

ABBOTT, William J. William and Ethel Abbott were married and moved to Winnett from the Ashley community in 1921. They built a house on South Broadway Avenue which served as a law office for Mrs. Abbott, and from which Mr. Abbott conducted an insurance business.

Mrs. Abbott had graduated from Boston University School of Law and had for many years successfully practiced her profession in the state of Maine. In that state she had the distinction of being the only woman attorney in her county. This was also true of her practice in Fergus County. Many remember the skunk skin jacket which Mrs. Abbott wore in the wintertime.

Mr. Abbott was known for his honor and integrity — not only in business, but also in the field of education. He later became an instructor in the junior high and high school from 1935 to 1939. Mr. Abbott had lost an arm in childhood, but that did not prove to be a handicap to him. It was remarkable how fast he could hang a basket of clothes on the line!

Both were gifted with sharp minds and a dry sort of humor. Mrs. Abbott was never known to drive faster than 35 miles an hour and was usually a very careful driver. She also enjoyed the wit of other people and told the following story on herself:

Heading toward Lewistown, Montana, one morning, and driving very slowly, she failed to come to a complete stop as she entered the highway. Suddenly she heard a siren and was forced to pull over and stop. Trying her wiles on the patrol officer, she remarked, "Now officer, just what is the difference between driving as slowly as I was and coming to a complete stop?" "Well," he answered, "not much — just \$5.00." She really enjoyed his comeback, and cheerfully paid the fine.

Mr. Abbott was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of I.O.O.F. of the state of Montana in June of 1939. For many years Mrs. Abbott was the senior case worker in the department of public welfare. She resigned in March of 1944 and took a similar position at Ryegate, Montana. (See also ABBOTT — Ashley)

ABSHER, J. O. Mr. Absher supervised the construction of the Great Northern Refinery. It was located north and east of Winnett near the storage tanks of the Independent Pipe Line. According to the *Winnett Times* article of November 4, 1921, the first carload of gasoline from the Great Northern Refinery was shipped November 1, 1921.

ADAMS, Albert Albert and Esther Adams made their home in Winnett for many years. (See also ADAMS, Albert — Musselshell River)

ADAMS, Frank Gwen, born September 21, 1924, in Uvalde, Texas, was an orphan who was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sanchez. She and Frank Adams were married October 22, 1949. They came to this part of the country to work for Andrew Iverson. They later moved to Winnett, where Frank worked as a common laborer.

Gwen died April 20, 1968, and was buried in the Winnett Cemetery. Frank later moved to Lewistown, where he died many years later.

ADOLPHI, Henry The Adolphis operated the Delco Cafe in 1921. Mrs. Adolphi was a sister of Harve Wilson of Cat Creek. The Adolphis moved from Winnett to Minnesota.

AFFLERBACH, Marie and Ruth News items, memories and Fergus County courthouse records indicate that Marie taught for four years in Winnett High School — from 1918 through 1922. She also taught short terms in the Bear Creek, Staff and Brady schools.

A *Winnett Times* ad indicated that Marie was a corsetiere in Winnett in the very early 1920s. After all, women had to wear corsets in those days to maintain wasp-like waists. Many had the garments made-to-order by Marie, especially if their figures couldn't conform to commercially made models.

Ruth graduated from Winnett High School in 1921. She married James Berky, who was employed by Montana Flour Mills of Great Falls, Montana. After retirement, the Berkys moved to Sun City, California. They had no children. (See also AFFLERBACH — Blakeslee)



Marie Afflerbach

AGEE, R. F. R. F. Agee came to Winnett in July of 1921 and assumed the management of the Continental Supply Co. oil field supply house. At the time he took over, carload lots of supplies were coming to Winnett daily on the Milwaukee railroad.

AIKENS, Vernie Vernie and Anna Aikens moved to Winnett the winter of 1941-42. They lived in the Senst

Hotel and ran the Lunch Room, which was next to the Town Tavern. Anna, ("Babe," as she was known around Winnett) and Vernie ran the Town Cafe for two years. They had a daughter, Cecelia, who also helped in the cafe. Babe was a sister of Edith Longpre and Bill Herweg.

Vern died and Babe later became Anna Behm. She passed away November 12, 1984, in Lewistown. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

AITON, Alexander P. The Reverend Alexander Aiton arrived in Winnett from Great Falls in late March of 1915. Under his leadership, ground was broken for Victory Memorial Church. (See also METHODIST CHURCH — Winnett)

ALDERMAN, Abe Abe Alderman was a barber in Dugan's Barbershop, arriving in Winnett from Butte, Montana, in August of 1921.

ALEX, Raymond Raymond Alex was a mechanic who took charge of the repair shop in the Broadway Garage when Mr. A. J. Spaulding became proprietor in July of 1933. He left Winnett in October of 1933.

ALEXANDER, E. V. E. V. Alexander was a brother of Dr. J. L. Alexander. He was the first editor of the *Winnett Times* in 1914.

ALEXANDER, Eleanor In 1923 Eleanor operated a store of ladies' accessories, ready-to-wear and millinery. The store was a branch of Miss Corsaut's store in Lewistown, Montana.



Dr. Alexander, "Mary Doc"

ALEXANDER, Dr. Joseph L. Joseph Alexander was born September 11, 1868, in Indianola, Iowa. Dr. Alexander arrived in Winnett the same day and on the same stage as the Rev. Aiton — March 26, 1915. They had taken the train as far as Grassrange. In September of 1919 "Doc" left for Los Angeles, but a *Winnett Times* article of 12-26-1919 stated: "Townpeople were agreeably surprised to learn that Dr. J. L. Alexander was an arrival on that day's train from Los Angeles, where he and Mrs. Alexander had spent the past three months . . . His many friends are urging him to again locate here." He did stay and served the community as long as he lived and not only as a doctor. He helped establish the Winnett golf course. He was the prime mover in organizing a very successful band composed of local townspeople.

