

Dorothy was elected clerk of district court of Petroleum County in the election of 1931, and held that office through 1940. In 1938 while in that office, she leased the Aristo from Mable Towne, purchased skates, and set up a roller skating rink, much to the delight of young folks in the area. Elmer Alfson was a helper in this venture.

After many years of hard work and dedicated service to the people of Petroleum County, Dorothy moved to California in January of 1941. She passed away there in November of 1950 and was buried in Lewistown. She was an aunt of Dow and Dean Bowen of Mosby. She never married.

BOWERS, James W. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers moved from Cat Creek to Winnett in 1928, and Winfield, as he was known, took over the Chevrolet dealership in Winnett. He used the Hoyle Garage as a display area, and the establishment was known as Winnett Chevrolet.

Upon the resignation of Hammond Greene in October of 1933, Leta Bowers was appointed Petroleum County Clerk and Recorder and was elected to that position for five consecutive terms. When the Boyd family left Winnett in June of 1939, Mr. and Mrs. Bowers purchased the Boyd home at 101 South Broadway.

After being bedridden for six months, Mr. Bowers died at their home in Winnett on January 21, 1940. The service and burial was in Lewistown under the auspices of Jerusalem Lodge #115 A. F. and A. M.

Winfield and Leta had one son, Charles, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1934 and from Montana State College in Bozeman with a B. S. degree in industrial engineering. He and his wife, Roberta, have three children — James, Joel and Jill.

On May 1, 1943, Leta resigned her position as clerk and recorder and married D. Y. Wilson, Jr., at the home of Rev. Sloan in Billings, Montana. (See also BOWERS — Cat Creek and Musselshell; WILSON — Winnett)

BOYD, Frank L. Frank L. was the son of Frank and Mary Boyd, proprietors of the Teigen Hotel and the Teigen Store. In 1921 Frank L. became the proprietor of the Mechanics Machine Shop in Winnett. (See also BOYD — Cat Creek and Teigen)

BOYD, Mordecai J. "Morty" Boyd, born July 10, 1894, in Kansas, Illinois, and Kathryn "Kate" Sund, born February 17, 1897, in Norway, were married in 1915. Morty was the telegrapher who came to Winnett in 1917 and became the first depot agent for the Milwaukee railroad. During most of the Boyds' stay in Winnett, which was 22 years, they lived in the house that Jarretts built at 101 S. Broadway.

Morty was also involved in some real estate and sheep business. The Boyds were very active in all social concerns of the community and Morty was elected mayor in 1927. Morty and Kate became the parents of two sons — Robert and Mordecai "Junior," who were excellent athletes. Robert graduated from Winnett High School in 1938. In June of 1939 the Boyds sold their house and

moved into a remodeled apartment in the Milwaukee depot.

In September of 1939 the Milwaukee railroad company transferred Morty to Denton, Montana, as agent. The family, especially Junior, was loathe to leave Winnett. Junior enjoyed playing basketball with his teammates in Winnett, and it was very hard for him to face the fact that now he would be their opponent. His folks reported later that after the family turned on to the highway to leave, Junior, too old to cry, admonished his father, "Well, get-a-going, cantcha?" He did not want to look back at the town he liked so well. Later the people of Winnett had to watch as Junior, just as loyal to his Denton team, played some fine basketball against Winnett.

After several years in Denton, the family moved to Lewistown and later to Great Falls, Montana. Robert and Morty Jr. became owners and operators of Boyds' Burgermaster Drive-In in that city. Kate and Morty still reside in Great Falls, Montana (1989).

BRAATON, Rick Rick and Connie Braaton went to school in Forsyth and later moved to Tucson, Arizona. They came from there to Winnett in the winter of 1972. Rick worked for Wayne Bratten for a time and later for Tom Pugrud. While working at the Pugrud Ranch, they became parents of a son, Jeremiah.

BRAHS, Walter Walter was born October 28, 1889, in Henderson, Minnesota. He was a painting contractor in Winnett and Cat Creek. (W. T. 7-8-21) "Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brahs were visited by Dr. Stork last Monday morning and were left with an eight-pound baby girl." Mrs. Walter Brahs was Bill Wiggin's sister. She was also a sister of Mrs. Will Skaggs of Giltedge. The family left here in 1929. Walter died July 7, 1959, of leukemia. His wife, three sons, and one daughter survived him.

BRANCH, Claude M. (Sec 21-15-27) After living on his farm under the Winnett Irrigation Company system for 13 years, Claude Branch moved into Winnett in April of 1930. He had leased his ranch to Peter Kjersem. Mr. Branch spent the winter of 1939-40 in California with E. H. Holmboe of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Holmboe was a former homestead neighbor and a very close friend.

On June 9, 1940, Mr. Branch was found dead in his chair, a victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound through the head. He was 70 years old and had never married. His only known relative was a brother, Earl, of Postville, Iowa. Services were held in the Methodist Church with Rev. Ellen Rose conducting, and interment was in the Winnett Cemetery. (See also BRANCH — Brush Creek)

BRATTEN, Jewel L. Jewel L. Bratten was a brother of Vird Ward Bratten. His son, George, graduated from Winnett High School in 1929. In January of 1930 George married Pauline Wilson.

In June of 1930 George and William Groves set up a new grocery and mercantile business in the Moll building. The two young men laid claim to being the youngest businessmen in town. George and Pauline became the

parents of one daughter on November 8, 1930. In April of 1931, the Brattens moved to Missoula; but in July they returned, and George opened a barbershop. In September of 1933 the barbershop was closed. George and Pauline were divorced.

