988. Ellen and Buck live on the Fraser Land and Livestock Ranch of the Flatwillow community (See also WOOD — Flatwillow).

Barbara Joyce graduated from Winnett High School in 1964. She is married to Charles Sims, manager of the Thompson Ranch. (See also THOMPSON, Leslie — Petrolia)

PIERCE, Roy (See McFARLAND, John)

PIERSON, Ira Ira built a fine home for his family on their homestead just north of Winnett. Beside farming, he



Ira Pierson family: Frances, Ira, Frank, Helen, Gayle, Betty Lou

was a mail stage driver using horse-powered vehicles between Flatwillow and Winnett. As early as 1914, Ira was chosen as justice of the peace for the Winnett area of eastern Fergus County. Two marriages he performed in 1914 were those of Clyde Luke and Daisy Morrell in October, and Jimmy Badger and Etta Mae Parker in December. Both ceremonies were performed in the Walter J. Winnett Ranch home.

In 1921, with daughter Gayle (1916) about to enter school, Ira built a new house for his family at 102 South Teigen Avenue in Winnett. Both Gayle and Frances (1917) started school in Winnett. Betty Lou was born in 1922. In about 1926 the family moved to Cat Creek where Ira was employed (See also PIERSON — Cat Creek). Frank, the only son, was born in 1927 in a Great Falls, Montana, hospital. The family moved back into Winnett for the 1929-30 school year, when Gayle attended Winnett High School for one year.

Gayle married Lawrence Larson, a carpenter and contractor. They raised two children: Robert lives in Ocean-side, California. He is a Motorola salesman, selling microwaves to utility companies in Los Angeles, California; Nancy Larson Klee is a registered nurse living in Gorham, Kansas and working at Hays, Kansas. Gayle, now a widow, lives in Billings, and does lots of volunteer work. She is an enthusiastic member of a dance group, and enjoys playing bridge.

Frances married Roy Vincellette, formerly of Cat Creek, in 1937. They were parents of two sons — Richard and James — and one daughter, Renee. Frances died at age 40 of leukemia.

Betty Lou married Thomas Samples, and they had four children — Kate, Meigan, Steve and Patrick (who died at age 18). Betty Lou later married Bill Harris. She teaches school at Southbank, B. C., Canada.

Frank married Clarlee Fischer. Frank, a retired safety engineer for Conoco Oil Co. of Billings, and Clarlee were parents of one son, Frank, and two daughters — Clarissa and Michelle.

PINKERTON, Carl December of 1965 brought new owners to the Stockman Cafe and Bar. They were Carl

Pinkerton and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schelin. In October of 1968, the Stockman Cafe was leased to Dan Bevis. The cafe and/or bar was leased to many successive managers until the spring of 1980, when an auction sale was held, and Mike Grady bought the buildings, stock and equipment. Carl moved to Livingston, Montana, to stay with a sister in the fall of 1980. He died there in 1986.

Later Jerry Bohn bought the lots. The buildings, being in very bad repair, were demolished. The brick building had been built by Mr. Hover during the oil boom and had been the original office of the Hover-Schwartz oil company.

PIRIE, Robert B. "Bob" Bob did not reside in Winnett, but he was conductor on the Winnett-Lewistown train for many years and had many friends in Winnett. On July 12, 1939, he met with a very painful and debilitating accident. He had been riding on top of a cut of several freight cars being switched and evidently slipped and fell between them. No one witnessed the accident, but they heard him call for help. He was lying outside the tracks, but the heavy freight wheels passed over both legs below the knees, virtually severing them. Drs. F. F. Attix and E. A. Welden completed the amputations at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewistown. The accident happened in the Heath yards.

PITMAN, Alvin G. Alvin, son of George Pitman and wife Ada, moved to Winnett when Alvin was assigned as Milwaukee depot agent in 1944. They were the parents of four sons — Paul, George Nicholas, Stephen and Danny Joe. Later Alvin was agent at Grassrange, Montana, and the family moved there. When asked to serve the Winnett area again, Pitmans returned and lived in the Winnett depot in November of 1960. They later bought the Conolly Ranch in the Valentine area, which son Paul and family now own (1989).

