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## DEDICATION TO PIONEERS

To all the courageous men and women who braved dangers and hardships to make their homes in this new and sometimes harsh land we dedicate this book. Without perseverance in turning this piece of unbroken prairie into the thriving city of Halliday we would have little cause for a jubilee celebration.

We, who are now enjoying the fruits of our Pioneers' labors, hope to show our appreciation of their efforts by recalling their experiences and reviewing their pictures of life in early Halliday. This has been a rather extensive work for our Book Committee and for any omissions or mistakes we are regretful.

We wish to thank all those who sent or brought in their family histories and pictures. We are also most grateful to those who helped gather and type material: Hazel Malloy, Rose Bosch and Cora Palmer of Bismarck; Maude Schmitz, Shirley Frafjord, Margaret Goetz, Elsie Swenson and Vernie Klee of Halliday.

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## ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

### June 16, 1964

- 9-10 a.m. Pioneer Registration
- 9:30-10 a.m. Band Concert
- 11 a.m.—Noon Parade
- 1-3 p.m. Tug-O-War, Horseshoes, etc.
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free Shows for Kiddies
- 4:30-6 p.m. Indian Dancing
- 8-9 p.m. Westerners, Show
- 9 p.m.— Westerners, Dance

### June 17, 1964

- 9-10 a.m. Pioneer Registration
- 11 a.m.-Noon Parade
- Noon-2 p.m. Barbecue
- 2-4:30 p.m. Kiddies Games
- 2:30 p.m. Style and Variety Show
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free Shows for Kiddies
- 4:30-6 p.m. Baseball Game
- 6-8 p.m. Indian Dancing
- 8-9 p.m. Square Dancing
- 10 p.m. Fireworks
- 10 p.m. Dancing
- (Murphy Shows (Carnival) in Halliday both days)

## EARLY PIONEER DAYS

There was not an architect  
No banker made a loan  
To solve their housing problem  
They were strictly on their own  
They did not sign a mortgage  
And they did not buy a lot  
Just stopped the covered wagon  
At a likely looking spot  
No lumber yards were running  
They cut timber in the hills  
And hewed it into beams and joints  
And doors and window sills.  
  
They had to hand saw every plank  
And quarry every stone  
But finally they got it done  
A home to call their own.  
No mansion—but a sturdy house  
Their own strong hands had made  
It stood on fertile acres  
That had never been surveyed.  
No warranty, no abstract fee,  
No red tape, legal fuss,  
They just came out and built the West  
And left it all to us.

(Author Unknown)

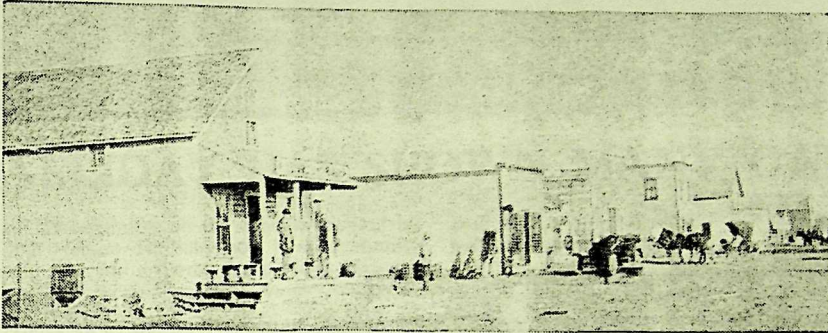
## A Vision Of The Little Country Town

He sits there at the fireside, where the mellow light is gleaming  
O'er the columns of the little country paper that he holds,  
And something he has read there seems to set his fancy dreaming,  
While memory's panorama of forgotten days unfolds,  
Its quaint and homely phrases all incline him to reflection;  
Some sweetness of enchantment as he lays the paper down  
Strips the bitter peel of sorrow from the fruit of recollection,  
He tastes the mellow sweetness of the little country town.

James W. Foley



## Louisiana Purchase To Present Day



An early day picture of Halliday's business section

What is now Dunn County, was originally part of the land involved in the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. On March 2, 1861 President James Buchanan signed a bill giving Dakota a territorial government.

At that time the territory was a vast area, composed of both Dakotas, most of Montana and a portion of Wyoming. In 1863, when the territory was reduced to the present boundaries of the two Dakotas, the region was opened to homesteading.

In the General election of 1887 residents voted to divide the territory into the two states of North and South Dakota and they were proclaimed states in the Union on Nov. 2, 1889 by President Benjamin Harrison.

When Dunn County was formed, it was named in honor of John P. Dunn, one of the early settlers of Bismarck. He was engaged in the drug business for many years.

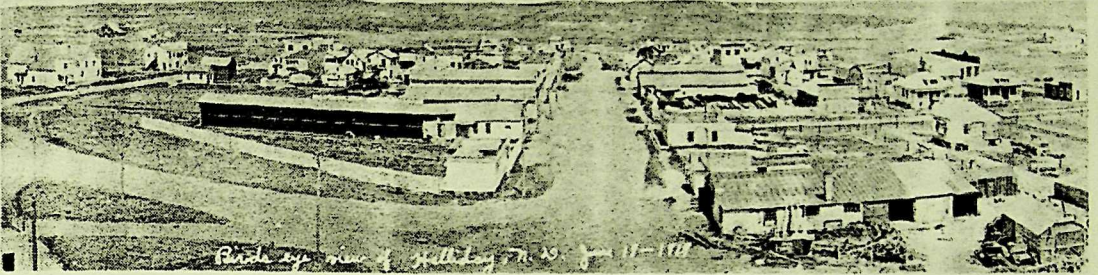
The Halliday family, for whom the present city of Halliday was named, came from Stark County, where they resided in the vicinity of Taylor and Gladstone for several years. After moving to Dunn County the Halliday family settled on Squaw Trail, near a large spring.

A post office was established on March 19, 1900 in William Halliday's ranch home, with Nathan C. Halliday as the postmaster.

When the railroad went through Dunn County in 1914 the town of Halliday moved two miles to the south to the present location.

The man for whom Halliday was named, left for California in about 1903, leaving only his name behind.





## HALLIDAY HAS SHOWN MANY GAINS

From a humble beginning on the wind-swept prairies of western North Dakota, Halliday now is a community of some 500 ambitious and civic-minded persons. Halliday is a clean town, the second largest in Dunn County.

The city is located at the intersection of Highways 8 and 7 and is situated a short distance south of Garrison Reservoir, the largest body of water in the state of North Dakota. The surrounding area is a sportsman's paradise, where big game is in abundance and some of the best duck hunting and fishing in the Flickertail State can be found.

Some 15 miles north of here is Twin Buttes, headquarters for the sprawling Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

Halliday, although settled only 50 years ago, has had its share of struggles through the years. Costly fires have leveled landmarks, but some of the original buildings stand today. Hard times drove many of the settlers away, but now, prosperous farms and ranches dot the countryside.

Spiritual needs of this community are served by four churches, two of them Lutheran, one Congregational and the other Roman Catholic.

The city obtained a new post office in 1960 and in 1963 a \$600,000 school was dedicated. There are 28 privately-owned businesses in the city, including a meat-packing plant which serves this region.

Halliday has kept up with the changing times. A major sewer and water project was completed here in

1956 and a disposal lagoon was constructed on the east edge of town. Combined cost of this project was \$166,000.

A free-flowing spring is located about three quarters of a mile north of this city. Water runs into a collector system, from where it is pumped into a huge storage tank and piped to the various buildings in town. A stand-by well is also ready for use at all times.

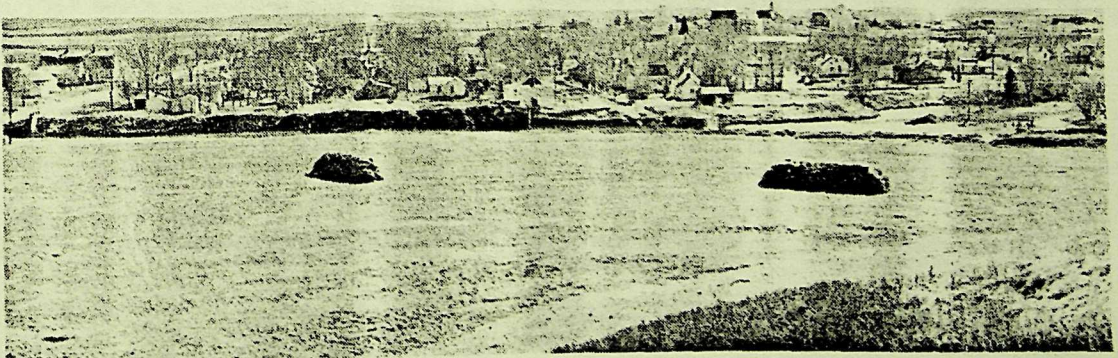
Street lighting was completed in 1953 and the city's power is obtained from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. In 1959 some paving work was done in the business district and long-range plans call for more paving within the next three years.

Halliday has a modern Fire Dept., and owns one truck, although a campaign has been launched for purchase of another. The department also has a rescue vehicle and has about \$2,000 invested in rescue equipment. Another \$10,000 is invested in Fire Dept. equipment and apparatus.

Serving the rural area free of charge, the department obtains operational funds through donations and the annual fireman's ball.

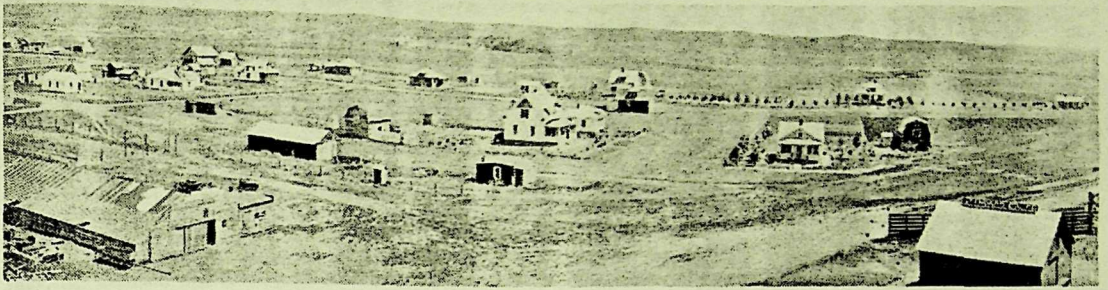
Striving for a more fire-free city, Halliday firemen in 1963 began a program to eliminate dilapidated buildings and other related hazards.

An active Civic Club has undertaken city beautification and recreation. Some 50 members comprise this organization of Halliday businessmen and area farmers. They gather the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30



This is Halliday as viewed from a bluff north of the city





p.m. for a dinner meeting. This group played the leading role in the anniversary celebration.

Halliday boasts curbs and sidewalks and a dam on Spring Creek north of the city provides swimming facilities for Halliday's younger set. A park is located on the west edge of the city and Boy and Cub Scouts take it upon themselves to keep this area clean of debris and do replacement tree planting and cultivation there and at the school. The Civic Club was instrumental in having electric power lines run to Mosset Bay to another recreation site on the reservoir backwaters where a water well was drilled and rest areas have been erected. Road improvements to the site have also been completed.

The American Legion Post sponsors summer baseball programs for the boys and the Legion takes care of Ball Park maintenance.

Presently under consideration in this progressive community is erection of a new City Hall, which also would house the Fire Dept. and other city equipment. The building would be of single-story design located on Main Street.

Plans call for the new structure to be 40 by 120 feet and the matter is to come up for public vote this fall.

Halliday is served by the Northern Pacific railroad branch line out of Mandan and has freight service twice weekly. Other public carriers also serve the city's needs.

The Union Bank is located here, along with the Union Insurance Agency. Gerald Bogers is the bank's cashier and the institution's total footings have grown to \$2 million.

George Boecker is manager of the Halliday Farmers Elevator. One of the newer businesses, King Koin Cleaners and Laundry is owned by Gerald Bogers and Maurice Wasem. Wasem also owns Wasem Hardware.

Owner of the West End Service is Irvin Richau and Adolph Walth has the Halliday Hotel and Walth Insurance Agency. Lloyd Selle is proprietor of Selle Implement and Leo Wolf manages the Hanewald and Weigum Fairway Foods Store.

Another implement firm, Bergsted's is owned by Martin Bergsted. Harry Malloy of Dickinson maintains a law office here, Mel's Cafe is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Porter and Walt Weisenberger owns Walt's Standard Service.

Eddie Reiersgaard has the Standard bulk plant, while Edwin Martin operates Eddie's Texaco Service.

Halliday Auto and Implement is owned by Leo Gefroh and Hartvick Anderson owns the Halliday Super Valu store. Consignee and owner of the Texaco bulk station is Joe Fischer.

A licensed and bonded electrician, Frank Fettig, owns and operates his own electrical business. Randol Bosch runs the newly-remodeled drug store and Almont Kisse has the Halliday Locker Plant. Simon Bosch owns and operates the Bosch Meat Packing company.

Another store, the Weisenberger Jack and Jill, is operated by Richard Weisenberger. Adam Reickert operates the Halliday Shoe Repair Shop and Elmer Goetz is the Mobil and Wesco agent. Frank Martin is owner of one of the taverns and Harry Lesmeister is proprietor of the other. Maude Schmitz offers a tax accounting service and Bernie Teske has the Electronic Shop.

The businessmen and other residents of Halliday have shown growth through the years and are planning for more progress in the future.

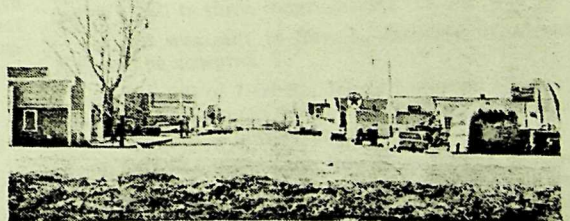
Halliday stands ready to serve you!



Part of business section



Street scene of Halliday in 1914 or '15



Halliday's Main Street today



# FOUR CHURCHES SERVE COMMUNITY

## SPRING CREEK CONGREGATION

The Spring Creek Congregation of Halliday, N. D., was organized at the Carl C. Carlson farm and ranch, three miles east of Halliday, on March 21, 1908 by Rev. Th. H. Larsen. The first Board of Trustees were: Karl Dahlen, Charley Gustafson and Thomas Perhus. Deacons; Carl E. Carlson, Stener Haugen and Osten Olson; Secretary, Alf Olafson and treasurer, Eric Stenerson.

The records are rather vague concerning the actual charter membership list, but by records of subsequent business meetings, the following were mentioned as voting members: Osten Olson, Eric Stenerson, Gilman Lofthus, Hugal Carlson, Peter Fjosne, Amund Gjermundson, Hans Ulsness, Fred Braaten, Alf Olafson, Knute Haugen, Knute Hermunstad, Alfred Ledin, Christ Gilge, Andrew Bye, Peter Simonson, Ole Christensen, Karl Dahlen, Marten Dahlen, Stener Haugen, Ed Mjølhus, John Stockland, Peder Johnson, John Dyrland, Anton Grenet, Julius B. Dahlen, John Pollested, C. O. Gulling, Hans Swensen, Thorval Dahlen, Kolbjorn Bye, A. H. Toft, Ole Viken, Knute Moen, Wm. Flaget, Marten Hermunstad, Oscar Gustafson and Charley Gustafson.

Pastor Larsen contributed much to the pioneer life of the parish. Many a time he braved blizzard and storm to be of service at an appointed time. He always drove ponies and buggy and cutter in winter.

The first class confirmed by pastor Larsen in the congregation who are still living here include Gerhard Gulling, Maybelle Gulling and Mrs. E. S. Evenson.

Pastor Larsen resigned as pastor in the fall of 1913 and Rev. N. Horneland took charge and remained until August, 1919. During this period, the Spring Creek congregation decided to form the Normanna, Vang and Whetstone in what was called the Dunn Center Parish at a meeting on Oct. 7, 1914. Discussion to build the present church at a cost of \$3,000 was held and the decision made. On the building committee were Alf Olafson, Hans Ulsness and J. B. Dahlen.

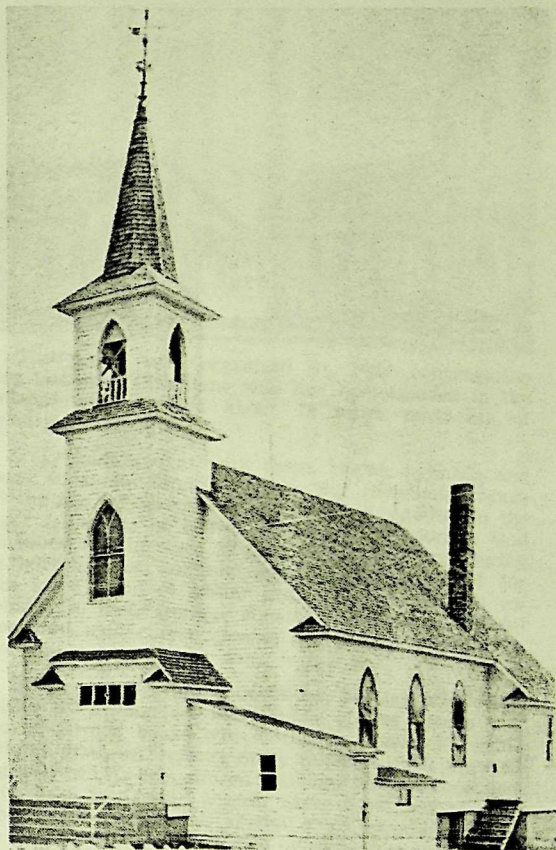
On Dec. 15, 1918, the congregation was incorporated. Pastor Horneland lived a couple miles north of the present site of Halliday that first year, then later moved and established a parsonage at the center of the parish, Dunn Center. Pastor Horneland resigned in 1919 to accept a call in Wisconsin.

Pastor F. J. Swensen was called and served until Dec. 1, 1925. This period created more activities also in church work possibly because the sons and daughters of the pioneers came into active life. Young people societies, choir, Sunday school and programs followed their life. The pastor was a strong, energetic worker and the members expressed their sorrow when Pastor Swensen left this charge for a new parish in Wisconsin.

In 1926 Pastor Fosmark took charge of this parish and served until 1939. This period included the great depression of the 30's. Also this was the period of changing the so-called two-language service to exclusive English. Pastor Fosmark was an outstanding asset to choir work, singer and confirmation class work.

Rev. L. S. Gjerde started work in the fall of 1940 and served until called as Chaplain in the Navy.

On March 11, 1945, Rev. Manley Helleson was installed as pastor. Prior to this the parish was without a pastor for some time and was partly served by pastors from nearby parishes and a period by pastors from the



circuit in the state of Iowa. Pastor Helleson tendered his resignation in June 1950, after accepting a call from Hingham, Mont.

A student pastor was secured to teach vacation school and conduct services during the summer. The following July 6, Rev. J. H. Nicolai was installed at Dunn Center for this parish. Dr. Brink's Quartet sang and also gave a concert. During the Pastor's stay the parish was reduced to three congregations. Normanna, Werner and Vang, to one parish, Dunn Center. Spring Creek, Dodge and Marshall into the Halliday parish. Rev. Nicolai resigned June 1955 to accept a call to Bismarck, N.D.

Rev. Alfred Wiger started in July of 1955. First teaching vacation Bible school and then on to preaching. He resigned and moved to Makoti, N.D., where he accepted a call to three congregations.

A call was sent to Rev. L. Jacobson of Alexander, N.D. and he accepted.

In the fall of 1959 St. John's Lutheran Church with a German background merged with Spring Creek Lutheran Church with a norwegian background.

A call was sent to the Rev. Silas Larsen of Kenmare who was serving a Danish background parish and he began his ministry here in February 1960. Pastor Larsen's Christian character and friendly manner won the respect of the people. He was especially concerned about the ill



and shut-ins and visited them regularly whether at home or in the hospital.

Because of his health he was forced to retire from the active ministry and left on Feb. 1, 1964, after four years of faithful service. He is missed not only by his own people but by the town people as well.

At present Our Saviors Church is being served by Pastor Samik Ishmer who is a native Arabian from Jerusalem, currently doing clinical work for the State Mental Health Dept. at Bismarck.

The membership is about 400; there are 78 enrolled in Sunday School, the Luther League Brotherhood, and two American Lutheran Church Women Circles meet regularly.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

In the early spring of 1915 a rather temporary organization was effected by Rev. Dickey and services arranged for at the school house. Rev. Hardy, the first pastor, came from Golden Valley as often as possible.

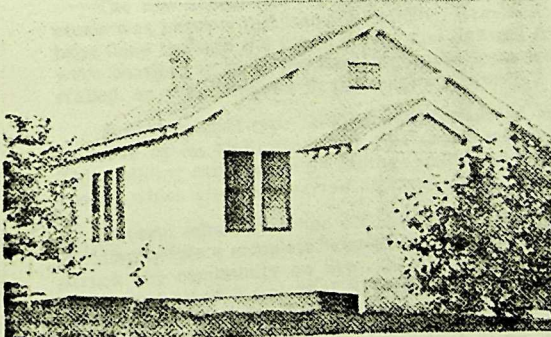
The congregation voted unanimously to officiate with North Dakota Congregational Churches. Officers were: Deacons — Morris Davis and G. E. Batchelder, Clerk — P. H. Betzer, Treasurer — Mrs. Henry Klein, and Trustees — G. E. Fulderson, Mrs. Morris Davis, and P. H. Betzer.

May 20, 1916, a meeting was called to form a permanent organization. Present were Rev. Stickney, Rev. Dickey and Rev. Ischy. The organization was completed and charter applied for, which was received about July 1, 1916. The following persons signed the Covenant and were accepted as members: L. B. Curtis, Morris Davis, P. H. Betzer, G. E. Batchelder, Fred Butler, Hattie McBride, H. A. Torman, Mrs. Henry Klein, Mrs. Morris Davis, Ida Purchase, Ella Dahlen, Gladys M. Curtis, E. A. Teff, A. J. Palmer, Mrs. J. A. Palmer, Mrs. H. A. Norman, Rev. and Mrs. A. Cutler.

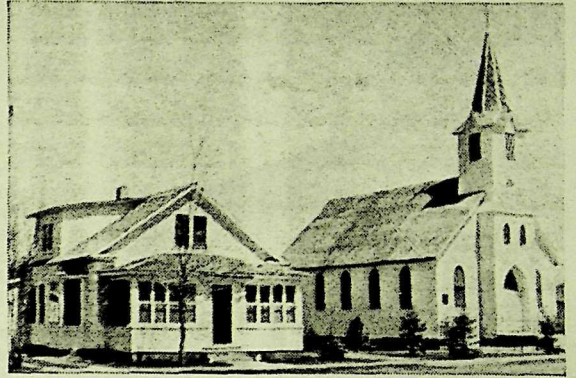
During the summer a Building Committee was appointed, which consisted of J. D. Rempel, J. L. Evans and Mrs. M. D. O'Neil. The Ladies Aid Society purchased two lots where the church now stands. Church construction began in October, 1922 and completed Jan. 15, 1923. The building was dedicated April 15, 1923. The following ministers attended and took part in the services: Day, Dickey, Hacke, Garwick and Van Horn.

Following is a list of the pastors who have served the church — J. P. Hardy, John Ischy, A. Cutler, W. J. Conrad, Noah Garwick, Day, Ralph V. Conrad, George Morris, S. J. Lenters, Weage, Workington, Dairs, Robert Fox, Alice Watson and John Degenhart.

Walter Stark is the present pastor and there are 36 members.



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



The people who organized St. Paul congregation were Lutheran Christians who had homesteaded in the Defiance area located about 15 miles northeast of Halliday.

They had brought with them, Bibles, hymnals and prayer books for family worship. But Christians always feel the need of worshipping and working together in the larger fellowship of believers in their community. God had taken care of them on the ocean voyage and during the hardships of homesteading. He had provided for them in the cold of winter before they were well established in their frontier homes. They were thankful when God made arrangements for their spiritual care also.

Besides having family devotions, people gathered in various homes for services. Some of the people had brought sermon books with them. A "Vorleser" would read one of these sermons every Sunday. Until the congregation had its own church building, services continued to be held in various homes. Since most homes were rather modest and small at that time, Sunday worship was usually held in the homes of those members whose houses offered the most room.

Homes in which services were held most frequently were those of Christian Weidner and Ludwig Tabbert. Other members of the group at that time were: Emmanuel Breiting, Dan Frei, Jacob Frank, Frederick Huber, Jacob Huber, Michael Miller and Philip Schneider.

After the congregation was formally organized, plans were made to erect its own church building. By June of 1911, members were privileged to see the cornerstone laying of the first church. In the fall of the same year, the church was dedicated to the glory of God, so that the Lord's work of preaching and teaching the Gospel of forgiveness through the blood of Christ could be carried out more effectively.

A big year in the history of the congregation was 1929. During that year the present church building of the congregation was erected. The former building was sold to the ELC congregation at Marshall.

With the changing times, smaller farms became larger mechanized units, and various members moved to town. Consequently, the congregation took action and in 1947 decided to relocate in Halliday. In the same spring the parsonage was moved to town and renovated. The following year the church building, estimated at 65 tons, was moved to Halliday and rededicated in November of 1948.



Pastors who served the congregation include: W. Schmoock, 1906-8; O. H. Pannkoke, 1908-9; H. Mackenson, 1909-12; F. W. Kaul, 1912-22; M. Keller, 1922-24; H. M. Maas, 1925-28; H. F. Gerike, 1928-40; H. Bruss, 1941-44; E. R. Dubs, 1945-46; S. Meske, 1947-51; A. G. Schwab, 1951-56; H. R. Theiss, 1957.

On March 26, 1961, the congregation dedicated the remodeled church basement and expanded Sunday School area. Members of the congregation contributed of their time, so that all the work except plumbing was volunteer labor. By removing several walls and replacing them with steel posts, over 300 square feet were added to the area of the main basement room. Since an oil furnace had been installed and the coal bin was no longer needed, the kitchen could be re-arranged and rest rooms added.

The congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and participates in a world wide program of bringing the Gospel of salvation through grace, by faith in Jesus Christ to people. Its direct mission program reaches into over 30 countries, in which its missionaries are located. The synod's Lutheran Hour broadcast is heard in 43 languages in 125 lands via more than 1,000 broadcasts heard by an estimated 30,000,000 persons each week, and is called "Bringing Christ to the Nations."

The well-known TV program "This Is The Life," also a part of the mission program, is heard over more than 300 stations every week throughout the United States and Canada. In the United States it is available to 98 per cent of all homes equipped with television. It is also carried in some foreign countries.

The central message of all of the church's work is: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

The first baptism recorded in St. Paul's Catholic Church at Halliday was Florian Joseph Stoltz on April

# HALLIDAY HAS NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM

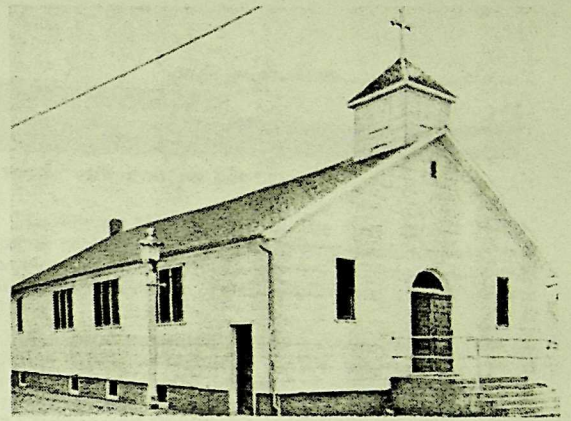
Halliday's school system got its start in 1908 when the houses of learning consisted of one room. Finding a need for better facilities to accommodate the growing population of this community, a modern two-story brick structure was erected in 1917 and was the pride of the area.

The new school had some 14 rooms and later a cafeteria was incorporated into the building. Remodeling had been done through the years, wiring and lighting fixtures were changed to meet the needs and new desks were installed, as were windows in the large structure.

A new quonset-type building was completed in 1952, to serve as an auditorium, for this sports-minded area. This building contains ample storage space and additional rooms, which also have served as classrooms.

Several minor fires had occurred in the brick school building before a complete renovation was made. Disaster struck the community on Sept. 20, 1960. The blaze was discovered about 3 a.m. that Saturday and had made too much headway for the Fire Dept. to save the structure.

The adjoining gymnasium sustained some damage, but before the fire was brought under control the quonset



28, 1916, by Father Emile Bubik. Father Bubik remained here until 1918.

From this date the priests of Hazen attended the parish and no priest resided at Halliday. They were Father Seitzer, Father Braeunig, Father Olberding C. P.P. S. and Father Bauer C. P.P. S. In May, 1937, Father Schaeper attended the parish from Killdeer.

In 1942 Father Rehberger C. P.P. S., began to attend the parish from Dodge and in 1949 he built the new church in Halliday which was dedicated Oct. 2, 1949 by Bishop Vincent J. Ryan.

On Aug. 23, 1952, Father Werner Hemmelgarn C. P.P. S. was appointed resident pastor of Halliday. He began construction of the rectory and it was completed April 1, 1959.

Father Robert Wuest C. P.P. S. came to replace Father Hemmelgarn on Sept. 1, 1959.

Halliday, Dodge and St. Martin were consolidated into one parish on Sept. 1, 1963 and Father George Fey C. P.P. S. came from Dodge to reside in Halliday as pastor of this parish.

building had three inches of water on the floor. Firemen battled throughout the early morning hours and into the afternoon. All that remained was a brick skeleton and crews started razing the walls that day to eliminate the hazard of falling bricks.

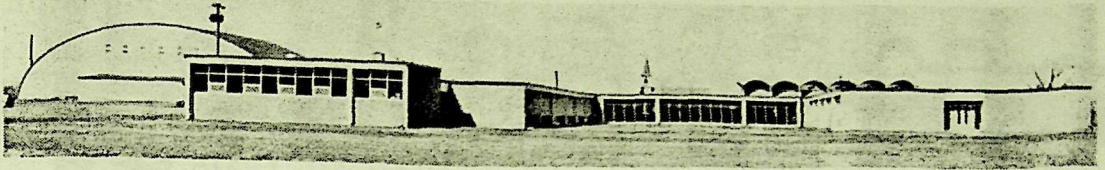
Everything was lost, except for the school's permanent records. Some of them came through the fire unscratched, while others were scorched, but in condition to be reproduced.

The total loss came to a staggering \$110,000. School Board officials immediately laid groundwork for a new building and made plans to resume the school session. There were about 300 students attending school in Halliday at the time.

For the remainder of the school term, classes were held in the theatre and available church basements. Grades two through six were transported 15 miles north of Halliday to available facilities at Twin Buttes.

The following year the gymnasium housed the high school, while the grade classes were taught in one-room school houses moved in from the country and were located in a row on the west side of the present school





New Halliday school as viewed from south, with gym on left

As the new building progressed, elementary classes moved to the new quarters and later the high school, with the building being dedicated Jan. 20, 1963.

The present single-story structure cost about \$600,000 and with cooks, teachers, bus drivers and custodial help there are 27 persons required to operate the facility.

Constructed in a U-shape, the building has a long and solid wall to the north, with wings branching off to the south on both ends. The new structure was built on the old site, next to the gymnasium.

In the new building are 14 rooms for the high school, including a Home Economics Dept. and a shop. It also houses eight classrooms for the elementary students, plus a nurse's room, three offices, teacher's lounge, reception area, library, workroom and a multi-purpose room which is adjacent to an up to date kitchen.

The new school, also of brick, is completely fire-proof and is capable of handling 250 students in the grades and about 250 in high school. This past term, 1963-64, the grade enrollment was 210, while there were 140 students in the high school.

The district owns six school buses and in addition Werner transports high school students to Halliday in the Werner bus. The district runs from Marshall on the south, to Twin Buttes on the north.

Present School Board members are: Gust Weisenberger, chairman; George Fisher, Adolph Kisse, Leo Lesmeister, Hjalmer Selle, Marion Febebee, clerk and Henry Frank, Treasurer.

## HALLIDAY CONCERT BAND

The Halliday Concert Band of 1963-64 consists of 40 members. Students range from grades 12 to grade five, and the average is grade 8.8, a majority of grade students.

The band has been more active this year than any other year since its beginning. There are many more activities and performances and more students taking part in band activities.

The first performance this season was Oct. 30, 1963. The concert featured the director, Robert Bren, as trumpet soloist accompanied by the band, which was conducted by Don Hjelmseth.

December 15, the date of the first annual Homecoming concert, was the next performance, and was also combined as the Christmas concert. Featured soloist was Miss Paulette Paulson, a sixth grader, who sang "Cantique de Noel."

The band presented its third concert of the year on April 8, 1964. A highlight of the program was guest soloist Loran Eckroth, professor of woodwinds at Dickinson State College. Eckroth performed the "Concertino for Clarinet and Band" and was assisted by three members of our own clarinet section — Gail Carlson, Joan Riegel, and Gary Ledin — in the performance of his second number, "Serenade." The final concert of the year will be held on May 14, 1964.

In addition to the concert band there is a cadet band which consists of the elementary students in band, and a beginners band. There are also numerous ensembles and students doing solo work.

Ensembles that participated in the district music festival this year were the Saxophone Quartet, the Clarinet Choir, and the Flute Quartet.

Larry Entzel also qualified for the state music festival in Jamestown for his performance as sousaphone soloist. There were also a number of entrants in the Third Annual Southwest Elementary Music Festival in Dickinson on April 4, 1964.

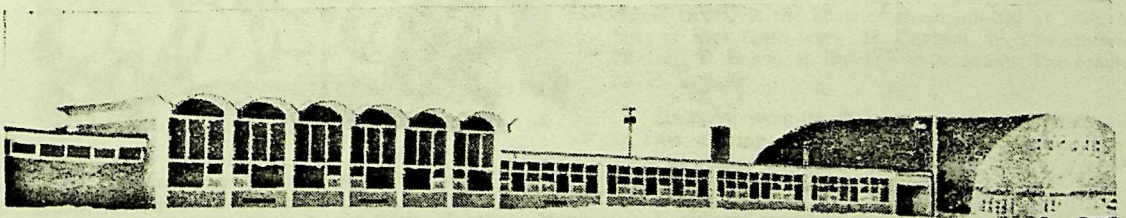
Students who participated in these festivals did quite well and we are very proud of the work they do.

## WOLVERINES WIN CONSOLATION

The Halliday Wolverines won the State Class "B" consolation championship at Minot during the 1964 basketball season. They finished the year with a record of 24 wins and four losses.

The Wolverines won the District 28 title by defeating Beulah in the finals 69-35 and won the Region 7 tournament held at Max by downing New Town 58-48 in the finals.

Halliday lost their first game in the state tournament to Kenmare 66-55. Kenmare went on to place second in the state. Halliday came back to defeat Linton 73-61 and won the consolation trophy by edging Drayton 78-71.



North view of new school at Halliday





**HALLIDAY 'B' SQUAD** — Kneeling, front is Lloyd Hendrickson, coach. Standing, left to right: Warren Smith, Ken Gegelman, Beland Morast, Rodney Miller, Paul Huber, Pat Lynch, Dennis Frafford, Don Boepple, Charles LaPierre, Dale Borth and Dennis Paulson.

The Wolverines met and defeated the Ft. Yates Warriors 75-68 this season. The Warriors won the state class "B" tournament this year. Halliday was ranked fifth at the end of the season in the State Class "B" poll.

During the 1962-63 season, the Halliday Wolverines won 24 games and lost 2. Included in this string was 22 straight victories. The Wolverines were ranked first in the State Class B newspaper poll at the end of the 1962-63 season. Halliday lost their first game of the year to Beach in the District 15 finals at Dickinson by a score of 64-59. Beach went on to win the state class "B" consol-

ation game last season. Halliday lost to Ft. Yates in the regional tournament 57-47. Ft. Yates finished third in the state tournament last season and Halliday won the Regional consolation title by defeating Mott by a score of 52-46. Halliday won the Taylor Invitational Christmas tournament by beating Taylor in the finals. They also won their first Badlands Conference championship.

During the 1961-62 year, the Halliday "B" squad went undefeated, finishing the season with a record of 20 wins and no losses. The varsity compiled a record of 17 wins and 6 losses. The Wolverines finished 4th in their district that season. They won their own Christmas tournament defeating South Heart in the finals.

During the last three seasons, the Wolverines have compiled a record of 65 wins and 10 losses against varsity competition for a percentage of 87.

During the last three years, the Halliday B squad has won 40 games and lost 21.

Over the past years, Halliday has continued to have strong teams who have made good showings during the season as well as during tournament time. The last time a Halliday team went to the state tournament was back in 1935.

Halliday has 75 trophies in their trophy case. The oldest trophy is the District championship of 1925. Members of that team were: H. Carlson, W. Christenson, A. Olafson, P. Bosch, E. Baker and A. Stand. The coach was M. H. Badger.

Halliday won its first Dunn County championship in 1941. During the 1954 season, Halliday won the District 13 Junior Legion baseball championship over Riverdale 9-3 in the final game.

Leo Goetz managed this team. Team members included: Robley Smith, Duane Wolf, Duane Anderson, Ronald Goetz, Clifford Ferebee, Delmer Smith, Gaynor Gotthilbert Miller, Johnny Fox, Buzz Ferebee.

## HALLIDAY SCHOOL



**STUDENTS IN 1915** — This picture of the Halliday school students was taken in 1915 by one of the first teachers, Lorene Evans York. They include: Eric and Alf Olafson, Gunder, Hannah and Edith Mohlhus, Margaret and Magdalene Volz, Pete, Madalene and Clementine Bosch, Beatrice Marcovitz, Walter and Mary Christensen and the Otto Stoltz children.





**HALLIDAY 'A' SQUAD** — Kneeling, left to right: Ronald Goetz, coach; Howard Johnson, Gary Rehberg and, Ralph Wiesenberger, student managers. Standing, left to right: Harlin Gilge, Bob Goetz, Rodney Johnson, Larry Burr, Arvid Ledin, Leroy Greenshields, Grant Hoffner, Keith Perhus, Bob Wolf, Brian Fjosne, Gregg Hoffner and Jim Bohrer.

## HALLIDAY SCHOOL BAND

The Halliday School Band was first organized in 1938 under the direction of Mr. Vee. During this time the band rehearsed in the building that is now the Halliday Theatre.

The uniforms were made by mothers of the students and it was a proud moment when the curtain rose for the first performance of the young band in the new uniforms.

Mr. Vee left after two years of service and the band became inactive for several years without the services of a director. The band was reorganized by Mr. DeKrey in the early 1940s. Mr. Hansen replaced DeKrey as director when DeKrey moved from Halliday.

In 1951, Mrs. Janet Holt became director of the band. Mrs. Holt, the former Janet Malloy, was one of the band members in 1938 and residents of Halliday were proud to have one of their own band students continue in the study of music and return to serve as band director.

Mrs. Holt is one of two former students in the Halliday band to receive a Music degree and continue in band work. The other person is Lyle Evenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sig Evenson.

The next director was Mr. Seedorf, who was here in 1953 and 1954. It was at this time that the maroon and gold capes and hats were purchased for the band. The year 1955 saw the band under the direction of Mr. Reid, and Mrs. Holt was again the director in 1956.

Richard Schlapman took over as band director in 1957. It was during this time that the band mothers were

officially organized. This group worked hard to raise money to purchase the uniforms which are being used today.

The band, under Schlapman's direction, also began its participation in the district music festivals and has continued to do so since. Mr. Schlapman was replaced by the present band director, Robert Bren, in 1961.

## PTA ORGANIZED IN 1949

The Halliday Parent-Teachers Assn. was organized in 1949 with 49 members and first officers were: Rev. Samuel Meske, president; Victor Burchill, vice president; Mrs. Ole Christensen, secretary and Delmer Weydahl, treasurer.

Two main projects were the Hot Lunch program and the new gymnasium. Del Weydahl suggested and secured all information on a Hot Lunch program. He was named chairman and Margaret (Hermunstad) Schroeder was selected as the cook.

Beautification and landscaping of the school yard, sponsoring organization for Boy Scouts of America, sponsor and a delegate to Girl's State and sponsorship of delegate to a Citizenship Seminar at Peace Garden are projects which since have been added. Each month at our meeting we give a banner to the grade receiving the most votes.

Total membership for 1963-64 year is 158 and present officers are: Dan Kisse, president; Robert Bren, vice president; Mrs. Delbert Schettler, secretary and Bernard Teske, treasurer.



## POST OFFICE ORGANIZED IN YEAR 1900

Halliday's post office was organized in the year 1900 at old Halliday and named for William Halliday, father of the first postmaster, Nathan Halliday. E. S. Evenson was the next postmaster for several years.

In 1914 the office was moved to the present site of Halliday, with Jerry Palmer the postmaster. The post office was located in the Palmer store on the west end of Main Street. Archie Palmer, son of Jerry Palmer, was the next postmaster, until 1921, when Malcom Pippin was appointed and the office was moved into the west half of the Pippin Hardware building. This was a half-block east of the Palmer building location and on the south side of the street.

Although the records are not clear, it was in 1934 or 1935 when George Stromm became postmaster. In 1936 Florence Law was appointed and the office was moved into the east portion of Doctor Law's office, directly across the street from the previous location and containing 380 square feet of floor space.

Mrs. Law retired on March 1, 1957, when present Postmaster Leo Lesmeister was named to take the post.

In the winter of 1959-60, Joe Bosch of Dickinson, entered into an agreement with the Post Office Dept. and constructed a new brick and cement block building on Main Street. The structure measures 24 by 44 feet and is up to date in every detail.

Approximate cost of the new building was \$10,000. It was occupied on March 4, 1960 and dedication was held May 7 of that year. The Postal Service leases the building and pays all utilities.

The new facility has a lobby, containing 202 lock boxes, a service lobby, workroom, rest room, mail vestibule and furnace and storage room. Fluorescent lighting is used throughout the building which contains 1,018 square feet of floor space.



Leo Lesmeister



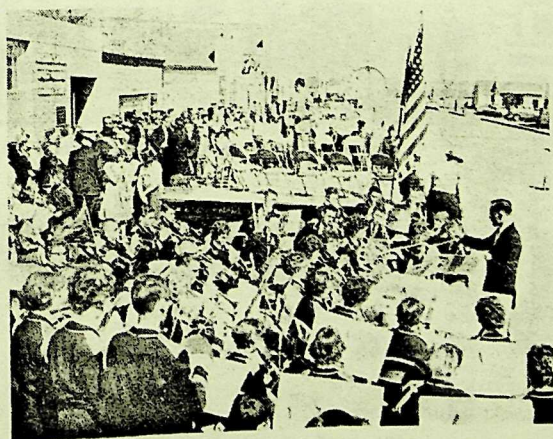
Halliday's new Post Office faces south

The office has all new equipment and the service lobby has open bank-type counters. Mail is loaded and unloaded at the rear of the building, where a cement floor and overhanging roof protect the mail and carriers from the weather.

Length of the daily route is 90 miles, one of the longest in North Dakota, and Halliday post office also serves the Twin Buttes area.

Lesmeister's wife, Joyce, serves as postal clerk and Mrs. Gene Dressler is substitute clerk. William J. Schmitz is substitute carrier, but working as the rural carrier until a permanent one is named.

George Erbstoesser, who served as carrier on the Halliday route since July of 1939, retired at the mandatory age of 70 years on April 1 of this year.



High School band performs at Post Office dedication



Indian dancers at Post Office dedication



# FOUR BEARS BRIDGE DEDICATED IN 1934



Governor Shafer is shown signing the bill for bridge at Elbowoods in 1931

Construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at Elbowoods was first discussed in the 1900s. Purpose of the bridge was to form a means of more advanced communication between persons living on both sides of the river.

Area businessmen and H. A. Case, an Elbowoods missionary, backing the plan, were instrumental in organizing the Elbowoods Bridge Assn. in 1930 with Case as the chairman. R. A. Torbye served as vice-chairman, along with E. S. Evenson and R. A. Landwehr was the secretary. Civic bodies of 36 villages and cities were represented in the association.

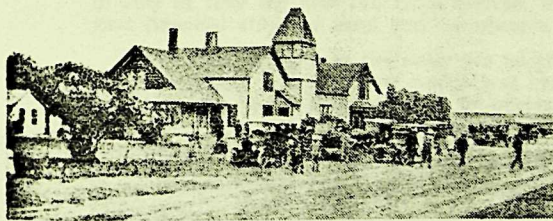
The Halliday Civic Club elected H. M. Pippin and Maurice Wasem as members and Evenson chairman of the Halliday committee. These men spent 51 days in Bismarck during the 1932 session lobbying for the bridge.

Halliday's Civic Club financed the venture to the tune of \$1,200 and every community including Bismarck and Minot came out strong. Many resolutions were sent to the state Legislature and the bridge bill was passed without a single dissenting vote.

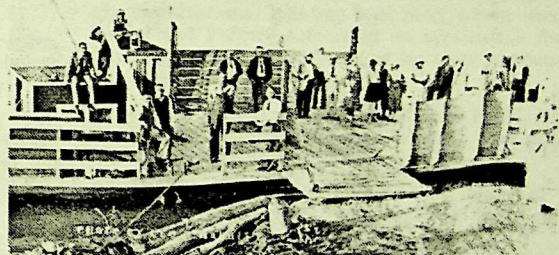
June 15-18 of 1934 was a memorable occasion. That's when the four-day dedication of the bridge was held on the location, 18 miles north of Halliday. The structure was named Four Bears bridge. Four Bears was a notable Indian chief, of the Hindasta tribes.

Master of ceremonies was Attorney Jim Cain of Dickinson who sponsored the bill and Attorney McBride, who prepared the measure, including the road from the bridge site to Halliday. Speakers included Gov. George Shafer and Congressman J. H. Sinclair.

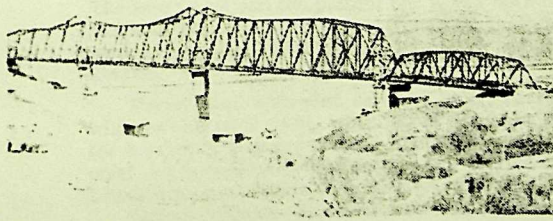
When Garrison dam was built, the bridge was dismantled and moved to New Town.



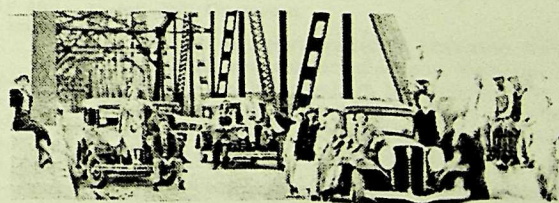
Ft. Berthold Indian Mission at Elbowoods



Halliday group takes last trip on ferry



Four Bears bridge dedicated in June, 1934



Halliday delegation at bridge dedication



# ORGANIZATIONS PLAY ROLE IN HISTORY

## Fire Department

Halliday's Fire Department, which now consists of 26 men, was organized in 1916, with Abe Porter as the first chief. The first fire-fighting equipment the city had consisted of two hand-drawn carts that required six men each to pull.

These carts carried 30 gallons of water and pressure was obtained by mixing soda and acid with the water.

The city's fire alarm was a large bell that hung in a tower above City Hall and the first person hearing of a fire took it upon himself to ring the bell, thus turning in the alarm.

One of the first major fires occurred in a cafe. The crippled owner was rescued, but the building burned to the ground. Due to the limited fire-fighting capacity of these early day carts, several large blazes destroyed many of the original business places.

In the fall of 1947 a disastrous prairie fire started north of Werner and swept through a large area until it was stopped by Highway 8 north of Halliday. Several buildings were destroyed, along with a large number of hay stacks.

Shortly after this fire a meeting was called for the purpose of raising funds to purchase better equipment. In July of 1949 the new fire truck arrived, through a joint financial effort of rural and townspeople.

That same year a new fire siren was added, replacing the old bell. In 1958 a new system was installed so that a fire alarm could be turned in by telephone.

The Halliday Fire Dept. today is active in Civil Defense and recently purchased a new rescue truck. In addition, the department has a full line of first aid equipment.

Plans are for purchase of a new and larger truck to be used in the east half of the county and a fund drive for this purpose was started in November of 1963. The new truck and the present one would both be kept in Halliday for benefit of property owners in the city and country alike. It is expected the new truck will cost about \$14,000.

Porter was succeeded as chief by Steve Lesmeister who served until 1946, when A. L. Gerhart took over for a year. In January of 1948 Adolph Walth was elected chief, a position he held until January of 1951 when Leo Lesmeister was elected. Lesmeister still holds this post.

George Erbstoesser has been secretary-treasurer for the past 24 years.



**HALLIDAY FIRE DEPARTMENT** — Here are members of the Halliday Fire Dept. Front row, left to right: Elmer Goetz, Abe Porter, J. O. Sivesend, Terry Frafford, Reinhold Boepple, Pius Reis, Randol Bosch, Gene Dressler and George Erbstoesser. Back row, left to right: Melvin Porter, Leo Lesmeister, Reinhold Traxel, Sanford Swenson, Art Ledin, Lloyd Selle, Frank Fettig, Leo Wolf, Ed Messmer and Peter Weisz. Not present when picture was taken were: Jonas Klee, Harry Lesmeister, Irvin Richau, Gerald Bogers, Leo Gefroh, Joe Klee, Elmer Meissel and Bernie Teske.

## AMERICAN LEGION POST

The Fiegel-Fischer Post No. 258 of the American Legion Dept. of North Dakota was chartered March 12, 1946.

A. J. Palmer was the organizing chairman and served as first post adjutant until the formal election of officers. An organizational meeting was held, which was well attended and Palmer submitted an application for charter Aug. 17, 1945. It was approved by state headquarters on Oct. 12, 1945.

At the formal election of officers, H. M. Pippin was named post commander. A. J. Palmer was elected post adjutant and finance officer.

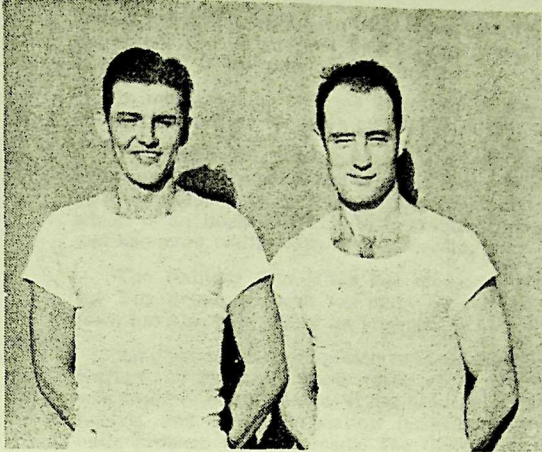
There were 46 charter members. Many of who still belong to the Legion. The year 1946 also showed the highest membership — a total of 82.

Present officers are: Commander, Walter Huber; Adjutant, Leo Gefroh; Finance, Gerry Bogers and Historian, Bill Gustafson.

The post has participated in numerous military funerals and has also conducted several Memorial Day services, the largest being held in the Halliday City Park and attended by some 350 persons. The post has placed markers on all veterans' graves and each Memorial Day a small American flag is placed on each grave.

Each year the post sponsors a candidate to Boy's State, held at Grand Forks. The past two years they





**HALLIDAY POST TAKES NAME** — The Halliday American Legion post was named after Lawrence Fiegel, left and Nicholas Fisher, right. They were killed in 1942 while serving aboard ship during World War II.

have also sponsored a student to a citizenship seminar held at the Peace Gardens.

A Junior Legion baseball team is sponsored each year. In 1963 the ballfield was completely renovated. A new backstop was erected and new dugouts built. A number of new suits and equipment was also added.

A substantial donation was contributed to the school gymnasium fund and in 1961 the post purchased a rural school house and moved it to post property across the street from the Halliday Theatre. A committee was selected the same year to sell flags and holders to the business establishments in Halliday and Dodge. Almost a 100 per cent sale was made in these two towns, as well as some private citizens, who purchased flags.

From the national level the American Legion has sponsored a nation-wide highway safety campaign, a "Go to Church" each Sunday campaign and conduct Americanism activities, featuring wide range community service, youth development, educational advancement and counter subversive activities.

Out of each membership dues, 10 cents is applied to the National Child Welfare program. This amount, when multiplied by several million memberships, is a great boost to this program.

It is customary for a post to select its name from the first war heroes who give their lives for their country, thus the name Fiegel-Fischer.

Lawrence Fiegel S1/C enlisted in the U.S. Navy in September, 1938. He was killed in action Feb. 28, 1942 while serving aboard a heavy cruiser, the U.S.S. Houston, flagship of the Asiatic fleet, which was engaged in battle with the Japanese in the Java Sea. Some of the survivors from this ship were captured and were participants in the infamous "Death March" in Bataan.

Nicholas Fisher MM2/C was killed in line of duty Jan. 26, 1942 aboard the U.S.S. Hammondspont. He was buried at sea in the South Pacific with full military honors.

Charter members of Fiegel-Fischer Post No. 258 are: Maurice H. Wasem, Herbert Rehberg, H. M. Pippin, Loren Frafjord, Anton E. Berg, Val Hellman, Edward Mosset,

Archie J. Palmer, John Zarr, Roy O. Burgess, Peter Tolpingrud, Einar Fischer, Carl S. Johnson, M. A. Olson;

Marius Mathisen, Matt C. Klee, Otto Zeiszler, P. B. Goetz, Colburn W. Burgess, Gunder O. Lofthus, Olav Haugen, Dan Bollinger, H. L. Malloy, John Duttenhefer, David Grinnell;

A. O. Smith, Adam Ralph Kuhn, Herbert C. Miller, Marlin V. Olson, Otto Rasch, Donald R. Beaton, William E. Wasem, Leslie R. Wasem, Maurice H. Wasem, Jr., Matt Baseflug, James Fischer;

Otto Rehberg, Miles H. Bollinger, Arthur T. Lofthus, Frank Dancer, Donald D. Robison, Luther E. Grinnell, Wilbur K. Lynch, Carl L. McAdoo, George E. Lynch and Gene Gensberg.

#### **PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To promote peace and good-will on earth;

To make right the master of might;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

#### **HALLIDAY CIVIC CLUB**

The mainstay of all cities and towns have been their civic organizations and so has been the case of Halliday's Civic Club. Although many of its former members have either moved or are deceased, their many fine deeds and hard work still remain to be seen.

Primary purpose of Halliday's first members was to improve the town by attracting new business to the community, improve roads, schools and recreation facilities. Probably one of its first and most important projects was working to obtain Highway No. 8 from Richardson to Elbowoods and to get the Four Bears bridge across the big Missouri River.

Some of the men who served on this important committee were: Maurice Wasem, Sr., Sig Evenson, Abe Porter, Malcom Pippin, Frank Fiegel, Sr., Archie Palmer and Bud Card, to mention a few. The Civic Club spent a great deal of time and money in lobbying at the state Legislature in order to achieve this outstanding piece of work. Although the bridge was removed in 1953 when the Garrison reservoir flooded it out highway No. 8 still serves as the main trunk of travel for tourists who visit and enjoy the many bays and inlets on the south shore of Garrison reservoir.

Some of the other projects undertaken by the Civic Club was the city auditorium and Halliday dam. In the



line of recreation, they have until recent years sponsored the annual Corn Show and Fall Festival which was one of the finest in this part of the country.

In more recent years the Civic Club has worked to obtain a doctor for the town and did so in 1949.

The group also worked vigorously with other communities along the north line to get Highway No. 7 rebuilt and blacktopped from Pick City to Highway U.S. 85, which is an important link to intrastate transportation and has more traffic with each succeeding year.

The Halliday Civic Club has sponsored and helped the Boy Scout program for many years. The baseball team has also been one of its projects.

Another important project was establishing a recreation site on the Garrison reservoir. Mosset Bay area was found to be suitable, as it has beautiful scenery, good fishing, and excellent boating facilities. However the main problem was the roads. The Civic Club helped to get the road built into this bay and today it is one of North Dakota's finest tourist attractions.

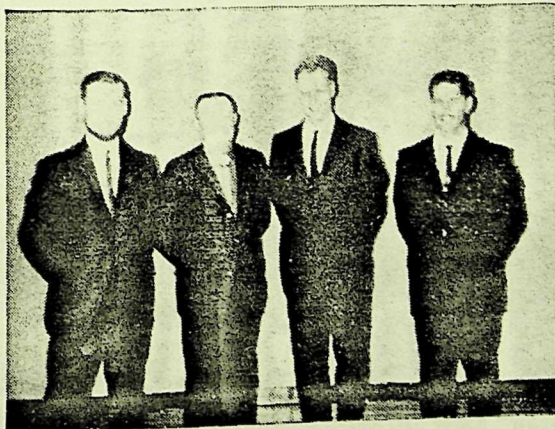
The Civic Club for many years has also sponsored a Married Couples dance which has proved to be quite popular to residents of the area.

Present officers are: Leo Gefroh, president; Lloyd Selle, vice president and Jonas M. Klee, secretary treasurer.

Past presidents are: 1928 T. L. Evans; 1929 Walter Christensen; 1930 H. L. Malloy; 1931 A. J. Palmer; 1932 H. M. Pippin; 1933 H. L. Malloy; 1934 M. H. Wasem; 1935 E. S. Evenson; 1936 H. Walker; 1937 A. Olafson; 1938 C. Payne;

1939 E. C. Payne; 1940 S. F. Lesmeister; 1941 (no records); 1942 (no records); 1943 (no records); 1944 S. E. Lesmeister; 1945 Pete Bosch; 1946 (no record); 1947 (no record); 1948 Pete Bosch; 1949 Frank Fiegel; 1950 Leo Goetz; 1951 Maurice Wasem, Jr.; 1952 Frank Martin;

1953 Bill Klundt; 1954 Melvin Porter; 1955 Leo Goetz; 1956 Leo Lesmeister; 1957 Leo Lesmeister; 1958 Lloyd Selle; 1959 Art Ledin; 1960 Elmer Goetz; 1961 Gerald Bogers; 1962 Frank Fiegel; 1963 Randal Bosch and 1964 Leo Gefroh.



**CIVIC CLUB OFFICERS** — Officers of the Halliday Civic Club, from left to right: Randal Bosch, past president; Leo Gefroh, president; Lloyd Selle, vice president and Jonas Klee, secretary-treasurer.

## FRIENDSHIP HOMEMAKERS



On July 27, 1945, W. F. Cockburn, county agent, met with 15 women of the neighborhood at the Erick Carlson home to consider the possibility of organizing a homemakers club. The women were enthusiastic and the club was organized in time to begin the year's work.

The following are charter members: Mrs. Erick Carlson, Mrs. Hugo Carlson, Mrs. Oliver Flaget, Mrs. Christ Gilje, Mrs. Harry Gustafson, Miss Helen Gustafson, Mrs. Oscar Gustafson, Mrs. O. J. Hinshaw, Mrs. Martin Knutson, and Mrs. Arthur Tschaekofske.

At the next meeting, Mrs. J. Carl Swenson and Mrs. Laura Ulsness joined. Later in the fall Mrs. Knutson discontinued and Mrs. Lydia Tschaekofski and Mrs. Alton Swenson joined the group.

The first officers of the club were: President, Mrs. Erick Carlson; Vice-President, Mrs. Arthur Tschaekofski; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Harry Gustafson. The club cooperates with the North Dakota Dept. of Agriculture studying the various phases of homemaking and making it available to as many homes as possible and promote community life.

The club has been in existence continually since its organization — maintaining a membership of twelve to fifteen members and meeting the second Thursday of each month.

The Friendship club has participated in fund drives for cancer, heart, Red Cross and Sister Kenny. Members have also performed in various entertainment numbers to aid in fund raising to support the school band and hot lunch program.

They have had booths for the County Achievement Days and served lunch for farm demonstration meetings.

Three of the members have been county officers and two have attended the State Homemakers Council meeting in Fargo.

Throughout most of the years the Homemakers members have entertained their husbands and children with an annual Christmas party and family picnic. In recent years a Christmas dinner had been given, in one of the members' homes for the homemakers members and their husbands. This is generally a formal dinner served by some of the club members' daughters.

The present club members are: Mrs. Oliver Flaget, president; Mrs. Matt Klee, vice-president and program chairman; Mrs. Alton Swenson, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Carsten Gilje; Mrs. Herbert Tschaekofoske; Mrs. Lena Nodland; Mrs. Erick Carlson; Mrs. Bill Gustafson; Mrs. Edwin Morast; Mrs. Terry Frafjord; Mrs. Dal Svisend; Mrs. John Dahlen; Mrs. Elmer Goetz and Mrs. Alice Gustafson.



**HALLIDAY STUDY CLUB**



Study Club members entertain their husbands at a Christmas party in the Howard Malloy home in 1942

In February, 1937 several women met at the home of Hazel Malloy to organize a club. Much interest was shown and it was agreed that the group would be known as the Halliday Study Club.

Local attorney, H. L. Malloy, wrote the constitution and the group became federated in March of the same year, with 12 charter members.

Purpose of the General Federation of Women's Clubs is "to unite the women's clubs and like organizations throughout the world for the purpose of mutual benefit, and for the promotion of their common interest in education, philanthropy, public welfare, moral values, civics and fine arts."

The Halliday Study Club sponsored a public library, which was in operation for several years. When the City Hall was remodeled, space was limited, so the library was discontinued, much to the regret of the members. Many of the books were donated to the school library.



Charter members of the Halliday Study Club in 1937. The group became federated with a membership of 12.

The club members have always been interested in the welfare of children and it is through their efforts that the local PTA was founded. When the gymnasium was built, the club donated \$400 toward equipment.

The club has had the privilege of entertaining the 7th district convention three times during the past years. The different departments are: Conversation, Education, Fine Arts, Home Life, International Affairs, Public Affairs and Leadership Training.

