

MR. AND MRS. EILERT SMORDAHL

Eilert Smordahl came to Almont in 1924 from Bergen, Norway. He worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad. His wife, Martha, and daughter, Ella, arrived from Norway in 1925. They lived in the Curlew area until 1948 when he died. From 1948 to 1957 Mrs. Smordahl worked in Glendive, MT, moving to Burlington in 1957 where she lives with her son-in-law and daughter.

Their daughter, Ella, graduated from Almont High School and Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis in 1945. She worked at the N.P. Hospital in Glendive from January 1946 to October 1948, when she moved to Sedro Woolley, WA. March 15, 1949, she married Adolph Sorestad and they live in Burlington, WN. They have one son, Allen, married to Laurie Christianson and a granddaughter, Kristiane Marie, born Nov. 26, 1980. Allen is a football coach and teacher.

ANTON AND CLARA STAUDENMAIER FAMILY

The Anton and Clara Staudenmaier family moved from Wathena, KS, to their farm on the Heart River in 1915. They bought the Heart River Hotel farm from the Home Seakers Land Co. in 1902 with the profits from a berry crop. The family still owns the farm; it is located about two miles down river from the old Amund Johnson Ranch. They moved to Marionette,

WI, in 1921. Anton Staudenmaier died in 1950; his wife in 1963.

They had eight children: Louis, a lawyer, banker and legislator in Wisconsin; wife, Hildegard; four children; Louis died in 1980. Fred and Marion are dairy farmers in Marionette, WI; 12 children. Rev. Wilbert is a Roman Catholic priest in Appleton, WI; organized Kun-Ager Corp. in 1976. Ralph has an insurance agency in Marionette. Agnes became Sister Mary Staudenmaier, O.P. Dominican Nun. Henrietta married John Warchol, they live in Marionette. Robert, born on the Heart River, died in 1972. Franklin, also born on the North Dakota farm married Margie; 4 sons and they live in Menominee, WI.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY STEVES

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steves moved to Almont community with their family, Pearl, Henry, Jenny and Bell, from South Dakota. Their farm was located about one mile northwest of the farm where John Hegels lived.

In 1923 they moved to Wing where he drove the city dray. Henry worked for the N.P.R.R. as a section man until 1930 and then farmed north of Wing.

Bell was married to Jay Kiets March 5, 1930; after his death she moved to St. Paul until she passed away at the age of 75. Pearl lived in Montana and has been dead for a number of years. Jenny married Henry Showers and lived in St. Paul.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Steves passed away and are buried in the Wing Cemetery with their son, Henry.

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THEODORE AND ANNA STILER



Theodore and Anna Stiler

Anna and Theodore Stiler and their two-year-old son, Myron, came to North Dakota from Cottonwood, MN, in 1909. They brought with them in a railroad car their furniture, some machinery and a cow. They settled on a homestead nine miles south of Almont and farmed the homestead for 58 years. Mrs. Stiler taught 33 terms of school in Morton and Grant counties. They retired and moved into town.

Their four children are: Myron Stiler, Oakland, CA (deceased June 1976); Mrs. Andy (Stella) Tibor, Trotters, ND; Mrs. Arnold (Florence) Olson, Forsyth, MT, and Mrs. Lawrence (Goldie) Renner who with her husband and six children settled in Almont where Lawrence is a mail carrier. The Renner children are: Mrs. Tharen (Mary) Kilen, Rte. 1, Mandan, ND; Larry, Bismarck, ND; Daniel, Bismarck, ND; Thomas, who passed away in 1970; Mrs. Dean (Kathy) Bachler, Almont, ND, and Julie, at home.

Theodore Stiler passed away in 1968 and Mrs. Stiler passed away Dec. 7, 1975.

DAGMAR AND JIM STOECKEL

Dagmar Pederson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Pederson, and Jim Stoeckel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stoeckel, started first grade together and graduated from the Almont High School class of 1931. Dagmar attended Bismarck Commercial College after which she was employed by the Federal Relief Administration in Mandan, and later at the Northern Great Plains Experiment Station. Jim was a student at the State School of Science at Wahpeton and at Valley City Teacher's College after which he worked at Black's Men's Store in Fargo, ND. They



Dagmar & Jim Stoeckel

were married June 28, 1936, in Mandan by Rev. G.W. Stewart at the Presbyterian Manse. They made their home in Almont for five years (1936-1941) where Jim was employed at the C.E. Kelsven Store and later at the Almont Lumber Co.

Jim was active in Boy Scouts and basketball and Dagmar was captain of the Girl Scouts during which time the troop went to Yellowstone Park.

In 1941 their daughter, Mary Ann, was born in Bismarck. The same year they moved to California where Jim had accepted a position with Lockheed Corp. in Burbank. They have made their home in California except for four years spent in Sheridan, OR, where Jim was a partner with C.E. Kelsven in a Western Auto Store. A son, James Jr., was born in Oregon in 1948. Mary Ann graduated from Redlands University and UCLA and is an English teacher. She resides with her husband, Attorney Leland Tipton, and their two adopted daughters in Cerritos, CA. James attended Glendale College and graduated from the University of California, Sacramento. He is employed at Beam Products Co. in Los Angeles.

Jim is retired from Lockheed and Dagmar from Bell Telephone Co. They have made their home in La Crescenta, CA, for the past 18 years.

LOUIS J. STOECKEL FAMILY



Louis J. Stoeckel family

Louis J., son of States Attorney L.W. Stoeckel and Christina Helfter of Watertown, SD, was born in Osage, IA, Aug. 2, 1877. He graduated from high school at Raymond, SD.

Rose, daughter of John S. Rick and Mary Perrong, was born Feb. 20, 1882, in Chicago, IL. Her father was manager of Unity Savings Bank in Chicago. At the time of his death he was County Judge at Seaside, OR.

Louis Stoeckel and Rose Rick were married by the Rev. Father P.J. Coffery April 21, 1909. Mr. Stoeckel had been a conductor on the Intermountain Railway at Denver, CO, until he accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Chase Elevator and Lumber Co. in Almont in 1909.

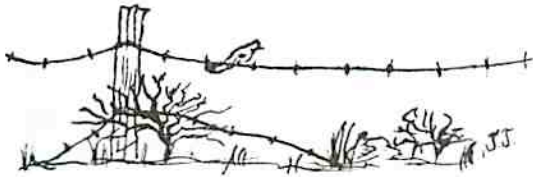
Mr. and Mrs. Stoeckel came as newlyweds to Almont, built a home and raised their family here. Mr. Stoeckel was associated with the Almont Lumber

Co. for 38 years. He served as treasurer of the village board for several years; Mrs. Stoeckel was on the executive board of the first Red Cross Auxiliary organized in Almont. Through the years they were members of St. Leopold's Catholic Church.

Mr. Stoeckel passed away June 1947 in Bismarck following an eye operation; Mrs. Stoeckel died Dec. 12, 1966, in Glendora, CA.

Their children are: Georgia, retired teacher, West Covina, CA; James L., retired supervisor from Lockheed Corp., CA, who resides in La Crescenta, CA, with his wife, Dagmar; Ethel Sullivan of Whitehall, MT; Genevieve of West Covina, and a daughter, Virginia, passed away in infancy.

There are three grandchildren: Mary Ann (Stoeckel) Tipton of Cerritos, CA; James L. Jr., of La Crescenta, CA, and Dennis Sullivan of Whitehall, MT.



EUGENE STOLBERG FAMILY



John, David and Mable

Gene and Delores Stolberg with daughters, Julia and Vera, taken in Alaska

Eugene was born in Flasher in 1935 and graduated from Flasher High and from Wahpeton. He moved to Oregon where he attended George Fox College and Oregon College of Education. He married Delores Hinkle in 1958.

They moved to Alaska in 1960 and taught in various villages and in Anchorage. Gene also worked on road construction near Palmer and on the North Slope. Two daughters, Julia and Vera, were born in Alaska. The family became guardians to David, Mable and John Mouse in 1974. These children are Eskimos of the Kobuk River group.

Almont became the home of the Stolbergs in October of 1977. They bought the Pete Thorson place next to Lawrence's Leather Shop. In Almont the Gene Stolberg family has been active in the Wesleyan Church, school activities, 4-H, Christian Youth Crusaders, and the Almont Homemakers Club. Gene has been employed by the Rolin Manufacturing Company of New Salem.

LAWRENCE STOLBERG

Lawrence was born in Lafayette, MN, Jan. 28, 1905. He moved to Mandan with his parents in 1909 and in 1910 his father and mother, Louis and Julia Holmquist Stolberg, took a homestead nine miles north of Flasher. In 1923 Lawrence moved to Kenmare and worked there.

On Jan. 28, 1933, he married Elsie Nygren of Flasher. They farmed and had two sons, Louie and Eugene, from 1933 to 1940. Lawrence and his brother, Ruben, formed a truck line from 1940 to 1942. The Flasher Farmer's Union Truck Line was managed by Lawrence from 1942 to 1947. From 1947 until 1955 he operated a house-moving company in Flasher.



Lawrence Stolberg

Lawrence and Elsie moved to Mandan in 1955 when he became an instructor in the State Industrial School until 1965 and at the Bismarck Junior College, vocational division, until his retirement in 1970. Elsie worked at the Coop Store in Mandan until her death in 1963.

From 1970 until 1975 Lawrence operated Lawrence's Leather Shop on the strip. In 1975 he moved his shop to Almont. In Almont he was a member of

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the Commercial Club and an avid supporter of the North Dakota High School Rodeo Association. He made prizes for each winner in the high school championship rodeo each year. He enjoyed encouraging the Almont Rodeo participants of all ages and their friendship was very important to him until his death Oct. 30, 1980.

MR. AND MRS. CLEON STRIEGEL



Brad, Susan, Cleon, Audrey and Mark Striegel

Cleon Striegel, son of Nick G. and Gladys Striegel, was born Feb. 3, 1930, at Morrystown, SD. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years. On Oct. 8, 1954, he married Audrey Ritz and started farming 15 miles southeast of Almont about 1955.

Audrey Ritz, daughter of Claude and Minnie Ritz, was born in Flasher, ND, on Jan. 15, 1934. She graduated from Almont High School, attended Jamestown College and worked several years in Bismarck, ND.

Cleon and Audrey lived on their farm until 1975 when they sold it and moved to Montana. Cleon is presently employed with the Boise Cascade Builders, Laurel, MT. They live at Boyd, MT.

Cleon and Audrey have five children: Mark, born July 30, 1955; Dennis, born May 7, 1957, and passed away in 1970; Brad, born May 20, 1959, and Susan, born on April 24, 1961. At present Mark is employed by a building contractor in Billings, MT; Brad and Susan are attending college at Bozeman, MT.