George then married Jacqueline Carter of the Flatwillow country. They were later divorced, and George served as a truck driver in the Marines in World War II, being discharged in July 1943. He moved to Spokane, Washington, and worked as an accountant and for Boeing, Heidelberg Brewing, and several real estate firms. In 1957 he met and married Heddy, a Swedish girl. They had one girl. George died February 27, 1982, in Tacoma, Washington. He and Heddy had two grandchildren. (See also BRATTEN — Petrolia)

BRATTEN, Kenneth Kenneth Bratten, son of Vird Ward and Stella Bratten, was born July 3, 1914, in Miami, Oklahoma. His parents later moved to Montana, owned land, and lived near Winnett. (See also BRATTEN — Petrolia) Kenny attended Winnett schools, but did not finish high school, choosing instead to get aboard a lively horse and work on ranches or travel on the sea. In 1936 he entered the Navy. He married Marjorie Wilkinson of Melstone on September 8, 1938, in Billings, Montana. (See also WILKINSON — Musselshell River) They resided in Long Beach, California, where he was stationed at that time.

When the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Kenneth was a storekeeper aboard the U. S. S. *Saratoga*. He participated in eleven major battles, and was honorably discharged November 18, 1943.

He came home and ranched on the Musselshell River, but after three or four years sold the ranch and moved to Winnett, where he went into the trucking business. He and Marj purchased the R. L. Stewart home on Seventh Avenue in Rimrock Addition, and Kenny built a quonset in which to store his trucks and equipment. Later leaving the family in Winnett for a time, he took his trucking business to Alaska, but returned in 1952 and worked on ranches.

While at the Kincheloe Ranch near Melstone, he suffered a heart attack. A plane was called to take him to the Veterans' Hospital at Miles City. He died enroute from the plane to the hospital on May 24, 1953.

Marjorie continued to live in Winnett. She worked at different jobs from time to time and was always a good reliable helper. She could do anything that needed to be done at the Rimrock Dairy, and whether paid or not, would assist there anytime — day or night.

During the year of 1968, she and Orene Raundal operated the Winnett Upholstery Shop in the west end of the old Monarch Lumber Company building.

Marjorie and Kenny were parents of two daughters, Cheri and Karen. They both attended Winnett Elementary and High School. Cheri married James Quigg, and they have a son, Kenneth Ward. Karen married Tom Wilkinson, and they have a son, Wayne. In 1972 Marj sold her home to Burt and Judy Bevis of Cat Creek. She mar-

ried a long-time friend, Jack Sherman, and they moved to California.

BRATTEN, Wayne Wayne Bratten sold his ranch in 1979 (See also BRATTEN — Petrolia). It included some of the Walter J. Winnett land that had been homesteaded in 1879, some of the Benjamin Franklin Lepper land and a part of the Eben Ashley holdings. In all, Wayne's land acquisitions consisted of about 100 sections with 28,000 acres deeded, and the remainder in private leases and grazing permits. A corporation composed of Angus Kennedy of North Dakota, his brother of California, and Larry Grantier bought the Bratten Ranch.

Wayne built a new home in Winnett for his and Ruth's retirement years. Due to Ruth's appreciation of a scholarship she received when she was in school, the Brattens were prompted to initiate a Bratten Scholarship Fund for Winnett High School graduates. Ruth died in November of 1980.

After Ruth's death, Wayne found another good companion, and on May 14, 1983, he and Wynnie Skelton were married in Roundup, Montana. Their married life was short-lived, however. In October of 1983, Wayne succumbed to a heart attack. About one half of the residents of Petroleum County attended his funeral. He was respected and remembered kindly by many. Even after suffering and recovering from an earlier heart attack, neighbors attest that he still drove himself very hard. He was known to take time to open a road for a neighbor in the wintertime, in the dead of night, after plowing snow all day in order to feed his own cattle.

Still remembering his friends in death, Wayne willed a trust of about 1½ million dollars to the taxpayers of Petroleum County to lighten the load of taxes incurred by the county's operation. He had stated beforehand that he would do this because he felt that the land of Petroleum County had provided him with more than enough financial success, and he wished to share his good fortune with his neighbors. Each year \$10,000 from this source is used to furnish scholarships valued from \$500 to \$2000 to qualifying Winnett High School graduates.

Petroleum County commissioners commissioned Greg Eiselein of Roundup, Montana, to cast a bronze sculpture of a cowboy hustling three head of cattle down a steep hill. The sculpture, mounted on an oak pedestal crafted by Ralph Skagen of Roundup, was placed in the Petroleum County courthouse entry as a memorial to Wayne for his generous contribution to the taxpayers of Petroleum County.

Wayne was always interested in the Winnett rodeos and was noted for being a fine "pick up" man. As a memorial to Wayne, Wynnie donated a lighting system for the local rodeo arena in order that future cowboys and cowgirls could benefit from Wayne's generosity. Wynnie lives in Winnett (1989), enjoying her friends and supporting community efforts.

BRAUTIGAN, Herman Herman was born October 26, 1889, in Hector, Minnesota. He and his friend, John

Merten, were employed by the Milwaukee railroad in the Dakotas and Minnesota before he came to Montana and homesteaded on the Minnesota Bench in 1912 (Sec. 12-16-24). After farming there for several years, he came to Winnett where he helped John Merten and was night watchman in the Broadway Garage. In 1948 he did a lot of the hand labor on the East Main Street bridge in Winnett.

After his friend John died, Herman operated the farm owned by Velma Merten. In August 1954 he planted his second crop of lettuce and harvested a beautiful crop. He was named the "Champion Dry-land Gardener," and as such, advised people that they did not need to go south to harvest two crops a year. Herman passed away in June of 1955 and was buried in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

BRENDEL, James For the short time that Brendels lived in Winnett in 1987 and 1988, the community enjoyed Jim's playing of the big bass viol. Mrs. Brendel pleased folks with her singing.