"Doc" and "Mary Doc," as they were called, were very active in the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, and the Order of Eastern Star. Mary Doc was secretary of that organization for 25 years. Their home was at 104 South Moulton Avenue.

Dr. Alexander is mentioned in many stories throughout this book. He died January 1, 1948. Mary Doc died August 26, 1962. Both were buried in the Winnett Cemetery.

ALFORD, Thomas F. "Tex" Thomas Alford was born August 16, 1860, in Sprinkle, Texas. After spending most of his life trailing cattle from Texas, he settled near the mouth of the Musselshell River. He moved into Winnett in 1936.

T. F. "Tex" Alford was honored on his 79th birthday August 15, 1939, with a party at the Emma Barkdoll home. Mrs. Paige Green and Mrs. Joseph Barisich each presented Mr. Alford with a large birthday cake while other friends brought many fine presents.

Mr. Alford was one of Montana's oldest cowboys and loved to reminisce about the days when he drove cattle over the Sante Fe Trail to Montana.

Tex had two sisters — Mrs. Jennie McCall of Long Beach, California, and Mrs. Julia Davis of Durant, Oklahoma; also two brothers, John and Charles of Texas.

He died in his Winnett home July 4, 1940, after suffering greatly from asthma. Rev. Ellen Rose officiated at graveside services at the Winnett Cemetery. (See also ALFORD — Musselshell River)

ALFSON, Elmer "Shorty" Elmer was born in Harmony, Minnesota, January 5, 1887. He was baptized in St. Paul's Lutheran Church and received his education in Harmony. At eighteen years of age he went to Craik, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he homesteaded and farmed until 1918. He lived in Havre, Montana, a short time before coming to Winnett in 1920.

In Winnett he ran a trucking business and later went to work for William Hayes Smith in the Winnett Cash Produce. When Mr. Smith sold the business to the Fergus County Creamery in May of 1928, Elmer was named manager. The location, on a dead-end street of Ashley and Millsap, gave inadequate access for customers. Con-

sequently, in November of 1930, Shorty purchased the old brick and tile post office building (Block 18, Main) and continued in business there. In 1938, he converted the front of the building into an ice cream parlor, and hired Rosalind Merten as his able partner. During the same year he assisted Dorothy Bowen in the operation of a skating rink at the Aristo Theater.

Shorty died December 21, 1950, and was buried in Harmony beside his parents and brother, Alfred.



Rosalind Merten and Elmer Alfson inside ice cream parlor

ALGIE, John P. John Algie was the second engineer to be in charge of construction of the Winnett Irrigation Co., which commenced in 1911.

ALLEN, Charles B. Charles B. "Chuck," son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Allen, was born April 28, 1917, on the Allen homestead at Laurel, Montana. He attended schools in Billings, Pryor, and Sidney, Montana, and also in Brighton, Colorado. He worked with his father in ranching while growing up and later worked in Billings. On March 20, 1944, he was inducted into the Army Air Force as a machinist. He was honorably discharged June 20, 1944, due to a physical disability. After coming home, he was a patrolman for the Fort Peck game range and lived at Jordan.

Louise Spears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Spears, was born in White River, North Dakota, on April 27, 1920. She and her sister, Merle, both attended schools and worked in Jordan, Montana.

Charles and Louise Spears Murry were married in Forsyth, Montana, on April 11, 1945. They lived in Jordan until that fall when they moved to Winnett. They lived north of town on Bill Henton's ranch, where Charles trapped and hunted coyotes with his hounds.

In 1949 Chuck and Louise took over the management of the City Food Lockers. They made a number of changes

for better service and later added groceries, fresh meats and frozen fish. They also put in locker food products and supplies. They were in the business for two years.

Later, at their home, Chuck and Louise carried on the business of buying hides, furs and scrap iron.

In 1954 and 1955 they secured a government lease on the shore of Petrolia Reservoir and had a concession cabin and boats for rent. (Later the state established a public campground at this same location.) After that, the family moved to Ballantine, where Chuck went into the mink-raising business until about 1959, when they came back to Winnett.

In 1961 they moved to what they termed "God's Country," the old site of the town of Becket, Montana. Chuck processed mineral fertilizer and building stone which he discovered in the hills near there. They still (in 1989) make their home there. Chuck does trapping and coyote hunting with his hound dogs in the winter.

Chuck and Louise have two daughters — Mary (Mrs. Roy) Calhoun of Billings, and Myrna Kay (Mrs. Jack) Allan of Bozeman. Mr. Calhoun is a teacher; and Mr. Jack Allan, a carpenter. Jack and Myrna have a daughter, Jacque Lynae, and a son, Charles Bur Lee. Myrna Kay now lives in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. (Bernice Glatz)

ALLEN, Charles E. Charles "Chuck," son of Grace and Claude F. Allen, was born in Roundup, Montana, in 1947. He attended school in Winnett and graduated from Winnett High School in 1965. After graduation, Chuck attended a trade school in St. Louis, Missouri, to study IBM computers and other machines.

He returned to Winnett and helped his father in the house-moving business. In 1966 he enlisted in the U. S. Army, received his basic training in Ft. Lewis, Washington, and received technical training at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Chuck spent from 1967 until August 1969 in Vietnam as a microwave radio repairman. Upon being discharged from the Army in late 1969, he returned to Winnett to again help his father in the family business. In the spring of 1970, Chuck worked as an emergency employee for McCone Electric Cooperative following the big April storm which put much of the area out of electricity for several days. After his father's death in June of 1970, Chuck completed some contracts (in which his father had been involved) with the Bureau of Land Management.

Bonny Welter, the daughter of William and Viola Welter, was born in Lewistown, Montana, in 1941 and received her schooling in Winnett, graduating from Winnett High School in 1959. After graduation, she spent the summer at the family ranch. In the fall of 1959, she attended Billings Business College. After four months, she began a part-time job at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company as bookkeeper-receptionist. In January of 1960 this job became full time.