For the current year the members are reading books and giving reports on them and also studying and relating current events.

**PIONEER HOMEMAKERS**

The Pioneer Homemakers club was organized in November of 1945, at the home of Mrs. Earl Fjosne. It consisted of nine members.

The first officers were: President, Mrs. Earl Fjosne; Vice President, Mrs. Ed Schettler; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Dan Kisse; Program Chairman, Mrs. Jack Schettler.

Other members were: Mrs. Claud Leach, Mrs. Christ Rasch, Mrs. Pete Tolpingrud, Mrs. Adolph Kisse, Mrs. George McAdoo, and Mrs. Micky Transtrom.

Besides major projects set up by the state, the club had several others which they sponsored. These included making of the U. S. flower quilt, which was raffled off and proceeds being sent to the Crippled Childrens' Home in Jamestown. Mrs. Ruth Pippin was recipient of the quilt.

The group also packed Christmas boxes for servicemen who were sons or daughters of the club members, and to other relatives and friends in homes.

The club also gave donations to the sponsors of the swimming classes, as well as to 4-H clubs for their work.

Six of the charter members are still with the club: Mrs. Dan Kisse, Mrs. Adolph Kisse, Mrs. Ed Schettler, Mrs. Jack Schettler, Mrs. Pete Tolpingrud, and Mrs. Claud Leach. Three former members, Mrs. George Mc-



**PIONEER HOMEMAKERS** — Shown are Mrs. Delbert Schettler, Mrs. Seidel, Lucille Schettler, Mrs. Leach, Nettie Kisse, Esther Kisse, Mrs. Henry Frank, Mrs. Emil Mann, Mrs. J. Schettler, Mrs. Clarence Christensen and Mrs. Reiersgaard



Adoo, Mrs. Matilda Ledin, and Mrs. Tina Ferebee are deceased.

Besides the living charter members, with the exception of Mrs. Earl Fjosne, Mrs. Micky Transtrom, and Mrs. Rasch, others now in the club are: Mrs. Ed Reiersgaard, Sr., Mrs. Bertha Ledin, Mrs. Arthur Mittlestadt, Mrs. Henry Frank, Mrs. Eddie Martin, Mrs. Clarence Christensen, Mrs. Emil Mann, Mrs. Albert Seidel, Mrs. Delbert Schettler, and Mrs. Wiford Kisse.

## 4-H CLUBS OF HALLIDAY

Under the direction of W. F. Cockburn, Dunn County Extension Agent, a 4-H Club was organized at Halliday in 1947. Mrs. Rose Bosch was leader and Mrs. Hilma Wasem was named assistant leader.

The group was known as the Liberty Club and met in various homes. In 1950, seven of the girls received bronze pins for completing three years of club work. They were: Arlene Boeckel, Janet Carlson, Martha Mathson, Marjean Reichart, Elma Weisenberger, Hilma Joyce Wasem and Joan Stacker. Mrs. Erick became assistant leader when Mrs. Bosch moved from Halliday.

In the fall of 1950, the membership was large so two club were formed. The older group took the name Wolverettes and the younger group kept the name Liberty. Mrs. Wasem was the leader of the Wolverettes and Mrs. Carlson with her daughter, Janet, as assistant, was leader of the Liberty Club.

A new club, The Cardinal of older girls was began in 1951, and Mrs. Oliver Flaget was their leader. Bernice Lesmeister attended Conservation Camp at Lake Metigoshe and one year five members and Mrs. Flaget spent three days at a Medora 4-H Camp.

An IFYE from Finland lived with the Flagets in 1952. This was the year foods was the 4-H project. She demonstrated to the girls how to decorate cakes. She also told the girls the form of measurements they used in Finland for cooking.

The Cardinal Club continued until 1956 and then joined the Liberty Club. They kept the Liberty Club name, with Mrs. Carlson as leader and Mrs. Flagetand, and Mrs. Edwin Reiersgaard as assistants.

In 1959, after serving 11 years, Mrs. Carlson discontinued her leadership and Mrs. Flaget became leader, with Mrs. Edwin Reiersgaard as assistant. Mrs. Art Mittlestadt also helped one year. Mrs. Reiersgaard assisted until 1963.

In 1959, the Liberty Club was large, so it was divided into two groups called — Liberty Seniors and Juniors.

The girls have taken part in talent shows and demonstration contests. Julie Bosch and Marijean Flaget represented the Liberty Club in the district and state demonstration contests for three years. They attend Achievement Day each year and display a large number of fine exhibits.

Marijean Flaget was State Clothing Achievement Girl in 1959 and won an expense-paid trip to National Club Congress in Chicago.

Anita Ferebee and Marijean Flaget were delegates to State 4-H Institute held in Fargo and Judy Reiersgaard attended Conservation Camp at Lake Metigoshe in 1962. The Liberty Club was represented on a foods tour to Fargo by Ruby Ferebee and a home improvement tour to Minneapolis by Marijean Flaget.

The Liberty Club had as their guest Mrs. John Hilton, Abe Porter's sister from England. She demonstrated how the English make tea and also talked about her country.

At present Mrs. Flaget and Mrs. George Ferebee are leaders of the Liberty Seniors, with a membership of 18. Mrs. Dan Kisse, Mrs. Albert Siedel and Mrs. Wilfred Kisse are leaders of the Liberty Juniors, with a membership of 14 girls.

This year the girls are taking foods and several miscellaneous projects.

## HALLIDAY BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scouts of America troop 44 first organized in Halliday Dec. 28, 1929 with N. H. Johnson, school superintendent, as scout leader. Walter Christensen, Maurice Wasem, Leslie Wasem and Fed Hall composed the Executive Committee. This group remained active until 1932.

The following boys made up the troop: Bob Smith, Norman Gunwall, Joe Fischer, Alton Shjeflo, Bob Hall, Oliver Flaget, Dan Stoltz, Sam Silver, Frank Fiegel, Harold Rosenberg, James Hall, Harry Gustafson and Thorvold Gilje.

The next charter to be granted Halliday was in 1942 through 1944 with Ralph Stocken as one of the first leaders.

In 1953 and 1954 Harry Dahlen was chosen to head the Scout troop under sponsorship of the American Lutheran Church. Elmer Goetz, Terry Frafford, Marlin Frafford and Sanford Swenson were on the committee to help. Dahlen had a fine troop until he entered the armed services.

The Halliday Civic Club, as well as the Fire Dept. were sponsors at various times. From 1954 to 1958 the



Halliday Cubs at outing in May, 1961



Halliday Cub Scouts in May, 1960





**HALLIDAY BOY SCOUT TROOP 44** — Front row left to right: Bob Wilhelm, Dean Bergsted, Jim Wilhelm, Roger Geggelman, Jack Steffan, Gary Ledin, David Bergsted. Second row, left to right: Darrel Geggelman, Leon Gustafson, Kayo Isaak, Stanley Hausauer, Rick Wilhelm, Alton Fisher, Charles La Pierre. Third row, left to right: Arvin Bergsted, Pat Lynch, David Gustafson, Brian Fjosne, Dan Flemmer, Jack Lesmeister. Fourth row, left to right: Earl Fjosne, Pete Weisz, Leo Lesmeister, Dan Flemmer, Alta Lynch. Junior leaders not pictured are Bob and Bill Transtrom.

scouting program was virtually at a standstill. The Halliday PTA agreed to take the sponsorship of the troop in order to get it going.

Jack Stewart had been hired to teach in the Halliday school in the fall of 1958. He was a qualified man in scouting, with many years of experience as a Boy Scout and as a leader and took over as scout leader. Leo Lesmeister was assistant leader and Alta Lynch, Earl Fjosne, Pete Weisz, Dan Flemmer and Martin Bergsted were committee men.

Twelve boys registered to get the troop going and by 1963 there were 41 boys registered.

The troop meets every Wednesday night at the Halliday School. The boys have undertaken a number of jobs, such as cleaning the trees at the school, as the park, the dam, cleaning the cemetery road and many projects.

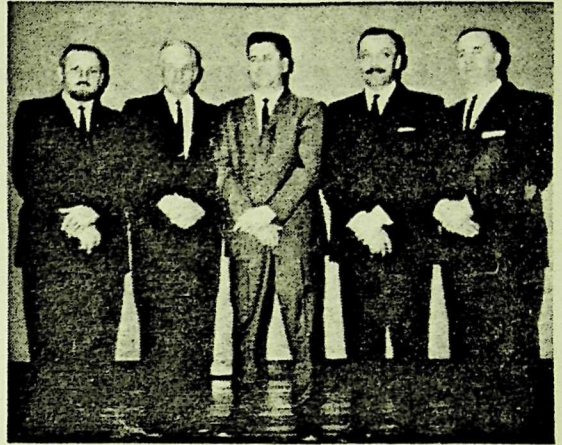
The past three years the troop has sponsored an annual camporee at Mosset, six miles north of Halliday. These have been a huge success with 200 to 300 boys attending each year. This year will see the biggest ever with the entire Missouri Valley Council participating.

In January the troop lost the leadership of Stewart, but is grateful for the number of years he served. Lesmeister has moved up as Scout leader and the troop has boys who have earned the rank of life scouts.

**HALLIDAY CITY OFFICIALS**

Halliday's City Commission meets on the first Monday of each month and has for its president, Gerald J. ... the local banker.

Commissioners are Frank ... local bar operator; Hartvick Anderson, ... and Arthur R. Ledin, who also ... Police magistrate.



**CITY COMMISSION** — Members of the Halliday City Commission from left to right are: Walter Weisenberger, Arthur Ledin, Gerald Bogers, Frank Martin and Hartvick Anderson.

Henry T. Frank is the city auditor and Ida Radke serves as treasurer. City attorney is Harry T. Malloy.

Reinhold Boepple takes several roles in the community, his main one as chief of police. He is also the assessor and water works superintendent.

Walter Weisenberger is sewage works superintendent.

On the Park Commission, Wilfred Schaper is the chairman and Maurice Wasem the clerk. Members are Boepple, Mel Porter, cafe operator and Reinhold Traxel.

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## A TRIBUTE TO HALLIDAY PIONEERS

Our fair city of Halliday is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. It is fitting and proper to pay tribute to the pioneers who made this occasion possible.

We do well to remind ourselves the early settlers of our community worked and sacrificed a great deal to build the bridge for the generations that followed and came to where we are today. It is a sad note that in this era of modern living and luxury we have a difficult time maintaining churches and institutions handed down by our forefathers.

At this time we could look in three directions—we can look back and think of the trials, sacrifices, heartaches and loneliness of folks leaving their families to come to a virgin land, and also to joys in seeing a vast prairie being developed into a thriving community. Truly it takes a heap of living to make a community a home. In this community we have shared with each other, days of sorrow and days of joy. We can also look back and see God's marvelous guidance.

As we look around today we see opportunity for advancement in this fast changing world. Our children finish school better equipped to face the world. We are clothed and fed better than any nation in the world.

We can look forward too and can only trust in God's promise for us. "Lo I am with you always, and give unto my own sheep eternal life, and they shall never perish and no one shall pluck them out of my hand." With this promise let us go forth and make our community one we can be proud of. Continue to share our joys and sorrows, and build strong bridges for the coming generations.

# HALLIDAY PROMOTER

HALLIDAY, DUNN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

### NEWS ITEMS 1913-1922

The history of Halliday is perhaps best reflected in the weekly newspaper printed in its early years. Following is a collection of news items as they appeared in the "Halliday Promoter" each week, from 1913 to 1922. These items recall people and events almost forgotten and present a vivid picture of life in early Halliday.

The "Dunn County Promoter," which was later published at Halliday, began its career at the John Bang ranch near Dunn Center on Thursday, June 12, 1913. First mention of Halliday was in the issue of June 27, 1913 as "Halliday Briefs." Walter Miller was the local editor.

#### JUNE 27, 1913

Halliday now boasts of a barber shop and pool hall.

G. E. Batchelder has planted nearly eight acres of beans.

Arrangements are being made to have a big time on the Fourth.

Some people are very careless in leaving dead animals in the road.

There is a large grading outfit at John Dahlens. They have a contract for two miles of grading.

There will be a social dance at Jacob Frank's place, Saturday.

Or Gulling assisted T. V. McMullen with plowing for J. L. Ingold last week.

August Wegner has given up his position as clerk in the store of Williams and Wimmer and will return to him home in Minnesota.

#### JULY 11, 1913

Halliday had a celebration in which a large number of people joined. The usual sports were held and in addition to these was the riding by Indians from the reservation, many of whom were there. Dancing furnished amusement in the evening, for which purpose a large bowery had been erected, and fireworks gave a Fourth of July finish to the affair. All told, the Fourth of July was a decided success in Dunn County. We had a rain, a rest and a good time; the railroad is coming at last and the crop outlook is good. What more can we ask?

#### SEPTEMBER 26, 1913

Attorney Purchase of Halliday motored to the county seat.

#### OCTOBER 17, 1913

Dr. L. E. Le Clar is now located in his new office building which was completed recently. The doctor keeps busy looking after the sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Erick Viken visited last week at the home of Mrs. Anton Grenet. The popular young folks have just returned from their wedding tour East. Mrs. Viken will be remembered as Miss Jennie Hermunstad.

Cashier Fulkerson of the Farmers and Merchants Bank returned Friday from Bismarck bringing with him



his wife. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Fulkerson to our community.

#### DECEMBER 12, 1913

Miss Dunning, who is teaching the Halliday School, visited with Mrs. Ed Carson of Marshall last week.

The Farmers Bank has lots for sale.

Dr. Le Clar's office building caught fire Sunday.

#### DECEMBER 19, 1913

The Ladies Sewing Circle will meet with Mrs. J. C. Christerson on Thursday, so that will not conflict with the Christmas Tree program on Friday. The program was held at school No. 2, Little Knife district. The following took part in the program: Emma Seuff, Edgar Ziegler, Jacob Hoerner, Millie Hardy, Clarence Hoerner, Agnes Messmer, Raphael Wetzsterie, Charles Christerson, Rosie Hoerner, Sherman Seuff, Otto Delter, Effie Hardy, C. Boherman, Adolph Fuchs, Emma Frederick, Sherman and Cora Christerson.

#### FEBRUARY 6, 1914

D. J. Price, the undertaker, has purchased the fine gray team, Pete and Mike, from E. E. Palmer. After purchasing a beautiful gray hearse, Mr. Price could not rest until he was the owner of this team to complete as harmonious a funeral turn-out as there is west of the river.

#### MARCH 20, 1914

The "Dunn County Promoter" moved to Halliday from Dunn Center and the editor, T. Leroy Evans, stated it was his aim to help make Halliday one of the biggest, best and busiest towns on the Missouri slope.

#### MARCH 27, 1914

The "Dunn County Promoter" was published for the first time on Friday, March 20, 1914. More than 200 people get their mail at Halliday, a town only five months of age. H. D. Williams is postmaster.

Eugene Fulkerson, born Feb. 12, 1914 was the first child born in Halliday.

Mr. Sam Jule of the Rough and Ready Restaurant was the first one to subscribe for a Halliday paper. He is doing a rushing business in the restaurant line. One hundred fifty people were fed at his table at one meal last week. Sam is one of the pioneers of North Dakota, having come to Taylor in 1883 and resided here since that time.

M. Massod, of the firm Hassod and Massod, the new merchants from Sioux City, Iowa arrived in Halliday Saturday.



George and Frances Laudwehi. He was once the owner of the Majestic Pool Hall in Halliday.

Norris Davis, from Golden Valley and his wife, who were recently married at Fullerton, Nebraska will arrive soon. Mr. Davis with his son, Lloyd, will do contract work and Mrs. Davis will open an up to date Millinery store. He is staying at the Fulkerson home until he builds a residence.

Hans Ulsness quit farming and sold his horses and machinery.

Lyman Sumter who has an up to date stock farm is also a "crack" auctioneer.

W. F. Kopka of the Farmers State Bank went to Bismarck Tuesday to transact business.

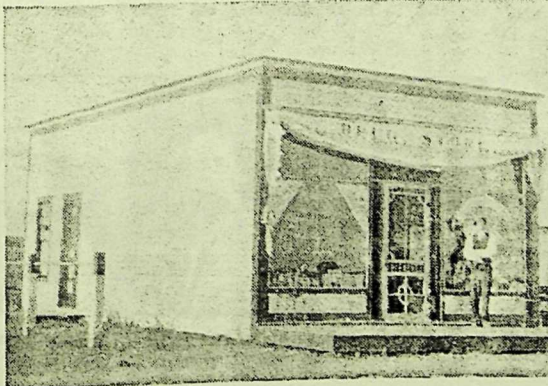
A cellar is being excavated at the rear of the Rosenberg pool room. An 18x20 addition will be added, along with another pool table.

Carl Hanke of the hardware store went to Beulah on business.

#### APRIL 3, 1914

Claude Hedger arrived with his family from Corning, Iowa. They will reside on Mr. Hedger's homestead which he has lately proven up and which is located between Halliday and Golden Valley.

A. A. Snow purchased the John Field Blacksmith Shop and will move his family from Stanton to Halliday in the near future.



De Laar's Drug at Halliday, later destroyed by fire



Charles Alstrom and William Voigt at winter camp



**JUNE 12, 1914**

W. M. Wimmer received his commission as post-master at Halliday, having been serving by appointment until now. The patrons are now sure of being served in a courteous and accommodating manner.

**JUNE 26, 1914**

Carl Hanke just received a fine line of Deere-Weber and Velie top buggies and spring wagons.

Ole Viken made a record trip Tuesday in one of his new Ford cars. He left Halliday at 1 o'clock, made Marshall, Bailey, Manning, Dickinson and Richardton, arriving at Richardton before dark.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlen are building a fine residence at Halliday now.

Henry Klein has moved his office fixtures into the new office of the Halliday Lumber Co. building.

G. E. Fulkerson received a letter from the Railway Co. that steel would be laid from Golden Valley to Dunn Center as soon as the bridge is finished.

**JULY 3, 1914**

John Nordahl sold his automobile to James Lyster this week.

While Mrs. Martin Dahlen was at Alkali Creek Saturday morning, the center piece on the neck yoke broke, letting the tongue down and Mrs. Dahlen was forced to repair it while standing waist deep in the chilly water. She got it fixed up all right and went on her way without even a cold to remember the adventure by.

Wm. Lobdell, who has been helping G. Pinnell in his livery barn, returned Wednesday from a trip to Regent, N. D.

O. G. Neville and family departed for Wisconsin this week where they will visit for some time.

**JULY 24, 1914**

Mrs. Wimmer and children and father and mother will depart for Colfax, Iowa.

Mrs. Wimmer and the children will stay about 10 months, while Miss Vance attends school.

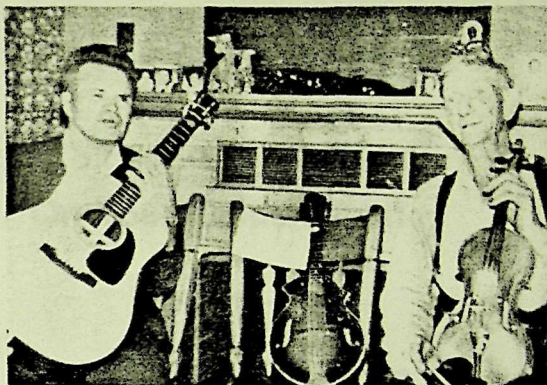
**JULY 31, 1914**

Rev. L. B. Hardy will hold preaching services at the Norris Davis home next Sunday.

Messrs. Tyler and Everhart are the proprietors of the Halliday Meat Market.

**AUGUST 7, 1914**

George Anderson sold his half-section of land this week to William Flaget for a consideration of \$25 per acre.



Marshall Jackson (left) and old-time fiddler friend, Guy Sharpe reminisce about old times in Halliday

Today County Commissioner Anders and President Wimmer of the Commercial Club got busy on the road proposition and as a result it will be possible to get to Halliday from the north in the near future without opening a dozen or more gates and swimming or jumping Spring Creek. A temporary bridge will be put in made to serve until the permanent bridge arrives. Let the good work go on.

Mrs. W. F. Kopka left Sunday for a four month visit with her parents at Hammond, Wis.

**AUGUST 14, 1914**

The Halliday ball team crossed bats with the Dunn Center aggregation, defeating them with a score of 6 to 4 last Sunday on the Dunn Center diamond. The Halliday team has won nine straight games showing that our little town can support as fast a ball team as any in the country. Among those who attended the game were: Lyman Sumter and wife, G. E. Fulkerson and family, Clifford Barrows and wife, Ole Viken and family, Harnie Williams and wife, M. J. McDermott and wife, Miss Mabel Borgenson, Dr. Le Clar and others.

**AUGUST 21, 1914**

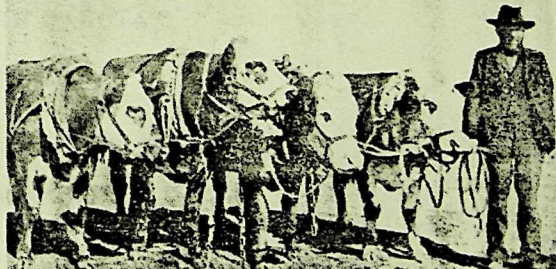
The ladies of Halliday and vicinity met at the G. E. Fulkerson home last Thursday and arranged a Ladies Aid with a large number of members. Mrs. Klein was elected president; Mrs. Fulkerson, vice-president; Miss Ida Riemer, treasurer; and Mrs. Norris Davis, secretary.

**AUGUST 28, 1914**

Andrew Voigt and wife celebrated their Silver Wedding at Elbowoods. At high noon the bride and groom



Old timers, left to right are Knut Hermunstad, C. O. Gulling and Pete Simonson



Henry Martens and his four oxen



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were again united in marriage by Father Paul. Immediately after, a sumptuous feast was spread. Those present from this vicinity were: W. F. Kopka, Miss Jessie Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Sumter, George Landwehr, Miss Frances McMullen, F. J. Voigt, Miss Myrtle Cooper, James Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Landwehr and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alstrom.

**SEPTEMBER 4, 1914**

On Sept. 1, 1913, the present site of our thriving little village of Halliday was a pasture, and there in grazing over 50 or so head of horses. On the morning of the 2nd, a load of lumber was hauled in from Taylor, and that afternoon contractor Davis and two men began the erection of a Farmers State Bank.

From prairie there has sprung up a thriving little village of 150 souls. Splendid streets have been laid out and substantial business blocks have been built.

Lines of businesses are well represented each merchant with a complete up to date stock of goods.

Sites have been granted for three large elevators. Farmers Elevator is financed by local men. Electric lights in the near future are expected. This current will be taken from a large dynamo ordered by the Farmers Elevator.

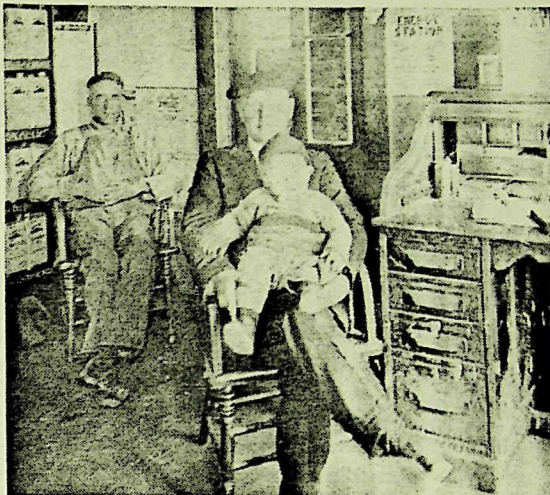
The townsite itself is particularly worthy of special mention. It is admirably situated on a flat, the hills sloping up on the north and south while to the east and west a gentle valley makes a natural gateway for the railroad.

Surrounding, we find the broad fertile prairies dotted with golden grain fields most of which are now in shock. At every farm we find every indication of prosperity and contentment found nowhere but in a land of stable homes.

Lyman Sumter, chief game warden for this section, while driving his Ford roadster north of Halliday this week, observed a prairie hen trotting down the line. He turned the throttle open and gave chase, when the hen unexpectedly took a prairie course. Now Sumter wanted this very same hen for a pet, it being an exceptionally pretty one. He therefore pointed the nose of the machine out of the road but found, to his dismay, that on account of the rocks he must slow down to 40.

He gave chase for quite a distance, when in jumping from rock to rock the machine lost its footing, slipped from the rocks and came down with a jar. Well, he got it fixed and arrived home all right and so did the chicken.

Moral: "Never turn aside from the straight and narrow path for that which pleaseth the eye."



Abe Porter is at rear. Front is Plyn Forward with Billy Hall on his lap. Picture was taken in Forward's garage.

**SEPTEMBER 11, 1914**

Halliday will have a school. The school board of the district has rented a portion of the room above Hasson and Massod's store for a period of eight months and the school will commence on Monday, September 14, with Miss Jessie Powers as teacher. A school for Halliday will be a nice thing, as there are nearly 20 children of school age in town who would have been compelled to travel over two miles to the school near Old Halliday.

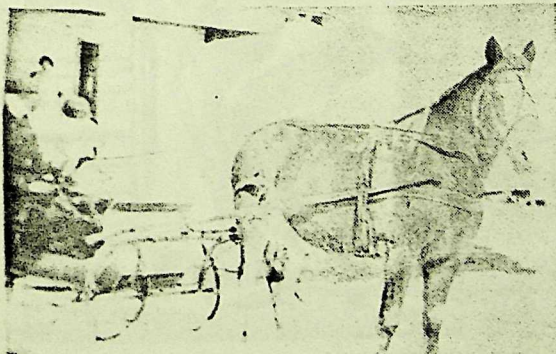
In September the track layers arrived at Halliday on a Sunday morning, leaving behind them two long ribbons of steel, which are to connect Halliday with the outside world and which makes it a railroad town.

**SEPTEMBER 25, 1914**

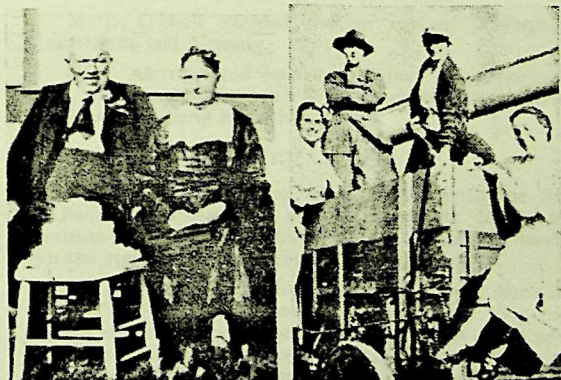
Mrs. Cash Potter and Mrs. Ferebee were the first ladies to come to Halliday from the west on the train.

**OCTOBER 2, 1914**

A Union Sunday School was organized with the following officers: Harry Bessire, Superintendent; Norris



Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lawbaugh on sleigh



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martens Mesdames J. S. Duncan, J. on Golden Wedding anniversary. H. Steffen, A. N. Steffen and sary Walter Christensen.



Davis, Assistant Superintendent; P. H. Betzer, Secretary; and Mrs. Henry Klein, Treasurer. The Sunday School will meet at 2 p.m. each Sunday in the present room over Hasson and Massod's store.

The Farmers Elevator Co. started buying grain on track at Halliday yesterday. Bud Card of the south country brought in the first load. Much credit is due the officers of the Farmers Elevator in procuring cars and train service so soon after the steel was laid.

#### NOVEMBER 15, 1914

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Gulling, two miles north of Halliday, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Bertha Gulling to Hermunstad.

#### DECEMBER 4, 1914

Miss Myrtle Cooper was married to Fred Voigt November 24. It was solemnized at Elbowoods by Father Paul.

#### DECEMBER 23, 1914

At Frazee, Minnesota on December 23, occurred the marriage of Bud Card and Miss Ivy J. McLean. Mr. Card owns and operates a large farm seven miles south of town and Mrs. Card has been a successful teacher in Dunn County for a number of years.

#### JANUARY 29, 1915

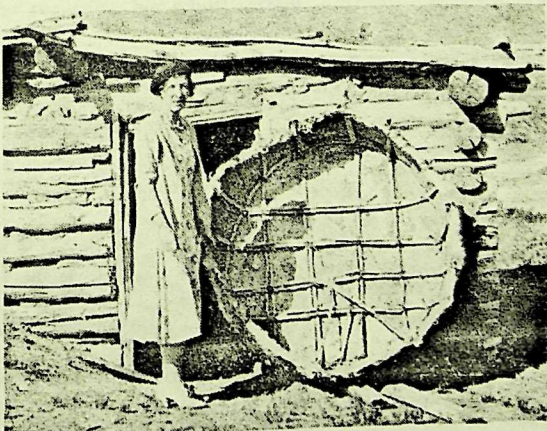
Grant Palmer of Manning purchased the Williams and Wimmer stock of goods, store building and business. For the past year he has been associated with an abstract company at Manning and has been exceptionally successful.

Messrs. Williams and Wimmer have several farms adjacent to Halliday which they will superintend and improve during the coming season and intend making their permanent home in the future. Mr. Palmer takes possession about February 15.

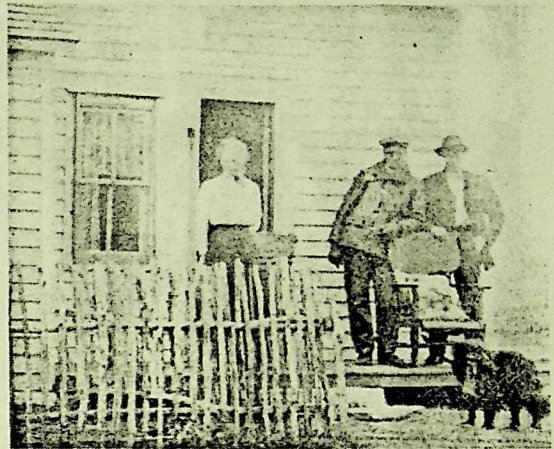
#### FEBRUARY 5, 1915

Lingenfelter Brothers purchased a quarter section of land this week.

A new church building is a credit to Halliday. It is being erected by the Norwegian Lutheran Church and stands forth as an emblem of their faith and love in God and religion. This is a great boost for Dunn County and the city of Halliday.



Missionary shown alongside buffalo hide boat used to cross the Missouri River



Mrs. Knut Haugen, Knut Haugen and Pete Tolpigrud in 1915

#### MARCH 5, 1915

"Promoter" Changes Hands — Mr. T. Leroy Evans of Manning has purchased the "Promoter" and will move to Halliday about April first. Mr. Evans is well known in Dunn County having served six years as County Auditor. Before coming to Dunn County Mr. Evans was continuously connected with the newspaper business in Iowa and followed this for many years. Thus the "Promoter" will be in experienced hands.

Archie Palmer, bother of Grant Palmer, the merchant, arrived in Halliday Monday evening. He will open a law office and will also assist in the store. The firm's name will be Palmer Brothers.

New Furniture Store at Halliday — D. J. Price will build a new building and keep a good line of furniture. The new building will be 24x60 with a full basement, the contract for lumber being let to the Halliday Lumber Co.

L. H. Rosenberg and family have moved to their rooms over the Rosenberg hall. They have rented their new house to Mr. Marcovitz who moved in the first of the week.

Sam Juel has erected a blacksmith shop on his place west of Halliday and you can hear his hammer at most any time, sharpening picks, plow shares etc.

M. D. O'Neill shipped another carload of hogs to Minneapolis last Monday.

C. A. Alstrom and Lawrence Rowe, living north of town, went to Manning with 32 dead coyotes. Mr. Alstrom had 22 while young Rowe had nine.

#### APRIL 1915

Sig Evenson has accepted a position with the firm of Palmer Brothers and entered upon his duties. Mr. Evenson is not a stranger to the people of Halliday, having run the store for Baker Brothers of the old town.

W. L. Irons, from Kingsley, Iowa arrived here last week. There are three families of them and they have bought eight sections of land, six miles south of Halliday. They have shipped in three carloads of machinery and household goods. They were farmers in Iowa and came here to try their skill in Dauntless Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson are erecting a new building across from the "Promoter" office.



**MAY 2, 1915**

Jim Wilson took charge of the Valley Hotel Wednesday morning and will continue to make it the leading hotel along the new line. Mr. Wilson will spare no effort to please the public.

**MAY 7, 1915**

School land goes high—\$150 per quarter.

Postmaster Wimmer sent the first mail from the new town January 17, 1914.

**MAY 14, 1915**

Ground was broken for the new town hall yesterday.

Halliday will soon have a new town hall, electric light, incorporate.

Halliday business men believe in doing things.

**MAY 21, 1915**

John Gustafson, who has lived in Dunn County a long time about 14 miles south of Halliday, is one of the large stock raisers as well as farms along the Knife River.

This Friday night a benefit dance will be given for the baseball boys in the new rug and furniture store of D. J. Price.

Horse Thief Goes To Pen — Clay Hill, a former Dunn County resident, was captured in Montana by Ed Partidge, single-handed.

**MAY 28, 1915**

Jim Wilson, proprietor of the Valley Hotel, is doing all he can to suit the traveling public. He is making a specialty of Sunday dinners.

**JUNE 11, 1915**

Twenty-four Complete 8th Grade Since Jan. 1st. Send 24 more away from home or secure a high school.

Myrtle Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Collins, was married last week to Leonard Bradford of Prairie, Minn.

**JUNE 18, 1915**

Carl Emil Carlson has purchased the northwest quarter of Section 27.

A hello and telephone line is nearly completed.

Is Halliday going to do anything about the consolidated school proposition? Halliday can't afford to waste time regarding her school system.



This group shown from left to right is building the Halliday dam: Steve Lesmeister, Anton Granet, Pete Mohl, Joseph Volty and Fred Mutz.

**JUNE 25, 1915**

A new Norwegian Lutheran church is being erected on Section 36-144-94. The building is 34 x 72, the largest church building in the county.

**JULY 2, 1915**

Tom Smith and Ed Crowsheart from the Indian reservation were in town Friday to receive cattle coming by train — 700 head.

**JULY 9, 1915**

Rev. Peter Fahrenbach, OSB, who conducts Catholic services at Elbowoods each Sunday, was a Halliday visitor last Sunday.

The familiar face of Andrew Voigt was seen on our streets last Sunday. He has invited the editor's family to come out and we sure will about plumbing time.

**JULY 16, 1915**

Palmer Brothers are erecting a new store building.

**AUGUST 16, 1915**

Telephone service 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. There are 60 patrons on the city lines and 50 on rural.

There is now a road from the east into Halliday.

Halliday has 25 more in population than Taylor.

**AUGUST 27, 1915**

Halliday's new auditorium will be opened to the public Sept. 17.

For 1915, Dunn County has registered 154 automobiles and nine motorcycles and has received \$489 for use in building roads.

**SEPTEMBER 3, 1915**

The Halliday Drug Co. is being organized by Fred W. and Dan W. Hall.

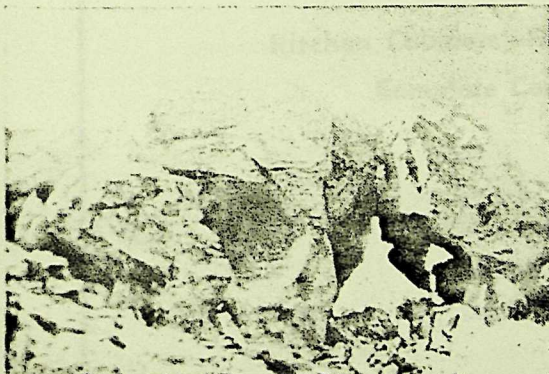
**SEPTEMBER 24, 1915**

Adv.—We have the electric welding machine which welds all kinds of material and castings. Will attend to same day or night. Myhre and Olson.

The Halliday Spring Creek Lutheran Church will be dedicated this Sunday October 10.

**OCTOBER 15, 1915**

Mr. Robinson moves to Halliday from Dickinson.



Lockout Hill and Indian cave on Joe Leitz farm



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Miss Blanche Gray arrived in our city Tuesday. She has accepted a position as bookkeeper in Palmer Brothers Store and will also assist with the postoffice duties.

**NOVEMBER 5, 1915**

Maurice Wasem, a brother of "Dad" Wasem arrived in Halliday Tuesday and secured a position with Jesse Everhart in the meat market.

**NOVEMBER 19, 1915**

Basketball for Halliday!

The Ole Christensen family moved into town last week.

**DECEMBER 3, 1915**

Monday of this week Mr. C. W. Palmer of Marshall, Minn. and Mrs. Retta Madison of Burt, Iowa took possession of the Valley Hotel.

Mrs. J. A. Palmer and children Florence and Richard arrived Monday and will make their home in Halliday.

Val Stevens unloaded the first emigrant car that came over the north line.

Otto Kauer, an experienced school teacher from Stark County, arrived in the city and will have charge of the higher grades. We are informed that if enough pupils are in attendance the 9th grade will be taught.

**JANUARY 7, 1916**

The "Halliday Promoter" was designated by the County Board of Commissioners this week as one of the official papers of the county.

Sam Juel left Thursday for the Bismarck Hospital. Pneumonia is feared.

**JANUARY 14, 1916**

Basketball players: John Drewclaw, manager, Leslie Wasem, Captain, Kendall Gardner, Dan Hall, Fred Hall, Maurice Wasem, Grant Palmer, E. W. Harris, Guy Redmond, John Danielson, Charles Murphy and John Palmer. Some good timber here and a fast team a certainty.

Instructions have been received that a mail truck will be made up at Halliday for the towns west.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klein are the proud parents of a baby girl.

**JANUARY 21, 1916**

H. D. Otman is erecting a building just west of the Confectionery store to be used as a pool hall. It will be 24 x 60 frame structure with 12 rooms on the second floor. Stoltz and Son are contractors.

**JANUARY 28, 1916**

Political Announcements: W. L. Boyd — Sheriff, Lyman Sumpter — Sheriff.



Henry H. Tyler is shown in Jessie Everhart's Meat Market in 1916

C. S. Barrows the live Dodge booster, banker and land man, transacted business in Halliday Wednesday.

**FEBRUARY 4, 1916**

A. J. Palmer was transacting business in the State Capitol this week.

**FEBRUARY 11, 1916**

Your taxes should be paid at the Farmers State Bank not later than Feb. 26.

**MARCH 3, 1916**

Halliday is the only town in the county to celebrate July 4th.

**MARCH 10, 1916**

County seat fight.

M. Marcovitz left for the east to purchase a stock of new merchandise for spring and summer.

**MARCH 17, 1916**

Dr. Law of Werner was a professional visitor in Halliday Monday.

**MARCH 31, 1916**

Halliday wants a dentist and she wants one bad.

The organization of a brass band for Halliday will come up at the next Commercial Club meeting.

**APRIL 7, 1916**

A band is organized and the committee: N. D. Campbell, Loren Curtis and O. H. Braaten.

**APRIL 22, 1916**

Charles Alstrom has turned in to the Commercial Club a petition for a rural route north.

Daily passenger service for Halliday commences May 17.

**MAY 5, 1916**

The Pioneer Furniture and Hardware Store of P. H. Betzer was sold to the Pippin Brothers of Dickinson and Gladstone.

Two new churches to be erected — and a new school house — Halliday the town that does things.

**MAY 12, 1916**

Dr. E. A. Neff is in Halliday and is looking over the situation here with the intention of locating.

**JUNE 2, 1916**

Dan W. Hall will be official scorekeeper for the Halliday Baseball Assn.



Frank Hoffart's Meat Market building still stands on Main Street. Left to right: Gladys Hendrickson, Joe Hoffart, Frank Hoffart (the owner) Simon Bosch and Tony Gerhart.



**JUNE 23, 1916**

Bring in the worst bronco you can find for the 4th. Dad Wasem will ride it.

**JUNE 30, 1916**

Co. K of Dickinson leaves for the border of Mexico. Maurice Wasem has joined his company at Mandan.

**JULY 7, 1916**

Dr. Neff died of a heart attack July 4th. The largest crowd ever assembled in Dunn County was in Halliday July 4th. Atty. Sullivan of Mandan gave the speech in the afternoon. Two hundred and fifty automobiles were present.

**JULY 14, 1916**

New School Board organized — W. M. Wimmer, president, other members: Kopka, Fred Hall, Alf Olafson, H. W. Comstock, A. J. Palmer, clerk.

**JULY 21, 1916**

The Valley Hotel has again changed hands. Chas. Murphy and E. F. Gill are in charge.

Halliday will have a new doctor in the near future. Dr. E. C. Gaebe is a young man of considerable experience, having for the past year been the house doctor at one of the Bismarck hospitals.

**AUGUST 4, 1916**

Bids will be received for the two-story brick school building.

**AUGUST 11, 1916**

Sailboat Makes Way From Great Falls, Montana to Stanton: This proves that the Missouri River is navigable.

**AUGUST 18, 1916**

Expecting new fall millinery — Mrs. Norris Davis.

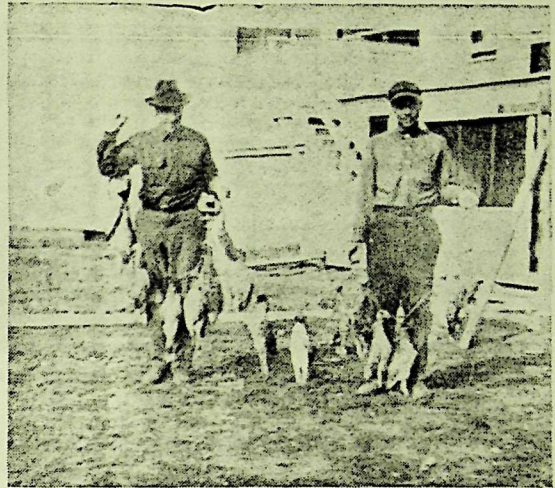
Dunn County crop not to be a bumper but oats are good — flax will yield a good turn out, barley is good, immense crop of grass, and the potato crop is good.

Cement sidewalks are nearing completion this week.

It will be a beauty, it will be of brick, it will also be modern. Commenced on Monday, when completed it will be among the best schools in the state. Nothing but the best material will be used.

It will be erected on the hill, south of the railroad tracks and will overlook the beautiful valley of Spring Creek that winds through the townsite, north of the business section. It will be built a good distance away from the tracks and the smoke of trains.

It will be so erected that 2, 4, or 6 rooms can be added when necessary. Ninety days says contractor Res-



Fred and Malc Pippin after successful hunt

seler and it will be finished but school with three teachers: O. H. Pippin, Miss Ada Urban and Miss Lorene Evans will start the coming month. School Board members Messrs. Norman Wimmer, pres., W. F. Kopka, F. W. Hall, H. W. Comstock, and Alf Olafson.

**AUGUST 25, 1916**

H. L. Malloy of Massillon, Ohio, an attorney at law, has been in Halliday for the past week looking the field over preparatory to locating here. Mr. Malloy comes well recommended. He is a graduate of Ohio Northern School, but is not a newcomer to the state of North Dakota, having spent a portion of the last three or four years in the state.

Bag Limit Of Game: Prairie chicken, grouse or combination — 10 birds per day. Ducks, brant-snipe, plover or combination — 15 birds a day. Deer protected until 1920.

**SEPTEMBER 1, 1916**

Frank Partridge of Manning has assumed charge of the Valley Hotel.

J. F. Wenrick will erect a new electric light plant for Halliday.

**SEPTEMBER 15, 1916**

Eleven carloads of cattle were shipped from Halliday to the eastern markets this week. Andrew Voigt shipped four carloads.

**OCTOBER 6, 1916**

Farmers Day Oct. 14 — special train and dairy livestock — free dinner.

**OCTOBER 20, 1916**

Contract let for Halliday City Hall.

Vote for the Dickinson Normal, Nov. 7th.

**OCTOBER 27, 1916**

John Selle has been building a fine residence on his homestead.

**NOVEMBER 10, 1916**

A prairie fire northwest of town did great damage with a raging wind. It was feared the whole north country would be burned out. It finally yielded to the valiant efforts of fire fighters who came from all directions.



Ivy and Bud Card

Max Marcovitz family



**DECEMBER 1, 1916**

At the home of H. N. Owens of Killdeer, cousin of the bride, occurred the marriage of Bertha Price and Grant Palmer of Halliday.

**DECEMBER 8, 1916**

Ladies Aid Bazaar, Dec. 12th. Six o'clock supper — 50c and 25c.

Ole Viken is erecting a new barn on his residence lots in the eastern part of town.

**JANUARY 5, 1917**

Wanted: About 300 families to come to Halliday and invest in some of the rich soil that is found near her outskirts. Thousands of acres are waiting the plow. It won't be cheap many more years and now is the time to buy.

Dr. E. C. Gaebe of Halliday was last week appointed railroad physician for the territory contingent to Halliday. This is quite an honor for the doctor and we congratulate him on the appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, long time store keepers in both old and new Halliday, this week retired from active business engagements, having sold to Evenson Brothers. They will remain in Halliday where they have purchased a home.

The Evenson Brothers assumed charge of the Anderson stock and are busy invoicing and ordering new goods. Sig has been clerk around Halliday so long he needs no introduction to the public. His brother, H. L. Evenson and wife come from Hamburg. The Promoter wishes the new firm success.

**JANUARY 25, 1917**

Dr. Plugman was in consultation with Dr. Gaebe Tuesday, regarding the sickness of Mrs. T. R. DeLong, who is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cliff Ferebee.

**FEBRUARY 9, 1917**

Tuesday was the 20th birthday of Gerhart Gullings and a number of his town and country friends gathered at his home that evening to assist him in keeping it. The sleighing was fine, and there are always plenty of good things to eat at the Gullings home, which with social conversation and games made up the amusement of the evening.

John A. Gustafson moved to Dickinson with his family. He is one of the old-time ranchers and farmers of this county. He will take life a little easier and also take advantage of the school situation in that city for his children.

A sleigh riding party composed of a number of Halliday young people made a trip Saturday evening to the home of C. C. Lawbaugh, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.



Jack Duncan and Adlyn (Steffan) Severson check potato crop in 1917

**FEBRUARY 23, 1917**

The baseball club met at the City Hall Feb. 16 and organized with the following officers: Manager — J. N. Robinson, Captain — Fred W. Hall, and secretary-treasurer — H. L. Malloy. The baseball boys have decided to give a box social and dance at the auditorium the 17th of March. Mr. Malloy who played only a few games with the team last year, will be on the job all the time this season, having accepted a position with the Kilzer Lumber Company. Of the boys who are still in Halliday and will play again with the team are: M. Pippin, Fred Hall, Leslie and Maurice Wasem, J. N. Robinson, Kendall Gardner and H. L. Malloy. Ruric Pippin who is now working for his brother at the Hardware store will also be on the team, should he conclude to remain here.

The Birthday Club met at the home of Mrs. Norman Wimmer on Monday afternoon to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Wimmer and Mrs. Grant Palmer. The afternoon was spent at "500" and a remembrance was given to each by the club.

**MARCH 2, 1917**

The Promoter has recently turned out job work for G. C. Noel, the garage man; Pippin Brothers Hardware and Furniture; Hall Drug Co.; Irwin Lewis, real estate; the Auditorium Assn.; and the basketball team.

**MARCH 9, 1917**

The School Board is happy — the teachers are delighted, the children elated all because it was moving day Monday and they are nicely domiciled in the new school building. Close to 60 pupils are enrolled of which Miss Lorene Evans, the primary teachers has 35; Miss Ada Urban, intermediate teacher has 15; Miss Terry, high school, has six.

There will be a Nonpartisan League meeting in Halliday on Wednesday, March 14 at 2 p. m. The meeting will be addressed by good speakers. Remember that date.

**MARCH 23, 1917**

Abe Porter and Miss Clara Erbe stole a march on their friends and quietly slipped off to Manning last Saturday evening, where they were married. Judge Morton performed the ceremony with W. A. Carns and Miss Hofman acting as witnesses. They are both highly respected and enterprising young people and have a number of friends whose best wishes and congratulations are extended.

A telephone meeting was held at the City Hall last Saturday which was attended by a large number of farmers. The line will run from Halliday, north to the reservation.



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**MAY 4, 1917**

J. B. Boyd from Dunn Center, who will plant the City Park, has written the City Council that he will be in Halliday as soon as the weather conditions are good and start to work. Mr. Boyd states that Halliday has the most beautiful piece of ground for park purposes that is to be found along the line.

**MAY 25, 1917**

The Ladies Guild of the Congregational Church was very nicely entertained by the Mesdames Palmer yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. A. Palmer.

**JUNE 1, 1917**

Miss Hazel Byer left Wednesday for an extended visit at her Ohio home.

With this issue, the Promoter is five years old. We desire to thank the businessmen of Halliday for making the Promoter what it is, either good or bad.

Registration Day Tuesday, June 5th. All male persons between ages of 21 to 30 inclusive, must register. The registration in Halliday will be held at the old store building of Palmer Brothers.

There has been considerable complaints regarding cows running at large in the city. Better take care of those cows or Marshall Pendergast will take care of the owners. It might also be a good idea to keep your chickens off other people's gardens.

The Lutheran Ladies Aid will meet at the home of C. O. Gulling Thursday, June 14th. Everybody welcome.

**JUNE 15, 1917**

Eyes of the world are centered on North Dakota — 283,000,000 is spring wheat estimate.

Adv. — Halliday Livestock Market — Choice of fresh and smoked meats — a nice line of canned goods— All kinds of homemade sausage. Bring me your cattle and hides — I buy at all times. Peter Rippel, Proprietor.

**JUNE 22, 1917**

North Dakota Bone Dry After July 1st, 1917!

**JUNE 29, 1917**

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Williams left for Lake Okoboji Friday morning for a fishing trip.

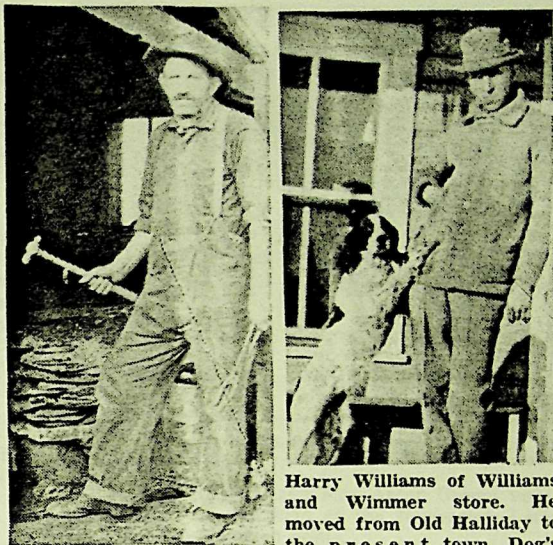
**JULY 6, 1917**

The Viken and Everhart garage is well under way and when completed will be a handsome structure.

**JULY 20, 1917**

Last Thursday afternoon at the reservation occurred the death of Water Chief who was chief of the Mandan tribe. Water Chief was a familiar figure in Halliday and honored his friends by the score.

Word has been received from H. L. Malloy that he passed the state bar examination at Grand Forks. This good news to his many Halliday friends. This means



Sam Juel, blacksmith

Harry Williams of Williams and Wimmer store. He moved from Old Halliday to the present town. Dog's name is "Queen."

Mr. Malloy will return to Halliday and engage in the practice of law.

**AUGUST 3, 1917**

Red Cross Society is organized. Chairman is Mrs. Pearl Evans, vice chairman Mrs. Norris Davis, Secretary, Mrs. Cutler, treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Duncan.

Ad. Earl Harris, Barber, Two experienced barbers at the U R Next Barber Shop.

**AUGUST 24, 1917**

The citizens of Halliday will organize "The Home Guard" Aug. 28. The Halliday Band will do their part. Show your patriotism by being present and becoming a member.

M. Marcovitz of the Halliday Merchantile Co., has been spending the past ten days in the eastern market purchasing new fall goods.

Ad. — Auto Livery — John Fix, Halliday, N. D.

Down at the Big Flat school house last Sunday, men, women and children turned out to hear Rev. Cutler, the Halliday minister, deliver one of those able and interesting sermons he delivers every Sunday.

**AUGUST 31, 1917**

Dan W. Hall of the Halliday Drug Co. left Tuesday morning for Bismarck and will become a member of the Medical Corps. We hope for Dan a safe return.

Peter Rippel and Edgar Lynch were St. Paul visitors this week shipping two carloads of cattle.

H. L. Malloy has returned to Halliday where the family will make their future home occupying the upstairs rooms over the Rosenberg building. Miss Gladys Byer, sister of Mrs. Malloy, returned with her and will spend the fall and winter in Halliday.

Adv.—Come and make us a call — Cigars, candy, soft drinks, pool and billiards — Mike Bashara

**SEPTEMBER 7, 1917**

Miss Blanche Grey had assumed her new duties at the Security State Bank going to the work the 1st.



Grain stacks ready for threshing on Flaget farm



Adv.—“Pioneer Dray Line” — All kinds of heavy team work. J. E. Pendergast.

Adv.—If you want to buy a farm—or—If you want to sell a farm—or—If you want to make a farm loan, See—Williams and Wimmer

N. D. Campbell of the Occident Elevator is talking flour and feed to you in his ad space this week. See what he has to say.

#### SEPTEMBER 21, 1917

Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Peter Johnson, in this city occurred the marriage of Miss Lillian Hermunstad, whose home is north of town, and E. S. Evenson, well known business man of Halliday. Rev. Hornland of the Norwegian church of Dunn Center officiated. The Promoter joins with their many friends in hoping that their future will be filled with happiness and success.

#### SEPTEMBER 28, 1917

Big Time At Indian Fair — Some good exhibits of grain and garden stuff could be seen as well as quilts, blankets and other fancy work produced by the Indian fair.

It's a new baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Mohler Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Louis Palmer left last Monday for Chicago, Ill. where he will resume his medical studies.

Marshall and Malaise Lumber Company, W. W. McNally, Mgr.

#### OCTOBER 5, 1917

Miss Hilma Gaebe of New Salem commenced school in District No. 9, the Collins district, Monday.

Adv.—Halliday Confectionery, R. H. Bauman

#### OCTOBER 19, 1917

Nick Bosch and Miss Kuhn, both residing about 14 miles south of Halliday, were recently joined in wedlock.

#### OCTOBER 26, 1917

The family of G. G. Mowers arrived this week and will make Halliday their future home. Mr. Mowers is engaged in the restaurant business.

#### NOVEMBER 9, 1917

At Manning last Thursday occurred the marriage of Miss Mabel Stockland and Alvin Hermunstad with Judge Morton officiating.

The Post Office Dept., has notified all postmasters to open all packages addressed to the soldier boys and make a thorough examination of same, to see they contain no explosives of any kind.

The magnificent consolidated school building down in the Big Flat district was packed last Saturday night at the basket social and dance. The music was furnished by Mrs. H. L. Malloy and Harold Evenson of Halliday and L. M. Johnson. The sale of baskets brought close to \$90, which will be used for gymnasium equipment.

Congregational Church — Rev. Cutler, Paster, Sunday 11 a. m. Special music. Everybody welcome.

#### NOVEMBER 16, 1917

Big drive for YMCA — W. F. Kopka, banker, is in charge.



Mr. and Mrs. “Bunc” Pippin and son

Mrs. Alf Olafson and Mrs. Anton Grenet very nicely entertained the members of the Norwegian Ladies Aid Society at the Olafson home.

#### NOVEMBER 23, 1917

Dunn County over the top on YMCA Drive. Jim McNamara and wife and Irwin Lewis and wife were recent visitors at Taylor.

#### NOVEMBER 30, 1917

The north line telephone is just about completed. The “hello” will be attached in a few days.

Ladies Aid with Mrs. Fred Hall, Friday.

#### DECEMBER 7, 1917

Literary Society Organized—Pres. Rev. Cutler; vice-president, Miss Terry; secretary, Lorene Powers; treasurer, Norris Davis.

Halliday Boy Dies In France. Gordon McGregor who was better known as Curly Duncan. He was with the Army in France.

First Red Cross sweater turned in by Mrs. Chaussee, assistant at the Farmers State Bank

#### DECEMBER 14, 1917

H. H. Schaper living northeast of town is a new subscriber to the Halliday Promoter.

Blanche Grey, assistant at the Security State Bank, will leave for her home in Sawtell, Minn., for a two-week visit.

The Dunn Center auditorium will open Tuesday night with a big dance.

Cash Potter and wife are leaving this week for Cambridge, Wis., for a visit with parents and friends.

#### DECEMBER 28, 1917

The Promoter is in receipt of a card announcing the marriage of Miss Josephine Fuller to Mr. Leslie Wasem at the home of the bride in Wadena, Minnesota, Dec. 23. Miss Fuller will be remembered by the Halliday people as one of the assistants in the Security State Bank a year ago. Mr. Wasem is one of the proprietors of the Wasem Hardware. Their friends and the Promoter extend congratulations.

Andrew Bye transacted business in Dickinson the latter part of last week.



Morris Ruder and family of Killdeer were guests at the Marcovitz home this week.

**JANUARY 4, 1918**

Palmer Brothers have announced a cash basis system.

**JANUARY 11, 1918**

New bank officers: Art Lingenfelter, president; John Nordhal, vice-president; W. F. Kopka, cashier, Security State Bank.

Halliday leads in the Red Cross membership in Dunn County.

**JANUARY 18, 1918**

J. D. Rempel arrived Wednesday morning and will be cashier at the Farmers State Bank.

**JANUARY 25, 1918**

Rhodes Tavern burns to the ground.

T. L. Evans was a 4-minute speaker at the lecture course Monday night.

Atty. H. L. Malloy has been made chairman for the war savings and thrift stamps for this vicinity.

**FEBRUARY 1, 1918**

Hilma Gaebe, Rachel O'Neill and Gladys Byers, teachers in the country district spent Saturday at their Halliday homes.

**FEBRUARY 15, 1918**

Secretary of War Baker has given it out that no farmers will be drafted until after the spring planting is over.

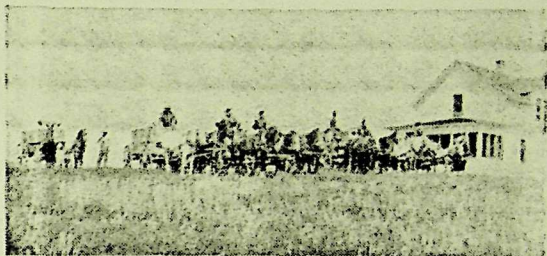
Knud Moen and Ingborg Frafjord were married at the home of Chris Gilge, Saturday evening. Margaret Olafson acted as bridesmaid and Toby Gilge was best-man. The newlyweds will make their home at the Moen place four miles northwest of town. The Promoter extends congratulations.

A number of Indians from the reservation were examined for the war Wednesday.

On Tuesday evening a large group of town and country folks assembled at the school building. T. L. Evans announced the purpose of the meeting a get-together affair. H. M. Pippin gave an interesting four-minute talk.

**FEBRUARY 22, 1918**

Appropriate exercises were held for Washington's birthday at the school. Letters were received in Halliday



J. H. and A. N. Steffen shipping hogs in 1918 from Steffenville. Neighbors helping were J. S. Duncan, Lew Irons and Frank Twogood.

last night from a number of boys in France, including Walter Larson, Bunc Pippin and Oscar Smithback.

**MARCH 8, 1918**

Miss Bessie Berg and James Bailey, prominent young people of the Emerson community were married last week.

**MARCH 15, 1918**

Halliday soldier boys have been and are now in the trenches in France.

**MARCH 22, 1918**

The Jay DeLong family left yesterday morning for Baldwin, this state, where they will go on a farm. They have many friends in Halliday who wish them success in their new home.

The Halliday scarlet fever scare is about over and the patients are up and around except Jimmie Hall and he is now out of danger.

City Election: Marshall—J. E. Pendergast, Clerk and Assessor, Norris Davis, Treasurer, H. L. Malloy.

Red Cross Sale tomorrow at 1 o'clock.

**MARCH 29, 1918**

Lillian A. Northway and Milton J. Cole, living north of town, were married last Wednesday evening by Justice Batchelder. Mr. Cole is one of Dunn County's prosperous farmers. A sumptuous wedding supper was served.

Lorene Evans was a passenger for Fargo Tuesday morning where she will visit her sister Lois, who is attending school in that place.

**APRIL 5, 1918**

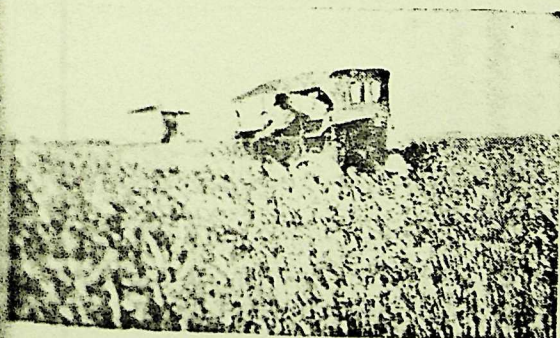
Boys and Girls Clubs for Halliday. Boys — Mike Stoltz, president; Delbert Wilson, vice-president Merton Kindey, secretary. Girls — Marian Olafson, president; Helen Ulsness, vice-president; Florence Palmer, secretary. These clubs were organized by H. O. Pippin from Dickinson and their projects are canning, potatoes, gardens, baking, sewing. This a patriotic duty through which the boys and girls are helping the government to a great extent by solving the food problem.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Gaebe leave next Monday morning, the doctor going to Minneapolis to attend a medical meeting and Mrs. Gaebe to her home in Wisconsin for a visit.

**APRIL 19, 1918**

Home Guard Organized — Maurice Wasem, captain; Fred Hall, First Lieutenant and J. N. Robinson, Second Lieutenant. A number of farmers have enlisted.

Gilman Lofthus informed the Promoter editor that he brought the first threshing rig across the Knife River



A field of wheat in 1918





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**Penney's in Dickinson, N. D.**





into Dunn County 12 or 13 years ago and he threshed about the entire east end of Dunn County.