MR. AND MRS. RALPH TAVIS

Ralph Tavis and Pearl Nilles were married Oct. 21, 1930, at Sacred Heart Church in Glen Ullin, ND. Pearl



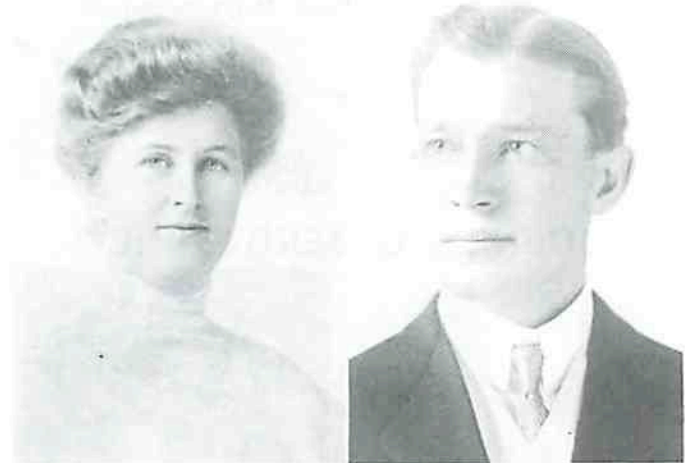
Ralph & Pearl Tavis

was born July 10, 1910, on a homestead near Burt, ND, the daughter of Nicholas and Lettie (Ross) Nilles. She started her schooling in Burt and from then on attended different schools, the last being the public school in Glen Ullin. She worked in the Coffee Shop in Glen Ullin, where she met Ralph Tavis. He operated the Tavis Coal Mine, located a few miles north of Glen Ullin, where he lived. The son of A.L. Tavis, Glen Ullin, ND, he was born Aug. 25, 1900.

After their marriage, they lived at the coal mine and in 1937 they adopted a girl, Jackie, and her brother, Joseph Gary. When it was time for Jackie to start school in 1938, they moved their little shack into Glen Ullin. Ralph continued to work in the coal mine and Pearl worked in the Coffee Shop until 1948 when they purchased the cafe in Almont and moved there. Ralph passed away in 1971 and Pearl is still proprietor of the Tavis Cafe.

Jackie married John Hulm. They live in Bismarck and have two sons, David and Ricky. Gary married Joanne Heid and they have three children, Debbie, Lori and Joseph. They live in Minot, ND.

MR. AND MRS. E.E. TEMPLETON



Louise Luzine Marie Seba Templeton · Egbert Edwin Templeton
Wedding photos · June 24, 1908

E.E. Templeton came to western North Dakota in the fall of 1904 with a group of Iowa men to check the possibilities of this new country. He bought land and filed on a homestead one mile south of the present city of Carson, ND.

In 1906 the Heart River Land Company of St. Paul employed Mr. Templeton to be their fieldman to look after their interests in Morton County. At this time Almont was developing and the land company office was moved from Sims to Almont.

Mr. Templeton was appointed Almont's first postmaster and acted in that capacity from 1906 to 1912, resigning at that time to join Jens Nelson in forming the Nelson-Templeton Implement Company.

On June 24, 1908, he married Miss Lucy Seba of

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Sanborn, IA. They resided in Almont until the fall of 1959, when they moved to Bismarck. Mr. Templeton was born March 12, 1881, near Monroe, Marion Co., IA, and passed away in July 1966. Mrs. Templeton was born Feb. 14, 1883, at Remsen, Plymouth Co., IA, and passed away in May 1967.



Lucille, Lois, Dorothy, Mary, Yvonne and Gordon Templeton

The Templetons had seven children, all born in Almont. Lucile (Mrs. Ben Frelleson), Bismarck, ND; Lois B. Kuns, Bismarck, ND; Dorothy (Mrs. Harry Bettencourt), Concord, CA; Mary M. Templeton, Oakland, CA; Yvonne (Mrs. R.E. Roberts), Devils Lake, ND; Frances Maxine (died in infancy), and Gordon A. Templeton married Doris Toepke Dettmann and lives in Judson, ND.

MR. AND MRS. GORDON A. TEMPLETON



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon A. Templeton

Gordon A. Templeton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Templeton, was born in Almont, ND, March 15, 1920, during the "Big Blizzard" of that year. He graduated from Almont High School in 1937, attended North Dakota Agricultural College in Fargo, ND, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1939. He saw service in World War II in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres and the Korean Conflict, retiring from the navy in 1959 after 20 years continuous service. Gordon is a member of Post 261, American Legion, Almont.

He married Doris Toepke Dettmann in August 1966. Their children are: Mrs. Jack E. (Sharon) Becker, Osseo, MN; Mrs. A.J. (Marilyn) Borchardt, Lincoln, NE; Mrs. Dewey (Terry E.) Hurick, Miles City, MT; Mrs. Lawrence N. (Penny) Marks, Miami, FL; Mrs. Greg (Nancy) Myers, Lincoln, NE, and they have 11 grandchildren. Gordon and Doris are retired and live in Judson, ND.

EDWARD AND CHARLOTTE THIEL



Edward Thiel family

Charlotte, daughter of Carl and Frances (Monson) Kilen, was born Sept. 24, 1937, at Almont. She attended grade school in Sims and Almont community and graduated from Almont High School. She was active in basketball for three years and was cheerleader for two. During her last two years in high school she stayed and worked for the Art Feland family. In January 1959 she was employed by the Peterson Brothers at McIntosh, SD.

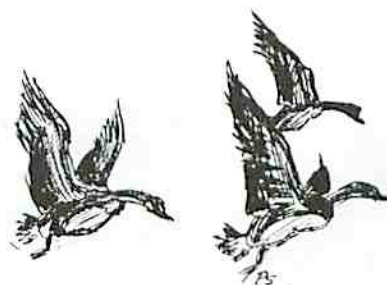
On May 2, 1959, at Sacred Heart Church, Charlotte married Edward Thiel, son of Peter and Helen (Feser) Thiel. Edward was born on Feb. 22, 1937, at Glen Ullin, ND. He attended country school, graduated from Glen Ullin High School, and attended Dickinson State College. He was active in sports throughout high school and college as well as playing for Almont Independent basketball team for 15 years. Between 1958 and 1961 he taught school and worked on farms. From 1961 to 1967 he operated heavy equipment for Wm. Collins and Sons of Fargo, ND. In 1965 they purchased a farm southwest of Almont. In 1976 they purchased the Almont Oil Company.

Their children are: Sharon, born April 29, 1960, in Bismarck. She graduated from Almont High School and is presently employed at Holiday Inn of Bismarck.

Sherry, born Oct. 15, 1961, in Bismarck. She graduated from Almont High School and married Donald LeMay on July 3, 1980. They have one child, Tracy Marie, born Nov. 21, 1980. At present they live in Douglas, WY, where he is employed by Western Geophysical.

James, born Aug. 17, 1963; Carl, born Feb. 19, 1966, and Kelly, born March 29, 1969, were born in Bismarck, are still at home and attending Almont school.

The family is active in St. Leopold Church activities and Charlotte is a member of the Live and Learn Homemakers Club. Eddie is a member of the Almont Commercial Club.



SAM AND ELVIRA THIEL

Sam Thiel, fourth in line in a family of 12 children, son of Stephen and Mathilda Prunkl Thiel, was born Dec. 17, 1910, in Mercer County, where his folks homesteaded 14 miles north of Glen Ullin, ND. In the summer of 1911 his folks took up a second homestead, a much larger one. This is where Sam spent his early childhood days. The homestead consisted of a sod house which had three rooms and an entry, two barns built of railroad ties, a granary built of lumber and a chicken coop of sod.

Sam was four years old when he began school. He attended Erlandson school, Sims school district No. 8 which was a one-room school. The number of students varied from 12 to 15 a year. The school was located about a mile from the farm.

Sam recalls some of the mischievous things done at school ... one was the older boys drilled holes in the ceiling of the schoolhouse along the long stove pipe that went from the stove at one end of the room



Donovan, Duane, Elvira & Sam Thiel

to the other. They got to school before the teacher and would carry snow up in the attic and when it got warm it would drip on the stove pipe and floor. The teacher dismissed school and had the school board come to school to fix the roof. She thought it leaked! During the winter months the kids would meet other neighborhood kids and go skating on Scab Creek down to the Muddy. Most of the Sundays were spent hunting rabbits — they got 10¢ for the rabbit pelts.

Sam and Elvira Ramsland were married on June 30, 1934, at the Sacred Heart Church in Glen Ullin. Elvira was born Sept. 21, 1915, at the place known as the Reichel Mine in Morton County. She was second in a family of five, there were four girls and one boy. She was raised on a farm seven miles southwest of Almont and went to country school in Olin school district. She spent many summers at her aunt and uncle's place and helped care for the Joe Filibeck children.

Sam and Elvira lived in Almont the first year they were married. Sam worked on WPA and on road construction when the North Almont road was built. They moved to Glen Ullin and Donovan was born in 1938. In September of 1939 they moved to Sam's folks farm 7½ miles northwest of Almont, started farming and had a few cattle. They were kept very busy on the farm as there was not the modern conveniences there is today.

Nov. 13, 1943, Dwayne was born ... this kept them busier than ever. In 1951 they increased their farm by buying John Burger's farm that joined their land. Farming in those days was not an easy task as Sam used horses. In 1940 he bought his first cross-motor

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Sam and
Elvira
Thiel



Case tractor to make work easier. This does not compare with the way he farms now with a big tractor with air conditioning and all conveniences.

In 1945 they bought the Andy Anderson house in Almont. Sam's brother, Mike, moved it to the farm where they still live. Both boys were helpful on the farm until finishing high school.

Donavan married Darlene Grueneich Oct. 19, 1961. They live in Bismarck where he is the Public Works superintendent for the city of Bismarck. Darlene is a registered nurse at the Family Practice Center. They have two sons - Dean, a sophomore at Bismarck High and Dave, a sixth grader at Dorothy Moses.

Dwayne married Marian Marquart June 3, 1967. They live in Bismarck where he is an advertising salesman for KFVR. Marion is a first grade teacher at Custer School, Mandan. They have a son, Jeffrey.

Sam is a member of the Almont Commercial Club and the Almont Fire Dept. Elvira has many hobbies, such as cake baking, sewing and her latest hobby is palette knife painting. She has been a 4-H leader for 25 years for Curlew 4-H and Calico Boys and Girls 4-H club. She is a charter member of the Live and Learn Homemakers Club. Both Sam and Elvira enjoy traveling and doing upholstery work. The Thiels are members of the Almont Lutheran Church.

STEPHAN THIEL SR. FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Thiel Sr. - Feb. 26, 1906

Stephan Thiel Sr. was born at Weisenberden, Hungary, Oct. 24, 1880. After his regular schooling, he learned the trade of shoemaking. He served his country in the cavalry for three years and as a gendarme and inspector for several years.

At the time of his marriage (age 26) he was employed as a postal clerk. He married Mathilda Prunkel (also born at Weisenberden, Hungary, March 3, 1884) in Joseffalva, Temesvar, Hungary, in 1905.

The next spring they left for America, arriving in New York on June 17, 1906. They came to Glen Ullin, ND, to join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Prunkel, who had come to America about two years earlier.

