

She goes to all the basketball games in town and loves to play cards and does a lot of baking. She always says, "I carry groceries in the house and then carry them back out, all cooked and baked" (to all kinds of dinners and potlucks). That's enjoyment!!

Helen spends a lot of time in Billings visiting with her three daughters and took a trip with two of her girls to the United Kingdom in the spring of 1988. All in all she's still going strong and doesn't want to leave Winnett until it is "absolutely necessary." She always says she'll be here to "close the gate." (Contributed by Helen Kindt Quigg in her own inimitable style)

QUIGG, Russell H. Rusty Quigg was born December 22, 1915, to Farrell C. Quigg and Amelia Keehart Quigg (See also QUIGG — Ashley). Rusty received his early education in the "Kid Hollow" School. He enlisted in the Army October 9, 1940, and served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Central Europe, being overseas for 2½ years. He was discharged June 28, 1945.

Rusty and Mabel Gladys Redd were married and became the parents of two sons, Gary and Rex. Mabel and Rusty were later divorced. Mabel was appointed acting postmaster of Winnett in July of 1953. In September of 1955, she married Harold "Bumpy" Learn, who worked for the State Highway Department in Billings, Montana. Mabel, Gary, and Rex remained in Winnett until November of 1955, when James McCue returned to assume his position as postmaster.

Rusty also remarried and had three children — Dale, Tommy and Russell. Rusty's wife passed away June 4, 1963. Russell, the 2½-month-old infant; Dale, age 8; and Tommy, 6, then made their home with their grandmother, Mrs. Amelia Sutton. At that time Amelia lived on the original Grant Robinson farm in Sec. 13-14-27, about 6½ miles east of Winnett. Young son Russell passed away in June of 1964 at fifteen months of age. In 1973 Rusty and family moved to Livingston, Montana. Rusty died in 1976.

QUIGLEY, Carl In March of 1964, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Quigley of Lewistown acquired the Stockman Cafe, bar business, and building from Carl Hougen of Melstone. The Quigleys moved into the apartment on the second floor of the building. They operated the bar, taking over the business formerly leased by Terry Sandman. Carl was the son of John W. Quigley.

QUIGLEY, John W. John Quigley was born August 15, 1879. He married Ethel Preston on July 3, 1904. They homesteaded in the Brush Creek — Ashley area. They had a large family — Thomas, Robert, Durward, Leo, Gerald, Carl, Leona, and Irene. A John W. Quigley was foreman of the track laying crew for the first train into Winnett, but may not have been the same man who homesteaded. John died in 1953. Ethel died in June of 1969.

QUILTER, Dean Bartlet Dean Quilter was born April 25, 1893, in Walnut, Illinois, and arrived in Winnett

in about 1915 or 1916. He joined the Masonic Lodge in 1917 and was a member of Sandman Post of the American Legion. He represented that body at a district convention in Lewistown in June of 1921. (W.T. 6-23-22) "Dean Quilter is repainting the interior and exterior of the old First State Bank building to the east of the Schmidt Hotel. Dean is an experienced wielder of the brush, and a marked improvement on the building is credited to his efforts." (See also QUILTER — Brush Creek)

RABERN, Richard "Bud" Richard Rabern "Bud," was born in 1930 in Presho, South Dakota. He came to the Winnett area in the fall of 1951, working for the Nebraska Feeding Co. for approximately two weeks. Then Uncle Sam drafted him to serve some time in the U. S. Army, spending part of that time in the Korean War. He was discharged in 1953 and returned for several years to the Nebraska Feeding Co. and rodeoing (riding bulls) in the state of Montana.

Donna Mae Daum was born in 1941 in Bridger, Montana, and moved with her parents, Emma and Jake Daum, to the Fraser Land and Livestock Co. in the fall of 1947. The Daums managed the Fraser Ranch for 25 years. Donna can remember so well her brother and she would have horse races up and down the hay meadows, and they would sneak off (so they thought) to ride over to the Bob Raundal Ranch to visit the Raundal girls. She remembers her dad building a wooden box for her to stand on to wash dishes and to help do whatever her mom needed done while preparing meals for 21 to 25 hired men. It seems to her that she washed dishes for hours.

Donna received all of her education in the Winnett public schools. There was no big yellow bus to bring the country kids to school. It was up to her dad to see that the children got to school on time, until one of the kids was old enough to drive. They took sack lunches, which arrived sometimes in good condition or sometimes squashed from someone sitting on them. Then the big day came when the students received hot lunches at school — what a treat!

Bud and Donna were married June 2, 1958, in Lewistown, Montana. They moved to Texas and worked on ranches for six years, including some ranches in Oklahoma and New Mexico. They enjoyed the different scenery and the meeting of so many wonderful people. They returned to Miles City, Montana, in 1964 to work on the Orcutt Ranch. They moved to the Sharkey Ranch in 1966. Their "pride and joy," daughter Tina Marie, was born in Roundup, Montana, October 22, 1968. She bounced in at 4 pounds and 13 ounces. In 1969 they moved to the Bob Raundal Ranch, where Tina spent most of her childhood days growing up. She was always loving to help her dad feed cattle, loving to work in the shop (and get dirty), and loving the wide open spaces to run and play.

Raberns moved into Winnett in the spring of 1976, at

which time they leased farming ground north and south of town. In 1978 they bought the Continental Oil bulk plant, and in May of 1987 they bought Harold's Auto Service. They continue to operate both the bulk plant and service station today (1989).

Tina Marie Rabern started "Story Hour" in Winnett taught by Mrs. Ruth Freburg. She received all her education in the Winnett schools and was active in all sports, plays and other activities. She was voted unanimously "All Star Conference" basketball player her senior year — 1987. She graduated with honors and was the valedictorian of her class. She rodeoed for seven years, going to the National Finals Rodeo in Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1985. She was High School Rodeo Champion in 1987. Tina is presently (1989) a sophomore at Montana State University majoring in pre-veterinary medicine. (By Donna Rabern)

RABOU, Robert Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rabou and family worked on the Bratten Ranch in 1966. In August of 1966 they moved to Boyd, Montana, to work for the Descheemaeker Hereford Ranch.