Next Friday evening, April 26, the Halliday band will visit Marshall. The object is selling Liberty Bonds. A concert will be given at the Marshall store.

**MAY 3, 1918**

Home Guard dance next Friday night.

**MAY 10, 1918**

The Royal Neighbors gave a pleasant farewell party in honor of Mrs. George Morris and Mrs. James Robertson who are leaving for Miles City, Mont. These were two of the first families in Halliday and their friends took this occasion to bid them a fond goodbye and well wishes.

**MAY 17, 1918**

A five-piece orchestra will make for the Home Guard dance next Tuesday night.

Members of the Halliday band; C. C. Lawbaugh, coronet; Harold Evenson, coronet; Carl Sylvester, coronet; N. D. Campbell, clarinet; O. H. Braaten, clarinet; Charles Huber, slide trombone; Earl Harris, alto; J. D. Rempel, bass, Sig Evenson, bass drum; Ewalt Shiel, snare drum.

**MAY 24, 1918**

B. A. Card announces for County Auditor.

The following have pledged an acre to the Red Cross since the last names were published: Chas. McKay, C. A. Alstrom, Gilbert Juve, H. A. Davidson, Andrew Bye, Alton Fisher, Jason Haggard, F. F. Weible, Jacob Keller, Eugene Hart, A. E. Twogood.

The major part of Halliday attended the patriotic rally at Killdeer last Friday.

B. A. Card family moved to Manning as Mr. Card was recently appointed County Auditor.

**JUNE 7, 1918**

Tom Smith of the reservation unloaded 500 head of Texas steers at this place the first of the week. Tom says he has got to raise something for the soldiers to eat.

**JUNE 14, 1918**

Miss Gora Christensen, candidate for county superintendent of schools, is a person well fitted for the office. She is qualified, has made Dunn County her home for a number of years and is now engaged in teaching at Killdeer and if elected to this important position will give the office the best of attention.

There will be a basket picnic at the Gulling home Saturday. Everybody is invited to fill a picnic basket and a collection will be taken for the Red Cross.

Henny Klein will be the four-minute speaker at the Home Guard drill Friday night, Wednesday and Friday and the stores will close for drill nights.

**JUNE 21, 1918**

Stamp drive June 28.

At Langefelter, John Nordhal and H. L. Malloy announced lectures at the County Seat, Tuesday.

The men and Halliday farmers have formed an band in support of the Government since in every Red Cross drive, every Liberty Bond drive they have stood shoulder to shoulder working hard and doing his part to assist in every way



Left to right: Sig Evenson, Ole Brateu, Mrs. Sig Evenson, Mrs. Ole Brateu and Mrs. Simonson.

**JUNE 28, 1918**

Miss Blanche Grey, assistant at the Security State Bank has enlisted and been accepted for overseas services in the Army. She will do bookkeeping and stenographic work for the Red Cross.

**JULY 5, 1918**

Sunday, July 14, at the Erland Paulson ranch on Knife River a Loyalty meeting will be held under the auspices of the Knife River Red Cross.

Mrs. F. W. Hall and children are visiting in Dickinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cash Potter of Halliday were in Manning Thursday.

Earl Partridge of Dickinson is clerking for Palmer Brothers.

**JULY 12, 1918**

Bunc Pippin Wounded in War!

Mrs. Fred Christensen served ice cream to a number of her friends the 4th, netting the sum of \$11 for the Red Cross.

**JULY 19, 1918**

Over 1,000 people attended the picnic at the Paulson Ranch. Rev. Garwick delivered the main address.

G. M. House and Fred Siverts of the Marshall country were in Halliday, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grenet, Mrs. Peter Johnson and Mrs. Ole Viken attended the Norwegian Ladies Aid in Dodge Thursday of last week.

Are you a knitter or a quitter?

**JULY 26, 1918**

Norris Davis and wife attended the Sunday School convention in Dodge this week.

Ole Kyeth of Marshall was a Halliday visitor Saturday.

County Card and wife of Manning were weekend guests of the Cash Potters.

**AUGUST 2, 1918**

Halliday captures first prize and the blue ribbon by shipping the largest amount of grain, of any town in Dunn County the past season!



Morris Ruder and wife of Killdeer were guests at the Marcovitz home Sunday.

Abe Porter has jumped from the dray wagon to the harvest field and is assisting Knut Engene south of town.

**AUGUST 23, 1918**

Mrs. Rosenberg and children came home last week from their visit in Washburn.

**AUGUST 30, 1918**

H. L. Malloy and Mr. Thompson, son-in-law of T. H. Kindig were among the departing soldier boys this week, going to Grand Forks where they will enter training school for three months.

**SEPTEMBER 6, 1918**

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Carlson last Sunday.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 1918**

Mrs. Mae Laird and Russell McMullen were married at the county seat this week. Congratulations!

**SEPTEMBER 20, 1918**

Solider boys to entrain at Halliday. This city will honor the kahki.

Lorene and Lois Evans departed Monday morning for Fargo. Lorene will attend school at Moorhead Normal and Lois will enter the Dakota Conservatory.

Lars Langsetter accompanied his brother, John, to Bismarck when he entered the hospital.

The famous Eat Shop for sale, G. G. Mowers, Halliday.

**SEPTEMBER 27, 1918**

Tony Steffen left yesterday morning for a few days visiting at his old home in Kingsley, Iowa, before going to war with the next contingent of soldiers.

**OCTOBER 4, 1918**

It's a pair of twins at the John Fix home.

Clarence Christensen is ill with pneumonia at Camp Custer, Mich. His wife and sister are at his bedside.

Frank Osterwind and Ed Hemphill of Marshall going over the top in the Fourth Liberty Loan. A good bunch down that way!

**OCTOBER 11, 1918**

Sunday War News — Germany Comes Across, Accepts all U. S. Terms.

**NOVEMBER 29, 1918**

Mrs. Hartwig, teacher of the grammar room in the Halliday Schools, received the sad message Monday that her husband, Dr. Hartwig had been killed at the front Oct. 31.

**DECEMBER 6, 1918**

Cliff Ferebee and Jack Duncan returned home the latter part of the week from a trip east with a carload of sheep.

Evenson Brothers are excavating for a full basement under their store. In the spring they will build an addition in the rear.

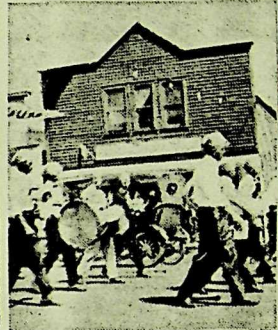
**DECEMBER 20, 1918**

Christmas tree and program Dec. 24.

Peter Tolpingrud and Herman Selle have returned home from Camp Dodge, Iowa.



Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Palmer



Halliday parade, 1919

**DECEMBER 27, 1918**

The local Red Cross chapter exceeded its quota of socks by 10 pair.

The board has engaged Miss Gaebe of New Salem to teach the first and second grades, adding another room to the school.

On Christmas evening the Norwegian Lutheran people had their tree and program. Mabel Gulling had charge of the children and had everything nicely arranged.

**JANUARY 10, 1919**

Peter Tolpenrud returned from Camp Pike, Ark., with an honorable discharge from the Army.

Mdms. Gaebe, Lawbaugh and Hall entertained and served lunch to the Congregational Ladies' Guild and their friends at the Hall home.

G. C. Noel, the garage man, has concluded to remain in Halliday and continue business in the same old stand.

**JANUARY 17, 1919**

At the county commissioners meeting, they named the county physicians, who will be Dr. E.C. Gaebe of Halliday, Dr. Barton, Dunn Center and Dr. Smith, Killdeer.

The G. B. Pinnell family have gone to Virginia where they will remain until spring.

Val Stevens returned last Saturday from Bismarck where he had been in the hospital for a few days. He is improved.

Carl E. Carlson, Wm. Flaget and Peter Tolpenrud were passengers to the county seat Tuesday evening. The latter went to arrange for his citizenship papers.

The School Board met in regular session. J. D. Rempel was appointed to fill the vacancy as director, caused by the resignation of T. L. Evans. A. J. Palmer was selected to take Mr. Rempel's place as clerk.

Farmers State Bank. Adam Hannah, president; Thos. G. Ahern, vice-president; J. D. Rempel, cashier.

Attorney Howard Malloy and Thorne O'Neill are expected home at any time now from service.

**JANUARY 24, 1919**

Halliday Club Prize Winners — The boys and girls of the 4-H Club of Halliday won several prizes at both the Mandan and State Fair. Halliday was the winner club of the state. Esther Olafson won first prize in gardening; Helen Ulsness, first in sewing; Walter Christensen first



in potatoes. The above contestants will receive a free trip to Fargo. Ida Gulling won first prize as the Missouri Slope fair in Red Cross work, and Marian Olafson first in gardening.

It was a happy throng that gathered at the home of Mrs. John Riemer last Friday evening. Cards and dancing were the main program.

H. L. Malloy returned home Tuesday evening from Camp Dodge, having received an honorable discharge from the Army. He was met at Mandan by Mrs. Malloy. Attorney Malloy will again resume his law practice, having rented the building just west of the Promoter office.

Leslie Wasem went down to Wadena, Minn., Monday and accompanied Mrs. Wasem and the baby back to Halliday Wednesday. "Daddy" has been busier than a bee lately, "fixing up" for their first housekeeping.

John Palmer wrote from "somewhere in Germany", Dec. 20, 1918, Dear Folks: (letter condensed) I am still alive and feeling O.K. I am now in Germany and across the Rhine about 20 kilometers and I guess we are as far as we are supposed to go.

We hiked over 200 kilometers from France, 15 to 20 miles a day with a full pack. It rains nearly all the time and there was lots of mud to wade through. We stopped in towns at night and used the barns for billets. When we leave I think it will be for harbor and nothing will make the bunch happier.

The Germans treat us all right and we have had no trouble with them. The 32nd Division has been one of the leading divisions to advance into Germany and was the first to cross the Rhine.

John C. Palmer

**JANUARY 31, 1919**

Sunday School at the City Hall every Sunday at 11 a. m.

Paul, Nick and Tom Baer died at their home south of Halliday this week from the flu and at this writing the mother is in critical condition. The boys were buried at St. Martin's cemetery.

**FEBRUARY 14, 1919**

The Otto Evenson family of Emerson is moving to Halliday where Mr. Evenson is to assist in the Farmers State Bank, and is now on the job.

The John Steffen family have returned from their home at Kingsley, Iowa and are again on their farm south of town.

Henry Klein of Kilzer Lumber Co., transacted business in Loan Center Tuesday.

**FEBRUARY 21, 1919**

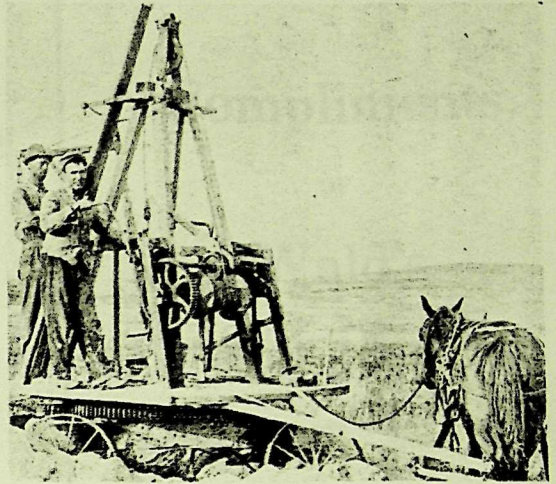
Mr. Kendall Gardner arrived in New York from overland last. Dean Hall of Halliday is due to arrive in New York this Friday. Otto Kaiser, a former Halliday teacher, is now in Germany. He is occupied in answering telegrams, and will not leave that country until

Mr. Darter has purchased an auto truck and will start on the dry business about the first of the month.

**FEBRUARY 28, 1919**

Miss Evenson, assistant county superintendent of schools, visited her brothers in this city recently, returning Wednesday.

At the council meeting Tuesday a petition was presented which was signed by



Early day water well drilling rig

a goodly number of the legal voters of Halliday, praying the council to call an election for the purpose of voting village bonds, with which to erect a Community building. The matter was tabled until next week.

M. J. Cole sold his homestead six miles south of town to Gilbert Juve for \$30 per acre.

**MARCH 14, 1919**

Sen. Liederbach and Mr. Asgard spoke in Halliday Saturday along the lines of the League program.

Art Lingenfelter, administrator for the late Alton B. Fisher, will sell at public auction, Monday, March 1, all personal property.

Plans for the 4th of July Celebration — Editor Evans, chairman, and H. L. Malloy, secretary of the meeting; Finance Committee; N. D. Campbell, Grant Palmer, M. D. O'Neill, Leslie Wasem and Ole Braaten who are instructed to report at the next meeting.

Helen Ulsnes, Esther Olafson and Walter Christensen, Halliday 4-H Winners, left Monday morning for a week's stay at Fargo. They were accompanied by Miss Cora Christenson, county superintendent of schools.

Miss Rose Sullivan, county school nurse has arrived and is now examining the schools throughout the county. She is a graduate of the Mayo Hospital.

**APRIL 11, 1919**

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gilge, Sunday.

Simon Bosch has changed the name of his pool hall from the Majestic to the Bosch Pool Hall.

**APRIL 19, 1919**

City Dads will erect a band stand — one that can be moved around. The band will give open air concerts during the summer months.

Martin Dahlen and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby boy born Saturday.

Walter Larson arrived from Camp Dodge where he was mustered out Wednesday.

Sig Evenson went to Bismarck last Saturday and witnessed the Kozietsky-Ligett debate and returned home Monday.



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M. D. O'Neill has purchased a half-block across the creek near the baseball grounds and will erect a home thereon. Houses are at a premium in Halliday. A half dozen could be rented easily if someone would only erect them.

Dr. E. W. Burke will again be in Halliday Tuesday of each week to attend to your dental work.

C. G. Mowers is again at the helm of the Eat Shop, having taken over same Tuesday, Mr. Davis retiring.

Ole Viken has taken out a license and will operate a motor truck dray line.

**MAY 18, 1919**

Halliday will be in the running when the removal of the county seat from Manning comes up.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Palmer are the parents of a baby boy born in Dickinson Sunday.

Next Sunday B. A. Card and wife, Miss Marvel McLain, Mrs. W. A. Carns, Sr., and Editor Evans will auto to Fargo where they will attend the graduation recital of Lois Evans who graduates from the Dakota Conservatory of Music June 23.

**JUNE 20, 1919**

Evenson Brothers are building a 22 x 24 addition to their store.

Margaret Olafson has arrived home from her school duties at Aberdeen, S. D., where she attended the State Normal. Miss Olafson has been engaged to teach one of the schools north of town the coming season.

Community Building Election July 8th — Two thirds of the businessmen's names are on the petition for and election to vote for or against bonding the city for the purpose of erecting a Community building.

Lorene and Lois Evans returned Saturday from Fargo where they have been attending school at Fargo and Moorhead respectively. Lorene intends teaching at Murray City, Utah.

**JUNE 27, 1919**

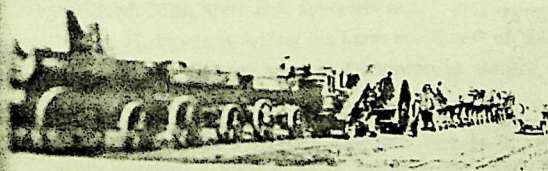
Eighth Grade Graduation — July 2, 8:30 p. m. at the Auditorium. The program will have a march by the band, song by the quartette, prayer by Rev. Morris, solo by Lois Evans and presentation of diplomas by F. W. Hall. The graduates are Lawrence Gibson, Vance Wimmer, Mike Stoltz, Valburg Stockland, Merton Kindig and Harry Larson.

H. A. Card of Manning and P. J. Forward purchased the Fred Hart garage, possession to be given July 1. The Card family will move to Halliday. Mr. Forward has been assistant mechanic. Mr. G. W. Hiene, mechanic, will be associated with the new firm.

Harry Klein has charge of the parade, July 4th.

**JULY 4, 1919**

Wimmer and Wimmer intend to make their farm an ideal place and a big advertisement to the town community. Already some of the finest stock



Fargo taking flax crop from Halliday to Taylor



Jessie Everhart is shown at far right in front of Tyler & Everhart meat market. Next to him is Mary Bowman. Other woman is not identified.

is to be found on this place. Many improvements will be made.

Pauline Schaker was killed in an auto accident, July 4th, on the hill four miles south of Halliday.

**JULY 11, 1919**

Barbara Fix married Max Shaffer and will reside in Mandan. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Fix.

July 4th Celebration — As Goddess of Liberty, Gwendolyn Campbell won first in the parade; Vance Wimmer, second as cow girl; Hannah Melhus, third as the Old Woman who live in a Shoe. Mrs. T. L. Evans with her auto trimmed as an airplane captured a prize. Ed Roe won the horse race; Frank Steffen the foot race and Loren Curtis the fat man's race. The south side beat the north side in the tug of war. In an exciting ball game, Halliday defeated the Dunn Center team.

"Bunc" Pippin, hero of the battle of Cantigny, removed from his machine gun after being hit by a bursting Boche shell, surprised Halliday friends. He is a former employe of this office, and will attend school this winter taking electric engineering.

Frank Fiegel has been assisting in the barber shop.

**JULY 18, 1919**

Halliday Entertains District Young People's Convention of the Lutheran Church — There were 64 delegates and choir members here for two days and three nights.

Joe Hasson family leaves for Syria.

Tobias Gilge returned from overseas service.

Sam Juel, treated for gaucoma in Bismarck, has returned home.

Miss Hilda Braaten, telephone operator injured in automobile accident on the fourth, is back on the job.

**JULY 25, 1919**

Street lights needed. Band concert every Saturday night.

M. Massod's 17-year-old son died in Syria; he will go, and return with his family.

F. L. DuBar will take over the Valley Hotel. He has been a school teacher in Belgium and will be a valuable asset to the band.

Mrs. Catherine Everhart will erect a home in Halliday



A. L. Boelter of Adrian, N. D., is the new depot agent at Halliday. Mrs. Boelter and her mother arrived.

The Card family is moving into rooms over the Volz pool hall.

#### AUGUST 1, 1919

H. M. Pippin returns from the war overseas and again assumes charge of Pippin Brothers Hardware.

John Fix is erecting a dwelling place in town.

Everett Laird, son of Mrs. R. H. McMullen, was kicked by a horse. He has scalp wounds and fractured skull.

#### AUGUST 8, 1919

Editor Evans is attending the annual meeting of the N. D. Press Assn., where he appears on the program.

Fred Christensen, about 35 or 36, has his first ride on a railroad train.

#### AUGUST 15, 1919

Big Fair at Elbowoods on Ft. Berthold Reservation, Sept. 23, 24 and 25.

Blanche Gray is on her way to Warsaw, Poland.

Sam Juel has his right eye removed in Bismarck.

Peter Rippel returned from taking cattle to St. Paul markets.

#### AUGUST 22, 1919

Mrs. J. D. Wimmer, H. D. Williams, the M. D. O'Neill family, Cash Potter and wife, B. A. Card and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Gaebe composed a party that went out north last Sunday for a pleasant outing, and incidentally to pick plums. They were guests at the home of Mrs. C. A. Alstrom who has a cozy inn near the reservation.

Grandma Allenson, 82 years old, resides with Mrs. Wm. A. Carns.

Joe Fischer is erecting a cream station on the same lot as the Bosch Pool Hall and will buy cream.

Dunn County Bankers Assn., met in the Halliday City Hall.

#### AUGUST 29, 1919

Val Stevens purchased land from T. J. Landers.

Fred and Earl Hart bought the garage from Viken.

Ole Christensen, W. F. Kopka, Pete Rippel, C. C. Lawbaugh and Joe Hunstiger were the cattle shippers last Saturday.

Joe Partridge visited brother Garfield Partridge and Charley in Werner.

#### SEPTEMBER 5, 1919

Todd Card and family and brother-in-law, Mr. Bates and family leave for Oregon where the Cards will make their home.

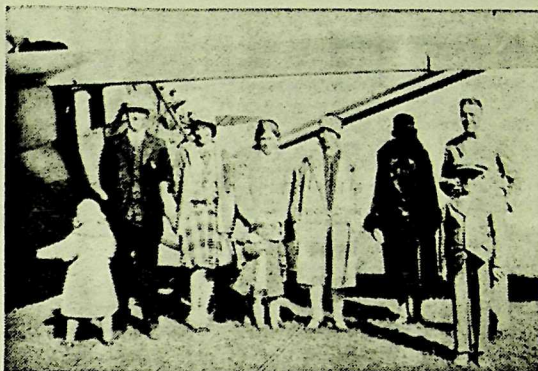
Harry G. Thompson and family, northwest of town, will leave for San Francisco.

Cora Christenson, county superintendent of schools resigned. Miss Merl Hill succeeds her.

R. H. Bryan is selling his farm northwest of Halliday.

Florence Palmer went to Dickinson to assume duties at school.

DO YOU KNOW — "That Halliday has one of the best schools in the county; the best streets, a splendid grain market, a good class of farmers, and that she's a dandy town to come to?"



The first airplane ride this group took was when it cost \$15 for a half hour. Left to right: Joan Wasem, Archie Palmer, Ida Gulling, Josephine Wasem and Mary Jane.

Frank Baer farms south of town.

Government food sale at the post office.

#### SEPTEMBER 10, 1919

Mark Mahto, Louie Baker, Joe Lean Bull, John and Charles Grinnell, Chester Smith and numerous Indian riders brought in a large shipment of cattle from the reservation.

Abe and Clara Porter baby dies.

Peter Tolpingrud married Olga Reiersgaard of Minnesota and bought the John Carlson place.

#### SEPTEMBER 26, 1919

Clara Evenson married Earl Morrell, she is assistant superintendent of schools.

George Kolwenski has taken over the confectionery quit by R. H. Bauman.

There is a meeting Friday to organize a chapter of the American Legion.

Vance Wimmer and Ida Gulling carried off prizes at the Mandan fair. Vance for sewing and Ida for fruit canning.

#### OCTOBER 10, 1919

John Dahlen died in this city at the age of 83 years. He leaves his wife and nine children: Mrs. Laura Dahlen of Albert Lea, Minn., Mrs. Emma Gordon of S. D., Mrs. Anna Heiser of Elgin, N. D., Mrs. Minnie Heil, near Fargo, Mrs. Tillie Jacobsen of Albert Lea, John B. Dahlen of Cambridge, Wis., Martin, Torwald and Lauris Dahlen of Halliday.

He was a native of Norway, came to Dunn County from Fillmore County, Minn., in 1909, homesteading 80 acres southwest of Halliday. When the railroad arrived he moved to town.

#### OCTOBER 17, 1919

At the Board meeting street lights were ordered, three in all on Main Street.

A frame building with a stove will be built for the Indians on some vacant lot along the creek.

Miss Clara Gunwall married Frank Twogood, Aug. 6 in Glendive, Mont.

Frank Ledin moved to Buffalo, Minn.

Victor Person sale.



Charles Palmer resigned from the Hazen Star and returned to Halliday.

**OCTOBER 24, 1919**

Flying Machine in Town Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Lieut. Cameron of Bismarck thrilled the town and country folks with his daring exhibitions in the air. Dr. E. C. Gaebe was the first to go up. Miss Hilda Braaten was the only lady to venture. Adolph Mathson enjoyed the distinction of having the most stunts performed with him while in the air.

**OCTOBER 31, 1919**

Langer Challenges Townley for Debate.

Charles Huber and Edfar Crowsheart returned from the Chicago market Friday night. They report a very fair market.

**NOVEMBER 7, 1919**

Miss Anna Christensen and Art Lingenfelter were married at 4:30 p. m. at the St. Charles hotel in Dickinson. The groom is president of the Security State Bank. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill were witnesses at the ceremony. They will reside in Halliday. The community extends congratulations.

**NOVEMBER 14, 1919**

Early Saturday morning the engine room at the school was discovered to be on fire. A number of tons of coal went up in smoke, very little damage was done to the main building.

The Indian house was used by some of the boys from the reservation for the first time Monday night. The building was paid for by the majority of Halliday businessmen. A stove and fuel are provided. All Indians are welcome to use the building.

**NOVEMBER 21, 1919**

Big farmers meeting at Halliday next Tuesday, Nov. 26. Purpose, to organize a Farm Bureau.

**DECEMBER 12, 1919**

The 500 Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klein. Refreshments were present for seven tables. Mrs. C. C. Law-  
rence and Mr. W. N. Wimmer were the winners.

The Halliday Boys and Girls Club organized two contests. The boys have been a winner, having carried off honors in the county agricultural and domestic science contests. This week the winners, Vance Wimmer, Esther Wimmer, Earl Fosne and Walter Christensen are at home with Miss Murle Hall, chaperone.

**DECEMBER 19, 1919**

Invitation to wed has been issued to Miss Nellie Collins and John Nordahl, both of Halliday vicinity. Married at home they are enjoying a trip to the Twin Cities.

**DECEMBER 26, 1919**

Walter Olafson and Elsie Carlson who have been attending the Community school in Moorhead are spending the winter at their respective homes near Halliday.

George Wright, the Standard Oil man, was a Bismarck visitor a couple of days this week.

The school building was crowded Wednesday evening to witness the program given by the pupils of the  
Bismarck schools.

**JANUARY 7, 1921**

Walter H. and  
Wife Elsie  
of New Salem and Maurice H.  
of Bismarck were united in marriage, Rev. Hugh  
W. officiating.



Archie Palmer, Joanne Palmer and Maude Schmitz in Palmer's store

**JANUARY 28, 1921**

Dr. Gaebe left Halliday to set up practice in Harvey. Maurice Wasem and wife will occupy the Gaebe residence.

**FEBRUARY 11, 1921**

Judge Harris united Adolph Mathson and Emma Martens of Halliday in marriage.

Bridgeman Russell Co. move to the Wasem Brothers old hardware store.

Ole Viken sold his garage to Simon Nodland.

**FEBRUARY 18, 1921**

Anders Rockness funeral was conducted at the Lutheran Church in Halliday.

**MARCH 18, 1921**

Dr. and Mrs. Law and daughter Vivian arrived in Halliday from Hannah and he will set up practice here.

Village election: Trustees, Peter Rippel, Leslie Wasem, Eric Viken; Clerk and Assessor — I. T. Lewis, Abe Porter; Justice of Peace, S. D. O'Neill; Treasurer, H. L. Malloy.

**APRIL 17, 1921**

C. B. Smith closed the Eat Shop.

**APRIL 29, 1921**

On the Move — The Jerry Palmer family moved into the Pendergast houses. H. L. Malloy family into the Gaebe residence. Ole Christensen moves to town occupying his own residence on the hill.

**APRIL 29, 1921**

Clara Duncan and Tony Steffen were married by Father Braenig.

**MAY 6, 1921**

A terrible accident occurred at the coal mine run by George Kolwinski. About two tons of dirt caved in, covering and breaking Floyd Plant's arms and legs.

The barn and granary of John Koon, 13 miles south of town, was completely destroyed by fire.

**MAY 27, 1921**

The movie show has opened again.

**JUNE 10, 1921**

John Gerhart opened a new confectionery and bakery in the Bauman building.



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Messrs. Strand and Evans are managing the Community Theatre in Halliday.

**JUNE 24, 1921**

Miss Martha Kruckenber of Hazen and Mr. Frank Figel, Jr., of Halliday were married.

**JULY 8, 1921**

R. H. Bauman again opened the Halliday Confectionery.

**JULY 15, 1921**

The Hasson and Massod store went out of business.

**JULY 22, 1921**

The City Council had the bridge across the creek on Main Street torn out.

**JULY 28, 1921**

M. D. O'Neill bought the Simon Bosch Pool Hall.

**AUGUST 26, 1921**

Herman F. Anderson of St. Hilaire, Minn., is new superintendent of schools.

**SEPTEMBER 23, 1921**

Monday Club is organized, with the first meeting at Mrs. Klein's.

**SEPTEMBER 30, 1921**

Mary Cole broke her arm while cranking a Ford. Dr. Pastorett, dentist, visits Halliday every Tuesday.

**OCTOBER 28, 1921**

Miss Marie Vanderhoff, principal of the Big Flat School married William Miller of Halliday.

**DECEMBER 2, 1921**

W. F. Kopka and family left Halliday for South St. Paul. Mr. Kopka entered the banking business in Old Halliday, and afterwards in the new town.

Kristian Mathisen died from cancer of the stomach.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Steffen are the proud parents of a baby boy.

**DECEMBER 16, 1921**

Halliday was raided by States Attorney T. H. Those-son and four deputies searching for intoxicating liquors.

**MARCH 10, 1922**

Fire destroyed the building with all of its contents.

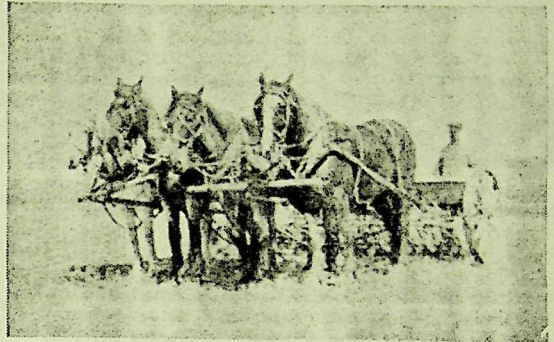
Oscar Baker of Emerson is the new clerk at Farmer's store. He will move his family here when school opens.

It required 10,000 dollars in Russian stamps to land a letter from that country to Fred Mertz at Halliday which was received last week, being the first word that he had had from his sister in seven years.

**MARCH 24, 1922**

A surprise was given Sig Evenson, School Superintendent of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, in appreciation of services rendered. Mr. and Mrs. Evenson were presented with an elegant cut glass set. The presentation speech was made by Rev. Swenson.

A grand revival was given by Mrs. Garvick's pupils at her home. Those taking part were Mrs. Helen and Doreen Marcovitz, Ruth Daniels, Irene Emerson, Gwendolyn Campbell, Tressa Smith, Lorna Ulsness and Frances



The old 4-horsepower drill

Ole Christensen, Sr. of Halliday has been made a member of the Advisory Board of the Dunn County Fair Assn.

Village Election: Messrs. Remple and Evans tied for Trustee in first Ward, Messrs. Hall and Forward tied for second Ward, Maurice Wasem unopposed was elected in third Ward, Harold Evenson was elected Clerk and Assessor, Abe Porter, Marshall, Wm. Neville was elected Justice of the Peace and H. L. Malloy, Treasurer.

**MARCH 31, 1922**

Margaret Olafson, teacher in Collins District spent Sunday at her parental home north of town.

Gilman Loftus will soon commence farming south of town.

Wasems have something new—a 10 cent, a 15 cent and a 20 cent counter in their store.

**APRIL 7, 1922**

Miss Irene Wilson, daughter of Jim Wilson who ranches of town, was married to Harold Bergerud, son of Martin Bergerud, extensive farmer of the Killdeer vicinity.

Buffalo Bill's great Wild West circus in Halliday Wednesday, April 12th. Glass' Novelty Orchestra will play for the performance and dance after the show.

**APRIL 14, 1922**

Peter Ripple shipped a carload of hogs to St. Paul last week. He shipped back to Halliday an ice box for his Meat Market.

Chas. Irons returned the latter part of the week from his sojourn in Iowa. He reports conditions not good there.

Oscar Nordahl is the possessor of a new Ford car.

I. T. Lewis has sold his residence to the Farmer's State Bank of Halliday and he and his family will move to Mandan.

**APRIL 21, 1922**

Abe Porter was a Richardton visitor Tuesday, taking Norman Wimmer to the main line from which place he went to the Jamestown convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klein attended Eastern Star services at Killdeer Easter Sunday.

**APRIL 28, 1922**

Martin Dahlen purchased a new Ford car from the Motor Inn yesterday.



MAY 5, 1922

L. M. Johnson is aspiring to the office of county auditor and had 500 political cards printed at the Promoter office.

Dan Hall of Beulah was a visitor in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Christensen went to Bismarck Tuesday where the latter will enter the hospital for treatment.

It's a brand new baby girl at the Maurice Wasem home. She arrived Thursday.

The Irwin Lewis family will move to Mandan soon where Mr. Lewis will continue in insurance work.

Henry Klein will give the principal address at a district meeting of the Masonic Lodge in Dickinson Tuesday, May 9th. His subject will be "Equality of Opportunity."

MAY 12, 1922

The Rosenberg building used by Joe Voltz for a pool hall was destroyed by fire last night. It was a great loss to Mr. Voltz. Peter Jorgunson, a roomer in the building was uninjured. The Morris Cannovan building, just west of the Rosenberg, was also burned. Dr. Law occupied the front rooms. His fixtures and instruments were all saved. Dr. Law will move into the O'Neill pool hall temporarily.

MAY 19, 1922

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Depert departed yesterday for Le Seur, Minn., for a visit with friends and relatives.

MAY 26, 1922

George Wright visited with friends in Golden Valley Sunday.

There will be English services in the Norwegian Lutheran Church this Sunday. Everybody welcome. Rev. F. J. Swenson, Pastor.

A Commercial Club was organized in Halliday, with Grant Palmer, president; Max Marcovitz, vice-president; P. J. Forward, secretary and treasurer.

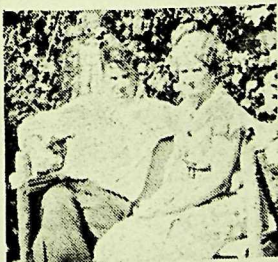
There will be services June 11 at the Congregational Church. Rev. Paul Van Horn will conduct the services and will supply during the summer from Dodge to Killdeer.

Gottlieb Keller who lived northeast of town was found dead in his garden Monday. Mr. Keller was 60 years old and leaves a large family.

JUNE 29, 1922

Halliday will have three elevators in operation in the fall.

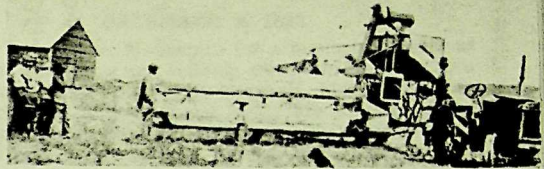
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Ulsness and Lorna autoed to Moorhead, Minn. to attend graduation exercises of which Helen Ulsness is a member of the class.



Mr. and Mrs. John Payne



Fred Butler, first marshal in Halliday also operated harness shop



First combine in the county. Picture was taken on the John Selle farm, about six miles south of Halliday.

JUNE 23, 1922

The home of John Gerhart was badly damaged by fire and water Wednesday morning. The family moved into the John Fix residence until the house can be repaired.

Miss Florence Palmer and Miss Lucille Brickel returned this week from Fargo where they have been attending school.

JUNE 30, 1922

It is estimated that \$3,500 was issued in checks for cream by Halliday buyers during the month of May.

Miss Elma Rhode, daughter of Wm. Rhode south of town, and Mr. Bert Twogood were married at Glendive, Mont., on the 20th.

John Gustafson wintered 500 head of cattle, losing only two head.

JULY 14, 1922

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bollinger of Artas, S.D. arrived Wednesday and will make their home in Halliday. Bollinger is the new grain buyer for the Powers Elevator Co.

The Norman Wimmer family will move to California the first of next month. Wimmer will be a partner in the auto business.

JULY 21, 1922

A. L. Boelter autoed to Richardton Sunday taking his family who took the main line to Adrian for a visit.

The Birth of a Nation will be shown the evening of July 29.

JULY 28, 1922

The John Payne family of Werner will soon move to Halliday. Mr. Payne will be employed by the Farmers Elevator.

AUGUST 4, 1922

Knute Engene aged 37 years was struck by a flash of lightning at 6:30 Tuesday evening which took his life. He was returning from Taylor with a load of lumber for his new home at the time. He leaves his young wife.

A farewell party was given at the Klein home Friday evening for the Wimmer family who departed Wednesday for their future home in California. The evening was spent in playing whist, Mrs. Evans and Mr. Campbell scoring high. A photo album containing shots of Halliday friends was presented to the Wimmers.

Joseph Rank leaves Saturday for Manitowoc, Wis., where he will spend two weeks visiting with his mother.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1922

Mrs. C. B. Smith has returned from a two-week stay at the Killdeer Mountains.

Miss Caroline O'Neill, daughter of the S. D. O'Neills, Halliday, and John Earl Franey of Plymouth, Wis., were united in marriage at Forsyth, Montana, Monday, Sept. 4





This picture was taken in 1928 at the Jack Nagel ranch on Hans Creek. Left to right are Tony Wilhelm, Frank Gates and the Nagel family.

at the Catholic parsonage. They will be at home at Great Falls, Mont., where Mr. Franey will be associated with the Farm Mortgage Dept. of the Sinclair Banks.

#### SEPTEMBER 15, 1922

Sandotz and Hoffart is the new firm at the Halliday Meat Market. The families will move to Halliday soon.

#### DECEMBER 8, 1922

E. B. Lubke, blacksmith for a number of years at Killdeer, is having a new building erected in Halliday for a blacksmith shop on the old Marshall, Malaise Lumber Yard grounds. Roberston and Stoltz are putting up the building. Lubke comes to Halliday highly recommended. He will have a partner from Killdeer in the spring.

#### OCTOBER 6, 1922

Mabel and Ida Gulling and Lois Evans will leave Monday for Bismarck where they will attend Bismarck Business College. Walter Christensen and Joe O'Neill will enter the school there later.

Work on the new Congregational Church was started this week. James Robertson the contractor staked out the lots while Grube Binnell and John Stockland removed the dirt from the basement.

Sales — Fred Christensen farm, Nov. 2. Hans Ulsness farm, Friday, Scharf sale north of town Nov. 15.

#### NOVEMBER 10, 1922

Frank Riemer visited his sister Grace at Bismarck where she is taking nursing.

#### NOVEMBER 24, 1922

Mabel Baker spent last week with friends and relatives at Emerson.

#### DECEMBER 1, 1922

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith, Miss Treva Dessalee Smith became the wife of Edgar Daniels of the Oakdale vicinity. Rev. Ivan Sayer of Emerson officiated. They will move to the farm of Mr. Daniels in the spring.

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# HISTORIES OF OUR PIONEERS

## H. M. AND RUTH PIPPIN

I have tried to tell others of the wonders of Halliday, N. Dak., and they do not believe me. Of course they cannot understand, because the great privilege of living in Halliday was not their good fortune it was mine.

Halliday is a beautiful little city. Many nights we walked along the street, the stars so bright, so sharp, so close, it seemed we could reach up and touch them with our hands. The falling of the shadows of the night upon the North Hill made it stand out like a sentinel, guarding our little city through the night.

The reflection of the moon and stars on Spring Creek made it look like a winding silver thread forming a border along the outskirts of the city. And the beautiful sunsets — you haven't lived until you have seen a North Dakota sunset.

Poets have tried, orators have used a lot of adjectives, artists have wasted many hours trying to capture the beauty, but all in vain. To describe Halliday is an impossible task, because there is no way to start and no way to end. For to fully realize the beauty and the grandeur, you must live there — you must get to know the people. So much of the beauty can not be seen, for this particular beauty is the love, loyalty and the devotion of our people. That beauty can only be found in the heart.

You must be a part of that community to realize it's worth and beauty. I sincerely feel that we were a part of Halliday.

I came to Halliday as a teacher in 1923. I met two other teachers at Mandan. It was a cold rainy day and the train was late, Miles Badger, the superintendent met us at the station and took us to the hotel. It was past midnight and Mrs. Oscar Baker was not too happy to have to put more lignite in the stove, poke up the fire to try and heat some coffee and prepare lunch for three half-starved teachers.

We laughed about this later, for the Baker family became very close to me. I taught their daughter Viola, under the Rehabilitation program for five years.

The next morning I looked out of the hotel window, the western type lamp posts and the crushed scoria on

the streets I'll never forget. After breakfast we went up "on the Hill" to look at the school house and to meet our landlady, Mrs. Axel Shjeflo. We roomed at Shjeflo's and boarded with the Otto Evenson family. After school on Monday we went downtown to meet the Halliday businessmen.

I do not believe I have ever met a more intelligent or high type group of men. All young men, all community leaders in every respect and all boosting for the betterment of the city.

We stopped at the post office to rent a postal box. A young man walked through the door which separated the hardware store and the post office. He was twirling his keys on his key chain. I told him we would like to get a postal box. He asked my name and I answered "Ruth Bowen", he looked at me and said "Oh, Rufus Brown, the Belle of the Town".

Needless to say I was a little surprised but I also thought I could learn to like this fellow. That evening I asked Evenson if the young man in the hardware store and post office was married. "Oh, you must mean Pippin" he said "No, he isn't married and he never will be, because he just isn't interested. So my advise, is, just forget it. I don't think you would have any chance of going with him anyway". "Why, Mr. Evenson", I replied "I bet you five dollars I can go with that fellow". "Alright, have it your own way, but young lady I'll call your bet".

I married H. M. Pippin on Aug. 20, 1924, and sent Otto Evenson an invitation to our wedding with a statement for five dollars which he promptly paid. Thus began my happy life in Halliday. I taught another year after we were married and I was a substitute teacher after that.

Malcolm had been teaching school. He quit teaching and came to Halliday in 1916. He began a business there to be known as The Pippin Hardware and Furniture Co. The business was interrupted in 1918 while he served in the AEF with the 3rd Division in France for 15 months. He returned to his business and in 1922 was appointed postmaster, a position he held for 12 years.

In 1931 Pippin was active in helping to plan and promote the Bridge Bill authorizing construction of the Four Bears Bridge at Elbowoods. Many of us were "political widows" while our men were in Bismarck that winter lobbying for passage of the bill.

He was appointed to the State Planning Board in 1935 and served as president and was a charter member of The Halliday Civic club. He took his turn on the School, Town and Park Boards. He was the first commander of the American Legion World War Post No. 258 of Halliday, a past commander of the Killdeer post and vice commander of the North Dakota Legion.

Pippin was highly honored by the Mandan Indian tribe, when he was given the name of Bad Gun, by Chief Henry Sitting Crow. The original Bad Gun was the son of Four Bears, famous chief of the tribe who died in 1837. Malcolm enjoyed reading and was the owner of one of the largest private libraries in North Dakota.

Our son, H. M. Pippin, Jr. was born Dec. 19, 1928. He graduated from the Halliday High School. The Dickinson State College and The University Law School at Grand Forks, N. Dak.

He married Hilda Huber, a Halliday girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Huber. They reside in Williston,



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N. Dak., and have three children Lesli, Leone and H. M. the third. He is associated with the law firm of Bjella, Jestrup, Neff and Pippin.

In February 1945 our store and home burned. It was heart breaking to stand by in such a helpless way and watch the destruction of a building that had been so much of us. We had worked so hard to build the business and we loved it. Pearl and Elmer Goetz had a recreation parlor next door to our store and their business was also destroyed.

We stayed at Malloy's the night of the fire. Hazel said, "Ruth do you think Malc will rebuild?" I really didn't know just what his plans were, he had been so busy trying to keep my spirits up. However I felt that just one trip downtown would answer Hazel's question. He returned from that downtown trip with these remarks "Ruth, I cannot leave. These people are my friends, I cannot leave them".

And so we started again. We stayed with Maurice and Hilma Wasem while arrangements were being made for construction of the new building and for a portion of the high school dormitory to be vacated so we could live there. The kindness and love extended to us by our many friends cannot be forgotten. The surprise shower given for me at the church was indeed a surprise. I still have many of the gifts and I cherish them very much.

We moved into the new store on Aug. 3, 1945. We were so happy to be back in business again. Malcolm's politics and civic duties, and my outside activities working with the church, Red Cross, the Welfare Board, Eastern Star, The Federated Clubs and our lecture work kept us real busy. It must never be said that people living in small towns are not active.

We were very happy in the new store and everything was going fine until suddenly Malcolm was taken ill. He died July 28, 1948. His services were held in The Halliday Congregational Church on Aug. 3, just three years to the day after the opening of our new store.

Again without the help of our friends, I am sure it would have been next to impossible to face this great grief. As always they were with us, their words of comfort, their sincere loyalty is another reason why Halliday is dear to me.

I sold our business in 1950 and with regrets, left Halliday. I had never had any desire to leave. I enjoyed living there and I loved it. I married Sam Houston and I now live in Tulsa, Okla. However regardless of where I may go Halliday will always be home to me. When I feel a little lonesome I think of the yesterdays I spent in Halliday, yesterdays with loving friends. It is the memories of my yesterdays in Halliday that help make my today so happy.

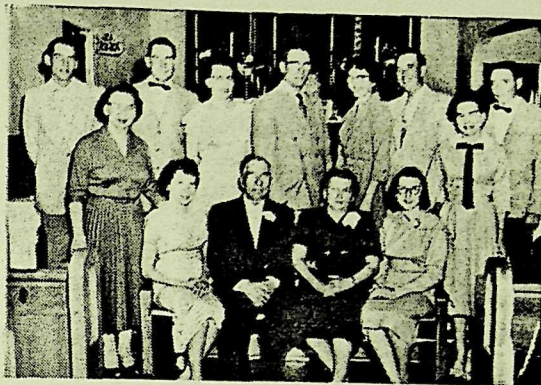
And so my friends, I have endeavored in a small and humble way to tell you just why Halliday, N. Dak. will always be home to Ruth Pippin Houston.

(By Ruth Pippin Houston)

## THE LIFE OF TONY WILHELM

I was born on a farm on May 20, 1895, located near Odessa in South Russia close to the Black Sea.

In 1903 my father died, leaving Marcus, Monica, and myself. Two years later mother married James Lee. In 1909 my step-father sold out, and in 1910 we started for America by boat, which was German made and named Nagar.



The Tony Wilhem Family

There was 4,400 passengers aboard. After 10 days at sea we docked at New York City and from there moved on to Philadelphia and landed.

Going through the custom house was an experience I will never forget. Marcus, Monica and myself did not pass the inspection because of our eyes. We were locked in a custom house with 17 other people who also failed to pass. Six or seven days later we were transferred to Baltimore where again we were locked like prisoners, in a custom house for 10 days. There we were told that we would have to return to Europe.

My step-father returned with us, as we were too young to travel alone. While mother and four of the other children stayed in the custom house three of the children died and were buried in Baltimore. Mother and one of the children then came to Mandan. It took my step-father two months to return from Europe to find that three of the family had died in transit. The splitting of our family was heartbreaking.

While we were in Europe we stayed with some of our relatives, different ones. Marcus and Monica stayed with one of my uncles who was a priest. I stayed with another uncle who was an overseer on a 40-acre orchard and fruit farm, which employed about 40 people. Starting June 1 we would haul out a boat load of fruit and vegetables about every other week to Odessa. This cargo was shipped on a sailboat large enough to carry 10,000 bushels of wheat.

The fourth load I had an opportunity to go along with my uncle to sell the produce. This was in 1911 when Russia had the disastrous cholera panic and people died like flies.

When we arrived in Odessa with the produce we anchored at sea and took a little rowboat to shore to make arrangements for unloading our produce.

We learned, because of the cholera, people were forbidden to eat any fruit and vegetables. Being unable to sell any of our cargo my uncles purchased more provisions and we sailed on to Cynfranople across the Black Sea. We were not allowed to sell any of our produce there, so we turned sails for home.

As we were throwing our cargo of 4,000 watermelons, weighing about 20 lbs. each, many baskets of cucumbers, tomatoes, green peppers, and some fruit overboard people on shore saw it so they came in with rowboats and started picking it up out of the water, and hauling it back to shore. There was hardly any wind so our boat moved very slow and we saw all the people fishing this fruit and vegetables out of the water.



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That fall (in 1911) I got a job on a steam boat which carried about 50,000 bushels of wheat. We would load in Odessa and haul it to the Mediterranean Sea. There we would unload into Norwegian ships. We would then go to Turkey, there we loaded peanuts and cork to bring back to Odessa.

In 1912 my parents sent passports and tickets for Marcus and myself to come to America. In the middle of May we took off again. We got on the train in Odessa and arrived in Estonia, where we had to wait for a boat. I was 17 and Marcus was 10 years old.

While waiting, Marcus became ill with the measles, so we had to stay there for four weeks until another boat was to leave. Finally we got on the second boat and were on our way.

We stopped at Liverpool where they unloaded and loaded more passengers and cargo from England.

Then we departed for America on a Russian liner, bound for New York. We were traveling third class and the food was nothing exceptional. The first day at sea I went to the kitchen and asked the cook for a job. He said "you'll be sea sick before morning." I told him of my previous experience working on a ship, so he gave me a job. I washed dishes, peeled potatoes, and carried supplies from the warehouse.

He discovered I was only 17 years old and that I had my brother, who was only 10 years old with me, so he wanted to know why we were traveling alone.

I told him the story of what had happened to us and I guess he felt sorry for us, so he gave me advice. Our papers were made for New York. He said "Why don't you just keep working when we dock in New York and not get off the ship, then go to Halifax, Canada," so I did.

About half the people got off in New York and the rest in Halifax, Canada. When I left ship our papers were checked at the custom house and then found that I should have gotten off in New York. They locked Marcus and myself in a room until all the passengers were checked out.

Then they called us in and questioned us for the reason for not getting off in New York. I told them what had happened, so I was asked if I had any money. We had \$17.50 between us, half of that I had to pay for railroad fare to go through Canada.

We left Halifax and upon arrival at Montreal we had to change trains, then again at Winnipeg we had to change trains to come to Fargo. In Fargo we changed trains again for Richardton.

My mother and my Uncle Joe Fix met us at the train. From there we drove to our homestead three miles west of Marshall. Two days later I went to work for Joe Fix, north of Richardton as he had guaranteed the money to buy our passports, so I had to work that off.

Ten months later I went to work for the Whybal Brothers on the Knife River, where Alfred Gustafson was the owner. A few months later I went to work for John [unclear] where I worked for two years. Then I went to [unclear] and farmed with my step-father.

In the winter of 1917 I went to Richardton and started a garage in partnership with Jake Fleck. We operated for one year and went broke. In the fall of 1918 I went to Halliday and operated a thresh machine for Chris [unclear] then I went to Lodge to help Uncle Fix in his [unclear] and [unclear] ship.

In 1920 we purchased a Twin City tractor from the [unclear] Brothers when I went to farm. That same year on [unclear] I married Eva Sautner. Her folks owned the

first hotel in Dodge. I rented farms for three years, then purchased one in 1923 from Mrs. Conrad Jacobs. I moved on in the spring of 1924, where I still reside today.

We have raised a family of 11. All are married except one. Emma, (Mrs. Herbert Toney) lives on a farm in Deming, N.M., raising cotton. Doris (Mrs. Edward Steckler) lives in Dickinson, N.D. He works for Montana Dakota Utilities and Doris is assistant manager of St. Lukes Nursing Home.

Clifford lives in Omaha, Neb. and is married to Roella Mohl. He drives truck.

Les is married to Lil Transtrom and he works in construction. Elaine, (Mrs. Paul Steffen) lives in Ruthven, Iowa and he works in a packing plant.

Vic is married to Delores Feist, and resides on a ranch at Gackle, N.D.

Katherine (Mrs. Delbert Schettler) lives on a farm north of Werner. Caroline (Mrs. Hugh Lanphear) lives in Omaha, Nebr., where he drives truck. Tony, Jr., is married to Nettie Keller and lives on a ranch south of Halliday.

Georgia (Mrs. Fred Lesmeister) temporarily is at home. He was just discharged from the Army. Dan bought out the machinery and livestock and rents the farm.

The wife and I live on the farm with Dan while he is still single. At present we have 30 grandchildren.

(By Tony Wilhelm)

## AUSTIN SMITH FAMILY

Austin R. Smith, Sr., was born in Hebron, N. D., and attended grade school there. Upon the death of his father, his family moved to Dickinson where he attended and graduated from high school.

Smith then entered the University of North Dakota and while there established himself nationally as one of the finest tackles in collegiate football. He received Honorable Mention on the All American Team picked by Walter Camp in 1928.

While attending school there, he met and married Vivian Law of Halliday. Upon graduation, both were employed at the State Training School in Mandan.

In 1937 Smith purchased the Halliday Drug from Fred Hall and was proprietor there until 1960.



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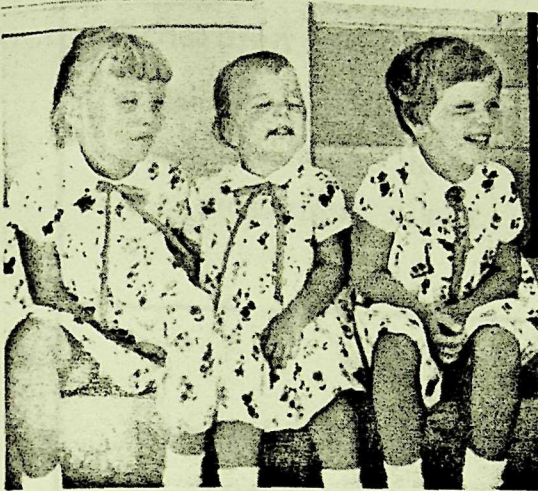
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They had two children; Austin Jr., now a captain in the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Sill and Sheila Mae (Mrs. Milt Wald), residing in Bismarck.

Upon graduating from high school, Austin Jr. entered the University of North Dakota and graduated in 1969. He entered the Army in September of that year and has since completed flight school and has served one year in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. He is presently enrolled in the Artillery Officer's Advanced Course at Fort Sill, Okla.

Capt. Smith married the former Amanda Frank of Halliday and they have four children: Leslie, Lynn, Lesa and A. R. III.

Sheila graduated from high school in 1957 and then attended the University of North Dakota for 3½ years. She was later employed by the North Dakota Employment Service in Bismarck. She married Milt Wald of Bismarck, who is employed by Permanent Sales, Inc. They have one daughter, Rochelle.

### THE HENRY TYLER FAMILY

Henry Tyler was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 1864. As a boy of 10 years, he came to North Dakota with his parents and five sisters, Reika, Sophie, Dora, and Lottie. The family lived here awhile and then moved back to Chicago, Ill., to make their home. Reika, still lives there.

As a young man, Henry came back to North Dakota to work on a homestead on the Knife River, which he inherited from his sister Emma's husband, J. K. Slack. It was called the Half Way Place. It was 40 miles from Halliday to Taylor. Mrs. Slack served meals and put the people up for the night.

On Dec. 19, 1902, Tyler married Anna Andres of Halliday. Mrs. Tyler had a son, Herman. They lived near Halliday on the Big Slough south of Halliday. Their daughter, Emma, was born on May 5, 1903.

Mr. Tyler had cattle and horses and broke horses for a living. He used to pick buffalo bones. He

picked these bones on what was later called the Charley Kay place. They lived near The Big Slough until Henry purchased the Sam Juel farm 1½ miles west of Old Halliday.

The Tyler's drove to Taylor to get supplies with team and wagon. The store was run by Joe F. Christen. Mrs. Tyler often said she had more on her pantry shelves when she lived 40 miles from a store, than when she lived 3½ miles from town.

Building of new Halliday started as the railroad was coming through. It got as far as Zap in the fall of 1913 before freezeup. In the summer of 1914 the train came into Halliday. That was a big day for the people of that community.

The first building moved is was Louie Rosenberg's claim shack. Then in the spring of 1915, Jessie Everhart built a meat market and restaurant. He had a partner for a short while and in the fall of 1915, Henry Tyler bought in with Jessie Everhart. It was called the Tyler and Everhart Market. The restaurant part was run by Miss Mary Bowman. Tyler did most of the buying, keeping the beef on the farm. He stayed in business for awhile and then sold back to Everhart. Then later Everhart sold to Pete Ripple and Pete later sold to Frank Hoffert.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler had six children. Emma, Bertha, Elsie, Henry, Marie and Herman, a step-son of Tyler. The children walked 1½ miles to the old country school. We later went to the new school that was built in Halliday.

Bertha Tyler played basketball there, the first game between Killdeer and Halliday. During this game she was hurt, leaving her an invalid and unable to attend school. Henry Jr. and Marie graduated from Werner High School.

On July 2, 1924, Emma married Jake Gensberg at Dunn Center and the family lived on the Tyler place until it was sold to Lambert Gerhart in 1925. This farm is now the George Ferebee home.

The Tyler family moved to Werner, N. D., where they lived until Mrs. Tyler died Oct. 2, 1926, at the age of 49 years. She was laid to rest in Concordia Cemetery in Chicago, Ill.

Tyler left and lived in Montana. Henry, Jr. was with him in sheep business and gardening. The last years of his life he resided in Glendive. He died Jan. 19, 1953, at the age of 79 years and was laid to rest in the Glendive cemetery.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler, in 1924



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## THE NORDAHL BROTHERS



John, Pete and Enock Nordahl

John Nordahl was born in 1884 at Aalesund, Norway. He came to this country in 1902 and worked in Iowa until 1905 when he went to homestead south of Halliday.

Pete Nordahl was born in 1881 at Aalesund and he came to this country in 1904 and worked in Iowa until 1906 when he homesteaded south of Halliday. They left Norway on a Norwegian boat and sailed to England. From there they went to New York aboard an English ship. They traveled to Taylor by train and then got a ride by team and buggy to Old Halliday. They took up homesteads on Sec. 4-144-92, two miles south of Halliday. Stener Haugen and Fred Christensen took up the other two homesteads on the same section.

In order to get a homestead they had to make some improvements and farm a certain number of acres. In 1906 John worked for Captain Marsh on a steam boat hauling supplies up and down the Missouri river.

In 1908 the first school was built in the area in which John and Pete lived. This was known as the Collins school. In 1911 they obtained their first steam rig to use in the farming operation. The first grain harvested had to be hauled to Taylor and this was a 2-day trip for four horses with about 50 sacks of grain.

In 1912 they purchased their first car which was a Buick that had been slightly used. This car cost \$60.

In 1915 great progress was made for the area, as the telephone lines were put in. This was also the year the Nordahls purchased their first electric light plant, a 32-volt Western Electric. For water they had to dig a well by hand to a depth of 60 feet.

In 1920 John married Nellie Collins. The younger brother, Enock, came to this country and worked in Halliday for a number of years before moving to California where he made his home.

A nephew, Erling Nordahl came from Norway to work for the Nordahls in 1928 and has been with them ever since. He and his wife, Ann, have taken over the farming and ranching operation and live on the home section two miles south of Halliday.

John and Pete now live on the east edge of Halliday on the farm they purchased in the late 1930's. Miss Nicca Brudevold, a niece, has been with them for the past seven years keeping house and caring for them.

## THE MALLOY FAMILY

One of Halliday's first resident lawyers, Howard L. Malloy, came to the community in the summer of 1916 from Massillon, Ohio. He was a graduate of the School of Law from Ohio Northern University at Ada and was licensed to practice law in Ohio.

Malloy actually came to North Dakota as a professional baseball player. He was primarily a catcher, al-

though was versatile enough to handle practically any spot on the diamond. He later studied law in this state.

The young lawyer at one time played with the Milwaukee team when it was affiliated with the American Assn. His brother, Herman, was a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers. Howard was an all-around sportsman, being an avid hunter and fisherman.

In 1917 Malloy began keeping books for the Kilzer Lumber Co. and studied North Dakota law. That year he passed the State Bar exams and established a law office in Halliday, which today is maintained by a son.

Hazel Virginia Byer and Howard L. Malloy were united in marriage in July of 1917. She also was a graduate of Ohio Northern University and after moving to Halliday, taught school there for several years.

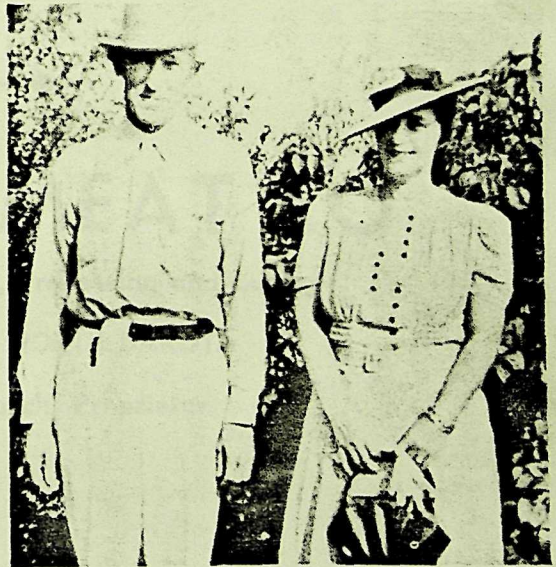
Malloy entered the service in World War I. After the war he returned to Halliday and resumed his law practice, playing baseball with the Halliday team during the summer months.

Atty. Malloy was a member of the Halliday Civic club and served on the School Board for many years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Dickinson and served 14 years as states attorney of Dunn County. He semi-retired in 1954 and moved into Dickinson.

The Malloys had three children: Mrs. Gordon North (Janet) who graduated from the University of North Dakota and resides in Bismarck where her husband is principal of a public school. A son, James H. Malloy is in Atascadero, Calif., where he is employed by the state of California. Jim served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. All three of the children completed grade and high school at Halliday.

Youngest of the Malloy children, Harry, has followed in his father's footsteps. He served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict and was discharged as a first Lieutenant.

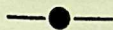
Following separation from the service, Harry continued his studies and in 1956 graduated from the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. He was ad-



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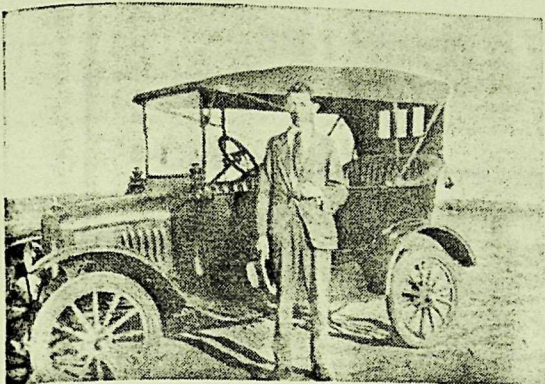
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Howard Malloy and first car, 1917

mitted to the North Dakota bar that year and took over the Malloy law offices in Halliday.