In May 1960 Bonny married Harry A. Dengel of Grassrange and eventually moved to the Great Falls, Montana, area, where Harry "Bud" worked on a wheat

ranch. In January 1961 Bonny returned to the family home at Winnett, which was to be "home" for her and two small sons, Dale and Rodney, for the next nine years. In February 1962 Bonny began work at the Petroleum County courthouse as deputy clerk and recorder-clerk of district court under Mrs. Velma Merten. When Mrs. Merten retired in November of 1962, Bonny moved into the position as clerk and recorder and clerk of district court, a position she held until March 1969, when she resigned due to the critical illness of son Rodney. After Rodney's recovery, Bonny worked as bartender at the Gusher Bar, which the Welter family had acquired. She worked there until after her marriage to Chuck Allen in July of 1970.

Chuck and Bonny, with sons Dale and Rodney, made their home in Winnett. Chuck worked for Welter and Sons Pelleting of Petrolia. A daughter, Letha Diane, was born on June 29, 1971. A month later the family moved to Billings. There Chuck was employed by Husky Parkways until the spring of 1972. He then worked part time for Northrup King Seed Company and Casa Village Mobil Home Park. Bonny worked at the Yellowstone County courthouse in the clerk and recorder's office from February until June 1972, when daughter, Bonnie Jo, was born. In September 1972 Chuck began work for Burrough's Corporaton as field engineer. He received six weeks' training on the maintenance, etc. of Burrough's office machines and computers. The family moved to Glendive in July 1973, when Chuck was transferred to the eastern part of the state with the company.

They returned to Winnett in March 1975 and again worked for Welter and Sons until September 1981, when it was thought the ranch was being sold. They moved to Winnett and lived in the former Kenneth Cole residence until September 1988. They now (1989) reside in the Ernest Bump house. From 1981 to 1986 Chuck worked for Kenney Brothers Construction out of Hardin, Montana. In November of 1986 he became maintenance superintendent for the Town of Winnett. He is also a substitute bus driver for the Winnett school system and for Jim Brady.

Bonny returned to work for Petroleum County as clerk and recorder-clerk of district court in December of 1982. Both she and Chuck remain in these positions at this writing.

Dale graduated from Winnett High School in 1979. He has worked in a fiberglass plant in Big Spring, Texas, in oil fields near Gillette, Wyoming, and on construction in the Billings area since graduation. He married Barbara Greenfield in 1985. Dale and Barbara are presently (1989) living in Lewistown, where Dale works for Bill Dengel Construction. The couple have a daughter, Jennifer Jo Allen.

Rodney graduated from Winnett High School in 1980. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force, enlisting for active duty in March 1980. Since enlistment he has been stationed at San Antonio, Texas; Biloxi, Mississippi; and Altus, Oklahoma. He has been in Fairbanks, Alaska, since

November of 1982. Rodney is a computer operator/programmer. He married Deborah Wiley in Oklahoma in 1982. The couple have a daughter, Galina Marie Allen.

Daughter Diane graduated from Winnett High School in 1989. Daughter Bonnie Jo is a senior in high school (1989). Chuck is assistant fire chief for the volunteer fire department, and Bonny is secretary for the fire department. Both are volunteer ambulance attendants. (Bonny Allen)

ALLEN, Charles V. Charles V. Allen was born in Nebraska in 1886. Mabel Palin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Palin, was born in Kansas in 1888. Both were members of families of ten children.

Charles and Mabel met in "Sweetheart" town — Loveland, Colorado — early in 1906 when Mabel's father, Murry Palin, had a contract to haul lumber many miles into the mountains to build the first hotel in Estes Park. Mabel was quite a horsewoman. She and C. V. were two of the teamsters who drove four- to six- horse teams and wagons for the long journeys. They returned with loads of logs.

C. V. and Mabel were married in 1907. One child, Adel, was born in Colorado. C. V., Mabel, and Adel Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Palin, their daughter Lois and her husband, Howard Mullenaux, and Palin's two sons decided to stake homesteads near Laurel, Montana. The men with their possessions traveled west in freight train boxcars, and the women and little girl, Adel, in a passenger train. When they arrived in Billings, the first people they met were the Peter Yegens. C. V. and other family members worked for the Yegens while proving up on their homesteads.

In the early 1940s Allens moved to Petroleum County, living first on the Dell Huotte and Monger ranches. C. V. had been here for a short time much earlier in the oil boom days, with Howard Mullenaux. Howard was a cousin of John O'Dea, a Musselshell River rancher. At that time, C. V. and Howard had been in the freighting business, using C. V.'s horses and wagons. They had lived along the railroad tracks in little tar paper shacks.

In 1945, having submitted the highest bid (\$400), the Allens bought the old school dormitory and ran a boarding and rooming house. After World War II, they bought the City Service Station at the intersection of South Broadway and West Main Street. Son Claude helped in the operation of it. Later it was sold. C. V. bought the locker plant, which son Chuck operated, adding the sale of groceries and other merchandise.

Mabel, her sister, and her sister-in-law at one time also ran a cafe on Main Street. They featured all their own home-baked foods. In July of 1952 Allens sold the locker plant and store, bought Block 8, the original townsite of Winnett, some land under the Winnett Irrigation ditch, the Rusty Quigg acreage along the highway east of town, and a small acreage below Petrolia Dam. They farmed a bit and had cattle.