RADER, William L. William L. Rader was born in Enid, Oklahoma. He graduated from the Malta, Montana, high school, then attended Mergenthaler linotype school in San Francisco, California. He worked for the *Malta Enterprise*, while managing the *Saco Weekly*. Nadine Snyder was born July 21, 1904, in Ewing, Nebraska. Nadine and Bill were married December 31, 1927. Raders had one son, Bill, who is now a Doctor of Dental Surgery in Havre, Montana. Bill and his wife, Gail, have two sons, Jeffrey and Jonathan.

Bill Jr. wrote his memories of Winnett: "W. L. (Bill) Rader and Nadine arrived in Winnett in 1936. They had purchased the bankrupt *Winnett Times* from O. S. Worden, owner of the *Great Falls Tribune*. It was a very successful business which was sold to Rudy Glatz in July of 1940. We then moved to Stanford, Montana. I started school in Winnett. Miss Saylor was my first-grade teacher, and I went through three grades before moving. I rode my first horse at Dill Rogge's place, and Morty Boyd Jr. taught me how to ride my first bicycle."

W. L. Rader died March 12, 1978; Nadine in 1982.

RAMSEY, E. "Kid" "Kid" Ramsey was pitcher for Winnett's fabulous baseball team in 1921. (W.T. 8-12-1921) "Fire completely destroyed a big White truck belonging to O. E. Dunlap of the White Transportation Co. early Thursday morning. Kid Ramsey was driving the truck containing a tank load of crude enroute from the Cat Creek field to the Black Hawk Oil Co. on Flatwillow. He was going down a steep grade and had the brakes on when the car broke out in flames.

"It is supposed that the car backfired and that some of the crude splashed over and became ignited. Mr. Ramsey immediately left the car and within a few minutes the big truck was totally destroyed. The truck was valued at \$4600 and was partially covered with insurance."



Orval Ranf and George Eike leaving for the Army

RANF, Fred Mr. and Mrs. (Marie) Fred Ranf, accompanied by their five children, moved to Winnett in 1930. Fred was engaged in carpentry and other construction work. We was a very handy man when any bridge was in need of repair. That was his specialty. The five children — August, Fred, Marie, Orval and John — attended the Winnett schools. All graduated from Winnett High School with the exception of August, who preferred work for wages. He became an industrious and dedicated serviceman in Cole's Service Station. He married Beatrice Ingalls Miller of the class of 1932. Bea worked for several years in the Petroleum County courthouse. Bea and August later moved to Seattle, Washington. (See also INGALLS — Winnett)

Fred became advertising manager of a Helena, Montana, paper. He married Margery DeBrie in 1939. They had three sons — Philip, Richard, and Jeffery. Marie graduated from Winnett High School in 1937. She mar-



Marie Ranf, Helen Kindt and Ardith Story

ried Henry Bentley (See also BENTLEY — Cat Creek and Winnett).

Orval, a 1941 Winnett High School graduate, worked for an oil company in South America and married there. The couple had a daughter, Debra. John graduated in 1943 and entered the Navy in 1944. He married Marie O'Connor. Their children were Wanda, Diane, Robert, Darrel and Joni. John became a farmer and tavern owner.

Mother Marie Ranf died September 6, 1941, of abdominal cancer. She was buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Billings, Montana. Fred Ranf died January 28, 1968. (See also RANF — Blakeslee)

RANKIN, Grace Grace homesteaded about nine miles southeast of Winnett in the Petrolia area (Sec. 17-14-28). In July of 1925 she wrote to former homestead neighbors that she remembered homestead music as being a phonograph and coyotes, and that she was glad for radios which broadened the entertainment facilities of friends. She was working for the San Francisco Opera Company at the time.

RAPLEY, Harold H. Mr. Rapley was the butcher at the Eager Store for a short time in 1950. He later moved to Lewistown, Montana. Mrs. Rapley was a sister of Lloyd Berg.

RASMUSSEN, Anthony L. In 1911 Bessie Black came to this area from Minnesota and homesteaded in Sec. 20-14-27. Here she met Anthony (Tony) Rasmussen, who, in 1913 purchased the mercantile stock of Winnett and Badger. Tony ran the store in the same building as had been used previously for one year. He then built the first genuine store in Winnett. It was on the northwest corner of the block across the street south from where later the Winnett Block was constructed.

Mrs. Rasmussen was on the first Methodist church board when the board was organized. She served as Methodist church treasurer for five years from 1916 to April 1921. Mr. Rasmussen was a stockholder of the Winnett State Bank when it opened in 1914.



Rasmussen's delivery pickup

Rasmussens ran their store until February 1932 when it was consumed by fire. Although there was a bucket brigade from the creek, an insufficient water supply failed to quell the blaze. Rasmussens left Winnett and moved to California after 20 years of service to their Petroleum County patrons. Mr. Rasmussen died October 31, 1947, at Santa Cruz, California.

READY, John (W.T. 10-21-1914) "John Ready and family arrived here from Wisconsin this week. Mr. Ready has purchased a lot and will put up a rooming house."

REDD, Oscar Harry Harry Redd was noted in a 1927 *Winnett Times* ad as being a vendor of undertaking supplies in company with Elmer Eager. Also in May of 1927, Harry was appointed Petroleum County Coroner. In 1946 he was made assistant manager of the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company; then in January of 1955, was made manager of that company. Redd, as he was known, resigned as manager in June of 1957, but stayed on for a time to help Joe Killham. (See also REDD — Flatwillow)

REES, Morgan Morgan Rees managed the Montana Elevator for a short time in 1937. He moved to Denton and was in charge of a service station.