Harry L. Malloy is a resident of Dickinson, where he is affiliated with the law firm of Dynes and Malloy. He has also served several terms as Dunn County states attorney.

All of the children completed grade and high school at Halliday.

Howard L. Malloy died in Dickinson at the age of 70 on Sept. 7, 1957. His widow is now a resident of Bismarck.

## JAKE GENSBERG HISTORY

Jake Gensberg was born in Delmont, S.D. As a boy, he lived at Hazen, N.D. He was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Rahn.

After growing up, Gensberg worked for Frank Feigel, Sr. on the farm one year. He also worked for Frank in the pool hall and cafe in Dodge. Then Frank sold out and moved to Halliday and started a barber shop there. In 1923, Jake Gensberg came to Halliday and ran a restaurant for one year, renting it from Reinhold Bowman.

After the Tylers moved to Werner, Jake and Emma Gensberg farmed the Guy Smith place for one year, known as the Old Bailey post office. They then rented a house from H. L. Malloy and lived there for 12 years.

Gensberg trucked and hauled material to the Elbowoods bridge, also coal and whatever jobs he could get to do and in the fall of 1939, he purchased the Dray Line from James Bailey. It became known as the Gensberg Dray Line which Jake operated for 11 years.



The Jake Gensberg, family

On June 19, 1940, Bertha Tyler died at the Gensberg home, where Emma had cared for her as an invalid for 14½ years. She was laid to rest in the Halliday cemetery.

In 1951, the Dray Line was sold to Reinhold Boepple. The Gensbergs then moved to Dickinson, N.D., and Jake ran a Mobil station for 5 years. It was known as the Gensberg and Son service station.

The Gensbergs had four children; Gene, married to Rosemary Helsper of Dodge, N.D., living in Dickinson. They have two children, Mary Gene and Scott Thomas. Gene served in World War II in the Pacific, New Guinea, and South Philippines. He was the first Halliday boy to come home with a Purple Heart.

Another son, Wesley, died Sept. 5, 1954, at the age of 27 years. He was laid to rest in the Halliday cemetery.

Annabelle married Kenneth Marquart, and they have three children, Kenneth, Jr., Peggy Ann, and David Allen. They make their home in Williston.

Dorothy married Alfred Nesper. They have six children, Bobby, Garry, Mary Lou, Wesley, Kathy Ann, and Allen. They live in Seattle, Wash. Allen has made his home with his grandparents, the Gensbergs, for 14 years.

In 1956, Jake sold out the station in Dickinson, then moving to Williston, where Jake and Emma took care of the Mannar apartments, which housed 35 families for five years. Jake has been employed at the Happy Chappy Enco Service since living in Williston the past eight years.

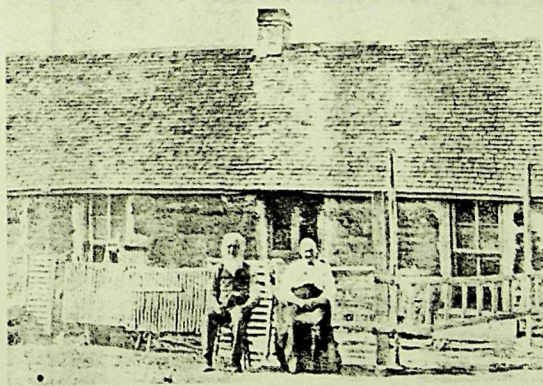
The Gensbergs and Allen make their home at 610-17 Ave. W. in Williston.

## JOHAN DAHLENS HOMESTEADED

Mr. and Mrs. Johan L. Dahlen came to the community of Halliday in 1908 from Hayward, Minn.

Johan L. Dahlen, better known to many in the community as Grandpa Dahlen, was 72 years of age when he homesteaded in the N½ of Sec. 28-145-92, 3½ miles west of Halliday. With the help of his sons and perhaps others, they built a sod house where they lived until about 1914. Then they moved into Halliday and built a home, where they resided until the fall of 1919 when Johan L. Dahlen died at the age of 83 years.

Mrs. Dahlen then went to live with two of her sons on the Lone Elm farm west of Halliday for a couple of years. She returned to Minnesota to live with her daughter.



Dahlens in front of sod house



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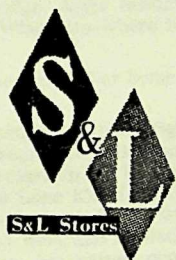
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ter, Tilda (Mrs. Nels Jacobson). Mrs. Dahlen passed away in about 1935.

They had a family of 10 children, five sons and five daughters, Laura, Martin, Carl, Tilda, Julius B., Anna, Lauris, Thorvald, Emma and Millie.

Laura married Ole Dahlen and they were the parents of Edgar and John E. Dahlen.

John E. homesteaded in the center of the north half of 32-145-92 about 1905. After several years he moved to Albert Lea, Minn. At present he resides at Rochester, Minn.

Martin Dahlen homesteaded in the southeast corner of Sec. 28-145-92 about 1895. (See history of Martin Dahlen family).

Carl Dahlen came to the Halliday vicinity about 1903. He homesteaded on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 25-145-92 which was called the Lone Elm in the early days and is now owned by Frank Commes. Carl died from a ruptured appendix in 1913 at age 39.

Tilda Dahlen was married to Nels Jacobson. They resided in Minnesota but were out here occasionally for visits.

Julius B. Dahlen, also known as John or J. B. Dahlen came to Halliday about 1903. He homesteaded on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 25-145-92, southwest of Halliday on Alkali Creek. After Carl died, John moved on to the Lone Elm farm.

John, or J. B., was well known for his threshing in the early days. He owned a big Case steam engine and threshing machine, having a long run every fall, lasting about two months. He threshed from south of Dunn Center to north and east of Dodge. After residing here for several years he moved to Wisconsin where he lived the rest of his life.

Anna Dahlen, Mrs. Heiser, made her home at Lengby, Minn.

Lauris Dahlen purchased homestead rights on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 32-145-92 about five miles southwest of Halliday, lived there and proved up his homestead. Some years later he moved to the Lone Elm farm. After being there for a number of years he moved to Wisconsin. Several years later Lauris went west and settled on a small farm at Clatskanie, Oregon. He raised peppermint on this farm for many years, retiring in about 1959. Lauris is the only member of the John L. Dahlen family still living and is 80 years of age.

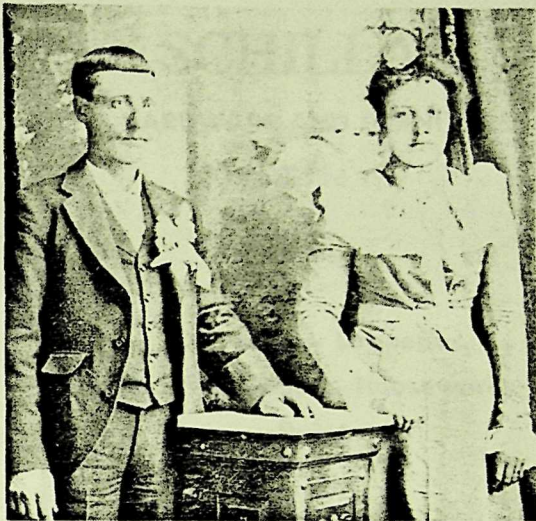
Thorvald Dahlen was married to Ruth Marie Engholm. (See history on Thorvald Dahlen family).

Emma Dahlen married Andrew Gordon, and they lived north of Werner on the farm that now belongs to Seb. Sitter of Werner. They were there for a number of years and later went west and settled at Coos Bay, Oregon.

Millie Dahlen was married to Julius Hiel. They reside at Elgin, N.D.

## MARTIN DAHLEN HISTORY

Martin Dahlen was born in Hayward, Minn., on Aug. 25, 1872, son of Julius and Bertha Dahlen. They resided there until as a young man he came to Taylor in 1894, and worked for John Elkins and the Christensens until of age, to file a homestead claim. Dahlen came out and settled on the place between Halliday and Werner, where he resided until his death, in 1959. His parents, brothers



The Martin Dahlens, 1902

and some of his sisters homesteaded just north of his place a few years later.

In 1902 he was married to Ella Hecht of Taylor. They had eight children and all living.

Walter and Maynard are at home, Mrs. Floyd (Bertina) Mead and Mrs. Alvin (Mabel) Robinson, make their home at Killdeer, Carl is at the VA Center in Hot Springs, S.D., Albert and Mrs. Bernard (Dorothy) Nodland live at Werner, and Mrs. Fred (Esther) Klee is at Halliday.

## ERBSTOESSER FAMILY

The Charles Erbstoesser first arrived in the country south of Halliday in the fall of 1906 and he and two of his daughters (Hattie, the former Mrs. John O'Day and Lena, now Mrs. Norman Severance) homesteaded in southern Dunn County.

In addition to the parents, there were six children. All have died, except George, who recently retired as rural mail carrier at Halliday and Mrs. Severance who resides in Apache Junction, Ariz.

George spent 25 years as mail carrier, working out of Halliday.



George Erbstoesser family



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## STORY OF MARIE SELLE



John Selle and family

Marie Selle, (Marie Dalen) was born in Georgetown, Minn., on a farm in the Red River Valley. My father passed away when I was 12 years of age. My mother kept the home farm going with the help of my younger brothers.

In my younger days I came out to Marshall, N.D. to visit some of my relatives who were ranchers. I stayed with my Grandfather, John Kyseth and his son, Carl Kyseth and other relatives.

About 1909 I decided to take up a homestead, which everyone was doing in those days. The years that I had to stay around to prove up my homestead, I still helped out my grandfather, going east to help at my mother's farm during the busy season.

Some years later, I met John Selle and we were married on Jan. 3, 1917 at Moorhead, Minn. John Selle came to this country from Bergen Norway at the age of 15 years. He stayed with his sister in Beresford, S.D., then worked for a few years on farms around there.

After leaving the Beresford area, John Selle went to Faith, S.D. and took up a homestead. After proving up his homestead at Faith, he decided to go to North Dakota where he purchased his brother's homestead. On this farm we lived after we were married. Our six children were born there.

John Selle and Knute Toft for a time owned a threshing rig together and did threshing for many of the neighbors in the area. In 1927 John Selle and his brother, Herman, purchased one of the first combines to be shipped into Halliday. The day it was delivered and taken into the field people came from miles around. Most were of the opinion this machine would never work and would never be practical.



Mrs. John Selle holds granddaughter Marilyn

Two of the boys, Kenneth and Hjalmer Selle, reside on and operate the home farm. The oldest son, Lloyd, operates the International Harvester dealership in Halliday.

Milton, another son, makes his home at Eugene, Ore., where he hauls and services heavy construction equipment. Bob, the youngest son, also is in Eugene, where he is a plumber. The only daughter lives in London, England, where she is employed doing drafting for the Navy Dept.

All of the children attended what was known as Big Flat School during their elementary years.

Later, when John's health began failing, we purchased a home in Halliday. Johnson Selle passed away in September 1952. I have continued to reside in Halliday the past few years.

(By Marie Selle)

## THE EDWARD MJOLHUS'

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mjølhus, were married in 1899, in Stavanger, Norway, where they lived on a small farm. In 1903, a son, Gunder, came to join them, and in 1905 a daughter, Hannah.

In 1906, Mjølhus decided to leave for America, and his wife and children were to join him later, when he had settled on his homestead. He left Norway in the spring and arrived in Rollete, N.D., where he was met by friends who had also come from Norway. He worked there for a while but because land around Rollette was pretty well proved up, he decided to go on.

Edward Mjølhus came to Halliday, N.D., to take up a homestead, a mile and a half east of the present town. Most old timers will recall Old Halliday was further north, but as the railroad came the town was soon moved.

Mjølhus stayed close to his claim, built a sod house and worked for his neighbors, who were few and far apart. He had saved enough money to purchase tickets to send for his wife and children, so Mrs. Mjølhus, with her two children, arrived at Taylor N.D. on Nov. 11, 1909.

As time went on, more children joined the family, so that meant building a larger house. Mjølhus, in 1915, with carpenter experience, was able to build a house of lumber and this was quite a novelty in those days, as this was one of the first to be built.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mjølhus





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Then with a growing family, Mjohus purchased several milk cows, and with more homesteaders moving in and business places growing, there was a great demand for milk. So this became very good business and milk was sold all over town, by the Mjohus children.

This also brought many youngsters to the farm to play. Some came early in the forenoon and stayed all day and these children, no matter what race or creed, were well fed by Mrs. Mjohus. This was told by one of those little girls, who is now Mrs. Tony Gerhart of Bismarck, N.D. The years have gone by since the Mjohus' have gone, but the children of Halliday still go there to play.

As the immigrants came, it was decided to build a Lutheran church, and to build it on a high hill, so that the steeple could be seen many miles away, for travelers, as a guide. Mjohus, along with several others, did all the work by hand and lumber was hauled from Taylor by team. All the children, except the two older ones who were born in Norway were baptized in this church where some of the older ones were confirmed. The children are: Gunder, at Dunn Center; Hannah, Mrs. Borge Fraffjord of Golden Valley; Edith, Mrs. Stanley Tennison, Fargo; Olga, Mrs. Thor Landa of Hawley, Minn.; Ella, Mrs. Gust Mittelstedt, of Dunn Center; Rebecca, Mrs. Roy Knudson of Walla Walla, Wash.; Edward of Hillsboro, N.D.; Martin, Mrs. James Gregerson of Minot and Ruben of Dunn Center, who resides on the home place with his wife and son. A daughter, Ella Gudrund died at the age of 11 months in 1913.

In 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Mjohus with their family decided to sell their farm and go back to Norway. Williams and Wimmer purchased the farm and everything was packed and tickets purchased to sail for Norway, when Mrs. Mjohus decided maybe America would be a better place to raise her family after all. So Mjohus set out to buy a larger farm and this is located six miles southeast of Dunn Center where the family has lived ever since.

Then on the 14th of May in 1951, Mrs. Mjohus was laid to rest in the Spring Creek cemetery after a two-year illness. Mjohus is a resident at St. Luke's home in Dickinson. He was 86 years old the first of May, 1964. He has besides his nine living children, 27 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

The homestead has changed ownership in the last years, and is now the property of Pete and John Nordahl. The house from the homestead is now located on Main Street in Halliday and is owned by Mrs. Edwin Reiersgaard, who operates Margies Beauty Shop.

## JACOB ZWICKER STORY

My brother Mike and I filed on a homestead six miles west of Old Halliday in 1907. At that time there were still many homesteaders coming in, looking for land.

Most of the building was done with sod and the homes were warm. We had a post office by the name of Hanks, also a store which did not last long. Then we received our mail at Old Halliday. John Bangs operated a store and also had the post office.

We did not get lonesome, as the neighbors were good and it was like a large family, which is different today.

Our neighbors were: Peter and Lewis Kay, Martin Olson, Christ Thorstad, Perry Bates, Clarence Bates, Cash Potter, Charley Kay, Jacob Hanks, George Valley, Ed Bessaw, Tom and Sid McMahan, Vernie Donohue, Sam Juel, Floyd Harrman and Jas (Hop) Herrick.

We also knew people living farther away.

(By Jacob Zwicker)

## THE GOTTLIEB WIEDENMEYERS



Gottlieb Wiedenmeyer family in 1912

Gottlieb Wiedenmeyer was born Sept. 17, 1863 in Krem, South Russia. He came to America at the age of seven years with his parents, Edward and Barbara Wiedenmeyer.

In 1870, his parents went to Delmont, S. Dak., where they made their home. Gottlieb later moved to Eureka, S. D., where he farmed.

On November 22, 1891, he married Kathrine Riener. In about 1904 they moved in a covered wagon, to North Dakota. They had to cross the Missouri River to get to Mannheim, N. D., about 20 miles north of Beulah, where Fredrick Wiedenmeyer resided. The Wiedenmeyer's built up a sod home of their own, about nine miles northeast of Dodge. In the fall of 1909, we moved nine miles northeast of Halliday, where Gottlieb died on May 28, 1933, and Barbara passed away on April 8, 1936.

The Wiedenmeyers had a family of six, two boys and four girls: Mrs. Simon (Matilda) Hornburger; Emil and Mrs. Fred (Johana) Riegel, all deceased; Mrs. Fred (Emma) Wolf; Mrs. Gotthard (Helen) Miller, Halliday; and Otto, who lives in Conrad, Mont.

## THE HANS JOHNSONS

Hans Johnson, now of Werner, was born in Denmark, Wisc. In 1912, he came to North Dakota and in March, 1916, he brought his bride, Edna Seifert, of Green Bay, Wis., to this state. They lived on a homestead north of Taylor, near a community known as Hirschville.

In 1917, they moved to a farm north of Halliday to live with his brother, Viggs Johnson, for a short while. The Johnsons then purchased a farm 1½ miles east of Werner, where they lived until they moved into Werner where they both now reside.

They have two children, Lila, who is married to Arthur McNamara and live seven miles south of Halliday. They have two daughters, Patty and Joyce. Roger is married to the former Ruth Howard. They reside on his parents' former farm near Werner and have two sons, Howard and Rodney.



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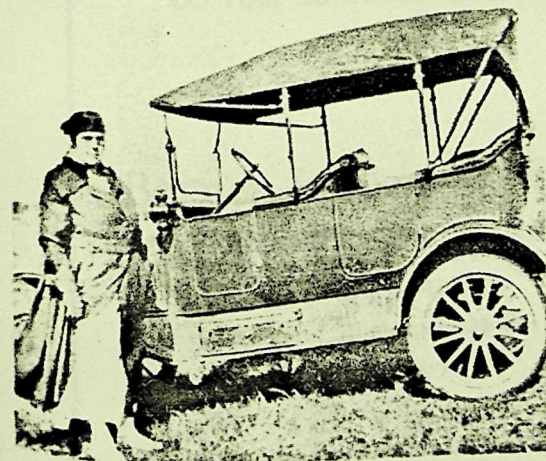
Jack Duncan relaxes in yard

It was in the month of August 1904 when my father and mother, with their 10 children started the trip to western North Dakota, where father had filed on a homestead. We had been residing in Menomonie, Wis.

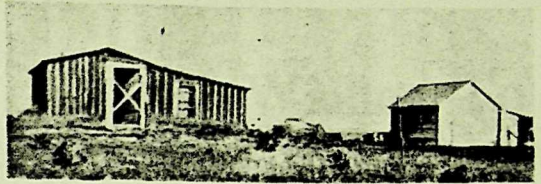
Father shipped some livestock, machinery and household goods on the train and mother and the children boarded the passenger train. Our destination was Richardson. We camped over night and then drove to the homestead.

We set up two tents where we lived until we finished building a sod house. We had to haul lumber 30 miles for the floors, windows and doors. We felt better when the house was finished. It was a real sacrifice for a family to leave good school, church and friends to start life on the prairie, without ever a well of water.

My oldest brother, James Benj., filed on a homestead adjoining father's. I also filed and later, my sister Belle filed. Belle married Emmet Smith.



Jennie Duncan and car, prior to 1918



House Jack Duncan built

In spring of 1905 father started farming with the help of my oldest brother. Dad worked hard to get the people interested in building a school house and one was built in 1908. I taught in the school for several years.

My folks had the post office in their home for a time and it was known as the Collins post office. Ed Hogan was the mail carrier and I made out the reports to the government for my mother.

(By Jennie Duncan)

**MARTIN HERMUNSTAD**

Martin Hermunstad, son of Knute Hermunstad, came from Starbuck, Minn., in 1906 with his parents. They arrived in Taylor with household goods, farm machinery, horses and cows and settled north of Halliday.

Martin married Bertha Gulling in 1914 and they moved to Martin's homestead, where they lived until they retired. They moved into Halliday in 1962.

**JOHN GOETZ FAMILY**

In 1902 Mr. and Mrs. John Goetz were married in Russia. They immigrated to this country in 1903, homesteading north of Halliday in 1910, where they resided for 34 years.

They had eight children: Edward at Bismarck, Alex who farms north of Halliday, Pauline who died in 1944, Gottfried at Hazen, Tillie (Mrs. Jack Klatt) at Werner, Minnie at home, Eugena (Mrs. Irvin Richau) at Halliday and Walter who farms the old home place north of town.

John Goetz died on April 1, 1943. Following his death Mrs. Goetz purchased a home in Halliday and moved into town the next year. She still resides there with her daughter, Minnie.

Mrs. Goetz was 84 years old last September.



Mr. and Mrs. John Goetz and children



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## JOHN S. POLLESTAD HISTORY



Mr. and Mrs. John Pollestad

John Sven Pollestad was born in Stavanger, Norway on Jan. 25, 1880. At the age of 18, he went to Cylinder, Iowa and stayed with his brother, Carl and Anna Pollestad.

In 1902, he married Hannah Thompson at Cylinder, Iowa. Hannah was born in Marshall Town, Iowa on July 10, 1877. They lived there and farmed until 1905 when they moved to Hampden, N.D., in Cavalier County. In 1909, they moved southwest of Halliday, where they homesteaded. They continued to live here until their deaths; Hannah in Feb. of 1930 and John in Nov. of 1961.

Seven children were born to John and Hannah, Curtis, Stanley, Blanch, Hazel, Palma, Myrtle and Alvin.

Curtis was married to Tina Loftus in 1940 and had one daughter, Joyce. Tina died in 1948 and Curtis remarried to Myrtle Jensen in 1957 and they live on his farm west of Halliday.

Stanley married Marian Howard in 1936. They had a daughter, Joan (Hardy) and a son, Stanley John, Jr. Stanley died in 1962 and Marian remarried to Donald Walsh of Beulah in 1963 and is living on a farm south of Werner.

Blanche married Vernon Hedstrom in 1948 and reside at Maddock, N.D., where Blanche is a beautician and Vernon a teacher.

Hazel married William A. Hedger in 1934. They had four children; Joyce Jean died in infancy; Darlene (Hoffman, Janice (Reinhardt), and William Arthur, Jr. They all live in Portland, Ore.

Palma married Charles Irons in 1944. They have two children, Charles John and Jean Marie and they reside on the Irons farm south of Halliday.

Myrtle was unmarried and died in August of 1943.

Alvin married Betty Sime in 1951 and they are on the home place west of Halliday.

## OTTO STOLTZ

Otto Stoltz was born July 2, 1879 in Russia and came to the United States in 1910. He was in Richardton until 1915 when he moved to Halliday where he farmed and did carpenter work. He moved to Amidon in 1942 and to Dickinson in 1948.

Stoltz married Margaret Fix in Russia in 1910. She died in 1959 and Mr. Stoltz succumbed in March, 1964.

They had a daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Anton Kathrein) living in Dickinson and a son, Ray in Merced, Calif. and a son, Dan, deceased.

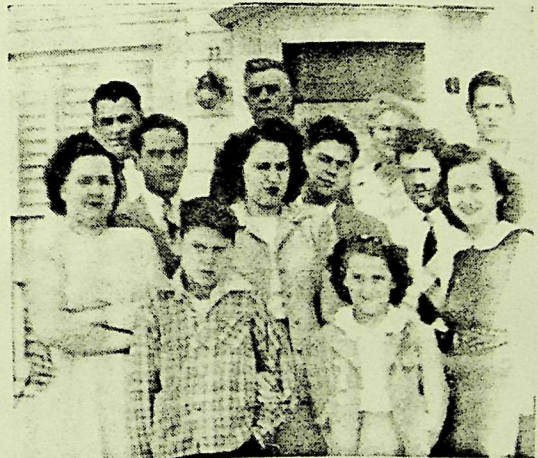
## A. J. (JOHN) BOGERS

A. J. Bogers came from Holland in 1914 and in 1915 he returned to Holland where he was married in the spring of 1916. A. J. (John) Bogers and his bride, Gertrude came back to America on the "Rotterdam" shortly after their marriage.

They boarded ship at Rotterdam, and had a somewhat dangerous voyage, because of submarines. The Bogers came directly to South Heart, N. D., where there were several families from the same part of Holland. After living at South Heart for one year, they moved to a ranch south of Medora. A short time later they moved to the old "Doc" Bailey farm north of Dunn Center. In 1927, the Bogers moved to Halliday where John was a Texaco bulk dealer for 10 years. He then went into the Bogers Transfer trucking line, until 1952. They also had a cafe. John died Oct. 16, 1954. Gertrude kept the cafe business going until 1956.

In 1960, Gertrude went back to Holland to visit her brothers and sisters, and to Germany to visit her daughter Gertrude, who with her husband, Steve Marquart, were stationed there. She returned to the States in 1961, and to Halliday, where she makes her home.

The Bogers' had 11 children; John, who was killed while hauling lumber to Elbowoods in 1938; Mrs. Clarence (Catherine) Hueske, Richardton, N. D.; Dingeman at Crystal Lake, Ill.; Ella, Mrs. Donald Beaton, Bismarck, N. D.; Mrs. Tex (Cora) Brooks, Glendive, Mont.; Pete, Great Falls, Mont.; Adrain, Crystal Lake, Ill.; Gerald, Halliday, N. D.; Francis, Omaha, Nebr.; Joe, Bismarck, N. D.; and Gertrude, Mrs. Steve Marquart, Fort Lewis, Wash.



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Elmer and Pearl Goetz wedding picture

Elmer Goetz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goetz and Pearl Reiersgaard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Reiersgaard were married Nov. 20, 1938 at the Werner Lutheran Church.

Elmer attended school north of Halliday and high school at Dodge. Pearl attended her freshman year at Halliday and the next three years at Werner. She attended college at Dickinson and taught in schools south of Werner and north of Halliday for six years.

In 1941, Elmer purchased the Zwicker Recreational Parlor from Jake Zwicker. In 1944 Elmer was named Mobil Bulk agent. In March of 1945, the Recreational Parlor burned to the ground with the Pippin Hardware Store.

On Oct. 20, 1942, a son, Jerry, was born. On Oct. 16, 1946, another son, Bobby, was born and on Feb. 8, 1955, Randy was born.

In May of 1960, Jerry graduated from high school and is a senior at Minot State College, majoring in physical education and business.

Elmer was installed as Wesco gas agent for Westland on Sept. 16, 1960, and now is Wesco and a Mobil oil agent for the Halliday area.

In May of 1964, Bobby graduated from high school and plans to attend college.

Elmer and Pearl Goetz celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary Nov. 20, 1963.

**THE ELMER MEISSELS**

Elmer G. and Olga Meissel were married in 1940 and have five children.

Judy, (Mrs. Wallace Bowers), has one daughter and resides at Wahpeton. Delmer and Betty, twins, are in Hazen. Marvin is married to Ardella Bauer, also at Hazen and Thomas is at home.

**THE LINGENFELTER BROTHERS**

The Lingenfelter Brothers, Ort, Will and Frank came to North Dakota from Esterville, Iowa in 1906 and homesteaded south of Halliday.

They remained there until 1918 when Ort moved to Halliday and took over management of the Halliday Grain Co. He later purchased a farm northwest of town. Some time later Will and Frank left the homestead and moved to town where they resided the rest of their lives.

Ort Lingenfelter married Anna Christensen at Dickinson in 1919. They had three children, Alta, Richard and Dee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lingenfelter moved to Bismarck in May, 1951 and Mr. Lingenfelter died in December of 1952.

Mrs. Lingenfelter continues to make her home in Bismarck and is employed at the Bismarck Hospital.

One daughter, Mrs. Julius Burzlow, lives in Bismarck and the other daughter, Dee, is in Minneapolis.

Richard, who is in the armed forces, is married and resides in El Paso, Tex., with his wife and children.

**JOE FISCHER, SR.**

Joe and Helen Fischer were married in 1913 at Strasburg and came to live in Halliday about 1917. Joe operated a cream station, ran Kuge's threshing rig, worked in Pippin's hardware store and in later years had his own Maytag shop.

The Fischers had six children: Elizabeth who died at age of five; Joe Jr., who is owner operator of the Texaco bulk station in Halliday; Tony who lives in Dickinson and works for Mann's Automotive; Nick who was in the Navy and died in World War II; Rose (Mrs. Parchman) lives in Denver, Colo. and Bertie (Mrs. Lemmons) lives in Sacramento, Calif.

Joe Jr., is the only one of the family still in Halliday. He and Esther have five children: Joan (Mrs. Albin Krula) living in Omaha, Nebr.; Charles, A/1c stationed at Rapid City, S.D.; Nick living in Omaha and David and Paulette at home.

Joe Fischer died in 1954 and Mrs. Fischer in 1959.



Joe and Helen Fischer



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## ROY HOLEN BIOGRAPHY

On March 5, 1929, I left Glenwood, Minn., on a freight train and started out for Golden Valley, N. D.

A friend of mine Clifford Kaldahl, had come to Golden Valley and had gone to work on the farm of Fred Barker, located about 14 miles northwest of Golden Valley, the present home of Elmer Castro. Kaldahl's wife was hired to help around the house. Barker's wife was the former Cora Hedger, a sister to the Hedgers who lived in Halliday in the late twenties. They farmed and had a milk route in the town of Halliday and delivered the milk on foot. One of their sons, Allen Hedger now resides in Dunn Center.

Kaldahl was to try to get me a job in North Dakota when he got there. He obtained work for me from Paul Hedger, who was Fred Barker's nephew.

Hedger had contracted to plow 175 acres of land, with horses, for his uncle that spring. He was spending a lot of time on the reservation trading for horses and needed a man to do the plowing. Kaldahl wrote to me and said to come up and get the job. It paid \$35 a month, plus room and board.

Leaving Minnesota on a freight train, I got as far as Enderlin, N. D. and ran into a snowstorm forcing me to stay in that town three days and nights. I met a couple of fellows from my home town, who were much older than myself. They were headed for home, professional bums and broke.

This is the first time I had been away from home. They were broke and I had about \$20 I fed them the three days we were in Enderlin and when the storm was over I was broke too. I had 20c left to get me to Golden Valley, my destination at the time. It was too cold to ride the freight, so I hitch-hiked. It took me another day to get as far as Jamestown.

I went into a pool hall and purchased a candy bar, a sack of peanuts, a ice cream cone and a cigar. I didn't know how to roll a cigarette and I didn't have enough money to buy tailor-mades. I slept in a straw pile just out of Jamestown that night, digging a hole in the straw and covering up. I don't think I would have slept much if I had known that the straw pile I slept in was right next to a grave yard.

I got to Mandan that day and I remember a big sign on the highway at the east end of that town saying "This Is Where the West Begins". It already made me feel like a cowboy. I was 15 years old at that time.

The next morning I caught the north-bound freight out of Mandan. I had not eaten since the day before and that was just the peanuts, candy and ice cream. When the train arrived in Stanton it stopped for dinner. When one of the crew members saw me I thought he was going to kick me off the train. I must have looked hungry because he said, "Are you hungry?" I told him I was and he invited me to eat with the crew. They had two and I cabooses at that time. One they used to cook in and I had a meal. The conductor's name was McGregor.

That evening I arrived in Golden Valley and had a fellow to take me out to Barker' farm. I arrived there March 11, 1929 and it was nine degrees below zero that day.

I finished the job of plowing and about the first of July I made my first trip to the Fort Berthold Indian reservation. I had never seen an Indian in my life and I was anxious to get on the reservation.

We left the Barker farm, Paul Hedger and I, with four saddle horses. I was going to be a cowboy now! I

asked a lot of questions: I wanted to know what Indians looked like, if everybody rode wild horses, and if they were mean people. I think I was even a little scared.

Everything went fine. It was a nice day. Finally we came to a cattle guard, and had to open a gate, just south of the old Chase ranch, Joe Chase, Sr.'s place.

He was a good friend of Hedger's and in later years he became one of the best friends I ever had on the reservation. He was the father of Emerson and Joe Chase, (the bronc rider, who now calls his home Halliday).

Joe Chase Sr. died in the early thirties. He had many friends northeast of Halliday. His wife, Mrs. Anna Chase, still resides on her ranch north of Halliday. She worked for the government for many years and is now retired.

When we got through the gate which is now the entrance to the reservation 16 miles straight north of Dodge, N.D. at the site of the old Chase Ranch, we went straight northwest. There were no fences or ranches, until we got to the Frank Crows Breast ranch. The present home of Burr Crows Breast, his son. Up until this time we had not seen a person. I saw lots of cattle, but more horses. There were horses every where you looked and they were wild.

We were just about to the Crows Breast ranch when I looked back and saw a rider coming. I asked Paul, "Is that an Indian?" He said, yes, and that he wanted to see him. He had some kind of deal with him and I knew that now I was going to see my first Indian. It didn't take him long to catch up to us and I can say now I was kind of disappointed. He looked like any other old farmer. It was Old Frank Crows Breast. He was wearing a sheep skin coat, overshoes, boots and a Scotch cap. He was dressed about like us. I assumed that all Indians wore feathers and buckskin suits.

Frank could not speak English too well, but he could make us understand and he could understand us well. Frank died in 1950. One of his sons, Jim Crows Breast, was killed by a bucking horse at a Killdeer rodeo sometime in the late thirties.

Frank had many friends in the Halliday area. It was his home, where many rodeos were held, on his ranch, the place where I met his acquaintance that day. His wife, the former Dora Smith, died a few years before him. She was also well known and lived in the area north of Halliday.

Later that day we crossed the Little Missouri River. It was not very high at that season of the year. I saw the time when it was bank-full and the water was up in the trees on both sides of the river and it was 20 to 30 feet deep all the way across. Huge trees would cave in on the banks and float down like they were matchsticks. I crossed one time when the river was that high and almost drowned myself and the horse I was riding.

I was told by old timers, that one fellow always swam the river with a horse, no matter how high or deep the water. I had the pleasure of meeting and becoming acquainted with Jim Wilson, Bud's father. He had a horse ranch on Moccasin Creek on the north side of the Little Missouri River before I ever came up to that country.

If a person went by boat now, west of Mosset Bay up the arm of water, called Moccasin Creek, you could probably see some remains of his old ranch. He was one of our old cowboys and Halliday also was his home in his last years.

We finally came to the Charlie Fredricks ranch that day about sundown. Charlie is the oldest son of



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Pete Fredricks, who was born in Denmark. I don't when Pete came to America, but I was told by him that he and his brother had a ranch on the Knife River. When the railroad was being built, they killed antelope, deer, and buffalo and supplied the railroad builders at Bismarck with meat.

From what I was told, Pete Fredricks and his brother killed the last three buffalo ever seen in the Knife River area. He later came north, before Halliday was founded.

He married Mary Walker and they had quite a large family. Charlie was the oldest. John died in 1963. He was the father of Kenneth, Buzzy, and Pete Fredericks (the bronc rider), also Tom and Keith plus four daughters. Pete Fredericks also was the father of Ben F., Mrs. Joe Chase Sr., Mrs. James Hall and two other daughters from the Parshall area.

He started a store and ranch on the Little Missouri north of Halliday. At that time it was the only crossing on the Little River and many travelers going to Williston or other points north or west, stopped at Fredericks' Trading Post. The old store site is just a little west up the water from Mosset Bay. There is an island still showing and about half a mile from the island, north and east is where the old trading post stood. In later years it became John Fredericks' ranch.

Pete Fredricks died in the town of Halliday some time in the early thirties. He was visiting with his son-in-law James Hall Sr. when he became ill and expired. He was a very old man then. I had the pleasure of meeting him and living in his home when I lived and worked on the Fort Berthold reservation.

I met in the years that followed, old timer's like old Crows Heart, the father of Edgar Crows Heart and Anna Crows Heart (Eagle), his daughter. Old Crows Heart and his son Edgar have since died. Halliday was their home. Anna Crows Heart (Eagle) still resides at Twin Buttes. She is known in Halliday by many persons. Old man Crows Heart was known and liked by everyone he met.

In 1930 I met and became acquainted with Christ Gilje, a farmer who homestead two miles east of Halliday before there ever was a Halliday or a railroad there. When I met him he was doing carpenter work on the reservation with a young man, Gilbert Germundson, whos father farmed about five miles south and east of Halliday.

Christ Gilje told me when he first homesteaded at his place where his son Carsten Gilje now resides, east of Halliday, 2 miles, he built a sod house, one room with a flag straw roof. The day he finished the house it was very cold — late in the fall. He didn't have hinges for the door so he nailed it shut from the inside. That night he awoke and the roof was on fire. He had a hard time to find his hammer and then he could hardly pull the nails. He finally got out but house and everything in it was a total loss. He tried to buy a shack south of the present site of Halliday but the person who owned it would not sell. He could not even rent a team of horses to go to Taylor, the closest town, to obtain lumber. He finally walked to Taylor and purchased a team of horses and enough lumber to build a one-room shack. That one room is part of the present modern home of his son Carsten Gilje who still resides on the old homestead.

Christ Gilje invited me to come and see him. I was on the reservation three years before I ever come to Halliday, the first time in 1932. I went to visit Christ Gilje and I later made my home there for several years. Gilje and his wife are both dead. They were fine people.

In the years that followed I had the pleasure of working for many old timers in the area, one of them was Alf Olafson, who had his first farm north of Halliday. I also worked on the John Gustufson ranch. His place was on the Knife River south of Halliday. His brother, Oscar Gustufson, ranched east of Halliday. I also had the pleasure of knowing Will Flaget, the father of Oliver Flaget. Oliver still farms and ranches the old Will Flaget farm three miles northeast of Halliday. I drove cattle to the stockyards into Halliday to be loaded and shipped to south St. Paul and Chicago. Those cattle were driven from the north side of the little Missouri River.

I left this country in 1934 and was away until 1942. In 1945 I married Agnes Medicine Stone, the daughter of Joe Medicine Stone. He died in 1945. He was also the father of Mrs. Sam Lincoln, who died in about 1950, Mrs. John Fredricks and Mrs. Valentine Wells.

His sons are John Stone, Ernest Stone, and Allen, all live in the south segment of the Berthold reservation. They give their address as Halliday, N.D.

My wife and I have eight children, three boys and five girls. Linda, 16 attended high school at Halliday and graduated in the spring of 1964.

Halliday is my home and I am called "Swede" by all who know me.

(By Roy C. Holen)

## THE ANTON GERHARTS

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Gerhardt and their five children arrived here in the fall of 1914, from Canada. Prior to that they resided at Karlsruhe, N. D., where four of the children were born.

The winter of 1914-15 they lived in a two-room house which was built in my uncle's yard. We went to school that winter to Juel School District No. 19, where Minnie Koebernick, was the teacher.

In the spring, we moved on our own land where two of the children still reside. Our school was then Collins No. 1, District No. 9.

Halliday had only a few buildings then, one was the Palmer Store.

(By Theresia Gerhart)



Mr. and Mrs. Anton Gerhart



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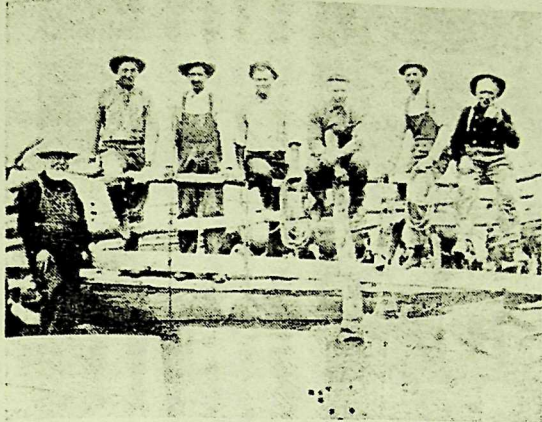
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## MORRIS CANAVAN STORY



Morris Canavan at far right

Morris Canavan came to western North Dakota about 1907 or 1908, after spending years working for the Louis Dahlen family at Georgetown, Minn. He continued to help them after Dahlen's death until the boys were old enough to farm the land.

Canavan came to Dunn County and filed on a homestead in Section 18-142-91. After proving up on his homestead he made his home most of the time with his good friend Ole Kyseth at the Peek a Butte ranch.

Morris was a friend to everyone and if anyone was in trouble or needed help, with farming or ranching operations, Morris always was the first one to give the needy folks some help for days or sometimes weeks.

Canavan had a nickname for everyone of his friends. Frank Osterwind's was "Dry Weather"; Tom Perhus, "Big Boy"; Mrs. Perhus, "Big Boy Hustler"; Mrs. Ed Carson, "Double Hustler"; Arve Hanson, "Kerosene"; Margot Siverts, "Teamster Driver"; Kemshel, "Galvanise"; Carl Kyseth, "Double Hustler". The young ladies did not escape either, they were Darlings Number 1, Number 2 and so on.

Morris, having spent most of his life in the Red River Valley, had some trouble finding his way out here where the prairie trails wound around the hills and buttes. While staying on his homestead he became lost several times and spent the night out in the open and some times got a long way from home or where he intended to go. One day he told his good friend Carl Kyseth to come over to Morris' homestead shack with his team and breaking plow. Carl, thinking Morris wanted him to break some sod or a fire guard was told. "You take your team and hitch to the plow and plow a furrow from here to your place so I won't get lost after dark".

Morris was always giving someone a lift. If he knew of a homesteader who was out of coal like as not he would go to some coal bank and dig a load and haul it to the homesteader, as his aim in life was to see how many kind deeds he could perform. Morris seemed happiest when he was giving others a hand.

Ole Kyseth had a buckskin saddle horse that was Morris' favorite, but when going any place chances were you would see Morris walking, leading Buck. Telling about what a good horse Buck was, Morris would say "when I get lost at night I get on and Buck always takes

me home." Morris was heart broken when old Buck died. Tears came to his eyes for years afterward when he told anyone of Buck's death. He would say, "I'd be lost and spent many more nights on the prairie if Buck had not taken me home."

District court was being held at Manning with Judge Crawford from Dickinson presiding. Morris was a witness for someone who had a lawsuit. Morris had been questioned by the lawyers at some length and his patience was exhausted and the judge asked him a question and Morris answered it. The judge asked him practically the same question, only from a little different angle. Morris studied for a while and then told the judge, "D ye, I just told you, why didn't you listen?" Most anyone would have been held for contempt of court, answering the judge that way, but everyone in the courtroom burst out in a roar of laughter, including the judge, who asked that the incident be stricken from the records.

Morris purchased the Butler house in Halliday and lived there for several years, before he died in 1925. He was laid to rest in the Halliday cemetery.

## THE HENRY FRANK STORY

Henry T. Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Frank was reared about 12 miles north of Dodge and lived there until he married Freda Weidner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Weidner.

The Henry Franks were married Dec. 8, 1929, and moved on a farm about 14 miles northeast of Halliday, where they lived for 23 years. While on that farm they had seven children, six girls and one boy. The boy died when only two months old. Five of the girls are now married and the youngest, Darlene, is still home and attending college at Dickinson, N.D. Thelma married Arnold Wolf, and lives in Seattle, Wash. Agnes married Charles Wasem, and is at Greeley, Colo. Amanda married Austin R. Smith, and lives at Fort Sill, Okla. Marion married Clifford Ferebee, and lives at Halliday, N.D. The Franks have 14 grandchildren, nine boys and five girls.

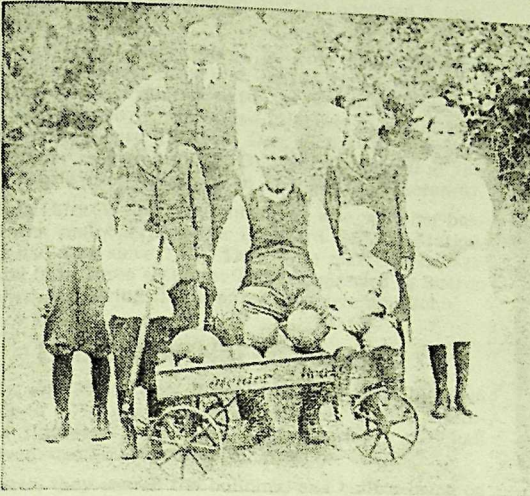
The Henry Franks moved to Halliday in the fall of 1952. For a few years he continued farming. However, he is now retired from farming and is now Dunn County treasurer.



The Henry Frank family



## JOHN KISSE HISTORY



John and Maria Kisse, standing. Others are Rudolph, Dan, Herbert, John, Sr., Adolph, Matilda and Emil Kisse. Andrew is third from left, alongside his wife. Others on picture are their children.

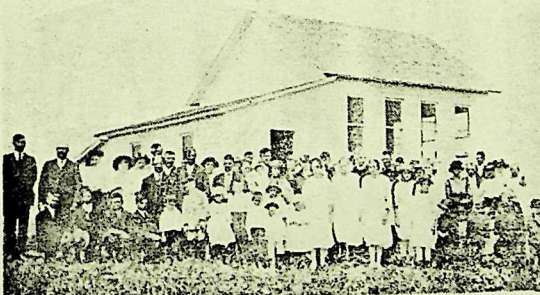
John Kisse, born Feb. 16, 1880, and his wife, Maria Hiller born Nov. 29, 1886, were married in South Russia on Nov. 17, 1906.

They along with the former's parents, John Kisse Sr. and his wife Rose, migrated to America in 1910. Arriving at New Salem, N.D. in May of that year, they lived with relatives in Oliver and Mercer Counties until Aug. 20.

John and his father homesteaded adjoining quarters nine miles north of Halliday. They lived in sod houses for five years, until 1919 when the present frame house was built.

The first winter Kisse worked in the Defiance store north of Dodge from Dec. 3 until March 3, 1911. His wages were \$25 a month plus room and board for himself, his wife and one son. He and his family went back to their homestead in the spring of 1911 to put in the crop.

Kisse broke 40 acres with a team and walking plow. The nearest delivery point for grain was Richardton and three days was required to make these trips with a load of grain. Later a grain shipping point was established at Wolfhead, west of where the Elbowoods bridge was



Kisse school was used for worship services

located. The grain was shipped out by barge and wheat sold for 53 cents a bushel.

John Kisse was a charter member of a church group north of Halliday organized in 1912, later known as St. John's Lutheran Church. Until 1929 services were held in school houses in the area. Kisse related that the first services were held in the Haggard school and parishoners had to open 11 gates, going four miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Kisse continued to operate their farm until the fall of 1941, when they retired and moved into Halliday, living there until December of 1963. Because of the failing health of Mrs. Kisse, they entered the Jochim's Memorial Home in Beulah, N.D. They celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Nov. 7, 1963.

Mr. Kisse's mother passed away the spring of 1915, and was buried on the homestead grounds as there were no cemeteries in the local community. The remains were later removed to what is now known as Our Saviors Lutheran Cemetery. His father died in March 1926 at the age of 73.

The Kisses had eight children born to them. The oldest, a girl, died in infancy. Daniel, presently resides on the family farm. Adolph, farms north of Halliday; Matilda, (Mrs. Arthur Ledin) deceased; Rudolph, a farm laborer, lives at Taylor; Herbert, a banker, resides at Taylor; Emil is an employe of the Dic-Kota Clay Products plant in Dickinson and Arnold is an optometrist, in Bozeman, Mont.

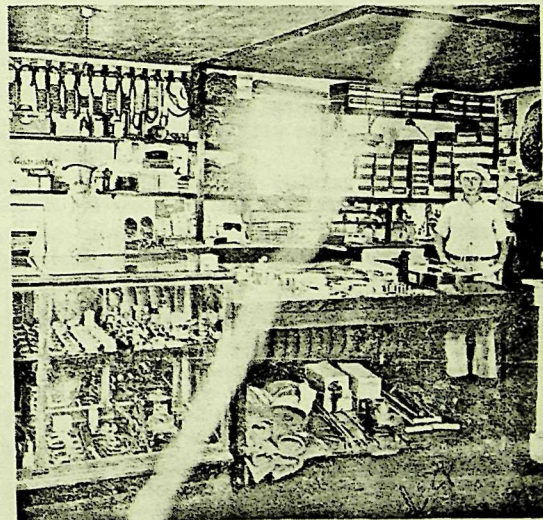
There are 22 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

## THE RUDOLPH ALLMENDINGERS

Rudolph Allmendinger was born March 2, 1891 in Rosenfeld, Russia and came to the United States in 1908, settling at Tripp, S. D.

He moved to N. D. in 1914, settling on a farm three miles south and three miles east of Halliday. On March 22, 1916, he was married to Lydia Meissel who was born Aug. 29, 1898.

In the year of 1928, the Allmendingers decided to give up farming and moved into Halliday where they



Rudolph Allmendinger on left and son Ervin



operated a cafe and gas station. Rudolph did some trucking. In 1943, he sold his station and has operated a junk yard since.

Five children were born to the Allmendingers: Hulda (Mrs. Herbert Kisse) of Taylor, N. D., who with her husband, is affiliated with the Security Bank at Taylor and Hebron; Ervin, killed in action in World War II in Germany, April 11, 1945; Don, living with wife and two daughter in Bismarck, N. D., and is employed at the Larson Music Co.; twins, Alvin and Melvin (deceased).

Viola (Mrs. Walter Weisenburger) who, with her husband owns and operates the Standard Service Station, having had this since 1947. They were married Nov. 21, 1943 and have three children: Thomas, married to Sharon McMahan and living in Bismarck, Patricia and John.

### LOUIS ROSENBERG FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rosenberg came to Halliday in the fall of 1914 from their homestead 1½ miles south-east of Halliday. They owned and operated a pool hall and lived upstairs in their building.

Later, they rented the building, and built a home on the north side of town. Rosenberg worked for the railroad from 1919 until 1938.

When he retired in 1940, Louis and his family moved to Dickinson. He died in 1955 and Mrs. Rosenberg still lives in Dickinson.

Their son Harold is with the Highway Dept. and resides with his family in Dickinson. A daughter, Frances (Mrs. John Blanchard) is a registered nurse and lives with her family at Tangent, Ore. Their youngest daughter, Luella (Mrs. Louis Riedl) lives in Dickinson.

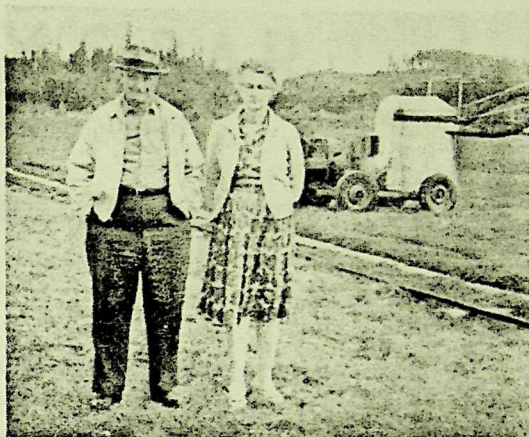


The Louis Rosenbergs in 1940



The Eat Shop and residence

### THE BJORNE FRAFJORDS



Bjorne and Belva Frafjord

Bjorne Frafjord was born in Norway and came to the United States in September of 1913. He worked at a lumber mill in Aberdeen, Wash., until the spring of 1916, then he came to Halliday, N.D.

Frafjord worked for Ole Christenson, Sr. that spring and summer. That fall he bought some horses and machinery and started farming on his own, renting Iver Nepstad's farm. Before harvest was over in 1918, he was called to serve in the United States Army and was stationed at Camp Grant, Ill. Shortly after the end of the war in Nov. 1918, he was discharged from the Army, coming back to the Halliday community, he started farming again.

He married Belva Olson in 1919. They have lived in the vicinity of Halliday ever since and have been engaged in farming all these years.

One of their five children, Marlin, is a veteran of World War II, and married Solway Royland. They have five children and live on a farm south of Halliday.

Loren, a veteran of World War II, graduated from Halliday High School in 1940. He is now working for a public accounting firm in Seattle, Wash.

Elaine Earhart, graduated from Halliday High in 1941. She is a registered nurse and served in the Army Nurses Corps for five months. She has two sons, and is living in Overland Park, Kan.

Ruby Furth graduated from Halliday High in 1943. She lives in Portland, Ore., and has three children.

The other daughter, Marion Metz, graduated in 1945. Her home is in Kennewick, Wash., and she has one son.

### JAMES McNAMARA HOMESTEAD

In the year 1906 James McNamara came as far west as Valley City from Connecticut. In 1908 he went to Richardton and then to the Halliday vicinity. That year he took up a homestead on which he still lives.

McNamara married Ida Riemer, a neighbor girl, who was born in Taylor. She and her parents moved to Halliday in about 1900. Her parents lived in a sod house until they hauled lumber from Taylor to build a house.

They have three children, Everett, Arthur and Jane who are all residents of the Halliday community.



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## FRED SCHETTLER, SR. HISTORY



Fred Schettler, Sr. Picture taken on what was known as the Lincoln George place, west of Twin Buttes.

In April of 1912, Fred Schettler Sr. left Winona, Minn., with his family, Fred Jr., Edward, Carl, Lillian and John. Another son had died in infancy.

Fred's wife had died a few years before, when John was about a year old. The elder Schettler was rearing the family alone, and he decided to try for a new home in North Dakota. John Jr. was then five years old.

The family loaded their belongings and equipment into an immigrant car, and headed for Richardton, N.D. When they arrived at Mandan, the Missouri river was flooding because of an ice jam. They had to wait three days before the water receded, so they could cross the bridge. They could not get the car close enough to a chute to unload, so sons, Edward and Carl, carried water to the four horses and four cattle. The animals were getting stiff, from being in close quarters for so long.

Schettler told the depot agent, something had to be done. The agent said, "if the water goes down a little more, we will couple onto the car and a caboose and take you to Richardton." So at 2 a.m. they took off, arriving there at the break of day, April 9, 1912.

Fred Schettler Sr., had been in North Dakota the preceding year, purchasing land without buildings. He rented the George Landwher homestead for a couple of years, then moved onto the Martin Olson homestead, where the family lived until they had erected enough buildings to move onto their own land, the East ½ Section 29-146-92. He lived there until his death in November of 1932.

George Landwher met the family in Richardton with four horses and a hayrack to help them move out. They set up their own two wagons, loaded on what they could, stored the rest in the Kilzer Lumber shed, then departed for the Halliday community.

Until the railroad arrived in Golden Valley in 1914, Schettler, or son Ed, hauled grain to Richardton with a team and wagon, taking three days for a trip.

They stopped at the Heineman farm, and slept in a stone house which is still standing, or sometimes they stayed at Hueskes, on their nights away from home.

In about a year they hauled lumber from Richardton with a team to erect a building to live in, later to be used as a granary. After the railroad continued on to Killdeer the Schettlers built a good-sized barn and a square house, hauling the lumber from Werner.

In those years there were closer neighbors than at the present time. Few farmers had more than a half section, many had only a quarter.

Some of their bachelor neighbors were, Victor Pearson, Fritz Johnson, Jim Herrick called "Hop," (as he always said, "I must hop over to this neighbor or to some other neighbor"). Hop used to visit the Schettlers, then would take some eggs along home.

In those days there was not the fancy containers for everything as we have now. He brought an ordinary grain sack, put in four or five dozen eggs, hung the sack over his shoulder, then "hopped" off for home. We have wondered, if he had lots of scrambled eggs, or if eggs were made with sturdier shells than today.

In 1915 they purchased a threshing rig. The engine was an International Mugal. That year they threshed 84 days, taking it up to January 12, then quit, because of snow and cold temperatures.

Sons Fred and Ed used a model T Ford in their courting days. Fred Jr. married a Winona girl, after living here a few more years they returned to Winona. They had twin girls and one son while living in North Dakota and another daughter and son after they returned to Winona.

Edward married Lucille Crow of Dunn Center. They resided two miles south of the home place, which is northwest of Halliday. They had one son who died in infancy, and a daughter Joyce, Mrs. Ervin Tesgy, now in Oregon.

Carl married Clara Voight of Elbowoods and they lived near there until the Garrison Reservoir covered the Elbowoods territory. They are now at Donnybrook, N.D. They have four sons and one daughter and all live in North Dakota.

Daughter Lillian died during the 1918 flu epidemic.

John, better known as Jack, married Agatha Darcy, of Dunn Center, N.D. They are still living on the home place and have two sons and four daughters all of whom reside in North Dakota.

(By Mrs. Edward (Lucille) Schettler)

## JACOB AND LOUISA KELLER

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Keller (nee Louisa Knoll) with one daughter, Johanna came from Bessarabia, Russia to Winnipeg, Canada in 1908. Keller's occupation there was a carpenter.

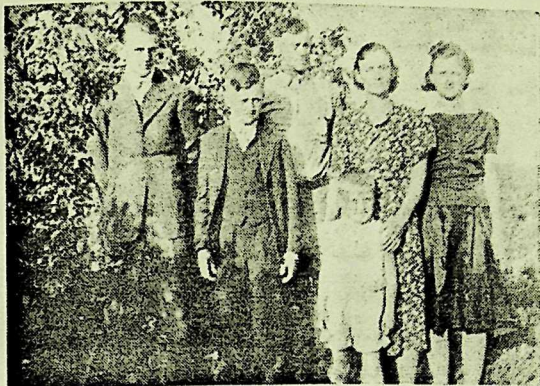
In 1914, with four children, the family moved to Halliday and lived with Daniel Martins brother-in-law for a few months, then settled 4½ miles north of Halliday.

Three more children were born to them here. Mrs. Louisa Keller is still residing at her home in Halliday. The Keller children are: Johanna, Mrs. Reinhold Traxel, who has one daughter; Hilda, Mrs. Emil Miller, two daughters; Ida Mrs. John Hahn, one son, Gotthilf, married to Anne Wolf. They have three sons and one daughter and they are on the Keller farm.

William Keller married Rita Hebet from Worchester, Mass. They have four sons and four daughters. Justina (Tena) Mrs. Albert Schekorsky, Bismarck, N. D. and Frieda, Mrs. Herbert Rehberg who has one son.



## PEDER TOLPINGRUD FAMILY



The Peder Tolpingruds

Peder Tolpingrud was born Sept. 4, 1891, in Nasbyen, Hallingdal, Norway, to Knut and Birgit Tolpingrud. He has five brothers and four sisters.

In 1912, on Feb. 23, he left for the United States with William Flaget, who had just made a trip to Norway. They had planned to sail on the Titanic, but Flaget was anxious to get home and start farming, so they purchased tickets on the Olympic, arriving at Taylor, N.D. the last days of March 1912.

Knut Toft, who had been taking care of Flaget's farm that winter, met them in Taylor, with a team of horses and a wagon. They lost their overshoes in the mud, when they were getting into the wagon, but they made it home to Flaget's.

Peder Tolpingrud then went to Carl E. Carlson, where he worked as a farm laborer. He also worked for Knut Haugen, Carl Swenson and Alf Olafson. Then he spent about a year in Uncle Sam's Army, (1917 and 1918) and in 1919 he purchased Mrs. John Carlson's homestead, where they lived until they moved north of Halliday to the Christ Thorsad farm in 1932. Ten years later they moved to Martin Olson's quarter, where they presently reside.

Kenneth, Beverly and Lloyd graduated from Werner High School and Duane graduated from Halliday High.

Kenneth resides in Salt Lake City, Utah and they have four children. Lloyd lives in Waukesha, Wis., and they have two children. Beverly is in Bismarck and they have one daughter, who is a W.A.C. Kenneth and Lloyd served in the Army in 1940 and 1941.

Duane served in the Navy during the Korean War, 1950 thru 1954. He now lives in Seattle and they have three children. He is employed at General Electric, after working for IBM a year.

## THE THOMAS LEINTZ'

Thomas Leintz was born in Roumania and came to America about 1897 at age 16. Angeline Fleckenstein came to America with her parents from Roumania in 1898. She was 14 years old at that time.

Thomas and Angeline were married in Esmond, N. D., and came to the Halliday community in 1906, homesteading 10 miles south of Halliday. Thomas helped survey part of the county in 1907.

Lumber for their buildings was purchased in Hebron and hauled with wagon and team of horses.

Five sons and two daughters were born to this union, Anton, Max, Ed, Joe, John, Martha and Anna.

In 1949 Mr. and Mrs. Leintz moved to Richardton, N. D. Thomas died at age 80 in 1961. Mrs. Leintz resides at St. Benedict's Home for the Aged in Dickinson, N. D.

## JASON HAGGARD'S STORY

This is a brief history of the pioneer years Mr. and Mrs. Jason Haggard lived in Dunn County.

I filed on a homestead in 1904 eight miles north of Halliday where we resided for 55 years.

It was in a valley known as Goodman Valley. Our one room house was plastered with gumbo soil and then whitewashed with a powdery white soil found in the hills. It looked very nice when finished and we settled in our first home.

I then began farming and as I was a carpenter I also did much building in town and country. I helped erect the first courthouse in Manning.

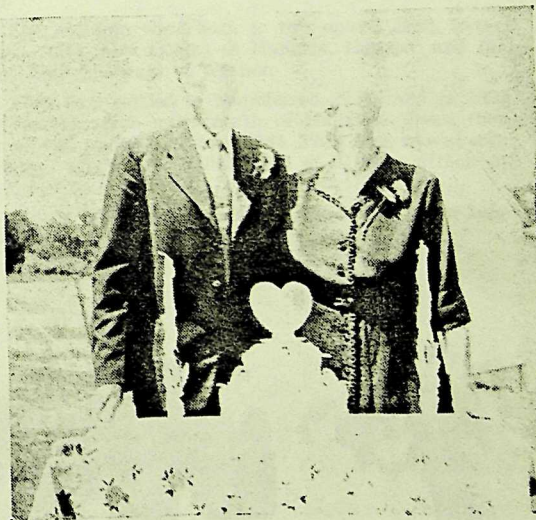
The Fort Berthold Indian reservation is near and many of the homes there, I built. Often Indians came to our door for lunch or to stay all night, as they were on their way to town.