PITMAN, George F. George Pitman, father of Alvin and Joe Pitman, arrived in Winnett in October of 1942 as Milwaukee road agent. Mrs. Pitman opened a beauty parlor, specializing in permanent waving. She had previously been an instructor in this profession while residing in Bozeman, Montana.

After her husband was transferred to Grassrange, Mrs. Pitman opened a beauty shop in a room of the Montana Hotel in Winnett, giving permanent waves on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings each week. Local ladies were thus introduced to the first *cold* process of permanent waving.

Pitmans later moved to Bozeman, Montana, where Mr. Pitman died on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1965. Mrs. Pitman moved to Eureka, Montana, and lived in a trailer court close to her son, Joe. She died in 1971.

PITMAN, Joseph R. Joe, son of George Pitman, his wife, Betty, and two sons came to Winnett in April of 1943. Joe assumed the operation of the City Light Co. The family lived in the original Sullivan house at 301 South Broadway, in which the former city light plant

owners — the Hafers — had resided. As manager of the town's electric supply, Joe was also manager of the city water supply. In April of 1946, Joe was responsible for having a booster pump installed on the water line from the well to the tank. With this innovation came the hope that the flow to the tank would amount to 100 gallons a minute.

Joe was made town constable in 1944 and elected fire chief in 1945. In January of 1946 the Pitmans sold their house to Otto and Myrtie Senst and moved to a house near the light plant.

Local residents of Winnett had earlier petitioned for the electric service of the Fergus Electric Cooperative. Consequently, in February of 1946, Joe offered his local electric plant for sale to the cooperative. By January of 1947 the contract had been completed and the local light plant was sold. Joe was retained as manager of the local electric system until the Rural Electrification Act-financed lines were completed from Roundup to Winnett.

In the meantime, two local World War II veterans, Arnold Hansen and James Dundom, had been busy building a food storage and meat processing plant just north of the Rimrock Theater building. Construction of the 30' x 50' cement block building had begun in April of 1946. With one third of the space filled with lockers and the balance for processing and display, the City Food Lockers opened for business March 21, 1947. General Electric appliances were also sold there. Joe Pitman participated in the operation of the City Food Lockers until the store was sold to Floyd Hill in 1948.

The Pitmans moved to Eureka, Montana, in the summer of 1950, and Joe became manager of the Lincoln Electric Co-op. Joe and Betty were the parents of four children — Darrell, Fred, Susan and Roger.

PITT, Mrs. Florence Winnett's Mecca Beauty Shop had been closed for some time until Mrs. Florence Pitt and another experienced operator came to Winnett each Thursday in November of 1966.

PLACE, Louis E. Mr. Place was a salesman of securities and insurance in Winnett in the early 1920s.

PLUM, R. S. In October of 1965, the last depot agent in Winnett, Mr. R. S. Plum, announced that on Friday, October 29, 1965, four Montana Railway depots (Winnett, Danvers, Musselshell and Lavina) would close; also, that shippers would have to contact the Milwaukee Road in Lewistown, Montana, by telephone collect, for service.

Mr. Plum had been in Winnett for five months, and he stated that he enjoyed this country and would prefer to stay here. He was destined, however, to return to Seattle, Washington, where he had been previously employed, to work for the Great Northern Railroad.

PORTER, A. L. (W.T. 4-1-1921) "A. L. Porter and R. E. Sawyer, of Great Falls, are in Winnett arranging to erect a building for a sheet metal works shop. Both gentlemen are experienced sheet metal workers and plumbers, with years of experience at Great Falls. They consider Winnett

a very likely location and expect to do a flourishing business."

POTTER (See OPP, Arthur)

POTTS, Gib Mr. and Mrs. Gib Potts and their three children, formerly of Ryegate, came to Winnett to work on the Bratten Ranch in the fall of 1971. They lived in the former Cornue house at 301 South Broadway.