Shortly after arriving Stephan was employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad Co. This was during the time Glen Ullin was undergoing a typhoid fever epidemic. In a short time Stephan was stricken with

typhoid fever and was hospitalized several months at Brainard, MN, where the railroad company maintained a hospital. During this time their first son, Peter, was born. Mathilda's mother, Mrs. Nickolous Prunkel, attended her and delivered the baby. Very shortly after this her mother, Mrs. Prunkel, was stricken with typhoid fever and died.

They lived in Glen Ullin for a time and their second son, Michael, was born there. While living in Glen Ullin, Stephan had a shoemaking shop where he repaired shoes and also harnesses.

In 1908 they moved about 15 miles north of Glen Ullin, in a small home that some earlier settlers had abandoned. Mathilda's father and two of her sisters and their husbands were living in this area also.

Even though there was only an 80-acre tract of land to be homesteaded, they decided to stay. Their daughter, Elizabeth, and son, Sam, were born there.

In December 1910 Stephan's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Lennert, came from Hungary to join them. It was after this that they decided to move to an area about five miles west of Almont, ND, where there was more land available to homestead. Both families homesteaded adjoining land and this is where they lived until their retirement to Glen Ullin in 1935.

Their son, Peter, now owns the homestead land and lives on a farm nearby. Their son, Sam, owns some of the adjoining land and lives on the homesite where Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Thiel and family lived. Eight more children were born to this family.

Mathilda Prunkel lived in the village of Weisenberden until age 11. Her father owned about 20 acres of land nearby, which he farmed. From there they moved to the city of Temesvar, where he was employed as a Cooper (a maker or repairer of barrels or casks). He also had quite a large vineyard where he raised grapes and other fruits which thrived in that climate. At the age of 14 Mathilda was employed in a cigarette factory, making cigarettes by hand. She continued employment there until her marriage at the age of 22. She had some voice training and had a beautiful singing voice. For a time she appeared at a night club in the city of Temesvar. Here in America she was often persuaded to sing at 'namesday' or birthday parties at her home as well as at the homes of friends. She was the mother of 12 children and in spite of her busy life at home she was often called upon to act as midwife in the neighborhood. She delivered many babies, including some of her oldest grandchildren. On Sept. 29, 1936, she delivered three of her grandchildren on the same day — twin sons, Alderic and Adrian, born to Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Feser and a son, Robert, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clare Einwalter.

Stephan learned to speak and write three languages — German, Hungarian and Romanian, in his mother country. In America he soon learned to speak and write English. His older children remembering well after starting school he insisted that they speak English at home so he might learn the language quickly.

As his sons grew up and began to take over the farm work, he had time to take an interest in government and became active in politics. He was appointed a state inspector by Governor William Langer and

also spent several years at the legislature as a page. After retiring to the city of Glen Ullin, he also served as the city assessor until the time of his death - April 13, 1951. Mathilda lived 10 years longer and passed away Nov. 3, 1961.

Their 12 children are: Peter, Michael (deceased March 29, 1962, age 52), Elizabeth, Sam, Anne, Steve Jr. (deceased May 23, 1980, age 66), John (deceased July 10, 1931, age 16), Catherine, Mathilda, Evelyn, Adam and Clara.

Peter Thiel married Helen Feser on Nov. 20, 1928. Children are: Robert (deceased, age 18 months). Delores married Lawrence Fischer; children: Ronald, Robert, Sheryl, Marlene and Michelle; Ronald and Robert are married and Robert has two sons, Gregory and Jacob; the Lawrence Fischer family and all their children live in Spokane, WA. Erwin married Nancy Cleveland; four children: Gay, Brian, Bradley and Deborah; live near Almont on the same farm as his father, Peter Thiel. Dorthea Thiel Garvey has two sons - Robert and Richard, and lives at Scottsdale, AZ. Arthur married Leona Erhardt; children: Alan, Tammy, Robert and Gerald; live at Medicine Lake, MT. Marcell married Carol Becknell; children: Larry, Linda, Donald and Darlene; live at Havre, MT. Edward married Charlotte Kilen; children: Sharon, Sherry, James, Carl and Kelly; farm near Almont, ND. Donna Thiel Carter has a son, Hoyt, and lives in Phoenix, AZ. Diane married Gene Simpier; has one daughter, Simone, and lives in Phoenix, AZ.

Michael Thiel married Gertrude Christianson Nov. 28, 1933. Children: Ronald married Janice Helt; children - Michael, Renee, Danny and Amy; live in Mandan, ND. Harlan married Cheryl Schaffer; children - Bradley and Sara; live in Bismarck, ND. Dennis married Rhoda Clouse; live in Mandan, ND. Douglas married Cindy Dettman; live at Mandan, ND. Michael died March 29, 1962.

Elizabeth Thiel married Max H. Feser on Sept. 17, 1929. Children: Richard married Gladys Schmitz; children - Allan, Terese, Joyce, Duane, Mary and Daniel; live at Springfield, MN. Clarence married Patricia Blair; children - Susan, Michael, Gerard, Stephan, Joel, Julie, Jeanne and Michelle; live in Richland, WA. Marilyn married Lloyd Lammer; children - Jerome and Judy; live in Bismarck, ND. Alderic married Alice Bryngelson; children - Barbara, David, Deborah, JoAnn, Douglas and Karen; live in Kennewick, WA. Adrian married Phyllis Hertz; children - Kathryn, James and Phil; live in Bismarck, ND. Arden married Donna Hanson; children - Shawn and Travis; live in Fargo, ND.

Sam Thiel married Elvira Ramsland June 30, 1934. Children: Donavon married Darleen Greneich; children - Dean and Danny; live in Bismarck, ND. Dwayne married Marion Marquart; son, Jeffrey; live in Bismarck, ND.

Anne Thiel married Clare Einwalter April 17, 1934. Children: Rodney married Sylvia Smead; children - David and Dee Ann; live in Los Angeles, CA. Robert married Janet Padgett; children - Robert and James; live in Los Angeles, CA. Roxalyn married John James IV; children - John, Curt, Kenneth and Sharon; live in Los Angeles, CA. Renilda married Richard Ellis; children - Rick, Michael and Donald; live in Los

Angeles, CA. Russell married Debbie; children - Sandra; live in Los Angeles, CA. Clare Einwalter died in March 1970.

Catherine Thiel married Nick Waleri Nov. 16, 1939. Children: Dennis married Shanna; children - Janet and Danille; Stephan and Michael at home; live at Garden Grove, CA.

Mathilda Thiel married Herbert Reef June 19, 1939. Children: David and Lynn. David married Annette; children - Christopher, Billie and Scott; live in Inglewood, CA.

Evelyn Thiel married Lawrence Gerving Sept. 9, 1941; Lawrence died in Okinawa June 20, 1945. She married Al Goodman Feb. 6, 1948; daughter, Stephanie; live in Los Angeles, CA.

Adam Thiel married Hanna Fischer July 29, 1948; daughter, Sandra; live in Fargo, ND.

Clara Thiel married Gene Depew Oct. 4, 1952; children: Karen and Mark; live in Los Angeles, CA.

EUGENE THORSON FAMILY



Eugene Thorson family

Eugene was born on a farm west of Almont. He went to the Curlew school, then to Almont High. After high school he went to Seattle to work in the shipyards. In 1946 he went into the army; after he was discharged, he worked for Blank Motors in New Salem.

In 1949 he married Bernice Anderson, born in Ismay, MT. When Bernice was 18 months old, her family moved back to Almont. After graduating from Almont High School, she attended Dickinson State one summer and taught the Erlandson school one year. They lived in New Salem and Almont after their marriage, then moved to the Tobias Olson farm. In 1956 they moved to Gene's parents' place and are still living there. They have two sons and three daughters.

Peggy married Ralph Berger and they have three children: Brenda, David and Debra; Peggy is working at Sears in Bismarck. Sharon married Gordon Rittenbach; they have three children: Derrick, Darrin and Desree; Gordon works at Falkirk and they live east of Turtle Lake; Sharon has her beauty shop there. Dale joined the army after he finished high school, then moved to Newcastle, WY, and married Andrea Bartschat; they have one son, Benjamin; he works in the oil fields there. Carolyn married Robert Bobcock, who was in the service; they were stationed in Germany for three years. Casey has been working in the western part of North Dakota.

In 1979 Bernice and Gene went to Germany to visit Carolyn and Okie, who took them through Germany, Holland, Denmark and Norway.

HARVEY THORSON FAMILY



Nathalie, Harvey, Mary Jane and Douglas Thorson

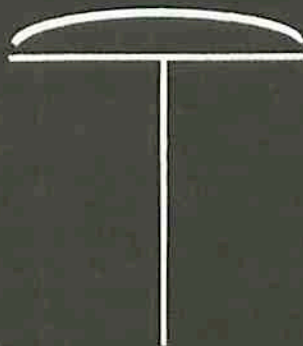
Harvey was born in 1924 on a farm four miles west of Almont. He attended a rural school until 1937 when he entered Almont High School, graduating in 1941. The first year after graduation was spent helping his parents on their farm. The following spring, with seeding completed, he left for Spokane, WA, to seek employment. Two former Almont families, Alvin Olsons and Bill Johnsons, were living in the Spokane area. Both families were helpful to him in finding employment. Spending a few days waiting at the Labor Halls and joining a union, he became employed at the Farragut Naval Base with a brush and timber clearing crew. He boarded with Bill and Myrtle Johnson.

The next six or seven months were spent working 16 hour days, including a 70 mile ride to work. Hitchhiking was his first method of getting to work. Later he rode back and forth to work in a Model A Ford with a young pharmacist named Jim Early. The Model A caught on fire several times but always managed to get them to work. The wages were \$1.00 per hour and seemed unbelievable to him. Harvey was used to helping neighbors for \$1.00 per day. After three months of work, he had saved enough money to buy 320 acres of land his parents were using and needed for pasture.

Harvey returned to Almont about Christmas of 1942 and stayed with his uncle, Sig Olson, helping him on the farm. In the spring he was anxious to get into the military and enlisted in the U.S. Navy Seabees. While waiting to be called, he spent his time working with the railroad section crew at Curlew. In July of 1943 he left for Camp Perry, VA. He spent the next three years in the U.S. Navy Seabees, including 23 months in the South Pacific. Returning home in the spring of 1946, his uncle, Oscar Thorson, talked him into buying the farm where he was born. A contract was made with the State Land Department, but having no livestock or machinery, the land was rented to Burton and Joe Hoovestol. Harvey went to work for his cousin, Marlin, at the Olson Hardware and Funeral Home at Dunn Center. He spent the next year and a half with the Olsons.

Leaving the Olsons in the fall of 1947, he enrolled at Bismarck Junior College. On Feb. 22, 1948, he married Nathalie Hansen and in June of that year they moved to Almont and lived in a trailer house on

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their farm. Later that same year they moved to their present home which has been the homestead of Harvey's maternal grandparents. Harvey and Nathalie continued to expand their farming and ranching operations as money and land became available.