The schoolhouse beside the road became a landmark to many travelers. This was where Ruby, our daughter, attended grade school and later became a teacher and taught there seven years.

Some of our losses in early days were a two-year-old horse stolen, also a young heifer and one time much oats disappeared out of the granary. Such was life at times.

Years passed by and the day came when we bid farewell to the old homestead and moved to a new home in Bismarck.

(By Jason Haggard)



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Haggard on Golden Anniversary, June 25, 1957.



## CHRIST GILJE HISTORY



Children of the Christ Giljes, in August, 1945

As we look back and reminisce there is so much that can be said to recall some of the hard work, hardship and sacrifice made for us by our parents.

Christ Gilje came to the United States in 1901 at the age of 17, leaving his father, mother, relatives, and friends in Norway. Mrs. Gilje came in 1905 at the age of 21, also leaving her loved ones in Norway. They were married at Mason City, Ia., in 1906. In 1911 Mr. and Mrs. Gilje came to North Dakota, and what is now Halliday to make a home on the barren prairie.



Mr. and Mrs. Christ Gilje

The story of the struggle and hardship would be a long one, and one shared by many of the early pioneers. Their first home was a sod house, with a sod barn. To make a sod house a home Morn took the dainty "Hardanger linens" from the trunk and tenderly laid them on boxes that served as furniture.

The comfort of the homeland must have been on her mind many times. There was no town or railroad in sight. No hopping into the car for a quick trip to the store. Taylor was the nearest town. To go there had to be planned in advance; they hitched up the trusty team to the wagon and headed south.

Knife River had to be crossed without the aid of a bridge, and the trip took the better of two days, while mother was left at home to wait for father's return.

There were two small children who died in infancy. A family of 10 children followed:

Tabius Gilje, Werner; Mrs. Wallace (Thelma) Sandburg, Underwood, N. D.; Mrs. Perry (Birdie) Scott, Vancouver, Wash.; Thorwald Gilje, Genesse, Ida.; Mrs. Jennie Eamon, Medicine Lake, Mont.; Carsten Gilje Halliday; Mrs. Perry (Florence) Pickett, Ashland, Ore.;

Clarence Gilje, Genesse Ida.; Jelmer Gilje Portland, Ore.; and Mrs. David (Esther) Harris, Bengen, Wash.

There must have been many days of longing to see the folks in Norway. In 1913 that visit was granted, when Mr. and Mrs. Gilje and the three oldest children made the long ocean voyage. Thorwald was born in Norway and Gilje came back alone, with his wife following bringing her sister, Mrs. Knud Moen, to keep her company and help with the children. It had been a hard journey but rewarding to see the folks back home and tell them of their home on the prairies.

Through the years they saw the first railroad going through a short distance south of the home. What a wonderful feeling they must have had to hear the train whistle. Then the city of Halliday came into being, now it was a mere mile and a half; a far cry from the 40 mile journey to Taylor. There were many recollections too, going to church with the team, to Sunday School bundled up in a sleigh, up to Aunt and Uncle Moens for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Later on we had to make two trips, all the family could not get in one car. The modern station wagon could have been put to good use.

We had snow in those days. The trips to the barn were tedious and drifts and hard, cold wind had to be dealt with. We have much to be grateful for.

There wasn't always cake and cookies at home, but we had something that has sustained us through the years — a high regard for pastors, teachers, neighbors and last but not least a trust and love for our Heavenly Father. There was always a sharing with each other and the joys of all being at home together.

Gilje died in 1955 and Mrs. Gilje passed on in 1952. Carsten is living on the home place and through the years has made it a home we can all still feel proud of which we once had a part.

## FRED MILLER FAMILY

Fred Miller was born Dec. 12, 1882, son of Peter and Regina Miller. He married Matilda Kittler, daughter of Jonathon and Fredericka Kittler. She was born May 20, 1883.

Five children were born to this union: Emil, Peter, Emma (Mrs. Alex Goetz) of Halliday, Herbert, and Ida (Mrs. Emil Rehberg) of Werner.

They first settled in Mannhaven, N.D., and in 1928 they moved seven miles north of Halliday. There they farmed and mined coal until 1944. They then moved into Halliday, where Fred Miller died of a heart attack at the age of 76, in 1959.

Mrs. Miller died of a stroke at the age of 78, on June 30, 1961.



Left to right are Peter Miller, Fred Miller, Emil and Mrs. Fred Miller. In front are Emma, Herbert and Ida Miller.



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## FRED GEGELMAN FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gegelman

Fred Gegelman was born in Sudak, Russia, Oct. 22, 1884. He was married to Carolina Meier November, 1910 in Feodosia, Russia. That same year they came to America and settled eight miles north and two miles east of Halliday, N.D.

The first winter they spent with the Christian Weidner family. Mrs. Weidner was a sister of Mrs. Gegelman, who had come to America a few years before. Mrs. Gegelman had two other sisters, Mrs. Wm. Rehberg and Mrs. Anton Gegelman living not far from the Weidners. Anton Gegelman was a brother of Fred.

In 1928 the Gegelmans had the misfortune of having their barn burn to the ground including 14 cows, a new Ford car and other miscellaneous items. Kind neighbors and relatives helped them get a new start after this tragedy.

Fred Gegelman died Feb. 8, 1953 and Mrs. Gegelman died May 14, 1958.

They had eight children. Rosa died in infancy. Herman is blind and living with Mrs. Otto Entzel and spends some time at the Emil Kisse home. Albert died in 1954. Henry, Jacob, Gustof and Ella (Mrs. Otto Entzel), live in and around Halliday. Elsie (Mrs. Emil Kisse) the youngest in the family lives in Dickinson.

In February, 1964 the family received a letter from relatives in Russia from whom they hadn't heard for 35 years and found that a 71-year-old sister of the late Fred Gegelman is still living.

## HISTORY OF CHARLES IRONS

Charles (Charlie) Lorenzo Irons came from Kingsley, Ia., to Dunn County in the spring of 1914. He was transported from Richardton by mail carrier, George Erbstoesser.

Charlie was so impressed by the lush grass and virgin soil of this community, that he made down payments on eight sections of land in what is now Collins School district. These sections were: 11, 15, 17, 19, 23, 27, 29 and 31.

The next year Charlie's daughter, Cora, and her husband, Bert Twogood, began farming on Section 19, where they lived for some years. This place is now owned by Arthur McNamara. Both Cora and Bert are now deceased.

That same year Charlie built a house on Section 11. This section was his headquarters for many years during the months that he was in North Dakota. This land is

now owned by Frank Gates of Kingsley, Ia., as are Sections 15 and 23. They are farmed by Anton Wilhelm and sons.

In the fall of 1915, Lew, Charles' son, came to North Dakota with his wife, nee Ruth Twogood, daughters Thelma and Elna, and one son Darwin. They settled on Section 29, where Frank was born. This place is where Matt Klees live now. Lew died in 1948. Ruth spends the winters with her sister at Kingsley and she visits her family and friends during the rest of the year.

Thelma became a nurse and married John Schulz of Richardton, N. Dak. They now reside in Valley City, N. Dak., where Thelma does part time nursing and Johnnie is manager of the Occident mill and elevator.

Elna married Clarence Gunwall of Manning, N. Dak., and they had one son, Dale. Dale lived with Darwin's family in California after his mothers' death in 1956. Darwin married Doris Irish of Brocksborg, Neb. and they have a son, Dewayne and a daughter, Linda. Darwin is with the CAA in San Jose, Calif.

Frank married Marcia Elliot of Billings, Mont., and they have one son, Ralph. Frank has a construction company that works out of Billings. Marcia is a receptionist at the clinic.

Charlie's daughter, Ruth and husband, John Steffen, and their daughter Adlyn, settled on Section 17. Paul and John Wayne (Mike) were born there. This is the place where Lawrence Steffen and family now reside. Ruth died in 1929 and John lives in Dickinson, where he buys cattle on consignment.

Adlyn married Henry Severson, a grandson of Henry Martin. They have two sons and a daughter. Donald, the oldest son, is a teacher and coach. He is married to the former Mary Fitzgerald of Armstrong, Ia.

David, the youngest son, works in the family business. They have dealerships in Minneapolis Moline machinery and Chevrolet cars at Ruthven, Ia. Mary Jo, the daughter, is attending college and plans to be a therapist.

Paul married Elaine Wilhelm and they also reside Ruthven, Ia. They have six children, Karen, Doreene, James, Craig, Darrel, and Philip. Paul works in the meat processing plant at Estherville, which is near by.

John Wayne, (Mike) married Patricia Boespflug of Richardton, N. Dak. They have five children, Jack, Susan, Michael, Mathew, and Mark. Mike is superintendent of the Twin Buttes school. He was formerly at Pierre and Redelm in South Dakota.

Charlie came to North Dakota early each spring and returned to Iowa after harvest in the fall. His family, wife, Marie (Mattie), son, Charles, and daughters, Hazel



This picture taken in 1926 showed families of: John Steffen, Tone Steffen, Lew Irons, Charlie Irons, Walter Belshaw, Robinsons, Beesaws and Mrs. Alstrom.



and Myrtle came to North Dakota during the school vacation, approximately every other year.

In 1928, Myrtle married Frank Riemer and they lived on the Riemer farm for many years before moving to Halliday in 1954. They have three children, Robert, Joanne and Gerald (Jerry).

Robert married Jean Hatley, of Stilwell, Okla. They have six children, John, Ronald, Jerry, Douglas, Dale and Tammy.

Bob is making the Air Force his career while Joanne married James Johnson of Eckman, N. Dak. They have three children, David, Joleen, and Jonathan. James is the rural mail carrier at Maxbass, N. Dak.

Jerry married Doris Kling of Dunn Center, N. Dak. They live north of Werner and they have three children, Scott, Reyne, and Shane. Farming, raising and feeding cattle, and driving a school bus keep them busy.

In 1930, Charlie, his wife, Marie, and son Charles moved here to live on Section 27 and Hazel stayed on in Iowa to finish high school.

Charles L. Irons died in June of 1932.

Hazel attended Dickinson State Teachers College and taught for several years before she married Rev. Samuel T. Lenters in 1937. Rev. Lenters had formerly been pastor of the Killdeer, Dunn Center and Halliday Congregational parishes. The Lenters have three children, Lucy, Marjorie, and James.

Lucy is now Mrs. Robert Brenning. She teaches English in Boston, where her husband is attending Andover-Newton Theological School. Marjorie has been attending college at Vermillion, S. Dak., but plans to transfer to Colorado, as the family recently moved to Manitou Springs, Colo. Jim is in high school and works part time.

Charles R. Irons married Palma Polleatad in 1944. They have two children, Charles, John, and Jean Marie. They live on the home place, as does Marie Irons, when she is not visiting daughters or other relatives.

Marie Irons will soon be 90, but she still sews, makes quilts and rag rugs, embroiders and crochets.

## THE JAMES BAILEYS

James Bailey and Bessie Berg Bailey were formerly from the Emerson community where Jim's father was an early settler. He came there from Nebraska in 1902 when Jim was nine years old.

The James Baileys moved to Halliday in February 1924, after he purchased the Dray Line from Abe Porter. He was also the town marshal and later, county deputy.

One day shortly after they arrived, Alva was sent to Evenson's Store to purchase some groceries. When he came back, he told his mother that he saw some Indians in the store and they were talking "Norweigan to beat the band!"

George Porter was Jim's able assistant for a number of years. They were kept busy hauling freight from the depot to the stores, meeting the train every morning and evening with the mail, putting up ice in the winter so it could be delivered in the summer to those who had ice boxes, keeping law and order at dances, and doing numerous other jobs.

In January 1941, the family moved to Manning after Jim was elected county sheriff. He served in that capacity for the next 10 years.



The James Bailey Family

They lived in Minot for a couple years, and then went to Billings to reside.

He became ill in the summer of 1956 and they came back to North Dakota, where Jim died in December of that year.

Mrs. Bailey now makes her home in Dickinson.

There are three children in the family, Thomas Alva, Sydney and Robert.

Tom (as he is known now), is a depot agent at Medina. He has been working for the railroad since 1937. He served with the armed forces during World War II. He is married to the former Charlotte Hinshaw and they have three daughters.

Sydney is married to Harry Larsen and they live on a farm-ranch south of Dunn Center. They have five children, four girls and a boy.

Robert is married and they live in Billings, Mont. They have two sons and a daughter. He served with the armed forces in World War II. He is with the Employment Agency.

## THE NICK BOSCH FAMILY

Nick Bosch, son of Ignatius and Magdalena Bosch was born Oct. 1, 1889 in Rosendal, Russia. His father died in 1900 so his mother brought the family to this county in 1909, first settling in Linton, N. D., and then homesteading north of Marshall, N. D. Magdalena Bosch moved to Halliday in 1918, where she died in 1941.

In 1935 Nick Bosch moved to Halliday and worked for the State Highway Dept. Later he worked as a butcher, owned and operated the Texaco Service station for six years and then was a machine operator for Dunn County until his retirement this year.

Mrs. Bosch, the daughter of John and Clara Kuhn was born Jan. 17, 1900, in Rosendal, Russia. She and her parents came to this country in 1903, living in Linton one year and then homesteading north of Marshall. Her father died in 1927 and her mother died in 1933.

The Boschs were married in 1917 and the family consisted of three daughters and one son. Elizabeth and Elenora live with their parents. Emily is married to Frank Kuhn and resides in Denver, Colo. with her husband and two children. Randol is married to Hild Schöck of Beulah and they have three children. They own and operate the Halliday Drug Store and Randol also works as a butcher.



## EDWARD SCETTTLER FAMILY



Ellis Summers, Ed Schettler and grandchildren Lynn, Keith and Dora Tesky

Edward Schettler came to North Dakota in 1912 with his father, brothers and sister. He helped his father build up the farmstead, hauling grain by team and wagon to Richardton and also hauling out lumber by team from Richardton, for the first buildings.

After the railroad went on to Killdeer, they hauled lumber from Werner, for the rest of the buildings.

He was the engineer on a threshing rig for many years. In November of 1923 he married Lucille Crow, of Dunn Center, N.D. They stayed at his father's home for a couple of years, then moved onto a farm two miles south of Pa's where we have lived for 38 years.

Lucille came to North Dakota in 1906, from Gage County, Neb., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Grow, also two sisters and a brother.

We immigrated with a group from Nebraska and settled at Mango, N.D. We lived there a few years and from there moved to Ellendale, N.D., where my father operated a dairy.

In the fall of 1911, we came to Dickinson, then hauled farming equipment and furniture out to the E. J. Scharf ranch on Crooked Creek. This ranch is southeast of Manning three miles east of Highway 22.



Ed Schettler on tractor

We sometimes shopped in Emerson, N.D. Later we moved to the Anear ranch north of Manning. The children attended Longfellow school, which is no longer in use, as students from that district are now hauled by bus to Killdeer.

In 1915 our parents moved to the Dunn Center vicinity, where they spent the rest of their lives. Father was janitor of the school there 15 years and was called Daddy Grow.

I have taught school in three districts in the Halliday community. The "Olson School" in Collins district. That school house is in Manning, now being used as a church. Then I taught a rural school in the Halliday district and also in the Pioneer district, where I met and married Ed.

Our home was blessed with a son who died in infancy, also a daughter, Joyce. She attended and graduated from Halliday High School, then became a graduate nurse in Bismarck.

She is now Mrs. Ervin Tesky, and worked at her profession in the Hazen and Dickinson hospitals and also in St. Luke's home in Dickinson.

They have two sons and a daughter, Lynn, Keith and Darla. They are now living in Oregon.

(By Mrs. Edward Schettler)

## EDWARD O. REIERSGAARD, SR.

Nellie Myrum and Edward Reiersgaard were married in Thief River Falls, Minnesota on July 17, 1914. March 1916 they came to North Dakota and settled on a farm southwest of Halliday.

Four children were born to them: Opal, now Mrs. Arnold Wermager of Werner; Pearl, now Mrs. Emer Goetz of Halliday; Edwin, (married Marjorie Kling) and Lawrence, (married Margaret Bilstad).

Lawrence was in the Navy during World War II, serving on the U.S.S. Quick, destroyer. He was in the invasions of Normandy, Cherbourg, Sicily, and Casablanca. Then he was sent to the Pacific and experienced the horror of the Japanese suicide planes and invasions of Laitte, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was with the Seventh Fleet that escorted the aircraft carrier to bomb Japan.

The Edward Reiersgaard family lost their home by fire, twice in 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reiersgaard retired and moved into Halliday in 1949.

On July 17, 1964, they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reiersgaard





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## THORVALD DAHLEN HISTORY



Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Dahlen

Thorvald Dahlen was born at Hayward, Minn., on Oct. 9, 1886 and came to the Halliday community in 1905. After staying here for about two years he returned to Minnesota in the fall of 1907.

He came back to North Dakota in 1908 with an immigrant car with the personal belongings of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dahlen. Some years later he went into raising horses with Fred Voigt. They had a horse camp on Squaw Creek on the reservation north of the Missouri River. After some years horses weren't worth much, and they decided to quit the horse business and trailed their herd of a few hundred head to Dickinson.

Thorvald Dahlen took over the John L. Dahlen farm after the latter moved into Halliday. Thorvald married Ruth Marie (Olsson) Engholm in 1927. Ruth Engholm was born in Sweden in 1905 and came to the United States in 1923, coming to the Alfred Ledin's who resided southwest of Halliday, Mrs. Ledin being her aunt.

Thorvald and Ruth Dahlen had a family of seven sons and four daughters, Ralph, John, Harry, Helen, Charles, Morris, Richard, Ruth, Carol, Donald and Mildred.

Ralph Dahlen, 9352 Western Ave., Des Plaines, Illinois, married Palmina Wolf of Halliday. John Dahlen of Halliday is on the home farm, the homestead of grandfather, John L. Dahlen. He is married to Anna Marie Moen of Halliday.

Harry Dahlen resides south of Werner and is married to Shirley Nodland of Werner. Helen Dahlen married Virgil Chadwick and resides at 1505 High St., Great Falls, Mont. Charles is at Great Falls and Morris Dahlen is married to Cleo Strong of Salinas, Calif. He is presently in the U. S. Army, stationed in Okinawa. Richard Dahlen is at Great Falls and Ruth Dahlen resides in Bismarck, N. D., Carol, Donald and Mildred Dahlen are at 1505 High St., Great Falls.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Dahlen lived on the farm west of Halliday the rest of their life. Thorvald passed away in July 1957 at 70 years of age. Mrs. Dahlen died in April 1960, 55 years of age.

## THE COOK BROTHERS

In the years 1903 to 1906, five Cook brothers migrated from Eau Claire Company, Wis., to the prairies of North Dakota. They were Allen, Fred, Arch, Sam, and Tom; settling on Sec. 24 and 30-145-92.

A few years later their father decided to follow his children and settled in the same sections. Many days of hard labor followed, as they built places in which to live. The lumber and some foodstuff had to be hauled by horses and wagon or sleigh from Taylor, being a three-day trip. There were no roads, only trails; no fences to follow and many times blizzards overtook them on their journey and they had to lead the horses lead the way.

Mail and necessities were obtained at the post office and store in Old Halliday. There were many gay times along with the hard ones, as neighbors got together to help one another and for the country parties.

Jessie Cook, a sister, (Mrs. Charles Partridge) accompanied Mrs. Fred Cook and two children and Maude Rorabeck to North Dakota after the boys were settled. She also homesteaded on these same sections.

In Nov. of 1906, Allen married Maude Rorabeck and they continued to live in North Dakota until 1943, when they sold their farm to daughter, Margaret and her husband Leo Goetz and moved to Minneapolis. Later, in 1950, they moved to Portland, Ore., where son, Harry and wife, (Irene Jacobsen) resided. Mrs. Cook died in September 1960 but Allen still resides in Portland.

Fred and Agnes (Edington) Cook continued to live in North Dakota. Eleven little Cooks came to live with them. George and Wife (Gladys Hutchinson) living in Portland, Ore., until his death due to an accident; Merton and wife (Iva Betts) of Dunn Center, N. D.; Grace (Mrs. Helmer Hansen of Werner, N. D.; Eva (Mrs. John Betts) of Antioch, Calif.

Marian (Mrs. Adolph Krieger) living in Dunn Center until her passing; Irene (Mrs. Albert Dahlen) of Werner, N. D.; Tom and family of Werner; Les and family of Phoenix, Ariz.; Warren (deceased); Willa (Mrs. Glenn Gray) of Kellog, Idaho; and Cecil and family of Werner.

Mr. Cook died in 1926 but Mrs. Cook resides at the family home in Werner.

Arch married Pearl Robison of Werner and resided there, being the rural mail carrier for many years. In 1928, they decided to take their four children and go



The Cook Brothers, Sam, Allen, Archie and Fred



back to Wisconsin where Mrs. Cook still resides. Mr. Cook died in 1938.

Sam and Jessie (Edington) Cook and their two boys, also, decided to go back to Wisconsin after selling their farm to the Albert Dahlens. He was killed when struck by a car.

Tom Cook spent only a few years in North Dakota, he and his wife (Mary McDonald) being strong Wisconsinites.

Jessie and her husband (Charles Partridge) lived their entire life in North Dakota and leave one daughter, Dorothy, of Minneapolis, Minn. Frank Partridge who was an early pioneer here was married to another Cook girl (Gladys) and can tell some interesting tales of the early days in Dakota.

He later, moved to Montana where they spent many years with their three children. They are now retired and live in California.

### DANIEL KISSE FAMILY

Daniel Kisse was born in South Russia Dec. 25, 1908, and immigrated to America with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kisse in 1910, settling north of Halliday, N.D.

He resided on the farm with his parents until 1930, when he was married to the former Nettie Lubke on Nov. 9. He and his wife then moved to their own farm northwest of Halliday, where they continued to live until the fall of 1941, when they moved to his father's farm, which he and his son Wilford still operate.

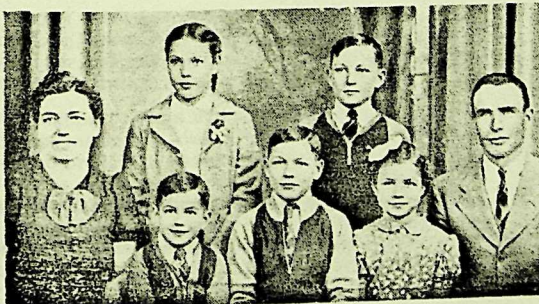
Dan is a charter board member of the Dunn Mutual Telephone Co. which was organized in 1951 and is now known as the Consolidated Telephone Co-op. He had also served on the Dunn County FHA Advisory Board for three years, as well as serving three years as a state director for the North Dakota Farm Bureau.

In 1958 Dan entered the political field, running for state senator, at which time he was elected to the Senate for a four-year term, and was reelected in 1962.

Dan is presently serving his second term as president of the Halliday PTA.

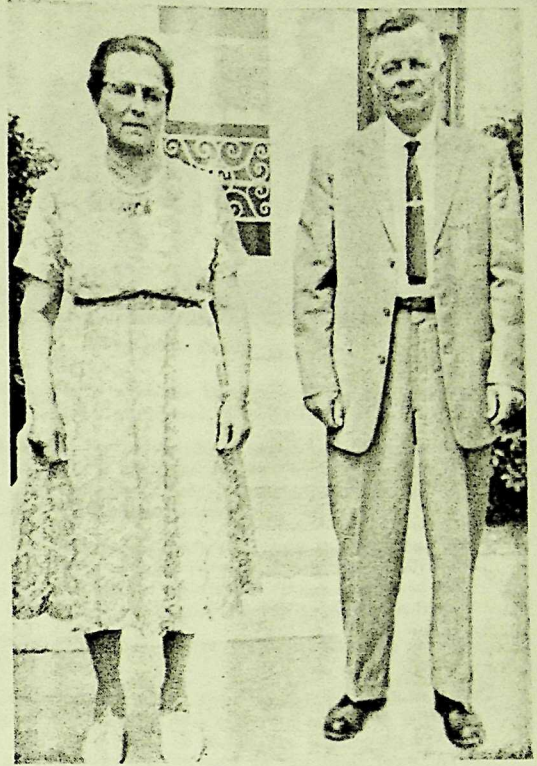
The Kisses have seven children: Wilford, farming with his father; Wilma, (Mrs. George Weidrich) living in Bismarck, N.D., is a receptionist for the Robert James Realty Ins. Agency; Almont, owner of the Halliday Frozen Foods; Deloris, (Mrs. Joe Bogers), a housewife, living in Bismarck; Duane, on the Bismarck police force; Elda, a junior, at Halliday High and John, in the fifth grade are still at home.

The Kisses have 15 grandchildren.



Dan Kisse, right and Nettie Kisse, left. Children are Wilma, Wilford, Almont, Deloris and Duane

### BERNHARD FRANK FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Frank

In 1905 my parents came to this country from Krem, South Russia. I was nine years old and our first stop was New Salem, N.D.

From there a friend of my parents took us with horses and sled to Mannheim, N.D. There was snow up to three feet deep. It took us two days to get there, where we stayed for two weeks in the month of December.

We then moved into a vacant sod house owned by Jacob Benz. This was called a farm, but there were no other farms around, just rolling prairies. It was very different from where we came from in Russia. Here the coyotes were howling all night.

Toward spring my parents moved to a farm owned by Joseph Boeckel, again a sod house and barn. My father purchased two horses and a walking hand plow. We plowed 40 acres for wheat and also broke up 15 acres of sod. Our neighbor loaned us two of his horses.

The seeding was done by hand and the crops were very good that year.

In 1906 we moved 12 miles northeast of Halliday where my parents homesteaded. There were no farms to the west of us, except a few ranches, the Club range and the Andrew Voigt range. There were no fences and everything was all open range. It was hard for small farmers to raise their crops.

There were large herds of antelope roaming the prairie and coyotes were numerous. There was no school or post office, just open prairie for miles and miles.



Then, within a few years, a school was built 3½ miles east of our place. We also got a post office with the name of Defiance. Our closest railroad was Hebron to the south and Garrison to the north. In the winter we crossed the Missouri River by horse and sled to get to Garrison to trade. In the summer we usually went to Hebron for groceries, repairs, lumber, etc. We had no telephone, radio or electricity.

But gradually more and more homesteaders moved in and finally there were four families living on a section of land.

In 1914 the railroad came through. It was becoming crowded, so some of the farmers sold and moved on. The farms enlarged, raised more cattle and had more crops. The harvesting was done by horses and binder, or headered and stacked.

There were only two threshing machines that were run by large steamers. These were owned by Otto Bauman and George Schaper. The threshing run started at Jason Haggard's in the fall and ran to Sofia, about 18 miles east. It lasted 40 days a season, until 1914 when four or five farmers got together and purchased threshing machines and tractors. There were 16 men or more on a threshing crew in contrast to today when one man can harvest his own crop with a modern combine.

I purchased a farm in Dunn County, 12 miles north-east of Halliday and married Christina (Huber) Frank in October, 1917. We have a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters.

We lived on the farm until 1947 when we retired and moved into Halliday. We built a new home here and hope to enjoy the rest of our lives in Halliday.

(By Bernhard Frank)

## GILMAN LOFTUS FAMILY

Gilman Loftus was born near Gordonville, Minn., in June, 1870. His father immigrated from Norway and homesteaded near the Iowa border in 1868.

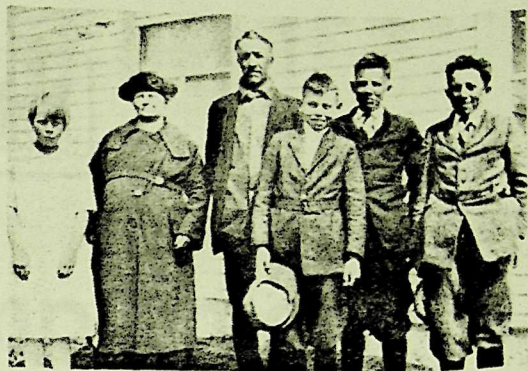
In 1892 Gilman and two friends set out on foot for northern Minnesota. They walked 150 to 200 miles before one of the group played out. Then they hired a man and team to take them the rest of the trip in search for a homestead. All they found was woods, swamps, sloughs and mosquitoes, so they returned home. That fall he bought a steam engine and threshing machine.

In 1905, Gilman came to North Dakota and filed on a homestead southeast of Halliday. He built a small house that fall and returned to Minnesota.

In March 1906, he married. Gilman's wife was born in Telemrken, Norway in 1876. She had come to Minnesota with her parents as a young girl. A month after their marriage, they arrived in Taylor, N.D.

They shipped a team of horses and some machinery. Among this machinery was a hay rake that is still in use. He also brought his steam engine and threshing machine. It was the only machine in the area and was in big demand. The first threshing season ended in the late spring of 1907. All the grain was stacked and it was threshed as weather permitted. Threshing was done for the Peltons, Bangs and others in the Werner and Dunn Center area.

In 1912 the Loftus home burned, destroying all the contents. They went to live with Oscar Gustafsons until



The Loftus family in 1921

a roof was built over the basement. They lived in this until the present house was built in 1924.

A second steam threshing outfit was purchased in 1912. This was a big Case steamer with a 46 inch machine. This steamer pulled 10 breaker bottoms and was the largest machine in the area.

During the late twenties through the thirties, they mined coal, stripping off from 20 to 25 feet of dirt and all the work was done with horses. There was from eight to 11 feet of coal and most of it was hauled with horses.

There were four Loftus children; Gunder, Arthur, Grant and Tina.

Gunder served in the Army Medics for a short time during World War II. Arthur served with the 90th Division and participated in the D-Day landing in France. He was wounded after 45 days on the front lines. After his recovery, he returned to France and served as a security guard for General Eisenhower. Arthur was killed in a car accident. Tina is deceased and Gunder and Grant reside on the farm.

Mr. Loftus died April 6, 1954, 48 years to the same date that he and Mrs. Loftus had landed in Taylor. Mrs. Loftus died in August of 1957.

## KNUTE HERMUNSTAD

Knute Hermunstad was born in Norway in 1852. Ambjor was born in Norway in 1856. They came to America in 1881 and settled at Dennison, Goodhue County, Minn. They moved to Renville County, Minn., a few years later and settled on a farm near Maynard. In 1903 they moved to Lowry, Minn., and in 1907, settled three miles east of Halliday, N. D., on a farm.

They had a large family. Knute, the oldest son was born in Norway. The other children were born in America. Son, Knute, settled two miles north of Halliday. Mrs. Emma Grenet, oldest daughter, married Anton Grenet, who also settled two miles north of Halliday. Lars settled north of Golden Valley, later moving to near Devils Lake. Martin and Corty settled one and a half miles north of Halliday. Marie, wife of Ole Braaten, lives in Big Timber, Mont. Jennie, Mrs. Eric Vickin, is in Fargo. Alvin carried on as carpenter and shoemaker and died in 1950. Lillian, Mrs. E. S. Evenson lives in Halliday. Myrtle and John died at an early age.

The father, Knute, retired and moved to Halliday in 1925 and died in 1933. Mrs. Hermunstad died in 1921.





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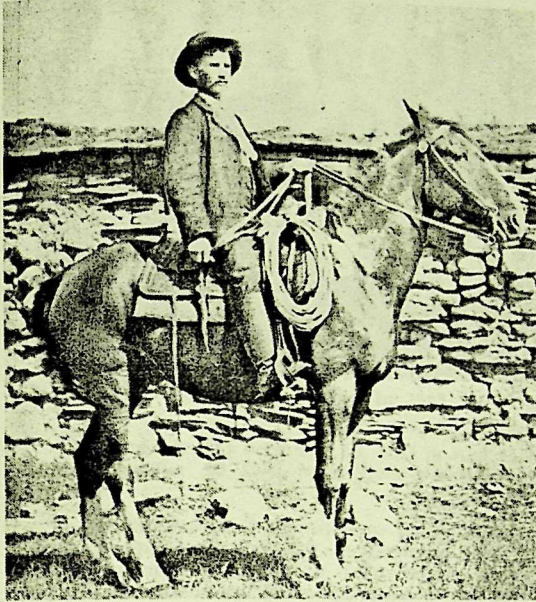
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## THE JOHN CARLSONS



John Carlson on horse

John Carlson was born in Sweden on Jan. 20, 1874 and immigrated to North Dakota in 1904. He came directly to the Halliday community, as his brother was already here.

Carl Emil had homesteaded on a quarter in Sec. 34-45-91 but gave up his rights to John so he homesteaded here and built himself a little sod house.



Mrs. John Carlson and granddaughter, Clara

The ocean trip took about 9-10 days. She came by train as far as Hebron, N. D. and then proceeded on to Golden Valley by team and buggy to the Maxie home. The Maxie's were the parents of Paul and Joe Maxie and were neighbors to Christ Michaelsen. She stayed at Maxie's a short time and then filed on a quarter of land in Sec. 28-45-91, about three miles east of Halliday and she built a small frame house in which to live.

On Jan. 20, 1913 Caroline and John were married at Loring, N. D. by Rev. Sather. Loring consisted of a country store and post office which was located on land owned by the parents of Neil and Clarence Lee.

Carlsons neighbors were Charles Gustafson, about four miles east and Oscar Gustafson, about two miles west. The Gustafsons and Carlsons had been neighbors in Sweden. There were no fences in those days so the cattle would roam over the hillsides. When milking time came it was necessary to ride horseback, sometimes for miles, before the cows were found.

The John Carlsons had one daughter, Eva, now Mrs. Swen Gjermundson of Taylor, N. D.

Mr. Carlson died on Oct. 10, 1944 and Mrs. Carlson died about two weeks later. They are buried in the

## ERNEST B. LUBKE FAMILY

Ernest Lubke, a blacksmith for 50 years, was born in Stetten, Germany, Nov. 26, 1855. He came to America with his father at the age of 18.

Lubke, with his wife, (Hulda Dahlen) and seven children and nephew, Charles Tress came to Dickinson, N.D. from St. Claire, Minn. in 1910.

After working in a blacksmith shop in Dickinson for a year, Lubke, with his family, moved to the little town of Oakdaie, N.D., where he was proprietor of the hotel and built and operated the first blacksmith shop.

He later homesteaded four miles north of Oakdale, where he lived until 1922, when he moved to Halliday and with Charles Tress built a blacksmith shop which they operated there until 1931 when it was sold to Ed Scharf.

Charlie Tress continued working in the shop, but Lubke spent his remaining years visiting his children. The last six years of his life he resided with his daughter, Nettie and her husband, Dan Kisse. He died at the Kisse home Jan. 30, 1938. His wife Hulda passed away in February 1914.

Three of the Lubke children are deceased. Arlie, well-known in Halliday, died March 4, 1963, two days after the passing of Charles Tress, also well known.

The living children are: Helen (Mrs. James Schwartz) Mt. Ranier, Md.; Lena (Mrs. George Hamilton) Dallas, Ore.; Bill of Killdeer, and Nettie (Mrs. Dan Kisse) of Halliday.



Ernest Lubke family in 1910. Shown are Bill, Hulda, Nettie, Lena, Louis, Ernest and Helen.



## VAL STEVENS' HISTORY



Val Stevens Family In 1948

Val Stevens was born Oct. 13, 1863 in Angus, Iowa. He died on Nov. 18, 1934. Nora Stevens was born Nov. 29, 1869.

In March 1914, they migrated to North Dakota. On the way the family stopped at Detroit Lakes, Minn. at their Grandma Stevens. In North Dakota they were met at Richardton by Ernie, the oldest of the boys and Ruben Bently, who had come with Ernie. They traveled by wagon from Richardton to where they later farmed for 10 years. The trip took two days.

In 1925 they moved to the Ole Christensen place where Martha, Ernie and Pete still make their home. Mrs. Stevens died Feb. 22, 1949.

Bryan went to Adel, Iowa in 1929 and has four girls; Martha, Jean, Norma and Nancy. The three oldest are married and Nancy is still at home.

John came in 1917 and after his wife died in 1919, he, with three of the children moved back to Minnesota. Mrs. Cole cared for baby Harry for 10 months.

Jim went to Medora, where he and his wife Anna Findahl, have three sons, Charles, Norman and Val.

Lloyd (Little Bow) lived around Halliday and worked for George Ferebee for nine years and then went to Huff in 1947 and has worked for Axel Benderson for the past 12 years.

Leon (Little Bow) worked around Halliday until 1939, then went to Dickinson and worked on a dairy farm for about 15 years. For the past four years he has spent the winter months at Halliday.

Martha lives at home. She cared for her mother until her death in 1949. Martha now keeps house for her two brothers, Ernie and Pete.



Val Stevens

Bessie married Glen Jackson, of Fort Clark, in 1927. They lived north of Halliday until 1932 when they moved to Bismarck. Bessie is a nurses aide at the Bismarck Hospital and Glen is working at the Bank of North Dakota. They have three children, Glen Jr., who is married and lives in Wyoming and has three children; Hazel is married and resides in Tucson, Ariz., and they have six children; Vera lives with her parents in Bismarck and is manager of the lunch counter at F. W. Woolworth's.

Ernie has been farming and raising hogs for the past 50 years. He also operated a coal mine from 1918 until 1936. Pete has worked with Ernie for the past 48 years. Laura, the oldest Stevens daughter, lives in Des Moines, Ia.

(By Vera Jackson)

## ADOLPH BORTH FAMILY

Adolph Borth, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Borth, Sr., was born near Ackerman, South Russia, Jan. 18, 1889. He came to the United States by boat in 1901 with his parents, four brothers and three sisters. Another brother came later.

The family landed in New York, moved westward and settled near Garrison, N. D., filing on a homestead the same year.

Adolph Borth moved west to Stanton and Hazen communities working as a farm hand in that area for several years. In 1910, he filed on a homestead northeast of Halliday. After making several trips back to Fessenden, he married Emelia Netzer in 1913 and brought her back by team and buggy to his shack northeast of Halliday. They lived in the Halliday area over 50 years.

In 1944 the Borths moved into Halliday and he did road and bridge work for the county until his retirement in 1957. Mrs. Borth died on June 12, 1961 and Adolph has been living alone since.

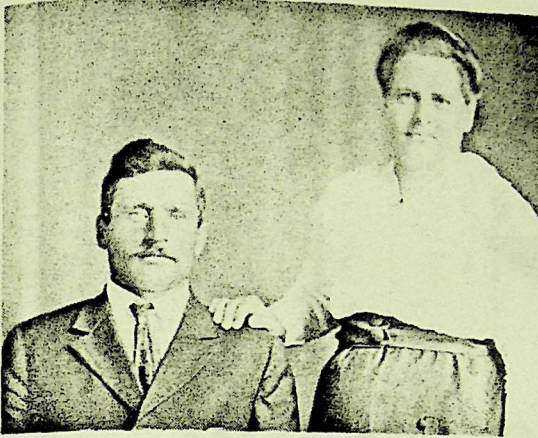
Children are: Reuben, Herbert and Irvin, Werner; Adolph Jr. and Mrs. Art Isaak (Erna), Halliday; Mrs. Herman J. Hansen (Emma), Mrs. Bernard Kruckenberg (Elsie) Tekoa, Wash.; Mrs. Herman Goodman (Hulda) and Mrs. Irvin Lohse (Hertha) in Oregon. Twenty-five grandchildren are living and three grandchildren have died.



Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Borth



## THE JOHN WEISENBERGERS



Mr. and Mrs. John Weisenburger

Among the old pioneers were John Weisenberger. John, his wife and son, Jacob, emigrated to America from Russia in 1907. They came out to North Dakota and homesteaded six miles northeast of Halliday. John was born in 1882 in South Russia.

Nine more children were born to them. The children are: Jacob married Lena Weisenberger, now of Richardson, N.D.; Lydia, Mrs. Ed Fischer, now of Bismarck, N. D.; Emil married Lydia Messmer, at Stanley, N. D.; Gust married Ernstine Geggelman, and is on the homestead;

Amelia, Mrs. Anton Krentzel is at Bismarck, N. D.; Albert married Lorraine Frank and is at Glen Ullin, N.D.; Walter married Viola Almendinger and resides at Halliday, N.D.; Richard married Esther Huber and is also at Halliday; William married Marge Reichert and is now at Butte, Mont.; Olga, a twin to Richard, died in 1942.

In 1946, John Weisenbergers retired into Halliday where they now reside. They are members of Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

The Weisenberger farm was well known for the 4th of July celebration held there in the "thirties".

## THE FISHER FAMILY

Alton Fisher was born in 1882 at Madrid, N. Y., the son of John H. Fisher. As a young man he had the urge to travel west and his first stop was at Gilbee, N. D.

Not liking this location, he came to Halliday and filed on a homestead in 1906 four miles southeast of here. His homestead is known as the Ole Haugen farm.

In 1920 he married Mina Martens and moved to her homestead. They also purchased the Todd Card homestead.

Fisher was known for being a great horseman. He served on the first Collins School Board and was helped instigate the first telephone line. He took an active part in all community affairs.

Mina Fisher worked in Fort Keough, Mont., for three years and later did practical nursing for two years in Glendive, Mont. In 1909 she homesteaded six miles southeast of Halliday. She was helpful to the pioneer community with her nursing experience. As a midwife she delivered some 150 babies during the pioneer and depression days.

Their three children all have made their homes at Halliday. Fisher died at his home Nov. 4, 1918 of pneumonia. Mrs. Fisher continued on the farm until she retired in 1941 to Halliday.

George Fisher is on the farm. He married Cora Ream of Plaza in 1935 and they have six children: Darlene, Mrs. Loren Bauman, Golden Valley; Donna, a nurse at Bismarck Hospital; Georgia, Mrs. Albert Schulz, a clerical secretary at Bismarck Hospital; Dale, married Corrine Wolf and farms with his father; and Alton and Dennis are at home.

Helen Fisher married Fred Loeffelbien in 1939. They purchased the Germundson and Ligenfelter farms four miles southeast of Halliday. Their daughter Marion is secretary for McDonna Insurance Agency in Bismarck.

Irene, married Earl Fjosne and lives north of Halliday.

## THE LES WILHELMS

Les Wilhelm was born at Halliday, where he graduated from high school. He later served in the U.S. Navy.

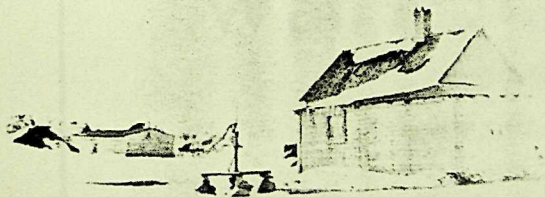
In 1948 Les married Lillie Transtrom. She graduated from high school at Halliday, attended Dickinson State Teachers College and taught school for several years.

They spent several years ranching north of Halliday and at Amidon, N.D., returning to Halliday in 1955 to operate the Round-up Bar. Les has been employed as a heavy equipment operator since 1956.

The couple have seven children; Rita, Roderick, Robert, James, Roslyn, Michael and Leslie.



Les and Lillie Wilhelm



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## E. S. EVENSON FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Sig Evenson

E. S. Evenson was born at Sacred Heart, Minn., a son of Christian Evenson who was born in Namdalen, Norway Sept. 29, 1843 and died at Sacred Heart, Minn. Sept. 20, 1923.

E. S. Evenson attended rural school near his home in Renville county. Because there were no high schools in the small villages, it was necessary to go to Minneapolis for this phase of his education. He earned the money for his High School training by firing a steam engine during the fall of the year. In 1904-1905, Evenson went on to Agriculture College at St. Paul.

In 1907 Carl Evenson, a brother of E. S. filed on a homestead in Dunn County. Sig figured this was an easy way to get rich quick—file, prove quick, then sell land so he came to Dunn county on May 7, 1907 and filed on 160 acres then got a job as a clerk in the Baker and Sons general store at Taylor. This burned in August of 1908, so the next day, he came to Emerson to assist as Baker had a small store built at that place. Baker was often on the sick list so his son, Oscar, who had a store at Old Halliday and was also postmaster there decided he should be near to help his father. Sig and Oscar traded places, selling the store to Sig and brother, Otto, in the fall of 1909—Sig being postmaster, general manager of the store mayor and police of Halliday. The following year, his partner, Otto, was hired as miller and manager of the new flour mill erected at Emerson. This he did successfully for eight years until "politics" interfered and the mill was broke in about two years.

In those days the rule read "a postmaster did not have to live on his homestead in order to prove up". This changed and Sig was trapped between two evils. He had not proved up nor could he throw up the post office, as bondsmen were alert to that. The only solution was to sell out to August Wegner who had already proved his

homestead and Sig moved to his homestead to stick tight for 15 months and \$400 poorer.

Sig decided to go to Emerson to see the girls once more and, on arrival, found the engineer at the mill had quit so he was stuck with the job for eight months. After completing this, Evenson decided to go with Ernest Robison on a threshing engine. That done, he helped Marcovitz & Reiter open another store at Emerson. By the time this was completed, it was time to go threshing again, and he went with Nels Thorstad as steam Engineer.

On Jan. 1, 1914, Sig entered the Stone School of Watchmaking and Optometrist of St. Paul, Minn. but, something like a magnet drew him back to Halliday and he found changes such as Williams and Wimmer had purchased the store from Wegner at Old Halliday and moved it to New Halliday.

This was sold to Grant and Archie Palmer. They needed a clerk, so Sig proceeded to work for them for a couple of years. About this time, another store in town was for sale and brother, Harold, and wife had come and Sig and Harold purchased it. After 27 years, Harold and family moved to Portland, Ore. and the store was sold.

Sig married Lillian Hermunstad Sept. 19, 1917 and a family of three came to live with them; however, the little girl died in infancy. The youngest son, Arvid, a lieutenant in the Air Force, died Sept. 7, 1944 and Lyle is a counselor at Ellendale and Oakes, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Evenson (Sig and Lillian) still reside in Halliday where he is engaged in watch repair work.

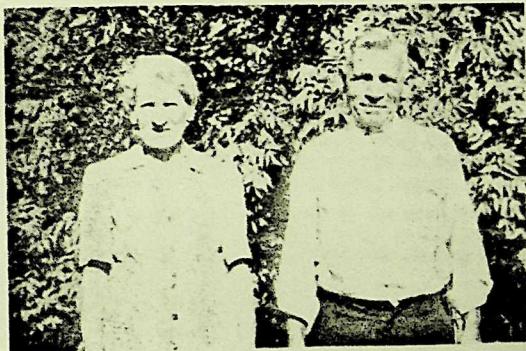
## JOE VOLTZ HISTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Voltz moved from their homestead seven miles southeast of Halliday and came to Halliday buying the house of Cliff Barrows, bank cashier, who was transferred to Dodge.

Mrs. Voltz remembers moving into this empty house just before Christmas and having to cook the Christmas dinner on neighbor Tony Grinsteinner's stove and bring it back to her own house.

Voltz bought a livery barn and operated it for seven years when he quit because of illness. He ran a pool hall at one time and also a cream station. Since his death, Mrs. Voltz still lives in their home in Halliday.

There were six children: Margaret (Mrs. Marion Kennedy) living in Fargo, N. D.; Madalene (Mrs. B. Benshoof) at Church's Ferry, N. D.; Joe, Jr. M/Sgt. in the Air Force, stationed with his family at Detroit, Mich.; Hilda (Mrs. Warren Belcourt) living in Froid, Mont.; John in Fargo, N. D. and Leo in Grand Rapids, Minn.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Voltz



## EARL HART FAMILY



Josephine and Earl Hart

Earl Hart, born in 1886 in Eau Claire, Wis., came to the Halliday community in 1906. He homesteaded south of Halliday on property now owned by James McNamara.

In August of 1916, Hart married Josephine Rank of Winona, Minn. To this union were born five children: Kenneth Hart, in San Jose, Calif.; Orville Hart of Coleharbor, N. D.; Lucille Hart, Mrs. Mahen, of Watford City, N.D.; Evelyn Hart Kling of Mandaree, N. D. and Earl Hart Jr., residing in San Jose, Calif.

Earl Hart died on March 15, 1964. His widow resides at St. Luke's Home in Dickinson.

## THE ALBERT MONSONS

Albert Monson was born in Wilmont, S. D., and arrived in Taylor, N. D., April 2, 1914 from Lynn, S. D.

He traveled by railroad, and brought with him in an immigrant car, four horses, one cow, a few younger cattle,



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Monson

some machinery and furniture. Ole Haugen and Nels Flaget were to meet him in Taylor, to help him reach the Will Flaget place, south of Werner.

When Ole Haugen and Nels Flaget arrived in Taylor, Albert wasn't there, so they went on into Dickinson to see a show. That night when Albert did arrive, he unloaded his belongings and put his four horses — King, Prince, Charley and Jim in a livery barn. Albert slept in his wagon overnight and the next day proceeded northward. The man who Albert was to buy his land from backed out on the deal, so Albert had to find another place. Some time later, Albert purchased his brother-in-law, Will Flaget's farm.

Raghild and Margit Flaget had immigrated from Go!, Halingdal, Norway, June 1910, and arrived in South Dakota to stay with their sister, Anna.

Margit Flaget and Albert Monson were married in South Dakota, but she did not come to North Dakota until June 1914. By this time, Albert had established a home for her and their infant son, Orville.

In 1937, they moved to the Helga Kjelson farm eight miles south of Halliday. Their son, Arthur and family now reside on this farm. In 1955, the Monsons moved to Dodge where they reside at present.

They have five children, Orville, Elgin, N. D.; Arthur, Halliday; Marvel, at home; Eileen, Alameda, Calif., and Agnes in Hawaii.

## THE PALMER HISTORY

Among the early pioneers in Halliday were Grant and Archie Palmer. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Palmer, were early settlers in Dunn County having settled on a ranch on Crooked Creek 25 miles north of Dickinson in 1897.

Later when Dunn County was organized in 1908, J. A. Palmer was appointed register of deeds by Governor John Burke and Palmer served several elective terms afterward. Late in 1915 the family moved to Halliday, residing there until 1945.

Early in January 1915, Grant Palmer, who previously had the stage line from Dickinson to Manning, purchased the Williams and Wimmer store in Halliday. This general merchandise store had been moved from the Old Halliday site near the Gulling farm, to the new town site on the railroad, in 1914. Later in January 1915, Archie Palmer joined his brother Grant in ownership of the store. Archie also took over the post office located in the store, from Mrs. Maude Williams and was appointed postmaster. This arrangement of store and post office continued until the post office changed hands in 1922.

In the summer of 1915 Grant and Archie Palmer erected a new and larger building for their expanding mercantile business. However, this building burned to the ground in January of 1923 and was replaced by the one now occupied by the bank and store. By this time both Grant and Archie were married, Grant to Miss Bertha Price of Killdeer and Archie to Miss Cora Christerson, Dunn County superintendent of schools, formerly on the teaching staff of the Killdeer public school.

In 1926 Grant sold his interest in the store to Archie and went to work for J. C. Penney Co. in California as store manager. He is now retired and still residing in California.

Archie and Cora continued to operate the store until January 1948, when they sold to Richard Weisenberger. Archie and Cora now reside in Bismarck, N.D.



## THE KNUD MOEN FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Knud Moen

Knud Moen, son of Cornelius and Rebecca Gilje, was born July 7, 1887. He immigrated to the United States from Stavanger, Norway, in April, 1905, at the age of 17 years and arrived and went to his uncle, Enok Gilje's farm at Rolette, N.D.

It was while at Rolette he changed his name from Gilje to Moen. He was employed in this vicinity for four years and came to Dunn County in 1910, having hitchhiked from Hebron to Golden Valley (where his brother, Thorsten, lived) and walked most of this way except for a wagon ride which a farmer offered him.

He filed on a homestead four miles northwest of Halliday and has been engaged in farming ever since.

He was married to Ingeborg Frafjord Feb. 9, 1918. She had immigrated from Stavanger, Norway in 1914 at the age of 22 years, having come to the United States with her sister, Mrs. Christ Gilje, who had returned to Norway two or three years previously.

On Feb. 10, 1963 the Moens celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary at an open house held in their honor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Halliday.

Their four children include Ruth (Mrs. Art Antonson), Halliday; Clarence, Genesse, Idaho; Thilmen, Halliday and Anna Marie (Mrs. John Dahlen), Halliday.

## SIMON BOSCH FAMILY

Before settling in Halliday, Simon Bosch and his wife, Therese Braulich Bosch and their oldest children, Madalene, Peter and Clementine came to this country



Simon, Joe and Henry Bosch

with Grandmother Magdalena Kuhn Bosch and her other sons, Joseph, Nicholas and Henry and daughters Elizabeth (Mrs. Wendelin Krug) and Helen (Mrs. Joe Fischer Sr.) and lived for a time with cousins in Emmons County near Linton.

There was no homestead land left in Emmons County, so Simon purchased a small farm, but sold it in the fall of 1914 and lived for a time in Linton where Joe was born. His uncle, John Bosch, found homestead land in Dunn County near the Knife River around Marshall near the John Gustafson ranch and Grandma Bosch and the other sons homesteaded next to the Gustafsons, Evans and Carns families. Simon followed and in the fall of 1914 purchased some Hereford yearling heifers, but the next spring lost all of them at calving time, thus ending his short ranching career.

Early in the spring of 1915 Simon came to Halliday, bought a lot and built a barn and later a house. He brought his family from Linton in June, 1915 when Simon Jr. (Shorty) was a baby. Mary was born the next year in Halliday, with Doctor Gaebe the attending physician.

Simon Sr. found work with carpenters Raphael and Otto Stoltz, whose families lived here. At various times he operated a pool hall, a gas station, drove a school bus (with horses), and did some cattle buying.

Simon Bosch died in 1933 and Theresa Bosch in 1961. His children and their families are scattered. Madalene (Mrs. Vic Voigt) teaches and ranches with her husband and her son, Peter and his family near Mandan.

Pete is with Hebron Brick Co. and he and his family live in Bismarck. Joe has several lumber yards and lives with his family in Dickinson. Mary (Mrs. Joe Mudd) resides in Spokane, Wash., and Clementine (Mrs. Tony Gerhart) is in Bismarck.

Simon Jr. owns the Bosch Meat Co. and has lived in Halliday for the past 18 years with his wife and family.

## SWEN EGGE STORY

(The following information was secured from a letter written to Bill Gustafson by Swen Egge's son.)

The last time Swen Egge's son called for the mail in Halliday was in November 1904.

Swen Egge was born in Iowa, 1859. He came to North Dakota in the spring of 1889 and settled near Spring Creek. He brought out three carloads of yearling steers and some horses.

When he first settled along Spring Creek, there were many prairie chickens, ducks, teal, mallards and a few geese. There were some muskrats, mink, badgers and the coyotes were very numerous. Egge's son would stand in the doorway of the home and shoot at the coyotes to keep them away from the few chickens they had.

Sometimes they would see Indians going to Taylor with a wagonload of buffalo bones, which sold for about \$8 a ton. There were some buffalo carcasses near their homestead and many skulls.

An Indian, Bad Gun, came around quite often, driving two spotted ponies on a light wagon. Bad Gun spoke no English, but made signs. He was very good natured and all the ranchers fed him.

In 1900, Swen Egge sold his homestead to Oscar Gustafson and a half section of land, where the ranch was located, for a sum of \$800. After leaving North Dakota, Swen Egge ranched south of Glendive, Mont. He died in 1935 at the age of 75 years.



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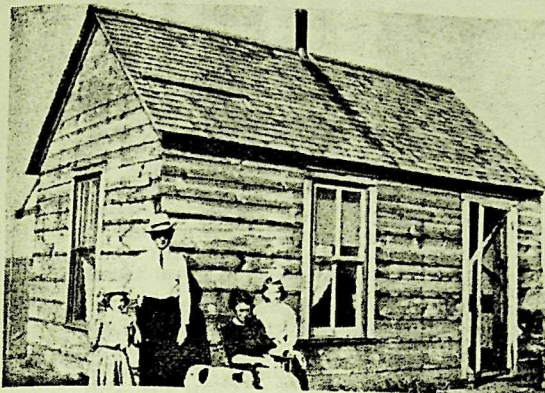
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## THE EVANS, CARNS FAMILIES



Lois, Roy, Pearl, Lorene Evans

In October 1903, W. A. Carns Sr., his son W. A. Carns Jr., his daughter, Leah Carns, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Martha Allison, and his son-in-law, T. Leroy Evans, who was married to Pearl Carns, all left Des Moines, Iowa, where they all lived and came to Taylor, N.D., to look for some homestead land.

They spent three days driving and looking at different locations. They finally decided to file on land then called the "Big Flat" or "Big Hay Slough," about 25 miles north of Taylor or 12 miles south of what is now Halliday. W. A. Carns Sr., W. A. Carns Jr., Mrs. Allison and Leah Carns filed on the four quarters in Section 20, Township 143, Range 92. Evans filed on the northwest quarter of Section 28-143-92.

They returned to Des Moines to prepare to move to North Dakota and the following spring of 1904 they came out and built some frame houses, which were later sodden, on their claims. The Evans home was never sodden but tar-papered on the outside and plastered inside.

Getting material for these places out from Taylor was a difficult job, as the Knife River was on a rampage all spring and there were no bridges and the roads were just trails, subject to change according to the weather. With perseverance and everyone working together, the houses were soon made livable.

The last to arrive were Mrs. Evans and two little daughters, Lorene and Lois, who went to Taylor and drove out in a surrey with "fringe on top," to the homestead, May 30, 1904. A small amount of breaking was done on each claim this spring with three horses and a plow and a good garden.

Mr. Carns was told by the rancher neighbors that gardens couldn't be raised here, but he was a good gardener and raised some nice vegetables and managed to give some to the neighbors as proof that it could be done.

Leah Carns had been a teacher in Iowa and was immediately given a position in the Taylor school. She and Miss Lucy Christianson, another easterner, taught there for two years. Miss Christianson afterward became Mrs. Henry Klein.

Miss Carns taught in the Stoxen School in Stark County. The first school in the big flat community was taught by her in a shack, before Dunn County was organized. She was one of the first teachers in the new school which was built just across the road from the Evans place, after the county of Dunn was organized, in 1908.

Leah Carns was married in 1910 at the Evans home in Emerson to R. Cole Smith. They had five children, Georgia, now Mrs. Joe Bosch; Robert Smith who is on the old farm; Gwen, Mrs. Scott; Marjorie, Mrs. Sitter and Keith, who died in childhood. They lived on her homestead until her death in 1953.

W. A. Carns Jr. spent his spare time in locating new settlers in the community, among whom were Kjel Glorvick, Haakon Olson, Ed Ogen, Haven Storm, Mrs. Ramsey, the Collins family, two Kempshall families, the Close family and others who no doubt will be among the ones written in the "history book" of early days.

After the county was organized, he was the first elected states attorney and served two terms. He afterward practiced law in Manning and Dunn Center and was instrumental in getting "Lake Ilo" located near Dunn Center.

W. A. Carns Jr. was married to Miss Rose Hazeltine of Manning in August, 1910. They left Dunn County in 1938 and moved to St. Cloud, Fla., where Mrs. Carns died in 1940. Carns lived with his son, Alva, until his death in 1957. They were both buried in the St. Cloud Military Cemetery.

They had two sons Alva and Carroll. Alva followed the carpenter trade for several years in Florida. He now resides in Tempe, Ariz., doing insurance work. He has three children, one son and two daughters.

Carroll joined the service, when quite young and made a career of it until September of 1963, when he retired as colonel in the Air Force, after 28 years in the service. He built a home in Tempe where he and his wife and four children, two daughters and two sons, reside.

W. A. Carns Sr. and wife (Lora), and Mrs. Allison (Grandma Martha) lived on their land until they died.

T. Leroy Evans was appointed the first county auditor of Dunn County by Governor John Burke and was elected for three terms. The first year they lived on the claim and Evans rode on horseback to Manning and back home about every two weeks. The family moved to Emerson in the fall of 1908, as there was no school built in Manning. They resided in Emerson for four years when they moved to Manning to reside until they bought the Halliday Promoter and moved to Halliday in March of 1915, residing in Halliday until 1929.

Evans was the first mayor of Halliday and held that office for several years. He also was a member of the School Board a number of years and helped build the Congregational Church.

In 1929 they sold the Promoter and traveled for two years, mostly in the eastern central states, working for the Modern Woodmen of America. They returned to Dunn County where we lived in Manning about two years. Evans was employed in the sheriff and county auditors' offices.

In 1933 they moved to Bismarck and Evans did government work and also worked some in the capitol until his health failed in 1939 when he was forced to retire. Evans died in Bismarck in May of 1948.

Lorene Evans attended Dickinson High School from which she graduated in 1916. She taught in the Halliday schools two years, then went to the Teachers College in Moorhead, Minn. She graduated from there in 1920 and taught in Halliday, also in Idaho and the state of Washington.

It was while teaching in Camp Lewis School, Wash., that she met Carroll E. York, a chemist for the DuPont Co., whom she married in September of 1924. They resided in Washington until York's death in February, 1926. Then



she returned to Halliday until the next September when she went back to college in Moorhead for more work. It was while here, that she was nominated for the office of superintendent of schools in Dunn County; she was elected and served six years.

She came to Bismarck in 1935 and lived with her parents and was appointed by State Superintendent, A. E. Thompson, to the office of Director of Certification in 1935, which she still holds.

Lois Evans attended high school in Dickinson and Halliday and enrolled in the Fargo Conservatory of Music and was graduated from this school. She came home and taught two terms in schools near Halliday and had some music pupils also, but her chief duties were helping her father in the Promoter office.

On Dec. 1, 1926, she was married to James M. Hanson, a Dunn County boy, who was manager of a grain elevator in Goodrich, N.D. He also worked in elevators in Aberdeen and Moorhead. They resided in Fargo for some-time, but Hanson's health would not permit his living in a cold climate so they moved to San Diego, Calif., in 1952, and still reside there.

