



Winnie, Bob, Jimmy and Kathy Coffey

Exploration Survery, Inc. of Dallas, Texas, working in Alaska, Texas, and Mississippi, until the company went out of business in 1960.

Bob and Winnie Lorraine Magee were married August 14, 1959, in Mississippi. They moved to Oklahoma, where Bob worked for Blue and Wright Drilling Co. of Great Bend, Kansas. After a short time there, they returned to Montana. They bought a mobile home and lived near the Jet Fuel Refinery where Bob worked for five years.

In July of 1966 their mobile home was moved from Mosby to Winnett, as Bob had purchased the business of Cole's Service Station in Winnett. In 1967 they bought the house formerly owned by Carl and Mirth Hedman. Now as "sure enough" citizens of the Town of Winnett, Bob was elected to the city council and three years later was elected mayor.

In the meantime, Coffeys had acquired from the Montana Lumber and Hardware Company, the original Ed Hillius house at 101 North Ashley. In June of 1980 the Petroleum County Commissioners named Bob as County Manager.

Consequently, Coffey's Service Station was sold to David and Becky Grantier, and Bob began training for the county manager position on October 15, 1980. He



Mike, Peggy and Lisha Long

assumed full responsibility January 1, 1981, and is still manager now (in 1989).

The Coffeys have three children — Peggy Hill, who is married to Mike Long, lives in Franklin, Virginia, and has one daughter, Lisha; Jim Hill, who is a self-employed trucker, lives in Laurel, Montana, and has one son, Jamie; and Kathy Coffey Keith, who works at Country Kitchen (Midland Road) Billings, Montana. She has two sons, Clyde and Kasey. (See also COFFEY — Dovetail)

COFFMAN, Ray Ray Coffman was president of the White Transportation Co. in 1921.

COLBO, Kenneth G. Kenneth Colbo was hired as superintendent of the Winnett Schools in April of 1971. He served two terms. During his term of office the new elementary, gymnasium, and combined school and public library addition to the high school building was commenced.

Mr. Colbo resigned in the spring of 1973, having purchased the award and athletic supply business of E. Jay S. in Lewistown, Montana.

COLE, Delmar Delmar came to Winnett to work in the *Winnett Times* print shop in 1930. He later became manager and editor. On October 4, 1930, he and Helen Brady were married. They became the parents of two sons — Douglas (7-26-31) and Elmer (10-23-34).

Delmar served the town as alderman before the family left Winnett in 1936. He then followed the printing trade in Republic, Washington; Kellogg, Idaho; and Tacoma, Washington, before settling in Shelton, Washington. In 1960 the Coles purchased a stationery and supply store there. They managed the store until their retirement in 1972. Helen, after writing the story of her family's homestead life, died in August of 1988. Delmar continues to live in Shelton. (See also BRADY — Ashley)

COLE, Mrs. Florence Mrs. Florence Cole came to Winnett in July of 1950 in company with Mrs. Margaret Sabbe. The two became the new proprietors of the "Home Cafe." They renamed the business the "Good Eats Cafe."

COLE, Kenneth Kenneth Cole, son of Anna and Klein Cole, was born May 6, 1905, in Springfield, Maine, and while a young boy, came to Montana with his parents (See also COLE — Blakeslee).

In about 1913 Kenny and his mother moved to Winnett, where Anna operated the Bachelor Cafe — one of the first restaurants in Winnett. In the accompanying picture of a 1916 parade, Kenny can be seen leading a steer calf draped with a sign that reads "THIS IS NO BULL — EAT AT THE BACHELOR CAFE." The Bachelor Cafe is barely discernable at the far left.

Kenny attended the Winnett schools and graduated from Winnett High School in 1924. After graduation he worked for Lars Kragrud as clerk in the Winnett Post Office, and also served as deputy county assessor after Petroleum County was formed in 1925.

Bernice Dusschee was born August 31, 1906, in



Caption in story

Portland, Oregon. She graduated from Butte High School in 1924 and from Montana State Normal College in Dillon in 1926. She taught a country school in Powder River County during the 1926-27 term. From 1927 through 1931, she taught in the Winnett Elementary School. Kenny "took a real shine" to the schoolteacher from Butte, Montana, and on July 3, 1930, he and Bee Dusschee were married. Kenny rented the Hoyle Service Station in 1931, later purchasing it. In 1933 he took over the wholesale oil business of the Weiloff Oil Co.

Kenny served 26 years as a state legislator from Petroleum County. He was given many important committee posts, was chairman of the Senate Committee on Committees, was appointed by Governor Aronson to the State Highway Financing Committee, and served on many others. He fought valiantly and won in getting Secondary Route #244, the "cut-off" road to Roundup, placed on the primary Montana State Highway system. He was able to prove that the road benefited 15 or more counties, was used by heavy interstate traffic, and was used by the oil industry, which was carrying on development activity in the county. This action relieved Petroleum County of the financial burden of maintaining 24.7 miles of highway. (See also picture page 524)

While Kenny was busy with all his projects, his wife, Bee, kept herself busy working on all kinds of social concerns both in Winnett and, when they were there, in Helena. She was superintendent and taught in the Methodist Sunday School, was on the church board, was substitute teacher, and, like Kenny, probably served on any other local committee that needed her input. Both she and Kenny were active in Eastern Star, and Kenny, in Mason and Shriner activities. Bee was Montana's Worthy Grand Matron of Eastern Star in 1962-63.

Bee and Kenny were both happy when they could sneak away on a fishing trip. Kenny was an avid hunter and he looked forward each winter to going big game hunting with his friends in places like the Spanish Peaks in

southwest Montana or in the Glacier Park vicinity.

On May 21, 1964, Kenny bought a new Ford delivery truck. It is interesting to note that for his fuel deliveries alone, his old Ford truck had traveled 237,000 miles in eight years — that being an average of 29,625 miles a year.