REESER, William L. W. L. Reeser was appointed agent of the Milwaukee Railroad of Winnett in September of 1939. He had been second "trick" operator at Harlowton for the previous two years. (Ed. There were three "tricks" or shifts of work during a 24-hour period.)

While here, he also became the local Selective Service chairman. He had to resign this position when he was transferred to Geraldine, Montana, in October of 1942. Both Bill and his wife, Mary, had been very active in social and fraternal circles. While Reesers lived in Winnett, their daughter, Dorothy Boggess, and her son had also been members of the Reeser household.

RENUM, Clarence (W.T. 7-15-1921) "While working at the Craig and Bachellor well, Clarence Renum was crushed between two drill stems, resulting in a broken jaw and injury to both ears. The injured man was brought to Dr. Brown's office to receive medical attention and is recovering very rapidly."

REYNOLD BROTHERS The Reynold Brothers established a blacksmith shop on Broadway Avenue north of the Basin Lumber Co. on September 15, 1920.

REYNOLD, Carl L. Carl was born September 21, 1892, in Cody, Wyoming, and was an early inhabitant of Winnett. (W.T. 11-4-1921) "Carl L. Reynold has resigned his position as manager of the hardware department of the Basin Lumber Co. to accept a position as manager of the Hudson Lumberyard in Billings, Montana."

REYNOLD, Edward Edward was one of the Reynold Brothers' blacksmiths. He married Miss Alma Frye who had taught for a few weeks in Winnett's first elementary school building. When Sam Pribble's machinery building burned in July of 1921, the Reynold Brothers' Blacksmith shop, adjoining the implement building on the north, was

damaged to a considerable extent, practically demolishing the north wall and roof.

The Reynolds' residence to the rear was saved by the timely application of water. All the household goods were moved, and at one point in time, destruction of the building seemed certain. Their loss was partially covered by insurance. In August the brothers tore down their old building and built a new one which was twice as large as the original.

RICE, Milton Milton Rice homesteaded or acquired land in Sec. 34-16-27, about ten miles northeast of Winnett. He later moved to Winnett where he owned a large livery stable. He also was an assistant to Ben Wood delivering water to residents of the town. He died in June of 1928, after an operation for ulcers of the stomach.

RICHARDS, Ernest Ernest Richards, born October 31, 1884, at Lewistown, Montana, lived in Winnett in the early 1920s and in 1921 was a stage driver for the Oil Field Taxi Company.

RICHARDSON, Don Don Richardson, wife Bergith, and daughter Jeanne came to Winnett in the fall of 1940. Don was a teacher and coach and remained here for three years. Winnett was a stepping stone for Don. He left here to become an elementary school principal in Missoula, Montana, for thirty-one years.

Bergith reminisced: "I remember the friendly welcome we received when we arrived in the fall of 1940. Everyone went out of their way to make us feel at home. The three years went by fast, but we made many lasting friendships." Bergith became the community hair dresser. She was very good at setting waves and pin curls.

RIDDLE, D. L. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Riddle and daughter of Billings opened "Pat's Place," a small lunch room one door east of Scheurman's Drug Store in 1946.

RIFE, Charles Charles Rife ran the Sunset Cafe in Winnett in the 1930s. Upon leaving Winnett for Fairfield, Montana, he went into the restaurant business there.

RIGG, O. F. O. F. Rigg was a linotype helper at the *Winnett Times* office in 1921.

RIGG, O. L. O. L. Rigg first ran a restaurant business in the Leader Hotel. In September of 1921 he leased the Northrup building west of the Eager store, which had been occupied by the City Furniture exchange. He moved his restaurant there, feeling it would be a more advantageous location for a restaurant, because it was closer to the center of the town.

RILEY, Andrew Patrick "Pat" Pat Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Riley, was born on April 13, 1884, in Iowa. He made his home in Winnett and on various ranches for many years. He was a good laborer, always willing to perform any kind of rough or dirty work, whether digging ditches, digging water lines, or cleaning barns.

One time, weary from work and needing a nap, he just

lay down in the grass across the street from the elevator. A passerby thought he was dead and called the sheriff. Sheriff Todd, assisted by Carl Aasrud, was about ready to pick him up when signs of life appeared. Pat had simply taken a nap. He resided at the State Home for the Aged in Lewistown, Montana, for five years. He died June 10, 1966.

RILEY, H. W. When Lars R. Olsen opened a lunch counter and cafe in his Savoy Hotel, H. W. Riley, who had been cooking at the Oil Cafe, took charge of the Savoy restaurant.

In July of 1923 "Chef" Riley opened his own restaurant in a building south of the Cosmopolitan Rooms and directly across the street from the Broadway Garage. The Riley restaurant burned in the same conflagration that burned Hattie Neville's Cosmopolitan Rooms in October 1927.

RISER, Mike Mike was reported as transacting business at the county seat in Lewistown, Montana, in June of 1922.

ROBERTS, C. B. Mr. Roberts was president of the Great Northern Refinery Co. at the time the refinery shipped its first load of gasoline out of Winnett in October 1921.

ROBINSON, Frank Frank conducted a tailoring and cleaning establishment on Lepper Avenue in 1921.

ROBINSON, R. R. (W.T. 7-15-1921) "Doctors Berry and Robinson have opened offices in the Hover brick building and are now comfortably located therein. Dr. Berry is a medical doctor, and Dr. Robinson, a dental surgeon. Dr. Berry was formerly with Dr. Alexander, and Dr. Robinson had offices in the building north of the Oregon-Montana office."

(W.T. 9-16-1921) "Doctor Berry and Dr. Robinson have moved their offices from the Hover building to the second floor of the Winnett Block."