Nathalie was born in 1930 at Almont to Norman and Nettie Hansen. She attended rural school and graduated from Almont High School in 1947. She completed one year at Bismarck Junior College. She was active in helping her husband in all types of ranch work. Nathalie became popular as an MC and served on many local, county and some state activities. Two children were born: Douglas in 1948 and Mary Jane in 1952.

Harvey and Don Olin commuted from Almont to Bismarck Junior College in 1949 and 1950. During the winter of 1950 and 1951, Nathalie managed the farm while Harvey attended the School of Mortuary Science at the University of Minnesota. They had accumulated about a dozen cattle and 50 hogs. The winter was very severe. Leona Olin Christenson helped Nathalie with housework and chores. Harvey received his two-year internship from Boelter Funeral Home in Bismarck and Olsons at Dunn Center, getting his mortician's license in 1951. Harvey and Nathalie started a funeral home and appliance store in Almont, which they kept for two or three years.

Douglas and Mary Jane attended school in Almont. Mary Jane graduated in 1970. Both were active in 4-H work and received honors in this organization. Douglas was also active in scouting and received several awards. He was killed in an automobile accident in November 1966.

The family was active in church, community and veterans groups. They traveled considerably, including two world fairs ... 1962 in Seattle and 1965 in New York. Harvey and Nathalie toured Europe in September and October of 1973, visiting 12 countries including Norway where they visited many friends and relatives. Nathalie's health began to fail during this trip. She had to be hospitalized the same day they returned, spending the next month in Rochester, MN. She had to be put on a kidney dialysis machine three times each week. She continued to live at home and, with the help from friends and neighbors, was able to make the trips to Bismarck for her dialysis. She passed away Oct. 14, 1974, at Bismarck.



Harvey and Wilma Thorson

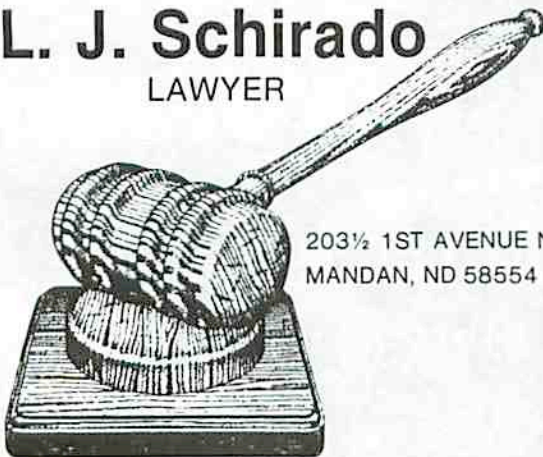
On Sept. 16, 1977, Harvey married Wilma Schramm of Mandan, ND. She is the mother of four girls, all married at that time. Wilma was born and raised at Hazen, ND, and graduated from Hazen High School. They lived in Bismarck; Selby, SD, and moved to Mandan in 1957. Her husband, Newton, was killed in a truck accident in 1974. The girls are: Arlyce Wells, San Diego, CA; Janice Klipfel, Bismarck, ND; Jocelyn Flakker, Mandan, and Renita Umpleby, Hazen, ND.

Wilma has worked for the Department of Public Instruction, Division of Surplus Property, for 22 years as an accountant technician. Presently she is working on a part-time basis. She has a home in Mandan and stays there while working, spending the rest of her time with her husband on the ranch at Almont. Wilma has three grandchildren: Todd Klipfel, Charles Umpleby and Jennifer Ann Flakker.

Harvey and Wilma have made four major trips including Hawaii; Las Vegas, NV; San Diego, CA, and El Paso, TX. Wilma's hobbies are sewing and reading. Harvey doesn't seem to have any special hobbies but enjoys ranching and visiting. He continues to take part in civic activities and is presently serving as a director for the Morton County Housing Authority and also a director on the Morton County School Organization Board. He was associated with the Farmers Supply, Inc. of Almont and the elevator at North Almont for a few years.

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OSCAR G. THORSON

Oscar was born in Mandal, Norway, in 1880 and migrated to America in 1900. He was trained as a carpenter and cabinet maker in Norway. He worked as a carpenter in New York for a couple of years before coming to North Dakota where he visited his uncle, Severan Thorson, who lived on a homestead at Curlew. Oscar started working on the railroad and had a section crew at Kurtz, a station west of Curlew.

In 1916 Oscar purchased a farm five miles west of Almont, where he lived until his retirement. He lived with the Peter Thorson family until his death in 1963.

Oscar traveled to San Francisco during the early 1900's and worked in lumber camps enroute. In 1914 he traveled to Norway taking his sister, who was ill and living in New York, to her home in Norway. He traveled to New York in 1928 to visit his nephews.

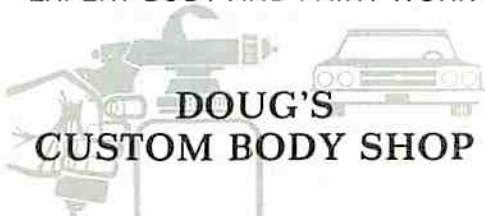
Oscar served as clerk of the Sims school district for 35 years. During this time he did much of the building and repairing of schools in the district. He also did carpenter work and wallpapering for his neighbors in the area. Oscar did a lot of reading and was considered quite an authority on history and geography. He was always delighted when he could visit a new superintendent or teacher in the area and his recommendations carried a lot of weight as to their employment and the length of service in the district.

Oscar drove a Model T Ford for many years and traveled around the area representing Morton and Oliver Counties Insurance Company. During his retirement years, he helped his relatives in the area with various types of farm and repair work.

PETER AND ANNA THORSON

Peter Thorson was born Sept. 6, 1889, at Mandal, Norway. He came to the United States in 1905. His destination was Kurtz, a section house southeast of Glen Ullin, where his brother, Oscar, was railroad section foreman. Peter obtained employment as a railroad employee under Oscar. Peter continued to work for the Northern Pacific and was transferred into the Yellowstone Division to work as a foreman on a fence crew. He returned to North Dakota and worked as a section foreman at various stations.

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He joined the army in 1918 and became a naturalized citizen at San Diego, CA, where he received a brief period of military training. He was transferred as an infantryman with the 32nd division to the Muese-Aregonne combat area. Peter was captured by the Germans shortly before the end of World War I.



Peter Thorson

He returned to North Dakota to engage in a farming operation which he had established with Oscar just before World War I. He married Anna Olson, daughter of Jacob and Jette Olson, June 18, 1921. She was born to her immigrant parents on Oct. 10, 1900. She received her education in rural schools and Almont High School. Four sons and one daughter were born to this marriage. The oldest child and only daughter passed away at the age of three.

Peter discontinued the farming partnership with Oscar in 1935 and moved his family to a farm purchased from Ole Halverson in that year. He continued this farming operation until 1956 when they retired to Almont. The family home was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1940, including all the family belongings. The family was away at the time, the two oldest boys were at a scout meeting and the others were visiting relatives.

All four sons served in the armed forces in World War II and the Korean Conflict. Friends recall that Peter served the community for many years as the country barber and that Anna always had the coffee pot on for all visitors.

Their children are: Harvey, who lives on the Jacob Olson (maternal grandparents) farm, married Nathalie Hanson; one son and one daughter was born to this union. His wife, Nathalie, and son, Douglas, have both passed away. Mary Jane is attending college.

On Sept. 16, 1977, Harvey married Wilma Schramm of Mandan, ND.

Eugene married Bernice Anderson and farms the home place; children: Peggy, Sharon, Dale, Carolyn and Casey. Herbert married Delores Newbauer; one son, Gary; Herbert passed away in 1978. Roger married Kay McCane from Steele; two children: Tina and Kent.

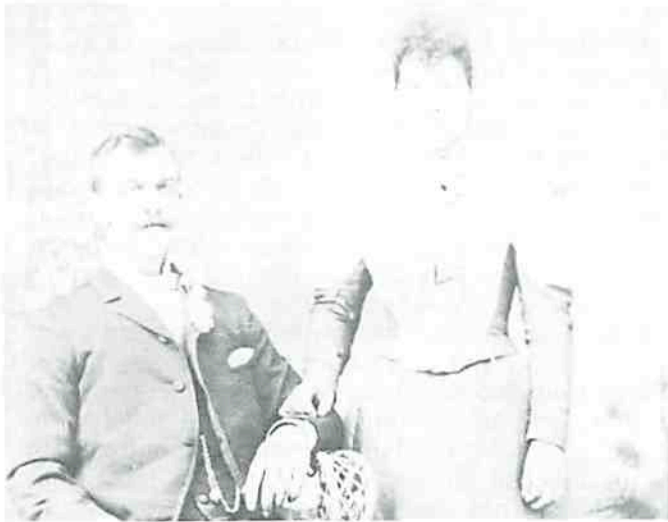
MR. AND MRS. AUGUST TIMMERMAN

August Timmerman was born in Bremerhaven, Germany, in 1863. He came to Sims in 1887 and devoted the first five or six years there to sheep raising. In 1893 he purchased the general merchandise store at Sims from his brother, C.L. Timmerman. August was a shrewd businessman and his business prospered. In connection with his store he operated a lumberyard and also bought grain. He was postmaster in Sims for many years and held that office until 1910 when he moved his stock of merchandise to Almont where he continued his business until February 1915. At that time his store building, which included their living quarters, was completely destroyed by fire. The Timmermans then moved to Mandan to look after the estate left by his brother, C.L. Timmerman, who had just died.

August was married to Masene Johnson and they have three children: Anna (Mrs. Charles Cunningham), Mary, both deceased, and John in Minnesota.

Mr. Timmerman passed away in 1926, several years after the death of his wife.

MR. AND MRS. HERMAN TIMPE



Mr. and Mrs. Herman Timpe

In the year of 1907, Mr. Timpe came to North Dakota from Madison, SD, and filed on a homestead eight miles southwest of Almont. On Jan. 1, 1908, Mrs. Timpe arrived in Almont with their six children, namely: Walter, August, Edwin, Leo, Mary and Anne; their belongings were shipped in an immigrant car. They made their home in a homestead shack 12 feet by 20 feet until 1911 when a new part was added.

The first year they seeded five acres of wheat. In 1910 the south railroad was to be built, so Morton James and Mr. Timpe contracted the work of hauling timbers and supplies for the new railroad, which helped provide for the family. In 1911 Mr. Timpe and Tom Miller, a blacksmith, bought a steam engine ground-breaking outfit. They did most of the new breaking in the neighborhood.

Two more children were added to the family tree, namely: Regina and Nicholas. A school was built about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile away and the children were fortunate

to have the ever-loving and respected Carrie Jacobson (Mrs. John Kennedy) for their teacher.

The Timpe boys had an orchestra and played for many dances and weddings. Mrs. Timpe made a cake of cheese nearly every day except Sunday. She sold much to people in the neighborhood and distributed some to the stores in Almont, Glen Ullin and New Salem for resale. She also did sewing for the family and others for many years. Mrs. Timpe enjoyed sewing for the needy and especially for her grandchildren.

Mr. Timpe had a steam threshing machine and did threshing all over the neighborhood. He and his sons ran the outfit for many years and he anxiously waited for threshing time each fall. He was separator man for his son, Walter, the fall before he died.

