

### Frank and Hortense Lehmer

Frank and Hortense Inks Lehmer came to Morse Bluff about the time of their marriage in 1915. Frank was the druggist and the postmaster for about 25 years. He took over the rural mail carrier job when Frank Krause retired in 1935, selling his drug store to Fred Earle. The Lehmers moved from the living quarters behind the store to the former Phillip Walla Sr. house. In 1940 the Lehmers left Morse Bluff and later retired and moved to California. Their children were: Robert, who served in World War II and became an eye doctor; and Carol, who married and died in her thirties. All the Lehmers are deceased.

### Richard and Darlene Limbach

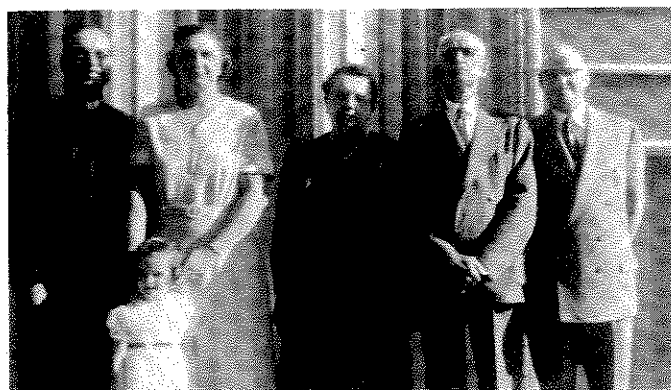
Richard, born 5-11-1935 to Joe and Angela Limbach of Howells, and Darlene, born 3-13-1935 to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Liekhus of Howells, were married 4-14-1956. Richard's job experience is varied including running a caterpillar, working in construction, in a trailer plant, and farming. They lived at Ravenna, Clarks, Schuyler, and North Bend before moving to Morse. Darlene worked as a Registered Nurse at Schuyler and Loup City. In 1973 he operated a saw mill and began constructing pallets near Morse Bluff. His business, L and L Lumber Co. is located in North Bend. In 1982 they built a new home on McCluhan Bluffs in Morse. Children: Linda Ahlquist of Morse; Mike, married Jeanine Westerman, works at L & L; Nancy Ronnau, farm n. of North Bend; Richard J., married Cheryl Kavan, works at L & L; and Lisa Main of Fremont.



Back—Nancy, Rick, Mike, Linda Front—Richard, Lesa, Darlene

### The Livanec Family

Mr. and Mrs. John Livanec moved from Cleveland, Ohio to live in Morse with their son, Rev. George Livanec in the Catholic parsonage for a few years before his death. He was the first priest to serve the St. George's Catholic Church.



Rev. George Livanec, Father's sister, May Zako, her daughter Delores, Mr. and Mrs. John Livanec and Norman Zako

### Frank and Erma Lodl

Frank (9-11-1930) is the oldest of the 4 sons of Frank and Mary Lodl. His brothers are Joe and Lad of Fremont and Roy of Kansas City. Frank married Erma Umstoto Jenkins (7-4-1933) of Council Bluffs, IA on 6-28-1983. Frank works for Lodl Construction. He has 5 children and Erma also has 5 children. They have 19 grandchildren.



### Frank and Marie Lodl

Frank J. Lodl Sr., born in Czechoslovakia, came to this area in 1918. On 9-25-1928 at Wahoo, NE, he married Marie Lorenc, born in Weston, NE. They first lived on a farm 4 mi. south and 5 mi. west of Morse. In 1931 they moved to the Bartosh farm and in 1936 to Walla's farm. In 1949 they moved to their own farm 1 mi. south and 2 mi. west of town. Besides farming, Frank J. owned and operated a threshing machine. He did the threshing for the neighbors, usually two to three weeks, after which all the families had a picnic at the Platte River. Frank's hobby was making home brew and wine.



### Leopold and Katherine Mares

Leopold was born 10-10-1870 to Thomas (1848-1916) and Mary Mares (1848-1888) on a homestead s.w. of Morse. Thomas came from Switzerland and Mary also from Europe. Leopold had a sister and a half-sister. He worked on the railroad west to Denver, and in meat packing houses in Omaha; later he farmed. Leopold married Katherine Brych, born 8-18-1872 in Czechoslovakia. She came to the U.S. in 1877, settling near Yankton, S.D. They averted disaster when her father decided not to sail on the scheduled date, instead leaving the next day; the earlier ship sank. Katherine did housework in Omaha for Paxton and Gallagher. Leopold and Katherine were parents of Jenny Bartunek, Jerry, Mary Brennan, Ella Curda, Leo, Katherine Wesely, Alvin, Adeline Loranzen, and Adolph. Two daughters died in infancy. (Daughter Jenny Bartunek was a well-known seamstress in Morse, doing alterations and custom sewing in her clients homes, sometimes staying several days. She later moved to North Bend, sewing in her home.) Katherine loved music and dancing, so after the day's work, she taught her children to dance, using an old Victrola. Leopold died 10-1-1956; Katherine 6-13-1959, and both are buried at Killian's Cemetery.



Leopold and Katherine Mares

#### Frank and Frances Marshalek

Frank and Frances moved to Morse in the 1940's to a house they purchased from Mary Kadlec at 3rd and Kate from a farm in southern Saunders County. Children: George, Louis, Fred, Bessie and Mary Kratochvil and Josie Bouc. Louis continued living here after the death of his parents until his own death.



Louis Marshalek

#### George and Marie Marshalek

George, born 8-24-1907 in Valparaiso to Frank and Frances Marshalek, and Marie, born 8-24-1906 in Brainard to Frank and Mary Bratsovsky, were married in Loma, NE 10-20-1931. They resided in Saunders County most of their lives. After losing their house and all their belongings in a fire when living s. of Morse, they moved to Prague, living there for 6 months. They moved back to Morse in 1941. George worked for the Northwestern Railroad for 18 years until its closing. He later worked for Saunders County Road Maintenance for 11 years until his retirement. Both were members of St. George's Catholic Church. George was one of the first trustees of the church and Marie was active in church organizations. Morse was their home for 44 years. until November 1985 when they moved to Wahoo, NE. The Marshaleks have 3 daughters and 10 grandchildren: Mrs. Howard (Gladys) Pearson, Wahoo, 3 sons; Mrs. Arthur (Alice) Matous, Lincoln, 3 girls; and Mrs. Gary (Elaine) Cole, Austin, TX, 3 boys and 1 girl.



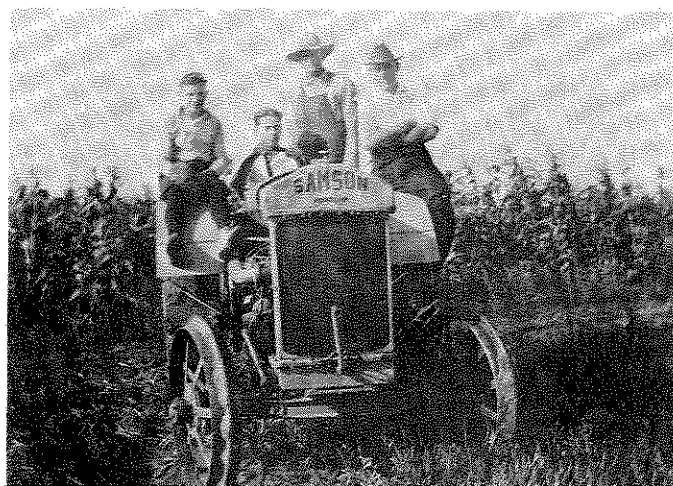
Alice Matous, Elaine Cole, Gladys Pearson with Mary and George

#### Ira and Mary McCluhan

Ira, son of John and Leah Hogue McCluhan and Mary B. Navrkal were married in Nov. 1897. They had 2 sons, John (1899-1948), married Adah Kelly in 1917, had 3 sons and lived in Winnebago, NE; and Dolph, who died in infancy in 1900. They lived on a bluff in Morse between Ann and Short St. near 3rd St. Ira farmed and was one of the leading stock raisers of his era. He owned a quarter section in Bohemia precinct, 55 acres near his home and 200 acres in Dodge County. Ira died 5-18-1903. His wife, Mary, later married Frank A. Vlasak.



John and Adah McCluhan and son, John Jr.



Samson tractor used in the Morse Bluff community

### Pat and Clara McGinn

Pat McGinn, son of Patrick and Mary McGinn, and Clara, daughter of John and Anna Walla, both born in the Morse Bluff area, were married 5-10-1916 at Abie, NE. Pat farmed southwest of Morse Bluff until 1937. He and his family moved to North Bend at that time and were in the meat and grocery business. Many recall Pat's baseball ability with the champion Morse Bluff teams. Children: Marvin, living near North Bend and Jean Groff, living 4 mi. west of Morse Bluff.



### Pat and Clara McGinn, 60th Anniversary

J.D. Groff, Jean Groff, Irene McGinn, Clara McGinn, Marvin McGinn, Pat McGinn, Mike McGinn

### Patrick and Mary McGinn

Patrick and Mary Mackey McGinn came from County Cork, Ireland. They moved to Colorado for only a couple of years. They said it was no place for an Irishman, those rocks wouldn't grow potatoes. The family recalls daughter Lizzie telling how they walked behind the covered wagon taking care of a cow and a calf. Patrick McGinns moved to a farm southwest of Morse Bluff about 1892. They retired and moved into Morse Bluff. Their son, Pat, continued living on the farm until 1937. Frank Vyhldal lives on the farm now.



Patrick McGinn, Sr.



Mary McGinn



Pat McGinn and Jack Walla skinning rabbits on the Walla farm.

### John W. and Christine J. McVittie

John W. McVittie, born 7-27-1870, married Christina J. Bignell, born 4-5-1868. They first lived on the James Bignell homestead southeast of Morse Bluff. Later they moved to the Bignell residence in Morse Bluff, (the Adolph Vyhldal home in 1987). Their daughters were: Ruth and Elva.

### Fred and Barbara Miller

Fred, a native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and son of Hans and Annie Stultenburg Miller, left Europe when 11 years old coming to Fort Calhoun, NE. They lived there 3 years, then moved to Omaha where he worked in a saloon 3½ years, and then opened his own saloon which he operated 5 years. He sold this to operate the Gittleman's Brewing Company's Place in Omaha for 3 years. He then moved to Morse and built a hotel which was known for its good reputation, not only in Saunders County but with businessmen across the state. He had 3 brothers and one sister living in Washington County. In 1897 he was married to Barbara, daughter of John and Teresa Pabian of Omaha; they had no children. She died 3-9-1960 and is buried at the Scribner cemetery.



### Steve and Sharen Minarick

Steve Minarick, born 3-23-1956 to Eugene and Mary Minarick, grew up on a farm near Webster, later graduating from North Bend Central in 1975. He attended the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, NE, graduating in 1977. Sharen and her twin sister were born 11-10-1958 to Arnold and Donna Hines. She completed her schooling at Dist. 54, North Bend Central in 1977, and graduated from the Lincoln School of Commerce in 1978. Sharen and Steve were married at the United Presbyterian Church in North Bend on 2-16-1985, and now live in Morse on Short Street. Steve farms and is co-owner and operator of Bluff Gravel Company. He is member of the town board and of St. George's Catholic Church. Sharen is employed in the office at Archer Daniels Midland Company in Fremont, is a member of the Prague Presbyterian Church, and treasurer of the Morse Bluff Centennial Committee.



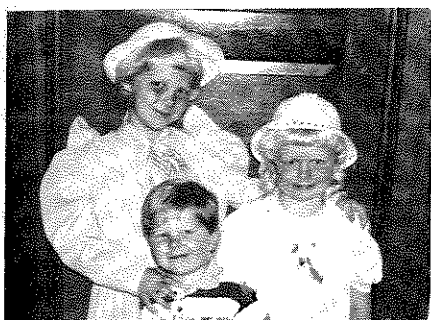


## Ted and Linda Minarick

Ted, born 3-28-1953 to Eugene and Mary Minarick of Scribner, and Linda, daughter of Rod and Rose Ann Swanson of Holdrege, NE, were married 9-18-1976 at Holdrege. Ted attended Snyder High and received an Associate Degree in Ag Business from the UNL Technical Ag College at Curtis, NE. Ted worked as an Ag consultant at Holdrege and Curtis and farmed before moving to Morse in 1983, when the gravel business was started. Linda serves as bookkeeper and receptionist for the gravel company. Ted and Linda live 5 mi. s. of Morse on the Victor Hines farm. The Minaricks attend the Sacred Heart Catholic Church where Ted is member of the parish council. He is member of Dist. 14 school board, Knights of Columbus, and the Fire Dept. Children: Teresa, 1980; Elizabeth, 1982; and Daniel, 1983.



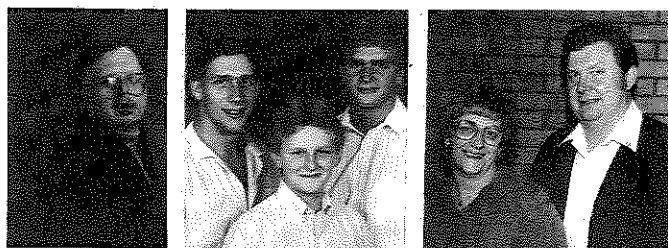
Ted and Linda



Teresa, Elizabeth,  
Daniel

## George and Mildred Muff

George was born 10-14-1914 to William and Lena Muff 5 mi. n. of Crete, NE, in a log cabin. In Crete, 5-29-1941, he married Mildred Shavlik, born 2-9-1919, to Ben and Helen Shavlik of Crete. George came to Morse in 1940, and worked for Wolf Sand and Gravel, then moved to Leshara, to Crete (1943), and back to Morse in 1945 where they lived on Victoria Street. George worked as foreman for Wolf Sand and Gravel until 1979 when he retired. He served on the Town Board and is now Morse Bluff Water Commissioner. Children: Dale, 5-24-1942, UNL Pharmacy graduate, Creighton University Law graduate, attorney in Grand Junction, CO; Dwayne, 2-14-1944, UNL graduate, engineer in Omaha, married Loretta Reznicek 11-28-1964, children: Thomas, Jeffrey, and Kevin; Richard, 11-12-1946, UNL graduate, psychologist with Omaha Schools, married Rita Masek, 7-3-1971, children: Ryan, Michael, Jo Anna, and Andrea; and Bob, born 2-22-1950, with Loma in Lincoln. Muffs are Catholics. They built a new home on Maud Street in 1979. Mildred died 10-9-1984.



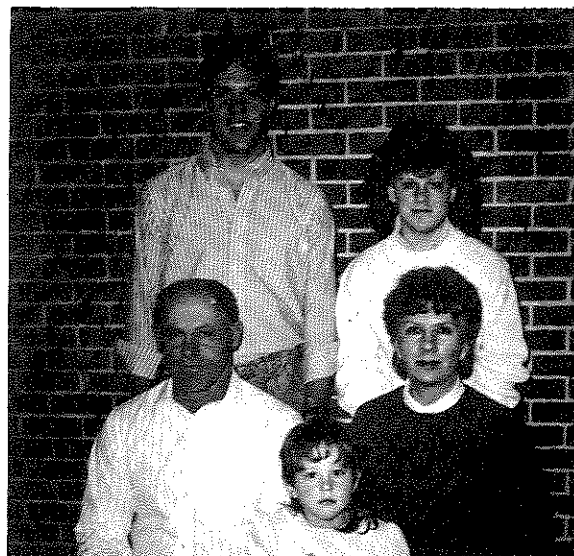
Bob Tom, Kevin, Jeff Lauretta, Dwayne



Dale Back-Ryan, Rita, Richard Front-Joan, Janice, Mike

## Edward and Carole Musiel

Edward (Bud), born 11-27-1940 in Fremont, NE to Ed and Della Dawson Musiel, grew up on a farm 6 mi. s. of Morse where his family lived for 42 years. He graduated from North Bend High in 1958, and OCS in Ashland as 2nd Lieutenant in 1964. Carole, daughter of William and Rita Ladenburger Petrzeka, grew up on a farm near Prague, graduated from Prague High in 1961, and attended Omaha Business School. Carole and Bud were married 9-5-63 at St. John's Catholic Church. In 1971, they built a home in Morse. Carole was treasurer of the Altar Society, 4-H leader, serves on the town board, and works at Platte Valley Bank in North Bend. Bud served on Dist. 14 school board, and is a member of the Fire Dept. He served with the 24th Medical Air Ambulance of the Lincoln Army National Guard for 18 years. He is now Major Executive Officer in Troop Command of the Guard he's served 24 years. Children: Andrea, a student at Dist. 14; Renae, a student at NBC; and Mathew, a student at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D.



Standing: Matthew, Renae Seated: Bud, Andrea, Carole



## Frank and Antonia Navrkal

Frank Navrkal and Antonia Pachr, both of Jaromnerice, Moravia, Austria, were married in Europe before immigrating to U.S. from Europe in 1885. They settled w. of Morse Bluff where they farmed the land now part of the Moses Merrill Baptist Camp near Linwood. Their children were James, John, Anton, Mary B. Vlasak, Frances Whitted, and Agustia Cerny.



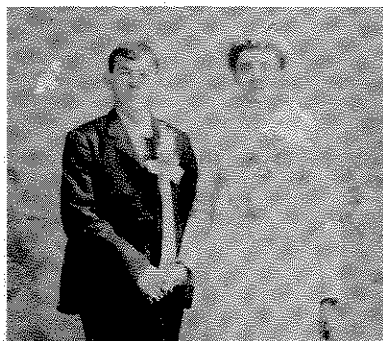
Frank (1839-1926) and Antonia (1840-1923) Navrkal

## James and Mary Navrkal

James, son of Frank and Antonia and wife Mary Cerny Vyhldal farmed west of Morse. They were members of the Cedar Hill parish. 13 children: Gustie Wesely, Mary Thomsen, Frank, Jim, Anton, Albin, Kristie Vyhldal, Adolf, John, Marcella, Rose Pospisil, Antoinette Buchholtz, and Blanche Knight.



Jim, Mary, Marcella, Mary, Jim, Anton, Antoinette, Blanche, Adolf, and Rose



## John and Kristie Navrkal

John and Kristie were the parents of Bessie Jerabek. Their grandson, John lives on their homeplace.

## Did You Know

that Morse Bluff township was once part of Douglas township?  
that a Degree of Honor Lodge was organized in Morse Bluff in 1904?  
that the Morse Bluff High School had a baseball team in 1905?  
that one could purchase anything you might want or need in Morse Bluff?  
that for entertainment during the winter months in 1908 checker tournaments were held at the Zakovec Hall?

## John and Barbara Navrkal

John was born 4-7-1927 in the Morse area and attended Dist. 15 and Dist. 14 schools. He is the son of Bessie Navrkal Jerabek of Prague, NE. From a former marriage, son Kevin was born 6-1-1969 in Fremont. Kevin is living in David City. John married Barbara Gulbranson Sorenson of North Bend; twice widowed, she has 5 children. John started working with wood when he was 10, chopping fire wood with his Grandfather to buy groceries, and selling posts to pay the taxes. When he was 20, he started operating a saw mill and began making furniture. In the 1970's, John leased his farm ground to "Snoopy Valley", a non-profit group organized for motorcycle racing. At its peak, one Sunday there were 20 motorcycles racing at one time with 549 cycles racing one Sunday. After operating for 6 years, this organization disbanded several years ago.

## Adolph and Gladys Nemec

Adolph, born 1-27-1923 to Vaclav and Marie Hobza Nemec, and Gladys, born 11-1-1932 to Joseph and Della Sypal Novak, were married on 9-8-1953 in Dwight, NE. Adolph was born and raised on and still lives on a farm 5 mi. s. and 2 mi. e. of Morse. Adolph has worked for the National Assoc. of State Dept. of Agriculture in data collection for 27 years. In 1986 they received the AK-sar-ben Award for having a family farm owned 100 years. Gladys works at the Bauer Cafe near Weston. Children: Deborah, 4-19-1955, B.S. from UNL, teaches at Dist. 51; Father Joe, 10-18-1956, ordained 3 years ago, at St. Thomas Aquinas, University parish in Lincoln; Cynthia, 2-9-1959, B.S. from UNL, teaches at St. Mary's in Lincoln, married Timothy Werner; Connie, 11-21-1960, attended UNL, works at Mary Moppets Day Care in Lincoln; Jim, 10-29-1961, attended UNL, Assoc. Degree in Agriculture, farms; Virginia, 1-5-1963, B.S. from UNL, substitute teacher at Augusta, KS, married Daryl Braunsroth; Mark, 3-27-1964, attended UNL, pantry chef at Nebraska Club in Lincoln; Laura, 6-12-1966, student at UNL in elementary education; and Kristina, 10-30-1969, junior at Neumann High in Wahoo. The Nemec family had the distinction of being the only family to have had 3 University band members playing at the same time; this occurred twice. Five children played in the University Marching Band. The Nemec family attends the Catholic Church in Cedar Hill.

## The Adolph Nemec Family—Below

Kristina, Tim and Cindy Werner, Father Joe, Connie, Adolph, Gladys, Virginia, and Daryl Braunsroth, Laura, Mark, Jim, Debbie



### **Rudie Nemec Family**

Rudie, son of Thomas and Anna Nemec, married Adeline Chromy. They farmed s.w. of Morse. Catholics. They had 6 children: Richard, Rudie Jr., Ralph, Roger (died in 1977), Ann and Audrey. Later they were divorced. Adeline married Ed Baldwin. She died in 1986.