ROBITAILLE, Eva Miss Robitaille was a Red Cross Nursing Service field nurse who conducted home nursing classes in Winnett in March, April, and May of 1943. Over 40 people in the county benefitted from this valuable instruction.

ROCK, Oliver Oliver Rock was principal of junior high and a teacher in the Winnett Elementary School from 1954 to 1956. Lillian Rock worked at the Poulton Cafe. Rocks spent a lot of their time in the summers searching for uranium in this part of the country.

Their son, Roger, who attended local schools, graduated from Kellogg, Idaho, High School. After high school he entered the service, then graduated from college with a degree in English. He commenced teaching the same year that his father retired. He teaches English at Nashua, Montana, and his wife, Virginia, teaches at Fort Peck, where the Roger Rock family lives (1988). They have two daughters, Stacy and April.

RODGERS, J. L. In 1921 Mr. Rodgers' business was plumbing and concrete construction, specializing in

sidewalk, culvert, and gutter work.

RODGERS, Lyle Lyle Rodgers was a teacher in the Winnett School in 1968-69. His wife opened and operated the Mecca Beauty Shop.

ROFF, C. S. In July of 1921, Mr. Roff moved his family to Winnett from Lewistown, Montana. He was manager of the local branch of the Fergus Motor Co. (W.T. 9-30-21) "C. S. Roff was at Welter the forepart of the week, where he held a special demonstration of the Fordson tractor. A large number of farmers witnessed the exhibit and were enthused over the practical possibilities of the Fordson tractor as an economical farm implement."

In December 1921 the Broadway Garage took over the Ford Agency, and Mr. Roff left for the coast where he expected to go into business.

ROGERS, Robert Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers and five of their six children came to Winnett in May of 1954. Robert was a barber and took over Shorty Saylor's shop. Shorty, along with his farming duties, had not been able to keep the barbershop open daily. Robert's arrival here gave Winnett a full-time barber again. They left here, however, after handling the business for only two months.

ROGERS, William Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers arrived in Winnett in November of 1963 to be partners with John Bartlett in the Stockman Cafe. They previously had cafe experience in Billings, Montana, and in Oregon. They left this business in April of 1964.

In May of 1964 they rented the former drugstore quarters in the I.O.O.F. building. There on July 1, 1964, they opened and operated the Ranch House (also called the Sugar Shack) until March of 1965. They then turned the business over to Mrs. Florence Johnson.

ROSANDER, Mrs. Jean Mrs. Rosander and her two sons, Charles and Ben, came to Winnett the first of December of 1965. She became the new operator of the Stockman Cafe. She had previous experience in cafe business on the west coast, at Havre, and for seven years worked for the Rainbow Hotel in Great Falls, Montana. Charles and Ben both registered in Winnett High School as sophomores.

ROSE, Reverend Ellen H. The Reverend Ellen, accompanied by her father, Fred P. Rose, conducted her first Methodist Church service in Winnett in September of 1937. No one worked harder and for less dollar compensation than Miss Rose. She had two great things going for her — her youth and her undaunted enthusiasm. She traveled from Wallview to Dovetail to hold church services and particularly enjoyed her work with young people.

She served Winnett from 1937 until 1943 when she was assigned to the parish at Superior. On June 29, 1956, Miss Rose became the first woman in Montana to receive full clergy rights in the Methodist Church. Winnett was honored when Miss Rose was chosen as the leader of the Grassrange-Winnett parish July 1, 1956.

She served for three years and built up a large Sunday school and youth group. Many young folks attended summer camp while she was in charge of the parish. July of 1959 found Miss Rose assigned to the Saco-Hinsdale parish, and Winnett lost a highly respected and admired lady.

ROSE, F. O. Mr. Rose was vice-president of the Great Northern Refinery in 1921.

ROSING, Maurice O. Maurice was born in 1895 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was a lumberman in Winnett before leaving to serve in World War I. He died in France.

ROSING, O. G. The second store to open in Winnett was a grocery and hardware establishment, Mahon-Robinson Lumber Co. It was managed by O. G. Rosing of Minneapolis in September of 1914. (A former manager was Edward Hillius.) The original store later became the Pullin Grocery and was located in Block 8 Milwaukee First Addition and faced East Main Street.

ROSLING, Franz "Pappy" Mr. and Mrs. Franz "Pappy" Rosling lived in the Methodist parsonage in July of 1970. Mrs. Rosling was a cook in the Dan Bevis' Cafe. Pappy was an upholsterer.

Mrs. Rosling became the new proprietor of the Stockman Cafe in November of 1971. In July of 1972 the Roslings had wearied of stuffing both furniture and people! They moved to Oakley, Idaho, where both were employed in a potato processing plant.

ROWTON, Vernon Vernon was water commissioner for Winnett after the resignation of Ray Woods on January 5, 1963. Vernon resigned June 1, 1963. (See also ROWTON — Musselshell River)

RUPP, George George was a butcher in Eager's store in 1941.

RUSHIN, Mike Mike was a popular cowboy, but was better known for his trapping abilities. In 1928 he trapped a 65-pound beaver. He won first prize in the state because of the size and the excellent condition of the pelt. That qualified him to enter the national contest, which he entered and won. His prize was a new Chevrolet coach.

RUSSELL, Fred (W.T. 7-29-1921) "Fred Russell, prominent rig builder, is erecting a cozy little bungalow on Wheeler Ave. and will have it ready for occupancy within a short time."

RYAN, Frank J. (W.T. 10-21-1921) "Frank J. Ryan, the genial proprietor of the Oil Cafe, has invested in a new Ford coupe. Frank is the sort of an optimist who could believe that if some of the deep tests come in as they should, he would need the coupe to carry his money to the bank."

RYAN, Joe Miss Joe Ryan was a beauty expert who specialized in facials. She came to Winnett in June of 1926 and conducted a beauty parlor in the Riley Cafe building across the street from the Broadway Garage.