POULTON, Charles The Charles Poulton family moved from Jordan to Winnett in the summer of 1950, and "Charlie" went to work on the Petroleum County road crew. Sharon was three years old at the time and Lary was a mere one. Their first home was at 402 Moulton Avenue. The following spring the family moved to the old Methodist Church parsonage, and in 1953 they purchased their home at 105 S. Lepper Avenue from Eddie and Joe Stauffacher.

After Charles' employment by the county, he worked on various construction jobs, both locally and for road contractors state wide. He was employed by the Town of Winnett for a short time during the mid-1950s and again from 1966 until his death in 1979.

In the meantime, Lois worked for Dunlap's Auto Service, Williams Coulee Grazing District, the Montana State Liquor Store, and several cafe operators. Poultons purchased the Wise Cafe (renamed the Town Cafe) in 1955 and operated it until it burned in May of 1960. Later they operated the Winnett Drug and Gift Shop and the Stockman Cafe. Both Poultons drove school bus for several years. Charles drove the Valentine-Dovetail route, then the Flatwillow route. Lois started helping with this job in 1974 and is still driving the Flatwillow route (1989).

Lois became the Town Clerk in 1974 and still holds the position in 1989. She was the Winnett correspondent for the *Winnett Times* from the time the paper was purchased by the *Roundup-Record Tribune* until she was appointed justice of the peace in 1984. She was elected to that position in 1986.

Sharon and Lary are both graduates of Winnett High School. Sharon also completed training at Miles City Beauty College. She is now employed at the Taylor Ranch at Kirby, Montana. Her two children, Angie and Robert, are living with their grandmother and attending school in Winnett (1989).

Lary graduated from Montana State University. He and his wife, Sue, were transferred from Dillon, Montana, to Malta, Montana, by the FmHA (Farm Home Administration) in 1973 and still reside there. He is now a partner in Ezzie's Wholesale, handling Conoco and Petrolane products. Sue teaches in St. Mary's parochial school where their children — Cory, Jori, and Amy — attend. (By Lois Poulton)

PRATT, Mabel Mabel was a member of the first graduating class of Winnett High School in May of 1919. At that time she expected to take some normal school work and teach the next year, if she succeeded in getting

a certificate. She did get the certificate and taught at Plum Creek. She became Mabel Pratt Rost and had four children — Jean, Kenneth, Lou and Merle. (See also PRATT — Ashley)

PREHN, E. E. (W.T. 4-22-1921) "E. E. Prehn of Mapleleaf, South Dakota, spent several days here this week looking over Winnett, and so favorably was he impressed that he made the purchase of a thirty-seven foot frontage on Broadway from G. W. Conrad, being just across the street from the S. O. Pribble Implement office. Mr. Prehn had no more than closed the deal for the lot when he let a contract for a 18' x 32' building to be erected at once, which, when completed, will be rented. Mr. Prehn will return to Winnett in about six weeks and will then start his other work, which may lead to his decision to erect a modern brick and tile opera house."

(W.T. 7-15-1921) "Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Prehn and family of Mapleleaf, South Dakota, arrived in Winnett Friday to make this city their future home. Mr. Prehn is interested in the Pacific Oil and Refining Co." In August of 1932, Mr. Prehn was made manager of the Farmers Union Elevator. The elevator was run on a basis of a farmers' cooperative with profit reverting directly back to the farmer for grain delivered. Mr. Prehn died in 1948.

PRESCOTT The Prescotts were the proprietors of the Prescott Hotel. (W.T. 7-22-1921) "W. J. Winnett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Prescott, and the Donnell children took their dinner to Elk Creek Sunday and enjoyed an old-time picnic at that place."

PRESTON, Ruby Ruby Preston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Preston, was born August 8, 1888, in Monmouth, Iowa, and was educated there. Ruby came to Montana in 1916 and homesteaded about 10 miles northeast of Winnett (Sec. 35-16-27).