Audrey and Rudie

### **Anton and Blanche Nesladek**

Blanche Humlicek married Anton V. Nesladek on 1-31-1933 at Sacred Heart Church in Cedar Hill. Tony, the son of James and Libbie Nesladek, was born 6-5-1910. Blanche and Tony's daughter, Mary Ann, born 11-13-1942, married Dr. Richard Neil DeNayer of Valentine, NE 6-20-64 at St. George's Catholic Church in Morse Bluff. While Richard served at Grand Forks Air Base in North Dakota, Mary Ann studied for her Masters degree. After service, they moved to Wayne, NE, where MaryAnn is a math teacher and her husband practices dentistry. Children: Greg, Mike and Kris. Anton died 6-10-1966 at the age of 56. Blanche works at North Bend.



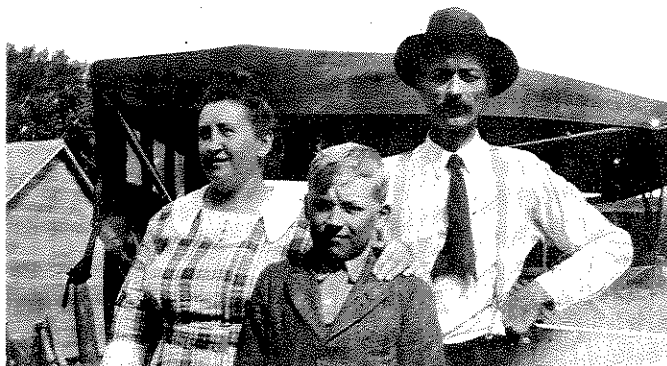
Anton and Blanche, 25th wedding anniversary



Anton and Mary Ann on her wedding day

### **James and Libbie Nesladek**

James and Libbie Soukup Nesladek farmed 2 mi. south and 1½ mi. west of Morse. They had 2 children: Anton (Tony) and Alma who died in infancy. (1907)



Libbie (1-8-1884: 2-18-1926), Tony, Jim (10-24-1875: 9-27-1943)

### **Phillip and Rose Nesladek**

Phillip (8-13-1911), son of John and Emma Nesladek and Rose (7-17-1910) were married 8-29-1969 in Abie. Both had lost their spouse. Phillip first had married Olga Bartcal in 1936, one daughter, Joan. Olga died 11-19-1966. Rose married Frank Hanis 5-19-1931. He died 11-24-1966. 2 sons: Frank of Fremont; and Joe of Bruno. Phillip farmed until 1967 when he moved to town. They live on Kate Street on the former Kaplan property. They are members of the Catholic Church.



Frank Hanis, Phillip Nesladek, Joan Van Ampting, Rose Nesladek, Joe Hanis

### **Milton and Sylvia Novak**

Milton, son of Anton Novak and Sylvia Janeczek were married 11-27-1945. They farm s.w. of Morse. Catholics



## The George Odvody Family

George, born in 1929 to Joe and Tillie Odvody of Prague, and Charlene, born 10-25-1931 in Morse Bluff to Walter and Alice Tawney, were married 7-8-1951. George served in the army during the Korean War. When first married he and Charlene lived on a farm 3 mi. s. of Morse a few years and moved to the Phillip Walla farm s.e. of Morse in the late 1950's. Charlene worked at the Mead Ordnance Plant, the Stevens Printing Co. of Fremont, and as a teller at the Platte Valley Bank at North Bend for 9 years. Charlene led a 4-H Club for many years, and was a member of the Douglas Homemakers Extension Club. She attended the Methodist Church in Morse. George and Charlene were fond of motorcycling and took several trips on their motorcycle. Children: Nancy, freshman at the University of Nebraska, was killed in a car-train accident 12-28-1971; Susan, a UNL graduate, works with American Express in San Diego, CA, married Andy Cylke in 1981; and Mike, living in Fremont. Charlene died in 1-18-1980. George later remarried. He and Ann farm in Morse, spending winters in Arizona and summers in Colorado.



George and Charlene



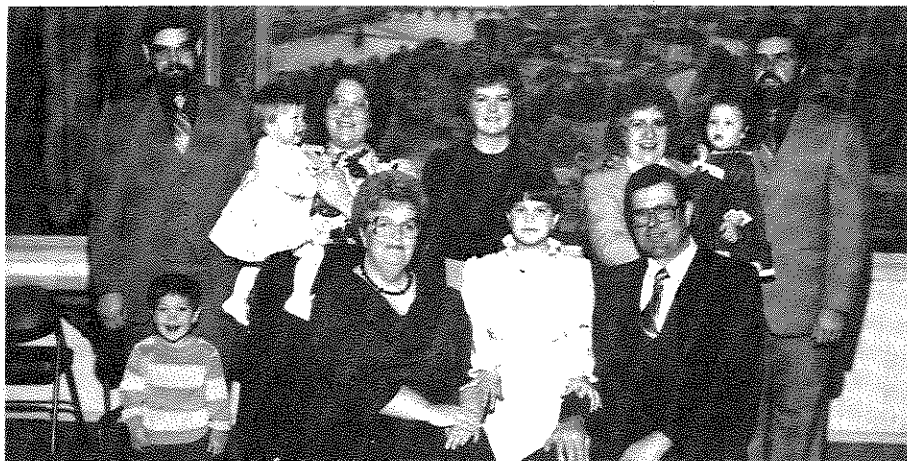
Charlene and Nancy

## Kenneth J. and Arlene Odvody

Kenneth Odvody moved to his farm southwest of Morse in 1968 from Prague. Besides farming he is employed at George A. Hormel's in Fremont, NE. On 11-6-1976 he married Arlene Larson Rezac of Wahoo. Their daughter, Christina was born 11-27-1978. She attends the Morse Bluff District #14 school. Mrs. Odvody has 3 children from a previous marriage, Charles, Kenneth and Angie. Charles, his wife and 2 children live in Wahoo. Kenny, wife and daughter live in Fremont as does Angie.

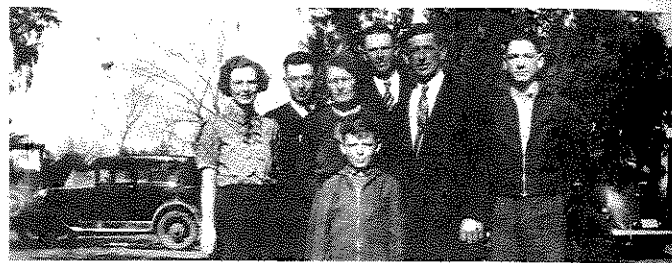
### Kenneth Odvody Family

Back: Charles, Megan, Verna, Angie, Carolyn, Amanda, Kenneth, Front: Patrick, Arlene Odvody, Christina, Ken Odvody



## George and Emma Otte

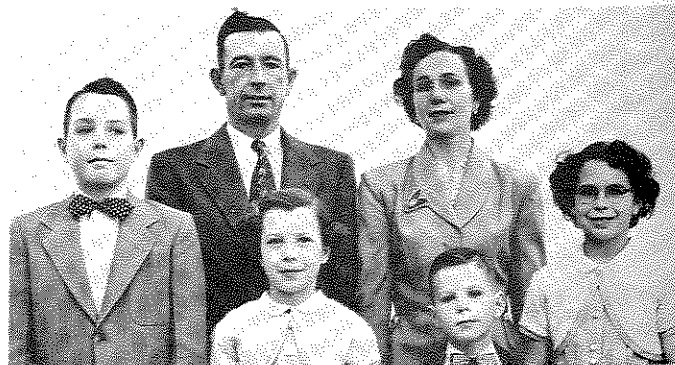
George, born 7-24-1889 in Chalco, NE, to Marcus and Louise Otte, and Emma, born 12-13-1889 to Henry and Maria Eicke of Elkhorn, NE, were married 2-28-1912 in Elkhorn. Coming from Rosalie, NE, they settled 3 mi. w. and ½ mi. n. of Morse, farming until they retired to North Bend in 1944. They helped to build the Lutheran Church in North Bend, of which they were members. Their children: Annetta Mahrt, Raymond, Mervin, George E. and Delbert. George died 7-21-1963; Emma 11-27-1970.



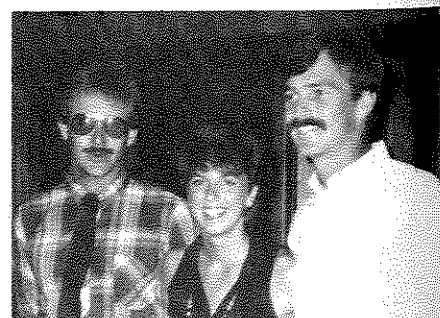
Annette, Mervin, Delbert in front of Emma, Raymond, George, and George E.

## Mervin and Esther Otte

Mervin, son of George and Emma Otte, born 9-8-1917 in Rosalie, NE, and Esther, daughter of Theodore and Florence Hansen, born 9-17-1920 in Tilden, NE, were married 1-18-1939 in Tilden. They farmed 3 mi. w. and ½ mi. n. of Morse. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church of North Bend of which Mervin has been a church trustee and Elder. Esther has been a member of the Get-Together Extension Club, P.E.O. Sisterhood, and Eastern Star; Mervin a member of the Masonic Lodge, Dist. 14 School Board, and Bohemia Township Board. He retired from operating Otte's Propane, Inc. and Otte Enterprises, Inc. Their children: Rolland, Diane Powers, Carol Zwickel, and David.



Rolland, Carol, David, Diane with Mervin and Esther

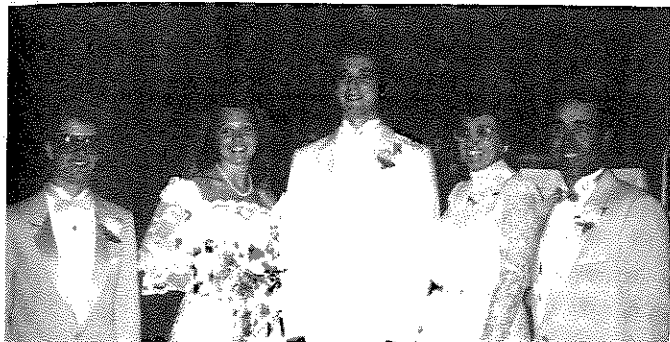


Mike Odvody, Susan and Andy Cylke



### **Rolland and Mary Ann Otte**

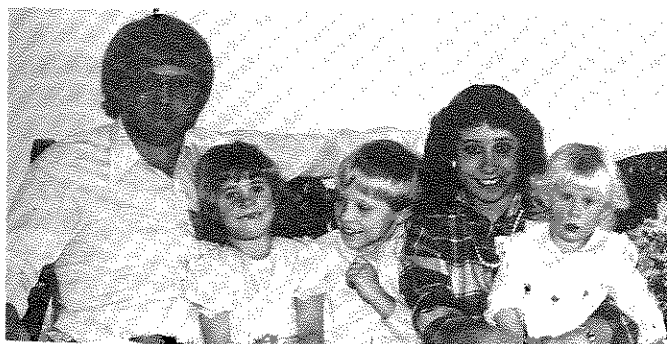
Rolland born 6-19-1941 in Elkhorn, NE to Mervin and Esther Otte, and Mary Ann, born 4-19-1943 in Omaha, to Bill and Julia Chromy, were married 12-29-1962 in Cedar Hill Church. Children: Jerry, born 8-26-1963; Deanna, born 8-24-1964. Deanna married Tom Gilligan 5-10-1986. The Otte family lives ½ mi. s. and 2 and ¾ mi. w. of Morse. Rollie is a farmer and raises hogs in a confinement operation. He served in the Air Force in Spokane, WA from 1960-1964. Mary Ann worked as secretary for the Safeway Mobile Home Plant in North Bend. Rolland is a member of the Presbyterian Church while Mary Ann is a member of St. George's Catholic Church.



Jerry, Deanna and Tom Gilligan, Mary Ann, Rollie

### **Duane and Pamela Pabian**

Duane, born 11-9-1951, in North Bend to Frank and Hattie Vyhldal Pabian, was delivered by Dr. John Hubenbecker, who lived in the home Duane now owns. Pamela Jean Reed, born 4-24-60 in Malden, MA to Dale Wesley Reed and Donna Jean Stanley (Smith), grew up in NV. On 6-16-79, she married Duane at St. Michael's Church in Reno, NV. Children: son Jesse Franklin, born 9-16-79, and Heather Marie, born 12-3-80, both in Reno, NV, and Keri Ann, born 12-12-84 in Fremont, NE. Duane works for 3-M in Valley, NE; Pam babysits.

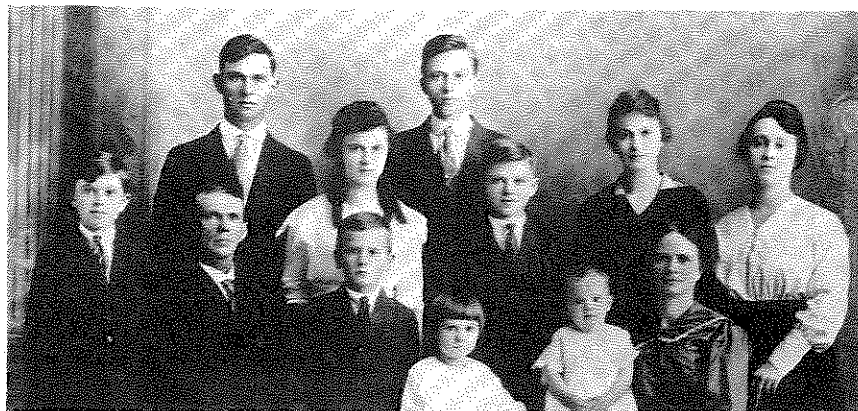


### **Duane Pabian Family**

Duane, Heather, Jessie, Pan, Keri

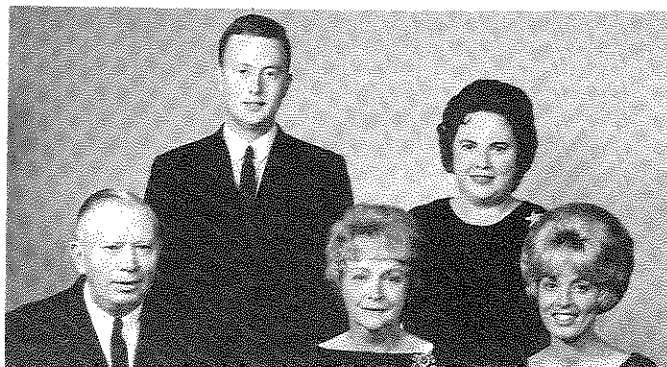
### **The Joe C. Pabian Family**

Back: Ernest, Hilda, George, Leonard, Agnes, Libbie Front: Emil, Joe C., Vic, Leona, Joie, Lena



### **George and Bess Pabian**

George Pabian, Sr. (1900-1981), born Prague, NE and Bess Riemenschneider (1904-1986), born Cody, NE were married 9-10-1924 at Martin, S.D. Children: Bonnie Roberts, Marilyn Machacek and George H. Pabian. They came to this area in 1925 and made their home at Rose and 2nd Sts. The first few years, George was employed by the Bank of Morse Bluff and the Nye-Jenks elevator. In 1927 he opened a grocery store and later he added a tavern in the adjoining building until both were destroyed by fire in 1953.



George, George Jr., Bess, Bonnie, Marilyn

### **The Joe Pabian Family**

Joe was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pabian in Koute Domazlice, Bohemia near the city of Plzen in 1836. In 1878 he came to America with his brother, John, and father, Joe. Settling first in Omaha and later moving to a homestead about 5 mi. s.w. of Morse Bluff, Joe farmed 1 mi. w. of brother John. Joe and his wife and eight children: Dora Wagner, Katherine Shroeder Vopalensky, John J., Joe B., Albert, Mary Ruzek, Mike, and Frank. Tragedy struck the family when Frank and Albert were accidentally drowned in the Platte River. The family were Catholics. The parents, and sons Frank and Albert are buried at Cedar Hill.

### **Joe C. and Lena Pabian**

Joe C., born 9-21-1866 in Koute Domazlice, Czechoslovakia, came to U.S. in 1876, living first at Omaha and later moving to a farm near Morse Bluff with his parents, John and Therese Pabian. Lena, born 10-15-1871 in Omaha, NE, to Nicholas and Sarah Wagner, married J.C. Pabian in Fremont, NE on 1-12-1891. They moved to a farm near Prague, NE. Joe was active in the Catholic church at Cedar Hill. In his younger days he played the accordion for many dances in the area. They had 10 children: Libbie Racek, Agnes Hines, Ernest, Hilda Dolezal, George, Leonard, Emil, Victor, Leona Hampl, and Joie. Joe and Lena retired from the farm in 1926, buying a home on the w. edge of Morse on Second Street. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1941. J.C. died 1-1-1945; Lena died 8-26-1964. They are buried at Cedar Hill.

### John and Therese Pabian

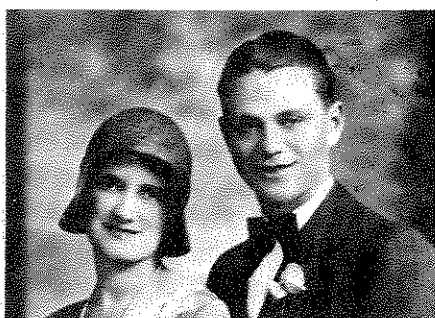
John Pabian was born in 1836 in Koute Domazlice, Bohemia. He came to U.S. in 1876 with his brother, Joe, and his father, Joe Pabian Sr. The rest of the family remained in Czechoslovakia, where the father planned to return after he helped his sons get established in a new land. Hard times never allowed him to return. He is buried at Cedar Hill while his wife is buried in Bohemia. Therese Spetl Pabian was born 10-11-1834 in Zahorny, Bohemia. The Pabians had 8 children: John (1859-1939), Barbara Miller, Joe Charles (1866-1945), Mary Kenyon (1870-1934), James (1871-1950), Frank (1880-1950), and twins - the boy died at age 4, the girl at age 8, both buried in Bohemia. John died in 1895; Therese in August of 1916. They are buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.



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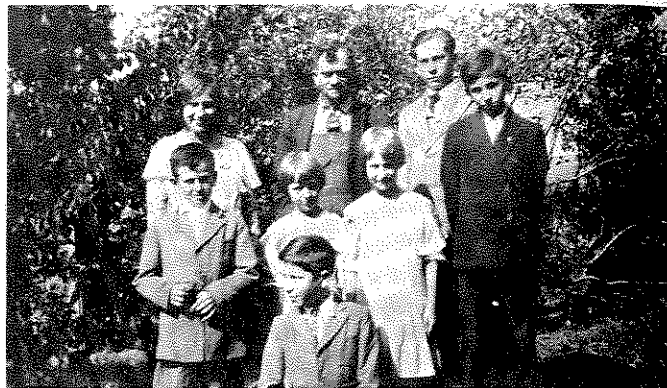
### Leonard and Helen Pabian

Leonard, born 8-12-1903 on a farm s.w. of Morse to Joe and Lena Pabian, and Helen Pop of Weston (3-19-1907) were married 2-4-1930 at St. John's Catholic Church in Weston, NE. They raised crops and livestock on a farm owned by Joe Pabian, Leonard's father. Leonard played the accordin most of his life in small dance combos, sold insurance, and served on the ASCS Board at Wahoo. They were members of the Catholic Church. They moved to a new home in Schuyler, but maintained their farm home because Leonard loved to farm. Helen died 6-3-1973. Leonard continued to live in Schuyler until his death 11-12-1984. They are buried in Schuyler.



### Mike and Anna Pabian

Mike, son of Joseph and Anna Pabian, and wife Anna farmed south and west of Morse. Children: Tom, Frank, Mike Jr., Victor, Marie, Ann and Rita. Catholics

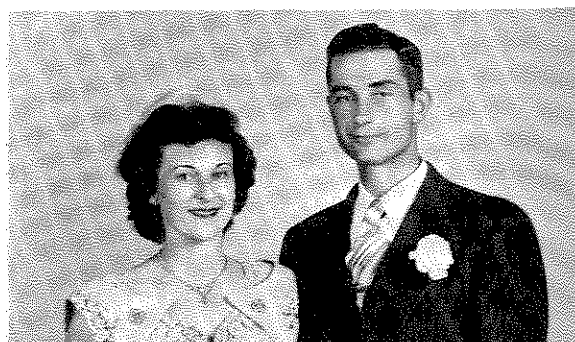


William (Spider) and Ann Pabian were natives of the area. Spider had a tavern in Morse. Children: Marcene Etting, deceased and William Jack, Fremont, NE



### Bernard and Evelyn Paseka

Bernard (10-17-1926) and Evelyn (4-13-1927 to 10-29-1981) were married 6-9-1945. Bernard served in the army and farmed near Morse. He now lives in North Bend. Children: Janet and Leslie



Above:  
Bernard and  
Evelyn Paseka

Right:  
Janet and Leslie



### John W. and Frances Paseka

John W. Paseka Jr., born 4-9-1880 in Butler County, NE, was brought to Saunders County as a boy. He farmed several years, and served as mail carrier. He farmed and operated a saloon in Prague which he later sold, buying a quarter section of land. He traded this later for a hotel in Morse Bluff. He also owned and operated the cement block factory at Morse Bluff. He married Frances Sedlacek, daughter of Anton and Mary Sedlacek 4-28-1900. Children: John, Mary, Arnie, Leonard, Jerome, and Leo. John was a school director, a Catholic, and member of Ancient Order of United Workmen.