SAFFORD, F. H. Mr. Safford was an assistant in the publication of the *Oil Field Bulletin* in September 1921.

SANDAKER, Howard (By Gladys Sederholm Sandaker) Howard Sandaker came with his family from Ettrick, Wisconsin, to Comanche, Montana, in 1908. He was two years old and the youngest of seven children. The family homesteaded north of Comanche, where his aunt, Julia Thompson, taught school in her homestead shack until schools were built in that area.

In 1928 Howard came to Winnett and worked in the Monarch Lumber Company with his brother, Tillman Sandaker. The drouth and depression hit a few years later, so he worked for Fred Dunlap in his refinery, near Cat Creek, before leaving to work on Fort Peck Dam from 1935 to 1938. (After 50 years, while visiting Fort Peck for the dam's 50th celebration, Howard saw the railing he had built to guard some of the tunnels — they were still hanging in there!)

After Fort Peck was completed, he worked for the city of Roundup, Montana, for awhile, but decided to attend a welding school in Los Angeles, California, in 1939. He was working for the shipyards in Seattle, Washington, when he left for the Army in 1942. He was in the 1831 Ordnance of the Air Force in the South Pacific theater of World War II. He was stationed in Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, Ie Shima, and Okinawa. He was among the first soldiers to fly to Japan after the surrender of the Japanese. Howard returned to Billings with the rank of staff sergeant in November 1945.

In 1946 he and Raymond Sederholm built their own shop in Billings, Montana, which they called "S and S Welding." They branched out into supplies and called the shop the "H and R. Oxygen and Supply Co." (H and R stood for Howard and Raymond.) They also became distributors for National Cylinder Gas for Montana and part of Wyoming. In 1972 they sold the business to three of their workers who in turn have sold it to a French company, and the third name is now "A and L Compressed Gasses." It is an international company. How time does change things!!

In 1975 Howard married Gladys Sederholm and they live at 2855 Belvedere Drive, in Billings, Montana (1989). (See also SEDERHOLM)

SANDAKER, Tillman N. "Sandy" Sandaker and his wife, Hazel, came to Winnett in the early 1920s. Sandy was employed in the Monarch Lumber Company and in 1926 was made manager. Sandakers purchased the original C. A. Kelley residence at 107 South Broadway in May of 1926. In the city election of April 1935, Sandy was elected as alderman. Along with his lumber business, Sandy was elected as justice of the peace in 1928.

Sandy had been injured in World War I and quite often visited the veterans' hospital to have another piece of shrapnel removed from his thigh. In spite of his troublesome leg, he kept at his work and managed the lumber company for 16 years until August of 1942. At that time Monarch Lumber Company discontinued doing

business in Winnett. The stock was sold to the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company.

With no hardware store to care for, Sandy bid on and received the contract to haul mail to and from the depot to the post office. Also in 1942, he was named constable of the town and in 1944-1946 was again elected justice of the peace. Dates of his service as liquor vendor are a little uncertain, but in about 1948 his Monarch Lumber Company office was used as the State Liquor store, and Sandy was the manager. 1966 found Sandy again elected justice of the peace.

In the very late 1960s or early 1970s, the family moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Local residents have recalled: "Sandy was the most patriotic citizen of the town. If he was near the post office or any other building when the flag was either hoisted or lowered, Sandy would stop where he was and immediately snap to attention." Community people also remember Hazel Sandaker's delicious bakery goods and her comical attire in local parades. With a mop for hair, huge oversized tennis shoes, some kind of sloppy clothes and a big nose mask, she delighted youngsters and adults as she clowned and tossed candy kisses along the parade route.

The Sandakers were parents of five children — Marjorie, Maurice, Patty, Allen and Gene. Marjorie married Lee Coon and had five children — Larry, Judy, Terry, Linda and Jimmy (who was killed on a motorbike). Maurice married Alice Fox, daughter of George and Odessa Atwood Fox, and had four children — Marcia, Valerie, Aaron and Greg. Patty married Bill Poulton, son of Jim and Fern Poulton, and had five children — Richard, Randy, Carrie, Cathy and Shelley. Allen married Dayle Johnson. The Allen Sandakers adopted two children, Ryan and Chelsee, and parented a son Rhys. A tragic highway accident in October of 1948 was responsible for the death of Gene at sixteen years of age.

Mrs. Hazel Sandaker passed away in September of 1988 at Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Sandy is living in a nursing home in Bonners Ferry as of November 1989.

SANDERS, Anita Sarah On Friday, January 5, 1921, Anita Sarah Sanders and Harold W. Berry were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage, with Rev. Fike officiating. The groom was the proprietor of the Winnett Theater, and the bride, the ticket lady.

SANDISH, C. W. Mr. Sandish was elected assistant fire chief in August of 1921.

SANDMAN, Alberta Alberta "Skeet" Sandman, daughter of Albert and Minnie Sandman, graduated from Winnett High School in 1930. It was not long until she got right down to business. In October of that same year, Skeet rented the building which had been owned formerly by Bores Sombor, and established her own cleaning, pressing, and dressmaking business. She also was very capable and interested in food preparation. She eventually took over Herman Hansen's restaurant and

operated it until March of 1935.

At that time she moved from Hansen's and took over the management of Mother Stewart's Cafe. This new eating place was named "Skeet's Cafe and Confectionery." Skeet met Jerry Gunlickson. They were married and became the parents of four daughters — Jeri Ann, Donna, Jean and Arlene. (See also SANDMAN — Brush Creek)

SANDMAN, Lloyd Lloyd, son of Albert and Minnie Sandman (see also SANDMAN — Brush Creek), went to work in the Eager Mercantile in March of 1934. A month later he and Clara M. Brown were married.