Later she ran the Sunset Cafe in Winnett and was clerk of the Winnett Post Office from February 1, 1942, until November of 1944. She retired and moved to Lewistown where she made her home. She was a sister of Mrs. Ethel Quigley. Ruby died September 26, 1964.

PRIBBLE, Savil "Sam" Pribble and his family came to the Winnett area in 1910. He was a foreman on the Walter J. Winnett Ranch, and also proved up on a homestead in the Brush Creek community (See also PRIBBLE — Brush Creek). In about 1915, Sam went into the implement business in Winnett (Block 2, Broadway). (W.T. 12-13-1916) ". . . A complete line of Moline Implements, Windmills, Pumps and Pipe, Double and Single Disc Monitor Drills. We handle the easy, perfect-running DeLaval Cream Separators. S. O. Pribble Winnett, Montana WATERLOO BOY TRACTORS"

The large implement building, which was owned by Tom Fleming of Grassrange, and the large stock of Moline farm equipment and repairs, owned by Sam, were completely destroyed by fire July 20, 1921. Although a goodly share of both losses were covered by insurance, Sam figured it was too late in the season to restock.

Sam had built a fine house at 13 South Ashley Avenue and had married Mrs. Charles Schellenberger of the Brush Creek community. She ran the Jarrett Hotel and Home Cafe in Winnett for several years. In the fall of 1921, Mrs. Pribble was ill for several weeks, and Sam took her to Ogden, Utah, with the hope that climatic conditions would improve her health, but she died there at 37 years of age in November of 1921. She was survived by her husband, Sam, her sister, Mrs. E. C. Hillius, and her four children — Evelyn, Louise, Carroll, and Ford Schellenberger. Sam died in Utah many years later — in 1967.

PUCKETT, Donald Donald took over the management of the Montana Hardware in Winnett when Art Nelson moved to Roundup in September of 1936. In April of the next year he was replaced by Howard Mackey. An obituary of the *Winnett Times* of 4-15-54 disclosed that Donald had been born in Winnett in 1909, taught school in Glendive, Montana, and Harlem, Montana, after graduating from Intermountain College at Helena, Montana, and had been an industrial arts instructor in Cut Bank, Montana, for seven years before he died in April of 1954.

PUDOR, Frank Frank was a driver for the Hogg Auto Livery. His wife visited him from her home in Fargo, North Dakota, in July of 1921.

PULLIN, Charles F. Charles Pullin evidently owned several lots in Winnett in 1919. (W.T. 1-10-1919) "The petition circulating in Winnett recently, asking that certain lots on Main Street owned by Charles F. Pullin be donated for a hotel site has been denied. The lots in question were reserved for hotel purposes for a considerable period, but as no one took advantage of the offer of the Milwaukee Land Co., the reservation was cancelled. Since that time, two hotels have been constructed in Winnett on lots purchased in the regular manner, and it would seem unfair to the present hotel keepers to have lots donated for a hotel at this time." Charles also owned a livery stable in Winnett. He was elected alderman in both 1918 and 1919.

PULLIN, George George, born August 30, 1884, in Midland, Virginia, came to this area in the early 1910s and homesteaded about five miles northeast of Winnett. In company with Werner G. Hagemann, he established the Hagemann-Pullin Grocery Store (previously Mahon-Robinson) in Winnett in about 1915. The store was located in lot 6, Block 8. George became sole owner of the store in 1919. The store handled groceries, general merchandise, and also undertaking supplies. Those supplies, however, were sold to Arthur Opp in April of 1921.

George married Gertrude Deethardt, daughter of Benjamin Deethardt (See also DEETHARDT — Brush Creek). The Pullins built a large house in lot 16, Block 14. (See also PULLIN — Cat Creek)

QUICKENDEN, Irene Irene taught in the Winnett Elementary School for two years (1925-1927). Mr.

Lasater was the principal during that time. Irene had formerly taught the Brush Creek School for two years (1921-1923).