### Mike and Barbara Placek

Mike, born 1-28-1859 to John and Barbara Placek, and Barbara Wesely, born in 1859, were both born in Czechoslovakia. Mike immigrated to America with his parents in 1867, arriving in the Port of New York by steamship. Mike and Barbara were married in 1879. They had 6 children: Vincent (1 son, Adolph, Prague); Anna Kavan (5 children); Emma Stranik (2 boys, 2 girls: Raymond, Louis, Leona Fencel, and Mable Morse, Denver); John, bachelor, Prague; Mike, bachelor, Prague; and Mary Volske (1 daughter, Clarkson). Mike died 4-29-1929; Barbara died 1-12-1944.

### Joseph F. and Helen Prai

Joseph was born 11-26-1870 in Omaha to Albert and Anna Prai. Joseph grew up by Linwood where his father homesteaded. He and F.B. Datel had a store in Morse for 3 years. He sold out and moved to Prague. He married Helen Tvrz of Wilber 3-28-1893, the daughter of Anton and Jennie Tvrz. Children: Lydia, Joseph E., Harold, Irene, Julius, Clara, and Karl. Helen died 12-24-1941; Joseph 1-13-1943.

### Randy and Lori Prochaska

Randy, born 7-28-1956 to Adolf and Gertrude Odvody Prochaska, of Prague, and Lori, born 8-31-1960 to Douglas and Patricia Heald Voss of Ames, were married 2-10-1984 in Wahoo. Randy graduated from Prague High 1974; Lori graduated from NBC in 1980. Randy has worked at Magnus Metals in Fremont for 10 years; Lori is in her 3rd season at Rob-see-co. By a former marriage, Randy has 2 children: Amanda and Amos. Randy and Lori have a daughter, Sasha, born 4-17-1984.



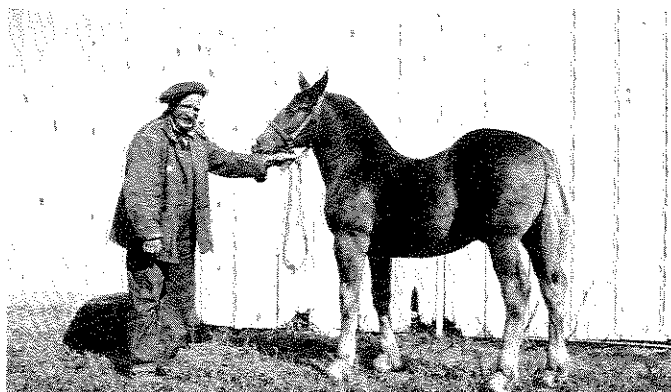
Sasha Prochaska

### Old Timers

May 1987 found these "Old Timers", all over 85 years young residing in Morse Bluff: Joe Chvatal, Adolph Havelka, Agnes Hines, Mary Rezac, Bill and Lillie Vopalensky, James Vopalensky, and Vlasta Vopalensky. Several are seen daily going for their mail, visiting with the neighbors or working in their yards and gardens.

### William J. Quackenbush

William (Bill) Quackenbush lived in the Morse Bluff area from 1912 to 1967. He was a familiar sight coming to town with his horse and buggy with a dog or two either in the buggy or along side. Many of the years he lived east of town. One would have never considered him an intellectual from his personal appearance or manner of living. Many teachers often read poetry he had written for some special event. They used his poetry as an example that one could not judge an individual by his outward appearance. Bill was born 1871 in Minnesota. In 1899 he enlisted in the army serving until 1902. He farmed near Fairbury, NE, married and lost his first wife. He then moved to Omaha, served on the police force and later worked on the Rock Island Railroad, arriving in Morse Bluff about 1912. He worked as a carpenter and mason. He married Laura Wilson Schuler. She died in 1936. He is generally remembered as caretaker of Wolf's sand and gravel pits. Bill died 4-27-1967 at the age of 93.



### Edward and Anna Racek

Edward, born 9-21-1878, married Anna Hines, born 10-3-1888. They moved to a farm 1½ mi. s. of Morse which his father purchased from Mary Levy for \$88.00 an acre. A daughter Libby was born on Sept. 9, 1907, and died 7-1-18. A son Raymond was born 4-12-11. Edward's occupation was farming. He and Anna were married 12-11-06. He died on 1-29-37, Anna on 7-24-63.



Edward and Anna Racek with Raymond and Libbie



### James and Veronica Racek

James Racek, son of Mathias and Maria Racek, was born 11-27-1849 in Breskovice, Czechoslovakia, and came to the U.S. about 1861. He married Veronica Beznoska (born 2-4-1855). To them were born 4 sons: Frank, William, Edward, and Emil; and 5 daughters: Anna Tenopir, Emma Virka, Lizzie Hines Svec, Teresa, and Julie Vachal. James and Veronica lived all their lives on the homestead they acquired in 1874. James died 11-18-08, and Veronica on 10-14-46.



### Joe and Libbie Racek

Joe, son of Mike and Anna Racek, born 3-7-1886 on a farm near Morse Bluff, and Libbie, oldest daughter of Joe and Lena Pabian, born 4-13-1892 on a farm near Prague, NE, were married 6-16-1914 in Wahoo, NE. They had two children: a son, Lorin, and a baby that died in infancy. They farmed 3 mi. s. of Morse until retiring in 1966 when they moved to Morse, buying the former Methodist Church Manse on 2nd Street for their home. Libbie attended Fremont Normal College, taught school, was a 4-H leader, member of an Extension Club, and St. George's Catholic Church. A woman of many interests, she enjoyed needlework, gardening, historical scrapbooks, and collections. Joe died 4-11-1967 and Libbie died 9-7-1986. They are buried at Cedar Hill.



### Lorin and Nadine Racek

Lorin was born 11-8-23 to Joe and Libbie Racek on their farm near Morse. Nadine was born 9-25-26 near Prague, NE, to John and Emma Ladenburger. They were married at St. John's Catholic Church in Prague 8-12-48. Lorin farmed in the area all his life in addition to playing saxophone/clarinet in area bands for 25 years. Nadine attended Fremont Midland College and St. Mary's College in Omaha, taught school 7 years, has baked professionally 35 years, and is a member of the Altar Society and Church Choir. Nadine, Lorin and son Larry, born 8-13-49, live on the farm homesteaded by the Racek family. Larry farms, does custom work, serves on Dist. 54 school board, and the fire department. Lorna, born 3-12-55, married Arnold Pelan, born 8-13-51, at St. Charles Catholic Church in North Bend 9-23-72. They live and work in Denver, CO, with their children Chris, Shawn, Jennifer, Candee, and Brittani. Jerrine, born 10-15-52, pursued secretarial and entertainment careers. She has performed in and directed theater productions and has been featured vocalist for orchestras in Omaha and Denver. She was featured vocalist 2 years for Gerald Ford's Ski Classic in Vail, CO.



Mathias (Mike) Racek, father of Joe and Louis Racek



Larry Racek



Lorna and Arnie Pelan

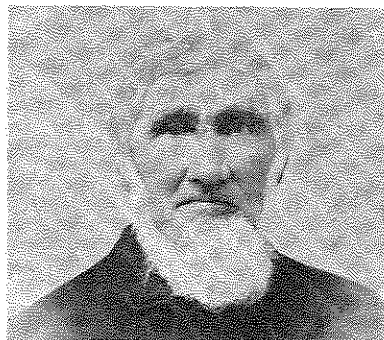
### Louis and Emma Racek

Louis, son of Mathias and Ann Racek, was born 8-3-1890 in Morse Bluff, married Emma Pabian 9-22-1914. Emma was the daughter of Joe B. and Anna Pabian of Morse Bluff. They farmed near Dist. 54 and raised two daughters, Marie and Evelyn. Marie, born 9-8-1916 in Morse Bluff, married Victor Sloup, had 3 daughters - Marie Jean Chromy, Carolyn Novotony, and Arlene Arthaud. Marie died 12-19-1976. Evelyn, born 6-4-1918, married Ray Ladenburg 8-20-1940, and had 3 daughters - Marlene Dolezal, Patricia Ladenburg, and Rose Ann Anderson.



## Mathias and Maria Racek

Mathias (Mike) Racek, born 1-7-1819 in Czechoslovakia, the son of Mathias and Anna Racek, married Maria Suchy on 11-8-1842 in Pollenka, Czechoslovakia. She was born 2-21-1824 to Lorenz and Veronica Suchy in Czechoslovakia. At the time of Mike and Maria's marriage, the name was spelled Raczek. In the 1860's, they immigrated to the state of Illinois with their 5 children: Mike Jr., James, Joe, Mary, and Anna. Mike worked for a cattle feeder for a year before setting out for Nebraska with an old team of horses, a covered wagon, a horned cow and 25¢ in his pocket. Near Cedar Rapids, IA, one of their horses died and they stayed for more than a year. In 1868, they started again for Nebraska. They followed the north side of the Platte River to North Bend. Since the river was too deep to cross, an Indian guided them to a crossing near Linwood. After searching for a homestead, they located 3 eighths s. of Morse. This land is still owned by Racek descendants. After Mike Jr., and James got their homestead claims, they worked in Omaha 3 days a week leveling hills at 25¢ a day. The walk to Omaha took 1 day and the walk back another, leaving 2 days per week to farm. Mike Jr. married Anna Kavan, and James married Veronica Beznoska. Joe married Barbara Kohout. Mary married Taylor Slack and Anna married John Mensik. Maria Racek, the mother of the 5, was killed by the horned cow. She is buried on the hillside e. of Morse in an abandoned cemetery with unmarked graves. Mathias Racek is buried in the Killian Cemetery west of Morse Bluff.



Mathias

## Robert and Wilma Racek

Robert, born 8-7-1941 to Raymond and Mayme Racek of Morse Bluff, and Wilma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Spicka Jr. of Clarkson, NE, were married 7-29-1967. They reside on a farm 1 mi. s., 1 1/4 mi. w. of Morse which has been in the family since 1946. Robert has served 6 years on the Dist. 14 School Board, has been a member of the Volunteer Fire Dept. for 21 years, is a member of the Bohemia Township Board, and Legion Post 340 in Morse. Wilma has a degree in education from the College of Saint Mary in Omaha, has taught in Colfax and Saunders County schools, and is presently substitute teaching in Saunders and Dodge counties. The family attended St. George's Catholic Church in Morse where Wilma is a member of the Altar Society. Children: Laura, 7-2-1968, graduate of NBC in 1981, attends Nebraska Wesleyan University at Lincoln majoring in interpersonal communications, and is member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority; Ted, 8-16-1973, and Paul, 8-13-1974, attend NBC Junior High, active in band, sports, and scouts; and Jim, 10-4-1977, student at Dist. 14.

## William and Agnes Racek

Wm. (1876), son of James and Verona Racek, married Agnes (1898), daughter of John and Anna Vachal on 8-17-1926. They were the parents of 2 girls, Agnes (1928-1936) and Wilma Havlovec.



## Raymond and Mayme Racek Keith Racek

Raymond, was born 4-12-1911 to James and Veronica Racek. He married Mayme, daughter of Charles and Mary Odvody Chvatal 1-30-1934. They farm 1 1/4 mi. s. of Morse. They have 2 sons: Keith and Robert. Keith lives on the homeplace with his parents and farms with brother Robert. Keith graduated from North Bend High, served in the army 1957-1959, has been a member of the Volunteer Fire Dept 27 years and is presently secretary-treasurer. He is on the Morse Bluff Township Board, being the chairman for 19 years and has been a member of the Legion Post 340 at Morse for 7 years.



Emma Duda, Libbie Racek, Libbie Shanahan, Emma Racek, Agnes Hines, Hermel Ingold



Raymond Racek Family: Back-Keith, Wilma, Robert, Laura Front-Paul, Jim, Mayme, Ray, Ted



Marie and Evelyn Racek

### Leonard and Ella Ranselm

Leonard, born 4½ mi. east of Morse Bluff and Ella Shanahan were married 11-16-1905. They farmed until moving to Morse Bluff in 1926. Leonard was a 35 year employee of Saunders County as a road maintenance man from 1926 until he retired in 1961. His day would begin at 5 A.M. except during winter storms. His hours were irregular, depending upon the weather. The 1936 winter was one of the worst. He and other county employees worked 33 days without taking off their shoes trying to open roads and keeping them open. 1960 was another bad winter. Leonard would also clear the town streets before going to the country roads at daylight. Often he would open private lanes for serious illnesses or other emergencies. They moved to Fremont, NE in 1962. Ella died in 1964 and Leonard in 1979. Their children were: Mary Ellen Jessen Yosten, Earl, Raymond, John, Marcella Bowman and Richard.



Ella (Nellie)



Leonard

### Charles Reichert Family

Charles, born 3-4-1834 in Bavaria, Germany, moved to Ohio when he was 8 with his family. In 1856 he married Dora Stellar, daughter of George and Anne Stellar in Ohio. They left Ohio and came to Cass County where Charles farmed until 1861 when they moved to northern Saunders County. He owned land in sections 17 and 33, Morse Bluff precinct, about 2 miles east of Morse Bluff. Charles and Dora had 2 children: Phillip (1859-?) and Mary (1861-1940). Dora died in 1867 and Charles married her sister, Mary Stellar. To them were born: Kate (1868-?), Rose (1869-1844), Annie (1871-?), Henry (1874-?), Andrew (1876-1952), Charles (1878-?), Ella (1882-?), and Daniel (1884-1911). Most of the Reichert farm in 1987 is owned by the Wolf Sand and Gravel Company. None of the Reichert descendants live in the community in 1987. Charles died 11-21-1914 and Mary, his wife, 12-14-1926.



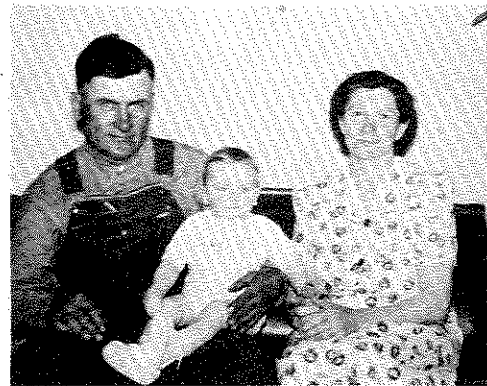
Rick and Patti Reis, Betsy, Molly, Emily, Lauren

### Rick and Patti Reis

Rick, son of Charles and Doris Reis, was born 10-10-1951 in Fremont. On 7-26-1975 at St. Patrick's Church in Fremont, he married Patti Owen, born 2-12-1955 in Lawrence, KS to Jim and Margaret Owen. Rick first came to the Morse area in 1972. The family now lives at 3rd and Short Street in the home they bought from George Marshaleks. Rick works at Hormel in Fremont; Patti is a Geriatric Aide at Birchwood Nursing Home in North Bend. Children: Emily, 10; Lauren, 8; Molly, 7; and Betsy, 3. Patti's Great-Great-Grandfather was General Stephen Watts Kearny, Commander of the Army of the West for whom Fort Kearney and Kearney are named. The spelling was changed after General Kearny had a falling out with other founding fathers of the city.

### Leonard and Mary Rezac

Leonard, born 3-6-1904 to Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Rezac, and Mary, born 1-15-1903, one of 17 children of John and Mary Rezac, were both born in the Linwood area. Leonard and Mary grew up on farms across from each other in the Linwood area. When married, they had one child, Gladys, Mrs. Anton Soukup. They farmed in Linwood till they moved to Morse on the corner of 2nd and Rose Street. Mary continues to live there after her husband's death.



Leonard and Mary with grandson, Tony

### Tom and Bonnie Roberts

Tom, born 1-3-1927 to Tom and Elsie Roberts, and Bonnie, born 1-21-1930 to George and Bessie Pabian of Morse Bluff, were married 8-22-50 at the Methodist Church in Morse. Forty years ago, Tom took over farming the land owned for 103 years by the Roberts family. Bonnie taught rural school for 32 years; she received a B.S. from Midland College in 1973. She has taught Dist. 75 at Malmo 20 years; she and the school were featured on National T.V. Bonnie and Tom have 2 daughters: Robin Mach, and Carol Pelan. Carol and Vic have 5 children and live in Schuyler.







Daughters of Tom and Bonnie: Vic and Carol Pelan with Matt, Eric, Mark (middle) and Scotty, Vicki Right—Robin Roberts

### Raleigh R. and Bernice Robertson

Raleigh, born 3-22-1917, North Bend, to George and Mattie Dunker Robertson and Bernice, born 12-25-1920, Morse Bluff to James and Marie Vopalensky, were married 6-19-1944 in Marysville, KS. Raleigh served in the Army during World War II. He worked as a bread salesman before moving to the Vopalensky farm in 1953. In 1966 he was appointed acting postmaster and later postmaster at Morse Bluff. He retired in 1983. Bernice also retired in 1983 having taught for 26 years, the last 13 as Media Specialist at the North Bend Central Jr.-Sr. H.S. Children: George J. Robertson, H.S. principal, West Point, NE; Mary Jo Bosworth, a surgical nurse, Omaha, NE; and Nancy Wagner, in the 4-H Dept. at University of Nebraska in Lincoln. The Robertsons have 6 grandchildren.



### August and Margaret Seligman

August and Margaret Seligman were married in Germany. In 1891 they came to the U.S., locating in Scribner and then North Bend before coming to Morse Bluff. They were residents of Morse over 40 years. August died in 1925 and Margaret in 1948. Both of the Seligman's were in business in Morse Bluff. August was a butcher making his own sausage and hot dogs. Margaret had the hotel for several years and later had a boarding house. Their children were: Louise Fleming, August Jr., twins—Emma Dodge and Marie Pearson, and Alfreda Urban.



#### The Seligman Family

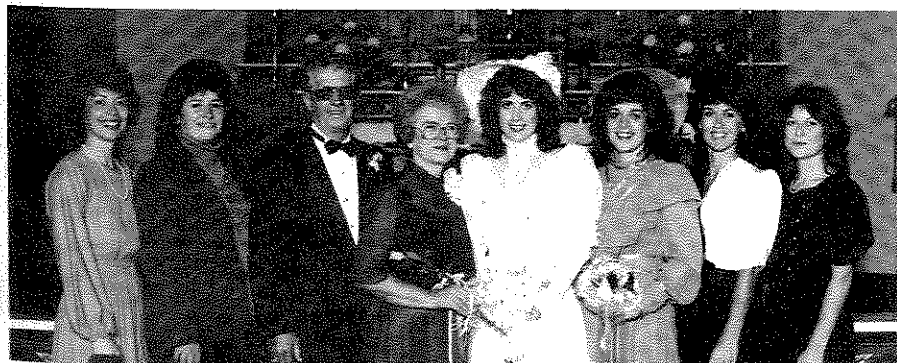
Emma, Marie, August Sr., August Jr., Alfieda, Mrs. August Seligman, Louise

### Elmer and Connie Ruppert

Elmer, son of Eugene and Junita Stanley Ruppert, graduated from the Scribner High School. Connie, daughter of Joie and Alice Kavan, graduated from North Bend Central. They were married 1-27-1973. Elmer and Connie moved back to Morse Bluff in 1983. They live on Kate Street in the former Joe Fencil house. Elmer is a member of the Morse Bluff Volunteer Fire Dept. Connie is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Their children are: Jonathan, 14; Daniel, 11; Kyle, 9; and Sarah, 7. All the children are involved in Scouts.

### Leon and Kathleen Semrad

Leon, born 10-30-1922 to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Semrad, and Kathleen, born 9-29-1928 to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Powers, were married at Clyde in 1948. After graduating in 1945, Kathleen was employed by Blue Cross Insurance in Omaha. Leon served in the armed forces in 1945 at Tokyo. He farmed in the North Bend area before moving to Morse in 1975 where they bought and operated a tavern. In 1978 his daughter Cindy joined him in partnership, and in 1980 the bar was sold to Terry Friesz. Children: Mrs. Danny (Mary) Dieckman was killed in a car-train accident; Mrs. Vern (Kathleen Zabova) Krepel of Kelley, IA; Mrs. Edwin (Jo Anne) Krueger of Columbus, NE; Mrs. Dale (Pat) Clark of Ames, IA; Mrs. John (Cynthia) Limbach and Mrs. Steve (Theresa) Hamilton of North Bend; and Mrs. David (Deborah) Stoupa of Omaha, NE.



#### The Leon Semrad Family

Kathy Krepel, Jo Anne Krueger, Leon Semrad, Kathleen Semrad, Deborah Stoupa, Theresa Hamilton, Patricia Clark, Cynthia Limbach

### Joseph P. Shavlik Family

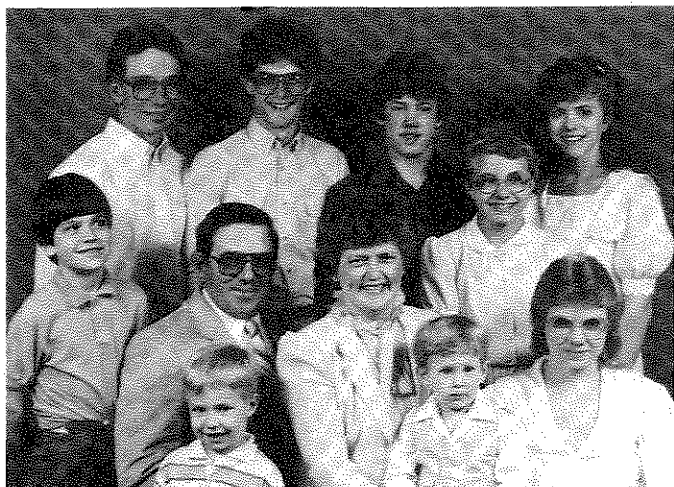
Joseph P. Shavlik, a contractor and builder, came to Morse Bluff from Clarkson, NE in Sept. 1904. Previously he had lived in the Linwood area. He married Maggie Prai in 1888 and they had one son, Ben. Shortly after her death, he married Mary Kasper. They had two sons, Joe Jr. and Frank and two daughters, Mary (Mrs. Edward Berniklan) and Agnes (Mrs. Edward Kavan). After Mary's death, he married Frances Matejka, 9-6-1904. To them one son, Raymond and two daughters, Lydia (Mrs. Ralph Kors) and Wilma Hoagland, were born. Many of the homes and other buildings in the Morse Bluff area from 1905 to 1930 were constructed by Shavlik and son. His son, Joe Jr., remained in the community and was associated with his father in the construction business. Joe Sr. was a member of the Z.C.B.J. Lodge and the Modern Woodmen of America. His shop was across from the school on 3rd Street. He died 7-12-1943.



