

After living in Winnett for twenty years, Stormwinds moved to a farm near Fairfield in 1937. Sol opened a store in Fairfield in 1948. Mrs. Stormwind died in 1957; Mr. Stormwind, in 1971; and Charles, in March of 1982. Norman operated the Monarch Lumber Company and United Building Center in Fairfield for many years.

Bill Griebel Jr. reminisced concerning the Stormwinds: "I will always remember Solomon Stormwind. That gentle Jewish gentleman was a very courteous and kindly man, and Mrs. Stormwind was a very nice lady. I went to school with their son, Charles, and sometimes visited their house. I remember Mr. Stormwind addressing Charles in his gentle voice as "Cholls." Mr. Stormwind's brand was a quarter-circle with the characters SS just below the arch of the quarter-circle, and he had it tattooed on their milk cow.

"When we were in the first and second grades (1926-1927), we used to chase Charles home. When Charlie got there, he would open the gate and turn the billy goat loose on us. That goat was mean and fast. Many a time I recall taking giant strides with one hand on that goat's horns and feeling him shoving hard to try to reach my hind end.

"In 1936 or 1937, I went back to Winnett from my home in Billings and went to see Charles. By this time Charlie had blossomed into a giant of a boy. His biceps were as large as my thigh. He worked out on the horizontal bar in Mr. Wood's yard and did some feats there I've never seen done before. He would hoist himself up with the bar behind his back and hook his elbows around it and then, supporting himself by his elbows, would gyrate around and around with that bar as the center of his motion, supporting his body weight on his biceps. He called it the muscle grind. I tried it and called it quits after landing on my neck on the ground. Charlie never again had to worry about anyone chasing him home."

STORY, Fred (By Ruby Story) The youngest son of Albert Lee Story, Fred Bird, followed his brothers to Winnett, Montana, in 1918. He worked as a mechanic in Winnett. In due time he met a homesteader's daughter, Ruby Pearl Runnalls, and after an acquaintance of three months, they were married in Lewistown, Montana.

Fred worked for several years as an electrician for the Winkes Brothers at the Winnett City Light Co. Then in October of 1933, he took over the machine shop at the Broadway Garage, taking the place of Ray Alex. He next went to work for the City Light Co., which also operated the city's water supply. Fred was then involved in the water distribution system. It was noted in the *Winnett Times* paper of December 14, 1934, that he helped construct a skating rink that brought much joy to the younger set.

During World War II, Fred and Ruby moved to Port Orchard, Washington. Fred worked in the welding department at the shipyards. Ruby worked at drafting plans for any ship being built or repaired. This lasted until 1946. They next bought five acres and a small house near



Ruby and Fred Story

former Winnett friends, Bill and Katharine Busby, who also lived in Washington. Fred worked in a filling station. Ruby cooked for a suburban hospital, sometimes serving 35. They later returned to Winnett.

They sold their home in Winnett to Postmaster James McCue, then helped move the house of Ruby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Runnalls, to Lewistown, Montana. They, too, moved to Lewistown. The Fred Storys were the parents of three children — Ardith, Loren Fay, and Audrey Kay. All went through the Winnett schools.

Ardith went to Bozeman to college one year before marrying Jack Woodworth of Grassrange, Montana. They lived in Lewistown where Jack operated his own service station on Main Street and later ran an insurance agency.



Fay married Bernice Bauer



Fred Story — the comforts of home

They had three children — Donna M., Susan L. and Shawn E.

Fay married Bernice Bauer. He went into the armed services and was stationed for a time in Alaska. He was discharged on Ruby's birthday, November 24, 1946. What a wonderful present for Ruby! He went to work for Continental Oil Company at Cat Creek. Fay and Bernice raised a family of three boys — Larry, Jerry and Alan. Bernice died of cancer in 1972. Three years later Fay married Edna Barker Fraser, who had three grown sons — Jerry, Stephen and Greg. Fay later worked for Continental Oil Company in Dickinson, North Dakota, for eleven years. Edna passed away there with cancer. Fay was transferred to Melstone and lived in Roundup, Montana, until he retired. He now owns a home in Fruita, Colorado.

Audrey also went into the armed services. She had been a local basketball star through her high school years in Winnett. She was also a star of the Women's Army Corps team while serving at Fort Sam Houston. Their team won from the Randolph Field team 43 to 23. Audrey made 30 of the 43 points! Audrey married Merle Manuel in the Fred Story home when Rev. Rhodes was minister. They leased a cattle ranch in the Crazy Mountains west of Martinsdale, Montana, and later lived in Hardin, Montana. They had five children — Paul, Nancy, Martin, Mary and James. Fred Story died in January of 1985. (See also RUNNALLS AND STORY — Teigen)

STRATE, Ed. R. E. R. Strate (sometimes spelled Strale) was proprietor of the Arcade Billiard Parlor which was established March 3, 1921, in the former Walt Sevals building. It was located one door east of the first Aristo. In June of 1924, Ed Strate's business was moved to the Moll building, and Jim Shipton and George Fox opened a soft drink establishment in the Arcade.

STUEVE, I. W. I. W. Stueve was a driller for Taylor Drilling Co. He and his wife lived in a trailer house near the Northern Hotel in December of 1949.

STURGIS, Mr. Mr. Sturgis was party chief of the E. V. McCollum and Co. seismograph crew who tested much land in Petroleum County in 1955 and 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis and son Tom came to Winnett in March of 1955.