In 1927 the family moved to Almont and resided in the John Scharff house until their new home was completed. They moved into Almont in 1929.

Mrs. Timpe passed away Oct. 21, 1939, and Mr. Timpe June 25, 1949.

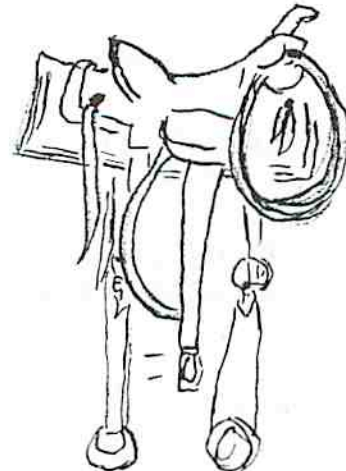
They had eight children: Walter married Olga Olson, he passed away in January 1966 and she in February 1979; August; Edwin married Irene Anderson, he passed away in October 1970; Leo married Arlington Griffith; Mary married Floyd Harwood, she passed away May 1972 and Floyd in August 1975; Anne married C.A. Lecy; Regina married Clarence G. Nilles and Nickolas married Helen Classen

ANNE (TIMPE) LECY

Anne (Timpe) Lecy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Timpe, graduated from Almont High School in 1924 and from Valley City State Teacher's College in 1927. She taught school in Flaxville, Geysers and Glasgow, MT. In 1932 she married Corel Lecy, a chiropractor. They have been residents of Glasgow, MT, since 1934.



Corel and Anne Lecy



LEO P. TIMPE FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Timpe

Leo Timpe, son of Herman and Catherine (Venner) Timpe, was born in South Dakota and came with his parents to Almont, ND, in 1907. They settled on a homestead seven miles south of Almont. He attended rural schools in the locality.

In the early 20's, he and his brother, Punch, went into the business of putting up ice for the town of Almont. There were no refrigerators, but a few did have iceboxes. Leo remembers the wages they got for their endeavors. They got \$1.00 per ton for cleaning the ice house, sawing the ice in blocks 16" x 32" and putting it in the house and packing it. In order to get two loads a day they had to get on the pond at 7:00 A.M. and work until after dark.

One still morning, it was 32° below, Leo informed Punch the saw cuttings must be removed as this would save time packing. They opened the pond and Leo cut the first block. He stepped on the block to clean off the cuttings, fell into the pond and swam across. It was all of 3 or 3½ feet deep! Punch got a good laugh and pulled him out. When he got to the bank, he walked to town but said it was like walking in two stovepipes. He changed clothes, ran back and never even caught cold.

Later in the 20's, coal was shipped out of Almont. Punch worked with other haulers ... maybe six. The coal was hauled from the Thor mine, two trips per day at \$1.00 per ton. Leo shoveled it back in the box-car for 10¢ a ton.

Punch and brother, Ed, owned a threshing outfit and in 1924 Leo fired for them. After threshing, Punch and Leo purchased a well machine which kept them busy until Christmas.

March 1, 1925, they purchased the dray line and took over the Banner Oil Co. Punch handled the dray and Leo the oil business, which he ran for 15 years. The dray line and livery was first owned by Ben Bird and Connolly. Later by George Ims, Tenius Ramsland, Rudolph Olson and finally by Miles Purfeerst.

One thing they remember about the dray ... Punch had gotten a load of eggs from the stores to meet No. 8 and had stopped his team in front of the office. When he went into the office, a piece of paper blew out between the Sherwood building and the office. The team became frightened and ran, taking the porch off the Sherwood building. When they went

around the corner, the eggs flew off the dray and landed in front of Hyde's office door!

In the late 30's Leo and Punch went into the coal business and delivered coal to the Almont school for \$1.55 per ton.

In 1941-2 Leo worked for the Nelson Templeton Co. and in 1942 went to work for the Occident Elevator Co. in Beach. He returned to Almont and took over the Occident Elevator, which was moved to North Almont in 1947. He continued with the company until his retirement.

In 1929 Leo was married to Arlington Griffeth, a teacher and graduate of Valley City State College. She is a direct descendant of the Pilgrims who came to the country in 1620 and is a member of the Mayflower Society.

To the Griffeth-Timpe union, three children were born: Jean, Joan and Leo, Jr.

Jean (Mrs. Leo Keller) is married to a farmer-rancher and they live near New Salem, ND. They have four children.

Joan (Mrs. Wm. Kuebker) married a colonel and dentist in the air force. He has since retired and now teaches in the dental school at the University of Texas. They have three children; the oldest being married and has two children.

Leo Jr. is married to the former Gloria Sakshaug of Flasher, ND. They have one son. Leo Jr. is with the postal department in San Jose, CA.

Leo Timpe Sr. retired in 1964 after having been with the Occident-Peavey Co. for 20 years. For hobbies, Leo and his wife enjoy fishing, camping and traveling. They have toured several European countries, Hawaii and traveled extensively in the United States and Canada.

Leo and "Arlie" now live in Almont, ND.

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N.B. TIMPE FAMILY

Nickolas B. Timpe was born Dec. 17, 1912, to Catherine and Herman Timpe on a farm about eight miles southwest of Almont. The original farm is now owned by the Nilles family. Nick was the youngest of a family of eight which consisted of three sisters - Mary Harwood (deceased), Anne Lecy and Regina Nilles, and four brothers - Walter (deceased), August, Edwin (deceased) and Leo.

Nick lived on the family farm until he was 13 years old. The knowledge, work habits and discipline gained from the rural life was most valuable. Life was difficult during those early years with the drought and many other problems, however, being the youngest of a family of eight made his life relatively easy when compared to his older brothers and sisters. They were his first mentors and he is very proud of his family and was especially blessed by having a most wonderful mother.

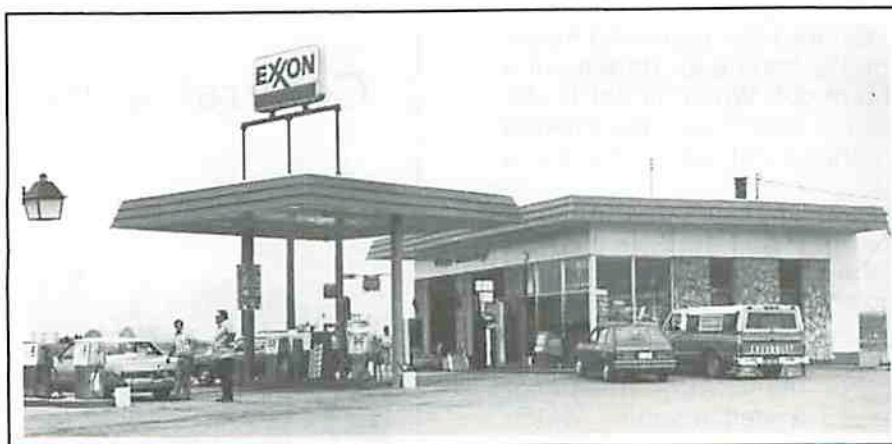
During his early years his brothers provided him with many pets and animals for companions. They had great dogs, coyotes and raccoons. When he was 10 years old his brother, August, gave him a one-year-old beautiful saddle horse named Blazzer, with the understanding that should he smoke or drink, the horse would be taken away. He was so happy with the arrival of Blazzer that that night while sleeping he was worried that it might all be a dream. Nick said the first night she was placed on a picket outside his bedroom window. That night every time he awakened he would run to the bedroom window and the sight of Blazzer in the moonlight assured him it was a dream that had come true.

Nick attended the schools in the Feland school district until age 13. All grades, primary through eighth, were in one room with only one teacher. The teacher was also the janitor, tending the heating stove and taking care of the playground. What the teachers lacked in time with each class was made up in their dedication and compassion for all of their students. His sister, Anne, was one of his teachers; some of his brothers' girlfriends were his teachers, and one teacher was his sister-in-law, Mrs. Leo Timpe.

The family moved to Almont in 1926 and Nick attended the Almont Consolidated School, graduating in 1931. A broad curriculum was not possible, but again it was their good fortune to have the most dedicated teachers.

His high school years resulted in great times and many good friendships. James Stoeckel, Howard Knutson and Nick were inseparable during high school and as youngsters had many great adventures and experiences. They were known as the "Three Musketeers." Their friendship continues to grow and their families visit each other whenever possible even though they are geographically apart.

His extracurricular activities in high school were basketball and band. In the spring of 1931 Jim Stoeckel and he were members of a stock-judging team from Almont High School. This team competed against other state teams at the North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, ND. They set a new poultry judging state record. The engineering school was of great interest to him during this trip. He was graduated from Almont High in 1931 during the great depression.



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During his high school years he was employed by Timpe Brothers, an oil, trucking, draying and livery stable business. He learned much about the business and very quickly learned that it was impossible to keep up with Punch and Leo in the tremendous amount of work they could accomplish. During his employment with Timpe Brothers, Punch and Leo started him with his first investment, a life insurance policy. This policy played a major part in his decision to work his way through college.

In 1932 Jim Stoeckel and Nick motored to Wahpeton, ND, and enrolled at the State School of Science. Nick worked at many jobs to help pay his expenses. The experiences at the college were good and bad; the good part was that he met the girl of his dreams, Helen Claesson, and in August 1939 they were married. The bad part was a fire at the Merchants Hotel where he was working. He lost everything in the fire and also his job. This was a traumatic experience and it was through the efforts of his professors and President Riley at the college that he was able to continue with his education. His family was very supportive, including loaning money. The insurance policy gave him peace of mind that the loans could be paid.

Nick enrolled at the North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, in 1934 and was graduated with honors in 1936 receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering.

Upon graduation he was employed by General Electric Company in the Student Engineers Training Course at Schenectady, NY. Upon completion he accepted employment with the Philadelphia Electric

Co. in July 1940. He became a registered professional engineer in the state of Pennsylvania in 1954 and a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in 1955 and a life member in 1978. Nick was with the Philadelphia Electric Co. for 36 years and was a senior engineer in the energy distribution research division at the time of his retirement in 1978.

Since his retirement he has been a consultant on high-voltage cable research projects with the Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, CA, and Cable Technologies, New Brunswick, NJ.

Helen Claesson Timpe, his wife, was graduated from North Dakota State School of Science in Commercial. She resided in Wahpeton and Fargo, ND. She was a Northwestern Bell Telephone service representative until she and Nick were married Aug. 27, 1939. Since their marriage they have resided in Schenectady, NY, and Philadelphia, PA.

Their children are one girl and two boys and they have three granddaughters. Their oldest child, Dolores, married Donald E. Storm in December 1961 and they have three daughters: Debbie, Kimberly and Jennifer. Their second child, Nickolas Bruce, is presently flying for the Saudia Air Lines. He and his wife, Nancy Bulkowski, a nurse, reside in Jeddah, Saudi, Arabia. Roy Harold, their third child, graduated from Marple-Newtown High and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is presently a junior at Lafayette College, Easton, PA, and is an honor student majoring in electrical engineering.