Joe Shavlik Jr. and his wife Bessie

### The Eugene Simanek Family

Eugene, born 4-11-1944 to William and Anne Simanek in Prague, NE, and Donell Pospisil, born 4-1-1947 to Lloyd and Darlene Wallin in Marshalltown, IA, were married 4-26-1980. Both had lost their mates and had children by their first marriage. Donell's husband, Gordon Pospisil, died 9-29-1978 in Omaha. Their children: Curt, Chuck, and Cal. Eugene's wife, Anne Kliment Simanek, died 2-3-1979 in Omaha. Their children: Dean, Robin, Lynn, Erin, and Jason. On 3-20-1981 Ryan was born to Eugene and Donell, the 9th child for the family. Eugene has farmed and operated a dairy on the family farm 1 mi. s. and ½ mi. w. of Morse. Curt married Annette Hargens of Fremont, August 1986. Dean now lives in Schuyler; Robin and Chuck attend the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.



### The Eugene Simanek Family

Back: Dean Simanek, Curt Pospisil, Erin and Lynn Simanek Middle: Cal Pospisil, Eugene, Donell, and Robin Simanek Front: Jason and Ryan Simanek

### William and Annie Simanek

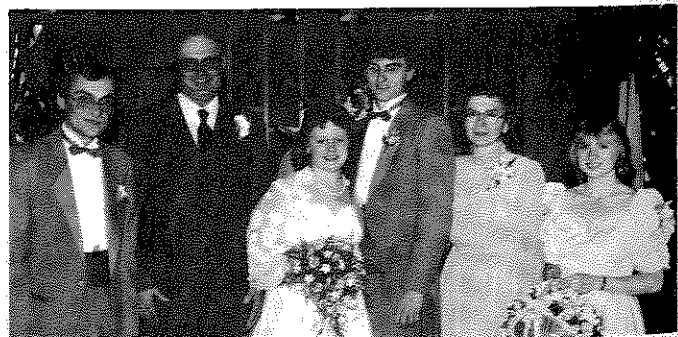
William married Annie L. Kavan, daughter of Frank E. and Anna Kavan, on 10-16-1934 in Wahoo, NE. William was born in Malmo 1-26-1912; Annie was born in Morse Bluff 12-23-1915. They came to the Morse Bluff area in 1936 farming 1½ mi. s.w. of Morse Bluff. They had 3 children: Mary Ann (deceased), Eugene, now living on the homeplace, and Leonard, of Malmo, NE. William and Annie now live in Schuyler, NE. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.



Cora Skinner, long time cashier at the Bank of Morse Bluff

### Frank B. Sloup

Frank B. Sloup, son of Frank G. Sloup and Sophie R. Nesladek, married Marie J. Polacek, daughter of Emil Polacek and Mary Vasa, on September 9, 1961 at Omaha. They have three children: Amy J. of Omaha; Alan J. of Morse Bluff; and Frank J. of Hannibal, Missouri. Frank J. Sloup married Lesa Lewis of North Bend on April 19, 1986 and they have a daughter, Brooke. Mr. and Mrs. Sloup live on the farm across the road from Cedar Hill Church. Frank moved there in 1958 and has been custodian of the Cedar Hill Church since that time. For this service he was awarded the Ak-Sar-Ben Good Neighbor Award June, 1985. He is also member of the North Bend Knights of Columbus and the Morse Bluff Post 340 of the American Legion.



Alan, Frank B., Lesa and Frank J., Marie, Amy

### Frank G. Sloup

Frank G. Sloup, son of Vaclav and Josephine Sloup of Prague, married Sophie R. Nesladek, daughter of Vaclav and Magdalena Nesladek of Morse Bluff, at Cedar Hill on October 12, 1915. Five children were born to this union: Milton of Fremont; Rosalie Noha of Wahoo; Hilda Clinch of Wahoo; Mildred Karabatsos of Mason City, Iowa; and Frank B. of Morse Bluff.

### Rudy and Agnes Sloup

Rudy and Agnes Sloup were married 9-19-1933, are members of the Catholic Church. 4 children: Agnes Kasper, Rudy, Harvey, and Karen Barry. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1983. Pictured below with their children.



### Victor and Marie Sloup

Victor and Marie Racek, daughter of Louis and Emma Racek, married 9-27-1938. Children: Marie Jean (11-12-1940), Carolyn (3-15-1943) and Arlene (4-4-1949) Marie died 12-19-1976.



Victor Sloup

### Wencel and Josephine Sloup

Wencel, born in Radiste, Czechoslovakia in 1852, was one of 6 children of Andrew and Mary Hrbacek Sloup. He came to the U.S. in 1870, working in New York state and Pennsylvania before making a town payment on 80 acres s.w. of Morse in 1876. At the residence of Reverend John Lonergan in Fremont on 4-2-1877, he married Josephine, daughter of Peter and Frances Dolezal. The Dolezals came to U.S. from Domazlice, Czechoslovakia, settling s.w. of Morse in Bohemia precinct when Josephine was 11. The Wencel Sloups had 8 children: Anna, Joseph, Edward, Frank, Mary, Emma, James, and Charles who died as an infant. They had 35 grandchildren and most 100 great-grandchildren.

### Alvin and Matilda Soukup

Alvin, and Matilda, daughter of Charles and Fannie Beranek, were married 3-5-1941 at Schuyler, NE. (Alvin and Matilda were both born on their parent's farms near Morse.) They farmed until 1965, when they bought a home on 2nd Street. Alvin worked at Blevins Popcorn till 1983; Matilda worked at Birchwood Manor in North Bend from 1971-1984. Children: Charles (married Delores Scott, North Bend 8-9-64), an engineer for Able Concrete, lives in Lincoln, has two daughters; Robert (married Anne Nemec, Morse Bluff, 9-20-68), Mayor of North Bend 1982-1986, lives in North Bend, has 3 children; Donald (married Diane Massman, Rapid City, 8-21-71) State Farm Agent in Santa Clara, CA; Darlene (married Dr. LeMayne Johnson, Ralston, NE 1-8-72) a registered nurse, lives in Bradenton, FL, one daughter; Joyce (married Michael Nelson, Oakland, NE 3-3-73) teachers aid for special ed in Hastings, where Mike is a state patrolman, three children; Janice (married Robert Joyce of Liverpool, England 10-11-86). Jan models overseas and across the U.S., won the 1975 International Modeling Contest in Tampa, FL on national T.V., and lives in New York. Robb is manager of several Rock groups and lives in Los Angeles; and Richard (married Carla Dolezal of Morse Bluff 1-9-82) is a pilot in the Air Force, flying F 1-11 fighter jets in England, has 1 son.

Picture of Alvin Soukup family on following page.

### Anton and Gladys Soukup

Anton F. Soukup, born 3-17-1920 in Morse Bluff, and Gladys Rezac, born 2-1-28 to Leonard and Mary Rezac of Linwood, were married 10-5-1946 in Schuyler, NE. Anton was a farmer, cattle feeder, and supervisor of Blevins Popcorn Plant until his death in Sept. 1981. He served in the army during WWII and was commander of the American Legion Post of Morse, and VFW Post of North Bend. He also was a fireman, a member of the Livestock Assoc. of Saunders county and served on the Precinct Board. Gladys was a teacher and a member of the American Legion and VFW Auxiliary. She now caters weddings and dinners and is the dietary supervisor at Birchwood Manor in North Bend since 1968. Children: Anton L. (Tony), 10-8-48, married Linda Loomis, lives in Great Falls, VA; Jack, 12-21-52, married Nancy Shavlik, lives in Eagle; Scott, 11-13-53, married Susie Jurgens, 2 children, 1 deceased, living in Lindenhurst, IL; Janel 11-3-54, married Mike Harnan, 1 child, living in West Des Moines, IA; Jerry, 11-3-54, of Morse Bluff; and Russell, 7-10-57, of Morse. Anton died 9-8-81.



### Anton Soukup Family

Back: Scott, Russel, Tony Front: Jerry, Gladys, Anton, Janel Harnan, Jack

### Nicknames

*Nicknames have been an old tradition in Morse. Remember these? Spider, Bubbles, Bony, Butch, Weasel, Pansy, Jew, Putt-Putt, Indian, Duck, Squirrel, Carp, Stix, Horse, Judge, Pumpkin, Peanuts, Duke, Skunk, Fox, Porkie, Guber, Moss, Raisen, Ike, Squarehead, and Irish.*





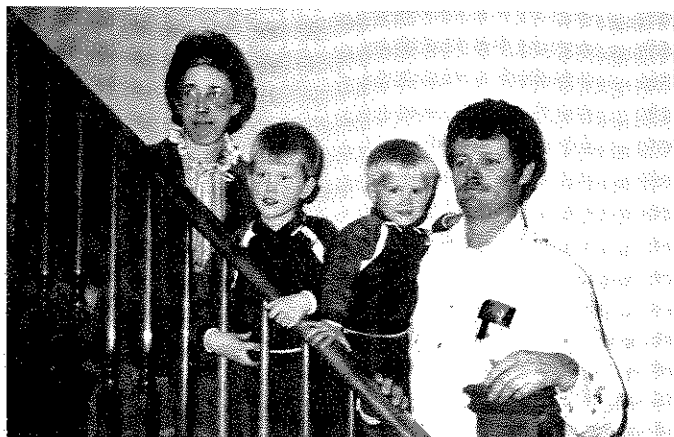
Alvin Soukup family: Back—Anne, Robert, Carla Soukup, Micheal and Joyce Nelson, Alvin, Matilda, Charles, Kayl, Ann, and Leah Soukup, Darlene and Dr. LeMoyné Johnson, Don, Diane Soukup Front—Janice Joyce, Jared Soukup, Melanie Johnson, Melissa Nelson, Cheryl Soukup, Jill Nelson, Bobby and Cindy Soukup, Eric Nelson, Robb Joyce

### Jerry and Barbara Soukup

At Dodge, NE on 6-9-1979, Jerry, son of Anton and Gladys Soukup, married Barbara Jean Wadzinski born in Steven Point, WI. After graduating from NBC High, Jerry farmed. When first married, they lived 5 mi. w. of Cedar Bluffs for 4½ years. They moved to the family farm, 2½ mi. s. of Morse where Jerry is a crop and livestock farmer. Barb taught at Dist. 51 near Prague for 2 years; she now teaches Kindergarten for the 4th year at Dist. 14. She belongs to the Bluff Gals Extension Club. The family are members of St. George's Catholic Church. Children: James, born 3-10-1981, and Matthew, born 6-8-1983.



Russell holding Blake, Sandy holding Blair



Barbara, Jimmy, Matthew, Jerry Soukup

### Russell and Sandra Soukup

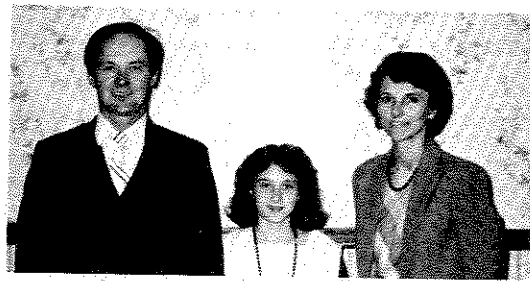
Russell, born 7-10-1957 in Schuyler, NE, to Anton and Gladys Soukup, and Sandra, born 9-17-1959 in Fremont, NE, to Dennis and Suzanne Wobig were married 10-11-80 in Fremont, NE. They settled in Morse Bluff when married, first living on Short Street. They purchased the Phillip Walla home on Maud Street in 1984, remodeling the house which had been empty for 20 years. Russell works at Hormel in Fremont; Sandra is a bookkeeper at the 1st National Bank and Trust Co. in Fremont. They have two children: son, Blake, born in 1983, and daughter, Blair, born in 1986.



*Sledding down Victoria and Ann Street has been enjoyed by children throughout the years. The hill just west of the highway and south of the Linwood road saw great numbers sledding also.*

### Edward and Edith Sousek

Edward, son of Joseph and Josephine Mach Sousek, was born at Prague, NE. When he was 2 years old, the family moved to the farm his parents purchased from Robert Fleming in 1926. He attended Dist. 79 and graduated from Cedar Bluffs High. He is a WW II veteran, member of VFW and American Legion. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus of North Bend and Treasurer of the Rural Fire Board. Edith was born at Prague to Louis and Lydia Humlicek Ostry. She attended Parochial School and graduated from Prague High. She is a member of the C.W. Br. No. 55, Altar Society, and Country Gals Club. Edward and Edith were married 4-29-1952 at Prague. They are members of the Sacred Heart Parish of Cedar Hill. They are retired Grade A dairymen and former members of Mid-America Dairymen Inc. They are now engaged in general farming and beef.

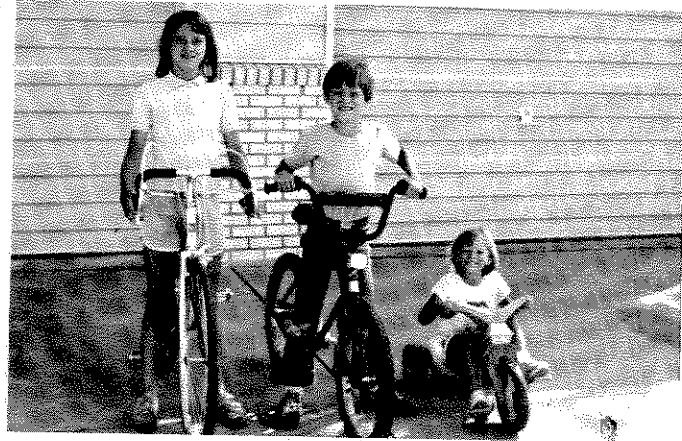


Mel and Joan Stenger with Stephanie Below: Stephanie, Shannon and Melanie Stenger



### Roger and Dawn Spence

Roger, born 7-8-1951 at Atkinson, NE to Floyd and Dorothy Spence, and Dawn, born 9-26-1959 to the late Wilfred and Marilyn Machalan of Linwood, were married 5-9-81. They live in a new home on an acreage at the n.e. edge of Morse where Roger raises exotic birds, horses and other wildlife. Roger is a truck driver. He was formerly employed at Schuyler Packing Plant, where Dawn now works. They have a son, Colt, born 9-16-83.



### Joseph and Anna Stranik

Joseph Stranik and Anna Knoch were married in Czechoslovakia. In 1905 Anna and 2 children, Louis and Marie, came to Clarkson, NE where they joined son, Vaclav (Jim), who arrived in 1900 and son, Joe, in 1903. Joseph came later as the Czech government would not let him leave until a medical problem had been remedied. Children: Anton (died serving as a musician in the Czech army in 1900), Vaclav (lived near Morse Bluff, died 4-30-1949), Joe (farmed near Leigh, retired in Omaha and died 12-31-1962), Marie (married Harry Bowers in 1912. He died in 1934. In 1948 she married John Walsh who died in 1975. She lived in Ashland until her death 7-6-1986), and Louis (lived near Morse Bluff). The elder Straniks lived with Vaclav and Louis alternately, in the Morse Bluff area until their deaths, Anna in 1938 and Joseph in 1948.



### Melvin and Joan Stenger

Melvin, son of Walter and Margie Stenger, born 2-8-1948 in Madison, NE, and Joan, daughter of Cyril and Doreen Boesch, born 6-6-47 in Humphrey, NE, were married 9-13-69 in Humphrey. From 1969 to 1971, they lived in Swabisch-Gmund, Germany, while Mel served in the army as a clerk. They lived in Fremont, NE, one year before coming to Morse in 1972, buying the Orland Svoboda farm, 2 mi e., 1/4 mi. s. of town. Mel is a laborer at Hormels in Fremont; Joan was a teachers aide at Dist. 14, and now is substitute Office Clerk in Morse. Their children are Stephanie, 8-2-75; Shannon, 10-26-78; and Melanie, 10-22-81.



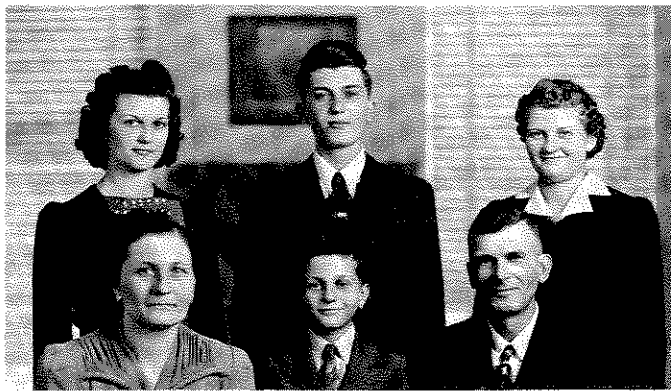
Spring Fashion in Morse Bluff about 1910  
Anna Killian, standing. Mary Racek sitting to her left, Millie Ondracek at extreme right. The others are unidentified.

### Louis Stranik Jr.

Louis Jr. was born 8-9-1925, son of Louis and Emma Stranik. In 1969 he married Rosalie Reynolds of Niobara, NE. She died 10-10-1971. In 1973, he married Joan Rasmussen of Elkhorn, NE. They have one son, Robert, born 6-12-1974. Louis Jr. was divorced in 1984. Louis Jr. continues to make his home 2 mi. southeast of Morse Bluff, farming and playing his trombone in various polka bands.

### Louis and Emma Stranik

Louis, born 2-22-1896 in Charvace, Czechoslovakia, son of Joseph and Anna Stranik married Emma Placek, daughter of Mike and Barbara Wesely Placek on 7-23-1917 at Stanton, NE. They first farmed 4 mi. south of Morse. In 1928 they moved 2 mi. southeast of Morse where Louis Jr. resides in 1987. Emma died 1-24-1958 and Louis on 10-23-1967. Their children were: Leona (Mrs. Joe Fencil), Morse Bluff; Lumir (11-23-1919 to 3-26-1920), Mabel (Mrs. Duane Morse) born 5-31-1921, is a retired accountant living with her son, Greg, in Littleton, CO. Duane died in 1975, Louis Jr., Morse Bluff and Raymond, born 6-10-1934, married Rosie, daughter of Andrew and Rose Vyhldal Kucera on 2-26-1974, and farms 3 mi. northeast of Linwood.



Back- Mabel Morse, Louis Jr., Leona Fencil Front- Emma, Raymond, Louis Sr.



Rose and Raymond Stranik



Outing at Scott's Lake, 1910

### Rudolph J. and Adeline Stranik

Rudy, son of Vaclav and Julia Stranik, born in North Bend, and Adeline Jirik, born in Prague, NE, were married at St. John's Catholic Church in Prague 6-29-1935. Rudy came with his parents from North Bend to their farm s.e. of Morse in 1915. Rudy and Adeline were charter members of the new St. George's Parish in Morse. Rudy was trustee for several years and was instrumental in the actual building of the church. Adeline was a schoolteacher before their marriage. Children: Maribeth, registered nurse at Dodge County Hospital; Thomas and family, of Morse Bluff; Carol, of Morse Bluff; Phyllis (Mrs. Richard Spence) of Lincoln, is receptionist at Wadlow Mortuary, husband works for educational T.V., 2 sons; Tom, Morse Bluff and Jim, lives in Lincoln, works for Miller and Paine, wife Donna works in food service at Lincoln schools, son Wyatt. Donna's daughters, Rhonda Iverson and Tracy Winkleman live in North Bend; son Jim Winkleman in Lincoln. Tom and Jim both served in active duty with the Navy, Tom prior to Vietnam, and Jim during the war. There are 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. Rudy died 6-15-80. Adeline lives with Carol on the family farm.



Back: Jim, Phyllis Spence, Tom, Maribeth Front: Rudy, Carol, Adeline

### Thomas and Kathleen Stranik

Thomas, born 11-2-1942, to Rudolph and Adeline Stranik and Kathleen, born 12-23-1943 to Luke and Ruth Gaughen, were married 10-2-1965 at Cedar Bluffs. The Straniks live on the family farm southeast of Morse which was first purchased by Vaclav Stranik in 1915, then farmed by Rudy Stranik until his death in 1980. Tom is the 3rd generation to farm these acres. Kathy works in Omaha as a secretary. Their children are: Amy (9-28-1966), a student at St. Mary's College, Omaha; Rita (12-11-1969) and Tommy (7-6-1972), students at NBC; and Stacy (11-16-1977) student at District #14.