BRICKLEY, Henry Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brickley moved into Winnett the first of January in 1965. They made their home in the Dave Hale place on South Broadway. They had been living in the former Carl Hedman cabin on Crooked Creek. Their son, Mote, was associated with the Two Crow Ranch. Henry Brickley died October 25, 1970, at Hermosa, North Dakota.

BRIDGER, Mrs. Laura Laura, wife of Frank Bridger of Ashley, had a dressmaking shop ½ block east and ½ block north of the Montana Hotel in 1921. She lived in Winnett during the school year. Son, Aubrey Moore, attended Winnett High School. In 1925 she managed the Central Hotel. (See also BRIDGER — Ashley)

BRIDGES, Cola Cola Bridges homesteaded in the Elk Creek area in 1916 (See also BRIDGES — Teigen) and came to Winnett from Lewistown, Montana, in 1941. He formerly worked for the old Fergus Motor Co. in Lewistown, as well as for a furniture store. He was a car salesman for the Downen Chevrolet Motor Co. of Lewistown and for the Price Motor Co. of Roundup, Montana. He was known to practically everyone in this Central Montana area. He served as relief vendor for T. N. Sandaker at the State Liquor Store in Winnett in 1948.

"Colie" and Shorty Huotte were killed instantly July 16, 1949, when the pickup in which they were riding was accidentally struck by an oil tanker. Funeral services were held from Creel's Chapel with Rev. C. W. Orner officiating. Masonic services were conducted at the Lewistown City Cemetery, where Colie was buried beside his wife, who died in Lewistown in 1929.

BRILLHART, W. H. (W.T. 4-1-21) "A deal was consummated in Winnett last week whereby Charles E. Taylor purchased the barbershop known as the William Northrup Shop and the interests of W. H. Brillhart in the Solo tonsorial parlors, and will consolidate the business in the Solo location. Mr. Taylor was formerly owner of the Victory Barbershop in Lewistown, Montana.

On August 25, 1921, Mr. Brillhart leased the Dugan Barbershop from the proprietor, J. A. Dugan. Mr. Brillhart had worked in this shop for some time. In December of that year he broke his arm while attempting to crank his truck. June of 1922 found the Brillhart family leaving in their Ford car for Portland, Oregon, to make their future home.

BRIMM, L. I. (W.T. 6-3-21) "L. I. Brimm and wife are now located in Winnett in order that Mr. Brimm, who is with the Field Sales Agency of Lewistown and the Lydecker Tool Co. of Casper, Wyoming, may be close to the field of operation."

BRINDLEY, Carl Carl, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brindley, accompanied his parents to the lower Musselshell River area in 1943 (See also BRINDLEY — Musselshell River). He graduated from Winnett High School in 1945, then joined the armed forces. He served in the Engineer Amphibious Support group, and saw duty in Panama, Newfoundland, Labrador, Greenland, and Revolution Island.

Floy "Tiny" Matovich, daughter of Marcus and Ruby Barkdoll Matovich, graduated from Winnett High School in 1955. Upon Carl's discharge and return to Winnett, he and Tiny were married. (See also MATOVICH — Musselshell) Carl owned several pieces of heavy earth-moving equipment, and he and Tiny traveled around the country building large stock dams for ranchers and for the Bureau of Land Management.

Tiny was as efficient and necessary as a bolt when she worked in the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company in Winnett from 1962 to 1970. If someone came in wearing a grouch, it wasn't too long until Tiny had them grinning.

Carl, besides moving dirt, was a trustee of the public library board from 1970 to 1976. In this position he became responsible for the moving of books! It was during his term of office that the books from the public library were moved to the new joint school-public library facility of the new elementary school.

Carl stayed with the earth-moving work until he was forced to quit due to poor health. In 1976 he was hired by



Carl and Tiny Brindley

the Garfield County commissioners as road foreman. The winter of 1977-78 was horrible — deep snow, high winds, and bitter cold. The cold and wind aggravated Carl's painful condition, so he was forced to resign from his position. Brindleys moved to Spokane, Washington. The climate there did not agree with Carl, either, so they moved back to Lewistown, Montana, to live. They live there now in 1989. Tiny enjoys working in the IGA store there.

Carl and Tiny have two sons — Bill, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1975, married Sarah Shaw (class of 1978), and manages the Matovich Land and Livestock Co. (See also BRINDLEY — Musselshell River); and Walt, who has registered quarter horses. He shows and trains not only his own horses, but others' horses also. At present he is back at Montana State University, adding another degree to his education.

BRINDLEY, Hugh (By Hugh Brindley) "1989 marks the 40th anniversary of Brindley's Earthmoving. The business started as a general agriculture irrigation and dam building venture back in 1949. Over the years we have grown to include small highway contracts, oil well locations, stream bank riprap and structural contracts.

"Our largest major job, a turnkey prime contract for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bridger Creek Station, Bozeman, Montana, was our largest contract to date. It included a 104-cubic-yard reinforced concrete diversion and cat walk across Bridger Creek, a 32-foot structural steel bridge, 3100-foot 24" water line relocation, and a 3000-cubic-yard stream bank riprap. We received a letter of commendation from the contracting officer and engineer upon completion of this work. Our work has taken us from our home on many occasions. Major jobs, besides the Bridger Creek flood repair, include the 84,000-cubic-yard Taylor Creek Dam in Powell County, Montana, the Willow Creek watershed complex in Valley County, Montana, and during the 1984-1986 seasons, the building of 106 stock water reservoirs in southwestern Wyoming, totaling 416,000 cubic yards of earth moving.

"Over the years we have kept pace with the ever new in machinery and technology; introduced to this area the first large hydraulic "dozer," the first power shift tractor, the first self-propelled elevating scraper and laser grade control. Presently we are developing a computer-assisted design program for land leveling and earth structures.

"Before getting involved in the business world, I was in the United States Marine Corps, and survived boot camp at San Diego; then attended the U. S. Marine Corps electronic school at Lejeune, North Carolina. I graduated from special electronics and radar college at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. I saw duty in the Asian-Pacific war theatre.