SUCKSTORFF, Jack Mr. and Mrs. Jack Suckstorff and their two children came to Winnett in May of 1928. Jack, a former manager of the Judith Theater of Lewistown, Montana, leased the Aristo Theater from Mrs. Mable Towne. To add a little variety to the entertainment offered in Winnett, in July of that year, he prepared the floor that was between the Aristo and the Winnett Mercantile Store, and treated his patronage to an outdoor bowery dance. Later in the fall he subleased the Aristo to William Griebel, and the family returned to Lewistown.

SULLIVAN, William Mr. Sullivan was a contractor. He built his own residence, the fine brick home at the northeast corner of Block 32 and facing Broadway Avenue.

When bids were let for the construction of the new Winnett School in the fall of 1918, the Sullivan Construction Co. of Roundup, Montana, with whom William was associated, was awarded the contract. The amount of the bid was \$9350 for four classrooms and the basement. (This was only the first unit of the building. The gymnasium and the balance of the building were not completed until 1921.) William was awarded the contract to build the first portion (the basement) of the Methodist-Episcopal Church in April of 1923. Mrs. Sullivan was very active in the Woman's Club — a civic group.



Mable Sullivan and daughter Betty — newly finished house

SUTTER, C. G. Mr. Sutter was proprietor of the Sutter Hotel in 1921.

SVINDLAND, Theodore Ted Svindland, the son of Torgor and Anna Svindland, was born in Norway January 3, 1891. He immigrated to America and settled in Livingston, Montana, in 1909. He plied his carpenter trade for a time in the growing town of Roundup, Montana, until 1913 when he went to Alaska. He married Helen Lenno in April 1918, and they came to Winnett in 1921. In April of that year Svindlands decided to build a hotel in the booming town of Winnett. The *Winnett Times* of July 29, 1921, told of the completion of the hotel:

"Manager Theodore Svindland of the newly erected Northern Hotel on Grand Avenue announces that the in-

stitution will open the first of next week. The finishing touches have just been completed, the construction work having been under way for some time.

"The new building is located in the first block north of the Montana Hotel and is a 23-room structure with a spacious lobby 12 x 31 feet. The rooms are all furnished with new furniture, the best obtainable. With heavy rugs on the floor and well-lighted rooms, the place gives a home-like appearance. The commodious lobby is furnished with large leather chairs and settees. It will also be equipped with a cigar counter for the accommodation of the guests.

"Mr. Svindland is recently from Seattle, although in former years spent a great deal of time in Montana. He has been watching operations for some time, and having an insight to conditions, decided that this is the proper time to build in Winnett. The new hotel is a credit to the city and to Mr. Svindland. It is only another addition to the many substantial enterprises located here within the past 30 days."

Ted and Carl Clauson often worked together in building or remodeling houses. In 1934 they were remodeling a home and were in the process of sanding a floor. The electric sander was chain-driven. This was in the days of fluctuating electric current, when the local plant at times would suffer an overload. The sanding machine stopped, and Ted, thinking he could help it along, decided to pull on the chain. Just as he grabbed the chain, the electricity came on with full power. Ted grimaced and grabbed his hand. "What's the trouble, Ted?" asked Carl. "Oh," said Ted, "I just lost a finger." Ted was taken to Dr. Alexander, and with no complaints, returned after lunch and finished sanding the floor.

The family and the entire community were shocked beyond belief when in September of 1935, Ted was instantly killed when accidentally struck by a truck while standing on the Winnett-Roundup highway. All businesses were closed and a standing-room-only crowd attended the funeral service of this popular man. Mrs. Svindland continued to operate the hotel. In 1950 the building and business was sold to Blanche and Hugh Grove.

Svindlands were the parents of two daughters, Helen Lorraine and Anita May. Lorraine graduated from Winnett High School in 1941. She worked for a number of years before marrying Jack Bucknum. They had a daughter, Stephanie, and twin sons, Grant and Greg. Anita graduated from Winnett High School in 1947, and also from Montana State College. She married Charles Mitchell in 1953. They were the parents of Denise, Mark and Michael. Mrs. Svindland later married Skipper Carlson and lived in Oakland, California. She died in 1987.

SWIFT, Amanda O. While serving as an elementary schoolteacher in Winnett, Miss Swift taught the first high school classes on a strictly voluntary basis from 1913 to 1915. She was then hired as a high school and upper class teacher from 1915 to 1917.



Amanda Swift in her Dodge car

Always searching for ways to help parents with the education of their children, she set about, in the fall of 1917, securing a guardian for students who would be batching in order to attend high school. A Mrs. Brown from the Flatwillow Creek area of the Petrolia community agreed to accept the responsibility. However, a problem developed as related in Miss Swift's own writing:

"Mrs. Brown sent word to me that her cow and calf, pastured and cared for by a shiftless neighbor, had been returned to her, and the man had departed. Unless I could get the cow and calf to town and allow her (Mrs. Brown) a quart of milk daily from said cow, she didn't see how she could leave and become housemother for the girls.

"After persuading my unwilling brother to add the cow and calf to our dairy herd, and to agree to the furnishing of the aforesaid quart of milk, and failing to find any self-sacrificing male, I coiled a strong rope about my saddle horn and on a bright Sabbath morning struck out for the ranch of Mrs. Brown, fondly imagining that a cow owned and milked by a woman would be tractable, would lead easily. She wasn't. She didn't. The calf proved to be a yearling.

"So I passed a hectic Sabbath, sometimes headed for Winnett, more often in the Flatwillow direction. Impatient persistence had its reward at last, and nightfall brought me to the dairy, and, also, to my brother's wrath when he saw the size of the calf that would deplete the rather scanty pasture, and also when he discovered that the cow, neglected by the shiftless caretaker, produced less than the aforesaid quart of milk daily."

This incident demonstrates Miss Swift's indomitable will in getting done whatever needed to be done – even if she had to do it herself!