Hanson is retired from government work, which he did since going to California. They are happy in San Diego and expect to remain there. Mr. York and Mr. Hanson were both veterans of the First World War and were in the European sector.

Mrs. Evans, Lorene York, and Lois Hanson are the only living members of the little expedition which came from Iowa to North Dakota and made homes here in 1904. They still own the original Evans homestead.

North Dakota has been good to them they say and "we have had many dear friends through the years."

(By Mrs. T. Leroy (Pearl) Evans)

## HISTORY OF ADALPH ENTZEL

Adalph Entzel was born in Russia in 1891 and came to this country in 1910. The trip took twelve days to get to New York and then one to Hebron, N. D., where he worked as a farm hand.

In April of 1912 my brother and I set out with team and wagon too look for a homestead. When we arrived at a point five miles east of Halliday we were tired and out of food, so we stopped at a sod house to ask for something to eat and a place to sleep.

Mr. Johnson had homesteaded there but we were unable to understand each other's language. With the use of our hands we were able to make signs and in this manner exchange messages. We took up an 80-acre homesteads joining Mr. Johnson. He was very good to us and helped us get established.

The material for our buildings was hauled from Mannhaven, a settlement on the Missouri River north of Hazen and the trip took about 2½ days. In 1913 we hauled our grain to Richardton, as there were no elevators here at that time. The biggest obstacle on this trip was crossing the Knife River and the smaller streams in times of rain. We could haul about 50 bushels and the trip took two days.

In November of 1915 I married and my wife died in 1916. In March of 1917 I married Lydie Wydenier. She was born in South Dakota in 1896. We purchased our first car, a Ford, in 1919.

We had 8 children and all are now married. Otto is the only son and is still farming the homestead land.



The Adalph Entzel family

The seven daughters are Othilia, Lentenia, Frieda, Emelia, Elsie and Hulda.

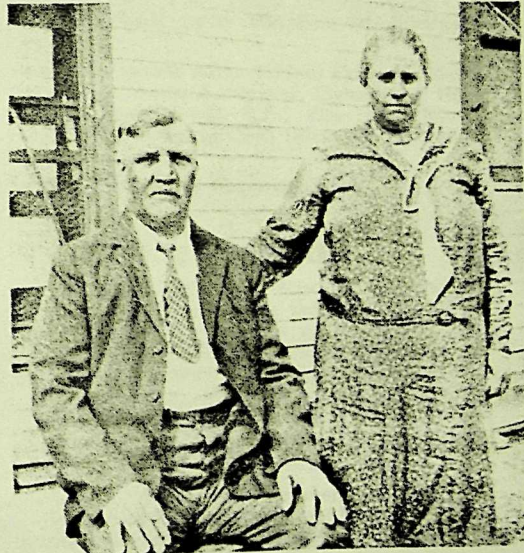
My wife and I lived on the same farm for 42 years and in 1951 we retired and moved our house to Halliday where we still reside.

(By Adalph Entzel)

## GEORGE HAFFNER STORY

Free land in America! This sounded good enough to George Haffner to pack up his wife (nee Kathern Boeshans) and two daughters, Francis (7) and Annie (3); leaving friends and relatives in South Russia.

The family came to the United States, arriving by boat in New York, July 4, 1910. Coming west as far as Golden Valley, N. D., they stayed with friends, the William Rehbergs, for a few days. George was able to obtain work at Weidemayer's and Kathern at Chris Miller's. The only means of transportation was via foot, so when George wanted to see his family on weekends, he had to walk the 16 miles.



Mr. and Mrs. George Haffner



In the fall, they moved in with the Herkie family north of Golden Valley and here, another daughter, Hana, was born Jan. 4.

In the spring, they homesteaded eight miles north of Werner and a sod house was built in which two more daughters, Mathilda and Milida were born. In 1917, their son, Herbert made his appearance.

In 1918, the family moved to a farm eight miles north of Halliday where they remained until 1926 when they moved back to the homestead, farming and ranching until 1941, when they retired and moved into Halliday.

Mrs. Haffner died Oct. 25, 1946 and Mr. Haffner died Sept. 22, 1947.

The children: Mrs. Francis Miller, lives at Golden Valley; Mrs. Annie Wiedner at Halliday; Mrs. Hilda Wolf at Olympia, Wash.; Mrs. Mathilda Wolf at Halliday; Mrs. Milida Schlender at Olympia, Wash. and Herbert at Hebron, N.D.

## EMMA MATHSON

Emma Mathson moved to Halliday in 1916 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martens. After buying a house from Henry Klein, they moved here from a farm 5 miles south-east of Halliday with a team of horses hitched to a wagon, some cows and chickens, and a 2-year old mare belonging to Emma.

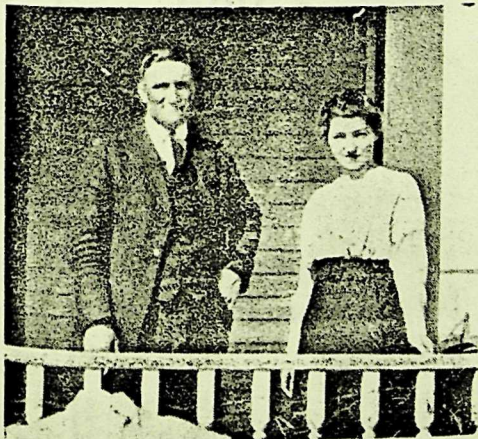
In 1921 Emma married Adolf Mathson. After this her husband and her father built chimneys and did cement work in Halliday. Later her husband worked alone and also did carpenter work and painting.

In 1925, her husband bought a threshing rig and did area farmers threshing in the fall. He also served as school janitor for 12 years during the 30's and 40's.

Adolf and Emma Mathson had nine children of which seven now survive. They are: Andrew, Edwin, Melwin, Ida, Clarence, Peter, and Martha. The two deceased are Clara, who perished in a fire in 1930 and Francis who passed away in 1948.

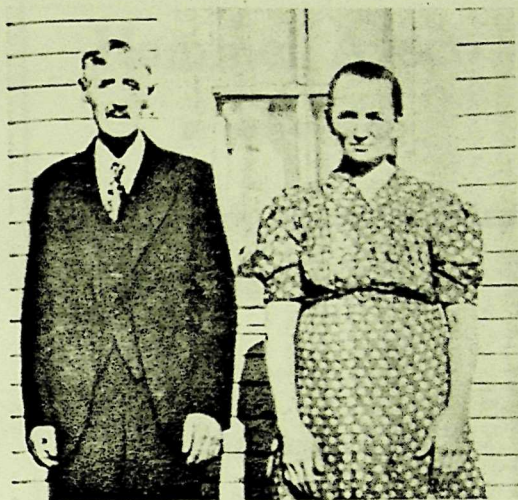
Peter, Andrew, and Edwin all served four years in the navy with the latter two fighting in World War II. Clarence followed his Dad in the same trade. All the children have moved away from Halliday.

Emma Mathson still lives here but she has been a widow for eight years.



Adolf and Emma Mathson

## HENRY MESSMER FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Messmer

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Messmer came from Russia in the early 1900s to the Hazen (Krem) community and settled there for approximately a year.

Later they moved to the Halliday community and homesteaded in the year 1905. This homestead, where they lived all of their lives, was located four miles east of Halliday. Both died within a period of six weeks in 1945.

Of them were born 14 children; two of them now deceased, Mrs. John Schneider (Amelia) in 1945, and John Messmer in 1953.

Surviving children are:

Reinhold Messmer of Fairview, Mont.; Edward Messmer, Halliday; Bertha (Mrs. Arthur Ledin) Halliday; Albert Messmer of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Christine (Mrs. Con Kraft) of Seattle, Wash.; Lydia (Mrs. Emil Weisenburger) of Stanley, N.D.;

Emma (Mrs. Gottlieb Witt) of Idaho Falls; Ida Messmer, Neuloh, N.D.; Leonard Messmer, Idaho Falls; Herbert Messmer, Grand Forks, N.D.; Ella (Mrs. Edwin Bohrer) of Stanley, N.D., and Clara (Mrs. Jim Tandfield) of Idaho Falls.

The Messmers also had 46 grandchildren.

## JOHN W. SCHETTLER

John (Jack) Schettler came from Winona, Minn. to the Halliday vicinity in 1912 at the age of six with his father, Fred Schettler. He grew up in the Halliday area and now makes his home and farms and ranches on his father's place 10 miles northwest of Halliday.

He married the former Agatha Darcy of Dunn Center in January, 1928. They have six children; Delbert, who married Katherine Wilhelm and lives nearby; Kathleen who married Donald Voigt and resides near Raub.

Jaqueline married Donald Sorensen and lives in Halliday; Carole who is married to Gerald While and is at Raub; Marlene married Joe Senger of Dodge and lives in Halliday, and Jerry is at home.





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## THE VOIGT HISTORY



Ferdinand and Myrtle Voigt

Myrtle Cooper, daughter of John and Estella Cooper, arrived in Taylor, N. D. with her mother, three brothers and two sisters on Oct. 1, 1909 from Gravity, Iowa. They remained in Taylor for seven days waiting for their father, who arrived with two immigrant cars on the railroad, bringing with him their belongings consisting of milk cows, a team of mules, one young horse, chickens and furniture.

October 12, 1909, the family arrived in Halliday settling on a homestead located on S $\frac{1}{2}$  of S $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 20, Range 92, Township 146. Only the bleak prairies appeared before them as they located on this homestead. A home had to be built for the 11 that were in the group. Myrtle's sister, Gertrude was married to Tine Gray and they were in the group, along with their two-year old daughter, Goldie. Goldie has since then become Mrs. Kummer and has been a Halliday teacher for many years. Tine Gray's father and mother arrived with them too and took a homestead nearby.

Sod was plowed to build their first one-room home. During the time of building, a tent was made of a carpet to serve as a windbreak for the stove while they cooked. This October weather was warm so a barn was also built. The following spring another room was built onto the house.

This same spring, Cooper felt it necessary for the children to have an education. He contacted Anthony Baumgartner, who said, "If someone would furnish a room free for one year a school could be had." Cooper let them use one room in their home for school and the teacher, Ina Fox, a young 17-year-old woman taught on a permit and also boarded and roomed in the home. The next year Pioneer School No. 1 was built on the section south of the Cooper home.

After five years, Myrtle's parents took a trip to Iowa to attend the golden wedding anniversary of her father's parents. One week before they left Myrtle, was married to Ferdinand J. Voigt.

Ferdinand Voigt was born in Germany and immigrated to Ohio, when a year old. Later the family lived in St. Cloud, Minnesota. When Ferdinand homesteaded near Halliday, he settled on what is now the Mickey Transtrom farm.

Many are the stories that are told of Ferdinand and his horse, Christmas. When the boys came to Halliday for

the mail, or a baseball game, Fred played fielder on horseback. As a fly came out, Fred would catch the ball, or reach down and scoop it up.

Three weeks following the departure of Myrtle's parents for Iowa, the sod house burned down. Her parents remained in Iowa until spring and Myrtle and Ferdinand went to live with her two brothers on a homestead nearby. That year winter arrived early with a lot of snow so the grain stacks were not threshed until the January thaw and the flax crop lay on the ground all winter.

Ferdinand and Myrtle had five children: Lewis, deceased; Robert, White Salmon, Wash.; Erwin and Estelle, (twins) Erwin in Halliday and Estelle in Cook, Wash.

Ferdinand died June 27, 1948. Erwin and his mother, Myrtle, remain on the homestead.

## HANS SWENSON HISTORY

Emma Halvorson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Halvorson, was born in Spink County, La Prairie Township, S. D., on Sept. 28, 1883.

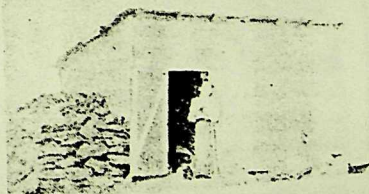
As a young woman she came to North Dakota, to the place now known as Dunn County, Township 144R92 in April 1906, to take a homestead. She lived there until her husband, Hans Swenson, who she married on April 8, 1910, at Aberdeen, S. D.; died in November 1951. Since then she has made her home with her son-in-law and daughter (Esther), (Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pedersen) of Dunn Center, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Swenson reared a family of nine children, seven of whom are living. They are: Esther (Mrs. Carl Pedersen, Dunn Center); Inez (Mrs. Erwin Helwig, Williamstown, N. J.); Sanford, Halliday, N. D.; Olive (Mrs. Glenn Miller, Abingdon, Va.); Alice (Mrs. Woodrow Skow, Seattle, Wash.); Irvin of Dunn Center and Ruth (Mrs. Raymond Stotz), Bismarck, N. D.

Many interesting experiences of her early days in North Dakota can be told by Mrs. Swenson. A few are related here briefly:

The largest town nearby was Taylor, about 30 miles away, where groceries, lumber, fuel oil and other supplies could be purchased. It usually meant a two-day trip for the homesteaders in her community several times a year. When a quick trip was to be made, the little grocery store at "Old Halliday" served the community's needs.

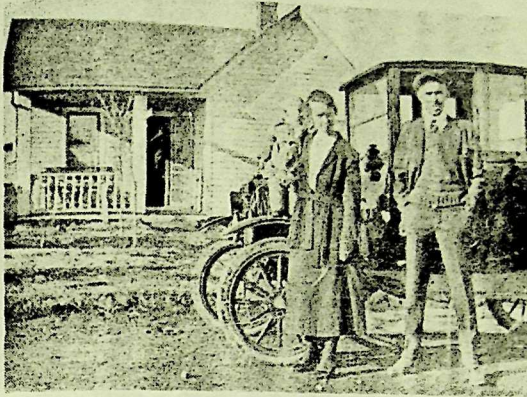
Mail was delivered several times each week from Taylor to Halliday, on to Manning, and back again to Taylor, which was headquarters for the mail carrier, a Mr. Abelman. Other interesting events which should be mentioned were the days during threshing when meals had to be prepared for close to 30 men. These were thrilling times for both young and old. Another is told of the Indians camping on the grasslands near the homestead.



Homesteading days of 1906



## DR. EDWIN CONRAD GAEBE



Doctor's family in front of home

Dr. Edward Conrad Gaebe was born on June 18, 1892, at Addieville, Ill.

Taking his preliminary education at Valparaiso University, he was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from that institution in 1911. After having received his degree in medicine from the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery in 1915, Dr. Gaebe served his internship at St. Anne Hospital in Chicago. He then started general practice.

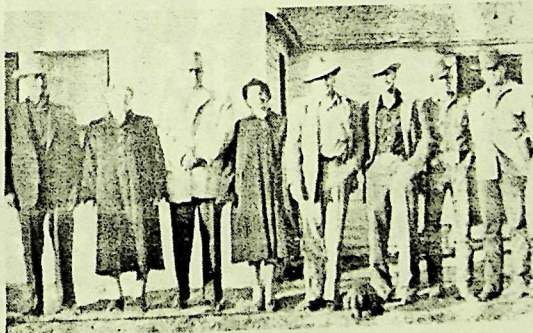
On Sept. 28, 1916, he married Iva Larson and they moved to Halliday. He served this community for several years. Two sons, Marvin and Phillip were born here.

In 1928, the Gaebes moved to Gary, Ind., and the doctor became associated with Dr. A. A. Watts, with whom he roomed during his four years of pre-medical work at Valparaiso University. After a brief illness, Dr. Gaebe died on Oct. 7, 1942, Dr. Watts said, "We still have many calls for Dr. Gaebe, for he had as a doctor that personal touch of kindness that stirs confidence in patients."

Mrs. Gaebe presently resides in Lafayette, Calif. Their son, Marvin, is deceased and Phillip, with his family, lives in San Francisco.

## THE MOHLER LYNCHS

Mohler Lynch and Minnie Hamann were married Nov. 7, 1906 in Fort Dodge, Ia. Mohler was a native of West Virginia and Minnie was born in Illinois.



The Mohler Lynch Family

At the time of their marriage Mohler was employed by the Illinois Central Railroad, as engine dispatcher. Later they went to Alvon, West Virginia, staying about a year, returning to Fort Dodge and then on to North Dakota in 1909.

Mohler and Minnie and their year-old son Bill arrived at Taylor, N. D. in October of 1909. They were met there by Edgar Lynch, Mohler's brother. It took them two days to reach their destination, six miles north of the present site of Halliday. Traveling from Taylor by team and wagon, they spent the first night at the Slack place, the present home of Alfred Gustafson.

Mohler homesteaded six miles north of the present site of Halliday, in November, 1909, where they lived in a sod house until 1915. On adjoining claims, Edgar Lynch and their mother, Mrs. E. V. Lynch also homesteaded.

From 1909 until the railroads came through Halliday, Mohler hauled freight from Taylor to Old Halliday. After proving up on his claim Mohler went into farming and ranching which he did until he sold out in 1932. After moving to Sand Point, Idaho for two months, he returned to Halliday.

In 1935 Mohler became marshal of Halliday and held this position for 14 years. In 1937 they built their home at the present location.

The family consists of five sons and one daughter. A son, William B. Lynch, died in December of 1961. Their four other sons are Richard W. Lynch of Powell, Wyo.; Howard O. Lynch of Fort Nelson, British Columbia, Canada; James Hillard Lynch of Portland, Ore., and John Clifford Lynch of Cheyenne, Wyo.

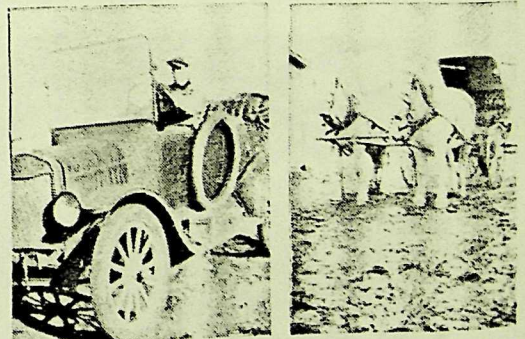
Their only daughter, Marguerite is Mrs. Chris Sorenson of Halliday.

## REINHOLD TRAXEL

Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Traxel were married in March of 1926. She was the former Johanna Keller and the wedding ceremony took place in Mannhaven.

The couple moved northwest of Halliday to the George Beagle farm, where they resided for 29 years, then moving into Halliday where they now make their home.

Their daughter, Lorene, is married to Albert Seidel and they reside on the home place. The Seidels have a son and daughter.



Reinhold Traxel's car is shown in one picture, his team and buggy in the other. Traxel is shown in the car in 1923. He traded two sacks of corn and two young pigs for the machine. The other photo was taken in 1926.



**C. O. GULLING FAMILY**



The C. O. Gulling family

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Gulling moved to Old Halliday from Starbuck, Minn., in 1906. They lived in a sod house until the frame home was built which is now owned and occupied by their son Gerhard.

The grove of trees was planted by the family and it was a favorite place for school and Ladies Aid picnics.

C. O. Gulling died in 1934 and Mrs. Gulling in 1945.

**JACOB GOETZ FAMILY**

Jacob Goetz was born Aug. 31, 1888 in South Russia. He migrated with his parents to the United States settling at Krem, N. D., in 1891 where he grew to manhood.

Times were hard and he and his brothers helped their father by picking up bones (mostly buffalo from the



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goetz are at right. Left is A. Mohl and next to him is Ervin Goetz.

prairie.) When they had a full load, these were taken to Mandan with the team and wagon where the bones were sold and groceries were purchased.

In 1910, Jacob Goetz came to Halliday where he homesteaded on Sec. 22-146-92. On Dec. 26, 1910, he was united in marriage to Christine Tschaskofske at Krem and brought her to his homestead site where they lived until 1919 when they moved to the present farm home where their son, Ervin, now resides.

These days were happy ones but there were still many hardships. Grain had to be hauled to Emerson, N. D. where it was ground into flour for family use. Grain was also hauled to Taylor, Garrison and at one time, to an elevator at Wolf-Head which was located north of Halliday where the Elbowoods bridge formerly stood. From there, it was taken by boat to its destination.

While Goetz was busy doing these tasks, Mrs. Goetz kept the homefires burning and cared for the little Goetz who came to make their home with them; namely, Hulda (Mrs. George Singleton) of Zortman, Mont., Harold of Renton, Wash., Leo and Elmer of Halliday, Ervin of Werner, Richard of Sepulveda, Calif., Melvin of Bismarck, and Peter of Dunn Center, N. D.

In 1949, Mr. and Mrs. Goetz retired and moved into Halliday where Mr. Goetz still resides. Mrs. Goetz died in February of 1961.

**THE GABRIEL MARQUARTS**

Gabriel Marquart was born in Ipswich, S. D. after his parents, Peter and Mary Marquart migrated from Russia.

He was born in 1892. His wife, Margaret Mosset Marquart, was born in 1898 in Russia and came to this country in 1902, settling at Rugby. They were married on March 3, 1919 in the St. Martins Church south of Dodge.

The Marquarts settled in the Dodge community and farmed there until 1935 when they moved to a farm south of Halliday. On this farm they also operated a coal mine.

"Gabe" Marquart died on Jan. 22, 1949. His widow moved to Halliday in the fall of 1949 where she resides at the present time.

They have four sons and three daughters: Joe retired from the U. S. Army, resident of San Antonio, Tex.; Kenneth, Williston, N. D.; Val, Great Falls, Mont.; Stephen, U. S. Army, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Mary (Mrs. Vernon Krogh,) Mauston, Wisc.; Florence, Sister Gabriella, Annunciation Priory, Bismarck and Ann (Mrs. Gerald Bogers) Halliday.



Sister Gabriella and parents





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## HENRY, KATHERINA SCHAPER



The Henry H. Schaper family in 1961

Henry Schaper was born April 22, 1889 between Springfield and Butterfield, Minn., which was later and is at present known as Darfur, Minn. The son of Conrad and Augusta (Kritzmacher) Schaper who were for a short time engaged in farming and Conrad by profession was a mason.

When Henry was eight or nine years of age, his mother became ill, entered the hospital in Springfield, where she died.

On March 16, 1906, Henry, together with his father and his younger brother William and half-brother, George, came to North Dakota and settled in Underwood, where Henry was drayman for two years. From 1908 until 1914 he hired out as a farm hand, besides spending one winter in Fargo working for a veterinarian who also engaged in horse trading.

A second winter was spent in Bismarck working for his half-brother, Jack Schaper, unloading coal cars at a steam electric plant. Usually, as every fall approached he worked on the steam-operated grain threshing rig owned and operated by Jack and George Schaper. This started in Minnesota and later moved to North Dakota, Defiance area.

In 1915 Henry worked for a 2 year period for Peter Collison who lived at the present Larry Weisz farm north of Halliday. Collison had to go to Canada for two years to file claim for a homestead, leaving his wife and children in North Dakota. Henry made a deal with Collison, trading 11 horses for two years rent of Collison's farmland.

During the year 1915, Henry also met for the first time his future bride at a school house party. In those days young folks did not meet as frequently as they do now and in his heart he felt she was the girl of his choice. But several months went by before another chance meeting in secret was available. By then Cupid hit its mark. Katherina Stohler promised to be his and their courtship started.

In 1916 Schaper had a good crop and decided he was able to support a wife and they married.

Katherina Stohler, daughter of Konstantine and Fredericka (Ost) Stohler, was born at Krem, South Russia on Dec. 27, 1897. On the Nov. 23, 1910 the Stohler family departed from Liverpool on the ship named Haverfort, and sailed for America. They arrived in Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 5, 1910, and traveled by train

to North Salem where relatives took them to Krem, N. D. and the family was split up among relatives and remained thus until they were able to file on a homestead north of Halliday, known then as Defiance area. This took place in June 1911.

The Stohlers lived on this farm for 31 years when old age forced them to retire. They moved into Dunn Center, N. D., in 1942. Stohler died in September of 1948, at the age of 87 years, Mrs. Stohler died in January, 1954 at the age of 90, spending the last eight years as a bed-ridden patient in the home of her son, Christ and his wife.

On Nov. 26, 1916, Katherina and Henry were married at a little Defiance school house, used also for worship services. They engaged in active farming on several locations, Northeast and Northwest of Halliday. These farms proved too small to earn a living for their increasing family.

In 1925 they moved into Halliday and ran a livery stable and dairy business for about six months when the dream of a larger farm became true. They purchased the Ed Rowe farm and again moved north of Halliday where they remained until retiring and moved back into Halliday in 1956.

Thirteen children were born to this couple; Irene, married to Arthur Mittelstadt, who are cattle-grain farmers northeast of Halliday and have six children; Henry Jr., deceased; Edwin, who works at Liebelt's Chevrolet in Beulah, N. D., as a shop mechanic, married to Regina Retzer and have two children; Lillian, wife of Martin Bergstedt, owner and operator of Bergstedt Imp. Sales and Service in Halliday and have been engaged in business for 17 years and have six children; Mabel, wife of Bernard Teske, depot agent in Halliday for the past seven years and also operates Bernie's Electronic Service and they have 3 daughters.

Gertrude, wife of David Retzer, grain-cattle farmers at Glen Ullin, N. D., they have two daughters, Sigfried, married to Luella Wolf and are engaged in cattle-ranching, grain, farming and have five children. They own and operate his retired father's farm. David is married to Orlene Renner and lives at Forsyth, Mont., and owns and operates a Texaco service station. Wilfried is married to Madella Kisse. He learned the barber trade and is at present engaged in farming after having purchased the former Jason Haggard farm north of Halliday and they have three children.

Darlene, wife of Alf Lindborg, resides at Upton, Wyo., where Olf is custodian at the high school and also operates city motel. They have four children. Vera is married to Robert Barfield, who is with Secret Service of the Air Force, presently stationed in Berlin, Germany and they have three sons.

Clara, wife of Elmer Goetz are grain, cattle farmers northeast of Halliday and have two daughters, Marvin is married to Darlene Heth and they have two children and live in West Fargo where he is a truck driver.

Henry and Katherina Schaper went through many hardships, crop failures, big "dust bowl" in the 30's. David, who served in the Marines, was feared dead when he was trapped for many weeks in the Korean mountains during the Korean war.

Mrs. Schaper was ill much of her life, having undergone seven major operations and several minors ones, plus suffering a nervous breakdown, spending five weeks in a Minnesota hospital during which time Henry Jr. died of cerebral palsy in August of 1950. He was buried without her knowing it.



Perhaps the two most painful of all experiences was learning a few weeks after the birth of their second child and oldest son that he was an incurable invalid afflicted with apreltyc paralysis, and hearing their first four granddaughters perished when the home of their oldest daughter and son-in-law burned to the ground.

Katherina Schaper died Jan. 10, 1964, after an illness of seven years and death was attributed to Hodgkins disease. Henry at the present, resides in Halliday, but plans to sell his home and visit his children and relatives for a time.

Some of Henry's memories of the first location of Halliday is an area, two miles north of the present site, a little post office and store with vital necessities operated by Sig Evenson, still living in Halliday. Later Mr. Williams and Wimmer arrived and opened a large store, plus handling real estate. They purchased much land in this area. A bank was also opened at this time and Sam Jewel operated a blacksmith shop. Many settlers built shacks and houses at the new location before the village of Halliday was relocated near the railroad tracks. A doctor set up his practice in a meager shack.

Grain was hauled in wagon loads of 20-21 sacks per load, to flour mills first located at Krem, N. D. Later another opened at Hebron and farmers drove there and had their own flour ground plus having cereals made.

If a farmer had a good team of horses this trip could be made in three days — otherwise it took longer.

Grain threshing began about September 7 and lasted until Thanksgiving time and often had to be discontinued until spring, due to heavy snow. Men were away from home all this time except weekends, because the threshing rig was followed from farm to farm. At times horses had to be hitched to the engine to help pull the rig through deep snow and bog from one grain stack to the next.

The snow covered stacks were uncapped and threshing proceeded. Straw was burned for fuel in the big threshing rig to heat water, thus creating the steam needed for operating the machine owned by the Schaper Brothers.

## KNUT, RUTH TOFT

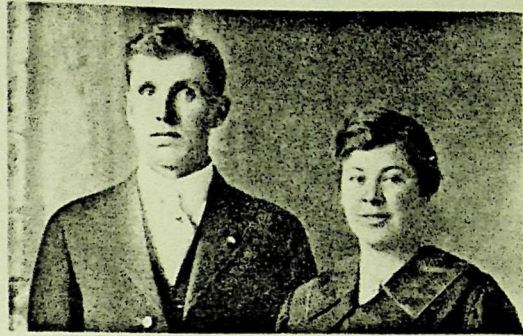
Knut Toft arrived from Norway in 1905 at 16 years of age. He worked for 18 months in a childrens' home in Beresford, S. D. His uncle, Andrew Toft lived in South Dakota, this being the reason he stopped in that state.

July 10, 1910. Knut Toft arrived in North Dakota. He was too young to file on a homestead so he worked for other farmers in the Halliday vicinity. Sometime later, Toft filed on a homestead eight miles south of Halliday. He sold this homestead to Kjel Glorvik, but later purchased it back, along with some adjoining land.

October 22, 1917 Knut was united in marriage with Ruth Pederson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Pederson, their family having come from Chicago, Illinois in 1905. The Pedersons homesteaded in Loring Township, south of Dodge. Their sons, Lawrence helped survey for the Northern Pacific Railway, when it came through Halliday.

Ruth Pederson did housework for some of the families in the Halliday and Dodge area. She received a wage of three dollars a week. The day beginning long before sunup and lasting many hours after sunset.

In 1957, the Tofts sold their farm to their nephew, Alton Swenson. Since then, they have spent some time in California and Knut has also made trips to Norway.



Mr. and Mrs. Knut Toft

Their 40 years spent on the farm they describe as "very enjoyable" and they now reside in Dodge, N.D., in a trailer home.

## ALEX GOETZ FAMILY

Alex Goetz and Emma Miller were married Dec. 9 1928 and they had seven children. The oldest boy died at the age of seven years and six months.

Eleanor, now Mrs. Lester Butler, is a nurse in Buffalo, Wyo. and has two children. Harold is married to Lorna Hall and teaches at State University, Fargo. He spends the summer months at the experiment station in Dickinson. They have two children: Wilma, now Mrs. Robert Freise, is a nurse at Bismarck and she has two children.

Elmer is married to Clara Schaper. He is engaged in farming and also has two children. Victor works with a road construction company and holds an auctioneer license. Ruthy is also taking up nurses training in Bismarck.

The Goetz' lived on a farm north of Halliday about 20 years after their marriage and now reside on the former Philip Meissel farm.



Alex Goetz family in 1963



**EMELIA, WILHELM FLAGET**



Oliver Flaget on right. Next to him is Will Flaget and to his left is his wife. Woman on far left is a cousin, from Minnesota.

Will Flaget and his sister, Anna, immigrated from Gol, Holingdal, Norway, in 1902, to seek better opportunities, which they had heard were available in the new world. They stopped at Spring Grove, Minn., where relatives lived. After working on several farm jobs the west beckoned again and they moved to Kindred, N.D., an later to Webster, S. D.

While in South Dakota, Will met Knut Engene and the two acquired a team of horses and a wagon and in 1906, set out for Dunn County, North Dakota. Will then filed for a homestead on a location about sixteen miles south of Halliday. He lived there the required time of five years to prove up on this homestead and received the ownership of 160 acres. Shortly afterwards he sold this land to the Klees, which at present time is part of the George Klee farm.

Emelia Gustafson, her father and two sisters immigrated from Smoland, Sweden and arrived at Taylor, North Dakota on December 29, 1906. Here they were met by her brother, John Gustafson, who took them to his ranch on Knife River, where she worked for two years. She then filed and proved up on a homestead, which was later the Jake Loeffelbein farm south of Halliday.

As Will struggled to make a living, his thoughts would go back to his native country and relatives left behind. After nine years he had saved enough money to take a trip to Norway, so in the fall of 1911, he returned. February 23, 1912, Will accompanied by his brother, Nels and Pete Tolpingrud left for the United States of America. They had planned to sail on the ill-fated maiden voyage of the Titanic, but they didn't take time to wait until it would sail. They purchased tickets on the Olympic and arrived back to Taylor the latter part of March 1912. Here they were met by Knut Toft, who had taken care of Will's farm that winter. It was so muddy in Taylor, that they lost their rubber footwear, but finally made it home to Flagets with team and wagon.

When Will sold this homestead, he purchased land south of Werner and sold it a year or two later to Albert Monson. The Monsons made it their home for many years later, selling it to Edwin Rohde, who still resides there.

In 1913, Will Flaget and Emelia Gustafson were married and the next year they purchased the George Ander-

son farm, northeast of Halliday. Mrs. Anderson also ran a country store on this farm. She could speak the Indian language fluently, so drew a lot of Indian trade. She built another store in Halliday, but later sold it.

On Will's various farms, he broke the virgin sod and raised flax. On the last farm he broke 100 acres with a gang plow pulled by eight horses.

Farming for the Flagets had its ups and downs, there were good and bad years. In 1928 after many years of hard work, they rented out the farm and took a year's vacation. In June, Will and Emelia and their son, Oliver, took a trip to Norway. Here they visited many relatives and enjoyed a lot of sight seeing

The following years brought adverse farming conditions, which also had bad affects on Will's health and in January 1936, he died. Emelia and her son Oliver continued farming.

In 1938, Oliver and Marian Swenson were married. They and their three children; Marijean, Bill and Sharlene, have continued to reside on the Flaget farm. Emelia has retired and lives in her small home on the farm.

**KUSTIAN MATHISEN FAMILY**

Kustian Mathisen filed on a homestead in Dunn County in January of 1908. In June 1908, he moved with his wife and family of five children, by covered wagon from Aneta, (Nelson County) North Dakota to his sister and family, the John Johnsons until, with the help of some friends and neighbors a sod house was built.

For a few years Mathisen had the mail route from Dunn and Loring post office to Marshall post office three days a week.

Mrs. Mathisen died on Feb. 3, 1912, leaving a husband and seven children. One son died in Norway at the age of six weeks, and twins died in infancy in Dunn County.

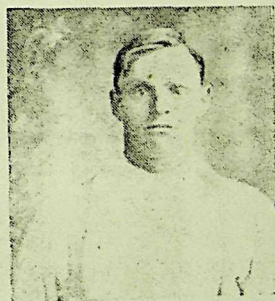
Kustian Mathisen died Nov. 21, 1921. Maius Mathisen is now living on the old homestead, southeast of Halliday.

**HENRY ZEISLER**

Henry Zeisler was born May 17, 1886 in Krem, South Russia, and went to South Dakota in the fall of that year. The following spring he came to North Dakota and lived north of Hazen, about six miles from Pick City.

In 1905-06 he worked for a brother Jacob on a farm northeast of Halliday for two summers and in 1912, filed on a homestead near Van Hook and lived there until 1914.

In 1915 he started farming near Halliday; again and in 1919 around Hazen. From 1920-23 he worked in California, then came back to Hazen and stayed there until 1938. before going to Billings for 10 years.



Henry Zeisler

In 1948 Zeisler came back to Halliday and farmed again. He now is retired and 77 years old, living with his wife and family in Halliday.



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## CARL SIVERTS HISTORY



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Siverts on right. Left are son Norman and Marie Burns, Mrs. Siverts' sister.

My father, Capt. H. Siverts, was a sea captain, having crossed the Atlantic Ocean 44 times, besides having been in every seaport in Europe and Asia.

In 1884 he decided to come to America, as he had a brother in Little Falls, Minn. After arriving there he decided to come to western Dakota, which was at that time Dakota Territory. In 1885 he filed on a homestead where the present Ash Coulee ranch now is located. Mrs. Siverts and three children arrived from Norway in 1886 and from then on made their home on the ranch.

Carl Siverts, was born in what still was Dakota Territory on Aug. 15, 1887, as North Dakota did not come into being until 1889. We were a large family, consisting of five boys and six girls, which all grew up on the ranch.

The only education the older children received was from teachers who were hired to come to the ranch and for which my folks had to pay out of their private funds. For a long time Richardton was our post office and many a time when I was eight to 10 years old I rode to Richardton alone after the mail and back, without even as much as lunch on the trip.

Later we joined the church at Taylor and for 30 years or so we obtained our mail there. When the mail route was established from Richardton and the post office at Marshall was opened we received our mail from Richardton and have ever since.

In 1908, I filed on a homestead near the ranch which I still own and in 1911 I married Zelma Jensen, who had a homestead south of Dodge. She came from near Wahpeton, N. D., being one of the early settlers, there, coming from Norway at the age of three years.

We had one son Norman V. Siverts, who grew to manhood on our ranch. We were four or five miles or more from any school, so Norman received his common school education by riding thousands of miles horseback, even while attending high school at Dodge which was 15 miles away. At that time he rode back and forth every day when needed at home. After high school and one term at Wahpeton School of Science and four years in the Merchant Marines, he married Ruth Pelton of Dunn Center, a daughter of one of Dunn County's pioneer families. They now make their home at Caldwell, Idaho where they have a farm.

A sister of Mrs. Carl Siverts, Marie Burns, who also homesteaded in the Knife River Valley has been associated with us in our ranching and farming enterprise for 30 years. We started our own ranch in 1912 and have been in the livestock and farming industry ever since.

During those years we saw good years and dry years but liked the country so well that we stayed on, come good or bad. After dad and mother's death, we purchased the ranch where I was born. The one room shack where I was born in 1887 is still intact on the ranch.

I spent my first winter in Dakota and the winter of 1887-88 has the record of being the worst winter ever experienced in western North Dakota. The only thing that saved us was the fact that there was a good vein of lignite coal within walking distance of the house. My folks always told about how they took the corn husks out of all the mattresses to keep the cows alive during the last blizzard the spring of 1888. Most of the cattle that been shipped into Dakota Territory from Texas and turned loose in the Badlands perished during the winter.

My parents claimed that the frost was four inches thick on the inside of our singlwall shack. There were three months that winter when the folks never received any mail or got to Richardton, but they had stocked up on everything in the fall.

I remember my parents telling that the merchants at Dickinson were advertising that they would sell you all the groceries you could haul with on team and a single wagon box for \$25. It would consist of flour, salt, bacon, sugar, oatmeal, cornmeal, dried fruit, coffee, tea, and a good liberal sack of candy if there was a bunch of youngsters in the family.

I well remember many a time the only morsel I had on a trip to Richardton would be a sack of candy or cookies that Fred Koesel or L. T. Lewis at Taylor would give me, or maybe a good muskmelon or watermelon a kind-hearted farmer along the road would hand me.

During the years I grew up here at the ranch, there was seldom a night that some wayfarer did not stop over. In fact, there was seldom a meal but what some traveler ate and I cannot remember on a single occasion that mother or dad charged anyone for a meal or lodging—the western hospitality you read about but do not see much of anymore. They made hundreds of life long friends in that way.

A doctor was seldom heard of in those days but on several occasions we had Doctor Perkins or Doctor Davis out from Dickinson. Dad would take a team and lumber wagon, drive to Richardton or Taylor and send a telegram to the doctor. He would come down on the next train and they would drive to the ranch.

Just before the turn of the century a Lutheran congregation was organized at Taylor, where we attended divine services almost every time they were held. We thought nothing of driving a team and wagon or light spring wagon the 23 miles for 11 a.m. services and back home in the afternoon after eating a lunch which as a rule we brought along from home. Lunch counters and cafes were few and far between in those days.

In those days when driving across the prairies and you experienced a breakdown of any kind you had to use your own ingenuity and know-how to make repairs, so you could continue on your trip. On some roads it would be a week's time before any other wagon would come the same trail.



Both my folks' family and our own through the years were blessed with good health. In the pioneer day if anyone had an accident or got hurt, it was a case of life or death. It took about as long to get a doctor as it would take to get healed.

I am happy I had a chance to live my life in western North Dakota, as I think it compares equally in every respect with any other part of the United States one can name.

If I had a chance to live my life over, I would again choose ranching in Western North Dakota.

(By Carl Siverts)

## MR. AND MRS. FRED CHRISTENSEN

Fred Christensen was born Aug. 23, 1885, at Richrdton, N. D. He was the second child of a family of six girls and five boys. The family lived south of Taylor.

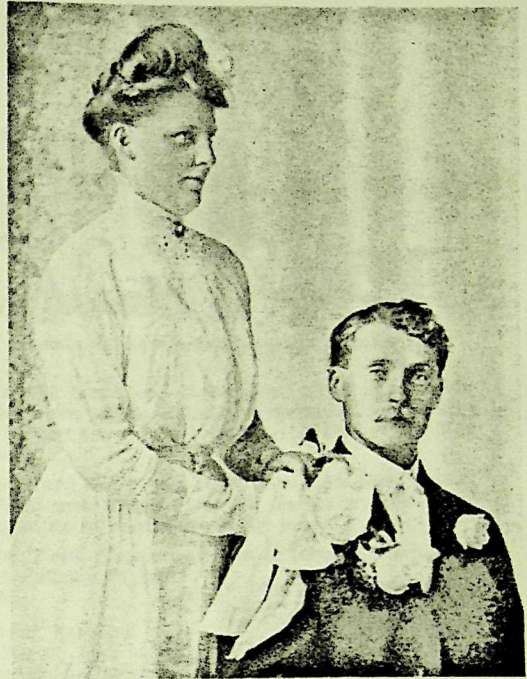
At the age of 14 Fred left home and came to Halliday and worked for Martin Dahlen, riding range on a herd of cattle. He later worked for Ole Christensen, Sr.

Antonia Decker was born in Lanquarden, Germany, June 12, 1887. Her family came to America in the winter of 1892 and ranched near Clay Butte, southwest of Werner.

In 1905, Fred and Antonia were married. They had 10 children, five girls and five boys. All are married and seven of them live in the Halliday area.

Mrs. Christensen died April 22, 1944 and Fred Christensen died July 9, 1955.

## J. CARL AND INGA SWENSON



Wedding picture of J. Carl and Inga Swenson

I started to make the Halliday country my abode more or less since the end of April 1902. Gust Carlson, Ernest Carlson, Carl E. Carlson and I immigrated from Molila, Sweden. We arrived in Taylor by train and traveled by lumber wagon from Taylor to John Gustafson's ranch located on Knife River the first day and following day proceeded on to Charles Gustafson's.

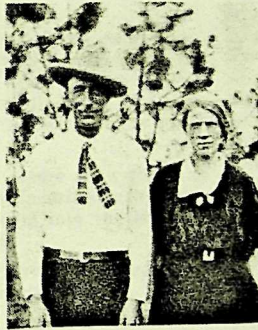
The Halliday family, after whom the Halliday post office was named, had moved away. A man, by the name of William (Bill) Ray, served as Halliday postmaster. The post office and combined dwelling was a small three-room shanty, that also served as a merchandising store of certain household necessities: including tobacco, but no alcoholic beverages. At this time the area was very thinly populated.

Those who were settled Hallidayites were the Alf Olafsons, John Reimer, Martin, John, and Carl Dahlen, Ole Christensen's and the Engebretson boys, Ed and Jack. Charles Gustafson homesteaded on what is now the Emil Gustafson farm. Sam Keller lived three or four miles east of Gustafsons. Sam Juel, an old bachelor, lived in a dugout on what is now the George Ferebee farm. Pete Fredricks resided on the Indian reservation, but made Halliday his place of business. Tom Smith, an Indian of sterling quality and character, and a man by the name of Anderson had the Club Ranch, which was later the farmstead of Pete Tschaekofoske.

Oscar Gustafson had homesteaded where Harry Gustafson now lives. Sven Egge had what is now Bill Gustafson's farm. Two young men, Stewart and McVain, lived a little east of where the Emil Carlson farm is now located. That place was called the Roy Henderson place, but he moved when I came out here. East of there, a



Fred on horse



The Fred Christensens



This picture taken in 1918 shows (left to right) Mrs. Fred Christensen and Ileen (Mrs. Joe Remsing of Dunn Center) Mrs. Martin Dahlen, Mrs. John Riemer and Hazel Pollestad (Mrs. Art Hedger).



mile and one-half lived Henry Lighter, where I homesteaded in 1911.

There was an unlimited supply of pure spring water on the place and good rolling grazing or pasture land. We considered these the most valuable assets in the pioneer days because none of the ranchers could possible think that western North Dakota would ever be a good grain producing country.

Between 1902 and 1911, I spent my time working for various people, namely: Charles Gustafson, Alf Olafson, and Anderson on the Club ranch. I even spent some time in Montana as a ranch hand. In 1910, during the time I worked for Charles Gustafson, I met a young lady, Inga Pederson, who was assisting Mrs. Gustafson with the housework.

Inga's parents had immigrated from Chicago, Ill., to North Dakota in 1906 and she had remained in Chicago until a year later. That year her father shipped some cattle to Chicago and she returned with him at that time. She filed on a homestead near her parents in Loring community—sometimes called "Little Chicago"—because of the many settlers from Chicago.

December 30, 1911, Inga Pederson and I were united in marriage by Pastor Sathre, in her parents' three-room home with 75 guests present. The temperature was 20 below zero.

We went to live on a homestead northwest of the Charles Gustafson's farm, and reared a family of eight children. Alton, Robert, Marian (Mrs. Flaget), Elsie (Mrs. Sanford Swenson) all of Halliday, Margaret (Mrs. Harold Keisz) of Stanton, Dorothy (Mrs. Edward Kurle) of Bismarck, Ruth (Mrs. Art Tschaekefske) of Dodge, and Charles of Glendive, Mont.

There were good years and there were lean years in these pioneer days. In 1901, there was no rain the whole season, but there was a lot of old dried grass from the previous year that the ranchers cut, to be on the safe side, if needed. It happened that the winter was mild with hardly any snow.

September 12, 1903, we had a severe snowstorm, a driving wind that piled the snow up in drifts many feet deep. The cattle drifted with the wind into the Hebron country and many were never found.

In 1904 snow storms continued throughout the whole winter until the last storm being March 15-16-17.

The worst storm, I'd ever seen was when facing the wind and snow, I could not see five feet ahead of me. Suddenly the weather turned very mild and the sun melted the snow in a few days. The creek bottom land was a lake both east and west of Halliday, as far as a person could see. I was lost in one of these storms for two days and one night. Fortunately the Lord spared me and my favorite horse, Belle, would not let me lie on the ground to rest. She aroused me until I remounted her and rode until we came to a vacant shack where she and I went inside until the storm subsided.

In 1911 we had another drought season. Those who planted as soon as they could get in the field, threshed 10 to 12 bushels per acre. Those who seeded when ordinary planting season would be missed entirely. Rain fell later in the year but too late to do any good.

In 1952, we moved from our homestead to a farm northwest, formerly the Messmer farm. Our son, Robert and family reside on the homestead.

Inga died in September of 1963 and I reside on the farm, where we moved in 1952.

(By J. Carl Swenson)

## THE DEPEWS, SCHIELKES



Marvin Schielke beside load of hay bales

Mr. and Mrs. Depew with sons, Floyd and Marvin Schielke, came to the Halliday community in the early 1920s. Delbert Depew was born June 16, 1922 on the Mill Cole farm.

They moved to Lansing, Mich. then came back in 1928 and Floyd and Marvin Schielke started a truck line, hauling cattle to market for many years.

Mrs. Nettie Depew was born in Bemidji, Minn., and died at Halliday on Sept. 16, 1952.

Floyd Schielke was born May 3, 1902. After leaving Halliday, he worked in grain elevators at Sidney and Billings, Mont. He died at Billings, Aug. 18, 1958 of a heart attack leaving his widow and three children, two girls and one boy. They now reside at Harlowtown, Mont.

Marvin Schielke was born March 29, 1907 and died suddenly at Werner, N. D. Jan. 17, 1963. Marvin operated a garage at Werner for a number of years.

Delbert and wife, Edith have one son, James Edward Depew, born Aug. 8, 1946. Delbert retired from U. S. Navy in October of 1963 and now resides at 2044 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda, Calif.



Mrs. Depew and Delbert

## THE JOE LEINTZ'

Joe Leintz and Christine Hauck were married in 1936. They purchased farm land adjoining the homestead acquired by his father.

A butte on this property was familiarly known as Lookout Hill. The cave in this hill, the hill and adjoining area had been used as a camping area by Indians. Buildings in Richardton can be seen from this hill.

Joe and Christine Hauck have three daughters: Rose (Mrs. Clarence Kust) Bismarck, N. D.; Amy (Mrs. Victor Geggelman) Halliday, N. D. and Dorothy (Mrs. Albert Allmendinger) Dodge, N. D.

Two grandchildren are Michael and Lora.





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## THE DAN BOLLINGERS

We moved to Halliday from Artas, S. D. in July 1922, after Dan had first been here to look the job over at the Berge elevator. Marjorie was eight months old, and the family had to stay at the hotel and eat meals at the restaurant that was in the building near it until our furniture arrived by freight.

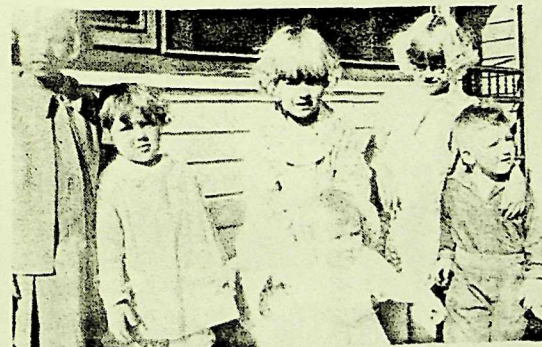
We rented the little tan house across from the creek, owned by the Lingenfelter Bros. and lived there until the following June. I had gone to Wisconsin



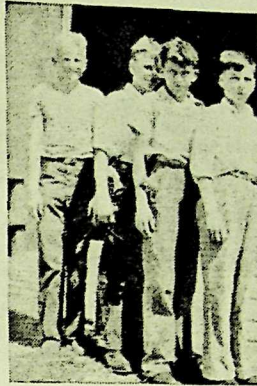
Marjorie Bollinger, Evelyn Hart, Bella Marcovitz, Toba Marcovitz, Lucille Hart and Rose Fischer, in 1926.



Sidney Mertz, Wesley Gensberg, Miles Bollinger and Weston Sailer show model airplanes in 1938.



Vivian Gustafson, Shirley Zwicker, Delores Zwicker and Marjorie Bollinger. In front are Georgia Zwicker and Miles Bollinger.



The Bollinger family in Miles Bollinger, Malc Pippin, 1934. Shown are Marjorie, Jr., Harry Malloy and Wil-Dan, Edna and Miles. Dusty, bert Stroming. Picture was the family dog, is also taken in 1940. shown.

December of 1922, and while I was away Palmer's store burned down. Dan slept so sound that he didn't hear a thing, and so was surprised to see what was left the next morning.

We enjoyed the good Halliday school basketball teams and hardly missed a game and also the good dances put on once a month by the Civic Club with just married couples taking part.

Miles was born June 30, 1927, and my sister from California came and stayed with us about six weeks. Many grown-ups, as well as Marjorie's friends will remember her as being friendly and kind.

It was nice to be there when the Congregational Church was built and in operation, with services, Sunday school, and Ladies Aid. I remember The Rev. Sam Lenters best, as I was a Sunday School teacher while he was there and we teachers had meetings and other functions.

I haven't lived in a town I've liked as well as Halliday. Up to the depression Halliday was a lovely, friendly town!

Marjorie died in October of 1935 and we moved to Dodge in July 1938.

(By Mrs. Dan Bollinger)

## THE LAMBERT GERHARTS

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Gerhart came to the United States from Russia in June 1906, going to Milbank, S.D. In 1917 they came to North Dakota and homesteaded 11 miles south of Dodge, later moving to a farm 12 miles south of Halliday. In 1924 they moved three miles north of Halliday.

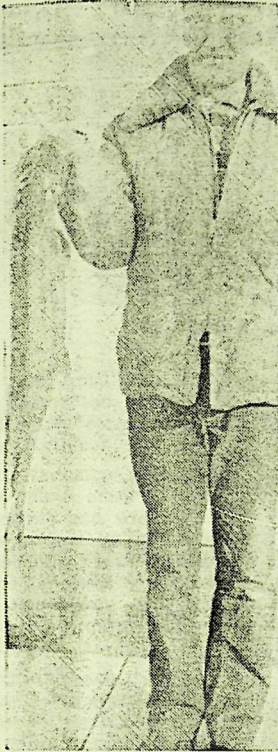
On March 16, 1942 Mr. Gerhart died at the age of 64. In 1944 Mrs. Gerhart moved to Halliday where she lived until 1958. She lived with her daughter, Mrs. Louis Jurgens for one year before going to the St. Benedict's Home. She died on Aug. 27, 1962 at the age of 87.

Seven children were born to the union: Joe, who died at the age of 61 on July 2, 1963; Anton of Bismarck; Barbara (Mrs. Louis Jurgens), Dickinson; Lambert of Bismarck; John, of Minot; Margaret Parsons of Mott and Matt at Williston.



## PETER AND ELSIE WEISZ

The Peter J. and Elsie Weisz land was purchased in 1929, from Miller's National Insurance Co.



Peter Weisz

They built a one-room shanty and present barn that winter and moved into this place Feb. 23, 1930.

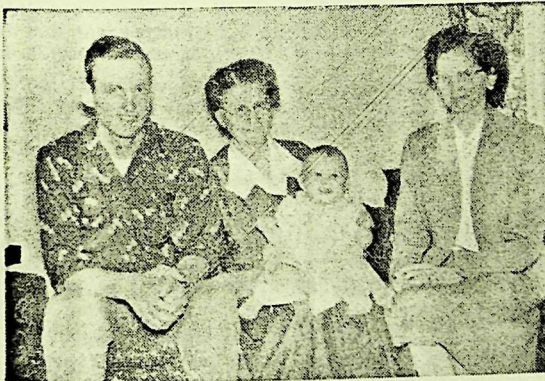
Pete was born in Mercer County on his parents' farm that his father George homesteaded about eight miles north of Dodge, on Nov. 30, 1907 and he resided there while growing up.

Pete was married on Oct. 13, 1929 to Elsie Breitling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Breitling, and Elsie was born in a shanty at the Breitling homestead about 12 miles north of Dodge on Aug. 16, 1908, that shanty is still there today.

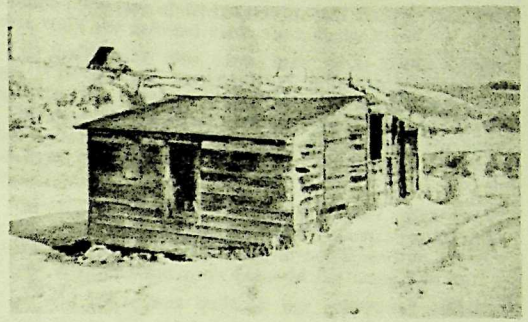
On October 21, 1943 Pete purchased land from Osie Lee Wimmer. Progress was slow. The 30's were hard years to construct or improve in. March 20, 1950 they bought the Pete Tskhaekofskoe farm and after living on that farm for 27 years they moved to Halliday.

They have two sons, Victor the oldest, is married to Norma Weidner and they have three children; Karen, Kenny, and Kimberly, live one mile east of this farm on the former Wm. Schaper place.

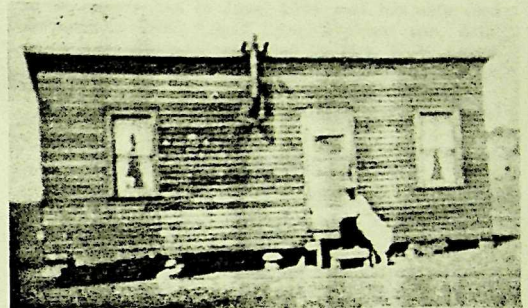
Larry is married to Jeanette Richau and they have a daughter Tammy. Larry's family lives on this farm and operate it with Pete.



Four generations. Mrs. E. M. Bretling, Mrs. Peter Weisz, Victor Weisz and Karen Weisz.



Birthplace of Mrs. Elsie Weisz was built in 1905 and is still standing



Peter and Elsie's shanty built in 1929

## JOHN RIEMER HISTORY

John Albert Riemer migrated from Germany, to Taylor, N. D. In 1890, he married Emma Hecht of Taylor, in Bozeman, Mont. They farmed near Taylor until about 1898, when they moved south of Halliday, where he homesteaded.

They lived in a sod house for about four years until they could haul lumber from Taylor, a distance of nearly 40 miles, to build a home. Later a stone barn was built on this farm by the late Stener Haugen, uncle of Olav Haugen, and Austin Olson. The barn still stands on the James McNamara farm in use and well preserved.

Besides his homestead, Riemer purchased Section 5 from the railroad company for \$2.50 an acre. Frank Riemer has this farm except for one quarter which Everett McNamara owns.



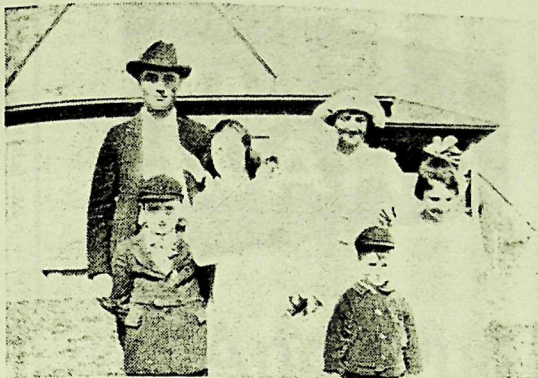
Mr. and Mrs. Mertz

The Riemer family consisted of nine children; four living in Halliday, and Harry Riemer in St. Helens, Oregon and five girls; namely Mrs. James McNamara (Ida) of Halliday; Mrs. Hazel Hermunstad, Pauline Riemer, Mrs. Grace Halvorson all deceased and Mrs. Clifford Sivesind (Minnie) at Halliday.

John Albert Riemer died in 1914, and his wife Emma, died in 1928.



**EDGAR LYNCH FAMILY**



The Edgar Lynch children

On April 30, 1908, Edgar Lynch arrived by train at Richardton, N. D., accompanied by his wife and three oldest children, one son, Alta, and two daughters, Margery and Kathleen.

He came here from his home state of West Virginia and was met at Richardton by a sister's husband, Fred Callison, who had come here a year or two before and were becoming quite well established.

On the early morning of May 1 we started on our way by team and wagon in a springtime blizzard for Fred Callison's homestead located on Hans Creek in Goodman Valley, which is nine miles north of where Halliday is now located. We arrived there late that evening, tired but wide-eyed and full of wonder as to what such a country had to offer.

We slept that night in a tent. When we awakened the next morning the tent was burdened down with the night's heavy snowfall. We were glad to get out of there and into the warmth of the Callison sod claim shack and a warm breakfast.

The Lynch family stayed with the Callisons until June, then moved across the Little Missouri River onto the '75' ranch where Edgar had been employed to put up hay for the owner.

That ranch was located on what was known as the Big Lease, between the Big and Little Missouri Rivers. That fall after haying, Edgar took his family and came back to Callison's where he made his headquarters while filing on his homestead and building a sod house in which to live. He put up some prairie hay for his own use and he also purchased a milk cow.

He bought his first team that fall and got the job of hauling freight from Taylor to the grocery store at Old Halliday and the George Anderson store located on what is now Oliver Flaget's farm. Lynch occasionally hauled freight from Hebron to the Defiance store, about

12 miles northeast of Dodge. He hauled freight to these stores until the railroad came through in 1914.

Grube Pinnell also came here with Edgar Lynch from West Virginia to homestead in North Dakota. He homesteaded adjoining the east side of the present site of Halliday, on land now owned by John Nordahl. He was Halliday's marshall and drayman at one time. He built and lived in the house now owned by Richard Weisenberger.

In August 1911 Edgar Lynch's mother, Mrs. E. V. Lynch, came to North Dakota from West Virginia and after being here awhile decided to homestead on a piece of land adjoining her son's place in the same section.

A sod house was built on her homestead and she proved up on 200 acres. Later she sold the land to her son, Mohler Lynch, and went to live with a daughter in Pasadena, Calif.

Edgar Lynch died in June, 1939, and his wife died in December of 1952. Edgar Lynch's oldest son, Alta, now owns the section homesteaded by Mrs. E. V. Lynch and her two sons, Edgar and Mohler Lynch, and Adolph Borth, Sr.

(By Mrs. Sverre (Margery) Mathisen)

**THE MICKEY TRANSTROMS**

Mickey Transtrom came to Halliday from the "Big Lease" in 1925 and has lived here since that time. He married Kathleen Lynch in 1929.

After living on several different farms, they purchased the Spring Coulee ranch, known to many as the "Charlie Allstom" place.

Kathleen rode horseback to Allstrom's years ago to listen to the radio with earphones. She taught school for many years in the Halliday area.

Four children were born to the Transtroms: Lille (Mrs. Les Wilhelm), Larry, a professional rodeo announcer, was killed in a car accident in 1960. He served in the U.S. Navy and attended Dickinson State Teachers college.

Bob and Bill (twins) graduated from high school at Halliday in 1961. Bob is in the Army, stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and Bill is at home with his parents on the ranch.



Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lynch and sons, Luke and Wilbur

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## THE BERT JACKSON FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jackson

Bert and Margaret Jackson first came to Halliday in July of 1919. They along with Mrs. Jackson's parents, came by covered wagon from Regent, N. D., where they were married and lived on a farm 12 miles north of there.

Bert was the youngest son of D. W. and Martha Jackson who came from Iowa in 1905 and homesteaded on a farm 12 miles north of Regent, D. W. and Mrs. Jackson also moved to Halliday in 1923 where he operated a cream station until 1933.

Mrs. D. W. Jackson died in the spring of 1932 in Halliday, and Mr. Jackson died at the home of a son in Iowa in 1940 at the age of 89.

There were five children born to Bert and Margaret at Regent. They were: Marshall, Marvel, Virgil, Vida and Lester. All five were delivered by Doctor Hill, who still practices in Regent.