"I have served on the Winnett Town Council, as mayor for one term, and also did a stint on the local education board. (Ed. While on that board, he instituted the implementation of the present purchase order system.) My wife, Mary, served as Petroleum County Civil Defense Director. The then school board chairman, Burt Bevis,

secured Civil Defense funding for the basement of the new school building. Senator Mike Mansfield was instrumental and most helpful in this matter. Mary served as Petroleum County Civil Defense Director for over a decade.

"We bought our present residence from the Elmer Eagers in 1963. We started remodeling in 1974 and are continuing to remodel.

"Our daughters — Patricia and Sonia — and son, Matthew, attended our local schools and graduated from Winnett High School. Sonia received her degree in Family Resource Management from Brigham Young University in 1981. Matthew graduated from Rocky Mountain College with a Business Management degree in 1987. Patricia is presently (1989) in her fourth year of accounting at the National College of Business in Rapid City, South Dakota.

"We have seven grandchildren — Cha, Ian, Joel, Tyler, and Kristina Hess; and 'George' and 'Knute' Lloyd. Patricia and her husband, Loren Hess, live in Rapid City, South Dakota, where he is employed by Zandstra Construction Company as an operating engineer. 'George' and 'Knute' Lloyd's mother (Sonia) and father operate a printing shop in Pueblo, Colorado." (See also BRINDLEY — Musselshell River)

BRITT, Daniel Daniel came to Winnett to work in the Winnett Mercantile in April of 1927. He was a stepbrother of George Waldrop, the proprietor of the store.

BRITZIUS, William Bill and Micky Britzius and family arrived in Winnett in June of 1947. Bill, along with Jack Gallagher, operated a mechanic shop in Dunlap's Auto Service. A modern parts department was installed.

May of 1948 found Bill starting construction of a building on East Main Street across the street from the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company. The building was constructed with a wood framework and metal covering. By July 1, 1948, the building was completed, and Bill was ready for business. Art Moore was one of his mechanics.

Micky and Bill had four children — Joyce, Gayle, Rita and Michael. The Britzius family left here in the late 1950s.

BROOKS, Mrs. Fannie Mrs. Fannie Brooks bought the Commercial Hotel from Edward and Jo Stauffacher in 1955.

BROOKS, William William Brooks of Laramie, Wyoming, married Camilla (Mrs. Ed Herman) on December 28, 1921. She had been born in Elk Mountain, Wyoming, on April 20, 1882, and married to Ed Herman on April 14, 1905. Ed died in 1919. William and Camilla came to Winnett in February of 1949 and leased the Smokehouse from the R. W. Gilmores, later purchasing same.

On May 10, 1951, Mr. Brooks died of a heart attack at the home of his daughter, Margarette Livingston. In August of that year, Mrs. Brooks sold the Smokehouse to

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr, and Mrs. Brooks made her home with various members of the family. She passed away in November of 1961. She was the mother of Edna Boles and Margarette Livingston Coffey.

BROWN, Bessie As director of the Girl Scouts in Winnett, Bessie was on an outing in Lewistown in August 1921.

BROWN, Carl Carl Brown operated the Montana Lumber and Hardware store in Winnett from June 1, 1964, until September 1, 1964. He returned to Roundup, Montana, where he had previously been employed.

BROWN, Dr. Dr. Brown came to Winnett on call from Grassrange in 1914. In 1921 he was living and practicing in Winnett. His family moved to Lewistown for school in the fall of 1921.

BROWN, Frank Frank was proprietor of the Butte Cafe in June of 1921.

BROWN, J. B. Mr. Brown was Superintendent of the Mid-Montana Refinery in July 1921.

BROWN, J. H. The Packard Auto and Express Stage made a round trip daily to Lewistown and Roundup. Mr. Brown was the proprietor. His office was in the Savoy Hotel. An advertisement for the service appeared in the *Winnett Times* of 9-9-21.

BRUMMETT, John Wesley Mr. Brummett had a land office in Winnett and sold insurance. (W.T. Sept. 1915) "J. W. Brummett's new land office has been completed, and in its dress of fresh paint, makes a nobby looking building. Buildings of this class are what make Winnett look substantial and insure the rapid growth which the town is now experiencing."

The first Catholic church service in Winnett was held in the Brummett home on May 9, 1916. (See also BRUMMETT — Kelley)

BRUNS, Hermie Hermie Bruns was born December 13, 1914, in Ross, North Dakota. He came to Montana in 1931 and worked on ranches and farmed near Harlem. In December of 1960, he and his daughter, Barbara, who was in the fifth grade, came from Havre to Winnett to assist Stella Getten in the operation of the Gusher Bar (See also GETTEN). An altercation in the bar on July 14, 1966, resulted in the fatal shooting of Hermie (See also WATERS). Barbara graduated from Winnett High School in 1968. She married Carl Leslie Howard of Lewistown in 1968.

BRUNSON, Denny Denny was born July 1, 1881, at Texarkana, Texas. At eighteen years of age, he came to Montana with a cattle drive over the Chisholm Trail. He was a cowboy all his life and worked for many local ranchers. In 1915 at Warroad, Minnesota, he married Edith Ireland, and for a short time they lived at Little Falls, Minnesota. They moved to Winnett to retire in 1948 and lived at 401 Edith Street. Denny was an invalid due to crippled legs in his last years. He died at his home July 27,

1960, and was buried in the Winnett Cemetery. Edith died in July of 1962.

BUCHHOLZ, Fred Fred was superintendent of the Winnett schools from 1959 to 1967. He and his wife, Eileen, came to Winnett from Judith Gap, Montana, where he had been superintendent. Fred served on the Winnett Public Library board 1960 - 1967. He volunteered many hours to the Boy Scouts, American Legion and Toastmasters.