On July 16, 1966, Coles sold their service station to Robert Coffey and they moved to Great Falls, Montana. They celebrated their 40th anniversary at Klynn's home in Great Falls in 1970. Kenny died October 31, 1970, in Great Falls and was buried in Lewistown City Cemetery. Bee lives in an apartment in Great Falls (1989).

Bee and Kenny raised two children, Luanne and Klynn. Luanne was delivered in the Cole home in Winnett on April 3, 1932. Dr. Alexander delivered her, and Mrs. Grace McAllister was the attending nurse. Luanne graduated from Winnett High School in 1950 and received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Montana State College at Bozeman in 1955, after training in the Deaconess Hospital of Great Falls, Montana. She married Verne Christensen of Westby, Montana. They have three sons — Roger, Kevin and Les.

Klynn graduated from Winnett High School in 1952 and Montana State College with a degree in architecture in 1957. He married Margaret Larson of Grove City, Minnesota, in 1963. They have two daughters, Laurie and Debra. Klynn was architect of the gymnasium, library, and elementary Winnett school addition that was completed in January of 1973.

COLEMAN, John John Coleman bought the Maybelle building in April of 1927 and opened a chili house. Sandwiches and coffee were also served. John Duffy was associated with him in this venture.

COLLIER, L. R. (W.T. 9-11-58) "The H Bar C, formerly Tiff's Bar, and now owned by Harold Hougen of Musselshell, is undergoing a remodeling job which was started Monday.

"The old frame Pastime Parlor (see also HOVER — Winnett) which joins the two-story brick structure, was re-roofed first and will receive new siding, new flooring, and the interior will be refinished. The first floor of the main building will also be completely remodeled with new flooring, new restrooms, new back bar and other improvements.

"Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Collier, who operate the business, make their home on the second floor of the building. The second floor quarters will also be completely remodeled. Wilbur Shomer of Melstone has the contract for the work."

COLLINS, Fred Fred Collins came to Winnett in 1963 as pastor of the Winnett and Grassrange Methodist churches. He and his wife, Mary, had two girls — Ruth and Lois. Fred served for three years. Mary was a capable minister also, and she filled Fred's place in the pulpit on several occasions. Mary also had quite a large class of piano students. The Collinses were the last resident

Methodist minister family as of the year of 1989.

CONRAD, George W. George Conrad was manager of the Grogan-Robinson yard until 1915, when he took charge of the Western Lumber and Grain Company's yard at Teigen. In 1917 he opened the Montana Elevator at Winnett and operated it as manager until July of 1921. At that time, he became associated with the Valley Lumber Company.

Mrs. G. W. Conrad was president of the Winnett Ladies Aid in 1920-21; and, as quoted from the *Winnett Times*, "proved her splendid executive ability . . . and has been equal to any emergency that has arisen."

Mabel, daughter of the Conrads, worked in the First National Bank of Winnett. Byron Conrad was one of the first graduates of Winnett High School in May of 1919. Conrads, accompanied by their older daughter, Mrs. William Griffith, left for San Diego, California, in November of 1921.

COOK, Clifford Clifford Cook sold his ranch in the Dovetail community to Isaac Iverson in the spring of 1960. (See also COOK — Dovetail) Cliff purchased Dunlap's Auto Service, and the name of the garage was changed to Cliff's Auto Service. His wife, Guri, who had been a teacher at the Lone Prairie School, turned book-keeper for the new business. Cliff's son, Tom, was also employed as a mechanic. The business thrived until January of 1967, when fire leveled the building. Cliff did not wish to rebuild. He became a dealer for a new paint, Epoc 5.

Guri was appointed alderman of the east ward of Winnett in June of 1971. She also served as a teacher aide at school, resigning that position in August of 1972.

In July 1987 the children and families of Clifford "Bus" and Guri Cook held an open house in the Masonic Temple in honor of Bus and Guri's fiftieth wedding anniversary. Over 120 people signed the guest book. Bus and Guri's home is at 13 South Lepper Avenue in Winnett (1989).



Guri and "Bus" Cook

COOK, Maurine Maurine Cook of Novary was housekeeper and printer helper for Fr. Aloysius Müller. In 1958 she sold her property, the former residence of Fr. Müller, and moved to Lewistown, Montana, to make her home with her brother. The Winnett Times acquired the equipment of the print shop which Fr. Müller and she had operated for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Phillips bought the real estate.

COOLIE, Vern Vern Coolie came from Britton, South Dakota in 1921 to assist in the management of the Rainbow Cafe.

COON, Marlon Marion Coon operated a Litening gas service station at the east end of Main Street in 1934-1935. (See also COON — Musselshell River)

COONEY, W. J. Mr. Cooney was a businessman who never lived here, and when he came to visit, he made some people very nervous. He was a perfectionist and demanded that his associates be likewise. He was the post office inspector from Helena, Montana. No one ever knew when he was coming. One time there was a new clerk in Winnett. At lunch time when the postmaster was gone, someone tried to get in the back door of the post office, but luckily, it had been barred. This shook the clerk a little bit, but knowing that it was not the proper time for any official to need in that door, she did not open it.

A few minutes later, a well-dressed man, carrying a briefcase stepped up to the post office window. "I'm W. J. Cooney, the post office inspector!" he sternly announced. "I'm here to inspect the office." He walked to the front office door and turned the knob, but the door was locked, so he stepped back to the window; and the clerk, shaking all over by now and wondering if she *should* reach down in that bottom drawer and brandish the dreaded "gat," finally took hold of herself, and in a shaky voice said, "I can't let you in unless you show me your credentials."

Thereupon he displayed his badge and produced his credentials from the valise he carried. He then grinned a grin as wide as the rimrocks, shook the clerk's hand, and said, "That was tough, wasn't it? But you pass." He and the postmaster, who knew him from previous visits, had a good laugh when she arrived back from lunch. He was an excellent and kind, but tough, examiner, who visited all offices and railway station offices in the area.