Mabel died in 1970 at 81 years and C. V., in 1978 at 92 years of age. Children of C. V. and Mabel were: Adel Henman, whose husband ran a motorized mail carrier for many years in Billings; Edna Spalinger of Billings; Bernice Glatz of Winnett; Charles B.; and Claude. (Bernice Glatz)

ALLEN, Claude F. Claude F. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen, was born March 7, 1921, on a homestead at Laurel, Montana. Claude attended schools at Sidney, Billings, and Pryor, Montana; and Brighton, Colorado. He worked with his father in ranching until entering the U. S. Army from Yellowstone County. He served in England, France, Germany and Italy, being a member of the 12th U. S. Armored Division (known as the "Mystery Hellcat Division"). That division joined Lt. General George S. Patton's drive across the Rhine through Germany and the Alps into Italy. Claude was discharged from the Army in December of 1945. He worked in Winnett with his father until he married Grace Garrison in 1947. (Submitted by Bernice Glatz)

Grace Garrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar O. Garrison, was born November 13, 1926, at Cat Creek. When she was 2½, she moved to Dovetail, where her parents had formerly homesteaded. (See also GARRISON — Dovetail) She went to Dovetail grade school and graduated from Winnett High School in 1946.

Grace wrote: "I met Claude Allen in 1946. The next year we were married. We have five children — Charles E., Claudia F., Linda Mae, Gary W., and Martin M. Charles "Chuck" married Bonny Dengel and they live in Winnett at the present time (1989). Gary married Barbara Lea. They also live at Winnett. Linda married Doyle Vanthuyne. They have lived in Billings. She was a registered nurse at Deaconess Hospital until she injured her back at work. She is now employed at a medical center. Doyle is a Greyhound bus driver. They have three children. Claudia lives in Billings with her two children. She works as a nurse's aide. Martin (Marty) works in seismography. At the present time he is residing at home.

"Claude and I lived at Circle, Montana, from October 1947 until May 1948. While there, Claude and his brother, Chuck, worked in a service station and Ford garage. After moving back to Winnett, Claude moved houses and also did other trucking. We moved to Roundup for a few months in 1957, then came back to Winnett. Claude started moving houses again.

"We built the Hilltop Service Station and garage and opened it for business in 1961. Claude also did contract work for BLM until his death in 1970. After Claude's death, I went to work in the post office as a sub clerk for four months. Then I went to work at the school as a teacher's aide. I work at that job and as library aide at the present time (1989)." (Grace Allen)

ALLEN, Gary W. Gary Wayne Allen, son of Claude F. and Grace F. (Garrison) Allen, was born in Lewistown, Montana, in 1952. He went to school in Winnett and Roundup, and graduated from Winnett High School in 1971. He took one year of college in Bozeman, taking up

architecture. He then went to work for Bud Shaw, and later for Tony Mlekush until 1973, when he started working for Petroleum County as a road patrol operator. He still holds that job (in 1989).

Barbara A. Lea, daughter of John D. and Rosa Lee (Beers) Lea, was born in Lewistown, Montana, in 1954. Barbara attended Judith Gap, Montana, schools through her eighth grade. In 1969 she moved to Winnett, where she finished school and graduated from high school in 1973. She is cook-manager for the Winnett schools during the school year and works as park manager for the Town of Winnett during the summer months. Barb is also employed by Olsons' Grocery part time.

In 1974 Gary Allen married Barbara Lea in Winnett. They have four children — Gary Wayne Jr. (1974), Kristina Dawn Allen (1975) (born in a car 19 miles south of Winnett), Starla Marie (1982), and Tawnya Faye (1986).

ALLEN, Dr. Ron For five years previous to coming to Winnett, Dr. Allen had engaged in construction work with his brother in Utah. His last school experience had been as superintendent of the Shepherd and Shelby schools. He was hired as superintendent of the Winnett Schools in July of 1981.

ALTENBURG, James James and Beverley (Hinrichs) Altenburg were both born and educated in North Dakota. They were married and moved to California, where they spent 15 years. They left LaPuente, California, in July of 1972 and moved to Winnett. They bought the Hilltop Service Station at the intersection of North Broadway and Highway #200 and set up a service station and welding-machine shop. In 1973 Bruce Arthur and Jim became partners in the enterprise naming the company Hilltop Service (Aral, Inc.) the name being composed of the first two letters of the partners' last names. Beverley was hired as deputy treasurer of Petroleum County in June of 1980 and held the position until she resigned in September of 1987. In September of 1989 Altenburgs retired and sold the contents of their shop at public auction.

James and Beverley have three children. Their son, Greg, and his wife, Toni, live in Macon, Georgia. Their daughter, Debi, and her husband, Cory Phillips, live in Lavina, Montana, and have three children — Michael, Cassandra, and Kristopher. Their son, Jeff, and his wife, Kari, live near Cat Creek. They have two daughters — Sarah and Kadena, and a Centennial son (1989), Hayden James. Jeff was in business with his father for several years. When Jim decided to retire and sell the garage and shop, Jeff secured work at Cat Creek, being employed by the Cenex oil company. Kari served for a time as clerk in the Winnett Post Office. During the school year of 1987-88, Jeff and Kari were acting parents of an exchange student, Stephanie Kelp, who came from West Germany, Germany.

ANDERSEN, Alfred Alfred and son, Howard, bought the Gusher Bar from Otto Bixenaum on March 4, 1947.

After a little more than a year, Andersens sold the establishment to Mr. and Mrs. Tencotte, and moved to Malta, Montana.

ANDERSEN, D. When the first train rolled into Winnett at 9:30 on Wednesday, October 10, 1917, the blowing of the whistle in the west part of town was answered by the cannonading in the east part performed by D. Andersen.

ANDERSON, Norman Norman Anderson was proprietor of Andy's Barbershop in 1947. In November he moved the shop from the Tunnick building to the Antler's Exchange building, which was a block east and on the south side of Main Street. At that location he handled both barbering and the sale or purchase of second-hand items. Anderson children who attended school in Winnett were Norman, Elaine and Carroll.

ANDERSON, Peter J. Peter J. Anderson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peter Anderson, was born October 31, 1877, in Lime Springs, Iowa. Rosina Schultz, the eldest daughter of Carrie and Lewis Schultz, was born in Fillmore County, Minnesota, on September 19, 1878.