Amanda was elected Fergus County Superintendent of Schools for two terms – the first in 1918, the second in 1920. In addition to her other responsibilities in that position, she was responsible for the rural schools in all of the area which was to become Petroleum County. She often visited schools astride her trusted horse, Brownie. She later bought a Dodge touring car to speed up her travel. However, it is said that she threw her saddle in the back seat, so that snow or rain or lack of roads would not pre-

vent her from visiting a single school. She knew that she could always borrow a saddle horse somewhere along the way.

In acknowledgment of Miss Swift's hard work establishing and overseeing country schools, voters elected her as the first Petroleum County Superintendent of Schools in 1924. She served one two-year term.

After spending a lifetime devoted to education, Miss Swift died in 1963. (See also TRIBUTE and SWIFT — Brush Creek)

SWISHER, Rev. E. D. The Swisher family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Swisher, Alice 15, Ely 13, and Mary 7, moved to Winnett in August 1928. Rev. Swisher had been assigned to the Winnett Methodist Church, and the family lived in the Methodist parsonage. Mrs. Swisher was leader of the Campfire Girls. It was in the Swisher home that some of the girls were allowed to cook group meals to earn their cooking beads. The Swisher home was a happy place for young folks. While Swishers were here, the new south entrance to the church was built and the front porch of the parsonage was enclosed. The family's sojourn here was during the worst of the depression, and now one wonders how the family existed. They left Winnett in 1935.

Alice graduated from Winnett High School in 1931, attended North Dakota State College one year and Montana State College two years. She married Michael Deevy. Their children were Carolyn, David, Thomas, Michael and Patrick (who passed away).

Ely graduated from Winnett High School in 1933 and married Marguerite Ruth Sorenson. They had three children — Kathryn Ruth, Robert Martin, and George Dana. Ely earned a Ph.D. in entomology from Ohio State University. He was employed for 38 years by Rohm and Haas at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. For 20 years he was manager of New Product Development for that firm. His story about Mormon crickets in Montana was published in the winter 1985 issue of *Montana Magazine of Western History*.

Mary started her elementary education in Winnett, but moved before graduating from high school. Ely shared some of his memories of living in Winnett: "I witnessed the great Winnett fire in the fall of 1929. Fire hoses were brought quite promptly to the origin of the fire at the rear of the grocery, but only a trickle of water flowed briefly, and to our horror the flames spread and the entire block was burned. If a good flow of water had been available for five minutes, the initial blaze could have been extinguished.

"I especially recall practice-driving a Model T and a 1930 Whippet on trips with Dad to the Wallview School that served as the church. The dirt road jogged always along section lines. After church on pleasant days, everyone congregated in the yard and chatted about crops and politics for at least an hour.

"I played left tackle on the Winnett High football team in 1930. Coach Whitten, who came from Iowa, had big ex-

pectations and scheduled our first game with Havre. They beat us 107 to 7. Over the subsequent years the team did fairly well. A year or two after my graduation in 1933, the game was switched to six-man football.

"In the summer of 1931, Frank Greene and I built the first miniature golf course (The Putt and Miss Golf Course) on a vacant lot next to the parsonage. It was removed two summers later to build a house on the lot. I look back very fondly on my life in Winnett. We had a great school and wonderful bunch of teachers under Superintendent Gaines for our various courses, athletics, school plays and operettas, declamation club and glee club. School dances with our own live band were first class affairs. It was a great time of life — despite the Depression."

TANNER, B. F. Mr. Tanner was Winnett School superintendent from 1920 to 1923. Before coming to Winnett, Mr. Tanner was on the faculty of Fergus County High School in Lewistown, Montana.

(W.T. 6-1-1923) "The entire community was much bereaved Memorial Day to learn of the death by drowning of Paul, son of Superintendent and Mrs. B. F. Tanner. The boy was playing on a raft in a small pond just outside of town when he fell from the raft, and being unable to swim, went down in the water which was very deep at that place. A playmate, who couldn't swim, tried to save him but being unable to do so, hurried for help. Mr. Hogg arrived at the pond soon after but the water was to a depth above his head and, as he was unable to swim, had to hurry back for more assistance. Mr. Jensen was then brought and after diving several times finally found the body. As the boy had been in the water for some time, all efforts to resuscitate him were futile.

"Paul Richard Tanner was born February 12, 1916, in Madison, Wisconsin. He was a very lovable and intelligent child; and his untimely demise cast a cloud of sorrow over our city, where the family is held in high esteem. To his mother, father and sister Ruth is extended the sincerest sympathy of the citizens of Winnett."

TAYLOR, Charles E. (See BRILLHART) A Charles Taylor homesteaded or owned land in Sec. 17-15-26. It is not known if this is the same Charles Taylor who built an apartment house on Broadway, immediately south of the Broadway Hotel, in July of 1921. The building was a two-story frame structure divided into flats.

TAYLOR, Mrs. K. M. (W.T. 5-6-1921) "Mrs. K. M. Taylor has leased the office property west of the Dugan barbershop and has made arrangements to open a real estate and brokerage office. In connection, the new firm will do public stenographic work of all kinds."

TEAGARDEN, Sam W. Sam Teagarden moved to Winnett from Lewistown, Montana, in September of 1921. He was publisher of the *Oil Fields Bulletin*. (W.T. 9-16-1921) "Mr. Teagarden has opened offices in the Winnett Block in the rooms recently vacated by Attorney Geis . . ." In November, Miss Alice Teagarden opened a stenographic office in the office of the *Oil Fields Bulletin*.

TEIE, Adolph Doris Savage, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Savage, was born in 1908 in Kensal, North Dakota. She moved with her parents in 1910 to Wibaux, Montana, and graduated from high school there. In 1946 she married Adolph "Ad" Teie in Great Falls, Montana.