CORBETT, Ralph Ralph Thomas Corbett was born in Great Falls, Montana, September 21, 1946. He and his parents, Alice and Clyde Corbett, lived in Cascade, Montana, until moving to Tiber Dam from 1953-57. They moved back to Cascade where Ralph graduated from high school in 1964. He was in the U. S. Navy from March 1965 until March 1969. Ralph worked the next four summers for the U. S. Forest Service and attended Montana State University in Bozeman on and off until 1973. He and a friend started a pilot car service.

In the spring of 1974, Ralph went to work for Pete Dobson. He met Carol Ann Schaeffer when she went to

work for the summer at Dobsons. (See also SCHAEFFER — Cat Creek) Late that fall Ralph started working for Ken Welter in the pellet plant. He continued working there for the next 3½ years irrigating, haying, and doing other everyday farm and ranch work, as well as pelleting.

In April 1978 Ralph was hired by Petroleum County to fill the position left open in the county road department by the retirement of Fred Kastner.

On July 29, 1978, Ralph and Carol invited their families and friends to the school section east of Cat Creek to an informal wedding under the cottonwood trees by the Musselshell River.

In December 1979, Ralph and Carol acquired Rudy Glatz's inventory of film and photo supplies and his dealership for film processing. Adding this to what had been a hobby of taking pictures at school games and events, weddings, etc., C & S Photography became a business.

Eagle Rock Camera Club was a fairly active group for several years. It was started by several people interested in learning more about their new cameras. Ralph and Carol had been members of Eagle Rock Camera Club and, as other members' interest faded, Corbetts became involved in the Roundup Photo Club. Having entered their work in the Yellowstone Exhibition, the Central Montana Fair, and the State Fair, they were quite interested when the 4-H fair in Roundup, Montana, began to expand into the Tri-County Roundup. Corbetts and Gerald Bartow of Roundup were named co-chairmen of the photography division of the open class.

As a volunteer fireman, Ralph was part of a crew from Petroleum County that worked on the Hawk Creek fire in the Bull Mountains in August 1984. Carol became an ambulance attendant in the spring of 1985 and that summer was appointed to the public library board.

Ralph became assistant scoutmaster when a troop was started in Winnett again. Bill Zabel, a high school science teacher, was the scoutmaster. When Bill moved from Winnett, Ralph became scoutmaster for two years until the troop decided not to recharter in the fall of 1988.

As an avid hunter and a neighbor of Elmer Grosser, Ralph became part of the hunter education program — first showing some of his slides of wildlife species, then becoming an instructor.

After many changes in plans, in 1987 Corbetts finally began doing black and white darkroom work in their kitchen. Still more plans are in the works to get the darkroom in its own permanent and separate location.

In January of 1988 Ralph was appointed to the Winnett Town Council. He also joined the American Legion.

COTTON, Erwin Jerome (W.T. 8-2-1925) "In this day of divorced flapper wives and sheikish men folks, such nuptial bliss is rare indeed — something for the youngsters to ponder over. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cotton have the distinction of having celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary September 21, 1925. They were married at Marengo, Iowa, and moved to Petroleum County in 1913,

where they filed on a homestead. (See also COTTON — Brush Creek)

"Their five children, all of whom are living, are: Dick Cotton, San Francisco, California; Everett Cotton, Winnett; Mrs. Hardgrove, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Perry, Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Burnam, Jacksonville, Florida. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cotton are well and happy and are blessed with the vigor of middle age. Mr. Cotton has had a blacksmith shop in Winnett for several years and has an extensive business which he conducts himself."

Everett Cotton was a jeweler and ran a jewelry repair shop. He also had a shoe repair shop at the rear of the Rainbow Cafe. In May of 1930, Mrs. Cotton opened a shop for the sale of fancy work and costume jewelry in her son's jewelry repair shop. When Mr. Cotton could no longer operate his blacksmith shop, his son, Richard, took over the business. Mr. Erwin Cotton passed away in September of 1935.

COUGHLIN, Rose Rose Coughlin operated a beauty parlor in a second floor room of the Commercial Hotel. The period was in the 1920s and 1930s. It was the era of marcelling and curling irons. Women, doing their own curling at home, used the chimney of the old kerosene lamp as an iron heater. This was also the beginning of the era of waving lotion and "spit" curls. An economical waving lotion was made by boiling flax seeds in water. The result was a lotion containing all the properties of the commercial bottled product minus perfume and color. Rose's beauty parlor was a boon to those who were not proficient at fixing their own hair. Rose left Winnett in the mid-1930s, returning to Lewistown, Montana.

COWAN, Lyle For one month Lyle Cowan managed and edited the *Winnett Times* when the editor was on vacation in the year of 1924. He had also, at one time, published the *Judith Gap Journal*. Mr. Cowan died December 28, 1927.

COWDERY, Robert Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cowdery and infant son arrived in Winnett in January of 1948. Bob had been hired as a clerk at the Winnett Mercantile Co. A short time later he was hired by the city as town marshal and town water and license collector. The Cowderys left Winnett in October of 1948.

COX, Albert Albert Cox moved to Winnett from the Flatwillow country in the mid-1920s. In 1926 he was elected constable of the town of Winnett, and so served until 1930. Also, in January of 1929, Bill Griebel relinquished his lease of the Aristo Theater. Sam took over the management of the theater until the owner, Mable Towne returned the middle of April 1929. (See also COX — Flatwillow)

COX, Dr. Jack E. Dr. Jack E. Cox was an osteopath of Lewistown. In September of 1932, he opened an office in the Montana Hotel in Winnett. However, because of his increased practice in Lewistown, he was forced to give up his Winnett business in December of 1932.

CRAIG SISTERS Lumber was purchased from the Valley Lumber Co. when the Craig sisters erected a rooming house south of the old Aristo and north of Dan Sommerfield's Harness Shop in 1921.