Eileen was kept busy with five sons — Fred Jr., James, Tom, Phillip, and Danny. She was also a bookkeeper for the Stockman Cafe. Fred Jr. graduated from Winnett High School in 1963. He married Genia Richardson. They have two children, Tommy and Melody. James graduated from Winnett High School in 1964. He married Lynda Brewer and they had two children, James Jr. and Dawn. Tom married Lorraine Moore, daughter of Arthur and Lillian Whisonant Moore. Tom works for the State in Helena. They have two children, Christie and Don.

Phillip graduated from Winifred High School and went into the service. He married Karen Schaeffer of Winifred, and they had a son, Jamie. During 12 years in the Air Force in the Philippines and Vietnam, he received the distinguished Flying Cross and four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal. Phillip also had a son, Richard, from a second marriage. Phillip died in 1982.

BUHLER, Bill (W.T. 6-23-22) "Bill Buhler, tired of the prosaic restaurant life, decided to make a tour of the oil fields Wednesday. After giving his consent as to the geological location and the manner in which the new Frantz gusher was handled, Bill started homeward bound. Defying the advice of experienced truck drivers, etc., Bill sought a new route, which he pronounced less injurious to that part of the individual most subject to the jolts, than the regularly traveled north route.

"But Bill encountered many unthought-of difficulties in his endeavors; and once, when he abandoned his car to seek a passage across the mudhole, Bill stepped on the tail of a wild cat — not the proverbial oil well — but a real man-eatin', flesh-tearing wild cat! No! No damage was reported. Bill, being lithe of body and long of leg and having several miles of open prairie ahead — in about nothing flat he left the wild cat in the oil fields where he belongs!!" Bill was owner and operator of the Buhler Cafe in Winnett in 1921-22.

BURDICK, Robert J. Bob and Betty Burdick came to Winnett from Havre in April of 1942. Bob was employed by the Soil Conservation Service. On June 1, 1944, he was inducted into the service at Fort Douglas, Utah, and served until May of 1946. After his discharge, he was transferred to Fort Benton, Montana, with the SCS there, but in March of 1947 was returned to Winnett. The

Burdicks then bought the house at 307 Moulton Avenue.

They were active in the Methodist Church here. Betty was a daughter of the Reverend C. J. Cole, a minister at Havre at that time. The Reverend Cole later was chosen superintendent of this district. While Burdicks lived here, three children were born — James Robert, Kenneth Charles, and Nancy. On February 1, 1950, Bob was transferred to Harlowton, Montana, where he opened a Soil Conservation Service office.

BURKE, Clayton Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burke and son, Jimmy, moved to Winnett in 1936. Mr. Burke was manager of the Yale Refinery. In January of 1938, Mr. Burke dismantled the Winnett refinery and rebuilt it in Newcastle, Wyoming. The family left in January of 1938 and made their home in Billings, until Mr. Burke was transferred to Kalispell the next year to build a refinery there.

BURNETT, Clifford L. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett and family — Arnold, Dixie, Donnell and Gayla — came to Winnett during the summer of 1950. Mr. Burnett had been hired as school superintendent and would be the last to serve in the old combined elementary-high school building. The new high school was completed that year, so Mr. Burnett had the pleasure of initiating the new building in the fall of 1951.

Something else was new for him in 1951. He was appointed as county manager in January of 1951. Because of conflict of interest, this did not prove to be a satisfactory arrangement for him, so he resigned the manager position in April 1951. He continued as school superintendent until his resignation at the end of the 1953-54 school term.

BURNHAM, Dr. Dr. Burnham, an osteopath, came to Winnett in August of 1939 and opened an office in the Montana Hotel.

BURNHAM, Irving Mr. and Mrs. Irving Burnham moved here from Lewistown in August of 1946. They operated the Shell Service Station.

BURNS Mr. Burns was Superintendent of the Montacal Oil Co. in June of 1922.

BURT, Matty Matty Burt was born May 26, 1888, at Wilson, Kansas, and received her education in Kansas. In 1917 she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burt, and her sister Blanche to Grassrange, where Mr. Burt installed the telephone exchange.

Blanche and Matty became partners in the telephone business, and in April of 1919 a franchise was granted by the Winnett City Council to the Burt Sisters Telephone Company to operate and maintain a telephone system in Winnett. Matty managed the Winnett system. All calls were made through Matty's switchboard.

It would be interesting to know how many times Matty said, "Number, please," or "They went to Lewistown today — no use calling them"! Matty did develop huge callouses on her arm near her elbow where her arm

brushed the table as she connected or disconnected a number. Many high school girls earned some much-needed money being relief operators for her. Matty died in a hospital in Dallas, Texas, in December of 1956.

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative bought the Burt Sisters Company real estate and property in July of 1959. The original Winnett switchboard, which belonged to the Burt Sisters, is now a showpiece in the Chamber of Commerce museum building at Lewistown, Montana.

BUSBY, William C. Bill Busby married Katherine Donkelar of Auburn, Washington, in July of 1931. Being an expert with engine and grading equipment, Bill was put in charge of grading and maintaining the county roads in the early 1930s. The Busbys lived in the Sommerfield house on Moulton Avenue adjacent to and south of the Dr. Alexander house. (See also BUSBY — Brush Creek and Dovetail)

BUSCH, Susie Susie Busch became the full-time operator of the Mecca Beauty Shop in September of 1962. In April of 1963 she married Kenneth E. Reighard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Reighard of Roundup, Montana. The wedding was held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Busch of Billings, Montana.

BUSENBARK, Robert Bob Busenbark, sheriff of Petroleum County (1989), wife Pat, and daughter, Sara, at first had the distinction of living in a former hall of learning. Their home was the former Brown School of District #198, which had been located about six miles east of Cat Creek.