The Teies operated the bar at the Meadow Lark Country Club in Great Falls previous to their arrival in Winnett in October of 1946. They purchased the Rotary Inn and residence property from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams in Winnett. In December of 1950 the Inn was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smidt.

Adolph worked many years for the State Highway Department at Mobridge, Montana, after leaving Winnett. Teies later moved to Roundup, Montana, where Ad passed away in 1980. Doris then moved to Billings, Montana, where she passed away in February 1981.

TENCOTTE, Fred Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tencotte of Wolf Creek bought the Gusher Bar from Alfred O. Anderson on May 13, 1948. Dollie, 43, wife of Fred, died January 12, 1949, presumably from a heart attack.

THIEL, Herb Jean Pittman Diere came with her sister Fran and her little boy, Claude, to Lewistown to teach. When she and her sister homesteaded in the Winnett area, Jean kept the home fires burning. She married Herb Thiel, one of W. J. Winnett's top hands. Herb also worked in the Enterprise Meat Market. Thiels later moved to Shelby, then to Cut Bank, where Herb bought ½ interest in Heinie Elbert's meat market and shop. (Mr. Elbert was also a former resident of Winnett.) Herb sold cars as a sideline. The ranchers really got a kick out of a car salesman who could step into a saddle and rarely miss when roping a calf.

Thiels moved to Kalispell before World War II, and Herb worked as a buyer and butcher for the B & B store for years until he retired. He died in Arizona, and Jean died in Pocatello, Idaho, where she had been living with her son, Claude, after Herb died. Claude Diere graduated from Winnett High School in 1928 and lived in Alamogordo, New Mexico, and Oxnard, California, where he retired, then moved to Pocatello, Idaho. He had two daughters and four grandchildren. He died in 1980. (Contributed in part by Arlene McDaniel) (See also McDANIEL)

THOMAS, Carl Carl was in charge of the Lewistown Creamery station in Winnett for a time in 1935. In February 1936 the station was closed, and Carl was transferred to Laurel, where the company opened a station.

THOMAS, Jerry Jerry, a University of Montana graduate student, lived in Winnett in the summers of 1971 and 1972 and did research work on a sagebrush control project. He and his wife had two sons, Todd and Troy. In September 1972 the family moved to Missoula, Montana, where Jerry planned to receive his doctorate at the end of the school term.

THOMAS, Troy When the Stockman Cafe reopened

on August 10, 1966, Troy Thomas was one of the cooks.

THOMAS, William K. Kenny and Evalena Thomas moved to Winnett in 1949 to spend their retirement years. They moved into the house at 101 North Lepper Avenue. Being adept at making repairs to furniture and because he enjoyed working with wood, Mr. Thomas set up the Driftwood Shop in his home. He specialized in building bird houses.

To give his retirement years some variety, in 1960 he built a rug-weaving loom. Materials used were scraps of wood from around the house and a very few hardware items. His ingenuity was featured in the *Winnett Times* of January 7, 1960, and in several other publications. A rug produced on his loom brought him first prize at the Central Montana Fair in Lewistown, Montana, in 1960.

Mr. Thomas died in May of 1961. Mrs. Thomas went to live with the Schreier family in Billings. She died in January of 1963. Mr and Mrs. Thomas had reportedly been the parents of seven children. Four children were reported as preceding them in death. Survivors by name were Reverend Otis Thomas, Preston Thomas and Goldie Thomas Schreier. (See also SCHREIER — Winnett; THOMAS — Musselshell River)

THOMPSON, Frank Frank was a drilling contractor who came from Thermopolis, Wyoming, and located here in the spring of 1921.

THOMPSON, Loren Loren Thompson, son of Roy Elmer Thompson and Nellie Grace Falkins Thompson, was born May 25, 1945, in Billings, Montana. Sharon D. Ehli, daughter of Pius Ehli and Bonnie Jean Moore Ehli, was born February 2, 1947, in Helena, Montana. Both Loren and Sharon came from a family of seven children. Loren and Sharon were married July 30, 1966.

In the fall of 1967, the Thompsons moved to Winnett where Loren had been hired as high school librarian and social studies instructor. Loren was also public librarian during the summer of 1968 and kept the Winnett High School Library open on "off days" of the public library. Sharon was hired as deputy director of finance, deputy clerk of court, and deputy director of records at the Petroleum County Courthouse from 1972-1975.

Loren Thompson served as public library trustee for six years and was responsible for the technical library skills needed to finally combine the public and school libraries into an efficiently operating one-building unit.

Thompson left Winnett in 1975 and moved to Roundup, Montana, where Loren had been chosen as high school librarian. Sharon, with her excellence in book-keeping and accounting skills, was very soon employed by one of the Roundup banks. The Thompsons became the parents of three children — Gregory David, Kimberly Dawn and Carrie Beth.

THOMPSON, Mrs. O. S. (W.T. Sept. 1915) "The restaurant building which will be occupied by Mrs. O. S. Thompson's restaurant, is well under way. She expects to give free dance in the building on the Saturday night following the laying of the floor which will probably be

Saturday, September 11."

THORBURN, Mrs. Grant When Jane Adeline Brady was elected the first Queen of Petroleum County in the fall of 1924, Mrs. Thorburn took measures to see that Miss Brady, who was living with her at the time, was clothed "like a queen" to represent the new county. She called on business places for donations. Jane Adeline attended the Queens' Ball in Helena, clothed in a gown of sea blue-green chiffon, trimmed in yards of wide silver lace! The gown was handmade by Mrs. Thorburn.