CREEL AND OPP (See OPP, Arthur)

CREIGHTON, J. L. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Creighton operated a restaurant in Winnett in 1955. Mrs. Creighton was a sister of Mrs. C. V. Allen. Creightons had a daughter, June, who married Curtis West. June and Curtis were divorced, and in November of 1965, June married Robert Kastner. June passed away in January of 1971.

CROMWELL, M. A. Mr. Cromwell was the first superintendent of Winnett High School from 1918-19 to 1919-20. Anne Cromwell, his daughter, was one of the first four high school graduates in 1919.

CRUMBAKER, Oliver Mr. Crumbaker was education advisor for the Winnett Civilian Conservation Corps Camp. There were two children in the family — Alan and Mary Jo. On May 1, 1937, Oliver was transferred to the Belton, Montana, CCC Camp. The family left as soon as the school year ended.

CULLY, B. L. After B. L. was discharged from the Marine Corps, the Cullys moved to Winnett, where Mr. Cully was a mechanic in Dunlap's Auto Service in 1946.

CUMBERLEDGE, Claire "Gumbo" Mr. and Mrs. Claire Cumberledge purchased a three-room house from Grace Waldrop in June of 1961. It was on North Broadway in Block 9. Gumbo was proprietor of the Gusher Bar.

CURTIS, Steven Steven Curtis held a teaching and coaching position at Winnett, where he assumed his duties in the fall of 1988. Steve taught two sections of chemistry to juniors and seniors. He also taught math, science, health and P. E. to the combined 5th and 6th grades. Mr. Curtis coached the Jr. High girls' basketball team to a 11-1 season and the fifth and sixth team to a 4-0 season.

Steve was married in 1958 and has four sons — Barry, Todd, Lance and Kyp. Mr. Curtis graduated from high school at American Falls, Idaho, and received a Master's degree from Idaho State University at Pocatello, Idaho, in Health and P. E., with an emphasis on athletic administration. Steve also has a Bachelor of Science minor in chemistry. Previous training and coaching includes Declo, Idaho, from 1977-1980, and Victor, Montana, from 1980 to 1983. He extended his credentials to Secondary Administration by going to the University of Montana at Missoula. Steve was working off campus on his education specialist degree while teaching and coaching in Winnett in 1988-89. Mr. Curtis remarried in 1984 to Lee Osentowski and has two stepsons, Mark and Paul.

CUSHMAN, Yvonne Yvonne Cushman was a clerk in Waldrop's Winnett Mercantile Store in 1949.

DAHL, Harold and Les Harold became the owner,

and Les the operator of Floyd's Bar in November of 1961. In March of 1962 the bar was leased to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coffey. In March of 1965 it was sold by the Dahls to Lyle Fuller of Glendive.

DALY, Arthur Arthur was born in Meadow, South Dakota. At the age of two years, he moved to Montana with his parents but was left homeless by the age of twelve. He herded sheep and worked on ranches in this area. He enjoyed reading westerns, playing bingo, and dancing. At age 65 he entered the Hillbrook Nursing Home in Clancy, Montana. He died there at age 76 in October of 1985. The following "Farewell to Art Daly" derived from the *Winnett Times* of 10-31-85 bears testimony of his sharing of life:

"Arthur 'Art' Daly had been a resident here at Hillbrook Nursing Home in Clancy, Montana, since 1974. He leaves behind many friends — other residents and employees, and members of the surrounding community. For the most of the eleven years Art spent here, he was a productive member of our little nursing home community. Art acted as our canteen clerk, flag attendant, bingo caller, and occasionally served coffee at the residents' coffee break. Art was an active member of our residents' council. He attended Catholic church services regularly. He was chosen Hillbrook's Man of the Year in 1979 and was a finalist for the honor many times.

"Art was a man in demand at our dances and theatrical productions. He always dreamed of being another Gary Cooper. He enjoyed visiting with people. Art loved to tease. The attention he gave other residents and staff members alike often 'made their day.' This is not to say that Art was perfect, but then we don't know any of us that are. Those of us here at the Hillbrook just wanted you to know him as we knew him.

Sincerely,

-Signed by 34 residents and employees

"A Mass with memorial services was held Wednesday in Hillbrook Nursing Home and burial services were Thursday in the Winnett Cemetery."

DAUM, Gene Gene graduated from Winnett High School in 1957 and went into training in the National Guard. He then became a ranch hand for the 311 Ostler Ranch. In May of 1961 he and Velma Johnson were married. Velma was clerk of the Petroleum county commissioners. Daums lived in the house that had formerly been the office of Dr. J. L. Alexander. Their son, Brad, was born while they lived in Winnett. Daums moved to Helmville, Montana, with the Ostlers in July of 1962. (See also DAUM — Blakeslee and Flatwillow; JOHNSON and RUKAVINA — Musselshell River)

DAVIS, Charles E. In the town meeting of April 1920, the proposition of granting a franchise to Mr. Davis for installing and operating an electric light and power plant was voted down by a vote of 13 against and 7 for.

DAVIS, Claud Claud was one of the highway crew in April of 1929. While unloading culverts, he fractured his

skull. Dr. Alexander gave him first aid until he regained consciousness, then sent Claud to Lewistown on the train.

DAVIS, James Jim Davis married Maryanna (Hamilton) Meserve in 1950. They lived mainly on the ranch until 1965, when they moved to Winnett and started "Davis Trucking." (See also DAVIS — Musselshell River) They are both drivers and were in business until they retired in 1988. They still own their land in the Ashley community and run cattle on it.

Maryanna I. Davis is the daughter of Mrs. Ernest (Clara) Bump. (See also BUMP — Musselshell River) Maryanna married Elwin Lane in 1940, and they had one son, Everett, who graduated from Winnett High School in 1960. Everett lives in Glendive. In 1945 she married George Meserve, and they had a daughter, Anna Marie, who lives in Billings. Jim and Maryanna have three children — Guyla, Clara and Wesley. These children all graduated from Winnett High School. Guyla Roberts lives in Lewistown; Clara Harris and family live in Winnett (See also HARRIS — Winnett); Wesley lives in Billings.