Pete and Rose were married in November of 1900 in Lime Springs, Iowa. Their daughter, Inez, was born in Cresco, Iowa, on August 15, 1901, and went to school in Lime Springs, Iowa, through the third grade. In 1910 Andersens moved to Lewistown, Montana, and after living there only a few months, filed on a homestead about eight miles from Grassrange, Montana. They lived in a one-room shack that Pete built, and Pete walked to many different jobs doing carpenter work. Rose and Inez lived alone much of the time. Rose worked for a homesteader's wife near them, helping with the neighbor's small children. When groceries were needed, Inez and Rose took a horse-drawn two-wheeled cart to Grassrange.

In 1914 Andersens moved to Winnett, where much carpenter work was available, as homesteaders were flooding the area, and Winnett was becoming a business center. At the Winnett lot sale on July 18, 1914, Pete bought a lot and built a house on it for his family.

Pete, with the help of two other carpenters, built the first residence in Winnett other than the W. J. Winnett house. It was the home of banker, Hammond J. Greene. Pete also helped build the Deethardt barn, a long-time landmark about two miles west of town. When the first train arrived in Winnett at 9:30 a.m. on October 10, 1917, Pete was one of the whistle blowers!

He was elected a school trustee in April of 1918, when bonds were issued to build the large school building, and he was re-elected the next term. Also, at the first town election in June of 1918, Pete was elected as the first mayor of Winnett.

In July of 1921 Pete built the Anderson residence at the corner of Jenkins Street and Moulton Avenue. It still stands today, watching over the school children as they play at recess in the south end of the school yard.

Pete was manager of the Basin Lumber Co. (which was

established in 1916) until December of 1921. When the business became the Monarch Lumber Co., he was named manager of that company. Through the years Pete became under-sheriff under Perry Baker, Petroleum County Sheriff from 1928 to 1932, county treasurer from 1936 to 1940, and also served at times as deputy treasurer.

After his local government work, he was employed by the Montana Lumber and Hardware Co. in Winnett. On June 1, 1943, Andersens moved to Roundup, where Pete was employed by the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company for a time before coming back to work at the hardware store in Winnett until he retired in 1953.

Besides his other community work, he had served the Winnett Masonic Lodge for fifty-three years, having been a charter member on July 1, 1917. Peter died May 24, 1970, and Rose, March 5, 1974. Both were buried in the Winnett Cemetery.

Inez finished her elementary and high school education in Winnett. She never had to worry about getting to school in bad weather, as her home sat just across Moulton Avenue and to the west of the school. She graduated from Winnett High School in 1921, and was an honor graduate from the State Normal College at Dillon in 1927.

For the 1927-28 school term, she was hired to teach thirty-five first graders in the Winnett School. She later taught the Brown School near Cat Creek, where Clyde Dunlap was a remembered pupil. For a time she worked in the Petroleum County courthouse.

In April of 1931, with Howard Sandaker and Gladys Sederholm as witnesses, she was wed to Leonard Eld. They had one daughter, Lenora. The marriage failed, and in 1943 when Inez married Clinton Hassett, Clinton adopted Lenora. (See also HASSETT — Petrolia)

ANDERSON, Sofus When Mr. Anderson came to Winnett, he worked for a time in the Hub Clothing Store. Later he worked at Rasmussens and delivered groceries with horse and wagon when delivery service was first instituted in 1921.

In December of 1928 he moved to Lewistown, Montana. He passed away there in 1934 and was buried in a Masonic lot in that city. He had been very active in Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges. He was remembered by residents of Winnett as a most generous and kind-hearted soul.

ANDERSON, William W. Mr. Anderson worked in the Eager Mercantile store as clerk in 1928 and 1929. He later moved back to his farm in Colorado. The Andersens had two sons — John and Jean.

ANUNDSON, Myles M. "Tig" Myles was born September 26, 1928, in Fargo, North Dakota. He received his education in Valley City, North Dakota, and entered the military services in 1946. In 1969 he went into service with the U. S. Embassy at New Delhi, India, and was located there for five years.

After his discharge, he came to Winnett in January of 1973, and was employed in the Stockman Bar. He died October 5, 1979, in Fargo, North Dakota. He was a cousin of Maxine (Mrs. Clinton) Arthur of Winnett.

ARRAS, A. A., Jr. When the second little oil boom developed in Cat Creek in early 1946, A. A. Arras was in charge of the Arras Tank Company's local headquarters. The company built practically all the tanks which provided storage at the source of the new oil production. The company purchased the R. J. Woods house and used it as headquarters for a crew of men engaged in building oil field tank storage. Then, with the opening of the Ragged Point Oil Field north of Roundup, the company moved its headquarters to Roundup.

ARTHUR, Bruce Bruce Arthur, son of Lyle J. Arthur and Edith Altenburg Arthur, was born February 12, 1947, in Tacoma, Washington. In 1961 he moved to Winnett with his parents and attended Winnett High School, graduating in 1965. He attended Montana State University and graduated in March 1970 with a degree in mechanical technology.

Phyllis Helm of Cohagen, Montana, came to Winnett to do her practice teaching under Blanche Saylor Grove in the spring of 1973. The next year Phyllis taught in the Sand Springs, Montana, school. In the fall of 1974 she was hired as first-grade teacher in Winnett and held that position through the spring of 1979.

Bruce and Phyllis were married on March 18, 1973. Bruce continued to work with his uncle James Altenburg in the Hilltop Service Station (Aral, Inc.). Phyllis conducted some very fine public library summer programs for children and young folks under a "Reading is Fundamental" grant. A son, Aaron, was born on July 27, 1979; Amy, on March 5, 1982; and Adam, on February 16, 1986.