THORSHEIM, Margaret Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thorsheim of Staff, was hired as a clerk in the Eager Mercantile store in August of 1942. After six months of work for Eagers, Margaret was hired as Petroleum County Superintendent of Schools. She was also hired to be general clerk in all departments of the courthouse under the new manager form of government. Margaret had graduated from Eastern Montana Normal School of Billings, Montana, and had taught one year at the Olson School in the Ashley area. This education and experience provided the necessary qualifications for the position of county superintendent of schools.

She and Ralph Saylor were married June 7, 1943. Ralph had enlisted in the Navy in 1940 and was a torpedo mate, second class. He was home on furlough for their marriage, but returned to Norfolk, Virginia, June 15, 1943. Margaret remained in Winnett and retained her position as County Superintendent.

Margaret resigned in September of 1943 and joined Ralph who was stationed at New York. In 1946 they returned to Winnett and moved into the Merle Ternan home which was owned by Hugh Grove. Ralph worked at carpentry, and Margaret gave piano lessons.

Accompanied by son Billy and daughter Julie, the Ralph Saylor family moved to Billings, Montana, in June of 1954. Both Billy and Julie commenced their elementary education in Winnett. (See also SAYLOR — Winnett; THORSHEIM — Blakeslee)

THORSTAD, Gene Gene came to the Winnett country from Malta in 1969 and worked on various ranches in the area. He died in June of 1972, when fire destroyed Leo Halonen's mobile home where he was staying overnight.

THURMAN, Marion Marion graduated from Winnett High School in 1920 and became an electrician. He married Bernice Head. They had two sons, who both became electricians like their father.

THURSTON, Wayne Wayne Thurston was hired as superintendent of the Winnett school system and moved into the district house in July of 1955. The Thurston family was the first to have a home provided by the school district. Wayne had previously taught at Greenville, Maine, and Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Illinois. Son Vance and daughter Vicki accompanied their parents to Winnett. Another son, Vern, was born in 1957 before the Thurstons moved to Box Elder, Montana; two more

children were born later — Vaughn and Valerie.

Wayne, in October of 1985, wrote some humorous and interesting recollections of his years of service in Winnett: "I remember how my old dog Bach used to hate magpies. They got after the deer hides that he dragged home from all over town. There was a low fence around our front yard, and the magpies took turns working poor Bach. He would go for one fence, and while his back was turned, the magpies on the opposite fence would pounce on his deer hide. When he ran to chase them away, the other bunch swooped in and started pecking. When he turned around and went for them, they flew slowly over the fence, and the other ones came on the field. Those wily birds acted as a team, and the foolish dog never learned. If he had only had sense enough to lie on the deer hide, he would have been all right, but he never learned. Back and forth across the yard he would run, until he was totally exhausted. I swear those magpies were laughing all the while.

"I took up cowboying. The Weingarts had some beautiful cutting horses, and they invited me to ride at their place. One of my most cherished memories of Winnett is the feeling of sitting on a good horse while it worked cattle. Those horses didn't have a diploma, but they were a lot smarter than I was.

"My most embarrassing memory is of the senior diplomas the second year I was at Winnett. The first year I hadn't really been ready for graduation, but the second year I had everything all lined up long before the day came. Caps and gowns were ordered, announcements were sent out. Everything was set to go. A salesman dropped in that afternoon. 'All ready for tonight?' he asked. 'Everything is all set.' 'Got the diplomas signed?'

"Diplomas signed? Diplomas . . . Oh, no! I had forgotten all about the diplomas. Members of that graduation class got two of them — one handwritten by me on graduation night, and the other printed and given to them a few weeks later. I got one of life's most embarrassing moments.

"Thirty years ago. It doesn't seem possible that so much time has gone by. The memories stand out fresh and clear, and for the moment I am homesick. It was a good two years I spent in Winnett."

TIGERT, Roger Roger Tigert was chosen as superintendent of the Winnett School in June of 1969. He served the community for two school terms. Mrs. Tigert was a home economics instructor in the school.

TITUS AND TROXEL, Mesdames (W.T. 4-15-1921) "Mesdames Titus and Troxel have opened dressmaking parlors in Room 1 of the Winnett Block. Both of the ladies are known to be careful and experienced needle artists, and that they will receive an excellent patronage goes without saying."

TIVIS, Mrs. Sarah She was a resident of Winnett in 1914.

TOBIAS, Charles Charles owned land in Sec. 24-15-25. In October of 1914, a *Winnett Times* news item reported that he had lost a good horse with "lung fever." This was the second horse he had lost in a month. As necessary as horses were in 1914, this was somewhat of a calamity.

TODD, Harry G. Harry Todd, County Treasurer of Golden Valley County for many years, was chosen Petroleum County Manager and assumed office June 1, 1951. He served until September 1954. Grandson Allen lived with the Todds and attended the Winnett School. Mr. Todd died suddenly September 29, 1954.

TODD, T. J. T. J. Todd was instructor of a course in vocational agriculture for veterans from September 1951 to January 1952. He resigned and returned to Huntsville, Texas, to continue work on his master's degree at the college there.

TOOLEY, Lawrence H. Larry and Lillian Tooley lived in Winnett in the early 1950s. He was the resident engineer in charge of the construction of the Petrolia Dam. The Tooleys had three children — Larry, Leah and Lana.

TOWNE, Mable C. Mrs. Towne was a sister of Vane Catlin, and the two of them made a lot of dance music in Winnett and the surrounding area. In 1925 Mrs. Towne organized a 15-member saxophone band to the delight of participants and listeners. She also became owner of the Aristo Theater.