That house suffered a chimney fire in the spring of 1989, so Bob and Pat now live in a new modular home adjacent to and north of the damaged building. The old building will be repaired and used for storage or rental. Pat is a licensed EMT and also works as clerk in the Winnett post office and as waitress in the Kozy Korner cafe. (See also BUSENBARK — Dovetail)

BYRNE, Marilyne Marilyne Byrne was made vendor of the State Liquor Store of Winnett in July of 1972. In 1973 she resigned and married Verlin McIntosh, a widower with four children, who had been previously married to Patricia Baucke. (Pat was killed in a car wreck in 1972).

CALVERI, James In October of 1965, Carl and Donna Quigley sold Lots 7, 8, and 9 of Block 9, original townsite of Winnett, to James and Irene Calveri. Calveris also purchased all the business equipment and stock inventory of the Stockman Bar and Cafe.

Carl Quigley was a brother of Irene Calveri. Irene was a 1940 Winnett High School graduate. She was very interested in poetry and in 1976 had a poem, "Search," published in the *Anthology of New American Poetry*. She also wrote and had published a book of poetry and a book of short stories for children.

CAMPBELL, Clifford Coming here from Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Campbell took possession of the Com-

mercial Hotel on July 2, 1965. Mrs. Campbell was a daughter of Mrs. Lyle Fuller, who owned Floyd's Bar. In September the Campbells took over the management of the Stockman Cafe. Jane Campbell served as waitress.

CANTRELL, Mrs. Hattie Mrs. Cantrell leased the Wise Cafe in September of 1954. In March of 1955 she took over the operation of the Smokehouse News Cafe. The name was changed to "Hattie's Cafe."

CAR, Ollie Ollie Car was a night policeman in Winnett in 1921.

CARBRIDGE, M. The Acme Hotel was managed by M. Carbridge in 1921.

CARR, Norman Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr, Carol and Jane came to Winnett in December of 1947 and took over the operation of the Commercial Hotel in January of 1948. In 1951 they bought the Smokehouse, and in 1954 became owners of the Commercial Hotel. Norman added a small building to the hotel which housed "Norm's Sport Shop." Norman was justice of the peace from 1957 to 1961. He also served on the school board of District #159.

Three more children were born to the family while they lived in Winnett — Thomas Roger, William Scott, and Kathryn Jean. On April 1, 1961, the family moved to Whitehall, Montana, where they managed an A and W short-order food service. Karen Christine was born there in January of 1963.

CARR, Thomas Mabel Tunnicliff, daughter of Henry Tunnicliff Sr., was born January 20, 1885. She and Thomas Carr (not to be confused with Tom Carr of Teigen) were married January 2, 1905. They came to Winnett and purchased the Hattie Woodard property in October of 1947. On January 1, 1948, they bought the Commercial Hotel from Mrs. Otto Senst. In August of 1950 they sold the hotel to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. (Joe) Wilson of Helena. They returned to their farm home near Roberts, Montana. They were parents of Norman Carr.

CARRELL, Charles Ambrose (By Annette Rostad Carrell) "Charles Ambrose Carrell and I, Annette Rostad, were married in Lewistown on September 28, 1942. We were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKnire. We lived in Winnett from 1942 to 1948, when we moved to Cat Creek; then back to Winnett in 1952. Charles worked at many jobs: oil field, state roads, farming, but mostly doing carpentry work.

"Four children were born to this union: Anna Ellen (1943), Charles Duane (1944), Gladys Marie (1945), and Kenneth Wayne (1948). We lost son Charles in 1962, due to drowning. Charles "Amby" passed away in 1978. I enjoy my Legion Auxiliary and serving as custodian of the Winnett courthouse."

CARRELL, George The George Carrell family moved from Cat Creek to Winnett during the summer of 1949, although George continued his work at the Cat Creek field. (See also CARRELL — Cat Creek and Dovetail) The

children all attended the Winnett schools. Virginia and George were both active members of the Methodist church. George was a Masonic member and Virginia, a member of Eastern Star.

Son George graduated from Winnett High School in 1957. He attended Montana State University at Bozeman for two quarters and then sought employment in the oil fields, often working with his father. George was later married and had four children — Keith, Billy, Dawn and Lisa. George lives in Lewistown, Montana.

Larry graduated from Winnett High School in 1958, worked his way through the University of Wyoming with scholarships, and earned a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He and wife Kathy have two children — Wesley and Rebecca. They reside in Parker, Colorado, where, at the present time (1989), Kathy is recovering miraculously from a severe injury incurred in a car-pedestrian accident.

Doris graduated from Winnett High School in 1961, and in 1962 she went to work in the Petroleum County clerk and recorder office, holding that position until moving to Lewistown in 1971.

Lloyd married and had two children — Russell and Brandon. Lloyd has returned to Petroleum County and is working for Cenex at Cat Creek. His son, Charles Russell joined the Navy in September of 1988. Brandon is attending Winnett High School.

Kim and his wife, Terry, reside in Missoula, Montana.

George Sr. died in September of 1983. George had a great knowledge of the eventful life of the Cat Creek oil field and knew many things that were not written anywhere. When he died, he had spent 40 years working there — a longer record than anyone. (His record was closely followed by David Potter.)

Virginia died in February of 1987. She had recounted some of her experiences as she played for community gatherings and school events in Dovetail and Flatwillow, starting in 1939:

"Quite often I played with Roberta (Thorsheim) Eike, who played violin. We played for high school parties, dances, and political rallies. I was often joined by husband, George, on violin, and by George's brother, Ambrose, on banjo. I recall playing in a large sheep shed in Ross in cold weather — I learned there that you can't play an instrument with gloves on! I also played for political rallies above the old D & E Store and for a Christmas program in Cat Creek with George playing Santa (prompting Carrell kids to wonder why Santa had gloves 'just like Dad's')."