(W.T. 8-30-1929) "While in Lewistown, Montana, Wednesday, County Treasurer John Merten and the editor met Otto Marsh and his bride attending the fair. Mrs. Marsh will be remembered here as Miss Irene Quickenden, a former teacher in the Winnett schools. Otto was still passing out the cigars and the bride was still blushing, which indicated that the wedding was of recent date." Mr. Otto Marsh died in June of 1930. (See also BRINKMAN — Brush Creek and MARSH — Dovetail)

QUIGG, Henry C. "Clint" Clint came to Montana by train with his parents in June of 1914 and by team and wagon to their homestead in the Ashley area about twelve or fourteen miles north of Winnett and close to what is known as the "Ohio Well." (See also QUIGG — Ashley) He went to country school, sometimes walking with his brothers and sisters as far as four miles one way. It was mighty cold in those days and by the time they got to school, their lunch would be frozen, and they themselves almost frozen.

Clint helped his mother raise his brothers and sisters by working in the fields and on threshing crews until he was about eighteen, then struck out on his own. He worked for Forbes Leslie by herding sheep for awhile, then for the Rogge Brothers in their fields. After awhile he worked on the W.P.A. running a team of horses and fresno, helping to build dams. He also drove truck for Ray Bohn, hauling coal from the mines in Roundup to Winnett. Clint was a very good mechanic and went to work on the Fort Peck Dam in 1936.

Clint came back to Winnett from Fort Peck and went to work for Petroleum County as the road maintenance crew. (He was the crew!!) In 1940 he married Helen Kindt, their wedding being on April 9th, the same as Helen's parents' (See also KINDT — Petrolia and Winnett). They lived in a small trailer house and pulled it around (Helen did that) with a car from job to job on the county roads. At that time there was no county pickup, no fuel truck, and one patrol to take care of all the roads in the county. A lot of the roads have been abandoned since then. There was no gravel on any of the roads at that time either.

In 1946 Clint went into his own dirt-moving business, which didn't last long, because he worked for farmers and ranchers, and finances were tight. In other words, he almost went broke, so he called it quits and went to work for dirt-moving contractors, which proved to be a lot more successful. Clint had a trailer house and moved from job to job, which meant he was home only on weekends and sometimes not then. All in all, Clint worked in the "dirt-moving" business for almost fifty years.

He finally retired at age 69 and went to work part time building roads for John Greytak in Petroleum County. He was still working at the time of his death on May 19, 1980. He loved the outdoors and his shop where he did a lot of



Clinton and Helen Quigg

handiwork with his welder. He had a hard-working life, but enjoyed life to the utmost.

Helen was born on July 25, 1918, in the homestead house which was located, as she tells it, "over the hill" from the rims about three miles south of Winnett. In 1925 her folks moved to Winnett and her dad, William Kindt, went to work at the courthouse.

Helen started first grade in Winnett and went through all twelve years, graduating with the class of 1937. She worked in the treasurer's office and also in the county attorney's office during the summers of 1935, 1936, and 1937. Then, after graduation, she went to work steady between the treasurer's office, the county attorney, and the Winnett Grazing District. At that time about the only machines they had in the offices were a typewriter and an adding machine; the rest was done with a pencil and your head. It sure is a lot different now!

In April 1940 Helen married Clint Quigg and traveled the county with her husband, Clint, maintaining roads. Helen was the official trailer house puller, camping near the site of the next job. One summer was enough of that, so they rented a house in town and started raising kids (five in all). The children born to Helen and Clint were Jeanne, Diane, Bonnie, Sylvia, and Raymond "Butch." That kept her busy for a long time.

After the youngest one was in school, Helen went to work in the only cafe in town and spent almost thirteen years there. I'll bet she baked a million pies and two million cinnamon rolls. Enough of that. She finally decided to call it quits and stay home. Helen was involved in a lot of community projects, especially in the school, until the kids were gone. After that it was ten years on the library board, ten years on the city council, and three years on the city-county planning board.

Helen also was very active in two lodges, the Royal Neighbors and Rebekah Lodges. She is also a member of the Winnett United Methodist Church and takes an active part in all their activities. She belongs to the Winnett Senior Citizens and to the American Legion Auxiliary.