Maryanna worked for several years as Clerk of the Winnett Post Office, and later was postmaster at Cat Creek for several years.

DAVIS, M. G. South of the high school on Moulton Ave., Mr. Davis maintained a sand supply for plastering and concrete purposes in 1921.

DAVIS, Mildred Mildred worked as a clerk in the Marti Brothers new confectionery store in 1921. (See also DAVIS — Teigen)

DAWES, Harry The family made their home in Winnett in 1921.

DAYTON, Fred Mr. Dayton came to Winnett from Newcastle, Wyoming, in 1921. He was interested in building construction.

DEHNERT, Gus Gus worked for the Montana Lumber and Hardware Co. in 1921.

DELANEY, Ed Ed and Gladys Delaney and family moved from North Dakota to Montana in 1946 and settled at Christina, Montana. After three years they moved to the Beedie Ranch (the original Eschleman Ranch) about ten miles north of Teigen, Montana, and then to the Vic Stromnes Ranch.

In the spring of 1956, Gladys was chosen by the Winnett School Board to complete the term of Ethel Gullickson as the school's hot lunch cook. Gladys was rehired for the next school term, and due to her expertise as cook, was named as an instructor in a state-sponsored school lunch workshop held in September of 1959. She served as cook through the 1959-60 year. At the end of that time, the Delaneys moved back to the Stromnes Ranch and later moved into the town of Grassrange, Montana, where Gladys died. Ed is now in a nursing home in Lewistown, Montana (1989).

Two sons were born to Ed and Gladys — Raymond and Richard. Richard attended Winnett High School and

graduated in 1960. He married Karen Nelson of Grassrange, and they have ranched and been in construction work. Richard and Karen have two sons — Troy and Brian, both attending the Grass Range School.

DENTON, W. L. Mr. Denton was made manager of the local Frantz oil office in September of 1921.

DEVAULT, Mrs. This lady was a soloist and active music leader in the Methodist Church choir in 1921.

DEVOILE, Louis J. and Duke Formerly of the Turf Barbershop in Billings, Louis became the proprietor of the Winnett Barbershop in early 1948. The former Doughty schoolhouse was moved into Winnett and placed in Block 9 North Broadway for both the DeVoiile residence and a paint shop, as Louis DeVoiile was also a professional painter. His profession took care of a long-time void in this community.

Louis "Shorty" was also a veteran entertainer. He and his son, Duke, often entertained in the community with rhythm tap dancing. Shorty also instructed some school students in the art, charging nothing for his services. He coached the Winnett merchants' softball team.

Duke, a twenty-three-year-old veteran of World War II, brought fame to Winnett athletic circles, when on July 1, 1948, he was signed to play baseball with a New York Giants' farm club.

DEVOS, Mrs. Leslie Mrs. Leslie DeVos taught fifth and sixth grades along with art during the 1988-89 school year. She taught various grades in her four years at Winnett. Leslie was raised at Butte, Montana, and graduated from Butte High School. She formerly taught at Butte Central High School. Leslie is married with two daughters — Jaymee, a student at Montana Tech in Butte (1989); and Petra, a student at Winnett High School (1989). Leslie is an artist and illustrator and is currently involved in a project illustrating poems of Robert Frost.

DEWAN, Joe Joe Dewan lived in Winnett in the mid-1930s and worked for George Waldrop in the Winnett Mercantile. He had come to the Grassrange, Montana, area in 1915. His final years were spent at the Joe Grogan Ranch near Grassrange, where he passed away August 23, 1966, at the age of 85 years.

DICKSON, Minnie Minnie worked in Lil's Cafe in Winnett in 1949. That was the same year in which she discarded the old car she had driven for fourteen years. She stated that she could drive her new car better if she could only remember that the shift was on the wheel instead of on the floor!

During a ten-year period, no record could be found on Minnie. However, on October 15, 1960, she returned to Winnett to cook in the Stockman Cafe. In December of 1963, "Minnie Dickson Day" was held at the Stockman Cafe. Minnie was retiring and moving to Lewistown.

DICKSON, William E. William Dickson and Iva Della Haney were married in Great Falls, Montana. They came to Winnett in the very early years of the town's existence

and were believed to have been the builders of Winnett's first Aristo Theater. That building was on the corner of East Main and South Broadway Avenue, and was later to become a store for Eagers and the home for the Love Bird Cafe. The Dicksons built a new home on South Moulton Avenue, and were the proprietors of the theater.

The Dicksons were especially interested in providing good entertainment for young people. Once a year, they invited all the school children to a free movie and furnished them with ice cream. This was believed to have been the most elaborate free entertainment given students in the state of Montana.

As the population of the town and community increased with the discovery of oil, the need for a larger theater became apparent. Dicksons met the demand and a new site was chosen one block west on West Main Street.

(W.T. 11-4-21) "The new Aristo theater, which will open to the public Saturday, November 12, is a credit to a city of 50,000 people. The modern fireproof building is rapidly reaching completion and will open with a feature photoplay and dance by the American Legion, with Fletcher Bros. orchestra of Roundup, Montana, furnishing the music.

"The new structure is located on Main Street and stands as a monument to the progressiveness of the proprietor, W. E. Dickson, in his effort to keep abreast of the times. The building is 48' by 112' in size and entirely of brick and tile with a stucco front and brick trimmings.

"The front portion of the building is divided into two retail areas. The Aristo confectionery store will occupy the east room which is 20' by 30' with a full plate glass front. The west room will be rented for store or office purposes. To the rear of the ticket booth, and with a door opening to the hall, is a restroom for the convenience of the public. The large auditorium is entered through wide doors from the spacious hallway. The auditorium has a hardwood maple floor and a dome metal ceiling. Five hundred and fifty people can be comfortably seated in this portion of the building.