Bruce and Phyllis lived in Canada from August 1986 to June 1987, while Bruce attended Briercrest Bible College. They returned to Winnett and now (1989) work for David Iverson. They have a nice home near Flatwillow Creek on the Iverson Ranch. Aaron and Amy both attend Winnett Elementary School.

Bruce and Phyllis, as active church workers, teach Sunday school in the Baptist Church and are involved in the establishment of a church youth group.

ARTHUR, Clinton "Bud" Clinton "Bud" and Maxine Arthur came to Winnett in 1961. Bud has been employed by Mid-Rivers Telephone Coop, Inc. since 1960. The couple have three children, all graduates of Winnett High School.

Darla graduated in 1975. She worked ten years for Automotive Performance Center in Billings, Montana. During those years she also took classes at Eastern Montana College. In 1986 she went to school full time and graduated from Eastern Montana College in 1987. Darla is currently office manager for Cutler Counseling and Consulting in Spokane, Washington.

LaRae graduated from Winnett High School in 1978. She is married to Warren Damschen. They have three daughters — Shilo, Shannon and Shayna. They live in Davenport, Washington, where Warren is self-employed in the construction business.

Troy graduated from Winnett High School in 1987. He attends Dickinson State University in Dickinson, North Dakota, and is involved in the basketball and track programs there. (Maxine Arthur)

ARTHUR, Danny Danny, son of Lyle and Edith Arthur, arrived in Winnett with his parents in the fall of 1961. He began his elementary education in 1962 and graduated from Winnett High School in 1974. After attending Northern Montana College at Havre for two years, he was employed in a modular construction plant in Havre. He worked there for three years.

Sidney, Montana, had need for construction workers, so Danny went there and found work with a house builder — Rick Wallestad. Rick had previously lived in Winnett while working for the Department of Fish and Game.

Danny decided he would like to see a little more of the real outside world — so he went for the big time! Off to Las Vegas went he, but still carrying his carpenter tools. He worked at many miscellaneous jobs, among them the complete rebuilding of a television news set — a very interesting and educational project.

It was not long before Danny became restless and tired of the rush of life in the city. He had a dream of a quieter place where night became dark with no bright flashing lights, where maybe he could even have a dog, and where, if you were short a coin or two at the grocery store, your word was good. The dream haunted him, and before he knew it, he was out on the highway headed northeast and landed back in the town that matched his dream — Winnett.

That was in early 1987, and it appears that the town and community will never let him get away again. He has been continually busy — building and remodeling houses and making fine furniture. When he cannot be found on a job somewhere, he just might be in the school gymnasium at the time-keeper's bench.

ARTHUR, Lyle Lyle, son of Fern Sonneborn Arthur and Robert Arthur, was born in Cando, North Dakota. Edith "Edie," daughter of Alice Davis Altenburg and James Orville Altenburg, was born in Sanborn, North Dakota.

Edie and Lyle were married in Miles City, Montana. Lyle was transferred from Circle, Montana, to Winnett in March 1961, making his home temporarily in a small trailer house. He was lineman for McCone Electric and was in charge of electric service in eastern Petroleum County and Garfield County. Edie, with sons Bruce, Keith and Danny, moved to Winnett when school started. She had been employed at the Tastee Freez in Circle and stayed to finish out the season.

Edie worked at Clark's Store for four years, then opened a small diner in the fall of 1966. The following

year she leased the Stockman Cafe for two years, then worked at Clark's Grocery another two years. In January 1971, she became school lunch cook; and in the spring of 1973, she opened the Hilltop Cafe. The cafe closed in 1975.

In 1981 Arthurs purchased a mobile home and converted it to a cafe, which was located on top of the hill adjacent to the intersection of Route #200 and the Roundup cut-off.

Lyle was hurt on the job in June of 1983 and retired from McCone Electric. Arthurs leased the cafe to Jim and Marge Johnson that fall and moved to Billings, Montana. The following year they moved to Las Vegas and were there three years, then came back to Winnett for a visit. That fall they leased the Gasamat Self-Serve Station at 4562 State Ave. in Billings where they now live.

The Arthurs had three boys — Bruce, Keith, and Danny. Keith worked for the Fail brothers one year after graduating from high school. He enlisted in the Air Force in July of 1971. He has two boys — Brandon and Bradley, and two girls — Shannon and Sheri. They are now stationed at Malstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana. (Edie Arthur) (See also ARTHUR, Bruce and ARTHUR, Danny)

AUSTIN, E. R. E. R. Austin was adjutant of the American Legion in 1921. He was also clerk of School District #159 in 1921, when the bonds in the amount of \$18,800 bearing six percent interest were sold. Said bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to take care of valid outstanding warrants which had been issued before the 21st of June 1921. Mr. Austin was the brother of Mrs. Hammond Greene.

BAARDSON, B. L. Mr. Baardson and his daughter, Aldyth, established a confectionery in the Munroe Hotel in 1921. It was called the Aldyth Ice Cream Parlor and Confectionery. In August of 1921, Mr. Baardson leased the west storeroom of the new Winnett Theatre and opened an ice cream and confectionery store. Miss Mildred Davis was in charge of that operation.

BADGER, Oscar Mr. Badger and Walter J. Winnett started the first general store in Winnett in 1910 and did a prosperous business for about three years. They freighted the original supplies for the store from Musselshell, Montana, 50 miles away.

In 1912 Oscar was appointed first United States Commissioner for this district and held that office until H. J. Kelly took over. In 1913 Winnett and Badger dissolved their partnership and the mercantile business was sold to A. L. Rasmussen.

(W. T. 8-1-1915) "On October 1, Oscar H. Badger and Henry Chadd, both well-known here, will open their clothing store in Winnett, to be known as The Mode. Both gentlemen contemplate a trip to Chicago next month when a complete and up-to-date line of men's and boys' clothing and furnishings will be purchased for their new store. The store will be located in the building now oc-

cupied by Badger's Restaurant, which with very little alteration will be an ideal location for the business. Mr. Badger, who will manage the store, has had a number of years' experience in the clothing business; and together, with his personal popularity, and Mr. Chadd's wide acquaintance, the new venture will undoubtedly be well patronized. Success to them."