(W.T. 4-19-29) "Mrs. Mable C. Towne, who has returned recently from a trip west has taken over the management of her theater, the Aristo. Albert Cox has been manager the past few months." In June of 1929, Mable installed and ushered in the first "talkie" movies in Winnett.

Mable's son, Olin Towne, attended Winnett High School, and, having inherited the musical ability of his mother and Uncle Vane Catlin, was a featured saxophonist and drummer in the high school dance band. He graduated from high school in 1930. Mable leased her theater to William Griebel in September of 1930 and moved with Olin to Missoula, Montana, where Olin enrolled in college. Olin later entered Montana State College at Bozeman and graduated from there in 1934 with a degree in electrical engineering.

The *Winnett Times* of January 26, 1940, wrote of Olin: "After graduation Olin was employed by the Montana Power Company in Fort Peck, Montana, and after completing his work there the latter part of December, he moved his family to Los Angeles, California, where his mother, Mable Towne, has lived for the past two years. Two years after his arrival in Los Angeles, he was employed as industrial engineer with the Power Cost Engineering Company of that city. Dee, as he was known, spent his life as a boy and youth in Winnett, and he always demanded the respect and admiration of all who knew him. He has developed into the type of man who will never have to look long for a job, as there is always a

place ready for him. His Winnett friends and schoolmates all wish him success in his new position."

In March of 1963, Olin was appointed Boulder Canyon Project manager at Boulder Dam. He had previously served as electrical engineer at Hoover Dam. Olin married Theresa Dombroski of Sidney, Montana. They were the parents of one son and one daughter. (See also CATLIN — Ashley; DUGAN — Winnett)

TOWNSLEY, A. W. In the Flatwillow celebration of July 4, 1921, Mrs. Townsley won second in the beauty contest, and Martin Townsley won second in the 50-yard dash. In December an eight-pound baby girl became a new member of their family. Mr. Townsley was an instructor in the Winnett School system in 1921-22. Their son, Malcom, was chosen as the Montana candidate for the Thomas A. Edison Scholarship in 1929.

TOWNSLEY, Frank Frank lived in Winnett in 1914. His parents lived in Grassrange.

TRAVIS, Dennis Mr. Dennis Travis and family came to Winnett from Oilmont, Montana, in July of 1957. Mr. Travis had been hired as superintendent of the Winnett schools. They were here until June of 1959, when Mr. Travis was hired as superintendent at Turner, Montana. The family reportedly had five children. Larry and Barton were known to have attended school in Winnett.

TRIERWEILER, J. L. The Trierweilers first came to Winnett in 1941 when Mr. Trierweiler was work unity leader for the Soil Conservation Service. He was called into war service and, after 15 months of overseas' duty, was discharged. He returned to his work here in April of 1946 and moved his family into the house at 307 South Moulton Avenue. It seemed that they were scarcely settled when they were transferred to Buffalo, Wyoming. Children reported to have been part of the family were Jack, Jim, Joan and Ruth.

TROCHTA, Mr. Mr. Trochta was superintendent in charge of the California Company office in April of 1927.

TROXEL (See TITUS AND TROXEL)

TRUMP, Elliott Elliott Trump was born in Lowell, Indiana, August 25, 1914. Edna Mary Maxwell was born March 20, 1916, in Rapid City, South Dakota. They were married September 26, 1937, and became the parents of four children — Jacqueline Jean "Jackie," Joellen "Joey," Judith Ann, and Jimmy Elliott.

Jackie married Joe Whisonant and they are the parents of two sons — Don and Bob. Joey married Franklin Potter, and three sons — David, Raymond and Danny — became their family. Judith Ann died when six years old, and Jimmy Elliott lived for only two months. Jackie Whisonant and Joey Potter contributed the following interesting account of life with their parents:

"One of our earliest recollections is of living in the white house next to the old hotel at Flatwillow in 1945. I (Jackie) started to school there. Ruth Ann Chesterman was my teacher, and she boarded with my folks. She was only a



Elliott and Edna Trump

teenager herself, so I'm sure we all had a lot of fun. Dad worked for the Wilson Sheep Company.

"I remember William Wilson and his love for Mom and us girls. I even cut his hair once, clear to the scalp and right up the back of his head. His remark, 'damn kid.' He was always bringing us things from town: one item, a Hudson Bay blanket from wool spun from his own sheep which I still cherish.

"Later when William Foxley bought the ranch and it became the Nebraska Feeding Company and Dad became manager, we moved to the big house on Flatwillow Creek. We lived on one side, and the cookhouse and the cooks' living quarters were on the other. At a moment's notice, Mom would be called to become chief cook. The cooks we can remember staying for a long period of time were Mrs. Carr, Grandma Willa Raundal, and Ma Smith. Louis Hazer was always the chore man and had a permanent bunkhouse separate from the other hands.

"Water was hauled by wooden barrels from the spring by Domans, and ice was cut and stored in the icehouse. One of the first things to be checked, if away for any length of time, was the bucket under the icebox — seems it was always full or running over. We had a light plant, and other than the fact we remembered its failures most, we were fortunate to have lights.

"We rode horseback to the Flatwillow School. In winter we can remember Dad taking us by team and sled on his way for a load of hay, and at night we would catch a ride home again with him or another hand. We rode on many roundups and were usually responsible for keeping up the rear of the cattle herd — many a time we were reprimanded for letting a calf go back. We were brainwashed into thinking it was the easiest position, a lesson we still don't believe today. The horse we rode double to school was a big black named Fleet and later a paint, Tex.

"We remember having many community softball games at Flatwillow. We also remember many 4th of July picnics with Raundals. I guess the Raundals and Johnkes were the folks' closest friends. We girls were almost teenagers before we realized that pop and watermelon weren't

something that could be bought for only for the 4th of July celebration, because that was the only time we had them. Not many dances were ever held at the Flatwillow Hall that we didn't go to as a family. Many a card party was held at our home, and this was a lifelong form of entertainment for us.