Nick feels that the Lord has really blessed him with family, friends and associates.

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ROBERT G. TIMPE FAMILY

Robert, born in Almont in 1932, son of Walter and Olga Timpe, graduated from Almont High in 1949. He served in the army in Korea and later lived in Seattle, where he married Charlene Smith Hutchinson in 1962. Charlene, youngest of three children, was born in Seattle in 1934 to Rue and Ethel (Francisco) Smith.

Bob, eager to return to his hometown, purchased the Almont Bar in 1966, moving to living quarters above the newly renamed "Bob's Bar."

City to small town life took some adjustments ... we soon found out it wasn't all rodeos and barn dances! Three months after arriving, the disastrous flood of '66 hit our town. We were opened for 60 hours, playing host to 22 people who were happily stranded. Some of the boys, deciding on an early morning swim, used the upstairs porch as a diving board. It was a short-lived excursion, however, when we all noticed some dead cattle floating in the distance. There were among us a few very young children and we soon ran out of milk. The next day a couple of the Hoovestol boys came by boat to rescue everyone. Instead they went on a search of the town for milk that hadn't been contaminated and luckily found some at the Lutheran preacher's parsonage. It was many weeks and many buckets of mud later before life started returning to normal.

There were many more unforgettable times reminding us of "shades of the old west" — Warren Hoovestol and M.G. Olson, owners of the Arrowhead Cattle Co. for many years drove their cattle to market through Main Street, led by a Texas longhorn steer named "Old Blue." Bob's Bar was one of the watering holes along the way!

Many memorable parties were held — dancing to Norman Kilen's accordin, Ed Lee's fiddle and M.G. at the piano. The boys would tie up "Old Blue" to the center post in the bar (with many newspapers scattered around and a broom and dustpan standing nearby). Dozens of pictures had to be taken with everyone taking their turn posing with "Old Blue." A few of us even sent photos to distant and unbelieving friends and relatives who thought the "old west" was gone forever.

Annually we had a Rocky Mountain oyster feed,



along with venison, pigeons and sometimes racoon.

It wasn't uncommon, at times, to walk in and find a horse or two tied up at the bar, having a cold drink along with its owner. (Of course, the health authorities tended to frown on this.) One time a local fellow coming through the door astride his horse forgot to duck his head and spent the next few days nursing one beauty of a headache.

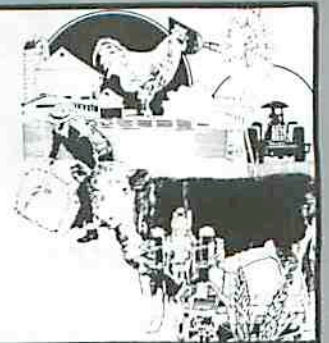
We purchased the Longhorn Bar in New Salem in 1967, operating both bars until selling Bob's Bar in 1975 to Don and Pat Schermerhorn and the Longhorn Bar was sold in 1978. We moved a mobile home to the corner in town where Walter, in the early 1900's, had his home and auto repair shop. He also had the Ford agency and sold the first Model T's in the area. The old home is still standing but in much disrepair since the flood.

The children are: Steven Hutchinson, born 1951, living in Indiana, 3 children; Beverly (Hutchinson) Schaner, born 1954, married to Larry and living in New Salem, 2 children; Kelly Hutchinson, born 1955, living permanently in Berlin, West Germany; Marty Hutchinson, born 1958, attending Washington State University at Pullman, WA, and Bradley Timpe, born 1965, living at home and attending high school in Almont.

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WALTER AND OLGA (OLSON) TIMPE FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs.
Walter Timpe

Walter was born in Galena, IL, Nov. 16, 1894. He was the oldest son of Herman and Catherine (Verner) Timpe. He lived with his parents near Hazel Green, WI, until 1902 when they moved to Madison, SD. In the fall of 1907 they moved to their homestead eight miles southwest of Almont. Walter attended school in Madison, SD, and the Hanson Auto School at Fargo, ND.

Olga was the daughter of an early pioneer, Severt Olson. She was born in Mandan, ND, May 17, 1894, and lived on a farm nine miles south of Almont with her parents. She received her education in Mandan, ND, and attended Valley City Teacher's College in Valley City, ND. She taught school for many years.

On Feb. 20, 1916, Walter married Olga Olson. He operated the Almont Chevrolet garage for 20 years and was Morton County road maintenance man for several years. In 1939 they decided to try their luck at farming. They farmed several years on the old "Peck place" southwest of Almont. In the late 40's they bought the "Gillis place" and farmed until 1961 when they retired and moved back to Almont.

Walter was owner of a steam threshing machine and for many years did custom threshing. In 1960 he completely renovated the steam engine and organized a steam engine club. This club, of which he was president, organized Almont Steam Engine Day, which has become an annual event on Labor Day in Almont.

Walter was well known as an "Old Time Fiddler" and entertained many groups with his fiddle. Walter and Olga loved company, young and old. Sundays were always exciting with many friends and neighbors gathered at their home. There was fiddling, singing, visiting, games and always plenty of good things to eat for everyone.

Walter and Olga were blessed with seven children: Wallace, Flasher, ND, deceased Aug. 23, 1980; Mrs. Willmer (Olive) Held, New Salem, ND; Mrs. Leonard (Evelyne) Bachmann, Hayden Lake, ID; Marvin Timpe, Redding, CA; Mrs. Raymond (Elaine) Hochhalter, Elgin, ND; Robert Timpe, Almont, ND; and Mrs. Floyd (Shirley) Engebrecht, Ellendale, ND.

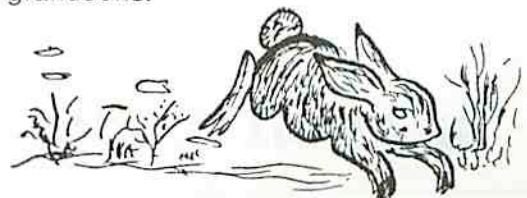
WALLACE TIMPE FAMILY



Wallace Timpe family

Wallace Timpe was born to Walter and Olga (Olson) Timpe in Almont, ND, on Oct. 6, 1917. He attended Almont public school and in 1937 graduated from Wahpeton State School of Science in electrical engineering. He began his utility career of over 40 years working for utilities and electric cooperatives in Woonsocket, Artesian and Salem, SD. In 1949 he returned to North Dakota and became manager of Mor Gran Sou Electric Cooperative in Flasher and remained in that position for 20 years. In 1970 he spent nine months in Reading, MA, as resident engineer for R.W. Bech Engineering Co. in the construction of transmission substations. In February 1971 he joined Basin Electric Cooperative, Bismarck, ND, as electrical engineer. At the time of his death, Aug. 23, 1980, his position was Chief of Transmission Operations and Maintenance Division, Basin Electric.

"Wally" married LaNelle Kessler at Woonsocket, SD. Their children are: Ronald, Portland, ND, who teaches at Mayville State College, Mayville, ND; Mrs. Robert (Sandra) Bleick, Elgin, ND, a teacher at Carson High School; Mrs. C.J. (Carol) Daigle, Phoenix, AZ; Douglas, a student at NDSU, and James, Flasher, a student at Wahpeton State School of Science. The Timpes have five granddaughters and three grandsons.



SHIRLEY ANN (TIMPE) ENGBRECHT

Shirley Ann Timpe, daughter of Walter J. and Olga Timpe, was born July 19, 1935. She attended local schools and graduated from Almont High in 1951. She taught country schools, then attended Dickinson State College, earned a 2nd grade elementary certificate and taught two more years.

In 1955 she married Floyd G. Engbrecht, a son of Floyd W. and Ileta Engbrecht. At present they live in Ellendale, ND, where Floyd is a scale supervisor. For the past eight years Shirley has been a clerk-carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

They have three living children: Debra Jean, born April 26, 1956; married to Edwin Keith Hafey, Merricourt, ND; two children - Jessica ReNae and Ryan Keith. Robin Marie, born July 8, 1958; married Lester Rattee; they live in Ellendale and have two living children - Jason Lee and Niccole Marie; one son, Corey James, died at birth. A son, Michael Floyd, was born Jan. 22, 1960; he is a certified welder working around the Belfield area. One son, Douglas, died at birth in 1969.

ELAINE (TIMPE) HOCHHALTER

Elaine Timpe was born at Almont on Dec. 28, 1928, to Walter and Olga (Olson) Timpe. She attended Almont school, graduated from Almont High in 1946 and attended Dickinson State Teachers College and taught for two years in the Sims district.

On Feb. 8, 1948, she married Raymond Hochhalter

at Elgin, ND. He was born Oct. 6, 1928, to Mike and Bertha (Kapash) Hochhalter. Elaine works in the dietary at the Elgin Jacobson Hospital, Elgin, ND.

Their children are: Marilyn, married to Melvin Scherr; two girls - Melissia Lea and Marla Mae. Rick married Ranae Miedinger; two children - Aimee Lynn and Casey Rock; living in Fargo. Susan married Bobby Schock; children - Buch Chad (deceased), Brandon Lee and Sha Nae Noreen; live at Hazen, ND. Rhonda married Larry Wietz; they live in Fargo, ND, and Lori is an eighth grader at Elgin Public School.

OLIVE (TIMPE) HELD

Olive Timpe was born Nov. 23, 1919, to Walter and Olga Timpe at Almont, ND. She attended the Almont schools, graduating in 1937. After attending Dickinson State Teachers College, she taught three years. On Dec. 30, 1944, she married Willmer Held and lived on a farm for six years. Olive worked for Security State Bank of New Salem for eight years and Willmer was manager of Occident Elevator, later known as Peavey Elevator Co.

They have three children: Dorlyn, New England, ND; married Beverly Braun Roberts; two girls - Melissa and Jennifer; Dorlyn works at the Husky plant in Dickinson. Linda married Donald Sorge; has three boys - Jesse, Les Lee and Drew Donald; Don owns Sorge Construction of Washburn; Linda is a secretary for FHA, Washburn. Kathy married T. Allen Sundeen; they have a daughter, Jonna Marie; Allen works for Crystal Sugar Co. of Hillsboro and Kathy is a registered nurse at the Mayville Hospital.



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ANDREW TORGERSON FAMILY



Thelma, Walter, Clifford, Ruth, Clarence
Arnold, Anna, Andrew, Marlene

Andrew Torgerson, son of Rolf and Marie Bakken, was born July 10, 1883, in Gudbradsalen, Norway. At 19 years of age, he came to the United States.

Anna Ramsland was born to Bernt and Sina Ramsland on Feb. 6, 1887, in Sims. Andrew and Anna were married June 19, 1909. Andrew was a NPRR section foreman in Kurtz for a few years and in 1916 they moved to a farm two miles west of Curlew where they reared their family of seven children. They retired and moved to Almont in 1946 where Andrew was custodian of the Almont school and in 1950 they moved to Billings, MT. Andrew passed away in 1953 and Anna died in 1970.