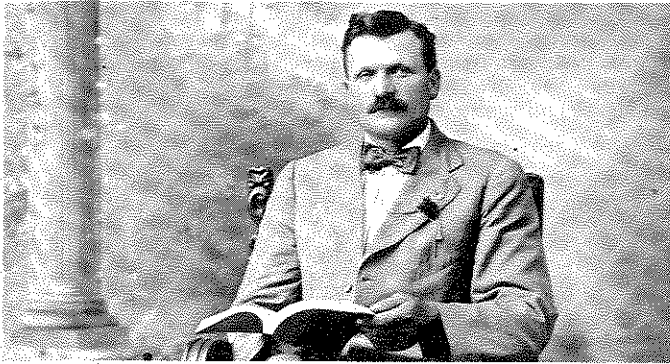


Back: Rita, Tom, Tommy, Amy Front: Kathy, Stacy



### Vaclav and Julia Stranik

Vaclav was born in Czechoslovakia and came to the U.S. in 1900. Julia Dohnalek was born in Abie, NE. They were married at Stanton, NE 10-31-1910. After living in the North Bend area, they purchased a farm southeast of Morse in 1915, moved there with their family and farmed. They retired and moved to Prague where Vaclav died 4-30-1949. They had 2 children: Libbie, who taught in area rural schools and Rudy.



Vaclav Stranik

### Francis and Geraldine Sullivan

Francis, born in Ponca, NE, and Geraldine, born in Omaha, NE, were married 6-3-1943 in Omaha, NE. They came to Morse with son Francis in 1948, purchased a tavern, and added a line of groceries. Francis Sr. helped to build the Catholic Church in 1955. In 1957 they built their home on Short Street. Jeri was honored at a tea for March of Dimes workers in the Governor's Mansion in 1968, and that year Francis and Jeri celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. The following year they toured 7 countries in Europe. Francis Sr. is Village Clerk and Councilman; Jeri the treasurer. Son Francis, received a Masters Degree from the University of Nebraska in 1969. He married Carol Thiesen, daughter of Phil and Lucille Thiesen of Golden Valley, MN. He is now manager of Planning and Evaluation for the Burlington Northern Railroad, lives in Fort Worth, TX, and has 3 children.



### Ron and Linda Suva

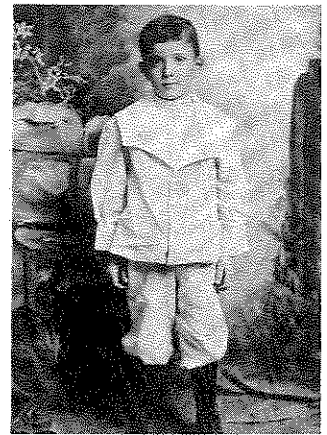
Ron, born in Dodge, NE and Linda, born in Orange City, IA, Suva were married 10-1-1977 at Germantown, IA. They moved to Morse Bluff northeast of the elevator. Ron is a diesel mechanic and Linda works as a kitchen aid at Birchwood Manor in North Bend. They have one son, Jeremy.

### John E. and Ada M. Tawney

John E. Tawney and Ada M. Fleming were married 3-1-1901 at Cedar Bluffs. They first lived south of Cedar Bluffs moving to a farm southeast of Morse Bluff in 1905. John Tawney was born at Gettysburg, PA, one of 10 children. The Battle of Gettysburg was fought on the Tawney farmstead. Their barn was used as an emergency hospital. The barn and house built of cement blocks, are still standing today. Their children were: Julia Ann Gumb, Walter J. and Catherine Maude Baxter.



Julia Tawney



Walter Tawney

### Walter J. and Alice C. Tawney

Walter J. and Alice C. Tawney were married 8-2-1926 at Columbus, NE. They live 2½ mi. south and 1½ mi. east of Morse Bluff. Their children are: Jack E., Charlene Alice Odvody (deceased), Larry Oliver and Judith Lynn Zeleny. Walter's grandfather, Walter Fleming Sr. was a well-known pioneer of the area who was elected the first county superintendent of schools in Saunders County in 1871. His grandmother, Julia Fleming, was a rural school teacher.



Larry



Judy



Jack

### Clarence and Marlene Thege

Clarence, born 2-19-1930 to George and Rose Thege of Linwood, and Marlene, born 8-16-1938 to Charles and Lillian Fencel of Morse, were married 2-15-58. Clarence grew up in and graduated from high school in Linwood, served in the army during the Korean War 1951-1953, then farmed in Linwood and the Morse area until 1985. They moved to North Bend, where he now works. Marlene graduated from North Bend High, and taught Dist. 77 when first married. Marlene now works as a geriatric aide at Birchwood Manor, as do daughters Cheryl (2-1-61) and Pam (7-30-67). Robert, 12-27-59, works as a hired hand and does custom farm work. All 3 children are NBC graduates.



Clarence, Marlene, Cheryl, Pam, Robert Thege

### Nels and Mary Thomsen

Nels and Mary Navrkal Feala were married in 1955. They lived at 3rd St. and Victoria. Mary had been widowed. She had married Anton Feala in 1934. Had 2 children, Mary Ann and George.

### Frank and Anna Urban

Frank, born 12-16-1878, Bohemia to Anton and Anna Schneider Urban, and Anna, daughter of Frank and Anna Studney Klappal, were married 2-11-1902 in Fremont, NE. Their children were Amiel (1903-1970) and Alden (1912-1913). Frank and Anna observed their 70th wedding anniversary shortly before Anna broke her hip and died in Apr. 1972. Frank died in Oct. 1972. Frank was employed at the grain elevator for many years, had the livery barn and dray business, was the village cop and the janitor at school before retiring, worked at the Mead Ordinance Plant and North Bend Trailer Plant. Anna was widely known for her ability as a seamstress. Bridal attire was her specialty along with her talent of designing and copying originals. Their son, Amiel (Dinky) who as a young man was known as an outstanding baseball player, became a druggist living in Omaha, NE. They also had a niece, Ethel Urban, who made her home with them from 1920 to 1934.



### Louis and Alfreda Urban

Louis Urban, son of Anton and Anna Urban, Prague, NE, came to Morse shortly before his marriage to Alfreda Seligman, daughter of August and Margaret Seligman on 5-22-1915. They were the parents of two sons, Lumir and Lester. Louis was employed and later managed the Seligman Meat Market until it was sold to Frank Brabec. He then managed a pool hall until the fire in 1932. He also managed Scott's Lake dances for a few years in the 20's. Around 1930, his wife and son, Lumir, organized a dance band. The band, "Lumir Urban and His Blue Jackets", became popular through Nebraska and surrounding states. The Louis Urban family moved to Wahoo in 1933, later to Humphrey, Ainsworth and Fremont. In 1960 Louis retired as an auto salesman and moved back to Morse Bluff, living on the corner of 2nd and Rose Streets. Louis died in 1962. Alfreda moved to Fremont and died in 1973.



### John and Julia Vachal

John married Julia Racek 2-2-1923, farmed south of Morse, retired, moved to 2nd and Short Sts. One daughter, Betty Lorenzen, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. John died 7-31-1984, Julia on 3-13-1987.



### Joe and Joan Van Ampting

Joan, born 1-22-1938 to Phillip and Olga Bartcal Nesladek, and Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Van Ampting from the Genoa area, were married 5-11-1962. Joan graduated from the University of Nebraska. She worked as a dietician at General Hospital in Lincoln and later at Kearney, NE. She taught Homemaking at St. Edward and North Bend. She now decorates cakes professionally. Joe farms and works at Spencer Packing Plant. They live on the Nesladek homeplace. Children: Jay, born 1964, served 4 years in the Marines; Jaci, 1966, attends a clothing design school in Los Angeles, CA; and Jeremy, 1970, student at NBC.

### Albert and Pearl Vasina

Albert, son of Charles and Mary Palensky Vasina, came to Morse at the age of 8 (1925) to live with his Aunt Anna and Uncle William Buchholtz after his Mother died. From 1936-38, he was with the CCC in U.S. Park Service, and served with the Coast Guard for 5½ years during WWII. He married Pearl Vasina from Clarkson on Aug. 15, 1959, in Columbus, Ne, and they made their home in Morse. Albert has been a member of the VFW for 40 years, the Legion, and a fireman for Hormel and the town. Pearl has worked as a file clerk on an Air Base during WWII, and also for the Baxter Honey Plant. She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and is an accomplished gardener.



Al with a fish from the Platte



Pearl

### James and Jane Elizabeth Vech

James, born 8-23-1948 in Fremont, NE, to Francis and Lorraine Rasmussen Vech, and Jane Elizabeth (Beth), born 6-19-1949 to Robert and Rebecca Hardaway Loflin in Columbus, GA, were married at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Columbus, GA, on 10-5-74. Jim and Beth live in a new home s.e. of Morse where Jim farms. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church. Beth is a member of WICS, Eastern Star, United Presbyterian Women, and Daughters of the American Revolution. Jim is a past member of the J.C.s, is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and a Dist. 14 board member. Both Franklin (7-26-78) and Claire (3-30-76) were born in Fremont and attend Dist. 14.

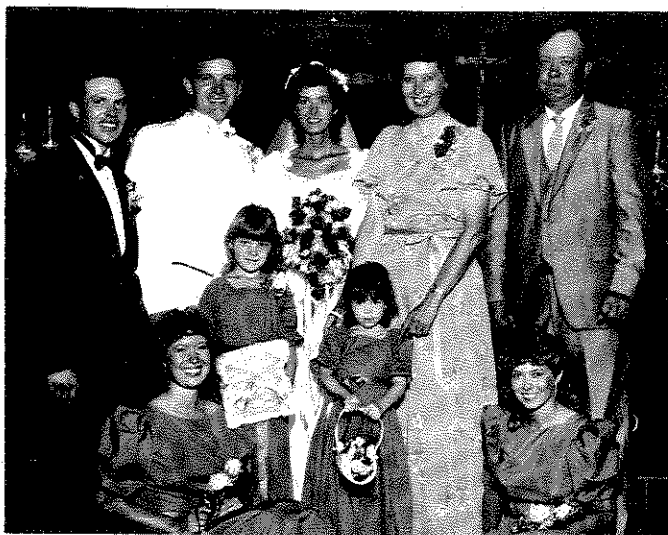
### Jim and Lillian Vech

Jim born 5-12-1896 south of Cedar Hill and Lillian Kastl born 10-4-1896 at Malmo were married 6-14-1922. They farmed in the Morse area, south and then east. Jim is deceased. Lillian lives at Ericson, NE. They have 2 sons: Francis of Cedar Bluffs, and Leonard of Ericson.



### Leonard and Evelyn Vech

Leonard (10-20-1931) and Evelyn (10-19-1936), daughter of Ed and Julia Nesladek. They farmed east of Morse until 1973 when they moved to a ranch near Ericson, NE. Their children are: Lois, Sharon Swett, and Barb Anderson. Barb and her husband, Bryan live on the Vech homeplace. Have 2 children.



Back: Bryan Anderson, Bob and Sharon Swett, Evelyn and Leonard  
Front: Barb, Rebecca, Angela, Lois

### Ed and Olga Virka

Ed, son of Jim and Emma Racek Virka, and Olga, born 7-14-1917 in Morse Bluff to Frank and Marie Dolezal, were married 6-9-1943. After graduating from Midland College, Fremont, Olga taught rural schools 10 years and was member of Dist. 91 school board and the Executive Board of Saunders County Small Schools. Olga led the Clover Cuties 4-H Club 24 years; her members won many awards at the county, state, and national level. She was active in Extension work and was president of Just Neighbors Extension Club many years. Olga died 4-6-1983; Ed continues to farm s.e. of Morse where they lived.

### Frank and Lucy Virka

Frank Virka was born and raised about 3 mi. s. of Morse Bluff. He married Lucy Kubik of Prague, NE in May 1913. They farmed, and had only one child, Otto, born October 1914. After Frank died in July 1940, Lucy moved to a house on Short Street, the present John Harding home, living there until her death in 1966.



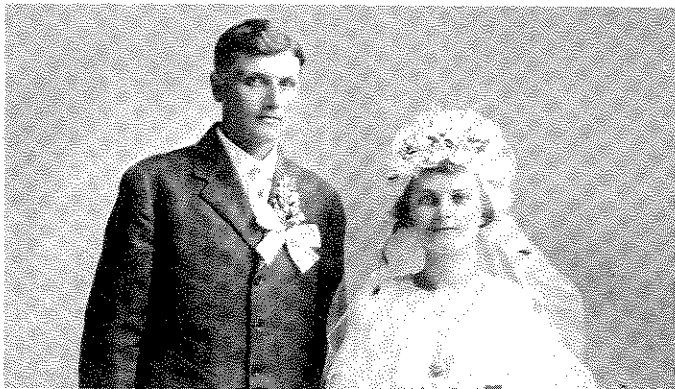
### John and Veronica Virka

In 1878 John Virka received the land grant on 80 acres he had homesteaded south of Morse. As time passed John purchased other tracts of land. These were divided among his 3 sons. He married Veronica Soukup. They had 3 sons and 3 daughters.

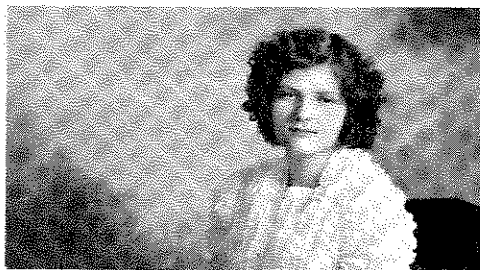


### Joseph and Frances Virka

Joseph Virka, the youngest son of John and Veronica Virka, and Frances Mach were married on May 1, 1917. In 1918 Joe received 40 acres of the original John Virka homestead plus another 80. They had one daughter, Clara. Frances died 9-8-1959. In 1962 Joe and Clara moved to Prague, NE where Joe died in Jan. 1962. Clara continues to live in Prague.



Clara Virka



### Otto Virka

#### John and Elaine Harding

Otto, the son of Frank and Lucy Virka, born October 1914, went to school at Dist. 14 for 10 years and graduated from North Bend. When Otto was in grade school, he played in the Morse Bluff band that gave concerts in the summer on the Morse Bluff streets. He was active in sports, especially basketball. He married Elaine Pospisil, born November 1939. They lived on the farm where Otto was born; he was a grain and livestock farmer. He died June 1965. Elaine married John Harding June 1968. They farmed until retirement. They live in the former Lucy Virka home on Short Street.



Otto, Dale Travnick,  
Elaine Virka



Elaine and John Harding

### Vernon and Sharon Virka

Vernon and Sharon, both graduates of North Bend High, were married 2-7-1961 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. When first married, Vernon worked for Leonard Vech and they lived near Cedar Bluffs. In 1970 they moved to the family farm 3 mi. s. of Morse where they built a new home. They have 2 sons - Randy who works for Rob-See-Co in Waterloo, NE and helps farm; and Mike who was in the Marines for 4 years. Both sons attended Dist. 54 and graduated from North Bend Central.

### Frank A. and Mary Vlasak

Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ignac Vlasak, was born 11-28-1877 in Dodge, NE. He came to Morse Bluff in 1919. He homesteaded in Montana. Frank was wounded in France during WWI when he served in the U.S. Army. He was a carpenter, policeman, ranch hand, and merchant. Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Navrkal, was born 10-13-1902 in Jaromnerice, Austria. She immigrated with her parents in 1885 to New Underwood, S.D., where they homesteaded. Mary operated a boarding and rooming house in Morse Bluff for many years in the Vlasak residence, the house formerly owned by Ira McCluhan. Frank and Mary were married 4-12-1920. They had 2 sons: Frank I. Vlasak, and Edmund Vlasak (deceased.) Frank died 3-17-1957, and Mary 5-20-1966. Both are buried at the Czech National Cemetery by Morse.

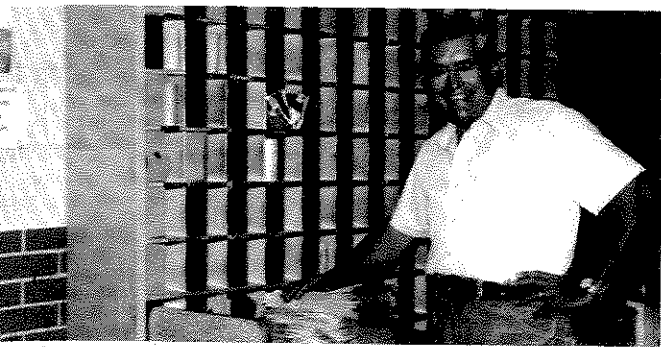


### Frank I. and Elaine Vlasak

Frank, born 8-5-1922 in Morse Bluff to Frank and Mary Vlasak, and Elaine, born 7-19-1924 to William and Alma Jelinek, were married 9-11-1946 in Fremont, NE. Frank grew up in Morse and Elaine grew up on the farm where she was born, 5 mi. w. and 1 n. of Morse. They both attended Dist. 14, and graduated from North Bend High. Frank is a veteran of WWII, and was a rural mail carrier for almost 36 years. Frank had and has National and State offices in the American Legion and WFLA-ZCBJ. He has been a public speaker for 30 years. Elaine is a retired school teacher and nutritionist. Frank and Elaine have traveled in all 50 states and extensively in foreign countries. Both are active in community organizations. Their daughters are Alma Vlasak of Lincoln; Susan (Mrs. Richard Bollwitt), lives in Seward, 1 daughter; and Frances (Mrs. Ryan Thompson), son Zachary, lives in Fremont. Frank and Elaine are retired and have lived in North Bend for 30 years.



Susan Bollwitt, Alma, Elaine, Frances Thompson



Frank Vlasak, last day as rural mail carrier

### Frank and Josephine Vojtech

Frank and Josephine Krejca Vojtech came from Moravia in 1877 with two children, Frantiska and George. They settled on 40 acres, 1 mi. west and 1 mi. north of Cedar Hill in a sod dugout. George was in business briefly in Morse Bluff in a store known as Vojtech and Walla's Store.

### Frank J. and Mary Vojtech

Frank J. Vojtech, son of Frank and Josephine Vojtech, was born in 1878. He married Mary Bauer, daughter of Joseph and Anastasia Bauer, on 5-9-1904 at Cedar Hill. They farmed 5½ mi. southwest of Morse Bluff. Their children were: James, Joseph, Emily, Helen, Ernest and Marie.



Frank and Mary Vojtech, 60th wedding anniversary, 5-9-1964

### Joseph and Evangeline Vojtech

Joseph F., born 1907, son of Frank and Mary Vojtech, married Evangeline Wesely, Cedar Bluffs, on 4-28-1942 at Cedar Hill. Joe farmed and resided on the Vojtech homestead 5½ mi. southwest of Morse Bluff. Evangeline has been the organist for the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for 45 years. Their children are: Joseph J. Vojtech, Fremont, NE; Cecilia Hall, Morse Bluff; and Delores Wall, Lincoln, E.

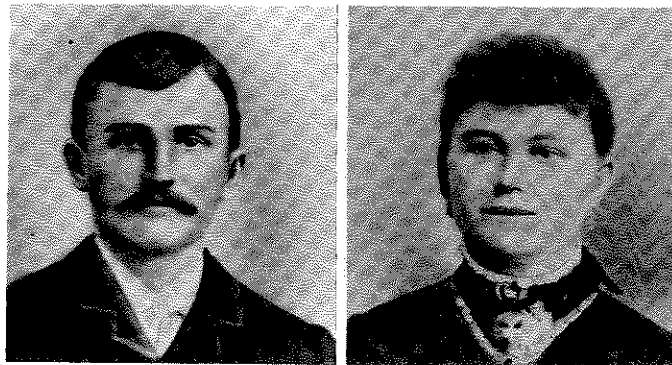


### Albert and Clara Vopalensky

Albert, born 3-26-1901, Morse Bluff to Ed and Maggie Vopalensky, and Clara, daughter of Charles and Cecilia Dvorak Novak, were married 10-17-1927. Albert and Clara farmed the Scott's Lake farm for several years before moving to the Ed Vopalensky farm on the northwest edge of Morse Bluff. Here they continued to live after retiring. Their son, Charles, farms the land. Albert died 11-19-1977. Clara moved to North Bend in 1985. She is active in church and community organizations. Their children are: Dorothy, married Bill Mines, has 4 sons, lives in North Bend; Albert E. married Ann Nick, has 8 children, divorced, and remarried; and Charles, married Janice Lanterfield, has 3 daughters and lives in North Bend.

### Edward and Margaret Vopalensky

Edward, born 10-15-1867 in Wisconsin, youngest son of Frank and Anna Vopalensky, and Margaret (Maggie) born 8-15-1873, Linwood, to Jacob and Ludmila Smidth Shavlik, were married 2-17-1890. They lived southwest of Morse Bluff and farmed. Near the turn of the century they moved to a home on the north edge near Ann Street. Ed was in partnership in the Hines and Vopalensky Hardware Store. He owned and operated the livery stable and dray business before buying and moving to a farm west of town. They retired from the farm moving to 2nd and Rose Street. Ed died 1-25-1956 and Maggie, 7-21-1957. Both are buried at Killian's Cemetery.