"The gallery to the rear, with an elevated floor has a seating capacity of 200. With its tasty decorations it lends a handsome appearance to the interior of the huge structure. Next to the wall in the center of the gallery is the picture machine booth which has been pronounced fireproof, and has met with federal and state requirements. The spacious stage is 28' by 48' and is completely equipped with curtains and modern scenery. Located in the cement basement is the heating plant which will furnish steam heat for the building.

"The massive edifice is a credit to the city of Winnett. It has a total seating capacity of 750 and with a little crowding, half that number again can be accommodated. It was erected at a cost of over \$25,000 and a large number of seats and much other apparatus will be added to the present equipment."

(W.T. 12-9-21) "Manager Dickson of the Aristo has con-

ceived a novel method of raising funds to build a sidewalk from the schoolhouse to Main Street. All the proceeds of the show on the evening of Wednesday, December 13, will be toward that purpose. The regular admission — 15 cents, 25 cents, and 35 cents — will be charged."

On October 1, 1925, the Dicksons sold the Aristo and its complete contents to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dugan. The Unique Cafe, which they had also operated in Winnett, was leased. The cafe burned April 15, 1927. The Dicksons moved to Lemmon, South Dakota.

In Lemmon, South Dakota, Dicksons operated a restaurant and two theaters — the Aristo and the Grand. Mr. Dickson died in 1937. Mrs. Dickson then disposed of the two theaters, giving her undivided attention to the operation of the Aristo Lunch. While visiting with her sons and the employees and making plans to attend a basketball game, Mrs. Dickson suffered a massive stroke and passed away in February of 1938. (For more on the Aristo, see also DUGAN, TOWNE, GRIEBEL, COX, HAFER, MORTON)

DILLEY, Leslie Dilleys came to Winnett from Kalispell. Mr. Dilley was employed in the Town Tavern on August of 1946.

DILSON, Tom (W.T. 11-4-21) "Curving around the east end of the rimrock, you will find a lone grave marked with a slab of the eagle sandstone hued from the rimrock. The slab marks the last resting place of Tom Dilson, who drowned in about 12 inches of water while crossing McDonald Creek below the Winnett Ranch on Decoration Day, May 30, 1913.

"Dilson had been herding a band of lambs east of the rimrock for W. J. Winnett and inasmuch as there was no drinking water in that vicinity, he was in the habit of coming to the ranch when thirsty. There was a six-inch log across the creek north of the bridge which was often used for crossing, rather than walking around to the bridge. After securing his drink of water, Dilson returned and crossed by way of the log.

"He was missed the next day, and in searching for him, two boys found his herding stick by the log across the creek. They waded in to where there was a deep hole, and there, diving, brought the body to the surface. Dilson was subject to epileptic seizures and it was thought that he was overcome by one as he was crossing, and falling in the shallow water, drowned. A sister in Kentucky was notified of his death."

DINSDALE, Tim Mr. and Mrs. Tim Dinsdale lived in a mobile home in Winnett when they came to work for Wayne Bratten in July of 1973. They had three children. One was of school age.

DIXON, Alexander Alexander Dixon (1875), of New York City, and Hattie Hulda Beach (1877), of Elk County, Kansas, were married in Roundup, Montana in 1912. Hattie had previously homesteaded in the Flatwillow area. Their small son, Calbert Harvey, died in about 1921 and was buried in the Shay Cemetery near Cat Creek.

Their daughter, Josephine (1915), related some family history:

"My father, Al Dixon, worked for Thomas and Jimmy Cruse at the N Bar Ranch near Grassrange. He also worked one summer for Walter J. Winnett. "I attended first, third and fourth grades at the Brown School near Cat Creek. Teachers were Miss Bowen and Miss Biddle. The Carrell, Garrison and Gotzinger girls were some who attended the Brown School. I stayed with the Snyder family when I was in second grade and attended the Cat Creek School.

"My family moved to Flatwillow Creek to the Berkin Ranch in about 1925 and then to Becket to the Spangler Ranch which my father purchased. I finished the eighth grade at Becket and went to Fergus County High School." (Ed. The Winnett hospital news of the *Winnett Times* of March 1924 reported that "Alexander Dixon from Cat Creek was the first person admitted to the newly-opened hospital.) Josephine married Elmer Morse and lives in California. (See also DIXON — Blakeslee and Cat Creek)

DOHERTY, Charles Charles was a newspaper man even before entering the Army in World War I. He served overseas in France and later in the Army of occupation in Germany for eighteen months. Charles Doherty and C. E. Palmer came to Winnett as publishers and editors of the *Winnett Times* in May of 1921. Their hometown paper of Killdeer, North Dakota, presented them to residents of Winnett with the following article from the *Killdeer Herald* (Reprinted W.T. 5-13-21) "Messrs. Doherty & Palmer of the *Winnett (Mont.) Times* were busy in the city the first of the week crating and shipping most of the better part of the Tribune equipment owned by Mr. Palmer, to the new location among the oil fields. Both the boys are former

Dunn Countyites who left their business to enter the service of their country. They are among the best printers and general all around newspaper men in the state, and the city of Winnett will have to hustle to live up to the kind of paper they will run after they get their stride.

"They were both born in this state, and we can assure our Montana brethren that when it comes to pep, punch and zip, they'll have to travel some to keep these boys in sight. Go to it fellows: we're all for you back here; pass out the old stuff, and all the folks out there will have to do is just join in the procession and 'Watch Winnett Win.' "

Charles was owner and manager of the *Winnett Times* until September of 1931. At that time he turned the management of the weekly paper over to Delmar Cole, who had been assisting him for about a year. The Dohertys moved to Missoula, where Charles established an independent weekly newspaper. He continued to be editor of the *Winnett Times*, in absentia, until January of 1933. Son Pat was born in Winnett in 1929, and he was joined by two sisters, Catharine Clara and Mary, who were born in Missoula. Charles died of a heart attack at his home in Missoula on May 22, 1958.