Seven more children were born to the parents at Halliday. They were: Leonard, Carol, Boyd, Donald, Ezra (who died as an infant), Ardella, and Crystal Fae. Doctor Law delivered these seven children.

The family left Regent in a covered wagon in search of a more profitable location because of the drought. The first days' travel took them to the town of Marshall on the Knife River. Here they erected their tents for the nights' camp. About dark a wind and thunderstorm came up and blew down one of the tents, but no one was injured.

The first person to stop and talk to the travelers was Soren Myre, who ran the blacksmith shop in Halliday, and he invited the family to come and take a good look at the town. The next evening found the Jacksons in Halliday for the first time. The surrounding country looked good and the grass and crops were in prime condition.

Although the town was young it had many good features. There was a railroad and depot and stockyards. There were elevators, churches and stores, lumber yard and electricity. Jake Winnrich operated the light plant and supplied the town with ample current, on a limited basis. The people were kind and friendly and so the Jacksons decided to settle here.

Bert went to work for Grube Pinnel helping to harvest the crop Grube had raised north of town and east of the Gulling farm. Bert rented a small tarpaper house in town and that winter he operated the livery stable. Business was good, as the horse was then used for travel, business and work.

Some of the names of the customers who came to the livery stable in 1919 and 1920 were: Knute Engene, Julius Carson, John Carlson, Jim Wilson, Charlie and Dick Burr, Frank Crowsbreast, Charlie Huber and Doc Olignee.

In the spring of 1920 Bert went to work for Aamund Gjermundson to help put in the spring crop. He continued to work through the summer and fall. Marshall and Marvel started school in the old Olson school where Lois Evans and Mrs. Jack Duncan each taught part of the term.

Some of the school children attending the Olson school were: Ray and Margaret Stoltz, Joe Fix, Olga and Norman and Able Olson, Thea and Gilbert and Erling Gjermundson, Minnie and Frieda Specht, George and Irene Fisher, Loyd Johnson, Katherine and Anton Gerhart, Art and Grant Loftus, Amie Feigel.

Frankie Feigel, who now operates the Halliday Barber Shop, was a visitor to the school and Nick Feigel was a school bus driver.

In late fall of 1920 Bert rented the old Gale farm, which was north and across the road from the Loftus and Anton Gerhart farms.

Magnus Fugelseth and Bert went into partnership in farming the land and had a good crop that year. Ed Lovell threshed the crop with his old steam rig.

In the fall of 1921 Bert rented the Ingold farm, which was located 2½ miles northwest of town. This looked like a good place to raise a family, and prospects of a good farm area gave encouragement to the family. They moved by wagon loaded with their household equipment.

The older boys drove the cattle along behind the wagon. Just south of the railroad tracks and east of the Occident elevator, they were stopped by the sheriff, who was Irvin Lewis. He asked them who the cattle belonged to and where were they being taken.

The crops were good and the price of cream and eggs was good and soon more livestock was added to the herd. Bert rented more land and the family was getting old enough to take care of all the work there was to do.

Equipment was old and sometimes crude and the work was hard and the days were long. But one didn't mind this as long as there was a reward for the labor put into the farm. The housework was hard and lots of it, with so many children to rear.

Bread had to be baked every other day and clothes washed every other day and clothes were ironed every day. In those days there was no electricity to do the work for you. The kerosene lamps were dim and were hard to work and study by.

Bert rented some land south of the Gulling farm, known as the Vigo Johnson place. It was on the east end of this land on the northeast corner, that Old Halliday was first founded. Here are old foundations of buildings long since moved away to new Halliday. No cement foundations were in Old Halliday. These foundations were made of sandstone and granite rocks. Here one could sit and wonder about the old town. Who had been its' first settlers? What were their reasons for coming here? Where had they come from? What kind of people were they? Perhaps here had been an old Indian village in the early days. And, just a few years before this the Indians



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were still at odds with the white man and probably were not too friendly with the first settlers in Old Halliday. Here had been the country store, here had been the post office where letters had been received from all parts of the world. Had someone come here asking for Medicine for a sick one far out on the prairie? There were a thousand thoughts that ran through one's mind as they sat and wondered.

But this town was not dead! It had tallen prey to progress and had picked up its belongings and moved to the new town, which was some two miles to the south, where it continued to grow and prosper.

What was life like and what did people do for entertainment and activity in those days? Activities in the community varied somewhat from what it is in the sixties. Commercialism was not as advanced in this part of the country as it was in the more thickly populated states. So, entertainment was more or less homemade and carried out in the homes more than in the civic arena.

There were the baseball teams with players like H. L. Malloy, Malc Pippin, Dad and Maurice Wasem, Fred Hall and others. There was the school carnivals and traveling shows to take in. There was the country school and barn dance and the box socials.

Nearly everyone went to town on Saturday night to take in the cream and eggs and do the grocery buying, and it was common to stay in town until midnight or longer, visiting with other farmers and townspeople.

For entertainment there were times when members of different families would gather for a ball game; such as the Olafson boys and the Jackson boys and the Tylers playing baseball.

Whist was a rage those days and people would go from house to house to play the game during the long winter evenings. Also at times some would gather for an evening of music, such as fiddle and guitar and piano at the Otto Christensens. The Jacksons were invited many times to the Ed Simonson home to listen to the radio on Saturday night when the barn dances from WLS, Chicago or WSM in Nashville, Tenn., were so popular.

Ed Stockland was an expert radio repairman and he taught Marshall Jackson how to build a one-tube set. This was an improvement over the crystal set and since it did not have enough power to drive a loud speaker several head phones were hooked up in series. But with so many Jackson children wanting to listen, it was necessary to divide a pair of headphones and give half the set to one child and half to another so that as many as six or eight persons could listen to the radio at one time.

The Henry Tyler Sr. family lived a half mile from the Jacksons and we often went to the Tylers for entertainment. Bertha Tyler had a new console phonograph of which she was very proud. She loved to have the visitors come and hear her newest records such as "Barney Google", "The Prisoners Song", "It Aint Gonna Rain No More," and others.

She would sometimes let one of the visiting children wind up the phonograph with the hand crank and also change the records for her.

Later, the Tylers moved into Werner, where Bertha then got a player piano. She was as proud as could be of this and it was tops in entertainment in those days. Since she was unable to pump the pedals on the piano herself, Bertha loved to have company come so they could play the player piano for her and also get to hear the newest roll music.

Jackrabbit hunting was quite a sport and passtime and many times people would drive around the country in

a sleigh and shoot as many rabbits as they could. Or one could just walk alone and find plenty of rabbits to shoot and the exercise was good for one, too. Sometimes Ray and Dan Stoltz would join the Jackson boys for a day of hunting. Or Eric and Alf Olafson could be seen walking across the fields with a shotgun and rifle hunting jack-rabbits.

Farming was just starting to pay off for the Jacksons when the stock market crash came, followed by the great depression and the drought. Work became scarce. Crops were poor. Pay and income was little and the future looked dim. Neighbors were kind and helpful but there is a limit to what one can do for his neighbor when there is nothing left with which to do it.

Halliday had come to mean home to the Jacksons and the thought of leaving it forever was not a pleasant one. Bert decided that something had to be done for the welfare of his family, so in July of 1938, he purchased an old Nash car from Laurel Boe, who ran the Occident elevator, and loaded the family and a few belongings into the car and headed west.

They went to Oregon where, on the west side of the Cascade Mountains, the drought had not hindered. There was work to be had in the forests and the berry fields. A new ray of hope came to the heart and though the work was hard and the pay little, there was bread and butter on the table once again.

The entire family still resides in Oregon, all within a radius of 100 miles of each other.

To members of the family who were old enough to remember Halliday, it is still "home" to them.

(By Marshall Jackson)

## GOTTFRIED MANN

Gottfried Mann was born in Leipsig Russia and son of Christ Mann and Lousia Miller. He married Elizabeth Nickolas in Russia and four children were born to them there.

The children were: John, born in 1892 and now deceased; Mike, born in 1896, now living at Halliday; Sophia, born in 1900 and living at Beulah, N.D.; Gottfried, born in 1903, now residing at Zap and Dan, born in 1905 and living in Halliday.

The family left Russia in 1910 and Mrs. Mann took ill on the ship. They landed in New York and from there went by train to Glen Ullin and from there to New Leipzig by horse and team.

Mrs. Mann, being sickly, was taken to Dickinson to stay with a sister. It was there that she died in 1910.

The family took up a homestead north of present Halliday in 1911. It was there they built their sod house and barn which were both under one roof. Mann lived on the farm up to the death in 1937. John preceeded him in death in 1918.

After Mr. Mann's death his son Dan took over the farm. He married Lydia Pfeifer in 1930 and they have nine children.

Gottfried Jr. married Kathie Pfeifer and they have eight children. Sophia married Paul Kusmenko and they have two children.

Mike Mann married Otille Martin and they have two children. Mike farmed in rural Halliday until 1949 when he retired. One of his sons now runs the farm.





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## THE PETER FJOSNES



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fjosne

Peter K. Fjosne, wife, and baby son Earl moved to the Halliday area in 1906 from Minneapolis. Peter Fjosne was born in Sogn, Norway and came to Sacred Heart, Minn., in about 1895.

He married Augusta Ledin in September 1904 in Minneapolis. Augusta Ledin was born in Varmland, Sweden, and immigrated with her parents to Buffalo, Minn., in 1882.

The Peter Fjosnes homesteaded two miles southwest of the present town of Halliday. Halliday at that time was a store and post office located south of the Gulling farm, which is north of the present town.

The early pioneer days were hard for the Fjosnes as well as for all the other pioneers. The family enlarged to five with the birth of Alice in 1908, and Harry in 1916. A new home was built in 1915.

Augusta Fjosne died in 1925 after an illness of about one year. Peter Fjosne and children, Earl, Alice, and Harry continued to farm after Mrs. Fjosne's death. Alice went to Minneapolis in 1927 to become a nurse. She is now Mrs. Max Edralin and lives in Minneapolis. She has one daughter, Simona, a registered nurse, and two granddaughters.

Harry Fjosne is married to Lois Haverty and resides in Cut Bank, Mont., where they are in business.

Peter Fjosne lived on the farm until 1945 when he died after a lingering illness. He was buried beside his wife, Augusta, in Spring Creek cemetery southeast of town.

Earl Fjosne married Irene Fisher in 1939. They lived in California for three years and now reside in Halliday. Irene is a degree graduate of Dickinson State College and teaches in the Halliday School. Earl works at painting and carpenter work. They have two sons. Paul, who at present is in the U.S. Army in England, and Brian, who is a junior at Halliday High School.

Peter K. Fjosne was a charter member of the present ALC Lutheran Church, which when organized was the ELC Lutheran Church during pioneer days. He was also an early director in the Farmers Elevator Co. and took an active interest in community life in the Halliday area.

Augusta Fjosne was a charter member and past president of the old Norwegian Ladies Aid. She was a devout Christian, always willing to help with the work of her church.

## ALF OLAFSON FAMILY

Alf Olafson arrived from his native Norway about 1891 at Duluth, Minn., and in 1895 he settled on the place where Ole Christensen, Jr. now lives, north of Halliday.

Alf Olafson and Ole Christensen were partners until Ole's marriage. After being alone for awhile, Alf returned to Norway and persuaded his childhood sweetheart, Mina Bing, to come to the United States and in the spring of 1901 a marriage was performed that made her Mrs. Alf Olafson at Sims, N.D., by Reverend Gaustad.

It was on this place, north of Halliday, where they lived and reared their eight children. The first child, Margaret, was born in a sod house right above the spring.

Alf Olafson was a member of the early school boards and a charter member of the Spring Creek Lutheran Church. Mrs. Olafson was one of the first Sunday School teachers.

Mrs. Alf Olafson died in 1957 but Alf stayed on his place until he was 75 years old.

He sold his property to Ole Christensen, Jr. and moved to Tacoma, Wash., where his daughter Esther and son Alf resided.

In 1959, at the age of 89, Alf Olafson succumbed at Tacoma and was laid to rest beside his wife Mina in the Spring Creek Lutheran Cemetery which he helped to establish.

The picture shows six of the Olafson children present for the Halliday High School reunion in June, 1962.

(By Mrs. Art Brandvik)



Left to right in front are Marion Christenson and Ellen Forester. Left to right at rear: Esther Rousseau, Alf Olafson, Eric Olafson and Margaret Brandvik.



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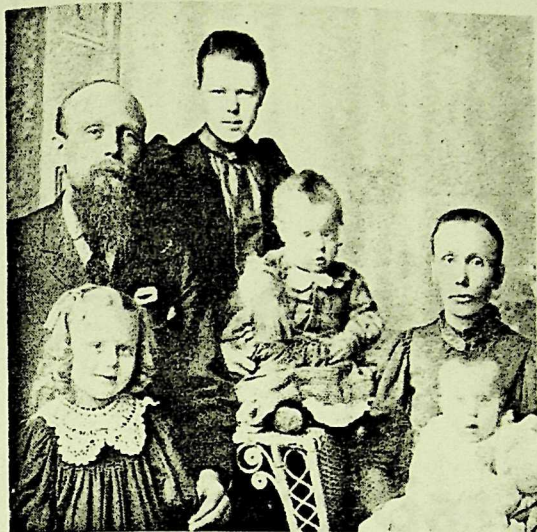
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## THE RYNNING HISTORY



The F. W. Rynning family in 1899.

The name Rynning is an old one. I have the book of our family tree of all the Rynning generations from 1690 to 1920, in Norway and America.

My mother came with her parents from Norway in 1859 at the age of two and settled at Willmar, Minn. My father, Fred W. Rynning, came from Norway in 1882 after being in the Navy for some years. He married my mother, Helga Nasset, in 1884 at Willmar. Father learned the printing trade in Norway and worked at that trade for over 50 years. My parents had five children. Olga is now living in Dickinson, N.D. Fred died in 1913. Arnold lives on a farm east of Halliday, N.D.; Harold is in Des Moines, Ia., and George is at Marshall, N.D.

Mother died in 1936 and my father passed away in 1939. They both died at the age of 77.

I, Arnold, was born in Waukon, Iowa in 1899, and came with my parents to Taylor, N.D., in 1903, and lived there for seven years. My father filed on a homestead southeast of Marshall and we moved there in the fall of 1910.

We had two cows and some chickens that we brought along from Taylor, but we had no horses, so we had to walk two and one-half miles to Marshall for groceries and mail, and about the same distance to school and church. We later started farming with two horses and a walking plow. We farmed 15 acres the first year, and Morris Canavan sowed it for us, broadcasting the oats by hand.

I worked for the neighboring farmers and ranchers when I wasn't needed at home, and received from \$15 to \$30 per month. I attended the first celebration at Halliday on July 4, 1914. I caught a ride with Morris Canavan and Julius Carson, who drove with team and buggy. We slept on the ground and had our meals at the restaurant operated by Sam Juel, for 25c a meal.

The men didn't eat too often, but consumed large quantities of "liquid refreshments." I remember Julius saying, he didn't mind too much being broke, but "it's so darn unhandy."

The main event of the celebration was a rodeo held on the outskirts of town, where the horses were saddled in the open and turned loose. A horse with Bernie Lewis as rider, jumped over a two-seated buggy owned by Paul Paulson, Sr.

Writing about days gone by, reminds me that my parents often talked of the time they resided in Northfield, Minn. During their residence there, Jesse James and his gang robbed the bank at Northfield.

In 1921, "Shorty" Carpenter, of St. Joseph, Mo., and myself rented the K. Hermunstad farm east of Halliday. I was tired of my own cooking, so I married Lavina Walker from the Rainy Butte area, west of New England. After farming and raising cattle on rented farms at Manning, Killdeer Mountains area and Werner, we purchased a farm on Spring Creek, four miles east of Halliday.

We have five children living. A son, Ray, died in 1930 at the age of four. Marjorie, Mrs. Orville Hart, is at Colharbor, N.D.; Florence, Mrs. Al T. Campbell, resides in Columbia, Mo.; Laverne, Mrs. Frank McConnell lives at Boise, Ida.; Alice, Mrs. Harley Twingley, is at Bismarck, N.D.; Jerome is married to Sharon Hellickson and now resides in Columbia City, Ore. There are 11 grandchildren.

My wife and I still live on the farm. We do not farm extensively but have a herd of cattle and enjoy taking care of them.

Robert Nasset, a former teacher in the Halliday school system, is a cousin and he resides at Regent, N.D.

(By Arnold Rynning)

## GEORGE PORTER

George Porter was born at Southery, England on May 17, 1888 and he came to the United States in 1909.

He worked in Williams, Iowa for five years, then came to North Dakota in 1914 and worked on various farms until 1958, when he retired and moved into Halliday.

Mr. Porter died in March of 1964 at the age of 75 years.



George Porter, seated





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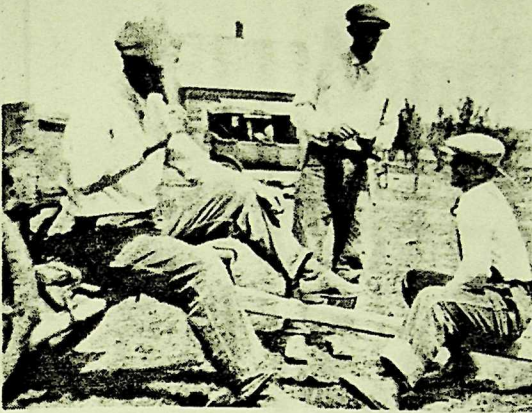
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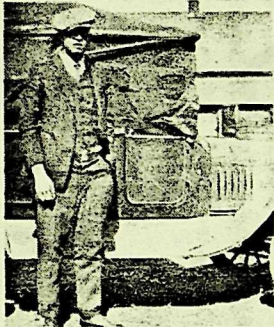
## FRED ABELMAN FAMILY



Ray sitting near wheel, with Steve Sitter. Albert Dahlen is standing.

Fred Abelman was born in 1877 at Newstand, Minn. He came to North Dakota in 1900, homesteading 14 miles south of Halliday, near the Big Slough.

Mary Hecht was born near Fergus Falls, Minn., in 1879 and came to North Dakota with her parents in 1884. She grew to womanhood on a farm about five mile north of Taylor. In 1902, she took a homestead 12 miles south of Halliday, just north of the Big Slough. On May 6th of that year, she married Fred Abelman and in 1909 they moved to Fred's homestead.



Ray, old Ford

to Minneapolis, Minn., however, one died in 1952.

Carlene married Frank Lee; they live on a farm 25 miles north of Minneapolis and have two adopted children, a boy and a girl.

Florence married Albert Rohde and four children came to live with them at Dodge, N. D.

Ella married Corty Hemunstad and resides in Halliday; she has a step-daughter, Corrine.

When Fred took up his homestead, he broke all his land and some of his neighbors, with a walking plow. For several years, the grain was hauled to Taylor which took about two days to make the trip. As soon as there were elevators built in Halliday, the grain was hauled here.

When the family went visiting, hay was put in the wagon-box, lots of covers were provided and a hot stone was used to help keep the children warm. Dances and house parties were held in the homes. During the summer months, the children played outside and the older ones visited; sometimes as many as 25 would gather at the Abelman home for Sunday dinner.

During those years there was a great deal of water in the Big Slough, providing ideal hunting and hunters came from different states and pitched their tents during the season.

The Abelmans lived on the homestead until their deaths; Fred on Jan. 2, 1934 and Mary Jan. 6, 1939.

(By Mrs. Corty Hermunstad)

## CARL EMIL CARLSON HISTORY

Carl Emil Carlson, the second eldest in a family of eight, was born on June 20, 1872 in Smaaland, Sweden and came to the United States in 1902.

Claus Gustafson had gone back to Sweden and when he returned to America he persuaded Carl Emil Carlson, J. Carl Swenson, Gust Carlson and his son Ernest, to go back with him. They went to Taylor by train and from there across the country to this community. Carlson filed on two homesteads but did not keep them, later purchasing land from McWain and Stewart, who went back to Iowa to live. Carlson ran a cattle and horse ranch — at one time having about 90 head of horses and 150 head of cattle.

Mrs. Carlson's maiden name was Elsa Larsen. She was also born in Smaaland, Sweden, on Sept. 2, 1877, of parents Swen Oscar and Marie Kempe Larsen.

Elsa and her brother, J. Carl Swenson, were the only members of their family to come to America. She came in 1903 and filed on a homestead in Sec. 28-45-91. This land joined that they purchased.

The first house they lived in was of stone, set in the hillside — sort of a dugout, and the sod roof leaked when it rained. Later they built a lean-to of lumber. The mode of travel in the early days was by wagons and buggies and horseback. Most of the women had their own saddle horse and Mrs. Carlson had hers.

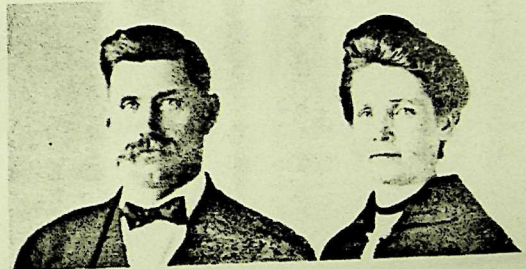
The settlers from here had to take their grain and cattle to Taylor, the nearest town, to sell and then bring home the supplies they needed. Consequently they went only two or three times a year, as the trip took three days.

Spring Creek Evangelical Lutheran congregation was organized at the Carlson home on Sunday, March 21, 1908. Carl Emil was one of the first deacons. The Rev. Th. H. Larson of Taylor served this congregation and the first few years they had services in the homes.

The Carlsons had six children: Erick, Hugo, Marie, Emil, Folke and Helge. Only two reside in this vicinity. Erick on the John Carlson homestead and Emil on his mother's homestead.

Mr. Carlson died in February, 1927 and Mrs. Carlson kept on farming with the aid of her sons.

Mrs. Carlson died Feb. 7, 1953.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Emil Carlson



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## REV. D. BERGSTEDT



Rev., Mrs. Bergstedt

Dietrich Bergstedt was born May 31, 1888, in Germany, near Bremen. He received part of his education in Germany but when 21 years old he came to Dubuque, Iowa and finished his studies as a Lutheran minister at the Warburg Seminary.

He graduated and was ordained in June 1912 and his first field of labor was south of the Black Hills in South Dakota and Nebraska. Here he found his wife, Anna Wittig and they were married Oct. 5, 1917.

When an area north of Miles City, Mont. was opened for new homesteads they went into this mission field from Angela to Jordan, 100 miles north of Miles City. Then after 6½ years they accepted a call to Ashley, N.D. They served that field from 1922 to 1936 when they came to Halliday.

St. John's congregation of Halliday was organized in 1912. At first they were content with reading services, and then they joined congregations in the neighborhood and so were served by different pastors. Rev. Habersecker, Rev. Pirner and Rev. Goerner from Dodge, Rev. Koeppe and Fertsch from Kasmer.

At this time they purchased land five miles north of Halliday for a cemetery. Then part of the congregation was served by Rev. Roloff from Stanton. After that Rev. Jungmeier came from Stanton. Then again Rev. Sareis from Dunn Center took over in 1927. At this time they built a church five miles north of Halliday close to the cemetery, which was dedicated Oct. 1, 1929.

When Rev. Sareis left, the St. John's congregation received their first resident pastor in Rev. John Schmierer. He served the congregation from Aug. 1, 1930 to Nov. 11, 1934. Then followed a half year vacancy, then Rev. Pietreck a half year and again a vacancy of a half year and then Rev. Bergstedt from Ashley, N. D. took over from June 1936 to Dec. 1, 1939.

When he accepted a call to Zap, St. John's was served for about two years by Rev. Gevers of Richardton. But after two years they called Rev. Bergstedt back and when they joined the congregation near Zap they became self supporting. During this time the church was moved to Halliday and there the congregation really started to grow.

So when Rev. Bergstedt left in October 1948 the congregation had grown from 20 to 70 paying members

(57 families, three widows and 10 young men over 21 years) and there was a fund on hand of over \$1,400.

Then Rev. Gevers took over the whole field and after him Rev. Meidinger. At that time they built a fine modern parsonage. Rev. Arther Schmitt served from July 1, 1956 to July 28, 1958. When the ELC and the ALC were merging, St. John's also talked about merging with Spring Creek Lutheran Church. In order to prepare for this merger Rev. Schmitt left. The merger took place and the first pastor of the new "Our Saviors Church" was Rev. Silas Larson. He retired Jan. 31, 1964.

When Rev. Bergstedt had served St. Paul's congregation north of Hazen for five years he was ready to retire in October 1953 and live in Halliday. But again he was asked to serve the vacant St. Peter's congregation north of Hazen for another year, and then the "Good Samaritan Society of Fargo wanted them to build up a senior citizens rest home at Elgin, N. D. and they did not give up until they finally said "yes". So they went to Elgin May 1955. The next year they had to add another wing to the home, which made room for 25 beds. In 1957, Mott, came and asked them to build another home for old people there.

This home was opened in July 1957 and the building with 32 beds was finished in 1960. After eight years of hard work as chaplain and manager of these two homes, they decided to retire for good, return to Halliday and take life easier. So they came back to Halliday in April of 1963. Old age—over 75 years—and failing health made this necessary. They plan to spend the rest of their lives here and help all they can to build up Halliday.

The Bergstedts had four children: Dorothea, married to Herbert Ziegler in Dickinson; Martin, who has built up an implement business in Halliday; Herman, electrical engineer in Dayton, O. and Fritz, who died at the age of two years while they were at Ashley.

## DR. INGOL M. LAW

Dr. Ingol M. Law was born in Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada, in 1873. When a young man he went to Waterloo, Ia., where he taught school and served as deputy sheriff for two years.

In 1900 he moved to Hannah, N.D., where he also taught, before entering medical school in Detroit, Mich. He graduated from medical school in 1905. In the same year he married Florence Dickson of Hannah. He practiced in Loma and Munich before going to Werner in 1915. In 1918 the family returned to Hannah but in 1921 returned to Halliday where the doctor practiced until his death in 1940.

Dr. Law will be remembered by his old friends as a typical "country doctor," one whose kindness has not yet been forgotten by those he treated. Travel, particularly in winter, was difficult and had to be done by horse and sleigh. On one trip to Werner to deliver a baby, they had to follow the railroad tracks because the trail was impassable. Cliff Ferebee was the driver of the team that night.

Mrs. Law was appointed postmaster in 1936. She served in that capacity until her retirement in 1957. She has resided in Bismarck since then.

The Laws had one daughter, Vivian, who is married and also lives in Bismarck.

Mary Christensen and Vivian were the first graduates of Halliday High School.



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## THE FEIGEL FAMILY



Frances, Frankie and Judy Feigel

In 1903, the Frank Feigel family came from Austria, Hungary to the United States and lived in St. Louis, Mo. before coming to North Dakota, when they homesteaded on the present Carl Entzel farm. Seven children were born with one dying as a young girl.

They lived on the farm until Frank Sr. died in 1930. Anna Feigel moved to town where she lived till her death in 1947.

Frank Jr. started barbering in Hungary at the age of 13. At fourteen he stayed in St. Louis and worked in a barber shop for seven years. He came to North Dakota and farmed for a few years, then bought the present shop from Earl Harris in 1923. He was a fireman, Civic Club member and on the School Board for many years.

He was born Oct. 10, 1890 and died Feb. 16, 1947. His wife Martha lives with her daughter Rachelle in San Francisco. The three children are: Rachelle (Mrs. Ray Osuna) lives in San Francisco and has one son, Frank; Lawrence was killed in battle aboard the flag ship U. S. S. Houston in World War II.

Frank Feigel was born and reared in Halliday where he graduated from high school and attended Mohler Barber College at Fargo, later apprenticing for Con Klonecky at Dickinson, N. D. He purchased the barber shop in Killdeer in 1936.

Frankie married Frances Glotch of Killdeer in 1939. He joined the Navy in 1942-45 and purchased the barber shop in Halliday in 1948.

They are parents of a daughter, Judy, born Jan. 21, 1947.



Frank and Martha Feigel

## STEVEN LESMEISTER HISTORY

Steven Lesmeister was born Aug. 14, 1899 and his wife, Marie Eva Gerhart, April 18, 1899. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Gerhart of rural Halliday. Steven and Marie Eva were married Nov. 4, 1922.

They moved to Detroit, Mich. and lived there until 1925 when they moved to Halliday. Steven operated a garage and service station most of the time they lived here. During the mid 1930's he was a substitute mail carrier. During the winter time the chief means of transportation was a team and sled with a small charcoal heater to put near the feet and the legs were covered with heavy robes. Frozen hands and feet were a common thing. Many times they were gone for two to three days in severe snowstorms, staying with farmers along the way. The team and sleigh would become bogged down and had to be shoveled out. During the drouth years of the 1930's Steve was construction foreman on the Halliday Dam, a joint federal and city project to create employment for the people of the area. This dam was completed in 1937 and still serves as the swimming pool for the area.

Steve was active in all community affairs, serving on the Fire Dept. all the time he lived in Halliday. He was also president of the School Board for a number of years. While in Michigan they had two children and after coming to Halliday seven more children were born making a total of nine, five boys and four girls.

Steven died in an automobile accident while hauling mail on Sept. 16, 1946. He was delivering mail for the regular carrier, who was attending a funeral for his brother. Marie Eva died in April of 1957 from a heart attack. Anton, the oldest son, died of a brain tumor in June 1956.

Marcella is married to Ralph Hartmen and lives on a farm at Manning, N.D. Leo is married to Joyce Mosset and has lived in Halliday all his life. Leo is the postmaster and Joyce is the clerk. Leo is the fire chief, a School board member, Boy Scout leader and is active in many other organizations. Leo and Joyce have eight children, Jackie, Janie, Janice, Jimmy, Johnny, Jeffery, Joel and Julie.

William lives in Rochester, Minn. Katherine is married to Lloyd Oderman, Richardton. Irene is married to Joe Hartman and is at Billings, Mont. Harry is married to Marge Muth and lives in Halliday where he operates Harry's Bar. Fred is married to Georgia Wilhelm. He was recently discharged from the Army and also resides at Halliday, presently employed by his brother, Harry. Bernice is married to Evan Burr Jr., and they live in Olympia, Wash.



Steven Lesmeister family



## LEO GOETZ FAMILY



Leo, Margaret Goetz, married 25 years Jan. 11, 1961.

Leo Goetz, son of Jacob and Christine Goetz was born March 8, 1915 at Halliday, N. D. He grew to manhood on his parents' farm and in the year of 1936 was united in marriage to Margaret Cook at Werner, N. D.

They lived on a farm north of Werner until 1943 when they purchased the present farm, located south

of Werner, residing there until 1948 when they acquired the John Deere contract and moved to Halliday.

Goetz purchased lots from Anton Wilhelms, Sr., and proceeded to erect a new building, a rather difficult situation as there was a shortage of building material — steel being the most difficult to obtain, following World War II.

Finally, Goetz was able to purchase an old bridge from the county and used the steel from this to make beams for his building. In 1950, the Dodge-Plymouth car and truck line was added, this being a sub-contract from Stark Motor Co., of Dickinson, N. D.

In 1961 Goetz acquired a direct contract with Ford Motor Co., to handle Ford cars and trucks which he held along with the John Deere contract, until October, 1962 when he was killed in a farm accident.

In April of 1963, Mrs. Goetz sold the business to her son-in-law, Leo Gefroh, Bismarck, N. D.; who, with his wife, Betty Jean, operate it as the Halliday Auto and Implement Co.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Goetz, the family consisted of four children: Ronald, living with his wife (Betty Messmer) and two sons. He is coach and a teacher in the Halliday High School; Betty Jean (Mrs. Leo Gefroh) and husband and two sons of Halliday.

Allen and wife (Marilyn Sand, formerly of Newtown, N. D.) living at Fargo, N. D., where Allen is attending NDSU and Marilyn is a beauty operator in Sears Roebuck store; and William who is attending NDSU.

Mrs. Goetz still resides in Halliday at the family home.

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## OSCAR GUSTAFSON HISTORY

Among the many immigrants who disembarked from the S. S. Majestic on May 4, 1896, was a young Swede, Oscar Gustafson. After he cleared customs at Ellis Island his worldly possessions consisted of one suit case of clothes, a ticket to Chicago, eight dollars in American money and the grim determination to become a good American citizen.



The Oscar Gustafsons

It was his intention to go to Minneapolis, but due to lack of money he wound up in Chicago working in a tree nursery. While there he attended night school, learning to read, write, and speak English.

The next year he arrived in Taylor to work for his two brothers, Charles and John who had started ranching on the Knife River. Since they only had one team of horses, they didn't need any help. Oscar found employment on the Will Christ ranch at Rock Springs east of Emerson. He took cattle for wages and wintered them at his brother's ranch.

Late that fall he returned to Minneapolis and worked in a flour mill. Again he attended night school, this time taking photography. For the next two years his employment was the same — working for his brothers in the summer, working at the flour mill in the winter and doing photograph work.

In the spring of 1900 Oscar purchased a homestead relinquishment and a half-section of land from Sven Egge for \$800. Egge, at that time, was the largest rancher in the area, starting here in 1889. It is believed Egge continued to live on the place for one or two more years. He sold his cattle to Shaw and Davidson and later became a well-known banker in Williston.

In September 1904, a severe freezing rain and high winds hit the area, driving all of the cattle and horses ahead of it. Hundreds of cattle from the Big Lease were on Knife River by the time the storm blew itself out. Captain Siverts wintered some of the Connolly cattle and Claus Gustafson, Oscar's brother, wintered the cattle Davidson had obtained from Egge.

August of 1906 was hot and dry. Oscar was haying south of the present site of Halliday when he saw the much-dreaded billow of smoke signifying a destructive prairie fire. He raced his horses home, turned them loose and barely had time to get this other livestock across Spring Creek. He attempted to back fire but to no avail. Flames jumped the fire guard and burned all of his hay stacks, grain stacks, harnesses, and a huge pile of lumber he had hauled from Taylor to build a barn and a shed. Oscar was severely burned about his hands, arms, and face and was temporarily blind.

The first men on the scene were William and Shorty Voight (Fred's brother), Andrew Bye, and Alf Olafson. They had back fired and had saved the hay and buildings on the Egge ranch. They found Oscar by the creek splashing water on his burned arms and face. He stayed with his brother, Charles, until regaining his eyesight. While

there he fell into an open basement hurting his shoulder and cracking a few ribs.

That winter his brothers, Claus and Charles, wintered his cattle and Oscar went back to Minneapolis to do professional photography. In the spring he returned and rebuilt and established one of the larger herds of Hereford cattle and an outstanding herd of draft horses, which were known far and near.

The following year he purchased a dappled grey Percheron stallion and a few years later he replaced him with a registered Shire. He continued raising horses until selling out to the war buyers in 1917.

By 1907 the Dakota prairies were taking on a new look. It seemed that homestead shacks, some lumber and some sod, were appearing over night. Among a group to come in May was a young and pretty school teacher, Alice Johnson. Her parents had settled in central Wisconsin some years before, after coming from Norway.

Others in the group were Alice's brother and his wife, the Olaf Johnsons; Gilbert Juve; John Riley; Oscar Osmundson; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lawbough and Belle Thornly, all from the same part of Wisconsin. They were brought out by Bill Heckt who operated a livery service in Taylor. (At this writing Alice is the only one of the group still living.)

Her closest neighbors were Ed Melhus's to the west about one quarter of a mile and the Christ Gilge's in the next quarter section to the north. Margaret Olafson Branvick, who was a very small girl at that time, recalls visiting Alice in her sod house which was surrounded by beautiful flowers and vines. During the winter months she returned to her home in Wisconsin. Upon returning to Wisconsin in 1908 she found her old home, of which she had so many fond memories, had been totally destroyed by a tornado. Her father had been seriously injured and it took most of the winter for him to recover. She helped them get settled in a new home and then returned to Dakota in the spring.

With romance in the air, Alice didn't return to her old home that fall. On a bleak and cold of December 9, the Swede with the new buggy and a high-stepping pinto and buckskin team picked up his bride-to-be and headed for Dickinson. At 8 p. m. in a parsonage, Oscar Gustafson and Alice Johnson were united in marriage.

The following years were prosperous ones, as the demand for draft horses increased. More mares were added to the herd. Each spring and summer was spent breaking out more horses for sale. More land was purchased. In later years Oscar held an extensive lease on the reservation, which was used for summer grazing.

June 1916 was a memorable one for the Gustafsons as that was the event of buying their first car — a Willis Knight. It had leather upholstery and a fold-down top with icing-glass curtains. The cigar-chewing salesman took them out north of Richardson a few miles and turned the wheel over to the new owner and told Oscar to drive back to town. He wasn't driving very fast, since it was his first experience behind the wheel. As they started up a hill the salesman yelled out, "Change the levers and give her some gas." This was always a family joke.

When the drought of the early thirties hit, Oscar moved his cattle to the reservation for additional grazing. By 1934 he was compelled to sell most of his herd. As with everyone else, things were very rough and very discouraging. When better times returned his cattle numbers were increased to several hundred again and he



maintained a lease on the reservation until he retired following World War II.

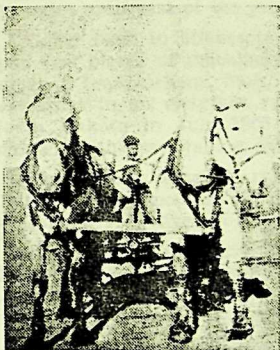
Following retirement, due to ill health, Gustafson occupied his time carving, making corner shelves, and making knick nacks of all kinds. Oscar Gustafson succumbed to cancer on Dec. 12, 1948 and was laid to rest in the local cemetery, which is located on the first tract of land which he owned in North Dakota.

At this writing Mrs. Gustafson still resided at her ranch home. They were charter members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. He served as a church director for many years. Mrs. Gustafson was very active in Ladies Aid and served as Sunday School superintendent for many years.

They had three children. Helen, Mrs. T. H. Elliston, Great Falls, Mont., Harry, living on the home ranch, married Alpha Dahl and they have four children, David, Bob, Mark, and Ruth; Bill, living on the site of the Siven Egge ranch, is a veteran of 4½ years in the U. S. Coast Guard. He married Lucille Wiesenburger and they have three sons, Leon, Ross, and Rohm.

## EMIL MILLER HISTORY

Emil Miller was born Jan. 6, 1864 at Mannhaven, N.D., son of Fred and Matilda Miller, and Hilda Keller was born May 1, 1909 at Winnipeg. Manitoba, daughter of Jacob and Louisa Keller.



Emil Miller and his last team of horses

Halliday. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Miller also have five grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Emil Miller are shown in center. Right are Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Borth, Jr. and left are Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Weisz.

## OSTEN OLSON FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Osten Olson, 1915

Osten and Margit Olson came from Norway to the United States in the summer of 1892. Osten was born Dec. 1, 1864, and his wife, March 22, 1866.

They came to Manchester, Minn. where they lived until March 1895. Two of their children, Amanda and Oswald were born here. That spring the family moved to Gordonsville, Minn. where they purchased a 35-acre farm, and lived there for the next 10 years. Four more

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Left to right: Mrs. Osten Olson, Mrs. Gilman Lofthus, Gilman Lofthus, Bjorn Haugen, Mrs. Amund Jermundson, Hugo Carlson and Amund Jermundson.

children had joined the family, Emma, Albert, Belva and Abel.

Hearing about free land open to homesteaders in western North Dakota, Olson, his brother-in-law, Amund Jermundson, Gilman Lofthus and Stener Haugen decided to go there and file for land. They left Minnesota in April of 1905, for at Taylor, N.D. Olson filed on a homestead 5½ miles southeast of the present town site of Halliday.

Going back to Minnesota he sold the farm, loading up a few pieces of machinery, five head of cattle, two horses, a few chickens, tools, household goods and other necessities in an emigrant railroad car, they moved to North Dakota in July 1905. Amund Jermundson accompanied the car, taking care of the stock en route.

The family came by passenger train and lived in Taylor until the men had a house built on the Jermundson homestead. They lived in a tent while building the house.

After moving his family out to the Jermundson place, Olson started to build his own house. All the lumber was hauled from Taylor, 35 miles away. A sod barn was also built, which served its purpose for many years.

This was quite a change for the whole family, coming from a well populated community in Minnesota to the bare prairies of North Dakota. Herds of antelopes were a common sight and large herds of cattle and horses roamed over the prairie at will. A few ranchers were scattered here and there, and the homesteaders who were gradually moving in were mostly bachelors.

It was a lonesome life for the pioneers. Mrs. Olson didn't see a woman for the next nine months. Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Loftus moved out here in April 1906, so there was one woman she could visit. Some time later Mrs. Alf Olafson came riding horseback across the prairie for a friendly visit. What a lot of things they must have had to talk about!

In the fall of 1905, another son was born. One son, three years old, died in April 1906. He was buried at Taylor and the youngest son was baptized the same day and also named Abel.

That spring Olson broke up a few acres of land using a walking plow and two horses. Grain was hauled to Taylor or Richardton. Besides farming, he did a lot of mason and carpenter work, as more and more settlers were moving in and there was plenty work to keep him busy. When he was working away from home, Olson's wife kept things going on the farm. She also did all the sewing for the family. Wool was purchased from a neighbor which she carded, spun into yarn and knitted mittens, socks and stockings for every member of the family. She was also a

midwife, helping out wherever she was needed at any time and in any kind of weather.

There were no schools or churches in the area at that time. In 1908, the Collins School district was organized and Olson served on the School Board for many years. Two school houses were built at this time. He erected one of them, which was known as the Olson school and classes started there in January 1909. Miss Christine Knutson was the first teacher. A few years ago this school house was moved to Manning and is now used as a church.

Olson helped to build the Spring Creek Lutheran church and served as a deacon for some time. Before the church was built, services were held in the homes and later on in the school house.

Prairie fires were a hazard to both the homesteaders and ranchers. Four of them came within close range of the Olson home.

Three Olsons, none of them related, and one Johnson homesteaded in the same section. They were all Scandinavians.

Dunn Post Office was established at the John A. Johnson home in 1909, with Johnson serving as postmaster, until it was discontinued in 1913.

Two more children were added to the family, a daughter, Olga and a son, Norman.

Olson continued to work as a carpenter for many years and farmed with the help of his younger sons until 1936. Norman, the youngest son, died at Malta, Mont., in June 1935. He was 24 years old.

In 1937 the Olsons moved to Halliday, where they lived until their death. Mr. Olson passed away in November 1945, his wife August 1951. They had 18 grandchildren. Another son, Albert, of Sacramento, Calif. died in June 1949.

The other children are; Amanda Frederickson of Gordonsville, Minn.; Oswald, veteran of World War I, Seattle, Wash.; Emma Christianson, Spokane, Wash.; Belva Frafjord, Werner, N.D.; Olga Kirk, Dickinson, N.D., and Abel, veteran of World War II, of Cut Bank, Mont.

## JACOB HUBER FAMILY

Jacob Huber came to the United States with his parents, from Germany, in June of 1904 and they settled in Manhaven, N. D. for a year.

In 1905 he moved north of Dodge and in 1918 married Dorothy Frank. The following year they settled on their farm eight miles northeast of Halliday, where they farmed for 31 years. In 1949 he retired into Halliday.

The children are: Arthur, a druggist in Valley City and married to the former Jane Markel of Hoople, N. D.; Esther, married to R. Weisenberger and Hilda, married to Harry Pippin, a Williston attorney.



The Jacob Hubers

The Hubers are shown in the picture on their 40th anniversary.



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HISTORY OF THE FEREBEES



Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ferebee, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Ferebee and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Ferebee

In 1902, Mrs. Josephine DeLong Ferebee, came to North Dakota as a school teacher. She taught at Almont for two years. In the spring of 1905 she applied for a teaching position at Old Halliday, which was located two and one half miles north of the present location near the Gulling homestead.



Miss Josephine DeLong

Gullings, Olafson and Ole Christensen.

Matrimony changed the course of events. After not wanting her third year of teaching at this location, she resigned to marry Clifford Ferebee, a young man she met in Nebraska. They left her homestead and went to live on his homestead in Grant County at Carson, N.D. In

During this time she filed on a quarter of land and proved up in it while teaching. This land is now farmed by Truman Ferebee, her son. She taught two years and by insistence of school officers started a third term even though she had told them of her plans for marriage.

She could tell some exciting stories of homestead days, like how she warmed her fingers with the aid of a kerosene lamp before taking her horse to another day of school. Her close companions during this time were the Cash Potters,

October, 1910, twin sons were born to this couple, prematurely in a homestead shack without hospital aid.

After two years, they moved to Halliday, where they lived the rest of their lives. Clifford made many trips to Taylor and Golden Valley taking grain and bringing back supplies.

They knew many hardships in their pioneer life, but like so many faithful pioneers, Mrs. Ferebee remained a constant source of strength and help to her husband. She was an avid gardener and poultry raiser and cooked for many a harvest hand. She also gave piano lessons.

Along with joys in pioneer life there was also hardships. In 1928 they had a barn fire during the haying season, killing horses and other stock. Thanks to kind neighbors, who loaned horses to them, they could finish haying.

In 1938 fire again struck, destroying their home and all their belongings. It was about this time that the Potters left to live in Wisconsin and the Ferebees bought their place where they lived until Mrs. Ferebee died in December of 1941. Ferebee spent part of his time out West and raised sheep at Halliday. He remarried in 1948 and went back to live on his homestead where he stayed until his death in 1959.

George and Truman lived and grew to manhood on the homestead and married twin sisters, the former Guenther twins (Ina and Ione) from north of Dunn Center. Eleven grandchildren were given to them through these two marriages.

George and Ina Ferebee were married in 1935 at Killdeer and had eight children. Clifford, the first child, married Marion Frank and they are the parents of three children. Clifford farms with his father. George Jr. graduated from the University at Grand Forks with a degree in engineering in 1962 and is now working for Boeing in Seattle. James is serving Uncle Sam in the Navy. Anita Ferebee Solberg is married and attending University of New Mexico at Albuquerque along with her husband James who is working on his Masters in engineering. Ruby is attending her second year at Dickinson State College. Mary Jo, a sophomore, Audrey a eighth grader and Dorothy, a fourth grader are still at home.

Truman and Ione were married at Dickinson in 1942. They had three sons. Dale is attending college at Bottineau, N.D., and is majoring in animal husbandry. Ora is a senior, graduating this year from Halliday High School and Neil has just finished his eighth year.

THE McMULLEN FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore McMullen and family came from Kansas to North Dakota in the year 1914, moving on a claim 12 miles north of Werner.

There are three children now living:

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The Theodore McMullens





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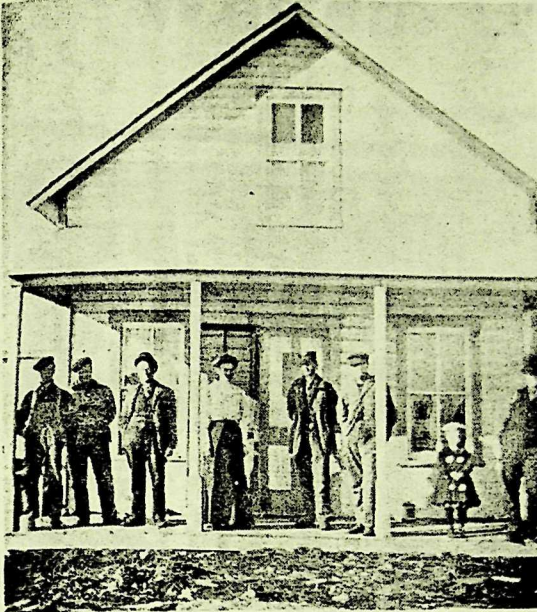
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**E. OSCAR BAKER FAMILY**



E. Oscar Baker (far right) owned store in Old Halliday

E. Oscar Baker, born Aug 22, 1879 at Roanoke, Va., and wife, Mary Amandy Forbes, formerly of Inman, Nebr. came to North Dakota in 1902. They were engaged in business in Taylor, Emerson, Dickinson as well as Old and New Halliday. They also ranched near Medora for several years.

In 1908, they purchased the store from John Bang at Old Halliday; this included food, dry good, drugs, and hardware and this building also housed the post office.



Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Baker and Viola

They were assisted by August Wagner and Louis Rosenberg. The Indians brought posts which they traded for necessary groceries and clothes.

The only means of getting freight was by hauling with horse-drawn lumber wagons from Taylor. Edgar Lynch made many of these long, hard trips which usually took three days; as there were no roads, only trails; no fences, no bridges and rivers and creeks had to be forded. Sometimes, on Sundays or holidays, my father would hitch up his beautiful team of pinto horses and we would go to grandfather's home in Emerson. This was a highlight of our young lives.

The family consisted of four children: Ralph, born at Newcastle, Wyo., now living in Newtown, N. D.; Elmer (first baby born at Old Halliday), now of Portland, Ore.; Viola, born at Emerson was an invalid all her life and died in 1961; and myself. Mrs. Claude Leach born at Taylor.

After selling the store, we moved to Emerson where we resided for many years but when the railroad came through, we moved back to Halliday and worked in Palmer Brothers' store until it burned. The store was rebuilt and father continued to work there while mother and I operated a restaurant in a building south of the auditorium until we took over the hotel from Mrs. C. B. Smith.

Finally my parents retired and moved to Silverton, Ore., where they lived until their deaths.

My immediate family consists of husband, Claud, who is the Dunn County Watkins dealer, since selling the farm north of Halliday; daughter, Corli (Mrs. Ralph Rohr) who lives with her husband and three children at Lemmon, S. D.; Mary (Mrs. Aldon Anderson) who lives with her husband and two children 17 miles north of Bismarck, N. D.; son, Clark, living with wife and four children at Richardton, N. D. and, Sharon (Mrs. Wm. Austin), living with her husband Dr. Austin, at Bismarck, N. D.

The children and myself are all graduates of Halliday High School.

(By Mabel Leach)

**THE FRED JOHN MERTZ'**

Fred John Mertz was born Feb. 26, 1886, in Odessa, Russia. He came to America in the spring of 1902. He then went from New York to Underwood, N.D., later moving to Garrison and then to Halliday.

Mathilda Borth was born Nov. 10, 1890, in Odessa, Russia and came to America in the spring of 1902. She also went from New York to Underwood, later moving to Garrison, then to Halliday.

They were married in 1910, at Garrison. In the early part of 1919, they moved to Halliday.

The couple had 10 children. They are: Emma, Myrtle, Rienhold, Bertha, Ida, Alton, Ruth, Sydney, LeRoy, and Bernice. One son, Henry died.



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## JOSEPH KLEE HISTORY

Joseph Klee was born April 28, 1875 in the town of Rosedale in Southern Russia. He married Sophia Schroeder on Oct. 18, 1900 and made their home in the village of Less, near Sevastople, Russia. Five children were born in the old country.

On Sept. 27, 1910 the family left Russia for America. They landed at a Canadian seaport and went by rail to Chicago, Ill. From there they went to Hebron, N. D., where they were met by Joseph's brother - in - law, Mike Schroeder, who took them to his home west of present day Dodge. It was there the family spent the winter.

In the spring of 1911 Joseph took up a homestead 12 miles south and three miles west of Halliday. It was there that the traditional sod house and barn were built. The first few years Joe both farmed and worked out for neighboring farmers.

The first two crops were seeded and harvested by hand, as there were very few machines in the country. Their first crops were threshed by Ole Kyseth who owned one of the first steam rigs in that community.

The original homestead was farmed until 1918 when Joseph purchased a farm three miles east of Dodge. He farmed there until 1928, they then moved to a farm eight miles south of Halliday where he farmed until retiring in 1945.

One child preceeded them in death, Mary died in 1913. Mrs. Klee died in 1946 and Joseph died in 1950. Most of the children live around this community.



Joseph Klee in 1914



Joseph Klee family in 1935

Nick, the oldest, married Winfred Truesdale and has been a policeman at Bismarck for 30 years. They have two children Ellen and Harvey.

Mike married Amy Feigel and they have two children, Jonas and Charles. He lives in Halliday and has worked for the Highway Dept. for 25 years.

George married Monica Krengel and they have two children, George Jr. and Claudia. George farms and lives on the original homestead.

Matt married Thresa Ferrea. They have two children, Mathew and Patrick. Matt farms the place his father last lived on.

Joseph Jr. married Alice Cole and they have five children: LaVerle, James, Shirley, Patrick, and Gregory.

Joseph Jr. lives in Halliday and works for the county road builders.

Fred married Esther Dahlen and they have one child, John. Fred is a farmer in the Halliday community.

Ann married George Hendrickson and they have four children George, Wesley, Virginia, and Charles. Ann lives at Golden Valley, N. D.

Maggie married Harry Hendrickson and they have four children James, Gloria, Ronald, Larry and live in Buffalo, Wyo.

Kathrine married Donald Kronabosch and they have three children Dick, Carol and Janet and reside in Bismarck, N. D.

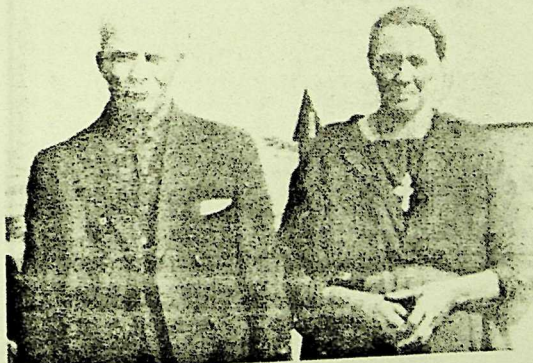
Sally, the youngest, lives in Milbank, S. D.

## THE ALFRED LEDINS

Alfred Ledin was born in Sweden and came to the United States in 1890 and found work in Minnesota. Emilia Magnuson was also born in Sweden and came to the United States in 1902 and married Alfred Ledin in Minneapolis in 1903.

They lived there until 1906 when they homesteaded on the SW 1/4 Section 32-145-92, located four and one-half miles southwest of Halliday. They resided there until 1947 when Ledin died. Mrs. Ledin then went to live with her daughter, Edna until Mrs. Ledin succumbed in 1962.

They had four children: Arthur, living in Halliday; Mary, died in infancy; Ralph, died in 1918 and Edna (Mrs. John Lynch), living in Cheyenne, Wyo.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klee in 1920



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**ANDREW BYE**



Andrew Bye (right) and Colburn Bye

Andrew Bye arrived in Taylor, N.D., April 26, 1905 and he caught a ride from Taylor to Old Halliday with Bill Ray, who was postmaster.

He stopped at Henry Tyler's for dinner and noted the entire country side was black because of a prairie fire in the fall. He was met by his uncle, Alf Olafson, who was living on the Ole Christensen, Jr. place.

The post office and store, which was dug into the bank above a spring, consisted of several rooms. The store had chewing and smoking tobacco, sack of peanuts, tub of rock candy and a few other items.

Sam Juel, a blacksmith, hunted and trapped and he also lived in a dug out.

Some of the ranchers at that time were: Andrew Voigt, who lived five miles north of town. Shorty and Fred Voigt, brothers. Carl Swenson was foreman of the Club ranch. Tom Smith, living on Hans Creek, was owner of the Open Club ranch.

The present Emil Carlson place was known as Cow Camp and Carl Emil and John Carlson lived there. Charlie and Oscar Gustafson ranched near Spring Creek. Swen Egge lived on the present Wm. Gustafson place. Jim Wilson, who was the very best cowboy and roper, came from Texas. He lived about five miles west of Halliday.

Andrew remembers when a cow walked on the roof of the store and post office at Old Halliday and broke through. Ray was setting the table at the time but neither Ray nor the cow were hurt.



Abe Porter and team

going to work for A. C. Henderson on April 6. I worked for that auctioneer and farmer until March of 1912.

The Orwood brothers from North Dakota came there to visit and offered me a job on their ranch near Old Halliday. Wanting to see something of the west, I started to work for them on March 14, 1912.

I remained on their ranch for eight months, made no trips to town. The first party we all attended was at John Nordahl's farm. This was a stag party and no ladies present.

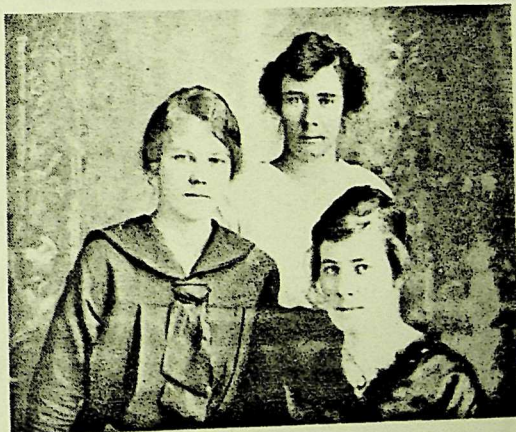
On July 4, 1913, a celebration was held at Old Halliday, the start of a rather dismal day. I had a check in my pocket, but couldn't cash it, because no one at the bank knew me. Seeing me standing in front of the bank, looking so forlorn, Sterner Haugen came up and asked, "What's your trouble, Abe." So I told him, "Well, we'll fix that," he said, and after a few minutes, with some money in my pocket, my celebration proceeded, along with some others.

I once thought of filing on a homestead, but changed my mind, thinking I would not be here long, but circumstances changed that. I met Clara Erbe from Java, S.D., who was visiting her brother Henry Erbe at Killdeer, and we were married in March 1917.

We have lived in Halliday since that time. Our second son, Melvin, also resides in Halliday. Wayne lives in Bismarck, N.D.

Leslie, our first son, died in the fall of 1918.

(By Abe Porter)



Clara Erbe Porter (left)

**ABE PORTER HISTORY**

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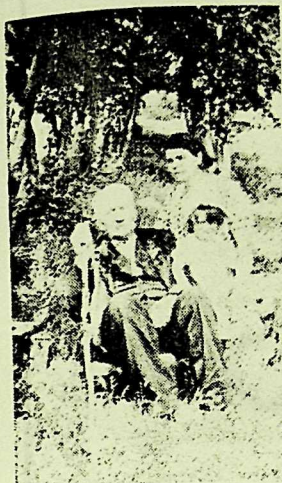
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## THE RANK FAMILY



Joseph Rank, Mrs. Bert Jackson and Mrs. Jackson's daughter in June of 1935



John Rank holds rattlesnake. Picture was taken in 1924.

Joseph and Caroline Rank, along with some of their children moved from Minnesota to Regent, N.D. in 1910 where they homesteaded on a farm 12 miles north and east of Regent.

Rank operated a shoe repair and harness shop there and traveled around the country in a wagon doing harness and shoe repair work.

In 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Rank and a daughter, Tressa, and two sons, Louie and John, and a grandson Edwin, moved to Halliday.

Rank operated a shoe shop and sold Wear-u-Well shoes in a building just south of the pool hall, formerly owned by Joe Fisher, Sr., who operated a cream station there. Later the shoe shop was moved to the old hardware store which was located on the north side of the Main Street and east of Palmer's store near where the present Wasem Hardware is now located. Then in 1924 the family purchased the S.D. O'Neil place, which was between the Hall Drug store and the Earl Harris barber shop.

Mrs. Rank died in 1930 and he passed away in 1939.

When the family first came to Halliday John and Louie went to work for the railroad as section hands. Louie worked there until about 1924, and from that time on he worked at various jobs and was employed by different farmers for several years. In 1936 he moved to Arlington, Wash., and was employed on a farm at Stanwood until his sudden death in 1951.

John continued as a railroad worker until 1942 when he joined the Army. During his years on the railroad he worked for a time at the Killdeer railroad section and also at the Stanton section. Section bosses he worked for at Halliday were Pete Cloff, John Gustafson, H. D. Scott and Pete Rosenson. Some of the fellow workers on the road were Louie Rosenberg, Omar Ottman, Pete Jergenson, Henry Beko, Fred Mertz, Brady Gust, John Soutner and Herman Zilsdorf.

The railroad was still quite new in Dunn County and the grades were soft, so when a heavy rain came it usually meant a washout and section crews had to work

long hours and sometimes during the night to make repairs and maintain the grade. The Halliday section consisted of the railroad from just west of the Ferebee farm to a mile east of Dodge and at times there were eight and more men employed on the section.

There was a lot of traffic on the railroad and the passenger train came through daily and the freights were long and heavy with incoming consumer goods and with farm products being shipped out. There were no truck lines in those days and no bus service, so all the shipping was done by rail. The track beds gradually became more settled and there was less and less maintenance to be done. And with the coming of auto freight and busses there was less and less shipping to be done by rail so the section crew dwindled to only a couple of men.

The old Rank building was sold for taxes to Steve Lesmeister in the late 30s and was moved to the east end of town.

John joined the Army in 1942 and was stationed at Fort Snelling until his discharge. He then moved to Portland, Ore., where he presently resides and is employed at the Jantzen knitting mills.

## THE GUST WEISENBURGERS

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Weisenburger were both born and reared in the Halliday community and were married in 1935.

Gust was in construction work for two years and later employed by the State Highway Dept. Having tired of working on various jobs he decided to start ranching and lived on the Forth Berthold Indian reservation for 15 years. In 1951 he purchased the ranch home of his parents, where they presently reside.

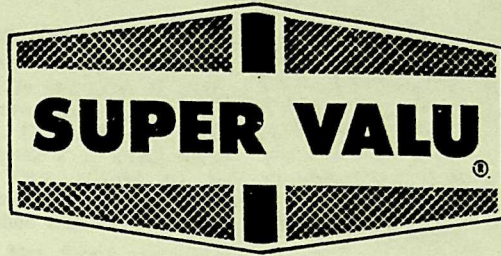
One daughter and six sons came to live with the Weisenburgers; Darlene, a nurse at Billings, Mont.; Gerald, a barber, at Jamestown, N.D., Melvin, working as a grain dealer at Sherwood, N.D., and Gordon, Ralph, David, and Kenneth living at home.