1937 found Lloyd working as a mechanic in Vane Catlin's garage. In 1938 the garage burned, and Lloyd lost many of his very fine mechanic tools. Being a true mechanic at heart, he was not discouraged, but became re-equipped and opened a shop for all car repair work in the Broadway Garage.

Sandmans were the parents of three children while living here — Betty LaVonne, Robert and William. William passed away at five months of age. Lloyd and family moved to Lewistown where Lloyd was mechanic through the years in several garages. Sons Ray and Joe were born in Lewistown. Lloyd is retired, and he and Clara continue to live in Lewistown (1989).

SANDMAN, Terry In September of 1971 the Gusher Bar, then owned by the Welters, was sold to Terry and Donna Sandman. Sandmans were to become the last owners of the historic structure. In March of 1975 fire completely destroyed the building and its entire contents — a loss estimated at about \$33,000.

Analysis of the bar's ashes might have revealed that in 1921 the brick and tile structure was built as a post office, replacing the frame post office building which had burned at the same site earlier. One can only imagine the business that passed through the post office doors during those first years of the oil boom. In later years the building housed a creamery for Elmer Alfson, a creamery for the Lengemanns, and still later, it became a youth center.

During the second oil boom of 1945-1946 under Maurice Egan's ownership, the building became the Gusher Bar. Throughout the years employees of the courthouse and hardware store across the street jokingly remarked of anyone seen going to the bar as going to the "office." (See also SANDMAN — Cat Creek)

SAWYER, R. E. (See PORTER, A. L.)

SAYLOR, Austin Austin Saylor came to Winnett in 1920 to work in Ted Hegna's elevator, while his family held down the farm in Fergus County. Times were tough. The severe winter of 1919 had taken a heavy toll; some cash inflow was a necessity. In the fall of 1922, Austin moved the family to Winnett for school. Lois and Blanche entered high school.

Mr. Saylor (Austin) returned to the ranch in Fergus County in about 1924, but returned to Winnett to manage



Belva and Austin Saylor about 1907

the Montana Elevator for a time in about 1929 and 1930. With the help of his family, he managed to continue to operate the ranch until 1950, when he sold it to the George Smith family of Giltedge, Montana. Mrs. Saylor (Belva) remained in Winnett to raise the children until they were all graduated, married, and on their way.

All the family graduated from Winnett — except Lois, who decided on marriage over graduation — Blanche, Ralph, Clarence "Shorty," Clara, Walter, and Harold. In the years following, most of their children also graduated from Winnett High School: Lois's daughter, Patty McVay; Blanches's daughter, Betty Grove; Shorty's sons, Allen and Roger; Clara's twins, Clarabelle and Marabelle Herweg. Ralph's children, Bill and Julie, graduated in Billings, Montana. Walter's son, Dick, graduated in Oregon. Harold had no family.



Clarence "Shorty" Saylor in his barbershop in the 1930s. Ray Bohn is the customer.

Blanche prepared for teaching and taught 33 years — 27 of them in Winnett. Most of the time she taught primary grades. She and Lillian Porter also taught several of the men from the CCC camp to read and write. Blanche retired in 1974. She spent a few years working with the Camp Fire Girls. They all worked together on many projects to earn money for several trips.

Blanche married Hugh "Red" Grove. The couple has one daughter, Betty (Badger) of Billings, Montana. Groves purchased the Northern Hotel from Mrs. Svindland in 1950 and continued to operate it until 1985, when they sold it to the Joe Pease family. They spent one year at Harlowton, then moved to Billings to be near their daughter and grandson. Red drove the school bus in Winnett for 18 years. (See also GROVE)

Ralph worked as elevator helper, stockman, ranch hand, construction worker. He married Marge Thorsheim. They have a son, Bill, of Billings, and a daughter, Julie Keenan, in Helena, Montana. Clarence "Shorty" was a barber for many years, during which time he was manager of the boxing club. It was a highly successful club. The boys trained hard and fought well all over the state. Some of them were members of the state champs who went to the nationals in San Francisco and in Boston.

Shorty married Agnes Benson, and they have two sons. Allen is employed in Whittier, California. Roger and family operate the family's cattle and sheep ranch at Garneill, Montana. Shorty and Agnes were ranchers in Petroleum County for several years before moving to the Garneill area. He served on the P. C. A. Board in Lewistown. He also served as Petroleum County state representative; and he was vice-president of the Amateur Boxing Association for a number of years.

Clara clerked in Eager's Store, cooked for an oil camp, and was an exceptional cook, seamstress, and gardener. She was gifted in arts and crafts. Clara married Bill Herweg, who had been a painter and builder in Lewistown before coming to Winnett to clerk in the Eager Mercantile Co. They were the parents of twin daughters, Clarabelle (Johnson) and Marabelle (Byers). The girls have lived and raised their families in the Seattle, Washington, area.

Clara and Bill owned a store and hotel in Grassrange for a time after their marriage, and Clara ran a dormitory during the school term. They later owned and operated the Eager Store in Winnett until the girls graduated. They sold to Don and Ethel Gullickson and moved to Seattle, where Bill worked for Boeing until he retired.

Walter spent time in the CCC camp near Missoula, Montana. He worked for the County Highway Department. Then Ralph, Walt, and Harold, along with Kenny Ingalls and Linc Wadman, joined the Navy on October 8, 1940. Walt and Harold stayed in after the war ended (and for a total of twenty years) as Aviation Machinist Mates. Ralph spent his time on the *Saratoga* airplane carrier. Both Walt and Harold married Navy girls.

Harold died in 1964. He had no family. Ralph died in 1973; Mr. Saylor (Austin), in 1950; Mrs. Saylor (Belva) in 1973; and Lois died in 1929, leaving a daughter, Patty McVay for the Saylor family to love and raise. Patty married Ray Sult, and the family owns and operates a sheep and cattle ranch near Sidney, Montana.