Oscar Badger was married to Nell Eager, daughter of Elmer Eager. Nell was one of the first four graduates from Winnett High School in 1919. Badgers had two girls — Bess and Jane — who were born in Winnett.

Believing that the town of Winnett would continue to thrive, Oscar built a beautiful home for his family in 1919 at 113 South Broadway Ave.

Eric Hove was a later partner with Oscar in The Mode. (W. T. 3-12-1926) "O. H. Badger, one of the pioneer merchants of Winnett, has packed his stock of clothing and is shipping same to Kevin where he has leased a building and will resume business at that point. Mrs. Badger and the family will join Mr. Badger at Kevin next month. The Badger family will be greatly missed in business and social circles of the city, and though hosts of friends regret their departure, they wish them well in the new location."

BAILEY, Harriett Harriett Bailey was just an infant when she left Virginia with her mother Eva, older sister Mary, baby brother LeRoy, and grandmother Stewart to come west. Her father, Vern Bailey, and grandfather Stewart had already come a year or two before. She grew up in the Winnett area, attending school in Winnett and the Brush Creek country school.

As a young lady, Harriett worked at her grandmother's restaurant, Mother's Cafe, in Winnett. In 1935 she married Gunnar Hansen and soon after moved to Minnesota. It was there that their sons — Martin, Bob and Vic — were born. Gunnar became ill while working on construction and passed away at a young age. As soon as her two oldest sons finished high school, Harriett moved back to Montana, settling in Belfry.

In the 1960s she moved to Winnett and operated the Commercial Hotel with the help of a friend, Ann Williams. Harriett also cooked at the Stockman Cafe. Again leaving Winnett, she worked at a cafe at Cooke City, Montana, for seven years. The high altitude affected her health, however, and she was forced to move back to Belfry, where she still resides and has been a cook for the senior citizens since 1975. Her son, Martin, lives at Butte Montana; Bob, in Washington; and Vic, in Great Falls, Montana.

BAIR, James Jim Bair came to Winnett from White Sulphur Springs. The *Winnett Times* of 11-9-28 stated: "Bair and Markland have taken over the Hoyle Garage and are now ready for service. Come look our used cars over. Also will carry a stock of Chevrolet parts. B and M Motor Co." B and M Motor Co. became proprietors of the Continental Oil bulk station in October of 1929.

On June 1, 1929, Jim Bair and Annette "Nettie"

Achtein, a local schoolteacher, were married. Nettie and Jim became parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Ann, in February of 1939.

Jim leased his garage to Joe Neil the first of April in 1939 and accepted a position as supervisory foreman of automotive equipment for the Soil Conservation Service in Roundup, Montana. The Bairs kept their residence in Winnett at 308 South Moulton Avenue until the family moved to Roundup in February of 1941.

BAKER, Charles Charles Baker, born November 7, 1888, came to Winnett in the early 1920s. When he joined the Masonic Lodge in January of 1926, he was a telegrapher at the Milwaukee depot. Charles was very interested in music, and in May of 1927 presented an open-air band concert to the people of the area. 18 local musicians constituted the band. In July of 1927 Charles became the proprietor of the Palm Garden restaurant; but about this time, business in the town of Winnett was getting slack. So in October of that year, he and his wife and daughter, Knutie, moved to Lewistown.

BAKER, Harry Harry was a barber in Winnett during 1951 and 1952. In May of 1952 he moved to Denton, Montana, where he leased a barbershop.

BAKER, J. E. J. E. Baker was manager of the Marlow Theater in Winnett in 1941. In October of 1942 he accepted a position with the Continental Oil Company.

BAKER, James James Baker succeeded Hamm Greene as cashier of Winnett's Farmers and Merchants Bank when Hamm resigned August 1, 1928. James had previously worked in the Miners and Merchants Bank of Roundup, Montana.

BALDWIN, Bill (W.T. 11-4-21) "Back in the fall of 1913, Bill Baldwin, who was herding sheep for W. J. Winnett, suddenly became demented, and after burning his own ranch, started in a frenzy for the Winnett Ranch. Enroute, he burned another sheep camp, and arriving within a short distance of the Winnett Ranch, commenced shooting at everything in sight, yelling that he was going to burn Winnett out, etc. However, the men about the ranch frightened him away, and the next day a posse went in search of him.

"He was brought back with a high power bullet hole through his heart, and upon his hatband was found his last will and testament, in which he turned over all his holdings, which included a quarter section of land, to W. J. Winnett. The will on the hatband was probated in court, and Baldwin's possessions eventually were turned over to Mr. Winnett. The court held that the will was valid and acted upon it as in the case of any regular drawn document. The hat is still on file in the Fergus County courthouse in Lewistown, Montana."

BALDWIN, William (W.T. 9-16-1914) "William Baldwin and family of Winnett will reside on the Musselshell this winter." Miss Elsa Baldwin was the first

secretary of the first Ladies Aid which was organized in Winnett in May of 1915.

BANNAN, Daniel W. Daniel homesteaded in the Petrolia area. Mrs. Bannan worked at the W. J. Winnett Ranch while their daughter, Mary, was attending school. Later the Bannans ran a rooming house and served meals. Mary married James Casper on January 4, 1928. (See also BANNAN — Petrolia)

BANTIE, Arthur In August of 1921, Mr. Bantie sold his barbershop in the Butte Block (Block 8, Main) in order to devote his full time to his tailor shop located on Lepper Avenue.

BARBEE, Martin "Buster" Buster Barbee and Orene Archibald Raundal were married February 20, 1971, at the home of Orene's daughter, Mrs. Jack Clark, in Winnett. Reverend Joel Frank of the Lutheran Church conducted the ceremony.