DOHERTY, Vern Vern was a nephew of Charles Doherty and worked for him at the *Winnett Times* offices. Vern and Irene Cox were married on April 20, 1929 (See also COX — Cat Creek).

DOMAN, William William Doman and Lillian Sibbert were married December 31, 1946. (See also SIBBERT — Teigen) They later moved into Winnett, where their only son, Donniss, attended school. In Winnett Lillian was a member of the following organizations: Rimrock Chapter #82 Order of Eastern Star, Nicol Rebekah Lodge, Victory Camp Royal Neighbors of America, and American Legion Auxiliary.

Although a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Lewistown, she faithfully served for many years as musician for the Winnett Methodist Church. Lillian was very helpful to a young choral group in their practicing to sing for church or other gatherings. She was also musician for all of the other organizations to which she belonged. When she passed away May 20, 1966, friends sadly missed her cheerful friendliness and her freely-shared musical ability. (See also DOMAN — Flatwillow)

DOUGLAS, William E. Mr. Douglas, although not a resident, was well known in Winnett. He had been engineer on the Milwaukee run from Lewistown for many years. He made his regular run to Winnett on Thursday before he was stricken with a coronary thrombosis on Saturday, May 1, 1943. He died the next day in St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewistown, Montana.

DUFFNER, A. B. Mr. Duffner lived in Winnett in the 1950s. A kindly man, he was often called upon to help with the dairy cows at the Rimrock Dairy. On one occasion, one of the dairy's highest producing cows became bogged in McDonald Creek. Who would help? Mr. Duffner, of course. He had just returned from a business trip



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to Billings, but went right to work in rescuing the cow. He jumped into the creek, suit pants and all, and as his tie dipped in the water, affixed a harness and sling to the cow. She was then harmlessly lifted from the muck with a farm-hand machine.

On another occasion, and on a bitter cold night, Ernest Freburg was sick and help was needed. Of course, Mr. Duffner again!! One of the cows had two frozen teats, and although her milk couldn't be used, she still had to be hand milked. He was offered the use of the kickers (a device by which the cows hind legs are hobbled), but he declined the use of them. "No," he said, "Georgie (the cow) and I will get along all right!" With grease on his hands, he "stripped her dry," only offering her kindly words when she twitched with pain.

The Freburg family has a memory of him looking and acting like Abraham Lincoln. (See also DUFFNER — Musselshell River)

DUGAN, James A. James A. Dugan was born January 18, 1876. At some time in his life he was married to Mable Catlin, daughter of the Catlins of the Ashley community. The two of them were active in Masonic and Eastern Star circles and the Methodist Church. Mable was the first secretary of the first Ladies Aid of that denomination. Formerly a member of Captain Scott Lodge of Grassrange, James became a member of the local Masonic Lodge in December of 1917. He was a barber in Winnett at that time.

In November of 1921 James built a new barbershop on his lot directly east of the Brummett Land Office. October of 1925 found the Dugans buying the Aristo Theater after having leased it for nearly four years. They also bought all the furniture, equipment and fixtures.

From about that time on, Mable Dugan is in the news as Mable Towne. In the disastrous fire of 1929, Mable Towne lost the Love Bird Cafe which she owned, but which was operated at that time by Dorothy Bowen. Local residents remember the west window of that building. There was a cage with a pair of love birds in it. (See also TOWNE — Winnett)

DUNCAN, William The Duncan family came to Winnett from Melstone in about 1922. Mr. Duncan was an employee of the Weowna Refinery. Mrs. Duncan died in the Lewistown hospital December 30, 1922. Daughter Etha Duncan married Clarence Peterson in Lewistown on September 15, 1923. She had formerly attended Winnett High School.

DUNHAM, Delmar Delmar C. Dunham was born November 2, 1916, in Verona, North Dakota. He was a son of Charles A. Dunham and Elsie A. (Gilman) Dunham and had one brother, Merrill G. Dunham. Ida R. Rykels was born December 5, 1918, in Manhattan, Montana. She was a daughter of Sam Rykels and Grace (Kelder) Rykels. She had one brother, John, and two sisters, Jeanette and Grace.

Delmar C. Dunham came to Winnett in 1940 and taught

shop, math, science, and music in Winnett High School for five years. Ida R. Rykels taught the third and fourth grades for three years. Delmar and Ida met and married while teaching in Winnett. They left Winnett in 1945, when Delmar entered the Navy. After Delmar's discharge from the Navy, the Dunhams moved to Troy, Montana. They taught school there, with Ivan Hodges as their superintendent. Delmar and Ida had two sons, Kenneth D. and Robert A. The Dunhams taught school in Troy until 1961, when they moved to Laurel, Montana, to teach. They both retired in 1978.

Delmar shares some of his memories: "Of the 38 years I spent in teaching, the five I spent in Winnett rank as the best. It was an excellent place for a beginning teacher to get started in community affairs, develop student-teacher relationships, and gain many friends. The way the parents entered into and backed school affairs was something quite new to me. Along with the school affairs, I enjoyed hunting, fishing, group picnics, dances and other activities available. The friendships of the students are still remembered.

"Of course, the addition of Ida Rykels to the teaching staff was the most important event in our lives, and our years spent there in church work, lodge activities, and community social events were wonderful." Ida shares her memories: "We will always remember our years of teaching in Winnett as some of the most enjoyable ones. The friendship and community spirit of the Petroleum County people will never be forgotten.

"I do remember when I first came to Winnett. After spending a good part of the day 'shunting' back and forth on the train, I finally arrived in Winnett to be met by a big coiled rattlesnake on the station platform. Then the next morning when I was walking to Mother's Cafe for breakfast, a jackrabbit was running down the street in front of me. If there had been a train going back to Lewistown the next day, I think I might have been very tempted to be on it. But then, I met some of the other teachers, including Delmar, and things began to improve really soon.