Walt and Martha retired in Oregon. They raised berries and vegetables for commercial purposes. Their son, Dick, lives and works in the area.

Thus, the Austin and Belva Saylor family passed through Petroleum County. So now, 1988, everyone is scattered everywhere, and since 1985 none of the family has lived in Petroleum County, after having lived there a total of sixty-five years. (Submitted by Blanche Saylor Grove)

SCHAFFER, J. H. Coming here from Stanford in December of 1965, J. H. Schaffer became the new proprietor of the Stockman Bar.

SCHAFFER, J. L. J. L. "Jim" Schaffer took over the management of the Gusher Bar from Maurice Egan in September of 1946.

SCHLIN, Martin When Carl Pinkerton and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schelin took over the Stockman Cafe and Bar in December of 1965, Mr. Schelin operated the bar, and Mrs. Schelin was a waitress in the cafe.

SCHEURMAN, Vern Mr. and Mrs. Vern Scheurman, Allan, and LuAnn arrived in Winnett the first part of April 1946. They leased the main floor of the I.O.O.F. building and opened an over-the-county drugstore. They named the establishment Scheurman's Store. In June Mr. Scheurman was granted a license to operate a drugstore in Montana. Since prescription service was then available, the name was changed to Winnett Drug. On September 1, 1946, the Winnett Drug was sold to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kencke.

SCHMIDT, Emil (W.T. 4-7-1915) "Last Saturday, Dame Rumor brought out the good news that a hotel was to be erected in the near future, and people awakened to the certainty of it when work upon the construction began in earnest Monday morning. The site is the corner opposite the Winnett State Bank. Emil Schmidt purchased the lots last week and proposed a two-story structure containing 24 sleeping rooms. Mr. Schmidt comes well recommended, having had an extended experience in the hotel business which guarantees good service. The building is already assuming goodly proportions under the workmanship of Emil Edmond."

(W. T. 8-24-1923) "Emil Schmidt, proprietor of the Schmidt Hotel, passed away Wednesday, August 22, 1923, at 7:30 p.m., death being due to cirrhosis of the liver, from which ailment he had suffered patiently for the past eighteen months. Medical skill could not combat the illness, and he slowly failed until Wednesday evening when he breathed his last.

"Deceased was born in Bavaria, October 25th, 1862, being 60 years, 9 months, and 27 days of age at death.

"He immigrated to America with his parents in 1866 when but four years of age. The family made their home in Chicago until the year 1883, when deceased re-moved to Butte, Montana, and later to Helena, where he resided for twenty-five years. In this city he was married to Anna M. Klien, April 2, 1888, to which union three children were born — one daughter, Mrs. Ray Mosher, Shappil, North Carolina; sons Richard, of Tacoma, Washington; and Carl of Winnett — all of whom survive the father.

"Deceased came to the Winnett section in 1910 taking up a homestead north of this city and in 1914 made this his permanent home. In 1915 he built the Schmidt Hotel opening same for business on the 4th of July of that year.

"For four years he was a member of the school board of District #159 and while holding this office, did much toward developing the splendid school facilities of the district.

"He was a member of the Grand Lodge of the sons of Herman at Helena, Knights of Pythias at Butte, and was taken into the Masonic Lodge in this city in 1917.

"Funeral services will be held under the auspices of the local Masonic Lodge Sunday. In the morning special Masonic services for the Masons and their friends in the Masonic hall and at 1:30 public services at the cemetery. Pall bearers: C. S. Spears, Christ Crowel, H. B. Greene, R. J. Woods, and Alfred Hoyle.

"Emil Schmidt was known by his friends as a man with the courage of his convictions. In business matters he hewed to the line and never faltered, carrying on over all obstacles according to the dictates of his conscience. As a careful, conservative man, he was successful in business and drew about him a ring of friends who often sought his advice and trusted him infinitely. Though afflicted with a disease from which there was no surcease, he bore up with wondrous patience and calm until the Angel of Death bore him Homeward crowned and blessed.

"The *Times* joins his host of friends in mourning the untimely demise of a kindly father and ideal husband."

Mrs. Schmidt retired and sold the hotel to R. R. Hogg on December 15, 1924.

SCHMIDT, Dr. P. G. (W.T. 4-1-1921) "Dr. P. G. Schmidt has erected two bungalows on Lepper Avenue and has leased both of them. He expects in the near future to erect others, also for lease."

SCHREIER, John John was born in Loyal, Wisconsin, February 17, 1918. He married Goldie Thomas, the daughter of W. K. "Kenny" and Evalena Thomas (See also THOMAS — Musselshell and Winnett)

John, Goldie, and son Bill came to Winnett in July of 1950. John worked at general work around the community. Goldie became the *Winnett Times* correspondent in November of 1954, and John went to work in the Petroleum County clerk and recorder's office in January of 1955. Another son, Carl, was born in 1956. In August of the same year, Schreiers acquired the management of the Rimrock Theater, and the theater was reopened in September.

The work was really poured on John in the year 1957. He was named deputy sheriff, clerk of the board of school trustees, secretary and treasurer of the Petrolia Water Users' Association, and City of Winnett Clerk, as of June 1, 1957. In June of 1961, John resigned his numerous positions and entered Eastern Montana College studying accounting. He suffered a heart attack and died in October of 1962.

Goldie and sons later lived in Lewistown, Montana, where Goldie operated the Homestead Book Store. In 1989 Goldie moved to St. George, Utah, where she plans to make her home. Bill lives in Mammoth Hot Springs, Montana, and works for the Park Service (1989). Carl lives in Moose, Wyoming, and also works for the Park Service (1989). Carl has written and provided photographs for many books, among them being *Glacier-Waterton Explorers Guide*; *Grand Teton Explorers Guide*; *Yellowstone Explorers Guide*; *Yellowstone National Park*; *Yellowstone Geysers*, *Hot Springs*, and *Fumaroles*. Carl takes pictures for posters and postcards that are sold in Yellowstone Park. He publishes his own books under the name of Homestead Publishing. His latest book is a pictorial history of Yellowstone Park.