Son Kim added the following: "At one time in Petroleum County, it was difficult to attend an event featuring live music without a member of the Carrell family there to provide that music. In Montana's Centennial Year, it's interesting to note this musical legacy that has continued for over 50 years.

"Although Virginia and George are no longer with us, the tradition is carried on by me, Kim. I teach music



George Carrell family: (Front row) Larry, George, Virginia, Lloyd; (Back row) Kim, Doris, George

privately, have played in rock and country bands, and am a frequent musical theater performer in Missoula. Their grandson (Lloyd's son), Brandon, plays in the Winnett High School band."

Laundry, and the business was known as Carrell's Trailer Court and Laundry. Mr. Carrell died in February of 1955. Mrs. Carrell worked for several years on the Joe C. King Ranch southwest of Winnett. After several years' battle with cancer, Mrs. Carrell passed away December 11, 1962. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carrell were buried in the Winnett Cemetery. (See also CARRELL — Cat Creek and Dovetail)



Ambrose and Minerva Carrell with grandson Kenneth in front of (buildings left to right) Barbershop, Town Cafe, Town Tavern, Commercial Hotel and First Bank

CARRELL, John Ambrose When the Carrell family moved to Winnett in 1938, Mrs. Carrell operated the old Montana Hotel for a time and then was matron there when the Winnett school district acquired the Montana Hotel for a dormitory. After the dormitory was closed, she provided a home for students in her own home. She operated a cafe in the 1940s. Mr. Carrell was justice of the peace from 1946 to 1950, and also served as livestock brand inspector.

In 1950 Mrs. Carrell re-opened the old Montgomery



J.A. Carrell family: Altha, Leta, J.A., Minerva, George, and Ambrose (Amby)

CARSON, "Curly" (W.T. 3-9-28) "An unruly Ford car driven by Curly Carson hit the corner of the Dugan building, west of the Eager Store, pushed in the corner, and pushed out one of the side windows of the front. The car was practically undamaged. Immediate settlement was made for the damage done to the building and front."

CASTEEL, George George and Isabelle Casteel lived in Winnett in the 1920s. George was distributor of either the Rawleigh or Watkins products. (The two products were very similar.) Until the advent of automobiles, a specially built buggy drawn by horses was used to deliver

his wares over his territory — the whole of what became Petroleum County. Many who were children remember the thrill of the Rawleigh's or Watkin's man's visit. Especially favored were the families reached at the end of a long day. The salesman would be invited to stay overnight, and the next morning the host family was given the choice of some free product. It was usually a bottle of some kind of concentrated fruit drink for use on hot summer days, — a rare treat!

There was also Rawleigh's liniment. It cured everything in man or animal! Mixed with some warm milk and sugar, it cured bloat in horses and cows and tummy aches in adults and children. As an external rub, it burned just enough that the pain in the muscle or joint was partially forgotten.

During the last part of Casteels' stay in Winnett, they lived in the double apartment house on Edith Street. The house had been built by Walter Winnett and was supposedly previously used by his hired hands. Casteels left Winnett in 1935 and sold their house to the Robert Sinclairs. There were seven children in the family — George (1920), Dorothy (1922), Annabel (1924), Doyle (1926), Alvin (1929), Dolores (1932) and Leslie (1933). The Casteels moved to Washington state in about 1933.

CATLIN, Vane In August of 1932, the Catlin family — Vane, Winnie and son Larry — bought the Continental wholesale oil company and the retail filling station and vulcanizing outfit — the only one in Winnett. Jim Bair managed the Bair Repair Shop in the back. The tile building was east of the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company on East Main Street.

In 1933 Winnie saw the need for a ladies' ready-to-wear shop in Winnett. An agreement was made with the Leader Store of Lewistown, Montana, and the shop was set up in the Aristo building. Winnie also did dressmaking and remodeling of ladies' clothing.

Winnie and Vane enjoyed the dance crowd, and when it came to dance music, no one could make the beat or roll the drums better than Vane. He and his sister, Mable Towne, played for many dances. Mable was an expert on the piano or saxophone. Vane was elected an alderman in

1935. Vane's garage went up in smoke during the first part of December in 1937. Soon thereafter the Catlins moved to Miles City; and more of Winnett's good music was gone!! (See also CATLIN — Ashley)

CATTO, Charles (W.T. 10-21-21) "Charles Catto, yardman at the Grogan-Robinson lumberyard, left Saturday for New York City, where he will be duly and officially initiated into the ranks of the benedicts. (A benedict is a confirmed bachelor, newly married.) He expects to return with his wife about the first of November."

CHADD, Henry Henry Chadd was a partner with Oscar Badger when The Mode clothing store for men boys opened on October 1, 1915. It was located in the building which had formerly been occupied by Badger's restaurant.

CHANDLER, H. F. H. F. Chandler operated a dairy for a short time at the Deethardt Ranch about two miles west of Winnett. He disposed of his dairy equipment, livestock, and other miscellaneous items at an auction sale June 30, 1925.

CHERNICK, Leo Leo Chernick became the manager of the new Stockman Cafe in October of 1959.

CHICK, Allen W. With the exception of the W. J. Winnett buildings, the first residence was erected in Winnett in July of 1914. Mr. A. W. Chick was one of the carpenters. Allen and Evelyn Chick had a son Roy (1905), who attended high school in Winnett in 1921. Three other children born to this couple were: Marion (1908), Helen (1911), and Frank (1914).

CHRISTENSEN, Agnes Agnes Christensen kept house for Mr. Valentine and his children. In July of 1921 she went back to Denmark to be with her aged mother.

CLARK, Jack After graduating from Winnett High School in 1956, Jack, son of Robert Clark, enlisted in the Navy and served in Guam, Japan, Hawaii, and Midway Island. He and high school classmate, JoAnn Raundal, were married and they became parents of three children — Jay, Laurie and Chris.