Their children were: Ruth, taught school for several years; married Wm. Terwedo; she and her husband both passed away in 1971. Arnold worked for NPRR until retiring in 1963; married Evelyn Erlandson; they live in Billings, MT, and winter in Arizona. Thelma married Ervin Olin (separate history). Clarence, an electrician, married Clarice Hermann in 1942; they live in Billings, MT, and have a daughter, Annette. Walter served in the armed forces during World War II; married Louise Donahoe in 1946; lived on the family farm at Almont from 1946 to 1950 when they moved to Billings; they now live in Richfield, OH, and have five children - Ray, Theresa, Marianne, Paul and Denise. Clifford served two years in the army; lives in Tacoma, WA, with his wife, Audrey. Marlene taught school in the Almont area for several years; married Don Christofferson and they live in Thermopolis, WY, where they are in the insurance business; three children - Becky, John and Bob.

MR. AND MRS. F.L. TROVIK

Fritjof Trovik was born in Bergen, Norway, in June 1897 and came to the United States in the fall of 1906 with his mother, one sister and two brothers. His father and three brothers came in 1905. He filed on a homestead about seven miles south of Almont where the family resided. As the brothers grew older, they moved to other locations. Fritjof remained at home and operated his mother's farm until 1927 when he took over the Standard Oil bulk station. He operated it with some other trucking until the middle 30's when he went into general trucking. In 1930 he purchased lots in the southwest part of Almont and

built a home. In May 1931 he married Ingeborg Nyquist, who had just completed her fifth year of teaching. They became the happy parents of a daughter, Gwen Ann, in 1933. In 1946 his health failed and it became necessary for him to dispose of the trucking business. His wife went back to teaching and furthering her education at Dickinson State Teachers College in the summers. She taught in rural schools for a few years, then in 1952 went to Center where she taught first and second grades for seven years, going then to Glen Ullin and later to Flasher. Fritjof passed away in September 1954 and Ingeborg retired in 1972 after teaching a total of 32 years. She continues to reside in her home here.

Gwen graduated in 1951. That fall she went to Miltonvale, KS, where she attended Miltonvale Wesleyan College. There she met Rex Whitney, a theology student. They were married here in December 1952. After receiving her teaching certificate, she taught school while he pursued his education. He graduated with a degree in theology in 1955 and was ordained an elder in the Wesleyan church in 1957. He served as pastor in the Kansas district for a number of years, then while pastoring the Wesleyan church in Englewood, CO, he became ill with a very unusual heart and nerve condition. He was advised by a skilled physician to pursue another course for some time. They moved back to Concordia, KS, where some time later he went into the plumbing business with his father. The business has expanded so they now install and service cooling and heating systems. He is also a licensed electrician. They are both actively engaged in the Wesleyan church. Gwen is also employed in the audiovisual department at the Cloud County Community College.



Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Trovik and Gwen - April 21, 1946

They have three children: Donald, who graduated with honors in 1980 with a degree in business administration from Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, KS, where he met Valerie Stevens of North Platte, NE. They were married in North Platte on May 26, 1980. Daniel is a college sophomore in a physical therapy program and Debra, a high school freshman.

MR. AND MRS. INGEBRIGHT TROVIK

Ingebright S. Trovik and three sons, Samuel, Ingebright and John, immigrated to Sims, ND, from Bergen, Norway, in the fall of 1905. Mr. Trovik and son, Ingebright, filed on homesteads about seven miles southwest of Almont. Mrs. Trovik and four younger children, Margrete, Harold, Fritjof and Thorval, came in October 1906. Several years later Mr.



Mr. and Mrs. Ingebrigt Trovik

Trovik went to Seattle, WA, where he worked until his death in 1918. Mrs. Trovik and the children continued to operate the farm.

The oldest son, Samuel, was employed as section foreman on the Northern Pacific Railway at Sims for some time, then engaged in farming until the time of his death in 1929. He never married.

Ingebrigt farmed here until 1945. He married Ida Frovig of Manfred, ND, in the fall of 1944. They moved to a farm in Verndale, MN, in 1945, retiring to Fargo, ND, in 1948 where he died in 1952.

John, a machinist, enlisted for service in World War I. A few weeks after reaching Brest, France, he contracted pneumonia and died Oct. 20, 1918.

Harold, a seaman, perished at sea in December 1918. The freighter homeward bound from New Zealand caught fire shortly after leaving port.

Margrete remained at home; she passed away in March 1938.

Fritjof Trovik (separate history).

Thorval, the youngest son, went to Seattle, WA, in 1921 where he worked in a logging camp for a short time, then took up bricklaying. He followed this trade the remainder of his life. He spent a few years in Battle Creek, MI, returning to North Dakota in 1933 where he worked on the new state capitol in Bismarck, then under construction, and later he worked in Montana and Washington. In 1937 he married Katherine Koehn of Valley City where they made their home. He died in 1948.

Mrs. Anna Trovik remained on the farm until a few days before her death. She died at the home of her son, Fritjof, March 12, 1943, at the age of 80 years.



EDVIN ULRICKSEN FAMILY

Edvin Ulricksen was born in Forvik, Norway, in February 1882. He spent his young life cod-fishing and sailing in and around the waters of Lofoten Islands and along the coast of Norway. At the age of 18 he gave up sea life and journeyed to America, settling in the Mandan area where his sisters lived. Shortly after his arrival, he and Morton James bought their first steam engine and threshing machine and threshed for people for miles around, including Almont. It was during this period that he met his future wife, Annie Gustava Peterson. Gustava was born in Lyngdal, Norway, in March 1887 and migrated to America with her mother, brothers and sisters when she was one year old.



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ulricksen

Edvin and Gustava were married in Sims on March 28, 1908; they lived in her brother's claim shack near her father's place. They later moved to Little Heart and then to Engel's Circle C Ranch at Sweetbriar on the Heart River; from there they moved to Sims. In 1928 the family gave up farm life for a new home in Kingston, WA. It was during our stay in Kingston that our Norwegian heritage stood us in good stead as we learned to eat and love the seafoods on which our father had been raised. These were the depression years and, as with everyone else around us, money was very scarce and most of our food came from the sea — clams, oysters, crab, salmon, sole, codfish and other. When father had the price of ferry fare to Seattle, he would bring home gunny sacks full of halibut heads which were given to him by the fish markets. Many delicious meals were turned out by mother from these heads. It was during these years at Kingston that mother kept the home fires burning while father went back to sea to make a living for his family which by this time numbered 11. He sailed between Seattle and Nome, AK. On one of his trips north he took his sons, Einer and Arne, with him and left them up there to work. In the fall of 1932 the entire family moved up there.

Edvin died in July 1938 at Nome, AK, at the age of 56; Gustava died in September 1945 in Seattle, WA, at the age of 58.

The 11 children born to Edvin and Gustava are listed below according to age: Theodore, Seattle, WA; Einer, Happy Camp, CA; Arne, Soquel, CA;



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ulricksen and family

Ralph, Yakima, WA; Mrs. Dale (Alvhild) Williams, Kingston, WA; Trygve, Soldotna, AK; Mrs. Pete (Borgny) Reader, Silverdale, WA; Mrs. John (Ruth) Vanderhalf, Kingston, WA; Rudolv, now deceased, lived in West Warwick, RI; Mrs. George (Florence) Thomas, Yakima, WA; Laverne died at the age of two in 1931 at Kingston, WA.



ERNEST VANILLA

Ernest Vanilla was born July 27, 1915, on a farm near Burt, ND, to Sam and Margaret (Nilles) Vanilla.



Ernest Vanilla

His mother passed away when he was 8 months old and his father was called to serve his country in World War I. Ernest was cared for by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Nilles. He spent his youth with them and was loved and cared for as their own. He started school near Glen Ullin, completing his education in the parochial school in Glen Ullin.

As an adult he worked as a farm laborer at the A.L. Tavis farm for many years. He later operated the Vanilla Cream Station in Glen Ullin, then moved to Almont in 1951 where he operated a cream station.

After he closed the cream station in Almont, he traveled to many towns in North Dakota and other states putting on movies and was also booking agent for several dance bands.

In 1969 he began working for the State Highway Department and is still employed there at this time.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WANSTROM



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wanstrom

Charles Wanstrom was born in Sweden but we do not know when he came to this country. He was a railroad worker at Brainerd, MN, at the time he was married to Ellen Hanson, Aug. 13, 1879.

Ellen Hanson came from Sweden in 1869 to Brainerd, MN, where she was employed as a maid until she married. In 1880 they moved to North Dakota where he was section foreman at Curlew on the Northern Pacific Railway. They lived in the section house and boarded the section men. Charles homesteaded $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Curlew where they lived at the time their only child, George, was born on Sept. 27, 1886.

Charles passed away in 1900 and his wife on Sept. 8, 1933.

ELMER AND BEATRICE WANSTROM



Orlyn, Veralyn, Rowan, Kerry and Beatrice Wanstrom

Elmer L. Wanstrom was born Nov. 21, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. George Wanstrom, Curlew Valley. He attended rural school near his home and graduated from eighth grade. He worked for the Northern Pacific Railway as a section hand and farmed.

He married Beatrice Seim, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Seim, on Oct. 30, 1941. They made their home on the Nels Seim farm where they farmed during the World War II years.

Beatrice was born Oct. 21, 1922, at Almont. She attended Almont public schools, graduated from Almont High School in 1940 and attended Dickinson State College the following year.

In 1954 Beatrice started teaching in rural schools in the Almont area and also worked on college credits, completing two years of college at DSC in 1958. She continued to teach and attended summer school whenever it was possible. After the children were grown, Beatrice completed her four years of college, graduating from Mary College, Bismarck, in May of 1973. She now teaches the primary grade in Almont public school.

Elmer passed away March 30, 1964, after being hospitalized for one month.

The Wanstrom children are: Mrs. Forrest (Rowan) Rosendahl, New Salem, ND; three children - Darcy, Vonnie and Shereen, all in college. Mrs. R.L. (Veralyn) Combs, Reno, NV; two children - Michelle (7) and Heather (3). Kerry Wanstrom served eight years in the military and is currently working in Bismarck, ND, and Orlyn L. Wanstrom is married to Darlene Kaiser Birkbeck and they live in Bismarck, ND; three daughters - Barbie (11), Orlene (5) and Jolene (2).

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WANSTROM

George Wanstrom was born at Curlew on Sept. 27, 1886, the only son of Charles and Ellen (Hanson) Wanstrom. He was married to Inga Johnson June 30, 1909. She was born Jan. 7, 1888. They lived on the farm seven miles west of Almont, where he was born and raised. The farm was less than a mile from Curlew and they had the advantage of living so near



George Wanstrom family

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The Wanstroms had five children: Luella Valborg, born Feb. 15, 1910, and passed away Jan. 26, 1930; Elmer married Beatrice Seim, passed away in 1964; Wilbur, WWII veteran, graduate of Tucson University in 1956, Almont; Charles, Almont, and Luella May (Mrs. Kenneth Becker), teacher, Minot, ND.

Mrs. Wanstrom passed away in May of 1959 and Mr. Wanstrom in September of 1962.