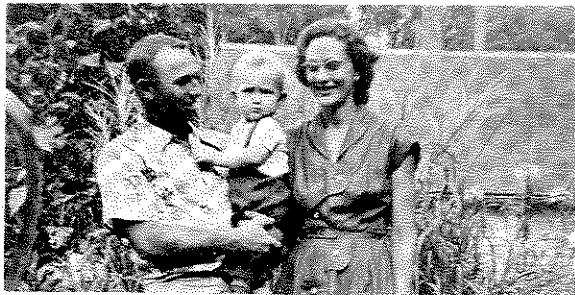
### Edward R. and Vlasta Vopalensky

Ed, son of Edward and Margaret Vopalensky, born 4-17-1895 in Morse Bluff, and Vlasta Roubal, born 1-5-1900 in North Bend to Joseph and Josephine Roubal, were married 12-30-1917 in Omaha, NE. They farmed in the Morse Bluff area until 1950 when they moved to a house in town on Second Street. Ed helped at Zeleny's Service Station, and Vlasta worked first at Don Walla's Store in Morse, then at the McGinn Grocery Store in North Bend. Like their parents, Vlasta and Ed observed their golden wedding anniversary. They were members of the Methodist Church in Morse and were 50 year members of the Z.C.B.J. Vlasta received the Ak-sar-ben Good Neighbor Award. Children: Leonard of Omaha, and Edna, Mrs. Marvin Cerny of Scribner. Edward died June 1972.



### Ernest and Marge Vopalensky

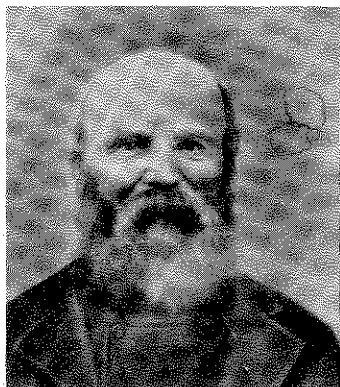
Ernest (Butch), born 3-31-1920, Morse Bluff, son of Frank and Libbie Vopalensky, married Marge, born 4-20-1925 to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mead. They were married in Papillion, NE 12-5-1942. Ernest farmed for a few years before working for Hormel's in Fremont. He died 6-19-1970. Marge remarried and lives out of the state. They adopted a son, Gary who is teaching in an Oklahoma College.



Ernest (Butch) and Marge with son Gary

### Frank and Anna Vopalensky

Frank, born 4-2-1819, Bohemia and Anna Pech, born 8-15-1826, Bohemia, were married 6-15-1841 in Bohemia. They came to the Morse Bluff area in 1870 to farm on Sand Creek, southwest of Morse Bluff. Here they observed their 50th anniversary in 1891. Frank and Anna sold the farm to Edward, their youngest son with the responsibility to provide board and room for his parents the rest of their days. Frank died 4-30-1906 and Anna died 1-30-1914. Their children were: John, stayed in Bohemia; Albina Beranek, Mary Schoenberger, Anna Kavan, Frank Vopalensky, Christina Krenk Brozovsky, and Edward Vopalensky. Six children died in infancy.



Ruth Lewellen Dorsey Dodge Vopalensky

### Frank and Mary Vopalensky

Frank, born 5-6-1858, Bohemia, to Frank and Anna Vopalensky, and Mary, born 4-24-1861, Bohemia, to Jacob and Ludmila Shavlik, were married in a Butler County Catholic Church 6-1-1880. The first years of their marriage they lived southwest of Morse. For a short while they lived in Morse on Rose Street while Frank had a hardware store. In 1892 he bought and moved to a farm on the north east edge of town. Descendants still own the farm. Frank was prominent in civic affairs. He was elected to represent this area in the State Legislature in 1907. After Mary died 4-22-1914, he married again in 1916 to Katherine (Kate) Pabian Schroeder, born 2-19-1865, Ohio. They lived on Rose Street, the Frank Lodl home in 1987. Frank died 3-19-1952 and Kate on 4-19-1955. Frank and Mary's children were: Kristena Cippera (1881-1972), John (1883-1959), Jacob Louis (1884-1952), Mary Kreizinger (1886-1964), Anna (1888-1902), Julia Faytinger (1890-1960), James (1896), Helen Allen (1899) and Sylvia Deford (1906).



Frank and Kate Vopalensky, 25th wedding anniversary

### Frank L. and Libbie Vopalensky

Frank L., born 5-28-1892, Morse Bluff, son of Ed and Maggie Vopalensky, and Albina (Libbie), born 3-28-1893, to Joseph and Anastasia Bauer, were married 1-28-1913 at Cedar Hill. Their children were: Wilma Dvorak, Raymond and Ernest. Frank and Libbie farmed, first on the Vopalensky farm on Sand Creek and later on a farm 1 mi. west of town. Libbie died 10-31-1940. Frank made his home with Ernest until he married Ruth Lewellen Dorsey Dodge 9-22-1948. Frank and Ruth were the custodians at the District #14 school from 1959 until retiring in 1972. Many students remember the huge cookies Ruth would bake for treats. Frank died 10-3-1972 and Ruth, 1-20-1980.



Frank L. Vopalensky

### Irwin and Ruth Vopalensky

Irwin John, born 5-20-1913, Morse Bluff, to John and Josephine Vopalensky and Ruth Vivian, born 5-6-1914, North Bend to Fred and Emma Horak Mehaffey, were married 6-2-1938. Before moving to the Scott's Lake farm in the 1950's, they lived in Morse Bluff, North Bend, Lincoln and Fremont, NE. Ruth retired in 1984, having taught in the North Bend Elementary school for several years. Irwin served on the District #14 school board. He died 10-6-1982. Ruth is living in California. Their children are: Diane Murphy, Lincoln, NE; Joan Volf, Phillips, NE; Marcia Miller and John Vopalensky, both of California.





Irwin and Ruth Vopalensky

### James and Marie Vopalensky

James, born 9-28-1896, Morse Bluff to Frank and Mary Vopalensky, and Marie, born 9-4-1898 to Jerry and Mary Vasina, were married 1-8-1920 in York, NE. They lived on the family farm on the northeast edge of town until 1948 when they built a house on Rose Street. They had one daughter, Bernice Robertson. Marie moved to Morse Bluff when her mother married Barta Kadlec in 1909. Marie and her sister, Ethel were the telephone operators from 1913 to 1917. Jim served in the Army during World War I. He is a charter member of the American Legion Post #340. In 1945 James became the Morse Bluff postmaster and continued until his retirement in 1966. Marie died in 1973.



### John and Josephine Vopalensky

John, born 2-12-1883, Morse Bluff, son of Frank and Mary Vopalensky, and Josephine (Josie), born 9-15-1890, Morse Bluff, were married 3-12-1912 in Fremont. When first married they lived on the family farm on the northeast edge of town. About 1920 they moved to a home on the southeast edge. Their last move in the 1930's was to a home on Kate Street. John managed Cherny and Watson Lumber Yard in Morse Bluff for several years. He also owned and managed Scott's Lake after 1929. He retired from the lumber business and became the school janitor in 1942 until his death 12-31-1959. Josie before their marriage was a teacher. She died 4-11-1982. Their children were: Irwin (1913-1982) and Evelyn Lynch (1916), San Francisco, CA.



### Raymond and Julia Vopalensky

Raymond, born 5-31-1916, Morse Bluff, son of Frank and Libbie Vopalensky and Julia, born 1-31-1917 to John and Mollie Styskal Pacula, were married 4-26-1941 in Wahoo. Raymond taught in area schools and the Morse Bluff school before leaving the teaching profession and moving to Fremont in the early 40's. Their children were: Steven, died in infancy; Joyce, married Donald Cherek, has 5 children, and lives in Louisiana; Carol, killed in a car-tractor accident in 1968; and an infant son who died at birth.

### William and Lillie Vopalensky

William (Bill), born 3-15-1897 to Edward and Margaret Vopalensky, and Lillie, born 1-22-1898 to Joe and Anastazia Bauer, were married at Cedar Hill, 11-22-1921. They farmed ½ mi. w. of Morse until 1947, when they moved to a home s. of the Z.C.B.J. hall in town. Bill's schooling was at Dist. 14; Lillie's at Dist. 15. Bill was a retired fireman and town board member. They are members of St. George's Catholic Church, Z.C.B.J. lodge, and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They received a loving cup in 1985 at Old Settler's Picnic in North Bend for being the oldest couple in attendance. Bill served as bartender and Lillie as cook for many years at Scotts Lake dances. Children: Betty (Mrs. Maurice Melcher, Fremont, 2 children — Barbara and Bill — and 3 grandchildren), and William J. (Bud). Bud and family reside on the family farm.



Betty, Lillie, Bill, Bud



Al Vasina's house, the oldest in town

### William J. and Juanita Vopalensky

William (Bud), born 1-10-1925 to William and Lillie Vopalensky in Morse Bluff, and Juanita, born 9-3-1926 in Cedar Bluffs, NE, to Herbert and Edith Wolfe Tharp, were married 6-6-46 in Fremont, NE. They farm ½ mi. w. of Morse and Bud is an agent for an insurance company. Bud served as trustee when St. George's Church was dedicated in 1955, as a member of the Dist. 14 School Board, and as a member of the Morse Bluff Dike and Drainage Board. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and an active volunteer fireman for over 40 years. Juanita was a charter member of the Get-Together Extension Club and served as president of the Altar Society. They have 3 children: Nancy Ebbers (graduated from St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing, 1969, has five children — Durayne, Dawn, Paul, Cory, and Chris. Husband Gary was killed in a plane crash in 1983. Family lives on farm near Cortland, NE.); Peggy (Mrs. Edwin Nelson of Luzerne, IA with children Tammy, Shawn, and Brandon. Graduate of Grand Island Business School, 1971.); and Don (graduate of Midland College in 1977, living in Lincoln.)



William (Bud) Vopalensky Family at 40th wedding anniversary

### Ron and Gloria Vosler

Ron, born in 1963 to Dude and Ducky Vosler, married Gloria Dunker, born in 1962 to Roy and Wilma Dunker, at St. Charles Church in North Bend 2-18-85. Gloria grew up on a farm n. of North Bend. She graduated from NBC, finished beauty and barber college, and worked in the Fremont area styling hair. After marrying Ron, Gloria drove a truck for a company in Lincoln and later for her husband. She was chosen 1st runner-up in the Sioux City Midwest Truck Assoc. and in the Miss Fremont contest, and was chosen Queen of the Silver Dollar Rodeo in Omaha. Ron grew up in Ashland, and in 1969, moved with his parents to a farm s.w. of Morse where they farmed and raised horses. While in high school, he excelled in wrestling, winning first in state competition. After graduation, he worked at Schuyler Pack, then became a truck driver and bought his own truck in 1982. They live on 2nd Street in a home which Gloria has remodeled into a country cottage, doing much of the carpentry, plumbing, electrical work and decorating herself. They have a son, Sandy Brian, born April, 1986.



### George and Sharon Vrana

George and Sharon Brabec Vrana were married 9-2-1975. The Vrana's are members of the Sacred Heart Church, Cedar Hill. George is the chairman of the Bohemia Township Board and is active in other community activities. Sharon is a member of several community organizations.



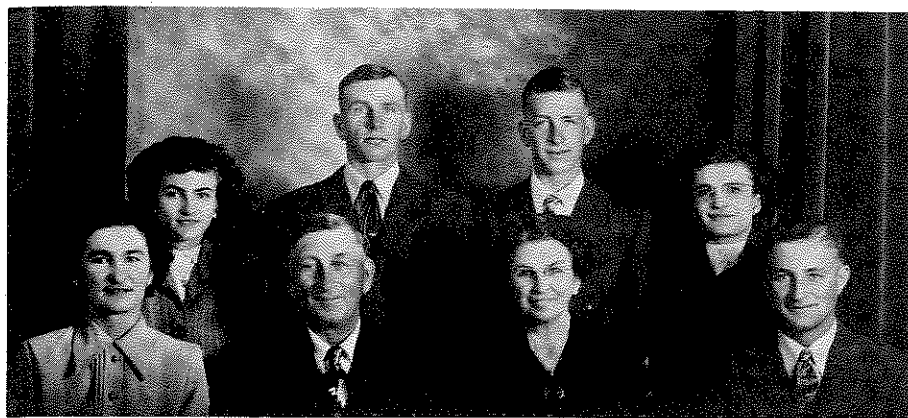
Sharon and George with children, Amber, Brian, Amy

### Adolph and Ann Vyhlidal

Adolph, son of Anton F. and Magdalena Vyhlidal, married Ann, daughter of Eman T. and Anna Kovar on 2-15-1949 at Cedar Hill. Adolph and Ann lived in the Morse Bluff area most of their married life. They moved into town in 1966 having purchased the former McVittie acreage along Third Street. Adolph farmed, worked at Farmers Union in North Bend for 29 years, the popcorn plant for 2 years and with a maintainer for Union Township in Dodge Co. for 2 years. Ann, a housewife, worked as a painter, paperhanger, and seamstress. In 1986 they became the custodians at District #14 school. Their children are: Edward (1949), lives in North Bend with his wife, Carolyn, and 5 children; Dorothy (1951) married Dennis LeGrande and has 3 daughters, lives in Schuyler, NE; Mark (1961) lives in Fremont, NE with wife, Deana and 2 children. Mark has played musical instruments since he was eight. At 17 he formed "Mark Vyhlidal Orchestra". His band and combo are widely known.



Standing-Dorothy, Adolph, Ann, In front—Edward, Mark



**Anton F. Vyhldal Family**  
Back: Martha, Frank, Victor, Marie  
Front: Ann, Anton F., Magdalena, Adolph

### Anton F. and Magdalena Vyhldal

Anton F., born 8-14-1888, son of Frank and Karolina Vyhldal, and Magdalena, born 5-14-1891, daughter of John and Anna Foltin Bratrosky, were married 5-14-1912. Anton F. was a farmer in rural Morse Bluff until he moved to Wahoo and worked for Economy Building. He died in Wahoo 12-18-1960. Anton would plow gardens with a walking plow and a team of horses during the 30's and 40's in Morse Bluff and vicinity. His son, Adolph, became the "plowman" in the 50's using a Ford tractor, a two bottom plow and rotary hoe. Adolph in 1987 uses the same outfit. Adolph's son, Edward, helps and in the future Ed and his sons will continue the business the grandfather started 50 years ago. Magdalena in 1966 moved to Morse with sons, Frank and Victor into the former Dr. Hubenbecker home she purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hynek. She died 12-11-1973. Children: Anna (1915-1949); Frank (1917) lives in David City; Marie (1920-1950); Adolph (1923) lives in Morse Bluff; Martha (1925-1966); and Victor (1930-1983).

### Cyril and Barbara Vyhldal

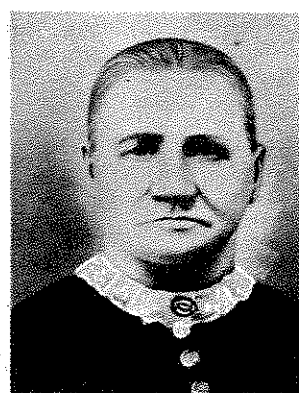
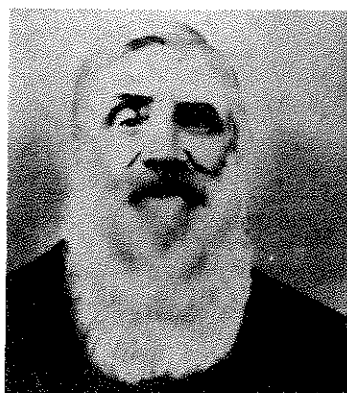
Cyril John, son of Frank and Caroline Vyhldal, and Barbara Anna, daughter of Jakub and Marie Vejtas Brousek, were married and had a daughter, Hedvika Emily (Hattie) Pabian, and a son, Donald Cyril. Cyril died 10-1-1984. Barbara is living on their farm southwest of Morse Bluff. The couple were grandparents to 5 and great grandparents to 7. Cyril is remembered as a musician, playing with his own polka group as well as with various other bands.



Back: Hedvika (Hattie) Pabian, Donald  
Front: Barbara and Cyril Vyhldal

### The John Vyhldal Sr. Family

John (Jan) Vyhldal, born 6-24-1825 in Moravia, came to Morse Bluff in 1871. He married Frantiska Coufal, born 6-15-1830 in Moravia. Both are buried at the Cedar Hill Cemetery, John died 11-19-1909 and his wife, 11-10-1905. Children: Frank, who married Karolina Janda; Mary married Anton Stuchlik; Frances married Daniel Taylor; James (Vaclav) married Frances Tomek; Josephine married Jan Hines; John W. married Rosalie Stanislav; Katherine married William Grafe; Anton married Anna Baster; Caroline married Martin Hobza; Joseph married Frances Vojtech; and Anna married Albert Codr.



### Joseph and Fanny Vyhldal

Joseph was born March 1873 on the homeplace to Jan and Frantiska Coufal Vyhldal. He farmed there till his death 1-6-1940. He married Fanny 11-18-1896 at the Cedar Hill Church. Fanny was born 9-8-1875 in Krakovice, Moravia to Frank and Josephine Kreja Vojtech. After widowed she lived with son, Joseph E. and family on the homeplace until her death 2-25-1962. Daughter Adeline died in infancy. Other children shown below: Elizabeth (Mrs. James Kadlec), Rose (Mrs. Andrew V. Kucera), Julia (Mrs. Ben Bartek), Joseph E., John F., George



*Wahoo Wasp, 8-2-1894: About 20 from north of the river came over Sunday to play ball with the Cedar Hill Nine but as none of the nine was on hand, a nine was gathered up here to play them. Only 3 innings were played when the ball gave out. Score stood 6 to 5 favor of Dodge County boys.*





#### John Vyhlidal Family

Anna Havlovec, Lillie Ostry, Sophie Pallat, Joh III, Agnes Brihacek, Bill, Frances, Bessie Grobenschroer, Mary Dobrusky, Seated: John and Rosalie Vyhlidal

#### John W. Vyhlidal Jr. Family

John W. Jr., the sixth born to John and Frantiska Vyhlidal, married Rosalie Stanislav. They lived in rural Morse Bluff and had 9 children: Frances; John married Helen Pavel; Anna married Anton Havlovec; Lillie married Adolph Ostry; Mary married E.T. Dobrusky; Agnes married Anton Paseka and after his death married Jerry Brichacek; Sophie married Frank Pallat; William married Lillian Fencel; and Bessie married Lawrence Grabenschroer.

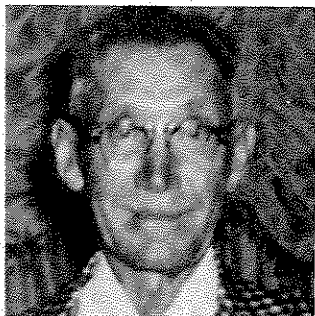
#### John and Kristie Vyhlidal

John, son of Joe and Fannie Vyhlidal and Kristie, daughter of James and Mary Cerny Navrkal, were married 4-24-1934. They have been Cedar Hill parishioners all their lives. Children: Stanley, Kathy Hynek and John Jr.



#### William and Lillian Vyhlidal

William, the 8th born to John and Frantiska Vyhlidal, married Lillian Fencel and stayed on the home place southwest of Morse Bluff. They had 4 children; William Jr. married Georgia Vanek; Lillian (Mrs. LeRoy Ohnoutka); Rita Vyhlidal; and Cecilia (Mrs. Bill Perk).



#### The Nick Wagner Family

Nick was born 6-14-1863, the son of Nicholas and Sarah Wagner of Omaha, NE. They lived at Omaha, and later homesteaded southwest of Morse. He was one of 8 children. He married Dora Pabian Wagner, born 9-21-1866. They lived on Rose Street in a home below the hill where he later built a new house. Nick was the manager of Updike Grain for many years. Dora died 4-6-1926. They had no children. He later married Mary Novotny, daughter of Joe and Josie Novotny of Clarkson. They had 2 children: Caroline, born 6-6-1931 who died as an infant, and Dorothy, Mrs. Ray Hynek of Morse Bluff. In his later years he pumped gas by Wolf's garage on 2nd Street. He died in 1938 and is buried at Cedar Hill.



Nick and Dora Wagner

## Nicholas and Sarah Wagner

Nicholas, born 3-4-1821, had 7 brothers and 1 sister, and lived in Alsace-Lorraine. He served in the French army 12 years, immigrated to New York, then lived in Florence while he worked at a saw mill in Omaha. He paid for boat passage for the trip to the U.S. for his friend, Sarah Mistler (or Mishler), 11-24-1834, born to a poor family in Bavaria. Sarah worked as a maid for Kountses Brewery in Omaha. Nick and Sarah were married a year later and lived in a log cabin near Florence where their son Lewis was born. A few years later, Nick joined a caravan of 14 covered wagons headed for the Gold Rush. Overtaken by Indians, a number of men were killed and all but 1 wagon destroyed. The rest walked on and worked in the gold mines. He used most of his gold to return home, walking all summer. Later he decided to return to Germany, but the family soon came back to Omaha where he worked again. In 1872, they homesteaded 80 acres of land s.w. of Morse, and lived the rest of their lives in the area. They had 10 children: Lewis, Nicholas, Lena Pabian, Anne, Ed, and Henry. 4 others died as infants. Sarah died 5-3-1909, age 75. Nicholas died 3-3-1900, age 79. Both Catholics, they are buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.



Wagners—Ed, Nickolas, Nick, Sarah, Lena Pabian, Henry

## Don and Charlotte Walla

Don and Charlotte lived in the former Phillip Walla Sr. house on 1st and Maud. Don owned and managed the Walla Store, 1946-1957. Children: Donald Jr., twins—Vance and Jane. Don is deceased.