At that time, Orene was Petroleum County Clerk and Recorder. Buster was employed on the Joe C. King Ranch southwest of Winnett. Buster and Orene established a home in Winnett. Both are now retired. Buster traps in the winter. He writes poems, does leatherwork and plays pool. Orene likes to crochet, do other craft work, and play cards. Both thoroughly enjoy going fishing and camping on Spring Creek near Lewistown, Montana. They always raise a beautiful garden. (See also BARBEE — Teigen; RAUNDAL — Flatwillow)

BARDEN, Ernest Ernest Barden moved into Winnett in March of 1936 and set up his blacksmith shop in the rear of the old McGuire building. In this location he did a lot of work for the Public Works Administration. The McGuire building was in Block 2 Broadway between the Monarch Lumber Company and the City Light Company.

After working in Winnett a few years, Ernest returned to his home in the Cat Creek section. (See also BARDEN — Cat Creek)

BARISICH, Jack Jack Barisich came to live in Winnett when his parents' ranch on the Musselshell River was sold to make way for the Fort Peck Dam. Jack graduated from Winnett High School in 1949 and attended Montana State College for one year before entering the Army. He was a military police officer in Korea until his discharge in 1953. He then worked for Kullberg Drilling of Cut Bank, Montana, living and working on drilling rigs in many different towns between Cut Bank and Glasgow, Montana.

Marylee Worley Sims came to Winnett in 1953, making her home with Charles and Lois Poulton. Marylee and Jack were married June 2, 1956. Jack continued working on drilling rigs in scattered oil fields.

Marylee and Jack were parents of five children — Dann born in Glasgow; Kimberley in Havre, Montana; Jacqueline in Cut Bank. After they moved to Winnett, they lived in the former Valentine house. Then identical twin sons — Jason and Justin — were born.

These five children all graduated from Winnett High School. Dann graduated in 1968 and became a teacher



Jack Barisich family: Jason and Justin (in tree), (center) Marylee and Jack, (bottom) Kim, Dann, Jackie

and librarian. Kimberley (Kim) graduated in 1976 and married Leo Tarplee. They live in New Palestine, Indiana, where Leo is in carpenter work (1989). Jacqueline (Jackie) who graduated in 1978, works as a teller at First Bank in Lewistown. She and Mike Bentley were married November 26, 1988. Jason and Justin, who gave many people problems concerning their identity, graduated in 1985. Jason has worked for Big Sky Concessions, and at present (in 1989) is working with his brother-in-law, Leo, as a painter. Justin has a vocational degree in welding and is presently working at various jobs in Billings, Montana.

Jack is presently foreman of the Winnett district for the State Highway Commission. Marylee, with no kids to cook for at home anymore, pitches in when needed at the Kozy Korner Cafe. Jack and Marylee both enjoy time with their children and grandchildren. They also like to work in their yard. (See also BARISICH — Musselshell River)

BARISICH, Tony Tony grew up and received his early education while living on his parents' ranch near the Musselshell River. He moved to Winnett with his parents in 1938, received the rest of his elementary education, and graduated from Winnett High School in 1943. He entered the Army in February of 1944 and spent twenty months in Europe.

After his discharge from the Army in May of 1946, he worked for Continental Oil Company for five years. He next spent eleven years as a truck driver for highway construction work and then worked for various ranchers. He

also worked for the school district as assistant custodian for a time. He spent about twenty-four years working for Stanley Wiggins as a very reliable night watchman during lambing operations. Tony is now semi-retired. He enjoys visiting with people and likes to raise a large garden. He shares his produce with relatives and friends. (See also BARISICH — Musselshell River)

BARKDOLL, Floyd Floyd moved into Winnett and operated Floyd's Bar from 1954 to 1958. (See also BARKDOLL — Musselshell River)

BARNES, Robert Mr. Robert Barnes was chosen as superintendent of the Winnett Schools in March of 1979. He and his wife, Kathy, and four children — Chad, Kia, Dena, and Micah arrived in mid-summer. Mr. Barnes served the Winnett school system for two terms and then resigned to accept a like position at Nashua, Montana. A son, Blake, was born to them there.

BARNETT, Lillie B. The *Winnett Times* "School News by Maurice" in 1921 noted: "Lillie Barnett and Leone Millsap furnished an excellent exhibition of boxing when they met in a three-round bout Tuesday noon."

BARTLETT, John "War Whoop" John Bartlett was born in Laramie, Wyoming, on July 6, 1917. His earliest remembrance, as he stated, "was when I was about four years old and was going up and down the streets of Pinedale, Wyoming, shouting H-E-L-L, that's the way to spell hell."

John continues with his remembrances: "After several moves to Idaho Falls, Idaho; Sandpoint, Idaho; Fish Creek on Lake MacDonald in Glacier National Park; and East Glacier, I graduated from high school at Browning, Montana.

"In June of 1935 I joined the Civilian Conservation Corps as a LEM (local experienced man) in Corps Company #595 and was then transferred to Company #575 which was moving to Winnett. I joined the company at the railroad station at East Glacier. We had a layover of three or four hours in Great Falls. My sister was attending business college there, so I stopped off to visit her.

"We got back to the railroad station just in time to see the caboose of the train disappearing around a distant corner, and I was AWOL. I started out hitchhiking, and after several short rides and a lot of hiking, I arrived in Lewistown the next morning, again just missing the train to Winnett. I started hiking again and was picked up by Jack Runnalls in an old Model T with a vacuum tank system. The system wouldn't work going up the steep grade of the divide, so when it would stop, I would jump out and put rocks behind the wheels and he would fill the vacuum tank.

"This happened several times, but at last we went over the top. We arrived at Dunlap's in Winnett while they were still unloading the train. I reported to the company adjutant, Leo C. Wilson. After I had told him my story, he slapped his leg and said, 'Only a damn War Whoop from the reservation would do that.' I got the name War