"For a time we lived in Billings where Dad worked on the railroad at Laurel. We went to the Hawthorne School there. In 1950 Dad and Mom leased the Ernest Hansen Ranch in the Petrolia community. Mrs. Culbertson was our first teacher there, and later Joey had Mrs. Jackson.

"Mom always canned many quarts of fruit and tried to grow a garden. We can remember the ground being very hard and for any seeds to sprout, they must have been dared. The first time Dad was knocked down by lightning was while stepping on the clutch of a gas motor to get it going to irrigate the garden. Mom used the same kind of engine to power the washing machine.

"Dad always had a herd of brood mares and we always had colts and usually a stallion. One saddle horse was exclusively Dad's, and no one else rode it. He never kept a horse after he felt its usefulness was over.

"Over the years we had a colorful bunch of hired hands. Most stayed for only a short period of time. We can remember Lloyd and Bill Doman, Duane Ostermiller, and Denny Brunson. Denny had come up the Chisholm Trail with cattle on several occasions. Duane worked for Dad at the Nebraska Feeding Co. too.

"We think Dad was more contented on a horse than anywhere. He didn't believe in plows, much irrigation, or tractors. If it couldn't be done with horses, it just might be a waste of time. Over the years Dad roped at many, many brandings in the communities we lived in. We remember him as being quite accurate, and he had little trouble roping an animal out in the open either. Once while leading a colt, he caught his dally finger and pulled it off to the first joint.

"In the spring of 1958, a snowstorm caused cows to have blistered bags, and Dad, with the help of others, milked about eighty cows out in the open. They had to all be doctored with bag balm, and several milkings and treatments were needed before the cows would let the calves suck again. Dad got sores on his hands, and they were a long time healing. Another time Dad and Denny Brunson calved out 200 head of heifers for Wayne Bratten at the Piotrowski place (just south of Breed Springs). Dad also generally did all of his own vet work.

"We can never remember Mom wearing slacks until we were nearly grown. She always wore a dress, an apron, and high heel shoes — three items she rarely wore in later years. Mom always lived her life for others — she was always at Dad's side. She could do anything that Dad needed help with on the ranch, but ride horseback. Although she never drove on a highway or had a driver's license, she could drive, when needed, flawlessly.

"For many years our Mom and Dad gave much time and energy to the Order of Eastern Star. Dad was always

active in the Masonic Lodge too. He was proud when both his sons-in-law joined and also grandson Don. Both of us girls are members of the Eastern Star too.

"About this time, we got Lady, a horse that remained with us till death, about 30 years. She must have had fifteen colts and been ridden by every kid that came to our ranch. She was also ridden by all five of our sons many times. We always had a dog, too — and its name was always Boots.

"During high school we boarded with Mrs. Clara Bump. We always baby-sat and had odd jobs to earn spending and clothing money. We worked Saturdays for Ruth Bratten; we walked out there, and then she used some excuse to drive us back to town. During this period, Louie Hazer was choreboy at Brattens.

"We can remember that there were several organized drives, after the range-in-common was fenced off, to rid the Hansen range and other private ranches of wild horses supposedly belonging to the R. B. Fraser Ranch. On one of these roundups, lightning struck Art and John Benson, Bob Shelhamer, and Dad while they were riding four abreast. Art Benson was killed, and all four horses were knocked down. We believe two horses were also killed; Dad and his horse both suffered no lasting effects. After this event, Dad was always extremely afraid of lightning; and we knew we were never to go out or even open a door or window when it was flashing.

"Dad didn't feed a lot of hay; he always fed cake in the winter, and many times he took a pack horse behind his saddle horse and rode many miles each day to feed cattle and cut ice to water them. In the early years at the Hansen Ranch, feeding was always done with a team and wagon or sled. The team we remember was dappled grey, and their names were Babe and Colonel.

"Joey usually drove the stacker, a John Deere B with narrow front wheels. It always had a tendency to tip over. It was the biggest tractor Dad ever owned. I mowed, and we stacked the hay loose. Dad was one of the first in Petroleum County to buy a swather. He bought the Case swather from Eager Mercantile.

"Joey and I were both grown when the folks leased the August Ihde place at Cat Creek. During later years when the folks moved to Winnett and Mom really had the only decent home she'd ever had (even though she could always make a shack a home), her interest turned to her yard and roses. It was not uncommon for Dad to drive her around town to deliver a rosebowl to their friends. Mom always spent hours watching birds in their trees and could identify most of them.

"After Dad and Mom retired to Winnett, Dad rode and did day work for Wayne Bratten. We think Wayne was Dad's idol — Dad's biggest regret to his dying day was that he never owned a ranch. When Dad's emphysema worsened and his strength failed for most physical work, Mom still told about all they did, when in fact she did it and unselfishly gave Dad all the credit. We seldom see or hear of true devotion of her magnitude. We think that's a lesson we all could learn as we ride into our sunset. Does

it really matter who did it, as long as it gets done?

"Mom loved to bake and cook for her family and friends. She many times would start baking in the morning and bake all day long and by nightfall have it all given away. Mom also loved to play cards and would cheat on occasion, but guilt would soon overcome her and everyone had a good laugh along with her. Even the grandkids soon learned about Grandma's tricks in card playing. In later years she went to Senior Citizens mainly to play cards.

"The grandkids and great grandkids became the folks' real joy. As grandparents they gave much encouragement. They wanted them to have what they never had.