## Edward and Gusta Walla

Edward, born 1-19-1883 to Phillip and Barbara Walla, married Gusta, born 9-26-1888 to Frank and Mary Jelinek, on 6-7-1909. Ed retired in 1938 after 36 years as a Morse Bluff merchant. In 1902 he bought a partnership in the Reznicek-Walla Store. It became Walla Bros. Store when his brother purchased Reznicek's share. Ed served 19 years on the Board of Education for Dist. #14. He was a director of the Platte Valley Bank at the time of his death, 1-20-1942. Children: Wilma, a Morse Bluff High School teacher for several years, married Neil Kunkle, lived in North Bend and later in Grand Island, NE; Orville, married Lola Applegate, lived and died in California; and Edward E. married Ruth Rand, lived in California before returning to the North Bend area. The Wallas had a son that died at birth.



Ed and Gustie Walla

## John Walla Sr. Family

John Walla Sr., a Saunders Co. pioneer of the Morse Bluff vicinity, came in 1872 with his wife and four sons; John Jr., Frank, Anton and Phillip. The Wallas were considered well-to-do as they brought over \$6,000 in currency from Czechoslovakia. They had divided the money into four amounts and carried it in flannel bags tied to their persons underneath their clothing. With this money, John bought three 80's of railroad land @ \$1,700 each, and bought stock and farm equipment. He also helped other settlers buy their equipment and seed. In addition to the railroad land, he took a homestead, mostly timber and bluffs, but good pasture land. John Jr. and Phillip remained on the original land acquired by John Sr. Their descendants live on the original land in 1987.

## John and Anna Walla

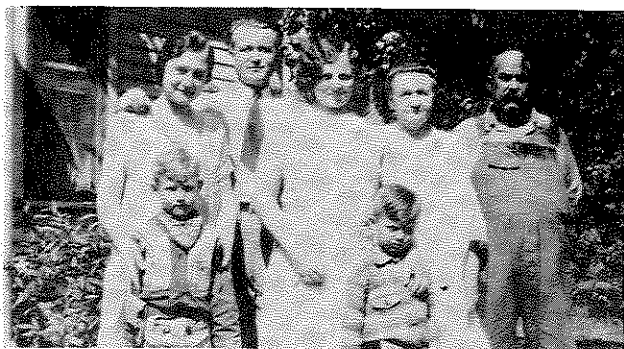
John Walla Jr. and Anna Hoffman, both born in Czechoslovakia, were married and settled on land John's father had acquired four mi. west of Morse. John came to this area in 1872 with his parents. They came to North Bend and crossed the Platte River by boat. Indians used to have a camp site in the hills. There were three huge bare circles where their tepees had been pitched. Many Indian relics have been found. In later years gypsies used the site on their annual treks through this area. John and Anna's children were: George, Etta, Libbie, Leonard, Clara, Albin (Beany), Ann and Jack.



Anna Walla



Jack and Beany, sons of John and Anna Walla



Etta Walla Ragsdale, Leonard and Emma Walla, Anna and John Walla, Children: Len and Bob, sons of Leonard and Emma

### Phillip and Mary Walla

Phillip Walla, born 11-17-1884, Morse Bluff and Mary Bors, born 3-24-1887, Milligan, NE were married 2-7-1910. Mary taught in Abie and rural Morse Bluff before their marriage. Mary died 5-6-1949. Phillip acquired Joe Reznicek's share in the general merchandise business and the store became known as Walla Bros. Store. In 1938 Phillip became the sole owner of the store until he sold it to Donald Walla in 1946. Phillip was the president of the Platte Valley Bank from 1935 until 1955 when he was elected chairman of the board of directors. He served as chairman until his death 6-12-1963. Children: Marietta (Mrs. Ben Willard), Omaha, NE; and Phillip Jr. (1914-1931).



Mary Walla



Phillip Walla

### Phillip Sr. and Barbara Walla

Phillip, born in Moravia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walla Sr. and Barbara Kunes, born in Czechoslovakia to Vaclav and Anna Kunes, were married in 1881 near Linwood, NE. Phillip Sr. came with his parents to this country in 1872 when he was 14. He and Barbara lived on the Walla farm 6 miles west of Morse Bluff until they retired and moved into Morse Bluff in 1915. Indians frequently came to the Walla place and gladly took anything that was offered. They were very fond of pumpkins. Barbara died in 1934 and Phillip Sr. in 1935. Their children were: Louis, farmed west of Morse; James, farmed north of North Bend; William, a dentist in Fremont, NE; Phillip Jr. and Edward, merchants in Morse Bluff; Emily Bockemuehl, only surviving member, living in California; Barbara Vlach, Leigh, NE; Julia Teply, Clarkson, NE; Josephine Vech, Cedar Bluffs; and Gerald who at age 9 drowned.

### Ben and Irene Wesely

Ben was born 8-23-1928 on a farm near Cedar Bluffs to Ben O. and Mary Codr Wesely. In 1952, he married Irene Kubik. They moved to the area in 1958, living 3 mi. s. and 2 mi. w. of Morse. They had two children: Sharon (Mrs. Kevin Capron) of North Bend, and Daniel of Cedar Bluffs. Dan married Deann Vyhldal. Irene died in 1973. There are 4 grandchildren. In 1981, Ben married Margaret LeGrand Watson and moved to North Bend. Ben farms in Saunders county.

### Ludvik and Alice Wesely

Ludvik and Alice Chromy were married 8-18-1931 at Cedar Hill. Children: Dorothy (Mrs. Richard Kavan), Mildred (Mrs. Arsene Fauquet, Lincoln), and Betty (Mrs. Roger Hindrichs, Lincoln). 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren. Ludvik died 10-18-1975.



Back-Josephine (Mrs. Bill Vech); Barbara (Mrs. Charles Vlach); Louis, Edward, Phillip Jr., James, Julia (Mrs. Emil Tepley), Emily (Mrs. Fred Bockemuehl) Front-Phillip Walla Sr., William, Barbara Kunes Walla



### Emil and Gustie Wesely

Emil (11-28-1897 to 11-17-1969) and Gustie Navrkal (8-19-1904) married and farmed between Malmo and Cedar Bluffs. They moved to Morse in the 1960's. Children: Evelyn (Mrs. Bernard Paseka) deceased and Emil. Gustie now lives in North Bend.



### Larry and Judy Wesely

Larry, born 10-18-1957 in Wahoo, NE, to Frank and Irene Wesely, and Judy, born 7-21-1962 in Fremont, NE, to Ray and Dorothy Hynek, were married 3-23-1983 in Wahoo, NE. Larry grew up on a farm in Malmo, NE, and went to work for Bob Ladehoff Grain and Trucking in 1979. They lived in a home on the s.w. corner of 2nd and Short Street for two years; selling their home in 1985, they moved to a farm s.w. of town, formerly owned by Leonard Pabian, Judy's second cousin. Judy grew up in the Morse area, graduating from NBC High. Larry farms and enjoys working on old cars. Their son, Travis was born 7-23-1984 in Fremont.

### Mike and Christine Westphal

Mike (Red Ball) Westphal, born 2-16-1949 to Jim and Pearl Westphal of Fremont, has worked as a brick-layer and mason for the 15 years he's lived in Morse Bluff. He works for Dale Crofton of North Bend. He married Christine Altman, (daughter of LaVonne Cubbison, Carmel, CA, and Robert Altman of New York) in 1983. Children: Dana (21), a film and communication arts student at Wayne State College, Wesley (8), a Dist. 14 student who played Swee' pea in his grandfather's movie, *Popeye*, and Charity Anne (3), who wants to marry a rich farmer.

Christine's father, film producer and director Robert Altman, has directed *M\*A\*S\*H*, *Nashville*, *3 Women*, and others. Christine and then 10 month old Wesley spent 6 months in Malta during Wes's role in *Popeye*. Dana plans to follow his grandfather into the movie business.



Mike and Christine Westphal  
Wes Hurt Westphal, Charity Ann Westphal, Dana Johnson and fiancée, Deanna

### Bradley and Amy Williams

Bradley, born 8-26-1966 in Fremont, NE, to James and Nancy Williams, and Amy, born 1-9-1966 to Don and Bev Snyder in Omaha, were married 7-28-1984 in Fremont, NE. They live outside the n.w. edge of Morse along Highway 79, the former Albert A. Vopalensky residence. Both are graduates of NBC High. Brad works at Hormels, and Amy babysits and raises sheep. They are members of the St. George's Catholic Church. They have one daughter, Jessica Lynn, and a new baby due April 1987.



Jessica and Jamie, daughters of Brad and Amy Williams

### James and Nancy Williams

James Williams and Nancy Kavan were married 8-26-1959. They live south and east of Morse in a home and farmstead built in 1974. Jim farms; Nancy is a Postal Clerk at the North Bend Post Office and a bookkeeper for Pollard Implement. 4 sons: Michael, a farmer; Mitchell, a meat grader; Bradley, married, works at Hormels; and Bruce, a student.



Brad, Bruce, Mitchell, Michael Williams

## Gary Wirka

Gary, born 11-12-1944 to Wilfred and Helen Kavan Wirka married Lexice Coufal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Coufal, on 3-7-1970. Children: Tammy (1-30-1971) and Jeffrey (2-7-1975). Both attend Prague High School. Gary and Linda were divorced 2-20-1979. On 5-17-1980 Gary married Carolyn Brennan, daughter of Carol and Lucille Nevius of Fremont. She has 2 sons, Steven (1-6-1965), in the U.S. Marines and Michael (6-3-1968), graduated from Prague High in 1987. Gary has been engaged in farming his entire life. He graduated from North Bend High School in 1962. Carolyn graduated from Fremont High in 1960.



Gary and Carolyn with Michael, Tammy, Steve and Jeff



Stella Wolf



Elaine Wolf Laughlin

## Thomas E. and Deanna Wolf

Thomas E. Wolf's family history in the Morse Bluff area dates back to 1910 when Tom's grandfather Emil E. Wolf Sr. moved to Morse. Tom's father, Arden D. Wolf was born in Morse Bluff on 11-21-1910 and attended 10 grades in Dist. 14. Tom, born in Columbus in 1944, lived in Grand Island before moving to North Bend in 1953. Tom graduated from UNL and the University of Santa Clara, CA with a Masters in Bus. Ad. Deanna Hoffman, born 1951, grew up as one of 9 on a farm near LeMars, IA, and attended Iowa State. They were married in Omaha 7-29-1972 and lived there until moving to Morse Bluff 4-1-1974. They moved into a new home just south of the Platte River later that year. Children: Thomas Arden (4-8-75); Mary Katherine (12-21-76); and Alexander John (10-17-80). Tom is president of the Platte Valley Bank, and area Ak-Sar-Ben Ambassador along with serving in many other community and banking organizations. Deanna was president of the Dist. 14 school board.

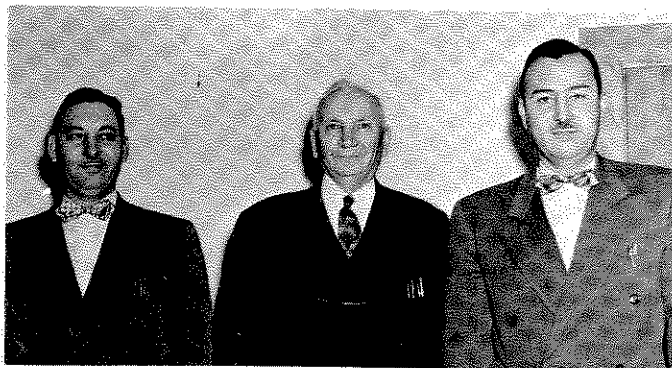


## Emil E. Wolf Sr. and Stella Wolf

Emil E. Wolf Sr., son of Josephine Nemec and Frank Wolf, was born on a farm near Clarkson, NE 4-20-1888. He attended Fremont Normal College and worked at banks in Nickerson and Beemer before joining the Bank of Morse Bluff 3-12-1910. He served as cashier and chief executive officer until his death 3-10-55. Emil E. Wolf Sr. was married to Stella Tepley of Clarkson on 10-12-1909 in Fremont. Their children: Arden D., Emil E. Jr., and Elaine. They lived in Morse Bluff on Victoria Street until Oct. 1947, at which time they moved to North Bend. Stella Wolf was born 4-3-1886 and died 11-14-1965. Emil E. Sr. was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a director of the Farmers Telephone Co. of Dodge County, president of Wolf Sand and Gravel Co., a director of O.P.P.D. and area Ambassador of Ak-Sar-Ben. He had farm holdings in Dodge and Saunders County. He promoted the progress of individuals, civic organizations and the betterment of the community.

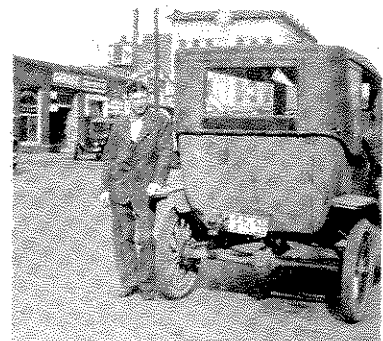


Tommy, Deanna, Tom, Katie, Alex



Emil E. Wolf Jr., Emil E. Wolf Sr., Arden D. Wolf

Walter Tawney  
and Model T



### Francis and Holly Zakovec

Francis, the son of Bernice Tenopir Zakovec and the late Richard Zakovec, was born 1-24-1955 in Fremont, NE. Holly, the daughter of Henry and Genevieve Miner Dahl, was born 9-11-1955 in Tecumseh, NE. They both graduated from North Bend Central in 1973. They were married 6-19-76 at the United Presbyterian Church in North Bend. Children: Ryan, born 4-27-78, and Brent, born 6-23-81. Both attend Dist. 54. Francis farms and Holly babysits and sells Watkins products. He is a member of the fire department, and she of the Bluffs Gals Extension Club. They enjoy hunting, fishing, and traveling in the mountains. Their farm was previously occupied by Francis' parents, and his grandparents before them, Frank and Mary Sedlacek Zakovec.



Ryan, Francis, Holly, Brent Zakovec

### Frank and Mary Zakovec

Frank was born in Braidwood, IL in 1871 and moved to the Morse Bluff area with his parents in 1872. He married Mary Suchy, born in Prague, Bohemia in 1874, on Jan 3., 1893 in Wahoo. They had 3 children: James Zakovec, Mrs. Ann Ott of Fremont, and Mrs. Emma Walla of Omaha. Frank had many businesses in Morse Bluff — a tavern, garage and dance hall, and a grocery in North Bend. He was also in the bank business during the depression and delivered oil and gas to farmers with a tank wagon. He then moved to Fremont to operate an oil station. He eventually bought a saloon, the business he most enjoyed.



### John and Josephine Zakovec

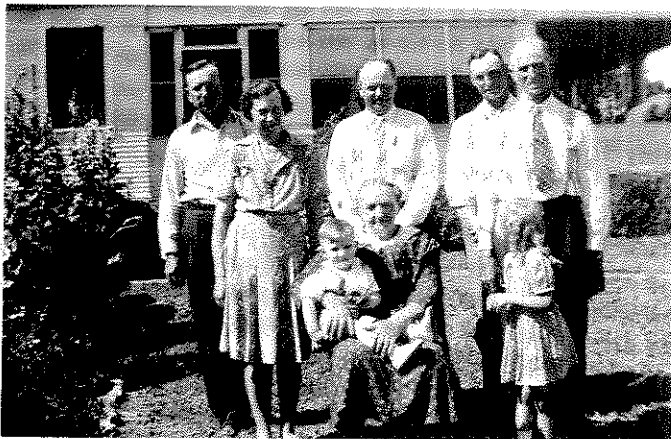
John Zakovec and Josephine Lomicka Zakovec were born in Czechoslovakia and immigrated to the U.S. They arrived in Morse Bluff from Braidwood, Illinois, in 1872. John bought an 80 acre farmstead for \$478.00 in July of '72. They had 6 children: Frank, John A., Mary, Anna, Josephine, and Christina. John was a farmer and a carpenter. John would walk to Omaha every week and work as a carpenter to provide for his family. He would then leave Friday night and bring home the necessary supplies for his family on Saturday morning. In 1876, he built a saloon and dance hall on the present day site of the Louis Zakovec farm. The Wahoo Brewery would deliver the beer and liquor with a horse and wagon. The majority of the time the Linwood Brass Band would provide the musical entertainment.



John and Josephine Zakovec

### John A. and Anna Zakovec

John A. was born in Morse Bluff in 1875. He married Anna Ondracek, born in Morse Bluff in 1880, in the year 1900 at Cedar Hill. They lived in the Morse area all their lives. John and Anna had three children: Frank R. Zakovec, who is living near Cedar Bluffs; John Jr., who lives in Weston; and Mrs. Louis (Emily) Vech who lives near Cedar Bluffs. John was a farmer.



John Zakovec Jr., Emily Vech, Frank Zakovec, Louis Zakovec, John A. Zakovec, Seated-Anna Zakovec, John D. and Pauline

### Louis and Sylvia Zakovec

Louis Zakovec was born on a farm south of Morse Bluff. He and his wife Sylvia Holub Zakovec, from Minnesota, reside at his birthplace. They were married in 1957 at St. Wenceslaus in Dodge, NE. Louis' occupation is farming. The Zakovec farm has been in the family name since 1872 — 115 years. Louis and Sylvia are members of the St. George's Catholic Church. Sylvia has been active in the Altar Society and Louis has served as trustee for the church.





### Edward and Rita Zeleny

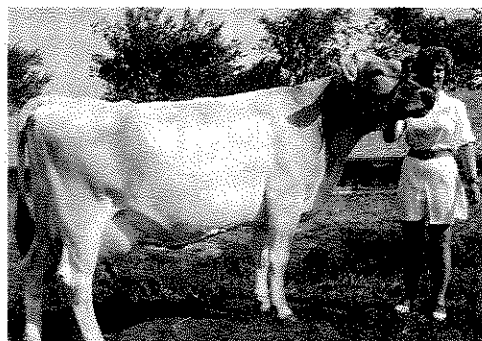
Edward, born 7-25-1930 to Edward and Jennie Zeleny in Schuyler, NE, and Rita, born 11-14-1934, to Henry and Elsie Satorie Hynek in Prague, NE, were married 6-1-1954 in North Bend. Ed worked for Zelenda Produce in Schuyler when first married. He and Rita operated Zeleny Oil in Morse for 30 years. Rita taught Dist. 14 and other area schools for 5 years. Ed is now custodian of the North Bend grade school. Rita is a residential associate at Eastern Nebraska commission on Retardation in Fremont. Children: Elizabeth, 9-9-62, Doane College graduate, teaching English for Mitsui Petrochemical International Corp., in Japan; Joseph, 2-26-65, NBC High graduate, owns and operates a bee business with his dad; John, 12-3-68, is a NBC High student. Lionel Whitemaggie 10-6-66, and Jack, 11-6-75, are foster children who became part of the family. Zelenys have hosted 6 international students from Japan, Spain, and France. Twelve foster children have lived with them, and they've sponsored two refugees from Czechoslovakia, twins Vojtech and Jiri Benes.



Back-Lionel, Jack, Liz, Joe; Front-Rita, John, Ed Zeleny



Carla Dolezal Soukup with CD's Streaker at State Fair



Laurie Kavan—State Fair Brown Swiss Reserve Champion-1969

### Loy and Blanche Zeller

Loy, born 12-2-1908, the son of Chris W. and Nettie Taylor Zeller of Morse, and Blanche, 10-4-1908, the daughter of Frank and Frances Styskal Hoffman of Linwood, were married 4-17-1932 in North Bend. They moved to their present home, the former home of C.N. Taylor, Loy's grandfather, when first married. Loy served in World War II from 1943-45; he was wounded at St. Lo, France for which he received the Purple Heart. Loy pumped gravel for Lux Gravel Co., was the Village Marshal, worked in trailer plants until becoming janitor at Dist. 14 from 1972-1985. The Zellers are members of the Methodist Church; Blanche was member of the United Methodist Women, is a member of the Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary. Loy is a member of the Legion; both are members of the Z.C.B.J. Lodge. Loy's ancestors trace back to Revolutionary days. Children: Claudine, 7-5-1948, married Daryl Mares, lives near Schuyler, 2 children.