After the death of his father, Robert, Jack decided to buy the Clark store. The following article was taken from the *Winnett Times* of November 5, 1964:

"Mrs. Cecilia Clark, owner of Clark's Pay 'N Save, on November 1, 1964, turned over the ownership of the store to her son, Jack R. Clark, and family.

"Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark were attending Montana State College at the time of Bob Clark's death. Mrs. Clark continued her schooling and practice teaching to receive a degree in education. Jack Clark dropped out of college to assist with operation of the local business, and now has taken over the business.

"Jack was well prepared for management of the business, having grown up in it with his parents, who had worked in retailing for many years."

JoAnn and Jack were very loyal community residents. JoAnn was active in Eastern Star, advancing through the



George Waldrop and Vane Catlin

chairs, and was Worthy Matron for two terms. She and Jack both gave their all to any good community project. Jack was scoutmaster and was elected mayor.

Son Chris Clark had a very good friend by the name of Ben Burns. These two youngsters should really be credited with the inspiration for the establishment of the Winnett Public Library Story Hour. On the afternoons that the library was open, the two of them would go to the library and ask the librarian to read to them. They were very irritated when other people needing services intruded on their story times. There the idea developed! Small children need a special library time of their own. Those two boys did their bit for history before they were five years old!!

After operating the store for nine years, Clarks decided to sell and move. The following article written by Rudy Glatz then appeared in the *Winnett Times* of August 16, 1973:

"Biggest loss to the community will be the Clark family itself. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been invaluable to the community, working unselfishly in all phases of community life. They will be sorely missed. The Clarks have bought a western wear business at Forsyth and the family will move there the first of September."

CLARK, Sumner R., Jr. Bob Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Clark, was born December 17, 1914, in Grassrange, Montana. He received his education from the Grassrange schools and Montana State College. In 1934 he married Montana McFadden of the Lone Prairie community. They had one son, Jack. They were later divorced.

Cecelia Leary was born October 6, 1907, at Butte, and raised and educated there. She moved with her family to Sweetgrass and operated the telephone exchange. She and Bob were married October 31, 1939, at Cut Bank. They had a daughter, Roberta.

In July of 1952, Bob, Cecelia, Jack, and Roberta moved to Winnett. They lived in the former Nick Langshausen house on Moulton Avenue. Roberta wrote the following history: "When we moved to Winnett, I was in the fourth grade and Jack was a freshman in high school. Our parents bought the locker plant and grocery store from Allens. During the twelve years that my father lived, they expanded the store three times. He purchased the Monarch Lumber Co. building next door and remodeled it into a self-service laundry and a barber and beauty shop. The back was used as a warehouse.

"They tried to provide a complete shopping center for the people. Besides groceries, they sold dry goods, veterinary supplies, and feed. They had complete meat processing and locker storage and appliance and repair service. Hunting season was always a busy and exciting time. Ranchers knew that they were welcome to come around to the house, and Clarks would open the store at any time for them to get groceries.

"The Clarks were very active in the community. Bob was State Representative from Petroleum County in

1957-58. He was a member of the school board and was on the first Board of Directors of Mid-Rivers Telephone. He was a member of Winnett Town Council and president of Petroleum County Chamber of Commerce. They both were members of Victory Chapter #113, Order of Eastern Star. Bob was a Mason. Cecilia was a member of Rebekahs and American Legion Auxiliary. Bob died of cancer September 3, 1964. Cecelia died November 19, 1979." (See also CARPENTER — Cat Creek)

CLARK, Tom Before coming here, Tom and Ruby Clark were engaged in the restaurant business in Jordan, Montana. They opened the Mint Cafe for business again on September 17, 1948.

CLAUSON, Carl (See CLAUSON — Petrolia)

CLAY, Kenneth Kenneth Clay worked on the Bratten Ranch in 1970. He and his family lived in the brick house at 301 South Broadway. Son Jon was a Winnett High School student. Clays left in September of 1971 and moved to the Brown Ranch near Sand Springs.

CLOSE, Thomas Mr. Close was superintendent of the Nelson Construction Co., and supervised the construction of the Box Elder Creek bridge on the highway east of Winnett in 1953. The family lived in Winnett during that time.

COBURN, William Mr. Coburn was employed by the First State Bank of Winnett for three months in 1921, then resigned and accepted a position with the Winnett Loan and Realty Co., which handled the lots owned by W. J. Winnett, as well as a general land and insurance business. In 1921 the family lived in an apartment in the Winnett Block. William was later associated with the Weowna Refinery. In September of 1923, Mr. Coburn resigned as secretary of the Weowna Refinery and accepted the management of a new refinery about to be started in Butte, Montana. William Coburn died in August 1941, and was buried in White Sulphur Springs, Montana.

COCKRAN, J. M. In August of 1921, Mr. Cockran came from Washington and was one of the owners of the New Method Laundry.

COFFEY, Joe Joe Coffey attended Winnett High School. He liked school and especially football. He also boxed when Shorty Saylor had his boxing club here. He left school to work; and in 1959, after Floyd Barkdoll died, he operated Floyd's Bar.

He and Margarett Livingston were married on May 12, 1961. In March of 1962 they leased Floyd's Bar from Dahls. After that Joe went to work on road construction. They have lived for many years at Harrison, near Ennis. Margarett died there June 10, 1989. (See COFFEY — Dovetail; LIVINGSTON — Winnett)

COFFEY, Robert E. Bob Coffey, son of Mr and Mrs. A. G. Coffey, was born at Dovetail. He attended Dovetail Grade School and graduated from Winnett High School in 1946. He served his country in the Korean War, came home, and worked at various jobs in Petroleum County until the spring of 1956. Then he was employed by