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Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Weekes

Stephen P. Weekes and Anna Thompson were married in Yankton, SD, in 1878. In 1880 they moved to Mandan, ND, where Mr. Weekes operated a butcher shop for two years. In 1882 he took over the management of a large ranch on the Heart River 12 miles south of Almont. This ranch was one of several owned by the Riverside Ranch Co. They ran about 2,000 head of cattle and 400 horses on this spread. S.P. later bought the ranch and operated it until it was sold to Ralph Dawson. This ranch was the scene of many good rodeos put on by the Weekes brothers, Max Theil and George Ormiston.

Mrs. Weekes passed away in 1943 at the age of 86 and Mr. Weekes passed away several years later.

Their children were: Steven, Jr., Charles W., Mrs. Charles Wiebke, Arthur O., Mrs. Max Theil, James F., and Mrs. Jay Slavik. All are deceased.

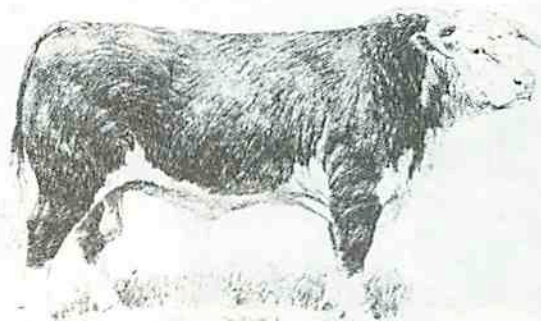


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MR. AND MRS. NICK WEINBERGER



Mr. and Mrs. Nick Weinberger

Nick was born Dec. 18, 1924, at rural Carson. Lydia Stoller was born Feb. 17, 1914, at rural Carson. She married John Bahm, who died, and she married Nick in 1970.

Lydia's children include: Kathy Berzel, Sidney, MT; Richard, Carson; Mary Carlson, Sawyer, and Robert, Carson. She has six grandchildren: Laurie Mitchell, Sandy and Greg Carlson, Bridget and Jessica Bahm and Lana Bahm.

Nick and Lydia farm and ranch north of Carson. Nick's brother, John, lives with them also.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WIEBKE

Charles Wiebke, son of William and Christina Wiebke, and Estella, daughter of Steve and Anna Weekes, were married in New Salem, where Charles Sr. was in the livery business with his father. They later moved to Heart River near Thompson Bridge where they farmed until moving to Hartford, CT, where both are deceased; Charles Sr. passed away in 1955 and Estella in 1977.

While in North Dakota, six children were born: Clifford married Helia Pajarri; Charles, Jr. married Madalene Anderson; Leo married Pearl Anderson; Evelyn married Charles Butler; Steve married Cynthia Flannagan, and Ann married Floyd Grieve.

Clifford passed away in 1963 and Evelyn in 1980. There are 18 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

ANDREW G. WILLMAN

Andrew G. Willman was born in Sims, ND, in 1902. He attended school at Sims and Almont and was one of the three students that had the honor of being the first class to graduate from Almont High School in 1920. He attended the School of Mines, Butte, MT, for one year and then taught rural schools for four years.

In 1926-27 he was the Standard bulk dealer for the Almont area and then went into farming and ranching.

In 1949 he purchased the Almont Lumber Co. from E.W. Hyde and operated Willman Lumber for 20 years, after which he sold the buildings and site to Marshall Feland of Almont.

Andrew was retired for the later years of his life and enjoyed sightseeing in many states. He passed away in February of 1980.



Andrew G. Willman

Enoch and Margido, Almont; Luella Lotspiech Sleipnes and Dorothy Lotspiech Williams of Los Angeles, CA.

MR. AND MRS. ENOCH J. WILLMAN



Mr. and Mrs. Enoch J. Willman

Enoch J. Willman was born in 1910 in Sims, ND. He attended school at Almont until he graduated. Enoch taught rural schools for several years before engaging in farming and ranching.

In 1957 he married Delores Kronberger of Almont. They have three sons: Gary, William and Calvin. Gary married Kim Dittus of Almont in May of 1978 and they have a girl, Toni. William married Pamela Bachelor of Almont in June of 1979 and they have a boy, Jerome. Delores passed away in 1977.

MR. AND MRS. EMIL M. WILLMAN



Mr. and Mrs. Emil M. Willman

Emil N. Willman was born in Tronhjem, Norway, in 1876 and came to the United States at a very early age, settling in Decorah, IA. He attended school there, graduated from Decorah College and then came to North Dakota in 1895 where he was engaged in educational work. He taught school for many years and was prominent in many educational circles. Mr. Willman was also appointed to the position of Deputy County Supt. of Schools in Morton County.

In 1898 Emil married Miss Olivia Feland, who also came from Norway. In 1913, at the age of 37, he passed away leaving his wife and five children. Four months later his fourth son, E. Margido, was born.

Some years later Mrs. Olivia Willman married Wm. Lotspiech and tragedy struck again when she lost her life in a fire that destroyed the family home south of Sims, ND.

There were eight children: Erling, Andrew, Enoch, Margido, Elsie, Gertrude, Luella and Dorothy Lotspiech. Still living are: Erling of Sunnyvale, CA;

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E. MARGIDO WILLMAN**



Mr. and Mrs. E. Margido Willman

E. Margido Willman was born in Sims, ND, in 1914. He attended school at Almont until he graduated. He served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II as an airplane mechanic and electrician, and upon his return from service continued his life farming and ranching.

In 1954 Margido married Miss Caroline Noffke of Coloma, MI, who, before her marriage, was secretary to the sales and advertising manager of V-M Corporation, manufacturer of phonographs, record players and tape recorders. They have two sons, David and Charles.

It was a great challenge for me, Caroline, to leave my state and come to the Dakotas. North Dakota was not entirely new to me as my mother's home was New Salem until her early twenties. She was one of eight daughters of one of the pioneer settlers of New Salem, John Kling.

I was well informed of the trials and tribulations that would confront me ... wide open spaces, gusty biting winds, cold winters, and droughts that would come and go. This was quite a contrast to our climatic conditions in Michigan. My home was about six miles inland from the shores of Lake Michigan, which was in the heart of the fruit belt.

North Dakota is a good state with its clean air and cool summer nights. But, for most of the winters, I'd rather be further south.

MR. AND MRS. MARTIN WILLMAN

Martin Willman was born near Trondheim, Norway, Oct. 26, 1884. He was educated at an agricultural school in Norway. He came to the United States in the spring of 1906, having assured his relatives in Norway that he would return there in a year's time. However, this promising country offered too much to leave and that same year he filed on a homestead three miles northeast of Almont. To this new farm home he brought Miss Tillie Jacobson, his bride, in 1909. She was born Nov. 27, 1887, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, one of the earliest pioneers of Sims.

Ten children came to bless this home: Mrs. Carl (Grace) Thor, Prineville, OR; Ralph, Vancouver, WA; Mrs. Leo (Lillian) Schneider, Seattle, WA; Mrs.



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Willman

Clarence (Margaret) Thor, Seattle, WA; Mrs. Sven (Joyce) Johnsen, Milwaukie, OR; Elmer, Oscar, Mrs. Orval (Ruth) Olin, Mrs. Archie (Audrey) Bethke, all of New Salem, ND, and Edward of Almont.

Mr. Willman passed away July 10, 1960, and Mrs. William on Sept. 8, 1976.



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GEORGE AND NETTIE WILSON

George Hudson Wilson was born in Cleveland, OH, on Aug. 14, 1878, the son of Geo. and Frances (Mintor) Wilson. In 1886 he moved with his parents to Glen Ullin, where the family homesteaded north of town. In 1900 he married Antonette Edelbrock, who was born April 13, 1878, in Cleveland, OH.

Nettie grew up in Cleveland, working in a textile factory and millinery shop. She later came to North Dakota to live with her parents on a homestead near Price, ND.

George took up a homestead eight miles east of Glen Ullin and built a two-room house where they lived for several years. In 1912 he went to work for the NRR at Gladstone, ND, where he was a pumper for a few years. They also lived in Kootenai, ID, where he worked as a brakeman for the NRR.

In 1924 they returned to his homestead at Glen Ullin and built a 3-room house. Later he built a sod house that was partly dug into a hill. He trapped during the winter and worked on farms in the summer.

They moved to Almont and lived there until his death in 1955. They celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary April 22, 1950, at Almont. Mrs. Wilson passed away Jan. 14, 1966.

MATHIAS WOHLMAN



Mathias Wohlman family

Matt Wohlman was born April 2, 1859, in Nitskisdorf, Hungary. His wife, Magdalene Hoyer, born Dec. 24, 1868, was also from Nitskisdorf. They were married Nov. 22, 1885, and four children were born in Hungary: Joseph, Oct. 27, 1885; Gertrude (Mrs. Matt Astafin), June 13, 1887; Martin, Jan. 30, 1893, and Susie (Mrs. Tenius Ramsland), March 4, 1895. The family came to America March 13, 1898, and filed on a homestead ten miles southwest of Almont near the Berger Spring (where Ed Bachler now lives). They lost their home and other buildings in a fire and then moved to Section 14-137-87, where they lived until retiring into Almont. While on the farm five more children were born: Clara (Mrs. Joe Filibeck), born Oct. 19, 1898; Johan, March 22, 1901; Frank, May 8, 1905; Katie (Mrs. Wilbur Schaff), March 15, 1905, and Pete, Sept. 27, 1909. The children are all deceased except Clara Filibeck who lives in Spokane. Mr. and Mrs. Wohlman spent their later years with their daughter, Gertie Astafin, in New Salem. Matt passed away

Jan. 20, 1944, and Mrs. Wohlman on Feb. 9, 1946.

When moving out to the homestead from New Salem with team and wagon, the family and chickens were in the wagon and the cows were led behind. They became very thirsty and stopped at the Hogan Anderson farm for a drink. They could not speak English but were able to make their wishes known and quenched their thirst. Mr. Wohlman walked to New Salem to work in the coal mine.

MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK J. ZEMPEL



Judy, Ardys, Romona, Ramon and Sharon Zempel

Fred Zempel was born Nov. 11, 1910, at Hannover, ND, to Frederick B. and Eleanor Zempel. He moved to the Almont community in 1936. He married Judith C. Olson, the daughter of Red Olson. She traveled the rodeo circuit with her father and was an avid horsewoman who would ride her father's race horses and also rode Roman style.

To this union four children were born: Romona E. married John Rogers, Salina, KS; Ramon D. "Buck" married Bonnie Gustafson, Mandan, ND; Aaron D. married Sharon Milas, Bismarck, ND; Ardys married John Schaeffer, Flasher, ND.

Fred passed away March 29, 1951, and Judy still lives and works in the Almont community.

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Mrs. Ole Feland (seated) and daughters, Mrs. Abe Peterson and Mrs. Emil Margido Willman.



Mrs. Anna Olson and Mrs. Lena Olson.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Doll and family, Oak Harbor, WA.



Mr. and Mrs. Don Heinle (Claudia Hellman) and children, Hebron, ND.