Gust has been active in community affairs, at present, serving as president of the Halliday School Board and secretary of the Farmers Elevator.



Mr. and Mrs. Gust Weisenburger





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## THE R. COLE SMITH STORY

R. Cole Smith homesteaded the east half of the east half of section 30 township 142, range 93, in 1906.



Alva Carnes, Georgia, Carol Carnes, Robert Geven, Marjie and Keith.

He and Leah B. Carns were married at Emerson, N. D., on Dec. 24, 1910 at the T. L. Evans home.

They resided on his homestead until 1911 when they moved to hers

Mrs. Smith came from Iowa with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carns, Sr. in 1904. She homesteaded a quarter of land which is a part of the existing Smith farm in the Big Flat community.

Mrs. Smith taught school in Taylor, N. D. and in a country school in Dunn County before her marriage.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The four living children were raised on the farm except for a few years when the family lived in Halliday while they were attending school.

Georgia was born in 1912. Dr. Neff, of Emerson, attended Mrs. Smith. Tom Bailey drove the doctor the 16 miles from Emerson to the Smith farm. They used a new wagon box to cross a swollen stream caused by the melting snow. There were no improved roads then and very few bridges anywhere in the country.

Georgia and Joe Bosch of Halliday were married in 1933. They are the parents of five sons and one daughter. They have six grandchildren. A little grandson died shortly after birth. The Joe Boschs reside in Dickinson where he owns and operates the Bosch Lumber Co.

Robert was born in February, 1914. He married Alice Gildea of Chicago on Nov. 2, 1945 at the Joe Bosch home in Dunn Center while he was in the service. After being discharged he and Alice moved to the Smith farm. Robert operated the farm with his father until 1959 when



Aunt Pearl Evans, Uncle Will Carnes, Cole Smith and Bob's mother, Leah Smith

he purchased it. A daughter and two sons, who attend school at Halliday, comprise their family.

Marjorie was born in March, 1915. She was married to Seb Sitter of Richardton, N. D., in 1942 at Richardton. They resided on his parents farm northwest of there until Robert's return. They then purchased the Earl Hart farm north of Werner where they reside. They have one daughter and three sons.

Gwendolyn was born in February 1919. She married Clarence Scott of Carrington, N. D. A son and daughter were born to them.

Mrs. Scott has seven grandchildren and she resides at Carrington, where she is employed by Klindworth Feed Supply, Inc.

Keith was born on Marjorie's birthday in 1919. He died at the age of four.

Mrs. Smith died in Dickinson, N. D., on Dec. 10, 1953. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church in Halliday, and she was laid to rest in Spring Creek Cemetery.

In 1955 Smith married Grace Hutchinson at Killdeer where they reside during the summer months.

He served on the School Board and was county commissioner in Dunn County for several years.

## HARTVICK ANDERSON STORY

Hartvick Anderson began store business in September of 1934 at Marshall, N.D. On June 19, 1935 he was married to the former Jennie Reems of Killdeer, N.D., and they were in business at Marshall until December 1940 when they moved to Halliday and opened a grocery store in the former Marcovitz building which they still continue to operate.

In May of 1945 they purchased the former Peter Rippel home which was then owned and occupied by Mrs. I. M. Law.

The Andersons have a family of three children. Duane is married and resides in Dickinson, N.D., and is employed in the Insurance Dept. of the Liberty National Bank.

Beverly, who is married, a registered nurse and has two children and resides in Clinton, Ill.

Carol is at home and this year graduated from Halliday High School.

During the 24 years the Andersons have been in business and made their home in Halliday, he has served on the various civic and church organizations in the city. He was a director on the School Board at the time the new gymnasium was built.

As a family they have prospered and enjoyed their years in Halliday, a city built by the pioneers and who are to be honored for their sacrifices and perseverance.



The Hartvick Andersons



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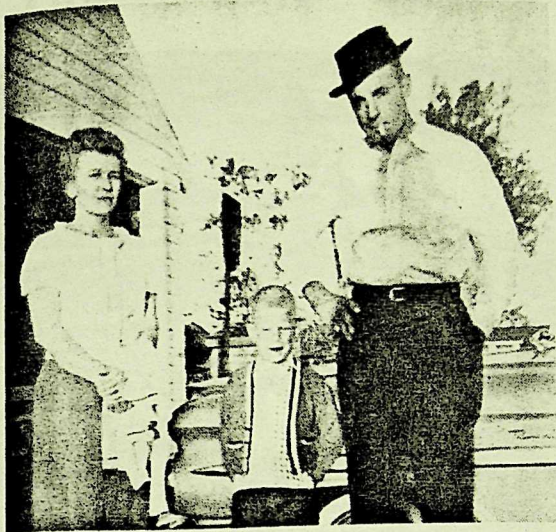
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George and Ina Ferebee

HALLIDAY, NORTH DAKOTA



## THE EDWIN REIERSGAARDS

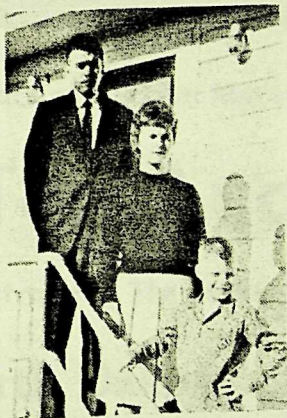


Edwin, Marjorie and Kim Reiersgaard

The Edwin Reiersgaards moved from south of Werner, N. D. to Halliday in the fall of 1945. They purchased the Mobil Service station from Bernard Kruckenberg, operated it for 2½ years and sold to Martin Bergstadt in the spring of 1948.

In 1949 Marjorie Reiersgaard purchased the Beauty Salon from Nellie Nordahl and has owned and operated it since that time. The building in which the Beauty Salon is located is one of the first frame structures built in this community. It was the farm home of the Ed Mjølhus family east of Halliday.

After selling the service station; Edwin was engaged in the trucking business. In 1951 he became bulk agent for Standard Oil Co., which he still operates. There are three children: James, 19, attending Minot State Teachers College and studying business law; Judith, 18, also attending Minot State Teachers College, studying in home economics and physical education and Kim, 11, in the fifth grade at Halliday School.



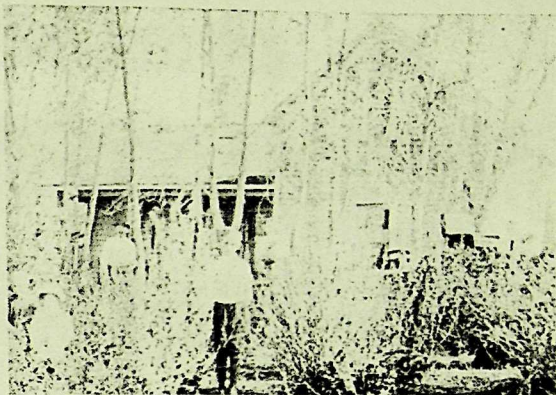
James, Judith, Kim

## OLE CHRISTENSEN FAMILY

Ole Christensen, born in Norway on March 27, 1872, came to the United States in 1889.

After working in the woods and on the railroad near Duluth, Minn., he came to Taylor, N. Dak., in 1890 and worked on a farm during harvest time.

Later he worked for the Paulsons who had a ranch on the Knife River. The next year he started ranching for himself near Horse Nose Butte, where he ran cattle



Ole Christensen Farm Scene

and sheep with Alf Olafson. A few years later he homesteaded the present Stevens' Brothers ranch. He came to know many Indians who traveled through, on their way to Dickinson and many trades were transacted on their stops.

In 1900 he married Emma Hamman, a native of Germany, who was reared in the Richardton area. They met after a prairie fire they had both been battling.

They became the parents of six children, Walter, Clarence, Mary, Ole, Jr., Edna, and Lillian. Only Walter, of Enumclaw, Wash., and Ole, of Halliday, survive.

In the early days they went to Dickinson with team and horses only twice each year to do their shopping. Settlers were far apart and it was not an uncommon event to ride or drive a team up to 40 miles for a dance.

In later years Ole became a livestock dealer. In this capacity he became acquainted with most of the people in Dunn County. His wife, Emma, died in 1950, and Ole succumbed in 1953.

## MARTIN, PEARL ZILSDORF

Pearl Hart came to North Dakota from Wisconsin in about 1904 with her parents. She went to work at Taylor, N. D., and then filed on a homestead seven miles southwest of Old Halliday.

Her brothers built a tarpaper shack and she worked for the Bakers at their rooming and boarding home at Taylor when not on her homestead.

In 1908 she went to Oklahoma and married Herman Zilsdorf, who she had known since childhood. Zilsdorf was reared in Wisconsin, later going to Oklahoma with his parents in about 1900.

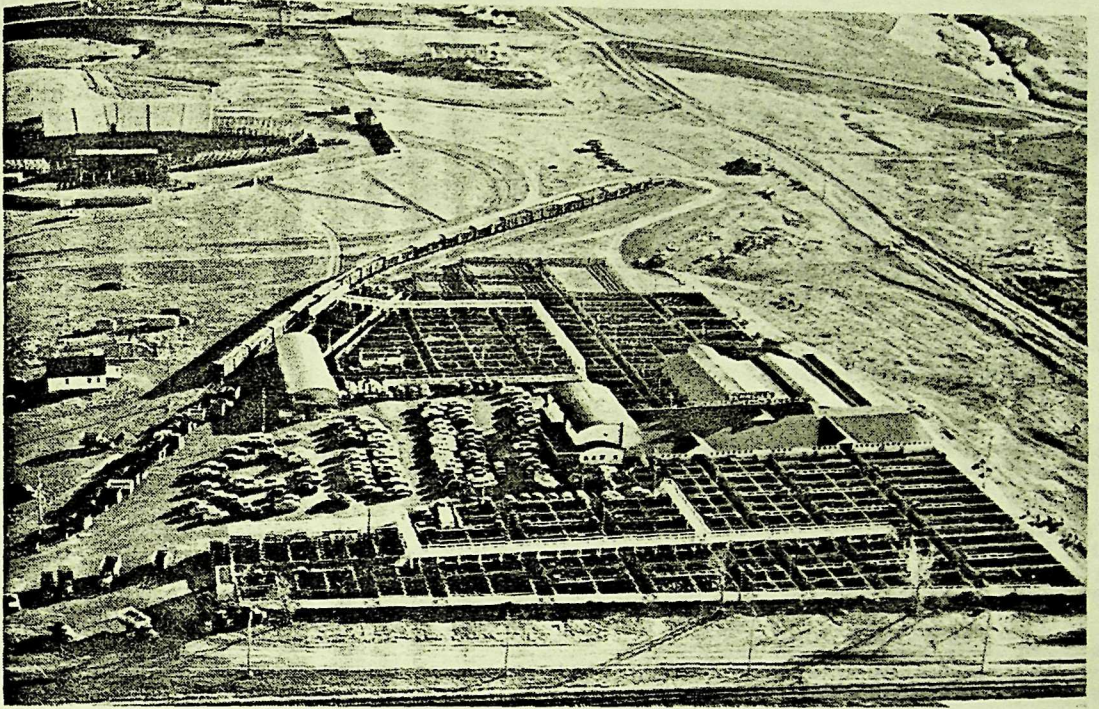
They came back to North Dakota and set up house keeping on Pearl's claim. In 1916 they moved to Knife River near the Slack ranch where Herman bought up homestead rights on 160 acres. They lived there until 1919 when they moved back and rented the farm which Grandpa and Grandma Hart had, one-fourth mile east of Pearl's homestead. Seven children were born to Herman and Pearl.

They are: Clyde at Medora; Lee, Seattle, Wash.; (Marion) Mrs. Hal Kinzer at Tacoma; Leslie, Olympia, Wash.; (Phyllis) Mrs. Norman Maritvold, Olympia, Wash.; (Sarah) Mrs. Marshall Jackson, Gresham, Ore.; and James at Hayward, Calif.

Herman Zilsdorf died in July of 1934 and Mrs. Zilsdorf died in September of 1955.



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## MAURICE H. WASEM

Maurice Herbert Wasem came to North Dakota in 1914 from Patoka, Ill. He worked in Dickinson for two years and then moved to Halliday to go into business with his brother, Leslie, who had purchased a hardware store from Carl Hanke in 1915.

In June 1916, Wasem enlisted in Co. "F" 1st N. D. Infantry, was mustered into federal service on July 1 at Ft. Lincoln, N. D. and served on the Mexican border, being honorably discharged at Ft. Snelling, Minn., Feb. 14, 1917.

On Jan. 3, 1921, Maurice married Hilma Gaebe, who had been teaching school here and they had seven children.

In later years Wasem had surgery for the removal of tumors on the spinal cord after which he needed crutches to aid him in walking. Maurice died April 16, 1947. He was a member of the Congregational Church and Masonic lodge. He served as a member of the School Board for 17 years and was county commissioner for two terms. He was a council member of the Halliday Boy Scouts and was interested in sports. One of his baseball teams made a good showing in the state Junior Legion tournament at Grand Forks.

The Wasem Hardware is now owned by his son, Maurice, who married Theresa Malsom and they have six children. Luann (Mrs. Lloyd Selle) works as a teller at The Union Bank and has one son. Leslie married Lenora Steffen and the family lives on a farm and they have five children. Dorothy (Mrs. James Hess) resides in Cheyenne, Wyo. She is a registered nurse and her husband is with the Federal Aviation Agency. They have four children.

Bill and his wife, the former Lorraine Keller of Dodge, are in Aberdeen, S. D. and they have four children. He is assistant financial manager with the U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

Charles married Agnes Frank and they live in Greeley, Colo. where he works as a pharmacist in the Wellorado Drug Store. They have two small children.

Hilma Joyce, Mrs. Richard Mann, lives in Grand Forks where Richard graduated from law school this year. They have four children.

## VOIGT IN HALL OF FAME

In 1902 Andrew Voigt and his wife, Anna, and seven sons came to the Halliday area. Born in Germany and living for some time in St. Cloud, he came by railroad to Taylor, and from there by wagon to their land seven miles north of Halliday.

Here he lived in a log house with his family, and they worked hard to build up a large and profitable ranch raising Hereford cattle, Percheron horses, mules and sheep. For a time he was president of the Security State Bank.

To quote the Bismarck Tribune "Voigt was one of the most beloved pioneer ranchers in western North Dakota,



The Maurice Wasems



Andrew and Mrs. Voigt and their children

numbering among his friends both whites and Indians. He was of deep religious convictions and because of this and his generous heart, Voigt fulfilled his life's ambition: to help others.

"His ranch was a "Headquarters of Hospitality" for hungry cowboys and Indians. He also donated beef and mutton for the Indian Mission at Elbowoods for years and to many hungry Indians in financial distress through all the years.

"The famous Mandan Indian, Crows Heart, whose monument is placed in the State Historical Society Museum in Bismarck, named him: 'Andrew, Big Heart White Man Can't Say No'."

The Voigt ranches have been inundated by the Garrison dam and the boys and their families moved to other places: Bill in Whitefish, Mont.; George, deceased; Ed near Werner; Joe in Minot, Vic near Mandan and Frank, deceased. The daughters Clara (Schettler) is living near Donnybrook and Rose (Bosch) resides in Bismarck.

Anna Voigt passed away in 1931 and Andrew remarried Mrs. Monica Gress. He died in 1939.

Andrew Voigt was selected as the 1962 honoree from North Dakota in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City.

His picture hangs in the Hall of Fame of great westerners.

## MARTIN KNUTSON FAMILY

Martin H. Knutson heard of the Homestead Act and came to North Dakota in 1907 from Sacred Heart, Minn. and filed on a homestead three miles east of Halliday where he lived for 41 years.

He married Mrs. Knutson in 1910. She had come from the Red River Valley area, traveling by oxen to Rolette, N.D. In later years she joined her brother and homesteaded two miles north of Golden Valley, N.D., in 1907.

The Knutsons erected a wood building 14 x 16 feet and dug a well by hand. They started with two horses, one cow and a few chickens. They tilled the soil with a walking plow and team of horses.

The Knutsons went to Taylor for food supplies, clothing and to market their grain and the trip took two



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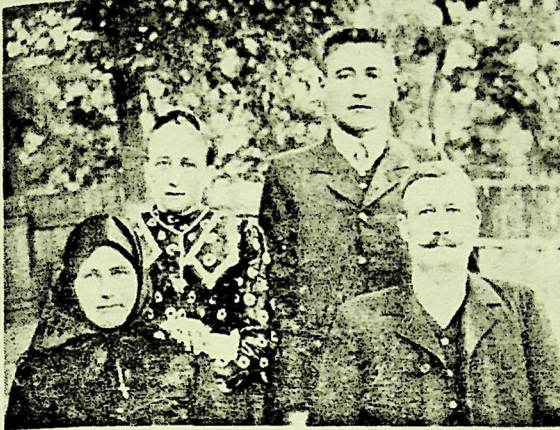
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## THE FRANK HOFFARTS



Frank Hoffart is standing at rear with his sister. His parents are shown in front. Picture was taken in Hungary, when Frank was about 14 years of age at the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffart came to Halliday from Dickinson in 1922. They had lived in Philadelphia, after coming to this country from Hungary.

Frank purchased the butcher shop from Peter Rippel and operated it in partnership with Nick Sardotz of Dickinson. After a year Sardotz moved to Beulah.

In 1942 Frank sold the butcher shop to Harry Walker and went West. When he returned he started a locker plant and ran it for 10 years when his son-in-law, Jim Malloy took it over.



Mrs. Frank Hoffart  
the Hoffarts and learned the butcher trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffart are now retired and living in their new home in Halliday.

The Hoffarts have three children: Annie (Mrs. Fred Wanner) who lives in West Virginia, Joe, Detroit Lakes, Minn. and Margaret (Mrs. Jim Malloy) who lives in Etascadero, Calif.

From 1933 until 1940 Simon (Shorty) Bosch also made his home with the Hoffarts.

## THE AMUND JERMUNDSONS

Amund Jermundson was born in Telemarken, Norway in 1870. He came to America in 1892, to live with an uncle at Lake Mills, Ia.

In 1905 Jermundson came to North Dakota and homesteaded on a quarter of land 30 miles due north of Richardson in Dunn County. He married Birgit Hovden at Taylor, N. D. in 1907. She also was from Telemarken, Norway and came to Iowa in 1904.

They lived on the homestead 38 years and their five children were born and grew up there. They are: Thea, Gilbert, Erling, Joe and Byrdie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jermundson belong to the early days of the Halliday community. They were among the first of the homesteaders in the area. They, like others of that time, endured the hardships of settling and developing a new country.

For the first 10 years the market for what they produced, was 35 miles away by team and wagon. They worked hard and prospered.

Jermundson rented and farmed considerably more land than the home place. He became one of the more prominent farmers of the area. The drought and depression of the thirties took their toll for them too, and left them too old to make the comeback when the good years arrived.

Their son Joe was killed in World War II, in 1944. Erling served 3½ years in the 8th Air Force, in the same war. He now lives in Denver, Colo., where he has a radio and TV shop.

Gilbert is a forman for the Brezina building contractors, at present in Riverdale, N. D. Byrdie is married and lives with her family in New Brunswick, N.J., where her husband is in the garage business.

Thea, resides in Dickinson, N. D. Her husband was a brand inspector and fieldman for the North Dakota Stockmen's Assn. for a number of years. He died in 1963.

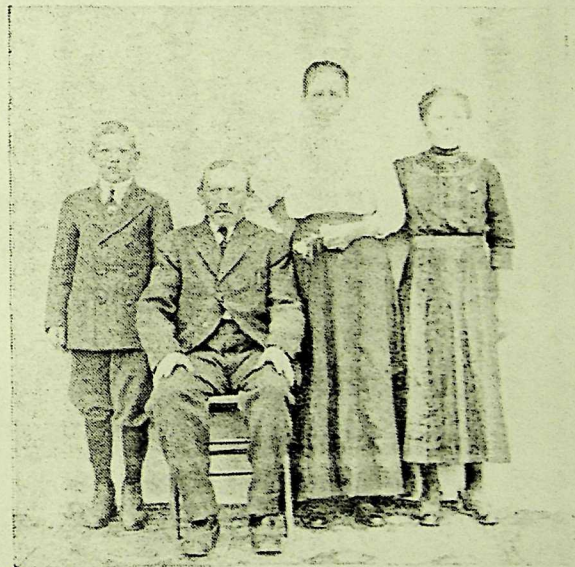
Amund Jermundson died in 1958 and his wife, Birgit, in 1962.

## DANIEL MARTIN FAMILY

Daniel Martin, a pioneer, who homesteaded north of Halliday, and who still resides in Halliday, was born January 4, 1880 in Russia, the son of Christaf Martin and Louise Rink.

In 1901, he married Thersa Reinke and four children were born to them while they were still in Russia. Ottile was born in 1902, Reinhold in 1904, Otto in 1906 and Rudolf in 1908.

The family left Russia in 1910 on the largest boat on the ocean at that time, the Maure Tonia. Due to ill-



The Daniel Martins and children



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ness aboardship they had an 11-day layover at Liverpool. When they reached New York, there was an epidemic of measles on the boat.

Reinhold, Rudolf and Otto became ill with the measles and were removed from the ship to a hospital on New York Island. There Rudolf and Otto died from the measles and were buried in New York.

The family left New York by train, which took them to Garrison, N. D., where an uncle of Daniel's lived. From Garrison, they went by car to Krem, N. D., where he had a brother-in-law.

They stayed there two months and then moved to their homestead five miles north of Halliday. Two children were born there, but died after birth. In 1926, Daniel moved to Halliday, where he and his wife lived until 1963, when she died. He then moved in with his son Reinhold, who still farms the homestead.

Reinhold was married to Loisa Mutcemberger in 1925. She died in 1957. They have six children, Otto, Edwin, and Herbert, who still live at Halliday, Bertha, who resides at Werner, Wilma, who lives at Beulah, N.D., and Deloris at Richardton, N. D.

On Jan. 29, 1958, Reinhold Martin married Mrs. Anna Mohl and since that time they have resided at his home in Halliday. Reinhold's sister, Ottile, was married to Mike Mann and they also are at Halliday.

## OLAF JOHNSON STORY

The summer of 1906 saw the arrival of a number of pioneers from Elroy, Wis., and nearby towns. Among them were Olaf Johnson, Gilbert Juve, John Riley, and Oscar Osmundson.

Olaf Johnson was born in Norway in 1877. He came, with his parents, to America in 1879. He attended rural schools in the Elroy vicinity. In 1905 Olaf was united in marriage to Ida Milne.

On arrival in North Dakota, Olaf and his buddies filed on homesteads and constructed small shacks. In the fall, they returned to Wisconsin but, with the arrival of spring, they packed their belongings into an immigrant car and headed back to North Dakota.

Accompanying the pioneers this time was Mrs. Johnson and Olaf's younger sister, Alice. They arrived in Taylor and met Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lawbaugh and Belle Thornly who were also headed for the Halliday area, so hired Henry Hecht who ran a livery stable to bring them out. The group had to wait a week, due to high water in the Knife River which had to be crossed.

Alice settled on Spring Creek, next to Osmundson's homestead and married Oscar Gustafson in November of 1909. Due to poor health, Osmundson returned to Wisconsin where he died in 1912.

The Johnsons' closest neighbors were Conrad Jacobson to the south who sold to Tony Wilhelm; Andrew Toft and Eterness. Juve and Riley were a couple of miles west of them. Gib Juve remained in North Dakota but Riley returned to his native state where he still resides. Neither of these two gentlemen ever married. Mr. Juve died from complications of old age in 1961.

The Rowe Brothers, Clarence, Louis, and Artie, were schoolmates of Olaf and Alice. They settled in the Werner vicinity about the same time.

As time went on, the Johnsons acquired more land, had a small herd of cattle and were quite extensive wheat farmers. When the drought of the thirties hit, their sandy

land began drifting as did everyone else's. By 1936, they became discouraged and with their family of five children, Lloyd, Lila, Mildred, Marian, and Howard, they moved back to Wisconsin and purchased a dairy farm where they lived until retiring because of poor health.

Mr. Johnson died in November of 1949. Mrs. Johnson made her home with Lloyd and his wife, Del, until her death on Feb. 10, 1960.

## THE ENTZEL HISTORY

My parents, Carl Entzel, born Aug. 20, 1874 and Ludmilla Speckt, born June 15, 1879 were married in South Russia on Nov. 28, 1900. Conditions were bad and they couldn't make a living, so they came to America in 1909.

They had five daughters. Minnie (Mrs. Alex Huber), Maggie (Mrs. Bill Meissel), Christine (Mrs. Theo Weisz), Erma (Mrs. Louie Tschackolske) and Anna, who is deceased. They resided at Uncle Jacob Bohers' place at Mannheim, N.D., and my grandmother also lived there.



Henry Entzel and son Charles, Mrs. Entzel and daughter, Deborah

My father worked there until 1911, when he homesteaded four miles east and one mile south of Halliday. He built a four-room stone house on 80 acres. This house still stands.

Carl Entzel moved to Dodge in 1942 and died in 1943. My brother Bernard Entzel, remained on my parents' farm for several years, but now lives in Dodge. Mother, at the age of 85, resides in Dodge with my sister Olga and brother Edwin.

Henry Entzel was born in the stone house May 10, 1921 and married Armella Glaser of Geneseo, N.D., Aug. 10, 1953. In 1962 he remodeled the farm place and built a new house and a dairy barn.

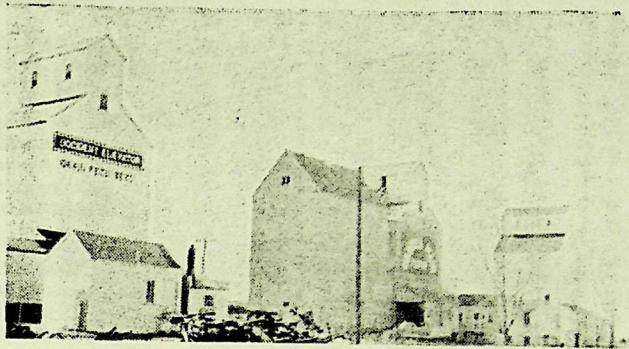
Henry Entzel has two children: Deborah, age 8 and Elvis, two months, and a stepson, Charles, 16.

(By Henry Entzel)



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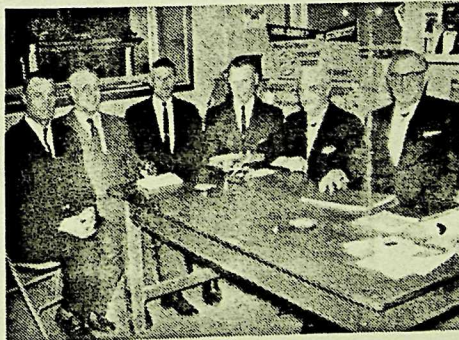
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## HENRY MARTENS FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martens and four children left their homeland of Tossens, Germany in 1906 to seek freedom and opportunity in America.

After a stormy voyage of one month, they arrived at Taylor, N. D. Earlier in 1903 they had sent two daughters Mina and Hannah to Taylor. Two years later Helen and Wilhelm followed. The four children helped bring their parents to the United States.

Martens rented the Schmidt farm at Taylor and helped erect the Abbey at Richardton. In 1907 the Martens family located a homestead some five miles southeast of Halliday. Martens purchased four oxen and with crude implements broke his homestead land.

He had some interesting tales to tell about his oxen. When his daughter appeared in the distance with lunch they stopped. The most discouraging was the minute the sun set in the west his oxen stopped and refused to move until unhooked. A cloudy day never fooled the oxen.

Grandma Martens also told about her exciting experiences at home. A cow jumped and cleared a dutch door of their homestead shack and her daughter Henny as she sat on a chair near the door getting her hair combed. Several times she helped fight prairie fires.

Neighbors were far apart, as few homesteads existed. The Tries, Neurohrs and Fiegels were the families living south of Halliday. Early post offices were at the Collins, Clarence Lees, and John Johnson places. Mail was brought out from Richardton.

In 1915 Martens sold his farm to his son Adolf. He purchased a smaller farm two miles east. After one year's struggle with horses he sold his farm to John Neurohr and moved into Halliday in 1916. He returned to mason work and built many of the chimneys and cisterns. They remained in Halliday the rest of their lives.

They joined the American Lutheran Church. Their hobbies were gardens, trees, and reading continued newspaper stories. Here close friends gathered twice a week to hear him read.

Martens made a trip alone back to Germany in 1927. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1934.

This pioneer couple was blessed with old age. Martens died at the age of 81. Mrs. Mina Fisher, a daughter retired and took care of her mother until her death at the age of 88.

The family consisted of Hannah, Mrs. Sivert Severson; Helen, Mrs. Clark Davis; Freida, Mrs. Frank Fiegel; Henny, Mrs. Pete Tries; Emma, Mrs. Adolf Mathson; Mina, Mrs. Alton Fisher; Adolf and Wilhelm.



**JUBILEE OFFICIALS** — Left to right are Halliday's Jubilee officers: Randol Bosch, vice president; Maude Schmitz, secretary; Frank Martin, treasurer and Gerald Bogers, president.



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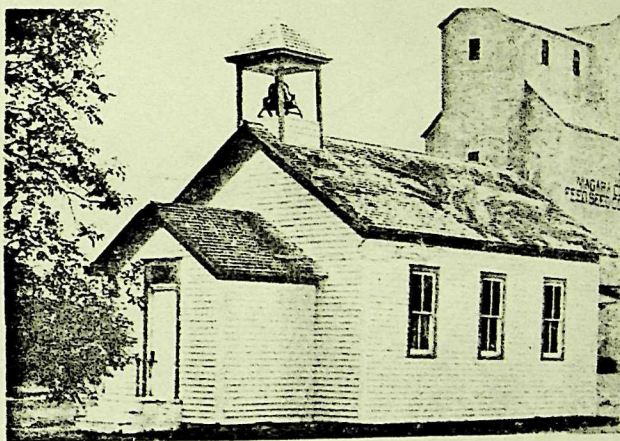


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**NIAGARA COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS  
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It was during the summer of 1967 that a group of people in the Niagara community began talking about preserving a log cabin located on land owned by Mrs. Edna Aarnes. When Mrs. Aarnes was asked if she would be willing to sell the cabin, she stated she would not sell it, but would donate it to the town of Niagara in memory of her late husband, Edwin Aarnes.

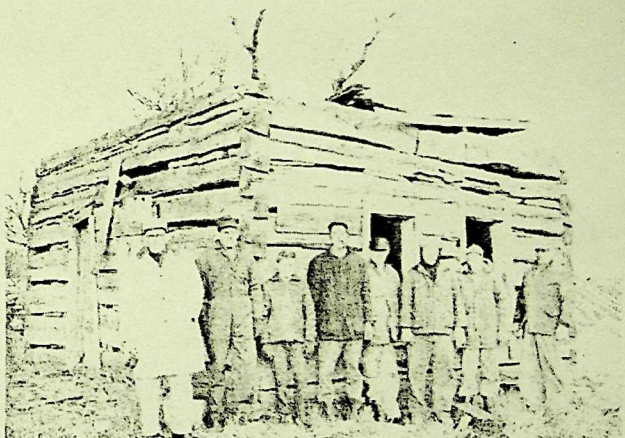
On November 17th, 1967, a small group of people met at the Niagara Hall to organize a historical society. Ervin Sagen was elected president, Herb Voelker vice president, and Mrs. Ray Hillestad secretary-treasurer. Later, because of the growth in membership, it was decided to add another officer, and Mrs. Grace Rustebakke was elected as treasurer. The organization was to be known as the Niagara Community Historical Society. Mrs. Ervin Sagen, Mrs. Grace Rustebakke, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sears were appointed by the president to draw up a Constitution for the organization. On June 4th, 1968, the constitution was presented to the members, and was adopted. Membership dues were set at \$2.00 per person, and Bob Lind, former Niagara resident, donated 200 membership tickets to the Society.

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A weatherbeaten relic of pioneer times in the Red River Valley the Ellertson-Aarnes log cabin stands forlorn. It is the spot it was moved to from its original site, a mile and a half away, on the coulee bank of the north branch of the Turtle River.



Francis Sears, left, historian for the Niagara Community Historical Society, and volunteer workers who dismantled the log cabin built by Elling Ellertson in 1881-82, are shown at the old building after they had taken down the upper structure preparatory to moving it to Niagara. Others, from left, are Kenneth Westby, Charles Herrmann, Ervin Sagen, Tony Olson, Raymond Hillestad, James Halstenson, and Richard Herrmann.



## HISTORY OF LOG CABIN

This pioneer home was built by Elling Ellertson, who brought his family from Fillmore County, Minnesota to Dakota Territory in May, 1881. He began constructing the cabin on land now owned by Mildred and James Halstenson, about 4 miles northeast of Niagara. An expert with the broad axe, Mr. Ellertson was assisted by his brother, Nels Ellertson, and together they cut the oak timbers used in the construction of the home. The logs, about 15 inches deep and 8 inches wide after squaring, were dove tailed at the corners, and were notched at an angle, so the building stresses caused by wind could not push the walls out of line or flatten them. There were no dowels used at the ends of the timbers---these were used only between the windows and doors where the logs were short. In order to make the walls as windproof as possible, the spaces between the logs were filled with mortar. In later years, the chinking was replaced with lime and sand. Three windows and two doors were fitted into the cabin walls. A ladder nailed to the wall was used to reach the loft where the children slept.

Three of the seven Ellertson children were born in the cabin--- Hannah, Karl, (who died in infancy), and Inga. The other four, Amelia, Even, Oscar, and Elline, came with their parents from Fillmore County. Only one of the children, Mrs. Inga Olson of Crescent City, California, survives.

The cabin was often used as a gathering place for social activities in the community. After the children had climbed to the loft, chairs, tables, beds and other furniture were moved outside in order to make room for dancing. There was always someone who could play the violin and accordian. In the early morning hours, the furniture was brought back into the cabin, and the visitors left for their homes.

Ministers traveling through the area frequently held church services in this cabin.

Elling Ellertson later purchased what was known as the Hixon farm northeast of Niagara. He sold the cabin to Ferdinand Lucke in 1893. Mr. Lucke dismantled the cabin, numbering the logs as he did so, and moved it from its original site on the coulee bank of the north branch of the Turtle River to a place a mile and a half away, near the Martin Aarnes farm. Other pioneers who later occupied the cabin were the Ole Lein and Michael Everson families.

Martin Aarnes later purchased the land on which the cabin was standing, but did not use it as a dwelling place. He boarded up

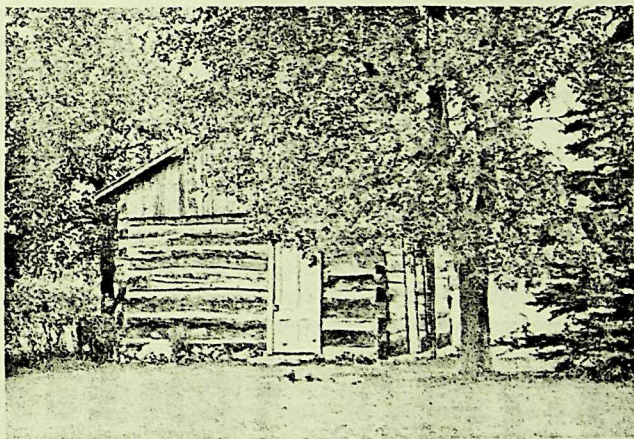


the windows and doors, and used it as a place for storing his grain for a number of years. The elements and time took their toll, and the cabin became unfit for grain storage. It stood a forlorn and almost forgotten landmark when Mrs. Edna Aarnes decided to give it to the community in memory of her late husband, Edwin Aarnes.

The Niagara Community Historical Society had been organized, and it was time to move the cabin into the city of Niagara. Through volunteer help, the roof was taken off for easier moving. Richard Lupien, with his housemoving equipment successfully moved the cabin to the southwest corner of the city park in Niagara, and where, on December 7, 1967, it was set in its present location. About a year later, again through volunteer help, the roof was put back on the cabin. Carl Nelson furnished used shingles for the roof. By now the walls had been straightened and chinked, and windows and doors had been replaced.

As the work progressed, interest in the project grew, and the membership increased. Since the Society had no funds, a card party and pancake supper were held to raise money to pay the necessary expenses.

In the spring of 1969, it was decided to set aside a Sunday in July for the dedication of the log cabin.





## **Program Dedicates Log Cabin As Niagara Historical Marker**

A crowd, estimated at more than 2000 people, left their television sets for a time on the historic day of July 20, 1969, the day men left their first footprints on the moon, to attend another historic event in the lives of the people of the Niagara community, the dedication of the 88 year old log cabin.

It was a beautiful day-warm sunshine, and a gentle breeze. The 40 units which were scheduled to appear in the parade, began arriving at 11 o'clock, and in spite of some confusion in such a crowded area, the parade headed down the streets of Niagara at almost the scheduled time of 1:30, with Morris Rustebakke and James Hemmingsen carrying the National and State Flags on horseback.

"Life in Pioneer Days" was the theme of the parade. This was demonstrated by several of the floats, which showed household and farm chores being done by the mothers and fathers on the prairie. The pioneers' work day was long and hard, yet, in the evenings, they still found time for a bit of recreation with music and song. This was reflected by the marching Unity School Band, led by James Halstenson, and floats carrying the St. Andrew Lutheran Church Choir, singing hymns, Woody Snyder and his old time German Band, and even the youngsters with their own little kitchen band. Horse and buggy days were relived by an old time surrey with a fringe on top, a double buggy, by draft horses pulling the grain to market, and the Bachelor's Grove Saddle Club on horseback. The Niagara business men and the area clubs were all represented by floats, which showed a great deal of work and ingenuity in their construction. The cities of Petersburg, Larimore, Northwood and Arvilla were represented and brought greetings, and congratulations. A car bearing greetings from Bachelor's Grove, the home of the 7 original bachelors, was represented by three generations of descendants of Iver Gunderson, one of the original bachelors.

New cars, carrying the speakers of the day, and honor guests, area residents 75 or over, formed a part of the parade, as did old model cars, carrying Legionaires and Veterans of World War I and World War II. To show the passing time, displays of the latest modern combines and tractors had a place in the parade.

Many children appeared in pioneer costumes-long dresses and sun bonnets and others as characters from the nursery rhymes.

In the beautiful setting near the log cabin, the program was



held immediately following the parade. The invocation was given by the Rev. Kenneth Peterson of Grand Forks. The audience then rose to say the pledge of allegiance, led by Ervin Sagen, and to sing the Star Spangled Banner, led by Pastor Peterson. Speakers of the day were Liess Vantine of the State Historical Society, and Ed Milligan, past president of the State Historical Society, and now a board member; musical numbers by the St. Andrew Lutheran Church quartet of Niagara, and vocal solos by Pastor Kenneth Peterson.

More than 600 people, a small fraction of those present, visited the cabin and signed the guest book. Addresses revealed the visitors had come from the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Montana, Washington and California. Several North Dakota cities were represented, Fargo, West Fargo, Grand Forks, Grafton, Park River, Mayville, Devils Lake, Adams, Fairdale, Lankin, Fordville, Dahlen, Petersburg and many others.

Kirk Crawford received the colored TV set, and Kevin Kelly, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Kelly received the transistor radio.

The unusually large crowd kept some of the committees (the lunch and the Display committees) so busy they were unable to hear the program. Hundreds of hot dogs, barbecues and cup cakes were sold during the afternoon.

The parade and program was MC'd by the club president, Ervin Sagen, using a loud speaker system owned and set up for the day by Woody Snyder of Arvilla. He commented on the excellent cooperation he had received from his committees, and from the city and community of Niagara. By pulling together, we could do it, even in a small town.



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**DEDICATION PROGRAM**  
**Sunday, July 29, 1973**  
**3:00 P. M.**

Invocation	Pastor David Andreae
Song - God Bless America	Audience
Welcome	Ervin Sagen
Vocal Solo	Danny Kordahl
Guest Speaker	Dr. Russell Peterson University of North Dakota
Recognition of former teachers	
Vocal Number	High School Group
Dedication Ceremony	Ervin Sagen
Violin Selections	Herbert Schmidt
Remarks	Former teachers, students, and other interested persons
Vocal Solo	Danny Kordahl
Announcements	
Song	Audience
Benediction	Pastor David Andreae



Buffet supper following program served in basement dining room by members of the Society

Open House at Log Cabin and Schoolhouse from 1:30 to 3:00 P. M.



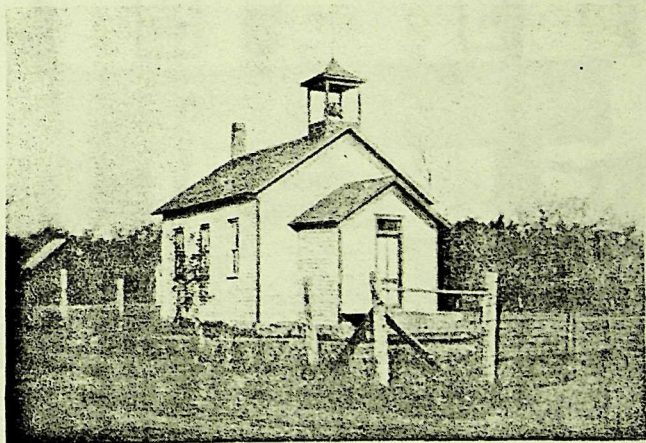
*The facts used in the preparation of the following papers were gotten through the County Court House, with the gracious help of Florence Rasmussen, County Superintendent of Schools: A book of check stubs dated 1898 to 1920; and by the good memory of a few senior citizens in our community.*

*Compiled by Gerda Nelson of Grand Forks.*

## HISTORY OF NIAGARA SCHOOL

A number of years ago, the trend throughout the state of North Dakota was to redistrict, forming larger school districts, thus eliminating the one room rural schools. Many of these school buildings were sold to be used as living quarters, some were used as grain storage facilities, some were completely abandoned, and some were torn down. A few were converted to township halls, and are used as voting places.

Ever since the first settlers came to North Dakota, education, however simple, was of prime importance. At first, classes were held in the homes, but this proved unsatisfactory as the number of settlers increased. The one room rural school became the answer. One teacher was thought sufficient in the school with pupils ranging from beginners to teenagers, and sometimes adults who had no prior chance to learn to read, write, or spell.

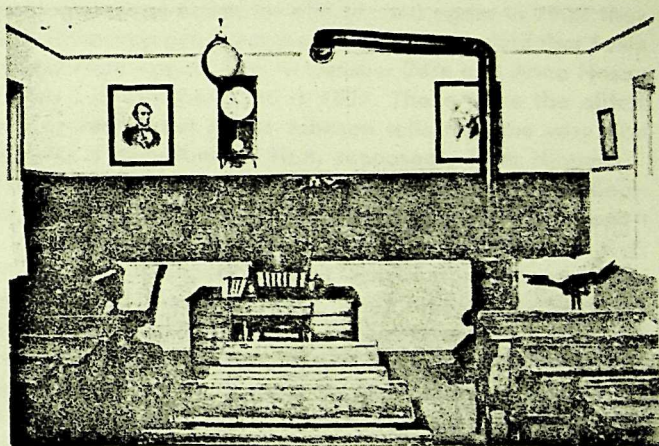




In this area, all rural schools were closed many years ago, and remained standing unattended. One such school was Niagara District #81, located east of Niagara on land now owned by William (Spud) Murphy. When members of the Niagara Community Historical Society expressed interest in preserving such a school, Mr. Murphy was contacted, and he offered to donate the school to the Society. Through negotiations with the Burlington Northern Railroad officials, a site was obtained so the school could be placed directly west of the log cabin. A foundation was built, and the school was moved to its new location by Johnson movers of Lakota. The building was in surprisingly good condition, but needed scrubbing, painting, replacement of window panes and doors. It had been unoccupied for more than 30 years.

Through volunteer help, the building has been restored. Furnishings for the school have been loaned or donated by private individuals, and neighboring school districts.

On July 29, 1973, this one room school will be officially dedicated, and will be kept as a symbol of the one room schools which once dotted the countryside of N.D.





## History

The Niagara School District #81 was formed August 5, 1885; the certificate giving the full description: District #81, Grand Forks County, Dakota Territory, signed by C. A. Burton, Supt. of Schools and J. P. Bray, County Auditor. It remained District #81 until 1959 when it was redistricted. Part of it was then added to Unity District #80 and part to Larimore School District #44. This covered a span of 74 years.

Just what year this building was built we have not been able to find; but no doubt shortly after the District was formed. We do read how often times School and Church services were held in the homes in the very early years. This could have happened here. There is an insurance report dated 1925 which lists the building of wood, built in about 1889. The Superintendent of School's office is the oldest office in Grand Forks County; it dates back to Territorial days. The address used on the first old papers was Arvilla, North Dakota. They do not know if there was an office there or not.

The land on which this school building stood was rented for many years. There are records of checks written to Peter Jensen for rent in the amount of \$2.00 for one year.

They had sold bonds to raise money for the school--as in 1901 they paid interest on bonds for \$28.35; and again in 1902 they paid \$12.50 for interest. From the check stubs we find that Susie Dale taught from August 15th to October 24th and Anna Nason taught July 1 to October 22nd in 1897. These were the oldest teachers on record but Anton Johnson tells that the very first teacher was a man--Andrew Holt, supposedly from Niagara.

In 1907 the Red River flooded in Grand Forks and the Courthouse lost many of its old papers. The oldest teacher's report there was for 1906. Bessie Beard was the teacher and J. F. McLain was County Superintendent. School started Sept. 4 and closed Oct. 18th the same year, with nine pupils enrolled. Teacher's salary was \$45.00 for 1 5 month's teaching. Not until 1911 when Tylda Kylo taught did they have 8 months of school.

From 1915 to 1923 there were too few pupils, so school was discontinued. There are school census reports dated 1916 which shows the names of all children over six and under twenty-one who were not in school. Two of these were listed as needed for work at home and two because there was no school with two and one-half miles from their residence. Two of these pupils were over 21--one 18 years and the other 11 years of age. There



were times when the students were as old or older than the teacher. Many of the teachers were just 18 years of age and sometimes younger, especially so in the very early years before they required any college work.

From 1922 to 1941 there was full time school terms. Often times few pupils but also times when there were up to 20 some pupils in the small school. School closed in Oct. 31, 1941. Transportation and tuition was paid until 1959 when the District was redistricted.

District #81

Grand Forks, Dakota  
August 5, 1885

I have formed School District #81 of Grand Forks County, Dakota, known and described as follows: Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Township 152, Range 56.

C.A. Burton  
County Superintendent of Schools

Grand Forks, Dakota  
August 5, 1885

J.P. Bray, Esq.)  
County Auditor)

Sir:

I have formed School District #81 described as follows: Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Township 152, Range 56. The above described shall be known as District #81 of Grand Forks County, Dakota Territory.

Respectfully,  
C.A. Burton

(Niagara #81 remained as the NE¼ of Niagara Township until it was reorganized in 1959. Part went to Unity #80 in Nelson County and part was annexed to Larimore #44.)

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## TEACHERS

8-15-92 - 10-24-92

7-1-97 - 10-22-97

4-4-98 - 6-24-98

8-9-98 - 10-31-98

3-13-99 - 6-2-99

9-18-99 - 12-15-99

9-3-1900 - 11-23-1900

3-11-01 - 6-28-01

7-1-01 - 7-5-01

9-8-02 - 12-24-02

1-5-03 - 4-17-03

5-3-04 - 6-24-04

8-31-03 - 11-20-03

9-5-04 - 12-9-04

3-15-05 - 6-23-05

9-6-05 - 11-27-05

3-19-06 - 6-8-06

9-4-06 - 10-18-06

3-18-07 - 6-7-07

9-02-07 - 11-22-07

3-3-08 - 6-8-08

9-1-08 - 12-7-08

3-1-09 - 6-8-09

10-18-09 - 12-24-09

2-14-10 - 5-06-10

9-6-10 - 12-23-10

3-6-11 - 6-9-11

9-8-11 - 5-3-12

9-2-12 - 5-23-13

9-15-13 - 5-28-14

9-14-14 - 4-9-15

8-23-15 - 11-26-15

9-5-22 - 4-21-22

9-10-23 - 5-2-24

9-8-24 - 5-8-25

9-14-25 - 5-19-26

9-6-26 - 4-29-27

9-12-27 - 5-4-28

9-10-28 - 5-24-29

9-9-29 - 5-2-30

Susie Dale

Anna B. Nason

Beatrice McWilliams

Beatrice McWilliams

Mary McGillivaay

Lizzie Redpath

Lizzie Redpath

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Nora M. Lynch

Lucy Brennick

Lucy Brennick

Gena Gunderson

Lucy Brennick

Maud McLaren

Lily Grimsrud

Lily Grimsrud

Stella J. Severinson

Bessie Beard

Lily Grimsrud

Celia Gormican

Olive Kjos

Pauline Boe

Pauline Boe

Lucile C. Schremer

Lucile Schremer

Tylda Kylo

Ella E. Gowan

Tylda Kylo

Tillie C. Kylo

Olga Severinson

Anna S. Pederson

Mildred Middleton

Sarah Sutherland

Mabel Knudson

Esther B. Meland

Jennie A. King

Charlotte Pickard

Astrid Kleven

Gerda Uness

Gladys M. Kilen



9-8-30 - 5-2-31  
 9-14-31 - 5-6-32  
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 9-5-33 - 4-27-34  
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 9-30-35 - 5-22-36  
 9-7-36 - 5-28-37  
 9-13-37 - 5-27-38  
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 9-9-40 - 5-23-41  
 9-15-41 - 10-31-41

Adelaide Henriud  
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 Helen C. Munson  
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 Agnes Knudsen  
 and Ella Pier  
 Maudie George  
 Maudie George  
 Beth L. Gill  
 Thelma John  
 Pearl

### TEACHER'S REPORT.

Number	Name of Pupils Admitted During the Term. in Alphabetical Order, Surnames First.	Age	Sex		Year Admitted	Month Admitted	Cause of Enrollment	Days Present	Days Absent	With Average Readings Per Term														
			Males	Females						Reading	Writing	Spelling	Arithmetic	Language	Grammar	Geography	History	Science	Physical					
†	Jenson Willie	10	m		4	2	1	30	3	86	83	92	92	91										
•	Johnson Oscar	14	m		2	0	8	9	8	89	90	86	84	84	80	75	66							
✓	Larson L...	7	f		3	0	2	7	6	91	85	86												
✓	Larson Martha	9	f		3	2	0	29	4	84	85	85	84	90										
✓	Moe Olave	9	m		3	2	0	15	1	80	85	90	84	80										
✓	Moe Vi. el	10	f		4	2	0	7	2	90	85	85	84	90										
✓	Moe Edurn	6	m		1	2	0	13	20	80	84	82												
	Nusviken David	8	m		1	2	5	20	3	80	90	85												
	Nusviken Linda	14	f		1	5	2	15	21	86	90	90	91	90	90	80	66							

1906 Teacher's Report



# Daily Program and Classification Report.

## DAILY PROGRAM.

FORENOON SESSION.			Number of Pupils in Class	Year and Month of the Course in which the Class is working	
Begin	Length in Minutes	CLASS		YEAR	MONTH
9	20	1 Reading	2	1	2
9:20	10	3	1	3	2
9:30	10	3 B.W.	1	2	2
9:40	10	4	2	4	2
9:50	10	5	1	6	2
10:	10	6	1	6	2
10:10	20	all class	2	3	2
10:45	15	3 Arith	2	~	2
11:	20	4 Geography	2	4	2
11:20	20	4 Arith	2	4	2
11:40	20	5 "	1	5	2
AFTERNOON SESSION.					
1:00	20	6 Arith	1	6	2
1:20	10	2 "	1	2	2
1:30	10	1	2	1	2
1:40	20	3 Language	4	4	2
2:00	20	4 "	2	4	2
2:20	10	1 Reading	2	1	2
2:45	15	3 Physiology	1	3	2
3:00	15	4 " or History	2	4	2
3:15	15	2 Spelling	1	1	2
3:30	10	3	2	3	2
3:40	10	4	2	4	2
3:55	10	5	2	5	2

1. Repairs needed in school house or furniture.

3. Condition of outhouses, as to cleanliness, repairs, etc.

2. Condition of apparatus and blackboards.

4. Other needs.

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*good*

1906 Teachers Report



**TEACHER'S REPORT.**

School No. 7  
 of ..... School District No. 81  
 County of Grand Forks, 1916

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA. }  
 County of Grand Forks }  
 School Districts No. 81 }  
Mr. J. F. McLean  
 County Superintendent of Schools.

SIX: In conformity to the requirements of law, I hereby submit my report of school No. 7 in .....  
 School District No. 81.  
 County of Grand Forks for the term beginning Sept. 4 A. D. 1916, and ending Oct. 18 A. D. 1916.  
 Respectfully,  
Bessie Beard  
 Teacher.  
 Dated at McLean, this 19 day of Oct. 1916.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA. }  
 County of Grand Forks }  
 Report received Oct. 19 1916 A. D. 1916  
 Duplicate sent to clerk Nov. 1 1916 A. D. 1916  
Jos. F. Wilson  
 Co. Supt.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA. }  
 County of ..... }  
 School District No. .... }  
 Duplicate report received from County Superintendent  
 and filed ..... A. D. 1916  
 Clerk.

NOTE: Teacher's Register What to Contain. Each teacher shall keep a school register and at the close of each term make a report, containing the number of visits of the county superintendent and such items and in such form as shall be required. Such report shall be made in duplicate, both copies of which shall be sent to the County Superintendent, who, if he finds such report to be correct, shall immediately return one copy to the district clerk, same to be filed with him. No teacher shall be paid the last month's wages in any term until such report shall have been approved by the county superintendent and one copy returned to the district clerk.

**Summary from Teacher's Register.**

a. 1. No. of male pupils enrolled	5
2. No. of female pupils enrolled	49
3. Total number of pupils enrolled	54
b. No. days school was taught (including legal holidays)	99
d. Aggregate attendance	172 1/2
e. Aggregate absence	12 1/2
g. Average daily attendance	1.72
l. Per cent. of attendance	55 3/4
j. Cases of tardiness	27

No. of visits of county superintendent	6
No. of visits of school officers	0
No. of visits of parents of pupils	20
No. of visits of other visitors	2

No. of Unabridged Dictionaries in school	1
No. of books in libraries (not including dictionary)	0
No. purchased this year	0
No. loaned this term	0

No. of months school was taught, including all legal holidays for which pay was received	3
Salary of teacher per month	\$45.75

NOTE—The school year begins July 1st and closes June thirtieth. Report must be made at end of each term. If a term covers the latter part of one school year, and the first part of the succeeding school year, the first part of such term must be reported for at end of school year, the latter part at end of term.

N. B.—No report will be accepted by the county superintendent unless every item required is given.



## ONE ROOM SCHOOL NOTES DISTRICT #81

The story of the vanishing one room school is interesting. They stood most often on the open prairie weathering the heat of summer and the severe storms of winter. The young women who came to teach in these schools were not only teachers, they had to be nurses, counselors, janitors and often times choir leaders and organists. These were days when the teachers were a child's idol and most children were so anxious to have their teacher entertained in their home. The young men too anticipated the coming of the new young women to the community. Each wanted to be the first to have a date.

The number of pupils varied greatly- for a time there were too few to have school and then again at one time there were as many as 25 pupils in this small school, ranging in age from five to 21 years. So often both girls and boys had to stay home to help on the farm - - some were never able to finish the eight grades. Often times the pupils were as old and older than the teacher. Some girls taught when they were sixteen and with just high school education. At one time a grown man, Erich Garseth, who had just arrived from Norway attended here to learn the English language.

Transportation was always a problem. In 1897 when Anna Nason (Mrs. Walter Pickard) taught here - she lived in Niagara and rode horseback --rode side saddle to and from school. Andrew Nusviken built a barn at that time for these horses. He later bought Miss Nason's horse and saddle. Beatrice McWilliams, who taught in 1898, rode a bicycle. Mostly though, the pupils especially, walked carrying their little syrup pails. One can still almost smell the peanut butter as they opened noon lunch pail. Teacher's salaries varied - it seemed they were not always paid each month - as in 1898 a check was written, November 5 for \$95.00--then April 11 the same year \$30.00. Quite often there were two teachers the same school year - one in the fall and another in the spring with no school in mid-winter.

In the early 1900's \$35 to \$50 a month was common. In 1932 a teacher contract was signed for eight months at \$60.00 a month with a note - hired for eight months unless we run out of funds. School will close one month during the winter and teacher to do her own janitor work except for a month in winter. These were difficult years for everyone.

At least once a year these teachers had a school program--a basket social and an evening of games. Every child had a part in



the program; a song, a poem, or a part in a short skit. To them and their parents each part was important. Some little one might get up to speak and become stage struck and never utter a word. For the basket socials each girl decorated and filled a basket with goodies for the evening lunch. These baskets, unidentified, were then auctioned to the highest bidder. The teachers special friend always had to pay a high price as when he bid, the other young men surmised it was her basket and they enjoyed bidding against him. His lunch was often expensive.

An insurance report in 1925 stated no insurance, building of wood, date of construction about 1889; organ valued at \$25.00; other furniture \$100.00. Stella Johnson, County School Superintendent at that time.

In 1928 there was an inventory sheet completed listing the following maps: Europe, no; Asia, no; Africa, no; South America, no; North America, yes; USA, yes; North Dakota, yes; World, yes; book case, yes; big clock, no; wash stand, no; towels, no; soap, no. The prices they paid for labor and supplies is interesting too. In 1899 they paid \$2.00 to have the school cleaned in the fall. In 1898 they paid \$2.25 for wood - just how much it didn't state. In 1899 was the first check for coal- \$3.70 to C. M. English of Niagara. In 1900 they paid \$6.00 to directors to attend the directors meeting in Grand Forks. In 1901 they paid S.S. Ness \$5.00 for digging a well. In 1901 they paid S A McCanna Company for wood \$3.50, dipper 35 cents, pail 30 cents, broom 35 cents. In 1902 to Anton Johnson \$7.50 for janitor work for one year. In 1908 to Colborn Company, Grand Forks \$5.90 for blackboards. In 1909 a check (the first) for insurance for \$12.00 to Dexter & Peerce of Larimore. In 1925 four Bolenius First Grade readers \$1.80, six erasers \$1.10, 50# of sweeping compound \$1.25, three Winston First Grade readers \$1.68.

These notes and prices are history. I am sure these times will never be repeated.



[One of many letters received from former students of the school]

June 1, 1972

Dear Committee Member,

It was a nostalgic pleasure to get your letter and the pictures.

Funny thing. I don't remember that my 1st grade school was called "Niagara #81" but the description of its location, 4 miles east of Niagara, puts it about in the right spot. My first grade school was about half way between the Ole Urness and Oscar Johnson farms.

When I was in first grade Marilyn Johnson was my class mate and my first love affair. My brother Bob and Arlene Johnson were in the sixth grade. My sister, Jean, was in the eighth. For the life of me I can't remember the teacher's name, although I remember many things about her and that year vividly.

I remember an old horse barn out back where we housed old Billie, our shetland, when he hauled us to school on a cart Bob had put together. I remember playing "ante l over" over the barn by the hours. I remember a creek to the north where Marilyn and I gathered snails and caught minnows in a handkerchief. I remember this creek was a good source for pussy willows and cattails in season.

I remember, also, putting on a Christmas program to an overflow crowd (probably 8 or 10), the spring play-day in which I sang a song and recited a piece, reproducing things on the old hectograph (I remember especially the smell of that stuff), surplus commodity day (the Johnson girls didn't much like fruit, peanut butter, puffed wheat, or oatmeal so that was a big day for the Andrews family), the sand box in the corner in which we were allowed to play if we got our work done.

I don't remember, however, that we were poor, that the building was heated unevenly, or anything much that was unpleasant. Blessed tricks of memory! At any rate, whether it was a teacher's expertise or my own eagerness to catch up to my brother and sister, I learned to love to learn in that school. In the ensuing years I have been mainly involved with education and that year, 1940-41, gave my life a direction that no one, at the time, anticipated. Such a realization should give us all cause to



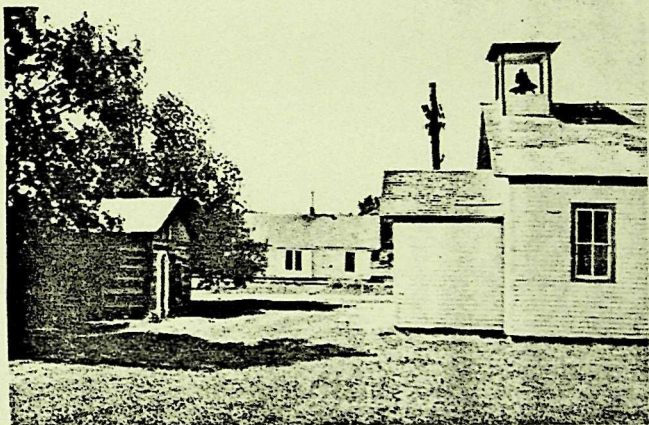
consider the far reaching effects of what we do.....

So much for that sermon.

We began school the next year, too, but my Dad lost the farm and traded 50 sheep for the beer parlor in McCanna where we moved in about October of 1941.

Thanks for giving me the occasion to remember.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Andrews.



The merging of railroads throughout our country has also brought about many changes, one of which is the closing of railroad stations in the smaller towns. The Great Northern Depot, now known as the Burlington Northern Depot at Niagara, has also been closed. Members of the Niagara Community Historical Society are negotiating with Railroad Officials in an attempt to attain the depot for the purpose of using it as a Museum. Late reports from the negotiating committee assures the Society that this business transaction will be successful.