Nettie Zeller, Loy, Isabelle Taylor, Chris Zeller, Cloyd Dorsey

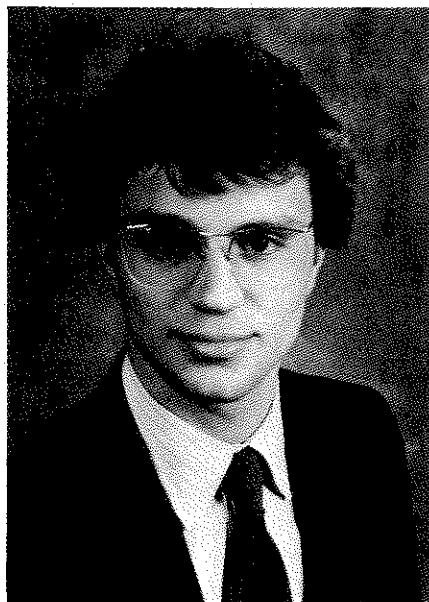
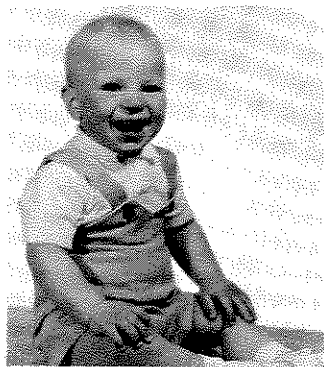


Back- Tom McGinn, Fred Bockemuehl, Sticks Ladenburger, Joe Urban, Frank Urban, Center- Charles Lehmer, Roy Widener, Jim Zakovec, Front- Louis Urban, Leonard Killian, Pat McGinn



Jayne Kavan, State Fair Winner-1964

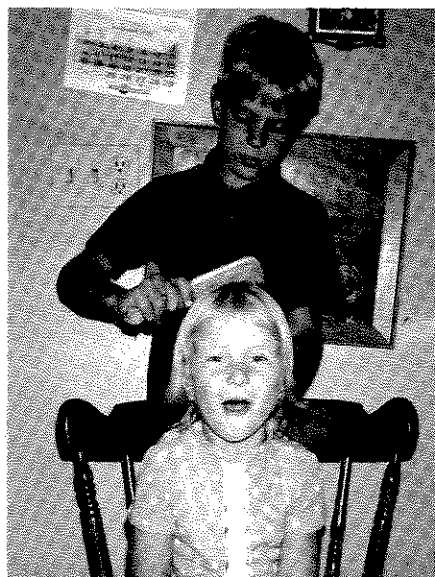
## In Loving Memory



### DAVID ALLAN HRUZA

Our son, brother, friend,  
and "Sunshine" of our life...  
Without your presence, our existence  
loses its meaning.  
You chose our cars and our clothes,  
and made our fun...  
We so depended on you to guide us  
in pursuing the stars.  
You loved us - and showed it always.  
David, how we loved you - and that you  
knew but if only we could tell you  
one more time.  
We will miss you "Sunshine".  
Your place in our lives can never be  
filled,  
But we will cherish your fond memory  
forever.

Son of Tom and Joan Hruza  
Brother to Suzie Hruza Granger and Cindy  
Graduated from North Bend Central in  
1978  
Graduated from the University of Nebraska  
with a degree in Economics, 1985



# In Loving Memory

## PHILLIP WALLA JR.

November 17, 1884 - July 12, 1963

## PHILLIP WALLA III

April 22, 1914 - May 1, 1931

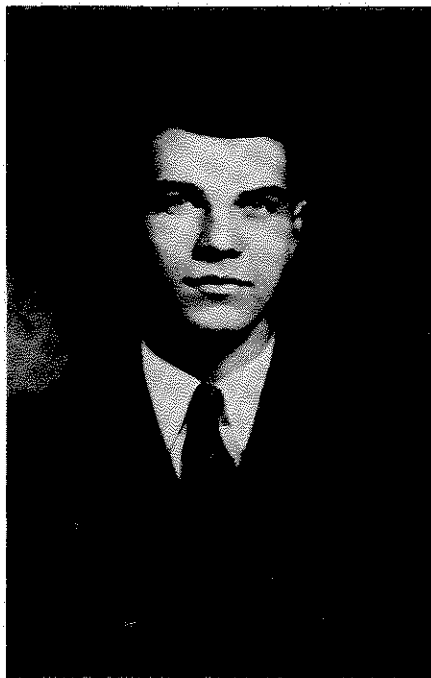
## MARY WALLA

March 24, 1887 - May 6, 1949

### A Vision

I see a vision, a wonderful thing,  
Once human, but now divine:  
And his face is bright  
With the holy light  
Of an angel, in pure repine.  
I see a mind, now new and untried,  
And a heart and hand of gold.  
And the vision I see  
Was a friend to me,  
Now secure in the Shephard's fold.  
O God, give us strength to bear it thru,  
The loss of this son and brother,  
Whom you carried away  
From our blemished way,  
And away from a father and mother,  
Our hearts go out to those dear ones  
he left;  
He left them as only a child,  
But God took him away,  
In His mysterious way,  
To His heavenly home, undefiled.  
He was a classmate, a sweetheart,  
and a friend,  
A pal to all that he knew  
And as such we'll remember  
'Till our mind's last burning ember  
Will disappear like the dew.

by Roy Sorenson, a high school  
student in memory of Phillip Walla



### In Memory of Phillip Walla

It is difficult to see just how we can carry on without Phil. Altho this was his first year in our high school he had become such a leader in every respect that his absence will be keenly felt in every branch of school life. The Juniors in the loss of their president, the musical organizations in the loss of one of their most talented members, the classes in the loss of a truly brilliant student, the dramatic department in the loss of a promising orator and actor, and all of us in the loss of a sincere friend.

Phil's genuine ability, his charming personality and gentle manner made him a favorite among his friends and caused them to pile honor after honor upon him.

We are all thankful for this brief year in which we came to know such a remarkable boy and that he considered us as his friends.

The entire school with their heads bowed in sympathy for Phil's family will always cherish the memory of their boy.  
by Veronica Hanlon, sponsor of the Looking Glass (school paper) in 1931.

by Ben and Marietta Walla Willard

### In Tribute to

JAN and ANTONIA HABA  
MARY and FRANK KAPLAN  
EMMA KAPLAN  
EMIL KAPLAN  
GEORGE KAPLAN

*"Those we hold  
most dear  
never truly leave us...  
they live on  
in the kindness they showed  
the comfort they shared  
and the love they brought  
into our lives"*

by: Cecil J. and Helen Kaplan Dey

### In Memory of

CHARLES BERANEK  
May 21, 1885 - July 10, 1979

a highly respected man known for  
his honesty

by children: Ella, Charles L. and  
Matilda



### In Memory of VICTOR C. PABIAN

Born, raised  
and  
lived his life  
in the  
Morse Bluff  
area

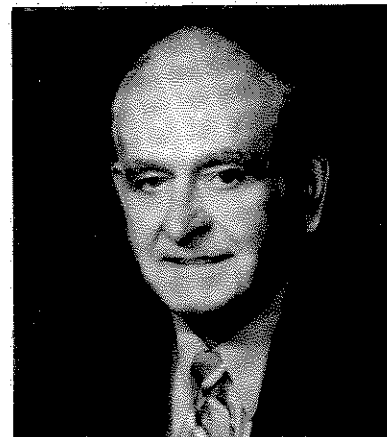
We miss you, Dad.

### A Loving Memorial to

WILLIAM and AGNES RACEK  
and  
SISTER AGNES

May God's grace be with you.

by: Wilma and George Havlovec



Victor C. Pabian  
1919-1985

### In Loving Memory of

JOHN F. and JULIA VACHAL  
Married 1923

John—born May 10, 1896. Parents: John  
and Anna Masek Vachal.  
Julia—born Feb. 19, 1894. Parents: Vaclav  
and Verona Beznoska Racek

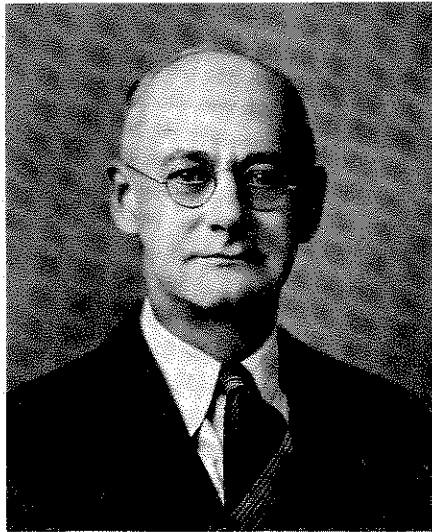
by daughter, Mrs. Delvin (Betty) Lorenzen





**IN LOVING MEMORY OF GRANDMA LIBBIE RACEK who:**

- . struggled down the stairs of the Red Rock Theatre to hear me sing
- . climbed bales of hay to ride on a hayrack ride with The Paul Moorhead Orchestra
- . always had her canes "set in low gear" to keep me company on my many excursions
- . faithfully waited for my Sunday night phone calls
- . kept a burnt sugar cake in the freezer ready for me whenever I came home
- . canned 300 quarts of fruits and vegetables at 93 years of age
- . talked to me with wisdom about life in general 'til the "wee" hours of the morning
- . who consented to pose for this picture on the Easter Bunny's lap (Easter 1986) when I asked her if she'd be willing to do something crazy. She, of course, complied ... "WHY NOT?"



**William "Spider" Pabian**

April 17, 1896 - February 9, 1953

In Remembrance  
of

**MARIE VASINA VOPALENSKY**

1898-1974.

**MARY URBAN VASINA KADLEC**

1877-1974

**FRANK AND KATE VOPALENSKY**

1858-1952

1865-1955

*God, Grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change those things I can  
And wisdom to know the difference.*

by: Bernice and Raleigh

In Memory  
of

**VICTOR HINES**

by: Ted and Linda Minarick  
Teri, Beth and Danny

In Loving Memory  
of

**WILLIAM and ANN PABIAN**

Spider, a native, long-time resident and businessman of Morse Bluff World War I veteran serving in France. Parents: John and Frances Buchta Pabian Ann, a native of Morse Bluff area, long-time resident, mother, housewife and businesswoman. Parents: John and Anna Walla Spider and Ann married February 11, 1920. Children: Marcene Etting, deceased William Jack by: Jack and Ruth



**Anna Walla Pabian**

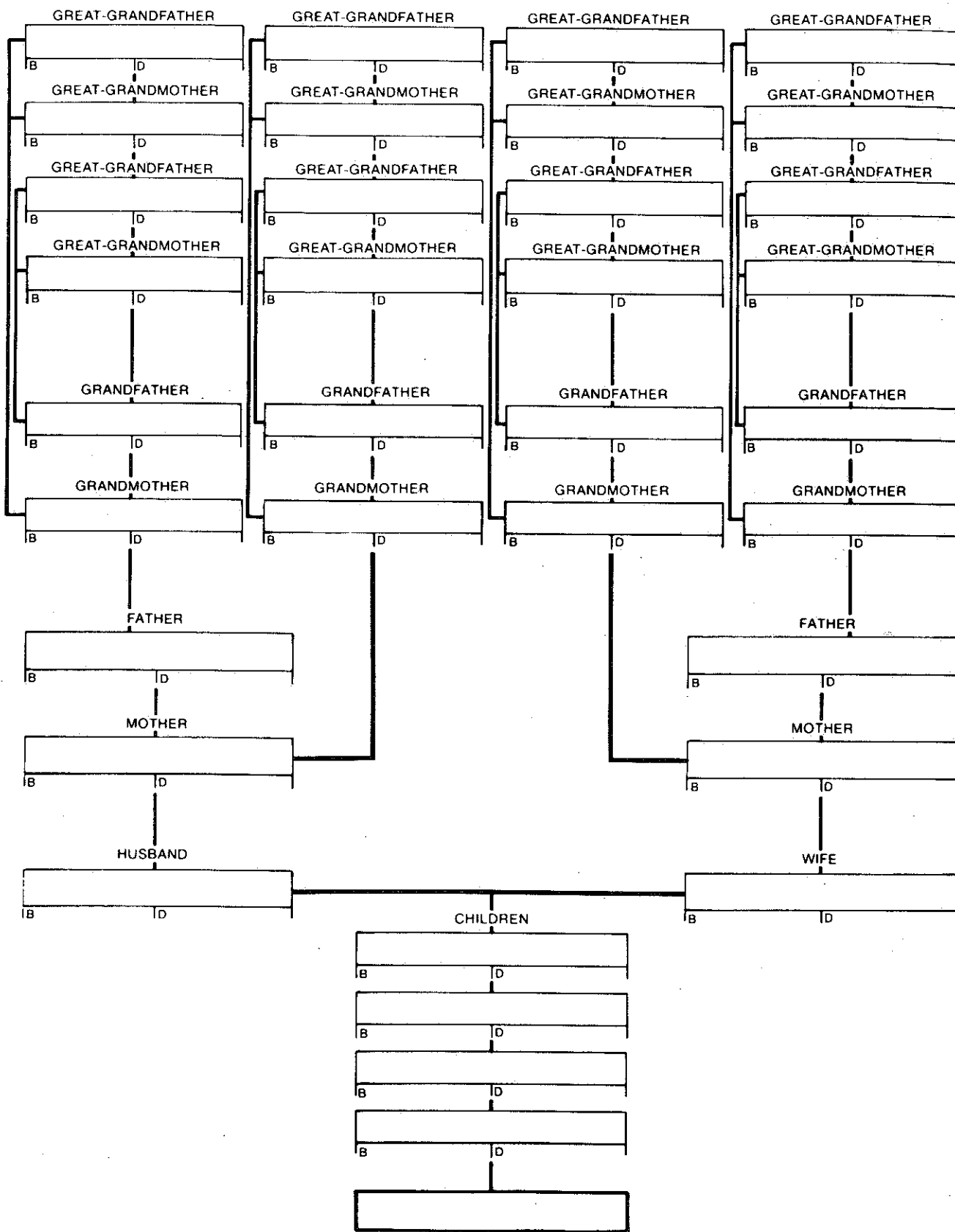
November 20, 1896 - September 7, 1970

**Our Home Town**

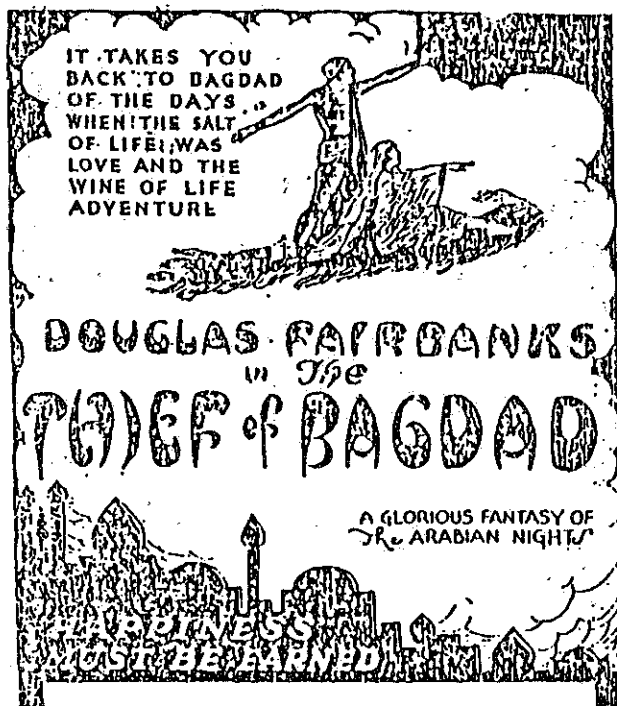
*Our home town we cannot do  
without,  
So what's this fuss we hear so  
much about,  
If we have no place to go, to  
buy what we need,  
How can we expect ever to suc-  
ceed.  
If we have need of a dress, a  
pair of pants, or shoes,  
An no one to supply our needs,  
we'd have the blues.  
If we have no money to our town  
store we go,  
But if we have the cash often  
this isn't so.  
But send to Roebuck or some  
other order house,  
If we want a dress, or pants or  
knitted blouse.  
But is this fair to the merchant  
in our town,*

*When the very things we need  
can be found.  
For on their shelves they have  
quite a plenty,  
Our needs to supply, for they  
are never scanty.  
So if for credit we to our mer-  
chant go,  
When we have cash just give  
them a show.  
They should give us their work  
which they usually do,  
So be fair with them with your  
business too.  
I think I have said enough, my  
thought to explain,  
For to trade with others we no  
profit gain.  
By William Quackenbush,  
Morse Bluff, Nebraska  
Taken from the Wahoo Democrat,  
October 27, 1927*

## FAMILY TREE



**FAMILY NAME**



Everybody knows that this production was shown in all cities at 12 admission

This \$1,000,000 photo classic sets a new mark for spectacular bigness, and yet the simple love story runs like a soft, silver thread through the massive fabric of the production. Critics of motion pictures and of the stage all agree that "The Thief of Bagdad" will be hard to criticize. Motion picture producers frankly admit none of them will ever try it.

Morse Bluff will seek it at Liberty Theatre bargain admission prices 25c. 50c

STARTS

FOR

Fri. May 1st at Three Days 1925

Liberty Theatre

Morse Bluff

Shows Friday 7:30 p.m. Saturday Matinee 2:30, evening 7:30 and 9:15 will start Monday Matinee 2:30, evening 7:30 and 9:15

Thousands saw it and were amazed. We want you to see it too; but please come early.



Morse Bluff High School—1924

Row 1: Jerry Kratochvil, Harold Homer, Raymond Shavlik, George Kaplan, Harry Tenopir, Milford Schuler  
Row 2: Ann Kratochvil, Irene Bartosh, Wilma Walla, Ida Edmiston, Mary Navrkal, Helen Kaplan, Rose Franta  
Row 3: James Bignell, LaVerne LeGrande, Principal Millie Cerny, Joseph Vojtech, Joe Hampl, and Leona Havelka

# Frank and Henrietta Brabec

Frank Brabec (11-20-1894), Austria-Hungary and Henrietta Kulisek (6-20-1898), Moravia were married 2-5-1922 in Chicago, IL. They first came to Morse in 1921, left and returned in 1926 when Frank purchased the Seligman Meat Market. After a fire in 1939 he moved the business to the old theater building. In 1942 he closed shop and moved from Morse Bluff. Mrs. Brabec died in 1963. Frank lives in rural Prague, NE. Children: Henrietta, Norma, Frank and Helen.

## WRESTLING - - BOXING

Morse Bluff Opera House 1920's

Saturday, May 7th

Preliminaries begin promptly at 8:30 Main goes at 9:30

Wrestling, 2 Falls Out of 3  
Harris Thom, North Bend  
Ray Belik, Morse Bluff

Thom has wrestled some of the best men in Iowa and Missouri and has never been thrown. Belik is an ex-gob and participated in many bouts in the navy. He has never lost a fall.

Boxing, 5 Rounds  
Bob Millard, North Bend  
Anton Semerad, Linwood

Semerad has been in many battles and has won ring honors wherever he has appeared. Millard is without doubt one of the best men in this part of the country at his weight. A good fast bout is assured as both men are confident of winning.

## PRELIMINARIES

3 round boxing contest, Dorward Raitt-Raymond O'Hare  
1 fall wrestling match, Elmer Hartman, North Bend; B Wallis, Morse Bluff.  
1 fall wrestling match, Verno LaGrand, Morse Bluff; Forrest Ferguson, North Bend.

Music furnished by the Morse Bluff band.

Duke Fulton will referee all bouts.

Best of order assured. Ladies as well as men are urged to attend

Admission, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 including war tax  
Tickets on sale at Jones Billiard Parlor at Morse Bluff



# Public Sale

I will sell at Public Auction on the Frank Bartosh place, known as the Emil Racek farm, 1 mile east and  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile south of Morse Bluff

**Monday, January 23, 1922**

commencing at 10:00 a. m., sharp, the following property, to-wit:

## 14=====HORSES=====14

- 1 sorrel gelding coming 3 years old, weight 1200.
- 1 sorrel gelding coming 4 years old, weight 1150.
- 1 bay gelding coming 5 years old, weight 1300.
- 1 black mare coming 5 years old, weight 1150.
- 1 bay gelding coming 3 years old, weight 1200.
- 1 bay gelding coming 4 years old, weight 1200.
- 1 black gelding coming 3 years old, weight 1250.
- 1 bay gelding, coming 3 years old, weight 1150.
- 1 grey gelding 12 years old, weight 1400.
- 1 grey mare 9 years old, weight 1450.
- 1 sorrel mare, 10 years old, weight 1200.
- 1 black gelding 8 years old, weight 1200.
- 1 bay mare, smooth mouth, weight 1500.
- 1 Shetland pony, 6 years old.

## 5=====CATTLE=====5

- 1 Shorthorn bull sixteen months old.
- 4 calves.

## Farm Machinery, Etc.

- |   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 six foot Deering binder.  | 1 sixteen inch Emerson sulky plow |
| 1 Deering Mower   | 1 sixteen inch walking plow.      |
| 1 Deering rake  | 1 two row go-devil.               |
| 1 Moline lister   | 1 three section harrow            |
| 1 Columbus wagon good as new  | 1 two section harrow              |
| 2 wagon boxes   | 1 New Century cultivator          |
| 1 disc  | 3 sets harness                    |
| 1 thirteen inch John Deere gang plow good as new, and other articles too numerous to mention. |                                   |

**FREE LUNCH AT NOON.—Bring your own cup.**

**TERMS.** All sums of \$10.00 and under cash. On sums over \$10.00 a credit of 8 months time will be given at 8 per cent interest on good bankable paper. No property to be removed until settled for.

**C. W. ZELLER, Owner.**

SHAFFER & CHENEY, Auctioneers.

EMIL E. WOLF, Clerk



Dodge Bros.—Lewis, Henry, Frank, John M., James & Charles.

## BIG DANCE!!

Music by

**Raggy Rubin's Famous Jazz Orchestra**

of Omaha

**Dodge Bros. Hall, Morse Bluff, Nebr.**

When Raggy Rubin's Jazzers  
Jazz, you just can't make your  
feet behave.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10th**

1921



Above: 1942-43 Morse Bluff High School Back: Dennis Novak, Madeline Tenopir, Melvin Kavan, Lyle Blanchard, Shirley Beto, Wilma Kavan, Ruben Kavan, Wilma Walla Kunkle Front: Dorothy Mines, Delma Svoboda, Ruby Hines, Eldon Kracl, Dale Keller, Jack Tawney, Dick Nicholas, and Amiel Lou Beranek.

Left: 1932 Grade 7-8, Dist. #14 Back: Janet Edmiston, Bobette Fleming, Elaine Wolf, Miss Novak, Jean McGinn, Gladys Anderson, Leona Stranik Front: Charles Leach, Edward Walla, Alvin Soukup, Vernon Cummins, Bob Lehmer, Joe Pabian and John Hubenbecker.