"Delmar and I both still chuckle over a church service (Methodist) we attended in Winnett. The minister gave a real 'pulpit-pounding' sermon on the evils of liquor. The only two men there were Delmar and Ivan Hodges and neither would be classified as drinkers."

DUNHAM, Luclen Lou Dunham, wife Susan, and children — Courtney, Graham, and Nathan "Nate" arrived in Winnett during the summer of 1988. Lou had been chosen as principal and science instructor in the Winnett school system for the 1988-89 year. He also taught elementary physical education and was coach of junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball.

Suzy was born and raised, and received her education in Reno, Nevada. Lou was born and raised in Billings and received his education at Catholic elementary and Billings Central High schools. He attended the University of Nevada at Reno, received his degree in education from

Eastern Montana College, and his master's degree from Montana State University at Bozeman.

Lou had previously taught or been in administrative positions at St. Labre, Ashland, Terry, Frenchtown, and Shepherd — all in Montana. The Dunhams lived in the original Lengeman home at 15 North Lepper Avenue, and were very much involved in one of the most interesting activities of the community — basketball!

DUNLAP, Fred After fire had destroyed the Catlin Garage building in December of 1938, the Fred Dunlaps of Cat Creek decided to move to Winnett and take over the Conoco business formerly handled by Vane Catlin. Fred moved a small structure onto the same site as the former building on East Main and east of the Montana Lumber and Hardware Co. He installed gas pumps and carried a full line of Conoco products. The station was named Dunlap's Auto Service.

The Dunlaps (Fred, wife Nora, and children — Clyde, Mary Ann, and Shirley) moved into the original Rasmussen house at 10 South Ashley Avenue, later moving into the Hillius house at 101 North Ashley.

In December of 1940, Fred bought the Broadway Garage from Velma Merten. That year he also was awarded the contract for hauling the mail to and from the post office and depot. On August 1, 1941, Fred closed Dunlap's Auto Service and moved all equipment and Conoco supplies to the former Broadway Garage. An internal fire caused some damage in July of 1945.

There was a new car on the market — the Kaiser-Frazer — and in August of 1946, Fred became the dealer for this district. In June of 1960 the Dunlaps sold their garage to Clifford "Bus" Cook. They retired and moved to Billings in 1961. They moved to Lewistown in 1978. Fred passed away there in August of 1980; Nora, in October of 1985. Both were buried in Sunset Memorial Gardens of Lewistown.

The Dunlaps were parents of three daughters — Edith (Fred's daughter by a former marriage), Mary Ann, and Shirley — and one son, Clyde. Clyde married Helen Nelson and they have lived in Billings, where Clyde worked for L. P. Anderson Tire Co. They were the parents of four children — Luke, Dean, Janice, and Connie.

Mary Ann married Gale Dorn, a long-time officer of Northwestern Bank of Lewistown. They were parents of five children — Diana, Debra, Karrie, Don and James. Shirley married Clinton Woodford. They had one son, William. They were divorced. Shirley later married Matt Carroll, who already had a family. Between them they were the parents of eleven children. (See also DUNLAP — Cat Creek)

DUNLAP, Oscar E. Mr. Dunlap was general manager of the White Transportation Co. Fire destroyed one of his large White trucks in 1921.

DUNN, Art Art was a candidate for Petroleum County Clerk and Recorder in 1924 but lost the election by only a few votes. He was appointed to take the Jeffersonian

(agricultural) census during the winter of 1924 and 1925. Also, in 1925, Art was chosen as one of Petroleum County's field assessors. He had formerly been a Ford car salesman in Winnett.

DUNN, James (W.T. 7-15-21) "Winnett's first fire was a small affair, but served to draw out a large crowd of volunteer fire fighters who could do nothing but volunteer. A small one-room frame house owned by James Dunn on west Main Street was set afire Friday night by the explosion of a kerosene lamp."

DUNN, Pat (W.T. 6-24-21) "Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dunn and Clarence Miller left last Monday for Wyoming where they will make their future home."

DURHAM, Sidney Before coming to Winnett as town marshal and maintenance man in March of 1984, Sid and his wife, Carolyn, had worked for Alex Weingart Jr. and Norris W. "Pete" Dobson. Previous to that Sid had been a mechanic for 18 years in Iowa.

Carolyn assumed the position of editor of the *Winnett Times*, October 15, 1984. The Durhams left Winnett in the fall of 1985.

EAGER, Elmer Elmer Eager was born March 20, 1877, in Central City, Nebraska. His parents owned a general mercantile store in Beaver Crossing, Nebraska. Elmer came to Billings in 1896 and worked in Yegen Brothers store for a time. From there he went to Alaska for about a year, where one of his jobs was chopping wood. He received five dollars a cord, and was able to chop about 1½ cords a day.

Elmer returned to Nebraska where he was married and had one daughter, Nell, born December 24, 1900. He operated a bank in western Nebraska. After his first wife died, he married Lillie Schmehr (born September 23, 1883, in Utica, Nebraska) at Beaver Crossing, Nebraska.

The following are excerpts from an article written by Mrs. Charles Gilfeather and printed in the *Winnett Times* of May 18, 1950: "Back in 1914, Mr. and Mrs. Eager owned and operated a large general store at Beaver Crossing, Nebraska, when they sent a long-time employee, Pratt Woodard, to investigate business possibilities in this part of Montana, where Mr. Woodard was somewhat familiarized. Mr. Woodard deemed the infant settlement in a rapidly settling homesteaders' region a worthwhile business location, and he bought a lot for Mr Eager at the auction of lots of the original townsite of Winnett. He superintended the construction of a building on the lot; the building now is the Catholic church on the west part of Winnett's Main Street.

"Some of the stock for the new store was sent from Nebraska; and Mr. and Mrs. Woodard opened and ran the store until April 1916, when Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eager and three young children arrived in Winnett. Woodard continued in the Eagers' employ for some years and also homesteaded near town. (See also WOODARD — Brush Creek and Winnett)

"The first location of the store was considered a bit too