SCHROCK, David David Schrock came to Winnett at the time of Winnett's second "little" oil boom in early 1946. He lived in the former Alvin Ingebo home at 108 South Broadway Avenue. Mr. Schrock was interested and involved in both the Mosby Dome Production and the discovery well at Rattlesnake Butte. (See also SCHROCK — Cat Creek)

SCHWARZ, Christopher Chris and Ivy Schwarz moved to Winnett from Kelley in 1937. Chris was employed by the Resettlement Administration building and repairing dams. One day Chris and Charles Kiehl were driving truck and hauling rock to a dam where they were working when Chris, always conservative with time and money, decided to take a short cut across a small dam. The ice gave way, and through pure luck, the water was not so deep as to completely submerge the truck cab. The men were able to breathe in the small air space left in the cab. It took several hours of tractor work to extricate the truck. Needless to say their wives were much disturbed when Chris and Charlie did not return home until 11:00 p.m.

Chris and Ivy were a fun-loving couple and were missed when they moved to Cat Creek in 1942. (See also SCHWARZ — Cat Creek and Kelley)

SCHWARZLOW, Edward Mr. Schwarzlow was born October 3, 1885, at Nye, New York. He homesteaded near Winnett and later became associated with the Weowna Refinery. He worked for the company until 1925. While living in Winnett, Mr. Schwarzlow was very active in the Masonic Lodge. He was one of the cast in the play "Are you a Mason?" After 1925 he moved to Arkansas City, Kansas, where he was employed as head pumper for the Kanotix Refining Co.

SEAL, Frank Mr. Seal from Great Falls, Montana, was

granted the franchise to furnish electricity for the town of Winnett in May of 1921.



Gladys Sederholm about 1928. "Waiting at the depot!" or "Y'all come see us!"

SEDERHOLM, Gladys Gladys wrote, "I was born in Fargo, North Dakota, and moved to a farm at Whitetail, Montana, at the age of eight. I had two brothers — one older and one younger — who are both deceased now.

"I had to leave my home to go to high school in Scobey, Montana, for my last three years. My mother brooked no excuses for not going to high school regardless of the difficulties it might entail. I graduated in 1924 at age 16 so my mother made me spend a year at home to 'grow up.' In those days the teachers liked to have students take two grades in one year especially when there were few pupils in the school.

"I went to the Normal School at Dillon, Montana, for nine months and returned home to teach the 5th and 6th grades at Whitetail for a year. I returned to Dillon and graduated from the two-year Teachers' Certificate course in 1928. My first year there I met Inez Anderson, as we lived in the same dorm. She was teaching in Winnett at the time (1927-28), and she encouraged me to apply at Winnett when I graduated.

"I did apply and was accepted to teach the 7th and 8th 'opportunity room' the fall of 1928. As the school planned to do away with this room the next year, it was my duty to see that the students all passed their state examinations, which at that time were a prerequisite to high school attendance. The students and I worked day and night on this assignment, and I am happy to say they passed.

"So I stayed in Winnett for 14 years teaching the intermediate grades, two grades at a time. These were some of the best years of my life. The people of Winnett accepted the teachers into the community and you

became part of it. The drouth and depression came while I was there, but we all hung in there together during the dust storms and slim purses. I believe it made the people 'tough' and tempered like steel as they were able to overcome adversity in their lives. How lucky I was to come to Winnett to teach and know the students and people.

"Don't think we didn't enjoy ourselves in Winnett. Besides the school activities (I can't forget those Christmas programs we used to put on, and I have wondered if the students ever remember them), I recall the 'DANCES' we had. Nearly every week there was a dance at Flatwillow or the Aristo. Everyone went to the dances and you danced with everyone — no wallflowers here. Remember this was when the radio was still squeaking and howling and TV hadn't reared its head, so you made your own fun — and we had fun.

"I well remember the day I got off the train in Roundup, Montana, on my way to Winnett for my teaching assignment — at 10:00 a. m. it was. Two other lost souls from Iowa were wandering up and down the platform — on their way to Winnett — Selma Huehn, a first grade teacher, and Ivy Rice, a music teacher. We waited all day and into the evening for our ride; the depot agent finally said he had to close up the depot. As he had put up with us the whole day, he knew our predicament; so he said his wife and son would drive us to Winnett.

"He sent our trunks on to Winnett by train as Winnett had a train then. So Selma and Ivy had a sample of western hospitality. After we had left, our ride came to the depot looking for us and couldn't understand why we hadn't waited for him — on the platform I guess!! He had been visiting friends and playing golf and the time got away from him! The three of us became fast friends for life.

"Ivy Rice decided to marry Christopher Schwarz, and they spent most of their lives in Winnett and Cat Creek until Chris retired and they moved to Nebraska, which was Christopher's old home. Selma went on to teach in Seattle, Washington, married an Englishman and had many trips to England. All three — Ivy, Chris and Selma — are deceased these past years, and we miss them so much.

"I should mention that Inez Anderson (Hassett) invited Ole Rigg and Howard Sandaker for me to meet that fall of 1928. Years later I married Howard, which is another plus for Winnett. In 1942 I left Winnett to teach in Billings, Montana, where I taught 31 years. In all I have taught 46 years and I never felt 'burned out.' My last 20 years were in counseling and guidance in junior high school in Billings. I enjoyed my teaching in Billings, also, as I have always been blessed with good principals and superintendents — plus, my colleagues were good to work with.

"It seems I spent my life teaching during the school years and then attending summer school for years — the perpetual student! Blanche Saylor (Grove), Freda Erfle, Lillian Porter and I spent a number of summers going to Montana University at Missoula, Montana. I received my