"When Mom suddenly left this earthly life in July 1988, the emphysema, heart condition, and cancer that had sapped Dad's body for many years gave him little or no reason to struggle anymore, and he joined Mom again in February 1989. Our parents left us, along with a host of values, the knowledge that with good health we have everything. And with this knowledge we will strive to continue to emulate the values they taught."

TUNNICLIFF, Harold H. "Pete" Pete Tunnicliff and Guy Woodard opened a beer parlor in the old Joe Shumate hall in March of 1935. Pete and his wife, Merry, moved into Winnett and lived at 101 East Wheeler Street. In March of 1937 he and Otto Senst opened the Town Tavern, and in April of 1943 Merry and Pete took over the Lunch Room as well.

Merry was very active in Royal Neighbors of America and was successful in getting a camp started in Winnett in 1937. When W. F. Kindt resigned as county treasurer on November 1, 1943, Merry went to work in the county director of finance office and served until April of 1951. She had been elected State Oracle of the R. N. A. in April of 1946. She and the local Royal Neighbor Camp sponsored a successful drive for the purchase of an ambulance in 1949. This was seed for the ambulances that were to follow.

Petroleum County and the Town of Winnett now own a modern, well-equipped vehicle, and an Emergency Medical Technician is always available. Merry and Pete were both generous in their support of any good com-



Pete and Merry Tunnicliff



Pete Tunnicliff and daughter Idamae Gill

munity cause. Tunnicliffs left Winnett in 1955 and moved to Billings. Merry died there in May of 1962. Pete passed away in 1966.

Pete, before his marriage to Merry Conway, had been married to Mary Butler, and they were parents of one daughter, Idamae, who was born April 7, 1913. Pete had owned the Shumate building, which later became known as the Tunnicliff hall. After Pete's death, Idamae gave the hall to the Town of Winnett as a memorial to her father. It was to be used as a recreational hall for both young folks and adults. She later donated money to help with repair and furnished a refrigerator. The building was used as such for several years. (The building is owned by Art Moore in 1989 and is once again a bar.) Idamae lives in Butte, Montana, as of this Centennial year 1989. (See also TUNNICLIFF — Ashley)

TURLEY, Zella Mrs. Zella Turley from Musselshell was a waitress in the Stockman Cafe in August of 1966.

TURNER, William (W.T. 10-28-1921) "William Turner was given a preliminary hearing Saturday evening in Justice Hillius' court on the charge of burglary of the Mode Clothing Store. He was bound over to the district court and given freedom upon the delivery of a \$500 bond."

VALENTINE, Richard Richard Valentine, a carpenter and contractor in Winnett in the early 1920s, built his own residence at 208 South Teigen Avenue. He also built the school dormitory in 1921. Among other buildings, he constructed the entry which is on the north end of the old schoolhouse. Richard had a daughter, Agnes, and two sons, Harry and Dickie. Richard and family moved to Chicago, Illinois, in 1926. Agnes is now Agnes McDaniel and lives on a ranch near Moiese, Montana.

VANGSNESS, Albert M. Albert Vangsness, born

February 21, 1881, was the manager of a local Winnett lumberyard in 1917. A popular member of the local Masonic Lodge, it was understandable that he was chosen as the scapegoat in a kangaroo court made up of Masonic and Eastern Star members:

(W.T. 11-4-21) "April 18, 1919. — The Masonic Lodge held an enjoyable social session following their regular business meeting Thursday evening. The gathering of over a hundred members, their wives, sisters, sweethearts, and friends, was a complete surprise to the members. A feature in the evening's entertainment was the trial by kangaroo court of A. M. Vangsness, who was convicted on a charge preferred against him by the court.

"Dr. Alexander as judge, Mrs. Elmer Eager and Mrs. L. W. Hamilton as prosecuting attorneys, H. B. Greene as the defendant's attorney, Mrs. R. P. Beck as sheriff, and the six jury women and Bob Woods who acted as chief advisor to both sides, are all deserving of credit on the efficient manner in which they tried the case. Following adjournment of court, a fine lunch was served after which the party went to the Aristo, where dancing was enjoyed until a late hour."

During the Cat Creek oil boom, Mr. Vangsness became the efficient manager of the local Frantz office and served until September of 1921. He built a new home for his family on South Moulton Avenue in 1921. In another Masonic affair at a swimming party, Albert was given the title of "sinking specialist." Albert and Gertrude Vangsness had three children — Kenneth (1905), Olive (1907), and Waldo (1910). Mr. Vangsness died in December of 1928.

VANNOY, Andrew With no direct family contact available, the only history gathered on this family was from the *Winnett Times* and the memories of friends. The very first news item found was of August 8, 1921, when Andrew B. Vannoy, who lived one block north of the elevator, advertised two houses and lots for sale for \$450. (W.T. 10-19-23) "A. B. Vannoy was made pound-master for the city. He received \$3.00 a head for impounded dogs and a \$2 a day salary."

One could be led to believe that the family left Winnett in the mid- or late-1920s and moved to Lewiston, Idaho. The next news item of July 29, 1932, stated that Vannoys arrived back in Winnett from Lewiston, where they had been residing for some time.

Mr. Vannoy owned a truck and did general hauling in the area. Andrew and Hazel Vannoy were the parents of six sons — namely, George, Wayne, Calvin, Max, Rex and Gene. George Vannoy married Pansy Sherman in August of 1935. Pansy and baby barely escaped when their house burned in October of 1936. The house was on South Moulton Avenue north of the present Bohn home, which is at 109 South Moulton Avenue. Wayne graduated from Winnett High School in 1934, attended the University of Montana for three years, and became a ship bomber in the Naval Air Corps. After discharge he became a commercial flyer for Nationwide Airlines. As co-pilot, he was